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Our Mission is to be welcoming, caring and compassionate, joyfully celebrating the Lord while sharing His love and grace.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR:



I recently read a fascinating article on Christian leadership written by Rev. Margaret Marcuson discussing what indicates a healthy congregation. I agree with many of her indicators, and want to share her ideas with you. Below is an excerpt from her article. I invite you to think about where FPC might fit in her description of congregational health:

What is congregational health? It has little if anything to do with the size of the congregation. Churches of any size can be vibrant communities. Long ago, I worshipped several times in a tiny Methodist church in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada in California. You knew as soon as you walked in the door that this was a community with a lot of life in it. The pastor never preached longer than six minutes, and it was always good. The choir of six sang enthusiastically. People seemed happy to be there.

Here are nine indicators of a healthy congregation:

- 1. Mature leaders, clergy and lay, who know who they are and what they are about in their lives and ministry.*
- 2. Leaders who can articulate their vision and direction.*
- 3. The ability to tolerate difference.*
- 4. Leaders who can take a stand with people (staff or church members) who are not functioning well.*
- 5. The ability to take the long view. (Most things of value in church take time to happen.)*
- 6. An appreciation for the past without being bound by it.*
- 7. A lightness of spirit - people who don't take themselves too seriously.*
- 8. Resilience - the congregation can recover from setbacks.*
- 9. Genuine spiritual maturity, growing out of the prayer and worship practices of the leadership and congregation.*

Where do you find yourself in the nine indicators above and where are the places you may need to grow as an individual? Where do you find our church in the nine indicators, and where are the places we as a church need to grow? I invite you to engage in conversation with me about your thoughts on these questions. God has great plans for all of us and for this church. What an exciting time to be involved with the mission and ministry of FPC Wildwood!

Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor Susan

JUNE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

In an effort to keep our congregation informed, below are highlights from the June 10 Called Session Meeting:

[Note that there was no Stated Session Meeting in June]

- ~ **Approved** the request of Carol Copper to join FPC by letter of transfer from Culpeper Presbyterian Church, Culpeper, VA.
- ~ **Approved** the request of Deborah Foster to join FPC by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Calhoun, GA.
- ~ **Approved** the request of Max Johnson to join FPC by letter of transfer from Hope Lutheran Church, Lady Lake, FL.
- ~ **Approved** the request of Herb Lunden to join FPC by letter of transfer from First United Methodist Church, Valdosta, GA.
- ~ **Approved** the request of Lona Lunden to join FPC by letter of transfer from First United Methodist Church, Valdosta, GA.
- ~ **Approved** the request of Mert Murray to join FPC by reaffirmation of faith.
- ~ **Approved** the request of Carol Parham to join FPC as an affiliate member while retaining full membership with Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, MD.
- ~ **Approved** the request of Bill Parham to join FPC as an affiliate member while retaining full membership with Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, MD.
- ~ **Approved** the request of David Patterson to join FPC by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Calhoun, GA.
- ~ **Prayed** for these individuals and for our church.

Highlights submitted by Rev. Susan Takis, Session Moderator

IT'S JULY – TIME TO CHECK SUMMER PLANS



Well, it's summer. Are all your vacation (or as often as not your family's {i.e. grandkids} visits) needs planned, calendared, and set? Or, since it's already the middle of July, have you

completed all your trips and visits? Either way, vacations and visits take a lot of planning, coordination, and commitment.

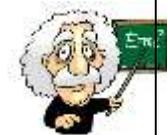
And while you're reviewing those plans and commitments, take a look at all those things that have to continue during your absence (or with families – your distractions). Have you taken care to schedule or reschedule your ongoing services and contracts? Make sure they will take place only when you're here (if home access, etc. is required).

And since these words are from the Stewardship Team, we feel it appropriate to ask if you have taken steps to insure the prompt and regular receipt of contributions to meet your pledge over the Summer months? While a late or makeup contribution will always be happily accepted, whenever they may be made, it always helps us during the “lean” Summer months to have pledge contributions made on a timely basis.

So, get on with those plans. Make sure you have everything covered before all the vacation/visit craziness begins. And then, go and enjoy your travels and visits, knowing that all has been attended to.

-- The Stewardship Team

True insanity is continuing to do what you've always done and expecting a different outcome.



