



Introducing...

# Fellowship for Scholarship Events this June and July

by Kim Winker

The Board of Deacons proudly announces its Fellowship for Scholarship events this summer to benefit the Deacons' Scholarship Fund. Here is how you can join the fun.

Want to throw a party or a get-together for your friends and family and benefit a great cause? The Deacons are looking for you! By being a host of a Fellowship for Scholarship event in June or July, you will help raise scholarship funds for deserving members of our church.

Hosting a Fellowship for Scholarship event is as easy as inviting some friends to your home for food and fun! Here are the instructions:

- ✓ Pick a date in June or July.
- ✓ Pick a theme: BBQ • Pool Party • Game Night • Pizza Party • Gourmet Gathering • Appetizers and Desserts
- ✓ Be creative, the possibilities are endless.
- ✓ Set your donation request for your guests (example: \$15, \$20, \$25 per guest, or any amount you choose).



- ✓ Invite your guests (church members as well as non-members).
- ✓ Have fun!

You provide the fellowship, food and fun for your guests for this cause that they can rally around. Plus, it is a chance to expose your non-member friends to the great opportunities our church offers.

Donations contributed at these Fellowship for Scholarship events can be in cash or checks, made payable to First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, with "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Donations collected should be submitted to the church office following your event.

The purpose of the Deacons' Scholarship Fund is to assist deserving members of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach who are pursuing full-time higher education and who have been involved in church and mission activities.

Please call Alexandra Harris at 276-1998 for more information and to register to be a Fellowship for Scholarship host. ❖



## VBS Reminder

by Rev. Aaron Janklow

This summer's Vacation Bible School, "Galactic Blast," will be happening right here at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach from Monday, June 7th through Friday, June 11th. During this weeklong VBS, children will learn more about God in a fun and safe environment with many of their friends and energetic and encouraging advisors. Throughout the week, children will learn about different Bible passages and what they tell us about God. It will be an important week where children gain comfort in the church as they realize that this is a place where both fun and learning can intersect. We hope you will join us for this great week! Registration forms are available in the church office or call Paula Hare at 276-6338, ext. 23. ❖



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# Reflections...

Theodore A. Bush, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

## "Civility"

Almost twenty years ago, I heard a minister who served on the city council of a wealthy Chicago suburb describe how sad it was to see people treating one another in such an uncivil manner. Looking back on his comments, I think that this may have been the beginning of the latest trend of uncivilized behavior in our society, the kind of disturbing behavior that seems to have accelerated considerably in recent years.

The political world is rife with such attitudes and the religious world is not far behind. Sometimes, I think that there must be something in the water that people drink that makes them behave this way. Obviously, it is not. However, its root causes appear to appeal to some of the basest human instincts.

Disagreement and even argumentative rhetoric always have been an integral part of our social structure and the cultural makeup of our nation. We are all the better for it. However, summoning forth the level of vitriolic hatred and inserting it into any kind of social debate merely calls forth some of the worst aspects of human nature.

There are times when I wonder what God must think of how people today are carrying on their religious, political and social discourse? Is God pleased with what is being said and with the language that is being used to express people's thoughts and beliefs today? Or, is God as worried as that North Shore clergyman was when he saw what seemed to be a social trend developing that keeps building up its volatility to the point where now it is at a fever pitch?

Maybe no one else notices this trend. Perhaps I am misinterpreting the social nuances of present-day behavior, but I tend to think not.

What concerns me even more is that the youngest in our society are going to learn to express themselves in



similar ways that reflect the worst behavioral patterns of many adults who seem to have forgotten that this world really belongs to the God Who created it and not just to them. Is it possible that the young among us might teach the present generation to behave in a more civilized way?

