



# Campus Tours in October

by Roger Johnson

First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach conjures up many thoughts and emotions for many people. Collectively, it represents lifetimes of devotion, commitment and dedication to what it is today. The leadership of many ministers, staff members, and laymen, under God’s guidance, has created a campus to accommodate a myriad of activities. Worship and Fellowship take on many forms that enrich individual lives and our purpose in this community. As enumerated in our weekly Sunday Bulletin; every worship service, committee meeting, rehearsal, etc., have space requirements which we are fortunate to have in pleasant, well-maintained condition. The scope of our church encompasses all age groups and many outside missions.

As we approach our Stewardship Program, we encourage anyone who has not had time or taken the



fear political duress.

The preeminent face of First Presbyterian Church in Delray Beach is the edifice that houses its Sanctuary. The spire that graces the skyline is a significant introduction to the worshipful atmosphere inside, where an exceptional music program grooms one’s soul for the hearing of The Word. Christ’s invitation is felt and responded to. *“Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”.*

(Matthew 11:28) ❖

time to tour our campus to do so. During the month of October, following the worship service, walking tours will be offered for all or any part of the grounds. Explanations and history will be given of each area, building and use.

We are a Christian people who have worshipped under many circumstances in history and continue to do so. Fortunately for us, we no longer have to hide in catacombs, caves or

## Missional Ministry



by Rev. Aaron Janklow

While the church is always blessed with people who walk through our doors for the first time without knowing any one, there are many others who come to church only after knowing someone else

who attends. When we talk about evangelism, and how others know Christ, an important part of that discussion must include how we, as believers, live our lives. As you’ve likely seen in the weekly bulletins, I will be teaching a class on missional ministry, which will look at this very thing. While the word “missional” has become a buzzword in recent years, it is actually a Biblical mandate for how we are to live our lives – not only believing in Christ, but letting that belief transform our lives and reflecting that love to the world.

As you know, mission is a very important part of my life. I have never felt closer to God than when I am serving others, and international mission work is very close to my heart. That being said, our “mission

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# Mack's Message

*by Rev. Dr. Mack Sigmon*

*Interim Pastor*

Since my introduction to this wonderful church, members have had questions about the purpose of my role as Interim Pastor. I would like to take a few minutes to share with you some of the basics of Interim Pastor Ministry.

In the past, an Interim Pastor was ordinarily a retired minister who simply filled-in or supplied a church between the leaving of the previous pastor and the hiring of the new pastor. The Interim Pastor would perform most of the pastoral duties, and focus on being little more than a "place holder" until the new pastor arrived.

The concept of the interim began to change when it became apparent that some churches needed to make an intentional, planned transition between pastors as opposed to a casual or incidental change. The evidence for the need of an intentional transition emerged in several ways, but primarily through the difficult experiences of newly-installed pastors as they began working in their churches. Some of these difficulties were directly related to congregations that had experienced crises or traumas, i.e., churches that had experienced deep conflict; churches in which the previous pastors had left under difficult circumstances; churches experiencing dramatic losses in membership or financial support, or other types of church trauma.

As intentional Interim Ministry started to develop specific training and strategies for churches in crises, garnering successful results where this ministry was put into place, church governing bodies began to realize that all churches – even those who had not experienced trauma or conflict – could benefit from a period of professional transitional ministry.

A perfect example of successful Interim Ministry in the non-traumatized congregation is related to churches that have experienced a long-term pastorate, usually 20 years or more (like First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach.) In twenty-five years, not only do churches experience significant change, but so do the styles and types of leadership that are most effective in helping churches fulfill their missions. When I started ministry in the Presbyterian Church in the early 1980's, the church's mission was lived-out in a vastly different culture. Personal computing was still in its infancy and the first laptops were beginning to emerge; what there was of the internet was not publicly accessible; personal, handheld cell phones were non-existent; the church had very little competition or interference from the secular culture; the rate of divorce and out-of-wedlock births was significantly lower than today.

Not only was the task of doing church ministries different twenty-five years ago, but the pastoral and leadership training was significantly different. When I look at the books I read about doing ministry when I was in seminary, and compare them to the books Rev. Aaron read for his classes, I see a significant difference in style, tools, and approach.

