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Hello, JoAnne!



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Thank you to everyone who responded to our plea for material to include in this and future editions of **The Messenger**. You may notice that a LOT of your comments and experiences are included in this edition! One person who stepped up to the plate BIGTIME is Betty Percy. (She's baaaaaaaaaaaaaack!) By popular demand, Betty wrote one of her famous articles/stories on Jake Swartout. We hope you enjoy her piece, and tell her so if you do! We hope to see more of Betty's articles in the future.

To reiterate for those of you who were gone for the July/Aug edition, we would LOVE to have a stockpile of short stories and pictures about things like our church history, interesting family/member biographies, personal dreams for the future of the church...those sorts of things. Call us to schedule an interview, or submit an article with ideas, facts and/or pictures for possible future use. Your knowledge and passions could be tremendously helpful in keeping our finger on the pulse of this church and its members, especially as we grow and change.

NEED COMMUNICATIONS?

Do you want to advertise a church event on the big screen before/after Sunday services?

Do you see wrong information on our website or Facebook page?

Do you need to send out a church-related email to a specific list of email addresses?

Do you want a flyer/poster/graphic for your church-approved event?

WE CAN HELP:

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Prayers4Patriots

Please be praying for a new start-up mission for Veterans: Prayers4Patriots is dedicated to recruiting Prayer Warriors with a heart for God and Veterans. Our goal is to daily ask for God's strength and healing of body, soul, mind and relationships for specific heroes. We will learn their stories, support them and their families, and offer encouragement via sharing of prayers and potentially adding our own stories of life, grace, hope, strength, and peace.

Prayers 4 Patriots is being started by U.S. Army Veteran and First Pres NPB member, Eric Gilliland.



My goal is to assemble and sustain the world's largest and most energized group of prayer warriors. Every day, these prayer warriors will ask God to allow grace, peace, and strength to be experienced by specific military patriots and their families.

There are charities for Veterans addressing everything from providing financial assistance, retrofits of homes and vehicles for mental or physical injuries, special wheelchairs/walkers, children's college funds, marriage counseling, job search help, etc. However, how helpful are these resources if God isn't present in the situation? At this point, there are no organizations specifically focused on praying for these military patriots to find, strengthen, or sustain a relationship with God. Prayers 4 Patriots will assist in filling this void.

My vision is that the names, stories, and specific needs of these heroes will be submitted to the mission by the family, friends, or church members of the heroes themselves. With a lineup of submissions, Prayers4Patriots will be able to email an individual story daily, accompanied by a prayer suggestion.

If you would have talents in any of these areas, we are looking for volunteers with a passion for Veterans to help get this ministry off the ground:

- ▷ Completing non-profit IRS tax forms
- ▷ Building a website
- ▷ Gathering names/stories from family and friends, fellow church members of Military Patriots wanting or needing prayer
- ▷ Building a list of interested Prayer Warriors to help ease sign up when website is built

Our projected launch date Jan 1, 2019. If you are interested in hearing more about this massive outreach, or if you are interested in helping us with your talents, time or prayers, please contact me at prayers4patriots@gmail.com.

Eric Gilliland ❖
Prayers4Patriots@gmail.com

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving in your heart, present your requests to God. And the Peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"
—Philippians 4:6-7



JoAnn Hayes

NEW! Coordinator of Senior Adult Ministry

Hello First Presbyterian Church Family!!

M happy to be your new Coordinator of Senior Adult Ministry!

My husband Woody and I have been members at First Pres for two years. When I retired three years ago from being the Administrator at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, we began visiting churches in the area and found we both liked it here. I grew up in Michigan and was truly blessed to have been baptized, confirmed and married by the same minister at First Presbyterian Church in Saginaw. Here at FPC in North Palm Beach, it felt like coming home.

I really enjoyed retirement, but my husband hasn't retired yet! Since we aren't able to make plans for travel or to fulfill any bucket lists or to just be home together, I began looking for

things to do and for places and ways to serve God. I started volunteering in the First Pres church office. What a wonderful staff we have!

Why Am I Coming Out of Retirement?