In the movie, "The Gangs of New York", with Leonard Di Caprio and Daniel Day Lewis, there is a point where the Irish immigrant, Amsterdam Vallon, (Di Caprio) and William Cutting, a.k.a. Bill the Butcher (Lewis), are preparing to do battle with one another to the death. Both men are shown down on their knees praying fervently for God to help each of them be victorious in their fight. At the same time, a wealthy man stands at his dinner table, offering grace before his family partakes of a festive meal. Each man is praying to God. Whose prayer does God hear? Only one of them? All of them? Whose God is the God we worship and to Whom we pray today?

At a time when people seem to be taking up sides on so many issues, is it any longer possible for people to behave civilly and respectfully toward one another? Shakespeare said, "To be, or not to be: that is the question." This still may be a question worth asking ourselves now concerning civility. I wonder how God would want us to respond? I think that I know, but I wonder how many other people think the same thing?

Perhaps in the lull of summer, more people will find time to ponder what they are saying to and about one another? Maybe if we recognize what is happening in the political, religious and social world in which we live, we will learn how to interact with each other in ways that are acceptable to our Creator God? I think that I must try doing this myself. How about you? ❖

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# OGHS "Thank You"

*from the Caring House  
Project Foundation*

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the Caring House Project Foundation and those who will benefit from the caring hearts of First Presbyterian Church, we want to thank the congregation for the donation of \$14,562.50 to our ongoing efforts in Haiti.

Thank you for choosing the Caring House Project Foundation as the charity for your "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. As a congregation, please feel good knowing that your donation was immediately put to work to purchase tents that will provide temporary shelter for 1295 earthquake victims in Haiti, affording protection from the Caribbean tropical rainy season and the many medical issues that people living in the streets are facing.



God has blessed you with the understanding that helping those less fortunate is the key to unlocking tremendous success and fulfillment in your own life, not to mention in the lives of those you have blessed. We appreciate the generous and continued support from First

Presbyterian Church to help those less fortunate.

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." (Luke 12:48) ❖

## One Worship Service at 10 a.m.

On **Sunday, May 2nd**,  
we began holding only **one** worship service at  
**10 a.m.**

We will resume two services in November.

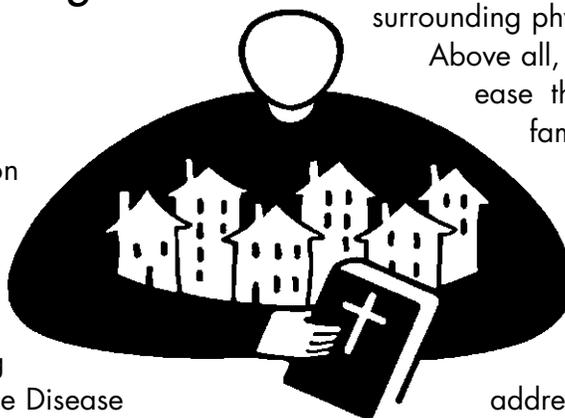
## Stephen Ministers

*Expand Their Knowledge and  
Skills*

*by David Fellows*

On April 28th, Rev. Aaron Janklow joined Rev. Jo Garnett and Stephen Ministers, Jim Whitaker, Ginny Hertvik, Craig Hammett, Karen Golovan and David Fellows, at a day-long Workshop on "Spirituality and the Disease of Addiction" at the Hanley Center in West Palm Beach. This program was created and hosted by the Hanley Center's Chaplains to improve the knowledge, awareness, and skills of those who provide spiritual support to individuals dealing with issues of substance abuse, either personally or in their families.

We learned about the medical aspects of addiction. The presenters showed that, rather than being a moral issue, addiction is actually a disease triggered by a biochemical genetic defect, much like an allergy.



Addiction is not a respecter of sex, race, nationality, religious faith, socioeconomic status, or age. As a matter of fact, more and more older Americans are becoming "Accidental Addicts" as a result of issues surrounding physician prescribed medications.

Above all, addiction must be viewed as a disease that impacts every member of the

family. Spiritual care providers must be alert to their needs. They also must be aware of additional community resources that can help various family members address the non-spiritual issues they face.

