



# First NEWS

"Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ"

April 2019

What may be a little known fact about our Director of Music and Arts, Jacob Craig, will certainly become more common knowledge between now and Palm Sunday. For the last three years, Jacob has been diligently working toward his D.S.M. (Doctorate of Sacred Music) in Performance from the Graduate Theological Foundation, with postdoc study at Oxford University. As one of the last major parts of his studies, Jacob was tasked with selecting a tract focused on history, composition or performance (of a major work) for his final project. His choice? A performance-based project of Charles Gounod's *Messe solennelle en l'honneur de Sainte-Cécile* (*St. Cecilia Mass*).



After many months of rehearsals and preparation, our chancel choir and orchestra are enormously pleased to present this special Palm Sunday performance of the *St. Cecilia Mass* at both the 9 and 11am services on April 14, 2019. In the Latin Catholic, Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions, St. Cecilia is recognized as the patron saint of music. The *Messe solennelle* is the product of years of spiritual and artistic reflection by Gounod, a French composer who is quite famously known for his *Ave Maria* (based on Bach), his opera *Faust*, as well as his opera *Romeo et Juliette*.

This St. Cecilia Mass is considered a major work, which, if this is an unfamiliar term, is similar to a solo concerto for a pianist, violinist, or any other instrument, only for a full choir. The text of the Mass Ordinary is the go-to text for all choral major works, and has been done by all major composers. Jacob chose this major work with excitement knowing it could be done quite well with our dedicated volunteer chancel choir.

The *Messe solennelle* was premiered on November 22, Saint Cecilia's Day, in the Church of Saint-Eustache in Paris. The work is scored for full orchestra, with the addition of organ and originally SIX harps (one for our performance). It calls for three soloists—soprano (Dana Clearwater), tenor (Teddy Collins), and bass (John Toohey). In addition to the traditional movements of the mass—Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei—Gounod includes an Offertorium for orchestra alone and a "Crucifixus" section. During the resurrection, the music returns to its original assurance and ends with a special blessing in the eighth movement.

There is much emotional force to be had in the *Messe solennelle*, and much of it comes in the contrasting character of its successive movements. Gounod captures tranquility in the Benedictus, the grace and lightness of the Kyrie, and the more daring effects of the Gloria. The Credo is the cornerstone of the work, with the coming of God in the person of Jesus, the chorus breaks into individual parts. A series of modulations begins as the solo trio and chorus sing about the incarnation, and each harmonic change represents the miraculous transformation of spirit into flesh. Domine salvam, the movement that ends the work, is not part of the liturgical mass. Its text represents a special blessing stating "God save our church, and hear us when we call on you."



This mass is among Gounod's most reflective works. A well-known composer of the Romantic Era, Camille Saint-Saëns, who was able to hear the premiere, describes its effect on listeners. "We were at first astonished, then captivated, then conquered."

Jacob is truly honored to present this work, and it is with incredible gratitude toward the choir for their willingness and effort that will make this a reality. Additional thanks go to David and Barbara Lang for their support of it, and the introduction to tenor Teddy Collins. "The Chancel Choir can never receive enough of my gratitude for the incredible amount of work they put into making this a reality. Thank you from the bottom of my heart." ~ *Jacob*

# WORSHIP

Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and held (in the Western Church) between March 21 and April 25, on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox.

On Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the fact that the tomb is empty and that not even death can hold our Lord and Savior. The purpose of the resurrection is to fulfill scripture and usher in the new covenant. Most church newsletter articles on Easter will focus on three words; "He is Risen." This year, I would ask that you reflect on three different words to examine the resurrection of Jesus: "The New Covenant."

Throughout human history God has made many covenants with God's people. God made a covenant (promise) with Abraham that he would be the father of many nations, that he would be blessed in order to be a blessing. God made a covenant with Noah that he would help re-establish the direction of humanity. God made a covenant with Jacob and renamed him "Israel." God made a covenant with Moses and gave him the law so that he could continue to deliver his people from bondage. All these, in light of Easter, represent the old covenants. In the resurrection we receive the new covenant in Jesus the Christ!

During what is known as the Last Supper, Jesus celebrates the remembrance of the old covenant through the Passover meal. At the end of this meal Jesus introduces those three words, "The New Covenant."

When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come." He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you." Luke 22:14-20



The heart of Easter lies in his words, "the new covenant between God and his people." On Easter we celebrate the realization of this new covenant that affords us such freedom and assurance of grace. This new covenant, accessible to all, is loosed on the world.