-- Albert Einstein

RENEWING THE VISION: *Kindom building for the 21st century*

by Leslie Scanlon, *Outlook* national reporter
Presbyterians took to the streets at the 2018 General Assembly, with hundreds marching from the convention center to the City Justice Center with \$47,200 in donations – money the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) collected during opening worship, and which was used to bail out people incarcerated for minor offenses who could not afford to pay their fines or make bail. It's a "passion for ministry and the love of Jesus that drives us out of the church and into the streets," J. Herbert Nelson, stated clerk of the PC(USA), said during a midweek rally.

This was a General Assembly that felt viscerally linked to the news of the day: climate change, immigrant parents being separated from their children at the borders, gun violence. Over and over, this question came up: *How to put faith into action?*

Floretta Barbee-Watkins, pastor of The Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, preached that it's easy to get discouraged, but Jesus, faith and love move people forward even when they are weary. The PC(USA) has "made some bad biscuits," Barbee-Watkins said, but confession and a willingness to "deal with the urgent needs of our siblings and the church" propel Christians to action. She challenged: "Beloved, rise up, let's make some new biscuits."

Climate change. The assembly voted 332-178 to continue corporate engagement with oil and natural gas companies, working through the denomination's Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee, rather than to divest the PC(USA)'s holdings in fossil fuel companies. This was one of the hardest-fought issues at the assembly, with 40 presbyteries supporting an overture for fossil fuel divestment, saying the church has waited long enough to act to protect the earth, and with others contending it's better to stay at the table and use the investments as leverage to push for industry changes.

Family separation. The assembly voted 484-34 to approve a resolution calling for an immediate end to the government's policy of separating parents from children as migrants attempt to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. It calls for federal authorities to promptly reunite parents and children who have been separated, and to place families "under the care of the community," rather than in detention.

The 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
St. Louis, Missouri – June 16-23, 2018

Per capita. The assembly approved a General Assembly per capita rate of \$8.95 per member for 2019 and \$8.95 for 2020 – up from \$7.73 per member in 2018. That was a source of constant tension during this assembly: How to meet urgent ministry needs, from drug addiction to mental health to ministry with small churches, while not raising per capita so high it raises resistance from mid councils and congregations?

The Way Forward. The assembly approved a report from the Way Forward Commission, which the 2016 General Assembly created to consider changes needed at the top levels of the denomination. The action will mean a new, more equitable governance structure for the PC(USA), A Corporation (a secular corporation used to conduct church business). Also part of that proposal: a financial sustainability study and a commitment to translate PC(USA) resources into languages other than English.

Leadership. Taking four ballots to do so, the assembly elected as its co-moderators Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and Cindy Kohlmann, an educator and a mid council leader, a ruling elder and a minister, two "audacious, spirited, bold, unapologetic women," as Cintrón-Olivieri put it. She is a native of Puerto Rico, for whom Spanish is her first language.

Race and inequality. From preaching to marching to overtures, the need to confront structural racism and systemic inequality echoed through this gathering. As a sign of that commitment, the assembly voted 352-160 to begin the long process of adding Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" to the PC(USA)'s Book of Confessions.

World concerns. The assembly spoke to concerns around the world — including in Yemen, Korea, South Sudan and Nicaragua. One tangible example: The assembly agreed to make the PC(USA) a partner with a Salvadoran church working to reduce gang-related violence in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador — violence that's causing people to flee for their safety.

#MeToo. The assembly voted 474-19 to have the PC(USA) confess its failure to listen to survivors of pastoral sexual misconduct; to report annually the number of sexual misconduct charges brought in the denomination; and to set up a task force of survivors of sexual abuse.

Social justice. This assembly felt pulled to public advocacy. It called for a moratorium on imposing the death penalty. It asked Presbyterians to pray for a movement of the Spirit to end gun violence. It voted to affirm the dignity and humanity of people of all sexual orientations. Time and again, the assembly acted to tell the world, "This is what Presbyterians stand for." Visit pres-outlook.org for more.

JOYFUL NOISE NOTES FROM CONNIE



“In the good old summertime...” I love that old song, and here it is midway through summer already!!! I want to thank all the talented people who stepped up to provide music for the summer. I hope you enjoyed the change. Thanks to the following members of FPC for sharing your talents: Michele Topolnicki, Ken Myers, Gloria Gray, Marie Erline, Lucille Ruth, Dru Movizzo, Carolyn Lindgren and friends Carla Churchill and Jeanne Halberg, Eunice Mosier, Sheila Phillips, Marge O’Kane, and Richard Barnes.