Finally, addiction is best addressed by people who have experience with it. Too often, well intended friends and family members try to handle things on their own. The result of this approach is generally an exercise in futility. To put this situation in perspective, we were given this version of the Serenity Prayer as we left the Conference:

"God grant me the Serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can and the wisdom to know it's me." ❖

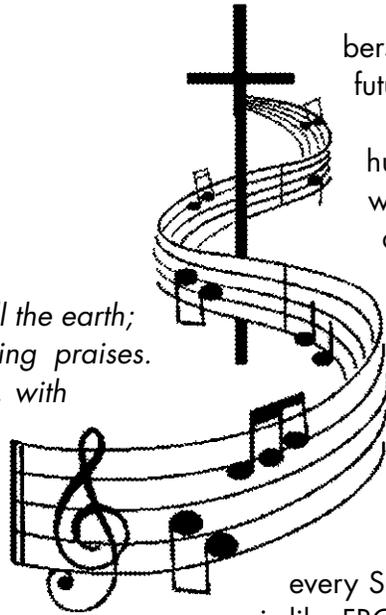
# From the Choir Loft

by Jim Filosa

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord." Psalm 98:4-6*

In his collections, "Shout For Joy!" Choral Responses, composer/arranger Jim Taylor used Psalm 98:4-6 as the basis for his titled response "Shout for Joy!" where he writes, "Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth, Burst into jubilant song with music, Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, Burst into jubilant song: Make music to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of singing, with the trumpets, and the blast of the ram's horn ..."

Don Cannarozzi, our Director of Music, is encouraging many of the volunteers in the Chancel Choir to Shout (and play) for Joy to the Lord in addition to being a part of the Chancel Choir. For example, a certain soprano with a vaguely familiar name (Jeanne Filosa) has performed the piano prelude on a few occasions and just recently sang a duet with another volunteer choir member (Nancy Graham). Both Nancy and her husband, Malcolm, are long time volunteer choir mem-



bers. I will bring their story to you in the near future.

As many of you know, Jeanne and her late husband, George, along with me and my late wife, Arlene, were good friends and sang at another church. Jeanne and Arlene were very good friends and shared a common bond of being "theatrical hams". Common knowledge was that you never shined a spotlight on either of them or they would immediately do a twenty minute stage routine. But more on that in later issues.

But, now to you, the person in the pew every Sunday. Are you interested in what the view is like FROM THE CHOIR LOFT? It is very interesting. Do you like to sing, but you are not sure you can make a huge time commitment? I'll tell you what we are going to do. Don Cannarozzi is offering a "Summer Test Drive". No, not in his "Z", but in our "Family Chancel Choir."

During the Summer months, beginning now, we will rehearse on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:10 a.m. in the Choir Room, second floor of the Christian Education Building. We will prepare a fairly easy Anthem to sing at the 10 a.m. service. This is an opportunity for all those who want to sing but cannot commit to the regular weekly choir rehearsal during the fall and winter months. Come, join us, you will be welcome.

Until next time. See you in the Choir Loft. ❖

# A Summer Women's Bible Study

by Lise Ode

Join us for the **Summer Women's Bible Study** starting **Wednesday, June 9th** from **9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in the Parlor. It is a Beth Moore study called "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman". There will be 10 sessions with video. Join Beth in a very personal examination of the Old Testament story of Esther. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it is tough today. This portion of God's

Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives. This study applies to women of all ages. Let us know if you plan on attending as we need to order the books. We are currently work-



ing on making child care available, so please let us know if you will need it. For more information or to sign up, contact Lise Ode at [liseode@att.net](mailto:liseode@att.net) or 414-4118.

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# Mother's Day




On Mother's Day, May 9th, the Deacons provided carnations, which were distributed by the children of the church, to all women worshipping with us that day. ❖



## Church Improvement Committee

*by Barbara Vanderkay*

Summer is here and Holly House is open for business as usual on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Come join the ladies at 9:30 a.m. for two hours or so of pleasant work on crafts for the November Holly Days Bazaar. We work in air conditioned comfort with the friendliest women in the church. Come when you can, no commitments necessary.