The task of the professionally-trained Interim Pastor is to create a practical and theological bridge between

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the past and the future by working on five developmental goals in conjunction with the lay leadership and the congregation: 1) reclaiming the church's history; 2) affirming the church's identity in the life of the community; 3) creating the opportunity for new leadership as trained and nurtured by previous leaders; 4) connecting with the denomination with the greater church; 5) creating a new and exciting vision for the future. Not all of these five goals can be accomplished during the brief interim period, but even completing a few of them is shown to have a positive impact for the congregation and the new minister when they begin working together.

As I have stated in the pulpit and in other venues, the success of my ministry is in its completion. It is my prayer and my hope that, when our time for working together draws to a close, this church will have an exciting vision for the future. Being a church today is not easy; being a follower of Christ today is not easy (nor should it ever be easy), but being ready helps us to meet the challenges that are ahead of us. It is a lot easier to lead somebody if he knows where he wants to go – that will be true for your new pastoral leader; which is why our work together in the time to come is so important. Please continue to keep the Pastoral Nominating Committee, your church leadership, and your staff in your prayers, and please support your church. ❖

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## Stephen Ministers

by David Fellows

*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ...”*

Thus begins *A Tale of Two Cities*. Charles Dickens just as easily could have used these words to pen a different book, *A Tale of the Holidays*. The time from Halloween to Valentine's Day can be a happy, joyous and exciting time for many, especially the young. However, for others of us, it can be a time of bitter-sweet memories where we may tend to get caught up more in the bitter than the sweet. To help us prepare for this challenging part of the year, your Stephen Ministers are again hosting “How to Handle the Holiday Blues.”

Our Saturday Brunch will focus on Food, Family, Freedom and Fellowship. Outside of Sunday Services, we Presbyterians can't seem to have any kind of get-together without something to eat, so Food is a given. We are very

pleased that Family Therapist Anne Salter, LCSW, CSAT, MFT, has accepted our invitation to be the presenter for this program. Anne established her Delray Beach practice, The Center for Self Discovery, [www.centerforselfdiscovery.net](http://www.centerforselfdiscovery.net), in 1980. In addition to her practice, she has taught addiction courses at Barry University and consults with many treatment centers both locally and around the country. Anne also recently published, *Family Stew*, which reflects her specialty of

relationship work using family of origin therapy. She will definitely add the “Family” to our program.

Anne will help us to understand the stumbling blocks of the Holidays and introduce us to some strategies we can use to achieve our own personal Freedom from the issues that rob us of the joy of the season. She will also give us some behavioral cues to look for in others that could indicate they may be dealing with their own seasonal struggles. Finally, Anne will share some ways that we can provide healthy, loving support and Fellowship to those who are hurting. Who knows? By reaching out to another, you may wind up giving someone the most meaningful “present” they will receive this year.

Please put Saturday, October 22nd, on your calendar. The “Blues” Brunch will run from 10 a.m. to Noon. This program is free, but, please contact the church office, 276-6338, to reserve your seat. ❖



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fields” aren’t just the places we do service work, but wherever we bring the love of Christ. This means that where we are – whether it is Delray Beach, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach or wherever we might be – we can be used by God. If you are interested in being a part of this Missional Ministry Class please contact me at [aaronjanklow@covad.net](mailto:aaronjanklow@covad.net) or 276-6338 ext. 13. ❖

## Night of Joy

by Rev. Aaron Janklow

Last month, 37 people (28 youth and 9 TnT/Advisors) from First Presbyterian loaded onto a charter bus for Disney’s Night of Joy. It was a great day and night filled with fun times on Disney’s rides and watching some of the best

known Christian rock bands, including *TobyMac* and *MercyMe*. There were so many great artists it was hard to see them all! At one point, as the entire audience was swaying or singing along to *MercyMe* performing right below the Magic Castle, I thought about how awesome it was to be surrounded by so many people coming out to listen to great music that celebrates God. It was a wonderful event! ❖

## Children’s Corner



by Jen Buce

Children’s Ministry  
Coordinator

Have you ever met someone with a very a strong will to survive? I’m sure we have many members here at our church. One in particular has been a member for over 50 years. She is my grandmother and is an amazing woman.

As my grandmother turns 94 this year she has so much to look back on and be proud of accomplishing. First and foremost, God has always been her guide to get through life.