We’ll be back in our seats on August 19th to help with the good old hymn sing that day.



Editor’s  (Note): On a recent Sunday afternoon, choir members and their spouses gathered at my home for an end of year party to enjoy each other’s company and, since we’re all FPC members, hit the table and countertops for food and wine! Everyone, including the host and hostess, had a great time; and we didn’t sing a note! The photo page at the end tells the story; Richard’s photos were so good that I had to include all of them.

MISSION TEAM



The term Soup Kitchen goes back to the harsh boom and bust years of the industrial revolution of the 1800’s. Wildwood Soup Kitchen was started in 1992 and moved to its current location on our Church property in 1994. The hours and days of operation are 11:00-12:30 Monday – Saturday. Last year over 80,000 meals were served at the Soup Kitchen or delivered to homes. The Soup Kitchen currently has 12 area churches, two area grocery chains and nine area restaurants supporting with food, time and money.

Your Mission Team, as one of its local missions for the month of September, is helping with the Wildwood Soup Kitchen Snack Pack Program. This program is in addition to their meal serving. During the school year, the Snack Pack Program, delivers 115 packets to Wildwood Elementary School Friday afternoons and delivers 75 packs year round to Bushnell on Wednesdays for the children of migrant workers. Our Mission has budgeted \$500 and is asking the congregation to donate money or food items for the program by bringing your donations to the Church on Sundays in the months of July and August.

Children’s Snack Pack Items Needed

Granola Bars, Cereal Bars, Fruit Snacks, Fruit Cups,
Cheese Crackers, Peanut Butter Crackers, Chips,
Juice Boxes, Beanie Wienies, Vienna Sausages and Tuna.



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. “Is there anything breakable in here?”, asked the postal clerk. “Only the Ten Commandments.” Answered the lady!

Submitted by Jan Coleman

THE 2 CENTS PER MEAL “SPIRIT” Presbyterians Answer To Hunger (PATH)



2 cents . . . What can you buy now-a-days with 2 cents? . . . **It’s not a lot of money.**

There aren’t many penny candy stores around anymore, or any more penny candy dispensers! For that matter, it costs about a dollar or more to buy a candy bar, a cup of coffee, a glass of iced tea, or an ice cream cone. So what can you do with 2 cents?

Well, since 1982 Presbyterians nationwide have begun collecting a 2 cents per meal offering once a month to take action to help fight hunger. Each Presbytery creates **2 Cents Partners** locally and throughout the world to help provide nutritious food and to provide valuable training to grow food as an important means of survival and self-sustenance.

The Central Florida Presbytery uses the First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood’s 2 Cents per meal offering to **partner with four different organizations** that help feed Florida families and to support organizations in Central America.

The first partner is the **Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida** which collects and distributes donated food to more than 500 non-profit partner agencies. PATH funding helps cover the freight costs for this food distribution.

The second partner is the **Society of Saint Andrew** which organizes Gleaning programs which distributed 3.8 million pounds of nutritious food to food banks, pantries and shelters in 2017. Over 3000 volunteers participated in 2017, including the Florida Presbyterian’s Day in the Grove which normally takes place in December.

The third partner is the **Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR)**. This non-profit organization is working in Guatemala and Nicaragua to plant fruit trees, establish tree nurseries and to provide environmental education for teachers and farmers. They also build water wells, build fuel-efficient brick ovens and help educate everyone about the environmental challenges facing Central America. PATH funding covers the cost of a local staff technician who trains farmers in fruit and vegetable farming.

The fourth partner is **Dr. Daniel Turk who is a PCUSA Mission worker** in Madagascar who trains local seminary students in techniques to plant and grow fruit trees and vegetable gardens. These students will use the knowledge when they pastor local churches in rural areas of Madagascar where good farming is required for survival. PATH funding helps support Dr. Turk’s Madagascar project.



So, why don’t we all take a closer look at how we spend our collective 2 cents? There is so much good work taking place through the Central Florida Presbytery and our FPCW can be a stronger church participant. **Isn’t the “2 cents per meal” really about the “spirit” of giving, . . . that we recognize and give thanks for God’s blessings upon us each time we sit down for a meal?** Then maybe we can consciously make a plan to give more to those who need a little more. The 2 cents per meal program is another way to help us do this. One person, one meal each day of the month, 60 cents a month, can you round it up to \$1.00 per month, \$12.00 per year? Multiply this by 120 plus or minus members at FPCW . . . well, you do the math . . . **Yes! 2 cents can be a lot of money and it can go a long, long way to help alleviate someone’s hunger!** God bless you all!