Since summer's heat is here, this seems like a good time to mention that the fur stole you can hardly remember wearing can be used by the Holly House workers in some of their craft projects. If you have unnecessary and unwanted furs, preferably mink, please think about donating them to us. We make adorable mink



teddy bears and cute little fur hearts. Thank you very much.

To bring you up to date, needed renovations to the restrooms off the Narthex have just been completed using \$4,500 from the Church Improvement Committee Funds. We would like to thank all of you church members and friends who contributed through your support of the Holly Days Bazaar and the Step-Above-Rummage Sale. ❖

## Celebration of Eternal Life...

**Our Deepest Sympathy** as a congregation is extended to the families of the following members upon the death of their loved ones:

Gladys McKinley - April 17, 2010  
William Latimer - May 5, 2010 ❖



# Deacons' Corner

by Kim Winker

New Deacon **Maryann Assad** found our church a year ago through a golfing friend who is a member. Maryann loves "the people with their friendly greeting and happy faces."



Maryann grew up on a farm in Worcester, Massachusetts surrounded by lots of animals. Now, she is surrounded by her adored Siamese cat who loves people,

walks on a leash and is "a real gentleman."

After working for the same company for 30 years in retail sales, distribution and HR, Maryann retired seven years ago and made Boynton Beach her home following several years of being a "snowflake."

Our church introduced her to the Delray Beach Youth Vocational Charter School last year and Maryann has been a volunteer and tutor there ever since. She says, "It's such a great opportunity to give hope where there is little." Maryann attends Sunday and Monday Bible study groups and has assisted with the Rummage Sale.

When Maryann was asked to consider being a Deacon, she only needed to think about it for two seconds before saying "yes!" She says she looks forward to "being with other Christians who want to share God's Word and a godly life."

Deacon couple **Bob and Lynn Foster** became Deacons this year to be of service to the church. "We view it as an extension of our Christian faith to serve



God, the church and our flock," says Lynn.

Lynn originally hails from Minnesota and vacationed in Delray Beach with her parents starting in 1957. She and Bob, who is a Chicago-area native, honeymooned here

after they were married in 1967. Lynn was always aware of our church but officially joined with Bob and her mother, Laura Woodrich, in the mid-1990s.

Soon after becoming members, Lynn and Bob were among the first group at our church to receive Stephen Ministry training. Bob is still an active Stephen Minister while Lynn has been involved with other church activities including the Rummage Sale.

Before Bob retired, he worked in advertising and marketing, and in 1993, when the couple moved to Florida, Bob became a certified tennis instructor with the United States Professional Tennis Registry. He then worked four years on the staff of the Florida section of the United States Tennis Association where he was the Director of the Schools Program, which endeavored to instruct Florida physical education teachers how to teach tennis in their classes.

Lynn worked for an advertising agency in the Midwest, and when the couple moved to Texas, she worked as an administrative assistant for prominent organizations including Ernst & Ernst, the firm that is now Ernst & Young, and for the Modern Languages and Literatures Department at Trinity University in San Antonio.

The Fosters live in Ocean Ridge during the winter and spend a lot of time with Lynn's mother. In the summer, they head north to Asheville, North Carolina where they are also members of the Presbyterian Church there. ❖

## Our Sunday worship services are now streaming online!

Watch when you are out-of-town, away at college or when you are not feeling well enough to attend.

Keep connected even when you can't be here. Simply request a "ticket ID" from Nancy Fine in the church office 276-6338, ext. 10 or [nancyfine@covad.net](mailto:nancyfine@covad.net) so you can log onto [www.SundayStreams.com](http://www.SundayStreams.com) to view our Sunday services. ❖



# Ben Antal Joins a Band of Brothers

by Noel Smith

This summer of 2010, a quiet and unassuming fellow joined a "Band of Brothers" on a visit to Washington, D.C. His name is Ben Antal.

