



Time Capsule Revealed

by Nancy Young,
Church Historian

After the record-breaking heat of this summer, it is difficult to remember the record-breaking cold of last winter that caused the 150 pound marble cornerstone on the east side of Fellowship Hall to gently slide off the wall and to the ground. For the first time since 1929, the niche behind the marble



tained newspapers, including the Delray News. The remarkable uniqueness of that ceremony was that between 1926 and 1928 this was the only church that truly survived the many hurricanes of those difficult years.

This year, on October 17th, following the worship service, we will have an exhibition of the interesting items found in this metal time capsule



Community Presbyterian Church held its first service in the newly purchased church building.

The Baptist records included newspapers from Jacksonville and Miami, noting that this was the first church built east of the intra-coastal, the sermon of that day and a Bible.

Presbyterian records also con-



was exposed, revealing a metal box time capsule.

Inside that home-made box were records of the day in October 1924 when the Gibson Memorial Baptist Church was dedicated, as well as records of October 21, 1929 when the

before it will be replaced in the wall with artifacts which we hope will be meaningful 81 years from now. We are truly indebted to Dorothy Patterson, the Delray Beach archivist, for her dedication in bringing this unusual find to life. ❖

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Reflections...

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

"What's In A Name"

Recently, I stood outside in the sunshine at Ellis Island looking at the long list of names on the Immigrant Wall of Honor. There, on plaque #60, was the Americanized name of my father. As I ran my finger across his name, etched in metal, I thought about his journey from his birthplace in East Chicago, Indiana, across the Atlantic Ocean at age 3 to live with a family in Hungary until he was 21. Then he returned to the states, came through Ellis Island, and was almost sent back because of a language problem. Fortunately, he was rescued by a guard who spoke Hungarian and sent into New York City to catch a train back to his birthplace in Indiana.



Multiply my father's experience times the multitude of all the names of those who came through Ellis Island and you have enough history to last any historian more than a lifetime of reading and contemplation. What journeys people made from one country to this country. I suppose I should be grateful that he didn't have to cross the border into Arizona.

After I returned from New York, I began the process of sorting through almost 27 years worth of my memorial service files. As I looked through the names of those who have moved on to their eternal rest, I realized how many individual and family stories were encapsulated in those files. From the well-known whose names would be written up in the obituary pages of *The New York Times*, to those known only by a small cadre

of family and friends, each file told of the personal journey of a human soul. There was Edgar, who contracted polio as a child and lived with it all his life. As the age of 12 or 13, he was handed an autographed baseball by Babe Ruth. Later, Ed went to see the Philadelphia Athletics play and got about 12 more names signed on the ball (players like Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker). He showed me that ball one day and I couldn't believe the baseball history I held in my hand. If you visit Cooperstown someday, look for it in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

There were many more lesser-known but equally important people in the Sight of God whose services I officiated at. Jim was a good man who worked on staff before and after I came here. He had a serious problem though and it took a toll on his life. Eventually, it took his life. Yet, there were caring and compassionate people at the church at that time who did their best to get him treatment. They acted Christ-like to him and I know that both God and Jim appreciated their efforts.

As I looked through the memorial service files, I recalled the lives of members long gone and recently departed. I saw the names of spouses who died close together and years apart. I saw the names of husbands and wives, of partners, of grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren. I know so many of their personal stories all too well and I was humbled

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to remember them.

Then, I saw my father's service file and our son's. Maybe I needed to visit Ellis Island that day so that I could come full circle.

It occurred to me that the people for whom these memorial service files have been kept for all of these years and now are being shredded, really were the names of peo-

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Upcoming Christian Education Events

by Chris Del Mastro

Mark your calendars! There are many great events coming up in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

On Friday, October 22nd at 6 p.m. we will be having a **Family Movie Night** with dinner provided! Come join us for pizza and the movie "Nim's Island", seen on a big screen in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great event to invite friends to and it is a lot of fun. Some children even wear their pajamas and bring pillows and blankets.

On November 21st, we will be having a **Fall Festival** on the lawn on the north side of the church right after the 11 a.m. worship service. We will have many activities, games and lunch. Come join us! Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help set up or be in charge of a game or booth. Many hands make light work!