-- Candice Ulrich

UPDATE ON MISSION GIFTS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH MAY 2018 - CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS’ AND VISITORS’ PLEDGES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS		
Basic Mission Support to the Presbytery	\$ 4,500	
Love INC	\$ 750	
House of Hope	\$ 1,250	
Haven	\$ 1,250	Plus “Mothers’ Day” Collection
Community Medical Care Center	\$ 1,000	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,099	
Disaster Relief for Puerto Rico	\$ 1,000	
Discretionary Funds for the Needy	\$ 200	
2 Cents per Meal	\$ 170	
Wildwood Middle High School Clothing	\$ 170	(from Soul Sisters)
Wildwood Soup Kitchen Snack Pack	\$ 60	(from Soul Sisters)
Total through May 2018	\$11,449	



ANOTHER FPC MEMBER FLIES WITH VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT



Bob Williams (pictured here with his guardian, Len Hathaway) was one of 14 Veterans who “flew” with Villages Honor Flight on Saturday June 23rd. This was a “flightless flight” where the Vets were treated to a simulated trip to Washington, DC, thru videography.

Bob is a native of Denison, TX, who enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943. He qualified for Officer Candidate School and became a commissioned officer. He was a physical fitness officer for pilots and crew who were being trained for B-29 Superfortrus combat mission in Europe.

After the war ended he was assigned to the 313 Bomb Wing on Tinian Island in the Pacific. The first atomic bomb run originated from Tinian Island that targeted Hiroshima on August 6, 1944. Six days later the Nagasaki bomb was dropped. Bob recalls flying over Japan, after the bombs were dropped and before the Japanese surrendered, with a squadron of 30 B0-29’s as a show of force. At the time of his discharge he had risen to the rank of major.

As a civilian he was executive director of the TMCA in Chicago for 25 years and had a second career in real estate at The Woodlands, TX. Bob was married for 53 years and had three sons with two surviving sons living in FL. He has six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He will be 100 years old in October.

FAITH, FAMILY & FOOTBALL GATHERING A BIG SUCCESS!

Last month we had the pleasure of listening to Head Coach McKinley Rolle give an inspirational speech titled “Faith, Family and Football” at FPC. There was an audience of about 70. A freewill offering was taken, and we collected \$1,525 to send members of the football team to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes football camp this summer. Robin Ladd had the pleasure of presenting the check to the Wildwood High School Athletic Director Ryan Harrison.



It should be noted that Coach Rolle led his team to a record of 9 wins and 0 losses last fall, following a record of no wins and 9 losses in 2016! Members of FPC have been attending these games, having lots of fun cheering on the players. They will continue to support them this year.



Coach Rolle has since accepted a position as assistant coach at Garden City community College in Kansas, where he will serve as a linebackers coach. About his tenure at WMHS, he told The Sun (June 15th issue): “In my high school coaching career, coaching at Wildwood is the most fun I’ve had and the one I’ll cherish the most.

The growth that the kids made and the transformation these young men have made as students, as athletes and as people ... it really was a joy and a pleasure to help develop them.” We wish him all the best in his new venture, and trust that his positive influence will extend to all of the WMHS players throughout football seasons to come.



FPC helped celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Janet & Lloyd Muench during the June 10th fellowship hour.

Getting To Know Our New Members!

(please remember to make a note of their contact information)



to Carol Copper



Carol currently resides in the Village of Pine Hills. She grew up in Jones Creek, Texas but spent the last 45 years in Bealeton in Northern Virginia. She has two sons and three grandchildren. Carol spent 30 years of her professional life as a 2nd grade teacher and eight years substitute teaching.

While in Virginia she enjoyed working in the yard during the Spring and Fall. In the summertime, plants had to survive on their own. She also enjoys puzzles, watching movies, Sudoku, doing activities in small groups and working with children. Carol visited five churches in the area and kept

returning to FPCW because of its size, friendly congregation, music, choir and potluck luncheons. Carol grew up attending the historical Gulf Prairie Presbyterian Church in Jones Creek, TX, where she sang in the choir; however, due to a severe case of bronchitis in the Fall of 2016, she can no longer sing at a choir level.