She has been a dedicated member of First Presbyterian Church since she has lived in Delray Beach and still is today. She was a member of the Session from 1982-1998, an Elder, an office volunteer, is chair of the prayer chain, and still counts from the church collections.

She has spent her entire life giving back to the community; whether it is her time or in donations, she has felt that this is very important in her life. The Achievement Center for Children & Families is very dear to her heart. If you walk into their original building, you will see a picture of my grandfather’s beetle

bug painted on the wall. Today she still plays a mean game of bridge and loves to read; she passes on the books to me, knowing my love for reading as well.

I’m not sure my grandmother realizes the inspiration she is to me and so many other individuals who have had the opportunity to meet her. I feel very fortunate to live next door to her. I’m grateful for everything she has done for me and the heart she has for others. I believe her strong faith in the church and God has made her the remarkable woman she is today. My grandmother is Margaret (Peg) Way Bowen. ❖

## Blessing of the Pets

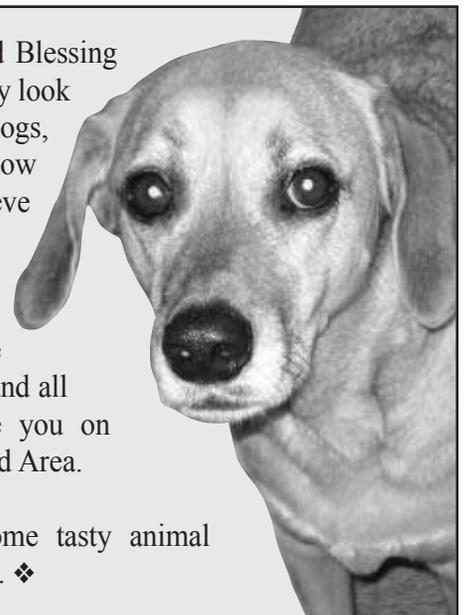
by Porter Schaublin

**Sunday, October 30th at 4 p.m.  
in the Courtyard**

Hi, my name is Porter Schaublin and I am just 10 years old. My Dad, Richard, found me when I was a new born puppy on a country road in North Carolina. It was an area called Porter’s Neck so I was named Porter. People told him he should have named me Lucky. But he would tell them, “He was the lucky one”.

This year will be my third Blessing of the Pets Sunday and I really look forward to seeing all the dogs, cats and bunnies, who are now my friends. Would you believe one year I met a real goat!! Reverend Janklow does a wonderful job holding the service and I get such a nice feeling when he blesses me and all my friends. I hope I’ll see you on October 30th in the Courtyard Area.

P.S.-There are usually some tasty animal treats around to keep us busy. ❖



# Mission Work Day Update

*by Jeanne Heavilin, Co-Chair  
Mission Outreach Committee*

Marjorie Waldo, Executive Director of Delray Youth Vocational Charter School (DYVCS) in Delray, a high school that targets high-risk teens, called us to ask for some volunteers to help convert an automotive classroom into an academic classroom.

DYVCS is one of the organizations that our Mission Outreach Committee assists. It works with students to help them get their high school diplomas or GED and offers vocational programs to help them enter the workforce with the skills needed. Special emphasis is placed on low performing students.

We responded with a work team of nine members of our congregation: Jeanne Heavilin, Joyce Johnson, Roger Johnson, Becky Knapp, Tim Knapp, Dr. Mack Sigmon, Jim Westby, Sandi Yerg and Dick Yerg.

Despite the heat (this was Saturday, July 23rd), no air conditioning and hard work, we got the job done. DYVCS started the school year with a new classroom! ❖



# Pastor Nominating Committee

*by Kathy Smith*

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) appreciates your continued thoughts and prayers. Believe us, they are needed. We are in the midst of reviewing a large number of Personal Information Forms (PIF) to this point of our search. We have received PIF's from self-referred candidates, our national Presbytery pool of candidates and ads placed in Presbytery periodicals. It truly is a labor of love and a definite work in progress.

The elected group on this committee is focused, directed and seeking the best of the best for First Presbyterian Church's next Senior Pastor. We are blessed by a highly qualified mix of talent on the committee including a computer savvy member who has set up a state of the art process for reviewing and grading PIF's. This has been instrumental in streamlining the volume of paperwork routinely part of any search effort.