On the Passover, an unblemished lamb was sacrificed as an atonement for sin. On Easter, God offers His Son, the unblemished Savior, as the sacrifice for our sins. John gives us this insight at the beginning of his Gospel. In John 1:29, as he sees Jesus approaching, John the Baptist announces to the crowd around him, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

This year reflect on three new words for Easter, "The New Covenant." We live in the freedom of that new covenant and we proclaim that new covenant and we celebrate God's profound love in that new covenant!

May You all have the most blessed Easter!

Sincerely,

Tim

# WORSHIP

## NEW ROTATION COMING TO GALLERIES AT FIRST PRES

An opening reception for Scenic Spring at the Galleries at First Pres will be held Sunday, April 14, 2019, from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Featured local artists include Jean Archibald, Pamela Schwartz, and Paul Williams. Tours will be available with an opportunity to meet the artists, and light refreshments will be served. The works will be on display from April 14 through June 1, 2019.

Jean Archibald has been drawing and painting since she was a child. Her work in graphite pencil led her to wonder what her work would look like in color. Her realistic watercolor paintings depict beautiful landscapes, old barns, dilapidated houses, and boats. Of her work, she said, "Being a self-taught artist and having had no formal instruction, my love of watercolor painting has brought me to a level that brings joy to my heart and happiness to the people who love the same and have acquired my works." Mrs.

Pamela Schwartz is best known for her thought-provoking work in exploring human emotion using acrylic and glazing techniques on canvas. Schwartz said, "All of humanity longs to discover their purpose in this life. My purpose is to help you examine yours." Pamela received her art degree from Humboldt State University in California. She is a mother of three and teaches third grade at Imagine South Vero.

Paul Williams received his Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from Pennsylvania State University. After graduation, he trained in interior design at the Philadelphia College of Art. He worked as a design associate for several architectural firms in Delaware for twenty years before becoming Design Director for American Design Associates in Baltimore. Upon his retirement to Vero Beach in 1997, Paul took up painting seriously. He took many watercolor classes throughout the years at the Vero Beach Museum of Art. Recently, he began using acrylics as well. Williams most recently won first prize in the watercolor category of the Vero Beach Art Club's annual "Art by the Sea" exhibition competition. Paul says, very simply, "If I like what I see, I'll paint it."

# DISCIPLESHIP

## JOIN US!

First Presbyterian Preschool & Church cordially invites you to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast!

**Place:** First Presbyterian Church (McAfee Hall)

**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2019

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

Join us for fun-filled morning of family activities! Your family will enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast, crafts, face-painting, balloon animals, the egg hunt and more. Admission is by a love offering donation. All proceeds will benefit the Preschool Scholarship fund.

Kindly RSVP to ensure we have enough food and activities for everyone by emailing our Preschool Director – [lorie@firstpresvero.org](mailto:lorie@firstpresvero.org) or Administrative Assistant – [helen@firstpresvero.org](mailto:helen@firstpresvero.org)

**...and don't forget to bring your basket!**



520 Royal Palm Blvd ~ Vero Beach, FL 32960  
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# DISCIPLESHIP

## LAST CALL!

The "Tim Cup" Golf Classic is coming to Sandridge on April 6th, 2019

Deadline to enter is Tuesday, April 2nd. Event registration forms are available in the church office.



Proceeds from this event benefit the Youth College Scholarship fund. Included in your \$100.00 registration is a light coffee hour prior to tee-off, 18 holes of great golf, a light lunch and awards/prizes!

Want to sponsor part of the "Tim Cup" or help with prize donations? Kindly contact John Barley (772-584-2306), Noel Thompson (772-321-3847) or Robyn Thompson (772-321-3834) for more information.

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## RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers and youth we had helping with our Youth Rummage sale this year, it was a HUGE success! We had lots of good quality donations from our members and beyond that made our pricing and setting up go very smoothly and everyone who attended the sale itself was beyond impressed with the quality of items we were selling. It could not have happened without you all! The youth thanks you so much. We will be using the proceeds from this sale to go towards our trip to Montreat this year the week of July 7th - 13th! So keep us in your prayers as we prepare to go and experience God throughout that week filled with influential speakers and Spirit led music, everyone is really excited!