My husband was recovering from surgery a few months ago; it had been raining for days and we were stuck in the house and I admit I was a little bored. I remember praying, "God, You have blessed me with many gifts; is what I'm doing what You want me to do with them?" I guess He was waiting for me to bring up the subject because it wasn't long before Nori and people in the church were talking to me about taking this position. I am so grateful.

A little about me...

I met my husband the summer before I started college. He had just finished his third year at MIT and was home for the summer. Despite all the hassles of living away from each other (usually in different states), we were married in July before my senior year. Woody was working for Dow Chemical and after graduation, I began teaching in a rural middle school.

I always wanted to be a teacher. When I graduated from Central Michigan University with an English/math degree in secondary education, I couldn't wait to get started and I loved it. A year later my husband was starting veterinary school at Michigan State, and Lansing became our home for the next five years. I got a job teaching 11th grade English at an inner city high school and thought it was the best job in the world.

Almost 35 years ago, with two baby girls, two dogs and all our worldly possessions, we moved to Florida and my husband opened a veterinary practice in Juno Beach. During these past years, we have made Florida our home and feel truly grateful that we live here.

We have been blessed with two amazing daughters, their God-given spouses and a wonderful granddaughter named Anna.

What do I like to do in my spare time?

I love being with our family & friends; I love to hike, garden, read, study the Bible, play mahjong - and I love having fun!!

I am very excited about meeting all of you and doing ministry together.

Blessings,

JoAnn Hayes ❖

jhayes@firstpresnpb.org



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."—Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)





Financial Focus

Giving: a condition of your heart

by Gayle Coughanour, Administrator

"I work hard for my money so I can have nice things."

"I need all of the money I make. How will I pay my rent, buy food, or pay for my children's sports if I give some of it to God?"

"I just don't make enough money to tithe."

"I'm not a rich person. Let the rich give."

"Why does God need my money? I need it!"

Having served in the financial realm of churches for many years, I have heard comments like these way too often. We think that the money we make and resources and abilities we have are ours to do with what we want. Yet, if you are a Christ-follower, this concept is all wrong. In the book of Genesis, we see that God created everything and put Adam in the Garden to work it and take care of it. Man was created to work and take care of everything God had given him. God owns everything; we are simply managers acting on His behalf.

Giving is much more about **how** you give rather than **what** you give. It is a condition of your heart and the practicality of your faith. In Mark 12:41-44, Jesus watched as rich people placed their gifts in the temple treasury. A poor widow dropped in two small coins. Jesus called His disciples to teach them a valuable lesson: "This poor widow has put in more than those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had; all she had to live on." When it comes to giving, it is not quantity but quality – the quality of our devotion and obedience to God and our faith in Him. The rich gave from their wealth, which implies, what they had to spare (leftovers rather than firstfruits). The widow gave all she had because she knew it was His to begin with and she had faith He would keep His promises and provide all she needed. Jesus was recognizing and admiring generous and sacrificial giving. As believers, we should consider increasing our giving – whether of money, time or talents – to a point beyond convenience or safety, and trust the promises of God...

...after all, that is what God put us on this earth for. ❖

The Church has just completed its fiscal year. Pertaining to the General Fund, we are pleased to report, as shown on the chart below, that we not only increased income by \$145,062 (6.8%), but expenses decreased by \$11,548 (.5%) from the prior year. This is significant because we were able to give employee raises in 2018, which they had last received 2-1/2 years ago. Also, considering half of our congregation has also participated in giving to the Building on our Blessings building campaign during the fiscal year just ended, we are grateful that the revenue to the General Fund also increased. Thank you to those who continue to support First Presbyterian Church in the giving of their time, talent, and treasures.



"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)



Getting To Know First Pres: Elders & Deacons

Before a member is asked to serve as an elder or deacon, a nominating committee is formed to pray and wait for God's guidance in filling each vacancy. After being asked to serve, candidates then spend time in prayer, again waiting for the Holy Spirit to guide them. The commitment is one which sometimes challenges patience but blesses the individuals on a level that allows them to grow in love and service to God. Honestly...it just doesn't get much better than that! To serve the Lord elicits a new sense of importance: one that leaves behind self-importance and focuses on Kingdom importance.