Ben and his wife, Helen, have been members of First Presbyterian for over 50 years and have been married for almost 65 years, making them both pretty special to our Community Church by the Sea. It was here in Delray Beach that they raised two boys, Robert and Mark, traveling down from Ohio to start a new life. It is kind of amazing the boys survived their childhood when you calculate the height of the slide going into the backyard pool. Ben observes that the slide might be the highest in Palm Beach County.

Not a surprise, since Ben did engineering work for Pratt & Whitney. Ever wonder who developed the



engines on the Space Shuttle? Helen busied herself with full-time banking and keeping her men fed over the years. Only a side discussion at April's Session Meeting gave a hint to a bigger story. This is what we learned.

Ben joined a number of other veterans on a commemorative journey to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Ben had a seat of honor on the May 8th flight. As well as the Memorial, the honorees visited the Iwo Jima Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

Have you seen "Saving Private Ryan?" On that same "longest day", June 6, 1944, Ohio-born Private Antal was moving up the beach at Normandy with other members of "C" Company of the 119th Infantry

Regiment. Within two months of that day, Ben had earned his first Purple Heart. The episode landed him in the hospital when an enemy mortar shell pierced his helmet. But that serious wound did not keep Ben out of the action. In the pivotal battle for Aachen, Germany, Ben was again wounded. The result was a second Purple Heart. If you visit the house in Northeast Delray Beach, you might catch a glimpse of some war history in the corner of the Florida room, mixed in with photos of friends and family. There you will see the Purple Hearts, a number of other ribbons and combat medals, as well as a Bronze Star "for heroic service and achievement in military operations against an armed enemy".

First Presbyterian Church honors the contributions of all veterans and, in this particular case, we honor Private Benjamin J. Antal. "Thank you for your service". ❖

## *A Prayer when Challenged*

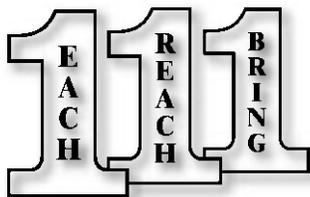
God of wisdom and love, help me and all others who are struggling with difficult circumstances find direction and strength to face our challenges. Give us the assurance that underneath us are Your everlasting arms, which will sustain us through everything we face day and night. In Jesus' Name. Amen. ❖

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## Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 a.m.

Please join us on Sunday mornings as we worship the Living God together.



## A Fun-Filled Summer!

*by Rev. Aaron Janklow*

This summer there are many fun and exciting activities for both children and youth happening at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach. The summer kicks off with our Vacation Bible School, Galactic Blast, June 7th through June 11th, in which children will learn about God in this space-themed, weeklong adventure. We will have a large team of volunteers that will make sure this is a great experience for all of the children in attendance. It will not only be a fun week for the children, but for all of those who help out!

Once VBS is completed, thirteen youths will fly up to Norfolk, Virginia, from June 20th through June 27th, to do construction work on recently flooded homes. We will be working hard on these homes; repairing subflooring, putting up drywall, and some groups

might even get to do kitchen cabinetry. It is sure to be an amazing week filled with both work and fun as we join two other youth groups from Michigan.

Only days after returning from Norfolk, several middle school youths will travel to Ocala, FL from June 29th through July 1st for the middle school mission trip. In Ocala, we have a couple of service projects scheduled that will further introduce these youths to mission. Before heading home we will be stopping at Silver Springs Park for a fun activity.



Our last trip of the summer is to Montreat, North Carolina from July 24th to July 31st for the Montreat Youth Conference. At this conference, we will be joining approximately 1,000 other Presbyterian youths from around the country.

This week will be filled with messages specifically geared toward high school youth, interesting worship experiences, small group discussions, and plenty of time to relax and have fun as a youth group.

This will certainly be a fun and exciting summer. Please keep all of the children, youth, and advisors in your prayers. Thank you. ❖