



First NEWS

“Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ”

January 2019

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Matthew 2:10-12

January 6, 2019 is Epiphany...it is the observance of the Magi visiting Jesus and offering their gifts. It is the famous 12th day of Christmas according to the English Christmas Carol. This year, January 6th and Epiphany, is our first time to worship together as the family of God in 2019.

According to Merriam-Webster epiphany can also be “an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being” or “an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as an event) usually simple and striking.” I often find myself having an epiphanic moment—a moment of sudden realization of something that has been staring me in the face for a long time.

Maybe there has been something that I have really been struggling to understand and keep staring so deeply at the problem that I can't often see the forest for the trees. Have you ever been there? Then finally, when you step back a moment, or approach the problem from a different direction, or ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you, then that is often a simple and striking solution to that problem. Has this ever been your experience?

I wonder if epiphany and the experience of the Magi have been so inextricably linked together because of their long travel, following the star. Once they saw that the “star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.” I believe it is this moment of overwhelming joy that marks their epiphany. I think it is the same thing for us. Rarely do you hear of someone having a negative epiphany. Usually, the epiphany comes at a time of great need and there is some sense of solution that comes out of this sudden grasp of reality.

Because the Magi were overwhelmed with joy, they entered “the house...and paid him homage...they offered him gifts.” What do you do with your joy? What do you do with your epiphany moments? Do you keep them to yourselves? Do you try to contain your joy? Or are you, like the Magi, so overwhelmed that you too respond with sharing your gifts?

As we begin the New Year together on January 6th, I invite you reflect on your moments of epiphany marked by “overwhelming joy.” I also invite you to respond in joy by sharing your gifts with Christ and his church. We are not necessarily looking for gold, frankincense, or myrrh but we are looking for prayers, study, and service. We are looking for greeters and ushers and communion preparers. We are looking for dishwashers, Sunday School teachers, and bus drivers. We are looking for faithful people with gifts for hospitality, mission, and fellowship. When you are so overwhelmed with joy because of an experience you have had with God-with-us, please let us know and we will find a way for you to share your gifts with Christ.



May God Bless you in this New Year!

■ Michael

WORSHIP



ChamberFest Vero Beach returns to First Presbyterian Church from January 21 through 27, 2019. Public performances are Saturday, January 26, and Sunday, January 27, both at 4:00pm. The festival will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church

Vero Beach. Both performances will be held in the sanctuary. They are free to the community and a \$10 donation is suggested to benefit the Vero Beach High School Orchestral program.

ChamberFest Vero Beach is an annual chamber music festival that integrates world-class chamber music performances with engaging hands-on workshops and thought-provoking discussions. “The workshop was very energized,” said 2018 Festival participant and clarinetist, David Welch. “The location, the VBHS students, the teaching leadership and ‘staff’ performance were some of the wonderful aspects of this year’s event.”

The performance on Saturday, January 26, at 4:00pm features solo work and collaborations by professional Festival Artists including Artistic Director Jessica Tong, Yuri Namkung, Amadi Azikiwe, Tobias Werner, and Michael Brown.

Sunday, January 27, at 4:00pm will include a joint performance with Vero Beach High School Orchestral students and the Festival Artists. The concert will end with a community sight-reading party, where audience members who play string or wind instruments can bring their instrument to join in with the Festival Artists and students on a large ensemble piece.

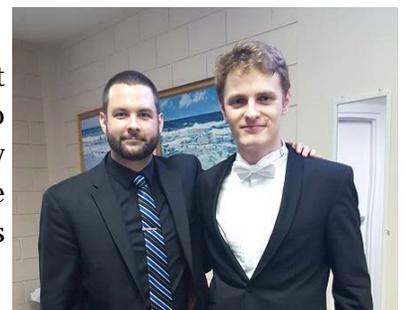
Through curated interactive lectures for the entire community, educational seminars for talented young students, a weekend amateur chamber music intensive workshop, and intimate performances by internationally acclaimed artists, ChamberFest seeks to break down the formal barriers between artists and amateurs and encourages a discussion about the interconnectedness of music with the world-at-large.