It will continue to take us time to accomplish the goals of this committee as set forth by the congregation. We ask you to remain prayerfully patient with our work. We feel blessed to have a wonderful interim in Dr. Mack who is bridging our till until our prayers are answered for our next outstanding leader. ❖

## *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:

Clarice Boos	–	August 18, 2011
Alice Jones	–	August 19, 2011
Paul Allen	–	September 13, 2011
Twylia Wright	–	September 16, 2011

# Fall Golf Tournament

*by Richard Schaublin*

Start practicing so you can win a \$15,000 prize for the hole-in-one contest sponsored by Reserve Wealth Management. The First Presbyterian Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, November 4th, at Ocean Breeze Golf and Country Club in Boca Raton. Registration and the 50/50 putting contest begins at 1:30 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. Scramble/Shotgun start. The club, formerly the Boca Teeca Golf Course, has been refurbished and is now managed by the Arnold Palmer Golf Management Company. This is a player friendly, full-length course suitable for all skill levels. To welcome First Presbyterian Church, Ocean Breeze has offered players 18 holes of golf, a buffet dinner, and a one-month free membership to the Ocean Breeze Players Club. All for \$30! The Players Club membership provides free afternoon greens fees,



clinics and unlimited free range balls. Mulligans can be purchased, 3 for \$3.

People who do not play golf are welcome to attend the delicious buffet dinner at 6 p.m. for \$10. The menu is a salad, pasta and meatballs, chicken, vegetable, a soft drink or a beer. Prizes will be awarded at the dinner.

Reservations may be made after the worship services on Sundays, October 23rd and October 30th. Contact Linda Prior (330-0245 or [Linda\\_Prior@hotmail.com](mailto:Linda_Prior@hotmail.com)) or Richard Schaublin (734-7499 or email [dickshaublin@aol.com](mailto:dickshaublin@aol.com)), for more information.

Directions to the Ocean Breeze Golf and Country Club: take I-95 to Yamato Road. Go East on Yamato Rd. for ½ mile. Make a Left on NW 2nd Ave (Boca Raton Blvd.). Make a Left into the parking lot (south of Clint Moore Road). The address is 5800 NW 2nd Ave. Phone 994-0400. Their website is [www.oceanbreezegolf.com](http://www.oceanbreezegolf.com). ❖

# Church Improvement

by Barbara Vanderkay

Fall is really here when the calendar says it's October. Vacations are over, school children are settled in their classes and everyone is planning ahead for the usual Delray Beach events which enrich our lives each year.

It is not too soon to think about the busier month of November which brings us two Sunday worship services again, Thanksgiving, and the wonderful Holly Days Bazaar which involves so many church members. This mammoth undertaking is scheduled for the second weekend in November, beginning on **Thursday, November 10th** with the pre-sale afternoon hours for church members and regular worship service attendees. On **Friday, November 11th** and on **Saturday, the 12th**, we will open the doors to the public. Please mark your calendars now so you won't forget. We hope that you will be pleased with the many different items offered for sale, some old standbys and some new things this year. There may not yet be a new Holly House to

work in, but the loyal workers don't let that stop them, they just take things home to finish. The show must go on.

The bazaar is where we are proud to sell the great cakes, pies and other goodies made by the talented bakers in our midst. Any new member wishing to be a Presbyterian baker will be welcome. Regie Moorcroft, our wonderful leader, may be reached at 495-5376 for further details.

Please don't forget to bring in jewelry for that very important bazaar table, the sooner the better. It may be given to one of the Holly House ladies or left in the office. It's amazing what interesting things appear.

Our successful bazaar requires many workers, before, during and after the sale, both men and women. Sign-up sheets will be inserted in the Sunday bulletins soon. There are jobs for strong men, active women and quite a few sedentary spots for those with willing hearts but not a lot of strength. If you have never worked at the bazaar before, you may be surprised at how pleasurable it is. The First Presbyterian



Church of Delray Beach is made up of the nicest, friendliest group of people you could meet. We welcome not only our members but friends or neighbors to join us, the more the merrier.

The money raised at the bazaar goes to the Church Improvement Committee to be used for various unbudgeted items for the church property, such as the new lighting in the Senior Pastor's office.