As members of the ECO Presbyterian denomination, we enjoy a structure of ruling elders and serving deacons: men and women who are called by the Holy Spirit to actively serve the congregation for a period of three years (although they are ordained for life) as the governing body of First Pres. Each Elder oversees a committee within the church and reports to the Session. The Session is the collective group of Elders: both ruling (those currently serving a three year term) and teaching (our pastors ordained by ECO), along with the Clerk of Session, who is a currently serving or formerly ruling elder, and is considered the Congregation's representative at Session. The Clerk has many duties, including keeping the Session minutes, as well as minutes of congregational meetings, acting as Session parliamentarian, and helping set the Session agendas. The Session meets monthly to strategically plan, vote, and act upon issues at the core of the short and long-term operation and ministries of the Church and concerns of the congregation. They also serve communion, both during worship services and occasionally to people who are no longer physically able to attend worship services.

Each deacon actively serves one of the committees which the elders oversee. In addition, deacons are the people that greet you and give you a bulletin at each worship service, collect the offering, count attendance at Sunday school

and worship services, deliver flowers after church, provide security services, and many other duties and gifts of service.

And perhaps one of the greatest responsibilities of elders and deacons is the example they set for all generations through the manner in which they joyfully, lovingly, and selflessly fulfill their vows of ordination, work in unity together, and demonstrate their faith through the giving of their time, talents, and treasures to support God's Kingdom on earth. A Biblical reference to the roles of elder and deacon is found in the Scriptures 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

If you receive the call from a member of the nominating committee to serve your congregation as an elder or deacon, please earnestly pray and consider accepting. You will take vows of ordination which, when fulfilled, will be one of the greater blessings in your life. Our heartfelt thanks to all past and present elders and deacons. Those currently serving (and the committee they serve) are:

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2018: Nancy DeSantis, Worship; Lisa Hawkins, Personnel; Jim Laub, Missions; Wentz Miller, Finance; Greg Smith, Evangelism

CLASS OF 2019: Shirley Alley, Congregational Care; John Donegan, Finance; Tom Miller, Discipleship; Barbara Sullivan, Children's Ministries; Ken Weda, Missions

CLASS OF 2020: Angelo Arcadipane, Personnel; Skip Hudson, Facilities; Becky Isiminger, Fellowship; Becky Mulcahy, Worship; Rebecca Nelson, Student Ministries

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2018: Jack Baldwin, Facilities; Gordon Betts, Congregational Care; Meg Brown, Missions; Robby Drake, Facilities/Security; Brenda Edwards, Congregational Care; Mary Ann Fleming, Student Ministries; John Heidtke, Facilities/Security; Adib Nabhan, Facilities; Kacy O'Brien, Congregational Care; Virginia Pavlik, Children's Ministries; Bill Smedley, Congregational Care; John Whalen, Facilities/Security

CLASS OF 2019: Greg Arnold, Facilities; Frances Balducci, Congregational Care; Jennifer DeLuca, Evangelism; Ray Dorsey, Finance; Karl Hesse, not assigned; Nancy Keeler, Congregational Care; Gail Littlefield, Congregational Care; Jeff Mallat, Security; Beets Pando, Fellowship; Gwen Pitcairn, Evangelism; Ann Talley, Fellowship; Donna Wright, Fellowship

CLASS OF 2020: Rolando Agular, unassigned; Sue Becker, Discipleship; Lea Carey, Fellowship; Linda Coolidge, Worship; Piper Crisafi, Fellowship; Annie Dougherty, Congregational Care; Jeremy Grimmett, Facilities/Security; David Parizek, Missions; Chuck Platner, Missions; Barbara Romano, Missions. ❖

Thank you to Liz Prince-Walter, Gayle Coughanour and Lisa Hawkins for collaborating on this article.



Student Ministry Update

Kimberly Sanders
Director of Student Ministry

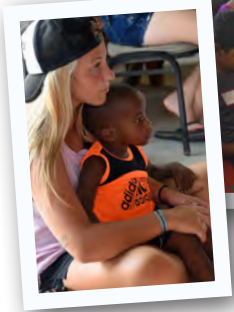


Student Trips to Cuba and NC

This summer our high school students traveled to Cuba for a week to visit church plant families and ministry partners. There were seventeen people on the trip. We presented a children's program at four different churches and went out in two different communities to pray for the people and tell them about Jesus.