For more information, please contact Ginger Lagemann, Music and Arts Administrator, at (772) 562-9088 or Ginger@firstpresvero.org.



An opening reception for the Second Anniversary Celebration and Exhibition of the Galleries at First Pres will be held Sunday, January 13, 2019, from 12:30pm to 2:30pm, at First Presbyterian Church. Featured local artists include Vicki Beyer, Gretchen Green, and Darlene Kratovel. Tours will be available with an opportunity to meet the artists, and light refreshments will be served. This event is free to the community. The works will be on display from January 3 through April 1, 2019.

One of last year’s most exciting performances is making a comeback at First Presbyterian for this one-afternoon-only special engagement. A four-hand piano concert featuring Sergey Belyavskiy and Jacob Craig will be held on Sunday, January 20, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. This concert will feature both four-hand and solo performances. It is free to the community; a \$10 donation is suggested.



DISCIPLESHIP

Thank you to all those involved for a successful Breakfast with the Angels. A very special "Thank You" to Roger and Michelle Wagner for cooking for so many people. We served more than 200 people on Sunday, December 23rd. Looking ahead we would like you to mark your calendars for the following:

Egg Hunt - April 10th

Seder Dinner - April 17th

Spring Musicale - May 15th

Vacation Bible School - June 10-14

YOUTH NEWS



Florida's biggest Christian music festival is coming back to Universal Studios Florida earlier than ever before. **Rock the Universe** will take place on **Feb. 1 and 2, 2019**, and feature the live music, worship and thrilling attractions that we look forward to each year. According to theme park reps, not only is Universal excited about this new date, the artists are too! With the event being held in February, there are greater chances for milder temps and virtually NO chance of hurricane activity! Stay tuned for more details, or contact Jacob Strang to reserve your space!

MISSION

CUBA MISSION TRIP

This February, six members of First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach will leave from Florida to visit our partner church in Cabaguain, Cuba. This will be the third trip in as many years in support of this partnership. As with all our trips to Cuba (and other mission locations), the purpose of the trip is to build Christian friendships, foster greater cultural awareness, and support each other as seems right and as is appropriate.

As representatives from First Presbyterian Church we will be bringing items that are necessary from the continuation of the water filtration project (filters) and other items such as medicines and health supplies.

There is much that we can learn from our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Cuba. They have persevered in faith despite resistance from the government. They have learned to share their faith by action in satisfying human need. They have been faithful to the Word of God in trying times. One of the gifts that we bring through our visit is the simple gift of affirmation that their struggle and their example has been gone unnoticed.

As we prepare for this trip, please be attentive to requests for support and for collections of medicines. These requests will be lifted up to the congregation in January.

Please begin to pray for the support of this mission endeavor. First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach is excited that we can continue our focus on local, regional, and global mission.

Participants: Dr. Tim Womack, Elder Carol Smoyer (trip leader), Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland, Mimi Rutland, Sally Dussing, and Lucille Craig.

HOSPITALITY

FRIENDS BEYOND FRIENDLY

2019 will be a critical year for hospitably and the process by which First Presbyterian Church welcomes and includes our guests and new members. It is crucial that we create and establish an effective, continuing and replicable new member ministry so that we can empower our community to “faithfully” serve Christ through His church!

In a recent article on new church growth and vitality, the author reminded the church that guests, seekers and new members need more than a friendly church, they need friends! Our Guest & New Member ministry should be focused on enabling all of us to grow in our circle of caring and loving Christian friends.



The Hospitality Talent Team, as it has developed, has two major components: safety/security and new member assimilation and welcoming. Steve Nystrom, et. al, is running with the issues surrounding security and doing a yeoman’s job. The new member integration and welcoming is where we need some strong leadership, dynamic growth and transformation.