Carol's contact information: 3385 McCabe Street, The Villages 32163 Cell: (540)439-2287

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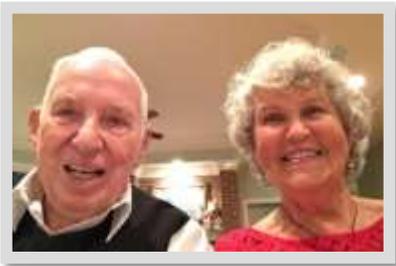


to Deb Foster

Deb currently resides in the Village of Tall Trees but is originally from Northwest, GA (Calhoun). She has two children and two grandchildren. Deb was a court reporter and enjoys reading, bridge and puzzles. Deb came to FPCW because of our location, size and our warm and welcoming congregation.

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debfooster15@aol.com



WELCOME
to Jo Ann and Bill Koster

In looking for new partners through the internet, Jo Ann and Bill found one other. They were married in 2016 in a small Presbyterian church they had been attending in Lake Hamilton (near Lake Wales) Florida. Bill's wife had passed from Alzheimer's after 57 years of marriage, and Jo Ann's husband died on a vacation trip to China. (Cont'd) **(Jo Ann and Bill Koster, cont'd)** Jo Ann and Bill are residents of the Rail's End RV Park. They stayed there previously in their motor coach and this February decided to put down roots, moving into a double-wide and selling their coach.

Jo Ann is originally from Knoxville, TN and still has a cute little southern accent. Bill is originally from Long Island, NY and has worked to get rid of his accent. Both of them have lived in Florida over 50 years.

Jo Ann has been in a number of business ventures, including Global Art Gallery and TLC Property Management in the Villages. She also owned and operated Cabbage Key Island on Florida's west coast. Bill retired from AT&T, having worked in the Florida City office for 30 years. He also had a small manufacturing business building riding size trains. Bill filled in as a part time transmitter engineer for WCIX-TV 6 in Miami.

Jo Ann enjoys gardening, water aerobics and is a licensed travel agent. Bill enjoys model railroading and is building an HO gauge railroad in an attached 12' x 16' building. They both enjoy travel and in the last 2 years have covered over 15,000 miles in their motor coach and gone on more than a half dozen cruises. On their trips they made it a point to attend a Presbyterian church each Sunday and can claim over three dozen churches in points as distant as Wyoming and Arizona.

After moving into the area, they looked for a Presbyterian (USA) church. They attended Weirsdale, Inverness, North Lake and First of Leesburg before finding Wildwood. They both prefer small churches.

Meeting new people and getting settled are an interesting part of their present life. If they are not in church some Sunday, they may be off on some other adventure.

Bill & Jo Ann's contact information: 7246 E. State Road 44, 12W, Wildwood, FL 34785
Tel#: (863)314-2841; email address: purlear@aol.com

WELCOME
to Herb & Lona Lunden



Herb & Lona currently live in the Village of Hadley and both are from the great state of Pennsylvania. They have one child and two grandchildren. Lona retired after 33 years from the Commonwealth of PA; while simultaneously co-owning a business with Herb in Pittsburgh. She also lived 12 years in Valdosta, GA working in the corporate/bookkeeping office of a pest control business. Lona enjoys mahjonn, bunco, reading, cooking, baking, a little sewing and volunteering at Love, INC., while Herb stays busy with old furniture and golfing. He remodeled an old Victorian house in Greensburg, PA and also had a new house designed and built in Valdosta, GA. An interesting fact about Lona, back in 1978 she trained, ran and completed "The Great Race" a 6.2 mile run through the city of Pittsburgh, while Herb had two pitching tryouts with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He also took all courses

with Dale Carnegie, and took all sales courses with Leadership Membership, Inc. He held/holds various positions within the Masonic organization (Mason, Scottish Rite Multi-commandry, Shriner).

Three years ago they were shopping for a small, friendly, community type church. They visited FPCW and decided to stay. And we're glad they did!

Herb & Lona's contact information: 432 Ainsworth Circle, The Villages FL 32162
Home: (352)775-9419; email: llunden@bellsouth.net



to Mert Murray

Mert was born and raised in Jacksonville, FL and currently resides in the Village of Woodbury. She has two children, three stepchildren, ten grandchildren, and eight greatgrandchildren! She retired from Bell South in 1990. In addition to being a preacher's wife for 21 years, her background includes a smattering of other activities: she was dental lab technician, a hospital medical records clerk, and secretary in the Dean's Office at Maryville College in Tennessee.