The youth will be having a **Babysitting Night** on Saturday, December 4th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



This is a fundraiser for the youth to earn money for their mission trips and retreats during the year. This is a great chance for the youth to spend time with the children of our church and a great opportunity for parents to go out, knowing that their children are having a good time and being well-cared for. It is also a fine time to get some Christmas shopping done! The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$35 for a family.

On this one, you'll have to start your calendar for 2011, but it's never too early to save the date for... **Circle F Dude Ranch!** This will take place on the weekend of January 21st through 23rd in Lake Wales, Florida. Those who went last year had a great time getting closer to members of our church family, growing spiritually and just having a lot of fun! We rode horses, swam in a freezing lake, had a great talent show, roasted lots of marshmallows and learned that God wants and loves all of us, no matter where we are in our lives. The cost of the weekend will be announced at a later date.

We hope you'll join us for any or all of these events. Please call the church office at 276-6338 to RSVP so we know how many people to prepare for. ❖

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ple who make up the real Church. They are among the sacred host of souls known as the communion of saints.

While all of them may not have lived perfect lives in this world by some people's standards, I think that each one did the best that he or she could do with the life they had been given.

In most cases, the Church, in particular this church, meant a lot to them. As we ponder what our stewardship commitment will be for the coming year, it would be good to remember all those who have preceded us in the Christian faith and to honor their lives and devotion to Christ's Church. In so doing, our pledge commitment also will honor our Risen Lord. ❖

World Communion Invitation October 3rd - 10 a.m.

From east and west, from north and south, people will come and take their places at the banquet in the Kingdom of God. Yes, and some who are now last will be first, and some who are first will be last." (Luke 13:29-30).

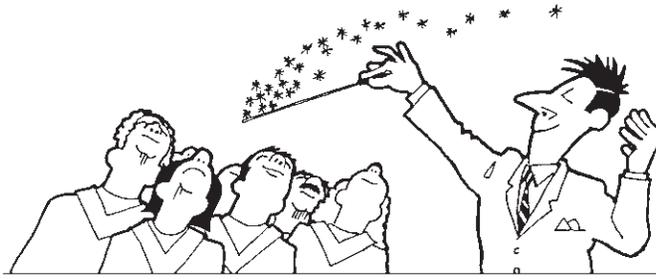
We come to Christ's Table aware of our human frailty and our sin. Our world has been shattered by selfish prejudice and foolish pride. We also come knowing that God's healing love can restore wholeness and welcome us home.

At Christ's Table, we are made one with Christ and one with each other. We also are united with the Church in every time and place. The unity of the Lord's Table is a sign of the unity that God wills for all of creation. From Christ's Table, we can go out with joy as witnesses of God's love to work for the healing and the reconciliation of God's world.

Join Christians around the world at the great celebration. Take your place at the Lord's Table on Sunday, October 3rd, 10 a.m. and know the feeling of what it is like to be one with Christians everywhere. ❖

From the Choir Loft

by Jim Filosa



As the fall season fast approaches, the Chancel Choir is preparing for a return to two services beginning on November 7th. Throughout the summer, a somewhat smaller choir, along with soloists, have provided the congregation with inspirational and joyous music to accompany the weekly message. We eagerly await the return of our winter visitors and vacationing choir members to increase our numbers.

Additionally, we would welcome your involvement in our Chancel Choir Family! New and exciting things are happening in our choir and we would love you to be a part of this exciting time, especially as we enter this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

If you have ever sung in a church or concert choir and felt exhilaration and satisfaction while singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" or John Rutter's setting of the 23rd Psalm, you can relate to what we are trying to accomplish here at First Presbyterian Church.

In addition to the wonderful music library we currently have, we are looking to obtain other great pieces that have been written or arranged by contemporary (present day) composers such as Mack Wilberg and Paul Leddington Wright. Mack Wilberg's

settings of familiar Christmas Carols, as well as old traditional carols from around the world are without a doubt some of the most beautiful sounds one can hear. One

that comes to mind is "Carol To The King", an old French Carol from a region of Southern France, with English paraphrasing. To quote from liner notes from the "Rejoice And Be Merry" CD, "In both the original Provençal lyrics and this new English version, the majestic chorus imitates the sound of trumpets heralding the birth of a new King".