In 2019 it is our hope to realize a new member process that incorporates the following:

- * A monthly (third Sunday) meeting of the elders to bring in new members;
- * Creation of an Interview Team that will touch base with every new member for the purpose interviewing him or her, getting to know the individual and his or her gifts, needs and/or talents, and obtaining the appropriate information the church needs for the database.
- * A quarterly course offering of “Discovering Membership.”
- * More intentional conversations between the Hospitality Talent Team and committee chairs and team leaders as to the gifts and interest of new members.
- * The Hospitality Talent Team will more actively track the involvement of new members in the life of the congregation.
- * Successful integration of the initiatives throughout 2019 so that this process can be replicable each and every year.

Our vision for the new membership side of the Hospitality Talent Team will require 6-8 committed members who have a passion and a gift for welcoming others. If this is of interest to you, please contact Dr. Tim or Elder Deb Alich through the church office (772-562-9088). God has placed our church in fertile soil; let us be productive!

WEAR ME!

As a friendly reminder, we encourage our members and regularly attending guests to wear your name badges any time you’re on campus or attending an FPC function. It’s extremely beneficial for many reasons! If you do not have a name badge, kindly stop by or call the church office. We place an order once a month (typically the last week of the month) and will gladly get you one.



FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Night Dinners will start back on January 9th. We have had such a great turnout for our Wednesday din-ners this Fall. We hope you will join us as for this time of fellowship and faith sharing. Our Wednesday Program for January will center around Spiritual Gifts. Come find out where your strengths are and how you can use your gifts in the life of the church.

January 9th: White chicken chili, southwest chili, chili fixin's (corn chips, shredded cheese, sour cream, etc.), corn bread, salad bar, birthday cake.

January 16th: Pork loin, wild rice stuffing, roasted sweet potatoes, salad bar, lemon pound cake

January 23rd: Meatloaf, mac n cheese, sourdough bread, green beans, salad bar, peach cobbler

January 30th: Chicken with noodles, Italian peas with mushrooms, croissants, salad bar, Twix cookie bars

***Gluten free option each week is available b request with your reservation.*

MEET N GREET LUNCH

We hope you'll join us January 22, 2019, 11:45 a.m. as we head to FISHACK! Located at 1931 Old Dixie Highway, in Vero Beach, this restaurants casual at-mosphere and delicious fare will not disappoint! Kindly RSVP By January 15 to Deb Alice, daalich@comcast.net or 772-999-3644



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GEARING UP FOR SWEETHEART DINNER!

The Annual Sweetheart Dinner sponsored by the Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Group will be held Saturday, February 9th in McAfee Hall in the Christian Life Building. The doors will open at 5:30 PM, and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be served, followed by a delicious full course dinner.

On this occasion, the men of our church traditionally honor the women of our church. Single ladies will be guests of the Men's Fellowship, and they are encouraged to contact the church office (772-562-9088) and leave their name in order to receive their complimentary place at the table. Entertainment will include a string quartet from our youth orchestra, and our church's "less than famous" sister singing trio, lip synching your favorite all time pop hits. Several "Special Sweethearts" will also be honored.

Tickets for tables of eight (which includes two lady guests) are \$210, individual tickets are \$35. Glenn Conn and Steve Nystrom are ticket sales Co-chairmen. Glenn Conn can be contacted at 772-226-7911. Tickets will be available after January 1st on Sundays after services and from the church office during business hours.