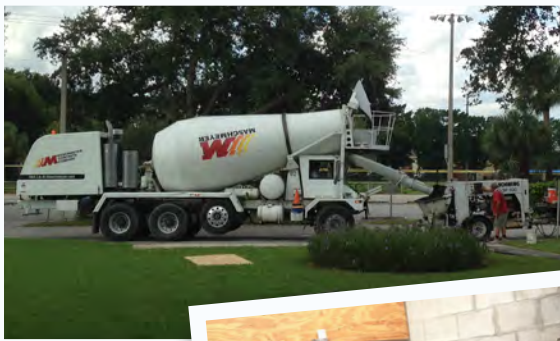
Our most recent trip was to Student Life Camp in North Carolina. Forty one middle school, high school students and leaders had a great week growing in our faith, enjoying God's creation and sharing special times with each other. God blessed us in many ways. I saw His hand in the planning and preparation – through leaders, in conversations, during worship and in every detail. Students and leaders alike grew in their relationship with the Lord!

Kimberly Sanders



Church Renovations

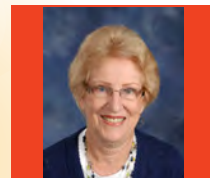
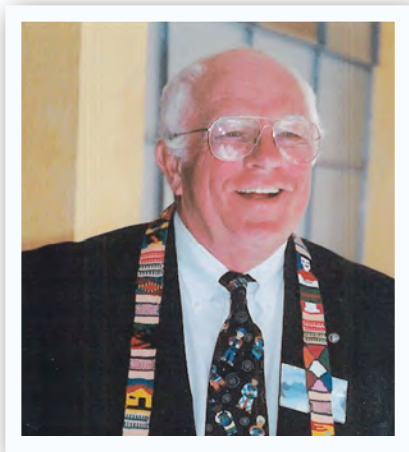
Thank you to David Wratlslaw for continuing to send us these pictures periodically!



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SENIORS, LOOK AT THIS! ▶
◀ (Those are Ron's pictures!)

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featuring
REV. RON HILLIARD
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by Betty Percy, Guest Contributor

Jake Swartout

The greatness of a man

What—or maybe I should say, who—is a great man? What makes a man, in the eyes of those who know him, great? I will proceed to show you the qualities of a great man... Jake Swartout, known to some as Jefe (spanish for 'Chief').

I think the one word answer might be **service**. You ask, "Service? Service to whom?"

Service to God

Having moved to south Florida 40 years ago to work for RCA, "the finest company I ever worked for," and having been a Congregationalist, Jake's wife Alice looked for a church and found... you guessed it: First Pres in North Palm Beach. Jake found First Pres to be friendly, and a good place to learn more about God with excellent preaching and an openness to all people. Jake said, "Lucky is an extremely good teacher and a great man of God."

Jake and Alice joined the church in 1974. She loved it, but Jake was a Sunday morning golfer until he was found by Jim Stout. Jake and Jim became fast buddies and still are today. It wasn't long before Jim Stout realized what a treasure Jake was. As only Stout could do, he soon got Jake involved in all kinds of programs at the church. One of the most interesting is the **Men's Breakfast**, which has now evolved to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am on Thursday mornings.

The Men's Breakfast began at the NPB Country Club 43 years ago on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am.

From the Country Club, they moved to the bar at the Holiday Inn, and from there to other places. They even met in Hawkins Hall and cooked breakfast on an electric frying pan! They raised money for our seminary kids, Don Mason and Dave Sellers. A partner of Jake's, Ken Coleman, was the chief cook during those days, but many men have had a hand in the kitchen over the years. When First Pres was building the Fellowship Hall and kitchen, none other than Jake Swartout designed the kitchen.

Jake was asked to start a program for seniors, and thus began **Keenagers**. Jake said, "That was easy... Just set a date and time and they will come," and come they did! They took trips all over south Florida and enjoyed the fellowship led by a really funny man. Jake reported, "It was a lot of fun."

