



# Vacation Bible School

by Rev. Aaron Janklow

It is with great excitement that we unveil this summer's Vacation Bible School program, "Galactic Blast" from June 7th through June 11th. Through this week-long VBS, children will learn more about God in a fun and safe environment with energetic and encouraging advisors and many of their friends. I have to admit that it is hard not to be excited about this summer's VBS when reading through all the materials and envisioning the transformation of this church as we reflect the galactic themes of this study. 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'll join us for this great week! ❖



# Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help!

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is coming soon. June 7th to June 11th, to be exact. Volunteering for Vacation Bible School is a wonderful way to get to know the children of our church and, in the process, become more like children ourselves. It is fun! By the end of the week, you won't be able to get the theme song out of your head and you'll be sad the time went so fast. There are many tasks to choose from. We need help in the kitchen, with crafts, art, drama, recreation, etc! If you've never volunteered before, it's a great way to meet members of our congregation. Come share your talents and the love for others God has blessed you with. The more volunteers we have the better our Vacation Bible School will be. Please help us to make this a great week for our children! Call Aaron Janklow, 276-6338, ext. 13, for more information. Thank you. ❖

## One Worship Service at 10 a.m.

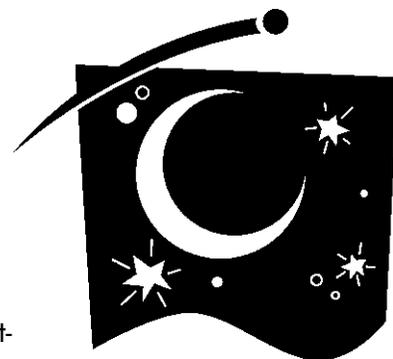
Starting **Sunday, May 2nd**, we will begin holding only **one** worship service at **10 a.m.** Check the Sunday Bulletin for education class schedules. We will resume two services in November.



## Be a Part of the Fun

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If you have anything that seems fitting for a space theme and would like to donate it to the Children's Program for our Vacation Bible School, please leave it in the box in the Narthex. We will be transforming parts of this church to look like outer space, a spaceship, and mission control center and we need help in making specific items. If you are willing to help make items, please contact me at aaronjanklow@covad.net or 276-6338, ext. 13. ❖



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# Reflections...

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

## "Cleaning Up After the Party"

The Easter celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord has passed us by. The crowds have dissipated for another year. The Sanctuary has been cleaned up, waiting for the next worship service to begin.



If all of this sounds familiar, perhaps it is because such events are commonplace in the lives of many people. You have a party; guests attend; everyone has fun (or, at least pretends to have a good time); and then, they leave. Suddenly, it dawns on the host or hostess that someone needs to clean up the mess that was left from the party.

I started to think about this as it pertains to the Resurrection experience on that first Easter. Who gathered up the linen cloths that were left in the empty tomb? Mary Magdalene seemed too preoccupied with telling everyone she knew that she had seen the Risen Lord. The angels who initially greeted her in the tomb with the wonderful news of Jesus' Resurrection, did not appear all that concerned about trivialities like burial cloths. They had more important things to do of a heavenly nature.

Who does that leave? I tend to think that maybe it was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who took away the linen cloths that briefly covered the precious Body of her beloved son. A good, loving mother would do that, even if she knew that He was resurrected from the dead.

When we celebrate Mother's Day in May, we might think about the kind of love that compelled the Mother of Jesus to do things for Him that only a loving mother would do.

Mary not only gave birth to Jesus, but raised Him as well.

We don't really know how long Joseph lived, but at the wedding feast in Cana, only Mary's name is mentioned as the parent who was present.

In a touch of either irony or familiarity for most mothers, Mary said something to Jesus about the party being out of wine. He talked back to her as many a grown child does to her or his own mother. Then, in spite of rebuking her for offering motherly advice, Jesus turns water into wine and the party goes on.

At the end of His life, it is Mary who holds the Body of Jesus when it is taken down from the cross. Not only does she stay with Him while He is dying, but she cares for His Body after His death.

Then, comes Easter and the wonderful news of the Resurrection of our Lord. Yet, in all likelihood, it is His mother, Mary, who chooses to clean up after her dear Son once again. I really think that it was she who picked up His clothing for one last time, took it home and cherished it. Good mothers, loving mothers, tend to take care of their children regardless of how young or old they may be. ❖

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# Deacon's Corner

by *Kim Winker*



Cuban-born **Miriam Kalett** came to the United States in her teens and resided in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her early career took her to the University of Cincinnati where she was on the faculty and then later on the faculty at

Indiana University. South Florida became her and her late husband's home over 30 years ago.