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 6, 2019 "Gifts for King" Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Matthew 2:1-12			Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Office Closed 6:30PM AI-Anon	2 12:00PM Overeaters Anonymous 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 6:00PM AI-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir	3 10:00AM Silver Tones	4 12:00PM AI-Anon 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group)	5 12:00PM PW Annual Meeting
January 13, 2019 "Spirit Poured Out" Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Acts 1:14-17							
January 20, 2019 "The Ways of Righteousness" Rev. C. Michael York Psalm 36	6 8:00AM Worship - Chapel 9:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 10:00AM Wholeness & Healing 10:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:20AM IRE Van Pick-Up 11:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 12:00PM Wholeness & Healing 12:00PM Youth Group	7 7:30AM McAfee Floor Repairs 8:30AM Icon Art Class 10:45AM Regency Bible Study 1:00PM PW Meeting 4:00PM Hospitality Team 7:00PM AA	8 7:30AM McAfee Floor Repairs 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 7:30PM Preschool 8:30AM Icon Art Class 10:30AM Handbell Choir 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 4:00PM Discipleship Team 4:30PM Deacon Mtg 6:30PM AI-Anon	9 7:30AM Preschool 8:30AM Icon Art Class 9:00AM Pastor Michael's Study 12:00PM Overeaters Anonymous 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 3:30PM Quest Kids Club 5:00PM Wednesday Dinner 6:00PM AI-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir 6:35PM Disciples Bible Study	10 7:30AM Preschool 8:30AM Icon Art Class 9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Silver Tones 10:30AM Fellowship Team 2:00PM S. Chilberg Memorial Service 6:30PM Naomi Circle	11 7:30AM Preschool 8:30AM Icon Art Class 12:00PM AI-Anon 6:00PM Officer's Dinner 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group)	12 8:00AM Childcare Resources 8:30AM Icon Art Class 8:30AM Officer Training 10:00AM FPC Quilt Group 12:30PM Mended Hearts
January 27, 2019 "Scripture Fulfilled" Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Luke 4:14-21							
WORSHIP TIMES 8:00 a.m. - Worship in the Chapel w/Communion 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary	13 8:00AM Worship - Chapel 9:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 10:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:20AM IRE Van Pick-Up 11:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 12:00PM Youth Group 12:30PM Galleries at First Pres Reception	14 7:30AM Preschool 10:45AM Regency Bible Study 11:00AM Ruth Circle 1:00PM Grace Circle 3:00PM Trustees' Mtg 6:00PM Music Angels Recital 7:00PM AA	15 7:30AM Preschool 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 10:30AM Handbell Choir 6:30PM AI-Anon	16 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Pastor Michael's Study 12:00PM Overeaters Anonymous 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 3:30PM Quest Kids Club 5:00PM Wednesday Dinner 6:00PM AI-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir 6:35PM Disciples Bible Study	17 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Silver Tones 7:00PM Session 7:00PM Bingham Small Group	18 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Diabetic Eye Health Fair 12:00PM AI-Anon 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group)	19 12:00PM PW/Men Fellowship Luncheon
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:10 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (concurrent with Worship), held in the Children's Wing of the Center for Christian Life	20 8:00AM Worship - Chapel 9:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 10:00AM New Member Mtg 10:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:20AM IRE Van Pick-Up 11:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 12:00PM New Member Mtg	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY—OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED 10:00AM Chamber Festival Rehearsal	22 7:30AM Preschool 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 10:30AM Handbell Choir 2:00PM Chamber Festival Rehearsal 6:30PM AI-Anon	23 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Pastor Michael's Study 10:00AM Chamber Festival Rehearsal 12:00PM Overeaters Anonymous 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 3:30PM Quest Kids Club 5:00PM Wednesday Dinner 6:30PM AI-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir 6:35PM Disciples Bible Study	24 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Silver Tones 11:00AM Heritage Committee Rehearsal 2:00PM Chamber Festival Rehearsal 4:00PM Worship Talent Team	25 7:30AM Preschool 10:00AM Chamber Festival Rehearsal 12:00PM AI-Anon 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group)	26 9:00AM Chamber Festival 6:00PM 4H Dinner Event
OTHER SUNDAY HAPPENINGS 1st Sunday of each month we serve Communion. (at 9 & 11 am services) It is also the Sunday we hold our "Wholeness & Healing Gathering" in the Chapel after the 10 a.m. service has concluded. The 2nd Sunday of each month we collect a "2¢ a meal" offering—which is an ohms offering rooted in the tradition of placing a few cents in a jar or can at every meal as an expression of thanks for everything we have received. The offering raises awareness and funds for the fight against hunger. The 3rd Sunday is "Membership Sunday," or "Joining Sunday," where members of the Session and other church leaders meet with those who desire to join the church. This gathering is held in the Chapel after the 10 a.m. worship service.	27 8:00AM Worship - Chapel 9:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 10:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:20AM IRE Van Pick-Up 11:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 12:00PM Youth Group 12:00PM Discovering Membership Seminar 12:30PM Chamber Festival	28 7:30AM Preschool 10:45AM Regency Bible Study Diagnosis 4:00PM Hospitality Team	29 7:30AM Preschool 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 10:30AM Handbell Choir 6:30PM AI-Anon 7:00PM Annual Meeting	30 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Pastor Michael's Study 12:00PM Overeaters Anonymous 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 3:30PM Quest Kids Club 5:00PM Wednesday Dinner 6:30PM AI-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir 6:35PM Disciples Bible Study	31 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM SilverTones		