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## VBS 2019



Summer will be here before we know it and summertime means VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! We are already busy putting together our team of leaders, volunteers and helpers! We'd love to have your love, support and willingness to volunteer the week of June 10th for an out of this world experience as we head "To Mars and Beyond!" There are many ways in which you add to the success of VBS. Please contact Robyn Thompson to find out more or sign up - [robyn@firstpresvero.org](mailto:robyn@firstpresvero.org) or 772-562-9088 ext. 122.

Registration forms will be available online and at the front office beginning the week of April 8th.

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## HOSPITALITY

### PHOTOGRAPHS FOR OUR NEW DIRECTORY

Are you ready to say, "cheese?" Stop by the Baines room on the following dates to have a quick photo taken for our upcoming directory. April 3rd, 4:30 - 7:30pm & April 7th, 9am - 1pm. These will be "come as you are" photos for all of the members, affiliates and friends of First Pres! No appointment needed; simply pop in! Additional dates will be announced shortly...stay tuned!



# MISSION

Many of you may not know that we have a partner church in the little town of Cabaiguan, Cuba. Over three years ago when a group of us traveled with the Central Florida Presbytery to visit thirteen of the Presbyterian churches in central Cuba, I stayed for several days at the Cabaiguan Church. Many of the churches were interested in partnering with Presbyterian churches in the U.S. After I returned, I wrote to Pastor Marlon Irrarragory and asked if he would like to have a partnership with our church. I asked him what this partnership would look like? He said they would just like to have a Christian relationship with us, praying for each other, sharing our ideas, and visiting each other's church when possible. Adults and Youth from our church volunteered to teach vacation bible school, Michael York and Jonathan Womack helped to install a clean water filtration system which the church shares with the whole town. Marlon and other members of the church have visited with us over the past 3 years as well.

Visiting with a Cuban family in their kitchen



Dr. Sam Rutland and wife Mimi, Dr. Tim Womack, Carol Smoyer, Sally Dussing



This February a small group of us planned a visit with the Cabaiguan church. We packed new filters for the water filtration system as well as a suitcase full of over the counter medications and used baseball equipment for Pastor Marlon to work with the young men in town.

We visited members in their homes, listened to their stories of family, their struggles and witnessed their gracious caring for others in their community. There is a life of relationships and family not possessions or lack of. They entertained us with games, songs and dances from their children. There is an abundance of musical and artistic talent because it is a fundamental part of the Cuban culture. Our ministers preached during a Friday and Sunday service and then Sally and myself helped Mimi teach Sunday school.

Pastor Marlon Irrarragory and his wife Ely



The women of the church fed us 3 meals a day and certainly sacrificed to provide us with more food than they themselves or their families might have had. Cuba is so close yet seems far removed from us. The members of the Cabaiguan Church are eager to know us and to continue to create a strong bond of friendship and love.

Submitted by Carol Smoyer, Mission Team



First Presbyterian Church participates in a build for Habitat for Humanity on the **first Saturday** of each month. Helping hands are encouraged to come and participate as you can. The workday begins at 7:30 am at the build site and ends at 12 noon. No tools or supplies are required; they have it all. Simply bring your own personal water bottle and a willingness to work! The Habitat for Humanity worksite is located off of Oslo Road and 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW in the Waterside community. We are excited to be working hand-in-hand with Habitat for Humanity and with each other.

Call or stop by the church office to get more information or contact church team coordinator Jeff Morgan!

**SUNDAYS @ FIRST PRES**

**APRIL 2019**

April 7, 2019  
**“From Wilderness to Wonder:  
 Yes, You Are With Me”**  
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Psalm 22:1-11

April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday and Cantata  
**“The Lord Needs It”**  
 Rev. C. Michael York Luke 19:28-40

April 18, 2019 - Maundy Thursday, 7pm  
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack

April 21, 2019 - Easter  
**“Wonder”**  
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack 1 Corinthians:15:19-26

April 28, 2019 - Kirkin' O the Tartans (11am)  
**“Wonder: Obedience”**  
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Acts 5:27-32