Paul Leddington Wright is one of England's more prolific composer/arrangers and a protégé of Sir David Willcocks. One of my favorites of Wright's is "Break Forth Into Singing", a piece based on Isaiah 55:12 ("For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace").

One other contemporary composer is Rene Clausen, whose setting of Psalm 150 is really outstanding. But you get the picture, there are so many different glorious hymns and anthems available to a church choir and you can be a part of this Wonderful World of Music, with which to glorify and praise the Name of the Risen Lord.

Come, join us and sing His Praises above all creation.

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



More Than Good Memories

by Rev. Aaron Janklow

One day last week, I was going through some old photos from my home church, The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, New Jersey. There were photos from seven years' worth of my interning with the youth program as a college student all the way through Seminary, up until the fall I moved to Ann Arbor. (Actually I had been involved with the youth program for a few years before that, as a youth, but that was apparently before my digital camera). As I went

through photos of myself and so many youth with whom I shared many incredible experiences, I was filled with an amazing feeling of thanksgiving and the knowledge that I have been truly blessed by these experiences and friendships. They are more than good memories; they are reminders of those times in my life when I so clearly felt God at work. Whenever I look at those photos, I am filled with those same feelings.

On our most recent mission trip to Norfolk, Virginia, I told the youth this, and I hope to create as many positive memories for them. I am thankful to have been blessed by the mission and youth experiences I have had. I am also thankful for a great summer forming friendships and sharing great experiences with the youth of this church and look forward to a great year to come. ❖

Opportunities lost at an early age... Wisdom gained much later...

by Jennifer Buce

Fourth generation members of First Presbyterian of Delray Beach and a true Floridian are hard to find these days, but if you look most Sundays about eight rows back on the east side there you will see one. For a long while, that seat sat empty, while a journey was taken looking for something that couldn't be kept; peace and full trust in the Lord. A struggle needed to end and a new journey needed to begin and bring me back to that seat at First Presbyterian. With the help of good friends and family, God opened my heart and led me back to my seat.

One of my first experiences back in that seat was as a youth advisor on the Norfolk Mission trip. What a great opportunity! Great excitement was had with a bit of trepidation; the unknown is always a bit nerve racking. The learning experience was incredi-



ble! *I thought I was always too cool for church; what a mistake that was.* The youth from our church have such a zest for life and are so grounded. Their strong faith base and the opportunities that First Presbyterian gives them build character, strong morals and values, and teach them how to trust in the Lord. I witnessed this every day when we met for the service and small group on the trip, when the youth spoke of their day and what they did for someone else. I had such positive and great experiences with the youth; from the Tahoe, Dairy Queen, giving back

to the community of Norfolk, yucky showers, deflated mattresses, Busch Gardens, and card games, to Dancing with the Stars. I am sorry I missed out on that opportunity as a youth, but am so glad I was able to experience it

now with your children. Each one of you who has a youth at this church should be very proud!

The journey back to the seat in the eighth row on the east side has been a long and sometimes difficult one, but what was learned along that journey is that nothing is impossible as long as you believe and trust in the Lord. The most valuable lesson of all is *you are never too cool for God!* ❖

2nd Annual Blessing of the Pets

by Kim Winker

It's that time of year again! It's time for the 2nd annual Blessing of the Pets to benefit the Deacons' Scholarship Fund. Bring your pets and join us Sunday, October 24th at 4 p.m. in the Courtyard where Rev. Aaron Janklow will lead this special service and bless your pets. The Board of Deacons will be collecting a free-will offering to raise money to assist deserving members of the First Presbyterian Church of



Delray Beach who are pursuing full-time higher education.

Like last year, we expect to have a wide array of animals convene in the Courtyard with their humans for this fun and meaningful service. We also plan to invite friendly therapy dogs as our special guests.