Monthly Ministry, Committee or Talent Team Meetings:

- Deacons - 1st Tuesday; 4:30pm; Earnshaw Rm
- Discipleship - 2nd Tuesday; 4pm; Baines Room
- Fellowship - 2nd Thursday; 11:30am; Baines Rm
- Finance & Policy - 1st Thursday; 3pm; Earnshaw Rm

- Heritage - 4th Thursday; 10am - Baines Rm
- Hospitality - 1st Monday; 3pm; Heritage Rm
- Missions - 2nd Tuesday; 1:30pm; Earnshaw
- Personnel - Tuesday prior to Trustees Mtg; 3:30pm; Baines Rm, as needed
- PW Team - 1st Monday; 1pm; Adult Activities Rm
- Session - 3rd Thursday; 6:50pm; Earnshaw Rm

- Trustees - Monday of the full week prior to Session; 3pm; Earnshaw Rm
- Worship - 4th Thursday; 4pm; Earnshaw Rm

Subject to change, at the discretion of each committee/ ministry team, as needed.

For additional information, please visit the church website: www.firstpresvero.org.



FELLOWSHIP

RESERVE NOW FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN/MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Men play key roles in the life of the church, and throughout the year, we call upon each other to assist in our missions. This month we're celebrating this mutually supportive relationship at a joint Fellowship Luncheon, to be held---- in McAfee Hall at 12 Noon on Saturday, Jan. 19th .

You'll enjoy an informative talk by guest speaker Eric Flowers, who joined the Indian River County Sheriff's Office after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and has served in a variety of roles, including patrol deputy, field-training officer, S.W.A.T. team and honor guard member, undercover detective, detective sergeant, and lieutenant of public affairs. He currently serves as the major of the Bureau of Administration. A graduate of the FBI's National Academy program, Eric holds a Master of Science in criminal justice from the University of Central Florida (UCF) and is now a sixth-year doctoral student of Public Affairs at UCF.

On the menu are barbeque pork and chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert. Cost is \$10, payable at the door. Reservations are required by Sunday, Jan. 13. Kindly call the church office -at 772-562-9088 to reserve.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a member of your family desires pastoral care while in the hospital or care facility, please call the church office or the pastor on duty. Your pastors are most willing to visit if they know about your need.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2019

The Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Group is making plans for an active and inspiring schedule of activities for the New Year. Following an Organizational Meeting and Election of Officers early in January, the men will jointly host a luncheon on Saturday, January 19th with the Presbyterian Women, where all men and women of our church will be invited to attend.

In addition to a delicious lunch, we will feature guest speaker, Major Eric Flowers, Public Affairs Officer of the Indian River County Sheriff's Department, who will speak on the timely subject of Security.

Of course, the popular Tuesday Morning Breakfast Meetings at 07:30AM every Tuesday at Cannon's Restaurant at the Airport will continue, and our flagship event, the Annual Valentine Sweethearts' Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 5:30 PM in McAfee Hall in the Center for Christian Life.

Complete details for these and other future events will soon be available.

FELLOWSHIP

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



JUST A REMINDER: PW'S ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY

A quick reminder to those who've R.S.V.P.'d. The Presbyterian Women's Annual Meeting is this Saturday, January 5, in McAfee Hall, with luncheon commencing at 12 Noon. See you then!

A SPECIAL BEQUEATH FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

While Dottie Baird is within the Church Triumphant, her kind and loving spirit lives on in a nearly \$10,000 bequeath she made to the Presbyterian Women to be used for scholarships for FPC Preschool. With the monies to be distributed over coming years, the Baird Scholarship Fund will enable more families to provide their little ones with a quality learning experience in an atmosphere of Christian love.