As a member of the Missions Committee for fifteen years and chairman for four, Jake was very involved in Guatemala. He first went with Lucky and Shannon Ginn to continue the relationship started by Dr. Bill Duke. With not one of the three able to speak much Spanish, they

began a precious relationship with the people of Chichicastenango. At first they went to build widow's houses, and then they decided they wanted to do something else that would make a lasting impression on the people of Guatemala, and was also really needed: a Christian School.

The land was donated and First Pres was to raise the money to build the school. Over the time we were building the school, 150 folks went to Guatemala to work. Jake made 26 trips to that



JANUARY 2003



Central American country. In 2007 we gave the school to the Primitive Methodist Church, who is currently running the school.

The school has grown and now has double sessions. They have added four more schools in various Cantons throughout the area. God has blessed all those who went on those trips





and all the teachers and students who have learned more about God and his blessings to them. All this happened because of a man —Dr. Bill Duke— and another man who carried out his dream: Jake Swartout.

Jake also served as a deacon and an elder, he served with *Jesus and You* (J.A.Y. Ministries) for 16 years, and served in *Gathering of Men* for six years. I guess you could say, "If there was a job to be done, you could call on Jake."

Service to Home and Family

Jake saw Alice standing on a diving board in 1956. He thought, "That girl is good looking, has a good figure, and she smiles a lot." Later he found she was very funny, just like Jake. He felt he got along well with her parents. They were married in 1960, went on to have three children: Karen (who has grandson Jessie), Chris (who has granddaughter Grace), and Jennifer. It was once told that when Alice was singing in the choir, Jake knew just where to sit in the congregation so he could see Alice.

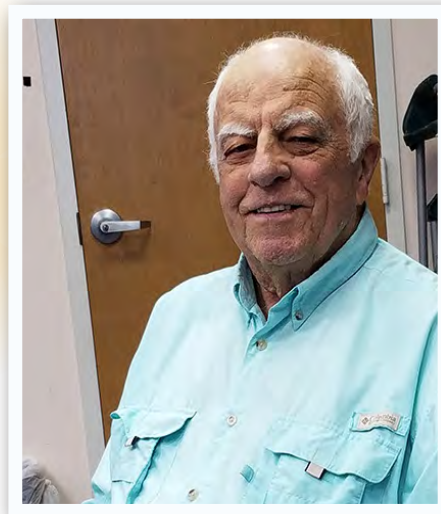
Jake and his family moved to Orlando at the age of 10. His Dad felt Michigan was too cold and he opted for sunny Florida. Jake played football, basketball, ran track and baseball. He was an all-state football player and inducted into the Winter Park Hall Of Fame. He attended Wabash College, which is still one of only two all-male colleges in the U.S. There he played football and ran track. Hearing the footsteps of the draft and having enlisted in the Navy Reserve while in high school, Jake became a college drop-out. Jake completed his degree (night school) at Rollins College.

Following his military career, Jake worked as a surgeon's orderly at Winter Park Hospital. He said he was a "grunt" setting up and cleaning up. As some know well, a thread runs through First Pres: The man who took over the orderly job when Jake left was our own Dave Talley. Jake went to work for Martin-Marietta as an assistant buyer and worked his way up to manager in the purchasing department. They were working on missiles and bombs. He worked there for 12 years.

Jake learned that RCA in Palm Beach Gardens was hiring and became the head manager working with computer parts. When RCA began losing money and went out of business in this area, Jake was offered a job in Cherry Hills, New Jersey. Jake said NO! He and Alice started looking into buying a business and that is how he got started in Florida Golf and Tennis. With stores in NPB, Lake Worth, Stuart and Ft. Pierce, it was a "good thing while it lasted" for 18 years. They closed all stores in 1987.

Service to Country and Community

In 1958, knowing there was a draft, Jake enrolled in the Naval Reserve. The Navy only had four-year hitches, so Jake declined to join the Navy, He received his Honorable Discharge from the Navy and joined the Army. He served active duty for six months and then was in the active reserve working his way up to Staff Sergeant. While in the Army, Jake worked as a medic, stationed at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. He commented that organic chemistry quite possibly kept him from becoming



a doctor! ▷ *I think Organic Chemistry changed many people's plans!* ◁ Jake received another Honorable Discharge from the Army, to add to his Honorable Discharge from the Navy.