**WORSHIP TIMES**  
 8:00 a.m. - Worship in the Chapel with Communion

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary

**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

**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 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services.

For additional information, please visit the church website:  
[www.firstpresvero.org](http://www.firstpresvero.org).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Pastor Michael's Study 10:45AM Regency Bible Study 1:00PM PW Meeting 3:00PM Hospitality Team	<b>2</b> 7:30AM Preschool 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 9:00AM VNA Caregiver Conf 10:30AM Handbell Choir 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 4:30PM Deacon Mtg 6:30PM AI-Anon	<b>3</b> 7:30AM Preschool 12:00PM Lenten Midday Prayer 12:00PM Overeaters Anonymous 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 3:30PM Quest Kids Club 4:00PM Communion Class (kids) 5:00PM Wednesday Dinner 6:00PM AI-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir 6:35PM Disciples Bible Study	<b>4</b> 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Silver Tones 3:00PM Finance & Policy	<b>5</b> 7:30AM Preschool 12:00PM AI-Anon 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group)	<b>6</b> 8:00AM Tim Cup Golf Tournament - Sandridge
<b>7</b> 8:00AM Worship - Chapel 9:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 9:00AM Directory Photos 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	<b>8</b> 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Pastor Michael's Study 10:45AM Regency Bible Study 11:00AM Ruth Circle 1:00PM Grace Circle 3:00PM Trustees' Mtg	<b>9</b> 7:30AM Preschool 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 10:30AM Handbell Choir 12:00PM Shared Grief Luncheon 1:00PM Discipleship Team 1:30PM Missions Team 3:00PM Finance Special Mtg 6:30PM AI-Anon	<b>10</b> 7:30AM Preschool 12:00PM Lenten Midday Prayer 12:00PM Overeaters Anonymous 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 3:30PM Quest Kids Club 4:00PM Communion Class (kids) 5:00PM Wednesday Dinner 6:00PM AI-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir 6:35PM Disciples Bible Study	<b>11</b> 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Silver Tones 11:30AM Fellowship Team 6:30PM Naomi Circle 7:00PM Session Mtg	<b>12</b> 7:30AM Preschool 12:00PM AI-Anon 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group) 7:15PM Small Group (Bingham)	<b>13</b> 9:00AM Cantata Rehearsal 12:00PM Scottish Society Tea 12:30PM Mended Hearts
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**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.

# FELLOWSHIP

## SHARED GRIEF LUNCHEON

Led by Susan Long, our Faith Community Nurse, anyone experiencing loss is welcome to attend. \$5.00 cost covers lunch. These gatherings will take place every second Tuesday and the last Monday of the month. This month's grief meetings are April 9th and 22nd.

You can RSVP for any event you wish to attend by calling the church office at 562-9088 or by visiting the church website: [www.firstpresvero.org](http://www.firstpresvero.org) and going to the EVENTS section

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS IN MARCH

We'd love to have you join us for Wednesday Night Dinner! Check out the menus for the month of April and simply call the church office or head to the "Events" section of our website: [www.firstpresvero.org](http://www.firstpresvero.org) to RSVP. We hope you will join us as for this time of fellowship and faith sharing.

April 3rd - Taco bar with all the fixin's, black beans, Mexican rice, salad bar and tres leches cake.

April 10th - Sausage & peppers, baked beans, pita bread, salad bar and berry cobbler

April 17th - Seder Dinner - (special dinner event, tickets required.)

April 24th - Hawaiian meatballs, pineapple fried rice, naan bread, salad bar, pineapple upside-down cake

## APRIL MEET N GREET IS OUR EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET

Join us in McAfee Hall on Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 1p.m. for a scrumptious buffet catered by Blessed Manna.

\$30 per person; children under 10 - \$10; under age 3 - no charge

TICKET SALES RUN THROUGH APRIL 9

Seating is Limited — No tickets will be sold at the door

To purchase, contact the church office or Deb Alich - [daalich@comcast.net](mailto:daalich@comcast.net) or 772-999-3644

### APPETIZERS:

- Baked Crab Rangoon
- Boursin Stuffed Mushrooms
- Deviled Eggs
- Mini Quiches
- Fresh Assorted Fruit
- Salad: Mixed Greens with Mandarin Oranges, Cranberries, Lemon Poppy Seed Dressing

### MENU

#### ENTREES:

- Baked Mahi Mahi
- Baked Ham
- Prime Rib Au Jus

#### SIDES:

- Praline Sweet Potatoes
- Roasted Red Skinned Potatoes
- Southern Green Beans
- Sweet Corn Spoon Bread
- Zucchini & Sun-Dried Tomatoes
- Rolls & Butter