All pets must be on a standard leash (not a flex leash) or in a carrier, container or cage. If your pet is unable to attend, bring a photo of him or her.

Children's stuffed animals are also welcome!

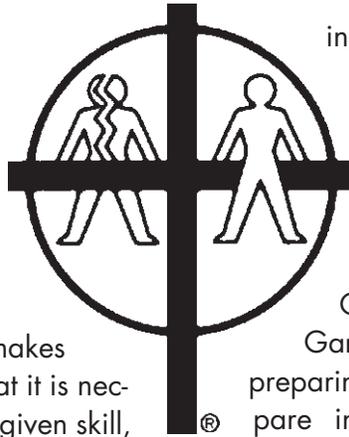
Please contact Deacon Alexandra Harris (276-1998), if you would like to volunteer for this event. See you and your pets there! ❖

Practice with Stephen Ministry

by Craig Hammett

Practice. Practice. Practice. Practice makes perfect. Numerous studies have shown that it is necessary to practice up to 5,000 hours on a given skill, task or talent in order to achieve mastery. When we think about practicing, we tend to think that applies to sports, music or perhaps art, but we don't usually include daily living in the things we need to practice. More specifically, practice doesn't necessarily come to mind when we think about the way of life exemplified by Jesus Christ, but it should. When we try to truly love our neighbors as ourselves, we find it is difficult to accomplish. When we try to remove every trace of self-interest in our actions, even when engaged in altruism, we discover the depth of our greed. When we try to embody the principles portrayed in the Gospels, we find that we are still amateurs.

So, it takes practice, and lots of it! The good news is that we have a team here at First Presbyterian Church that practices and you can join it and practice, too. The Stephen Ministry, founded in 1975, is an international organization established to create train-



ing for and provide resources to, in the words of St. Paul in Ephesians, "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

Our Stephen Ministers group, led by Rev. Jo Garnett, Dick Walgrove and David Fellows, is preparing to begin another training course to prepare individuals to practice Christian love as Stephen Ministers. The weekly classes are scheduled to begin the first week of November.

But wait! There is even better news! You or anyone you know does not have to wait to receive the benefit of this practice. There is an existing team of Stephen Ministers available to meet the need of the congregation and community at large, and that need is not measured. It doesn't have to be a big need. It doesn't have to rise to the level of a crisis. At its heart, the Stephen Ministry is simply intended to offer Christian fellowship.

Call the Church office today at 276-6338 to speak with one of the Stephen Leaders.

Finally, there is even more good news to share. The "practice" results in a win-win result for everyone involved. If engaged with an open and selfless heart, the Stephen Minister relationships are life-affirming on all sides. ❖

Save the Date

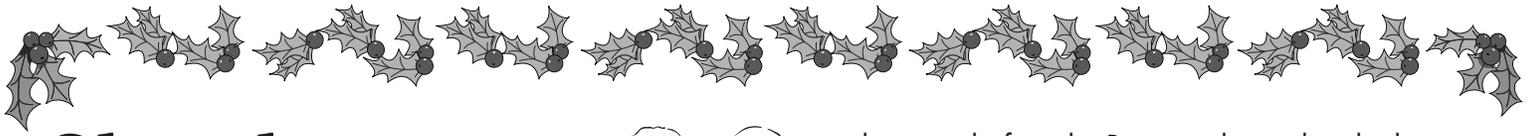
On Saturday, October 30th, the Stephen Ministers will be hosting a special program in Fellowship Hall. Brunch will start at 10 a.m. and will be followed with an entertaining presentation by Dr. Kathryn Shafer, www.funtherapist.com, on how to avoid the pitfalls and get the most enjoyment out of the coming Holidays. You may want to consider inviting friends to come along with you and introduce them to our church family. We will have a table set up in the Courtyard so that you can make your reservations. The program is free to our church family, friends can be registered for only \$3, and a good time will be had by all! ❖



Two Worship Services

On Sunday, November 7th, we will resume two services.
9:00 am & 11:00 am
See you there!

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please notify the church office. Even if you give the name of the church upon admission, the hospital will NOT notify us.