After briefly teaching Spanish languages and literatures at the University of Miami and over two decades at the Broward County Library as one of the Programs and Events Coordinators, Miriam recently retired. Her appetite for books hasn't diminished, however. As a voracious reader, Miriam is a member of six different book groups including our church's Women's Bible Study!

It was only when she was looking for property in Delray Beach that she happened upon our church and knew it was her spiritual home. She became a member just over two years ago. As a new Deacon, she seeks "to serve our church family and others."

Miriam is the proud mother of a daughter who is the

Biology and Earth Science Editor at Princeton University Press.



When **Rett Talbot** was asked to serve as a Deacon, the decision was easy. He was on the Board of Deacons in the late 1990s, so he was already familiar with the responsibilities. "It was time for me to serve again in an active way," says Talbot. "I like that the Deacons are the face and liaison of the church, in a manner of speaking, to the congregation and visitors."

Rett, a native of Delray Beach, is a long-time member of the church. In fact, he and his wife Trudy were married by Dr. Bush. Their son, Trent, 18, has been an active youth in our church and is heading to the University of Florida in the fall despite his dad's urging to go to Indiana University, his alma mater.

Outside of church, Rett is active with his career as an orthopedic physical therapist and outdoor activities he enjoys including golf and cycling. Rett is looking forward to a cycling fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Ride to Cure Diabetes he is involved with this September. He will ride 75 miles around Lake Tahoe for this worthy cause. Only dilemma: no hills in Florida to train on!

We wish Rett the best on his admirable endeavor! ❖

## A Look Back at Eastertide

by *Barbara Vanderkay*

In the First Presbyterian Church, the weeks of Lent culminate in the solemn Maundy Thursday evening Communion service. This year, there were more worshippers in attendance than ever before, and the service was among the most moving held in the church in recent memory. The music selected was absolutely integral to the service and beautifully and reverently performed. The congregation seemed to feel the solemnity of the occasion and the union of Christians partaking in Communion.

We left in dimness and silence, with no talking nor applause for what had been really memo-

orable music, played in worship of God, not for us as an audience. This service was truly a wonderful religious experience.

Sometimes we are concerned about the future of our church, as the membership does not grow as we would like, but the response to this saddest service in the church calendar, and then to the most joyous service of Easter are very heartening. The Sanctuary was crowded at both the nine and eleven a.m. services. "He is risen, indeed".

Perhaps we can make this a turning point, and watch our membership rolls increase mightily. Let us work on it with the grace of God. ❖



**Maundy Thursday**

# From the Choir Loft

by Jim Filosa

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Psalm 100:1, 2*

On behalf of the Chancel Choir, I welcome you to a new monthly column dedicated to providing the congregation, friends and visitors to First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach with newsy insights related to the Music Ministry here at the church. Future columns will provide some backgrounds regarding the inspiration or writing of hymns/anthems that we will be singing, plus news of upcoming musical events, concerts, etc.

As with many church groups, we often do not know the history of those who make up the groups, this is no more evident than in a church choir, particularly here at First Presbyterian. We will meet some of these talented and interesting personalities in future issues.

The following is an excerpt from a choir manual that I wrote many years ago and is just as true today as it was then:

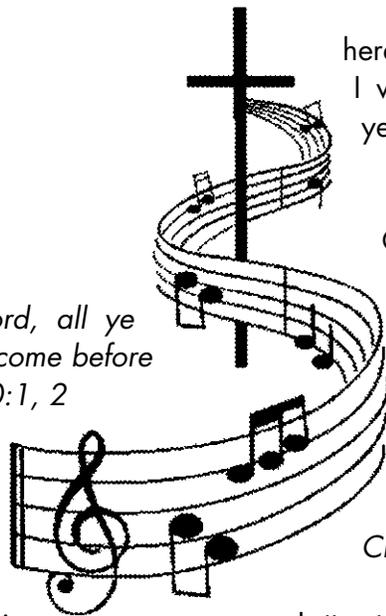
"Whether singing individually or as a group, Colossians 3:16 indicates that our song should be the product of a spirit-filled life and must truly come from the heart to be acceptable to God.