THANK YOU, ALL, FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS TREE LANE



Once again, the line of people patiently waiting for the doors to open stretched way-y-y across the church parking lot – a testament to how enormously popular Christmas Tree Lane has become! While we don't know the actual percentage of our church community who participated in some way, it surely was gratifyingly high. (And judging from the goodies on display in Cookies-by-the-Pound and Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, a lot of Florida kitchens must have heated up in the days prior!) Thanks to the time, talents, and generosity of all the ladies (and men!) involved, this year's event raised substantial dollars that the Presbyterian Women can distribute to worthy charities. To paraphrase Proverbs 11:24, by giving freely,

we all grow richer.

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

Have you considered joining a Circle Bible study? Try attending one to see if you'd like to join!

Ruth Circle: 2nd Mondays, 11:00 a.m. in the Adult Activities Room

Grace Circle: 2nd Mondays, 1:00 p.m., in the Earnshaw Room

Naomi Circle: 2nd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., E.T. Smith Lounge

Sarah Circle: 2nd Mondays, 1:00 p.m., East Art Room at IRE

NEXT PW MEETING IS FEBRUARY 4TH

All women of the church are cordially invited to our next PW meeting on Monday, Feb. 4th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Adult Activities Room. Fresh faces and ideas are most welcome as we start planning for our Spring Celebration in March.

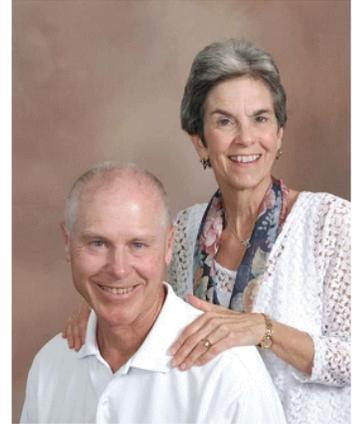
FELLOWSHIP

PROFILE OF A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN—JENIFER FOSTER

by Ann Faunce

There are only a handful of four-generation families in our First Presbyterian Church and one of these families is Jenifer Foster's.

Jenifer was raised in Royal Oak, Michigan. While she met her husband Ken in high school, they both went on to different colleges. Jenifer received her BS in Nursing at the University of Michigan. She went on to work in critical care and loved it! Ken went to Western Michigan University and received a degree in Education. The couple married after college and made their home in Flint, MI.



With the downturn of the economy, the Fosters moved to Cartersville in North Georgia. This was a difficult move as both loved being close to their families. And here they lived for 30 years. Ken was a teacher of high school social studies for a total of 37 years. He loved teaching kids! They raised 2 children, Melissa and Jeffrey. Melissa married Joel Shine and moved to Vero Beach. Their son Jeffrey married Jamie Dance and also moved away. Jenifer and Ken missed their kids and decided to move to Vero Beach. And the next year they brought Ken's parents to Vero! Then on December 20, 2015, all the family members in Vero together joined First Presbyterian.

Jenifer and Ken enjoy our church and have become quite active. Jenifer is a member of the Grace Circle as well as a member of the Christian Education Committee, now called Discipleship. She is taking guitar lessons at Primo and also does crochet for Project Linus, which donates blankets and quilts for children in need or for any child who needs comfort. Ken is a Deacon and a member of the Search Committee for our Christian Educator. Both of them love being with their 3 granddaughters who live in Vero and also visiting with their son's family and 3 grandchildren in Birmingham, Alabama.

When Jenifer went on a mission trip with her Georgia church to Juarez, Mexico, she says her faith became a deeper one. She says of Juarez, "It's one thing to read about or see on the news others' living conditions, but it's another thing to walk amongst their shacks and cardboard houses and 'walk in their lives'." Later, Ken and Jenifer made another mission trip to Louisiana after Katrina. She became more compassionate of the plight of others. The experiences were "eye opening and filled my heart," she said.