#### DESSERTS & BEVERAGES:

- Assorted tartlets
- Iced tea, water & coffee

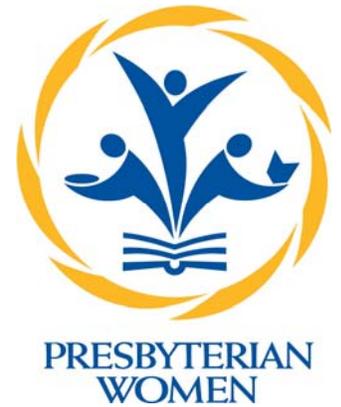


# FELLOWSHIP

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### CELEBRATE YOUR MANY BLESSINGS AT THE APRIL 10TH WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a very special Wednesday Night Dinner on April 10th . . . and we hope you'll join us! It's your chance to savor a delicious dinner while learning a little about a long-standing Presbyterian Women tradition – the Birthday Offering, which honors the countless blessings the Lord bestows upon each of us. The Birthday Offering dates back to 1922, when a group of women gathered to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church. At that time, they decided to donate a penny toward mission for each year of their life.



Led by the Holy Spirit to give as we have been blessed, Presbyterian women have faithfully upheld that tradition of mission-giving. Each year, the Birthday Offering funds up to 5 carefully selected projects in the amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. The life-changing projects chosen for 2019 are the Disaster Response Team for the Presbytery of Charlotte, NC; Effingham Child Development Center in Effingham, IL; Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc. for the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center in Phelps, KY; and Wings of Refuge, for a Restoration Home for human trafficking victims in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Take a few minutes to consider all the blessings in your life; then call the church office at 772-562-9088 to reserve your place at the Wednesday Night Birthday Offering Dinner. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. See you then!

### THANKS FOR SUPPORTING BLANKET SUNDAY

1 John 4:7 tells us to “. . . love one another, for love is from God.” Clearly, you demonstrated His love through your generous support for Blanket Sunday. The carloads going back ‘n forth to The Source delivered an impressive number of items that the homeless can call upon for warmth and comfort, specifically: 18 full-size blankets . . . 48 small blankets/afghans . . . 18 baby blankets/sheets . . . 9 bedspreads . . . 56 sheets/mattress pads/pillow cases . . . 55 towels/washcloths . . . 46 sweaters/jackets/sweatshirts . . . plus, 18 hats/scarves/socks. Wow!!! Also thanks to you, we'll be sending Church World Service a check for \$1,102.67 to support their critical missions here in the U.S. and throughout the world.

### ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE ON TRACK FOR SUCCESS

While the results aren't fully in yet, we're pleased to report that our annual Pledge Drive is on course to meeting funding goals. As you may be aware, the Presbyterian Women receives no church funding. Your pledges are our sole means of covering annual operating expenses and allow Christmas Tree Lane profits to go to our local and global missions. Once annual expenses are met, any overage also goes to mission. Last year your generosity enabled us to donate \$3,000 to deserving charities, and we are so very grateful.

### SAVE THE DATES!

May 6th: Next monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Women is Monday, May 6th, at 1:00 pm in the Activities Room of the Christian Life Center. New faces are welcomed with open arms!

May 11th: Spurred by the enthusiastic response to January's Presbyterian Women/Presbyterian Men Fellowship Luncheon, we're planning an encore! So mark your calendars for a joint Fellowship Luncheon on Saturday, May 11th, and watch for details in the Sunday bulletins/video screens and on an outdoor bulletin board.

# FELLOWSHIP

## PROFILE OF A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN—SALLY DUSSING

By Joan Irvine

Over the years, our church, now celebrating its 65th Anniversary, has seen many renovations. One recent face-lift was sorely needed -- our chapel. It caught the eye of Sally Dussing who saw such possibilities to create a special place for intimate worship. And, Sally set to work....

But first, who is this lovely creative Presbyterian Woman? Sally Dussing can be seen playing in the bell choir, helping with the courtyard gardening, and serving on the Worship Committee. Recently she was part of the FPC delegation to Cuba. A life-long Presbyterian, finding this church “sealed the deal” for Sally and husband, Don, to move here 14 years ago, dividing their time between Buffalo, NY and John’s Island.



Sally’s early beginnings were in Rochester, NY with her parents and older sister. Her Grandmother helped start the Irondequoit Presbyterian Church, where her mother led the youth group and Sally sang in the choir, played piano and French horn. She was active with the youth fellowship and attended a Christian Leadership camp for several years. After graduating from high school, she enrolled at Wooster College in Ohio, subsequently transferring to Rochester Institute of Technology where she graduated with a degree in retailing. It was at her first job in Cleveland, Ohio that she met Don Dussing.