She and her husband David lived in Japan for 4-1/2 years, where David worked for Nippon Telephone Company. From there they moved directly to Ireland to their 75 year old farmhouse. They had fun fixing it up and enjoyed their best years there on the Dingle Peninsula. Her hobbies include quilting, reading, sudoku and crossword puzzles, lunching with neighbors and hosting O'Reilly White Chocolate parties. I don't know about you but I'm always interested in learning more about all things chocolate!

Mert originally came to FPC with friends Howard and Marilyn Newman because she wanted to hear Howard preach.

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THE SUPPER CLUB

Fifteen FPC members enjoyed a delicious dinner at Amrit Palace in Ocala on June 14. The Roberts who were concerned about curry in the food, found that there were many dishes that did not include any curry. They are now Amrit Palace converts!

Our next dinner will be at Continental Country Club restaurant, 50 Continental Blvd. Wildwood on Friday July 27. Robin and I have enjoyed many meals in this white tablecloth restaurant with soft piano music in the background. Food and service is good. Will tell you more about our evening there in the October issue of the Beacon.

Don't forget to sign up to be on The Supper Club list. Send me your name and e-mail and you will be among the first to know about our tasty dinners!

Rosemary Ganci
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ANNUAL CORN BOIL A BIG SUCCESS!!
Pictures tell the story better than words can express!



GAYLORD PALMS "ICE" Christmas Show – Thinking Ahead!



Join me as we journey to the Gaylord Palms "ICE" show in Orlando on Wednesday December 5. See two million pounds of hand carved ice sculptures featuring holiday scenes. Enjoy lunch (on your own) in one of the 3 restaurants, do a bit of shopping, see the Christmas tree lighting and the Cirque Dreams performance. Cost is \$60. This trip will put you in the Christmas mood. More information to follow. If you wish to be on the list for this trip, send me an e-mail.

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LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, July 19, 11:30 a.m. at Artman's Bar-b-que on HWY 42. All ladies are invited. Contact Carol Norton, 352-748-3459 or cjln540@gmail.com for details and reservations. Look forward to seeing you there!

Choir Rehearsal	The Choir is on Summer break and will resume in August.
Blood Pressure Clinic	1 st Sunday of each month, 11:30 – 12:00 noon
2 Cents A Meal Offering	2 nd Sunday of each month
Pot Luck Fellowship	3 rd Sunday of each month, after worship
DEADLINE REMINDERS	Beacon and Bulletin submissions: Remember to submit your articles for the Beacon and/or announcements for the bulletin directly to fpcmedia203@gmail.com . Beacon articles are due by the 4 th Friday of the month, and bulletin articles are due the Tuesday <i>before the Sunday your announcement will appear</i> . <i>Announcements will run for three weeks, and may be edited for length.</i>

AUGUST

Wednesday, Aug. 1	Worship Team Meeting Mission Team Meeting	9:00am 10:30am
Sunday, Aug. 5	Communion Blood Pressure Clinic in Fellowship Hall	10:30am 11:30am
Wednesday, Aug. 8	Finance Team Meeting	10:30am
Sunday, Aug. 12	Two Cents a Meal/Worship	10:30am
Monday, Aug. 13	Deacon's Meeting	2:00pm
Sunday, Aug. 19	Choir Practice Worship Potluck Luncheon	9:15am 10:30am After Worship
Tuesday, Aug. 21	Ladies Luncheon Session Meeting	11:30am 6:00pm
Sunday, Aug. 26	Choir Practice Worship	9:15am 10:30am

A Cute Little Poem from Donna Madison and Marge O'Kane

The choir has taken our seats again!!



Summer is here, the choir is on hiatus;
They're sitting with us In our long-cherished places!

We're thrown into chaos, but let's settle down;
Accept what we can't change, with love and no frown.

The choir has taken our seats, that's true,
not knowing they're in the wrong;



But soon they'll be back in the choir loft, filling our church with song!



On Sunday, June 3, members of the Joyful Noise and their guests enjoyed food and fellowship at our home. These pictures tell the story: laughter, camaraderie, food, wine, comparing shoe styles (it happened, trust me, there's a photo* to prove it!) but - surprisingly - no song! This was a chance to meet just for the fun of it, and we all did just that!



Marge O'Kane;-- Photos by Richard Barnes



***Shoe Style Comparison – A benefit of being hostess: you can wear bedroom slippers!**