Jenifer's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 46:6: "Be still, and know that I am God." As Jenifer says, we can get so busy and we need to stop and pause and feel His presence. Wow! And we are so grateful to our Lord for Jenifer and Ken!

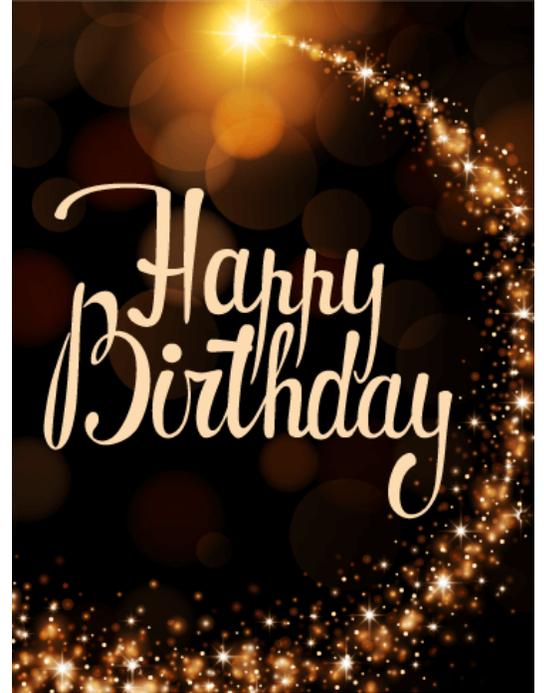
Prayer Net

Email prayer concerns to:
firstpresprays@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER!

2 Steven Franek
3 Beryl Ford
3 Reggie Powell
4 Terry Long
5 Deborah Winkler
5 Todd Dingee
6 Janet Hempton
7 Bill Brown
7 Graham Pritchard, Jr.
8 John Schumann, Jr.
9 Shirley Hagood
9 Ana Gatzke
10 Reita Byrket
11 Jane Fleming
11 Carol Bradley
11 Cole Seagrave
14 Blanca Capute
14 Jillian Barley
16 Maggie Fleming
16 Charles Coxson, III
18 Barbara Foster
18 Liz Smith
18 Jan Mooney
18 Dottie Singleton
18 Lisa Potochney
19 Elizabeth Thomas
19 Grace Wagner
20 Rob Nelson
20 Jimmy Peirce
21 Bill Weber
21 Anne Adams
22 Sue Broadhurst
22 Eileen Kennedy
23 Phyllis Jennings
23 Jake Erickson
23 Tiffany Hamilton
23 Makala Peirce
24 Raleighine Hoppe
24 Barb Miller
25 Jan Johnson
25 Ann Lewis
27 Rosalie Allen
27 Marie Forrest
28 William Palmer
28 Phil Nixon
29 Carole Coe
29 Nancy Harmon
31 Ralph Foster
31 Sandy Samson, Jr.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor
Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor
Rev. Graham Bingham, Min. of Congregational Care

Jacob Craig, Director of Music and Arts
Jacob Strang, Youth Director

ELDERS

Class of 2019

*Hilary Dobson, Carol Goodfellow, Terry Long, *Bob Satola,
*Bob Stuart

Class of 2020

Carol Campbell, *Steve Harrison, Steve Nystrom,
Noel Thompson

Class of 2021

Deb Alich, Harvard "Bud" Johnson, Carol Marks, Kari Palmer
*indicates Elder/Trustee

Clerk of Session - Connie Herr

Treasurer - Scott Westermann

Director of Development - Allan Bixby

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2019

Nancy Allerman, Karen Boylan, Glenn Conn, Kenneth
Foster, Rod Keefer, *Susan Long, Rebecca Palmer, Gloria
Raines

Class of 2020

Peter Coe, Churchill Cooke, Maggie Fleming, Sally
Lowndes, Barb Schwin, Susie Stoughton

Class of 2021

Scott Berran, Sue Coffey, Michael Goodfellow, Charles
Hancock, Jan Satola, Floy Turner
*indicates Moderator

Trustees-at-Large

2019 - Carol Beaty; 2020 - John Reed; 2021 - Melissa Shine

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