Sally and Don married in 1965 after he returned from the service and settled in Buffalo, NY, Don’s hometown, where he worked at the M & T Bank. The family expanded with daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, and son, James, and became very active in the Kenmore Presbyterian Church. This church had a strong Presbyterian Women organization with several very active Circle groups. Sally reminisces that “without the Circle Four Bible studies, socialization and laughter, I don’t think I could have managed my young family.” She even represented Kenmore at the regional PW meeting at Purdue.

As a stay-at-home mom, Sally kept busy helping with the children’s activities throughout their school years.

With a move across town, the Dussings found another church home, Clarence Presbyterian Church, and there Sally joined the Session and became active with their gardening mission project. Along with two church friends, Sally started the Steven Program that lasted for ten years. It is recognized as a conversationally based support for those facing difficult situations - divorce, job loss, ominous diagnosis, etc. They trained in St. Louis for a week.

As the children grew up and moved out, Don retired. Sally says they “followed Don’s golfing buddies” to Vero Beach with a house on the beach for Sally. The search for a new church home brought them to FPC, drawn by the music, Pastor Tim and the friendliness of the congregations. The Dussings became members in 2005.

Besides church work, Sally is an ardent supporter of the Arts. She has served as a Docent for the VB Museum of Art for many years. That creative spark inspired her work to refurbish the FPC chapel.

Beginning with a thorough cleaning of the floors, and with the help of Jeff Rayfield who built the altar and Jerry Garrett who helped with the lights/sound system, Sally’s vision created the carpeted chancel highlighting a beautiful Communion table. The plain walls presented a problem until she looked into religious art, which further sets the reflective reverent mood. Little did she know that this idea would morph through Jacob Craig into the FPC Arts Committee and regular art exhibits around the campus! She still has plans for the large window repairs and other enhancements for the chapel, so the chapel project is ongoing.

Sally and Don have been married 54 years. Their adult children, Elizabeth, a teacher, Sarah, a professional French horn player, and James who works for the City of Buffalo, have given the Dussings nine grandchildren. Sally loves First Presbyterian Church and her retirement life in Vero Beach. Her favorite Bible verse is “Blessed to be a blessing to others.” Sally is truly a blessing to FPC!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL!

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1 Kay MacMillan  
2 June Bercaw  
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2 Don Winkler  
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7 Bonnie DeWaters  
10 Gary Peirce  
11 Janel Lund  
11 Brad Smith  
13 Jean Doud  
13 Margot Williams  
13 Chris Grant  
15 John Reed  
15 Melissa Peirce  
16 Orel Hershiser  
16 Carole King  
16 Heather Reeb  
17 Alan Linn  
17 Carol Beaty  
17 Les Herbst  
18 Graham Bingham  
18 Catherine Reichert  
19 Kirk Mearns, Jr.  
19 Nancy Raftery  
19 Ryan Caddy  
20 Gigi Giampietro  
21 Jane Thompson  
21 Marsha Brizzie  
21 Betty Burtch  
22 Jacob Craig, III  
23 Sarah Jane Moore  
23 Barb Burrows  
24 Josh Frantz  
25 Jerry Reichert  
26 Hugh Oldach  
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28 Bill Rountree  
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29 Biddie Mearns  
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## LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ◇ **Midday Prayer** - Wednesdays at noon in the Mighell Chapel through April 17th.
- ◇ **Wednesday Night Dinner and Devotion** - doors open at 5:00 pm for fellowship. Dinner and devotion begins at 5:30 pm and includes a brief time of meditation and reflection with special music.
- ◇ **Seder Dinner** - Join us for a Passover meal Jesus may have celebrated as well as a *Seder* that our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate to this day. Tickets are required. April 17th, 5:00pm in McAfee Hall
- ◇ **Palm Sunday Cantata** - April 14th in the sanctuary at 9:00 and 11:00 am worship services. Full choral and orchestral performance of the St Cecelia Mass, by Charles Gounod, composed in 1855. The official name is Messe solennelle en l'honneur de Sainte-Cécile, in homage of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music.
- ◇ **Maundy Thursday Service** - Held in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm, April 18th.
- ◇ **Good Friday** - office is closed
- ◇ **Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast** - see inside for full details
- ◇ **Easter Sunday Worship** - Celebrate the Risen Lord! 8:00 am in the Mighell Chapel, 9:00 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary. Sanctuary services streamed live at [www.firstpresvero.org](http://www.firstpresvero.org).