Why should you come to the Holly Days Bazaar? We thought you'd never ask. We have a great assortment of handmade crafts. Aprons, of course, lots of different tote bags, some unusual stuffed animals, pet toys, baby things, presents for young and old and everyone in between. Christmas is coming and you can get a head start on your shopping list.

Come to work, come to shop. And, oh yes, come for lunch. We'll be waiting for you. ❖

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## Women's Monday Book Group

by Linda Prior

The Women's Monday Book Group has taken a break for the summer and will resume in November. They meet the first Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Christian Learning Center from November through April.

Everyone is invited to join the discussion and are encouraged to note the dates and titles of next season's selections. For more information, contact Linda Prior at 330-0245. ❖



**November 7, 2011**  
Cutting for Stone  
by Abraham Verghese

**December 5, 2011**  
Half the Sky by Nicholas D. Kristof

**January 2, 2012**  
The Orchid Thief by Susan Orlean

**February 6, 2012**  
The Pickup by Nadine Gordimer

**March 5, 2012**  
The Postmistress by Sarah Blake

**April 2, 2012**  
Wench by Dolan Perkins-Valdez

# World Communion Invitation

Sunday, October 2nd – 10 a.m.

*“From east to 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 2nd, at 10 a.m. and know the feeling of what it is like to be one with Christians everywhere. ❖



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## ***Don't miss out on a New Season of Children's and Handbell Choirs!***

*by Jim Poch*

*Associate Director of Music*



### **Westminster Ringers**

(handbells for high school youth and adults) will continue to meet Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. starting October 27. Many of our beautiful Schulmerich handbells go unring because we have too few ringers to play the full set of 61 bells. You could make a difference, and have a great time doing it!

### **Children's Choir**

For age four through fourth grade will meet Thursdays from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. (**Note new time**), starting October 13th. This later time should help facilitate participation by children of working mothers. We will learn songs for morning worship and the major roles in the Christmas Pageant and Palm Sunday celebration.

Take advantage of these opportunities for fun, fellowship, and good music. If you have any questions please phone Jim Poch (276-6338, extension 24). ❖

# Two Musical Events in October – Mark Your Calendar



## On October 22, 2011 at 7 p.m.,

a favorite, former soloist, Jen Cooper, will present a concert in our Sanctuary. Jen's musical career is now focused on jazz singing, and her concert will feature jazz, soul, musical theater, and a few other surprises. Jen will be joined by pianist/horn player James Witherite. Don Cannarozzi will join in on a few numbers as will Pastor Mack! The concert is free, an offering will be collected.

## On October 23, 2011, at 4 p.m.,

the young virtuoso organist, Adam Pajan, will present a concert in our Sanctuary. Each year the Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami chapters of the American Guild of Organists sponsor an "emerging artist recital." The three chapters chose our church to present the series because of our magnificent instrument. Mr. Pajan is the recent winner of the Arthur Poster Competition and the Albert Schweitzer Competition. He is beginning his doctoral work at the University of Oklahoma's American Organ Institute and has already begun an impressive career as a concert organist. The concert is free, an offering will be taken. ❖

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## 17th 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 9th at 3 p.m.** or walk on your own if you cannot make the October 9th 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. ❖

## Youth Group Happenings

*by Rev. Aaron Janklow*

Youth Group began last month and we are off to a great start. We've been having terrific attendance, but most importantly, we have been given the opportunity to dive deeper into faith and really enjoy our time together. After a long week of school or work, it is so meaningful to come together as a group and be "recharged". While we start our night off with a fun game or activity, we end it with relevant messages and discussions about our faith and how to live it.



If you would like to be put on the youth email list or learn more about our youth program, please email me at [aaronjanklow@covad.net](mailto:aaronjanklow@covad.net). ❖

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## Sunday Morning Worship Service

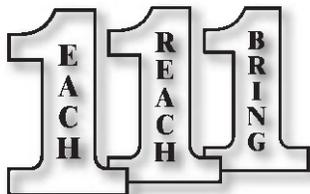
**10 a.m.**

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

### Church School

Adult Church School 9 a.m.  
Education Hour Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Worship Hour Sunday School 10 a.m.

Youth Fellowship 5 p.m.



## 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. ❖