As choir members, we have a special ministry designed by God to:

- Offer praise and thanks to God for Who He is
- Enrich our corporate fellowship through music
- Reach the unsaved with the Gospel message in song.

To accomplish this goal, God says that we must have a oneness of spirit as well as voice (Ephesians 4:1-3, II Chronicles 5:12)".

Additionally, I have included a reprint of a letter written many years ago and published in Creator Magazine (a magazine devoted to church music). While this letter was obviously written to a church choir that had not only a local ministry, but a world-wide television ministry as well, the underlying thoughts and the effect that a music ministry has on the congregation is unmistakable and is just as important



here at First Presbyterian Church as it was when I was part of that world-wide ministry many years ago.

"Excellence in all things and all things to God's glory"

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

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Letter to the Fourth Singer on the Second Row by Nancy Wade Zappulla.

Dear Unknown Choir Member:

Thanks for your faithfulness. You have come on sunny days, and in the rain. I've watched as you herded your kids into their respective slots, and frankly, many of fainter heart would have given up and gone home. You've come on crutches and in slings, in grief and in celebration, but come you have. Who in the world ever notices these things, you might have wondered? Well, I did, and even though I never knew your name. I recognized you service after service. There were times when I was in emotional turmoil, watching my entire world crumble, and nothing seemed permanent. It was a great comfort to stumble into church, usually out of a sense of nowhere else to go, and there you'd be. It mattered very much to me, in that time of upheaval, that you were there Sunday after Sunday, singing your heart out. Thanks for being a constant for me. Thanks for all of the work you devoted to your music. It must have been tempting to rationalize, "Well, I'll just skip this one practice. What difference will it make?" But you made the effort, rearranging your schedule, and filled your seat each practice. How do I know this? During those anxious times I would slip into the back of the Sanctuary and listen to you labor over the various pieces. With painstaking repetition you'd repeat notes and tempos and phrasings, and didn't give up. Someone else was tending your family and folding your clothes or doing your dishes or listening to the Bible Study – all of the things that you could have chosen to do – but you were up there honoring your commitment. Oh, and I notice that although no one ever called your name during solo

time, you listened carefully and smiled encouragingly while someone else stood in the lights to sing. That was a part of your job as a team member, and you held up your end there too. Thanks for all of the vocal "elbow grease".

Thank you for your enthusiasm. Your smiles and tears, your intense concentration and deliberate enunciation – you have invested a part of yourself into your music, and it has been a bona fide marvel! Incidentally, the "body English" that would suddenly appear during some of the more exciting pieces communicated to the congregation your enjoyment of the music, and so we enjoyed it all the more. Your careful attention to cues and directions reminded me that you were there for a purpose, and so was I. So often I felt that the most appropriate ending to your anthem on a Sunday morning would be the benediction, because God had spoken to me through you and your gripping music. Many is the time that I left my cares at His cross to the accompaniment of your songs. Thanks for your energy.

Thank you for your humility. You never seemed to base your participation on public acclaim, which was fortunate for us, since you never did have your "moment of glory" while I was watching. I'd see you at other church activities, and never once heard you gossip about who was singing what or who flatted

when. Your willingness to serve joyfully encouraged me that perhaps there would be a place for me – that God might need quiet service too. As I watched and listened, it became easier for me to be a small part of a big event without hearing that nagging little voice of discouragement that said, "You don't have anything to offer!" The dignity and love with which you filled your spot demonstrated the beauty of true humility. Thanks for a willing heart. Hard times like those are over for me nowadays, and as I live in another community, I see you only on television occasionally. But any time that I turn on the set and see you singing with your own special pizzazz, I get homesick. Please keep on, and don't quit. There just might be another one like me out there who is counting on you. Thanks most of all for offering the cup of water that I needed just when I needed it. Though you don't know who I am, I'll be the one cheering when the Divine Choir Director hands you your crown of faithfulness and says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

Sincerely,

Third row, Center Section, End Seat

This is dedicated to all Chancel Choir members, past and present. On Sunday, May 2nd, we will be recognizing the participants in our Music Programs: Chancel Choir, Westminster Ringers and Kids' Choir. ❖

## Church Improvement Committee

*by Barbara Vanderkay*

The Holly House workshops are now in full swing, making items for our November Bazaar. We hope you can join us. We meet at 39 Gleason Street every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and socialize with the friendly women from our church family. Remember, we meet most of the summer when winter activities have stopped and a lot of people have gone north.