Church Improvement

by Barbara Vanderkay

Strictly speaking, autumn has arrived, even though Florida does not enjoy cool weather and flaming maple trees. Now we must consider the imminent arrival of the **Holly Days Bazaar** on **Thursday, November 11th, Friday, the 12th** and **Saturday, the 13th**, the second weekend of the month. (Have you marked your calendars yet?)

There are quite a few projects to be finished in our workshops at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings by the loyal Holly House Ladies. All church women and their friends are more than welcome to help.

Don't forget our popular jewelry table; bring in your unwanted costume jewelry as you clean out your drawers to make room for new pieces. Everything must be inspected, repaired if necessary, and priced by the



jewelry team before the Bazaar, the earlier the better. Our food table is always a sellout, so all you good bakers, please plan to contribute. Remember that you can freeze many things ahead of time without sacrificing quality if you know you will be especially busy that second week in November. Plan ahead and make a note on your calendar. You will be called and reminded nearer to the dates. (We really want your contributions).



The Bazaar is a mammoth undertaking and many volunteers, both men and women, will be needed before, during and after the event. There are many different jobs to be done, some requiring strength and others for people who need to sit down. The sign-up sheets allow you to indicate what kind of work you wish to do. They

will be available in the coming weeks.

We urge you to consider how you can be a part of this traditional affair and join the fun. Working for the church is especially rewarding for the members since everyone knows the proceeds all go for the betterment of the First Presbyterian Church property.

Can we count on seeing you there? ❖

16th Anniversary C.R.O.S. Walk



by Becky Knapp

Please join 300+ walkers on Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach for a 3.1 mile/5K intracoastal walk. This is great for families and fellowship. Wagons and strollers are welcome. Walk, run, or jog in the main event on **Sunday, October 10th** at **3 p.m.** or walk on your own if you cannot make the October 10th date (Beach and Mall walking count!).

This is the sole C.R.O.S. (Christians Reaching Out to Society) fundraising drive to feed hungry people in Delray Beach through The Caring Kitchen and the Community Food Pantry. In commemoration of the C.R.O.S. WALK anniversary, organizers suggest a

donation or pledge to a walker in the amount of \$15, although all donations are accepted.

The C.R.O.S. Walk meeting location is Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 211 Trinity Place, West Palm Beach. (Exit Okeechobee East, to Chase, turn left (north)). The walk begins at 3 p.m., rain or shine.

Check the church bulletin for dates to sign up for the walk or make your donation. Contact Becky or Tim Knapp (498-8995) for more information. ❖

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:

Hank Higginbotham - August 25, 2010

Austin Lucas - August 26, 2010

William Mehlich - September 8, 2010 ❖

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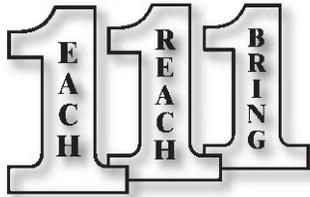
Please join us on Sunday mornings as we worship the Living God together.

Church School

Friends and Fellowship 9 a.m.

Children's Church School 9 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Sunday Forum 11 a.m.



Annual Fall Golf Tournament

by Linda Prior

The Annual Fall First Presbyterian Church Golf Tournament will be held Friday afternoon, October 22nd, at 2:30 p.m., at the Lakeview Golf Club on Dover Street. Players may purchase 3 mulligans for \$3 during registration. The cost for golf including gratuity is \$20. Dinner will follow at 6 p.m. at the Lakeview Golf Club. A buffet of green salad, pasta, meatballs, and chicken will be available for \$10. People who do not play golf are welcome to attend the dinner. Winners from the Golf Tournament will be recognized at the dinner. Reservations will be taken during the fellowship hour following the worship service on October 10th and 17th, or you may call Linda Prior, 330-0245. Reservations must be made by Monday, October 18th. ❖

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A cartoon illustration of a computer monitor with a smiling face on the screen. A speech bubble next to the monitor says "visit our WEB SITE". Below the monitor is a keyboard and a mouse.

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 so you can log onto www.SundayStreams.com to view our Sunday services. ❖