Our "Show and Tell" meeting in April produced some interesting new ideas for craft projects we can make. (We'll be happy to hear of any more you can come up with.) Our meetings are informal and open to new and old Presbyterian women and their friends.



Just come when you can. Walk-ins are welcome, no appointments necessary.

Please do remember to bring any unwanted jewelry whenever you come. It takes time for the jewelry ladies to clean, sort and price things for the November Bazaar and the February Rummage Sale.

Regie Moorcroft will be glad to answer any questions at 495-5376. ❖

## 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:

Robert Anderson - March 15, 2010

George Theobald - March 18, 2010

Virginia Dickenson - April 1, 2010 ❖

# First Presbyterian Church

# Spring Golf Tournament

by Linda Prior



It was a perfect day for The First Presbyterian Church golf tournament at Lakeview Golf Club. The sun was bright and the air was cool. Non-golfers joined the golfers for a buffet with pasta, meatballs, chicken, salad, and dessert. Great fun and fellowship was had by all. ❖

Contest	Prize	Winner March 19, 2010
Putting Contest	Split Pot	James Lawrence
Longest Drive (Male)	Glove	James Lawrence
Longest Drive (Female)	Glove	Pat Duane
Straightest Drive (Male)	Sleeve of balls	Bill Kunkel
Straightest Drive (Female)	Sleeve of balls	Nancy O'Neil
Closest to the pin (Male)	Sleeve of balls	Ron Barrett
Closest to the pin (Female)	Golf lesson	Judy Hodge
Lost most balls	5 previously owned golf balls	Peter Quaid
3rd place	4 Sleeves of balls	Pat Duane Judy Hodge Bob Moss Bill Monroe
Second Place	4 sleeves of balls Playoff of the 5th hardest hole	Phil Ansted Jim Westby Tait McSparran John Hertvik
First Place	4 free games of golf	Lois Morgan Milt Morgan Jerry Warren Joan Warren



## Food and Fun at the 2010

# Meet Your Deacon Sunday

by *Kim Winker*

Thank you to all who joined us in Fellowship Hall for "Meet Your Deacon Sunday" this past March. The Deacons enjoyed meeting their flock members and visitors who came up to say a cheery hello! The punch flowed as did the conversations. We Deacons appreciate the opportunity to meet and catch up with our flock members at this annual event.

Special thanks to Deacons Judy Hodge and Verina Fugler for heading up and coordinating this yearly event. ❖



## *Palm Sunday*

On Palm Sunday, March 28th, the children in our church participated in the worship service. ❖

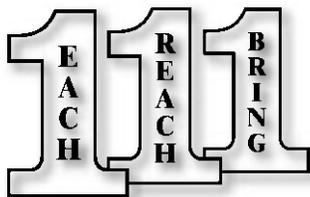


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## Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 a.m.

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



## Youth Fundraisers for Norfolk Mission Trip

*by Rev. Aaron Janklow*

This summer, 13 high school youth and 2 advisors will be traveling to Norfolk, VA to work on flood damaged homes. This mission trip has the awesome potential to be so important to those we are going to help, as well as to the lives of all those going. In order to help keep the price of this trip low to participants and the church, the youth are participating in different fundraisers. In April, the youth held a bake sale following church and a babysitting night. On Sunday, May 16th, another bake sale will be held. To support this trip, please buy some goods, and of course, donations are always welcome to the Youth Mission Fund. Another babysitting night will also be held in May and the date will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Thanks for supporting the youth. ❖

## Recognizing our Graduates

*by Rev. Aaron Janklow*

As many of you saw on Youth Sunday, we have four outstanding graduating seniors as part of our youth group this year. They are Kurt Bagwell, Jr., Michael Miranda, Trent Talbot, and Kate Tanner. Demonstrated in the messages they delivered on Youth Sunday, these are four young adults with a deep faith, who are each an example to not only our younger youth, but the entire church. I have truly enjoyed forming friendships with them over the course of this past year and I am so glad that they are a part of this group. I want to thank them for helping to make youth group and this church an even better place to be. We will be recognizing them on Graduate Sunday and will be sure to announce that date in the weekly bulletin. ❖