Jake loves to fly fish, play golf and boast about his Florida Gators. He will 'work you over good' when the Gators beat FSU. ▷ *Fortunately that has not happened recently. I am a FSU warrior.* ◁

He loves the Kiwanis club, serving as Florida Governor and being an active member for 46 years. As an active member, he is most proud of The Aktion Clubs, started in Florida and officially adopted by Kiwanis International. The Aktion Clubs is a service club for developmentally disabled young people. At the time when Jake was starting that club, there were two developmentally disabled young people in the congregation at First Pres. Jake had a real heart for their struggles and felt they were left out. He is most proud of this club. Today there are over 12,000 members and 600 Aktion Clubs worldwide. It is his pride and joy.

One last thing I learned while talking to Jake is he has an incredible memory. He was telling me about one specific play in a football game (FSU vs. Wake Forest). He knew every detail of that game. (His dad officiated many of the FSU games, so that is why Jake was there.) If you want to know other amazing facts about anything, just talk to Jake.

What makes a great man? A man who loves his God, his family and his country. That is Jake Swartout. ❖



2018 Pilgrims

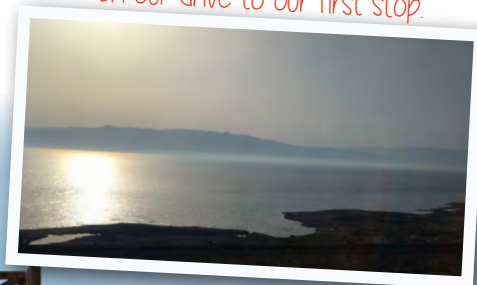
It was springtime in Jerusalem when we pilgrims journeyed. Our whole being joyfully anticipated the budding and unfolding of events that to this time merely took up space between the margins of Scripture. We were swept into iconic sights, sounds and settings; the song of an ancient land locked in timeless character. We were people of faith on a journey of a lifetime. Our hearts' throbbed and stirred with the realization that we had finally made it to the Holy Land! The stand out moment for me as a 2018 pilgrim from First Presbyterian Church was the SPIRIT...THE HOLY SPIRIT. It encompassed every experience, and was most present in and through the instruction of our tour directors, Dr. Jim Martin and his assistant Ty, and the leadership of our group directors, Skip Hudson and Kitty Perry. The Holy Spirit also enfolded us into the prayerful guidance of Reverend Arnold and Penny, and our invincible Coach Bob and Margaret Schuemann. The Spirit also embraced the friendly sojourners on the bus as they prayerfully prepared daily devotions, and

also closely guided our skilled and trusted bus drivers, Kamal, and his nephew, John. Yes, the Holy Spirit was ever present in our passage. God's Holy Spirit parted the sea as we made our trans-Atlantic journey, poured manna from heaven as we delighted in exquisite Middle Eastern cuisine, drew living water from Jacob's well as Lucky read the accompanying Gospel text, and awakened visions of fiery pillars and the adversary in the wilderness! The words that favor my memory of this Holy Land experience are taken from Ephesians 5:2 "Walk in love, as Christ loved us." We pilgrims, indeed, walked in love, spoke in love, and formed lasting bonds of love that continue to inspire and strengthen our faith. Our remarkable journey gifted us with a greater depth of insight into Holy Scripture, and has stirred a deepened desire to study and cover our lives in Christ.

Annie Dougherty
First Time Pilgrim

This is the beautiful Dead Sea on our drive to our first stop.

This is a picture of the 40 pilgrims from First Pres, along with our our teacher Dr Jim Martin. Eighteen started out on April 12 for a pre-trip to Jordan and the rest joined us in Israel on April 13.



On the cover:

The Bible comes alive after you have been there... *Kitty Perry*

We took a bus ride ride to Miami, an eight-and-a-half hour flight to London, traveled 90 minutes in what seemed like 10 miles between terminals at Heathrow Airport –including a bus, train, moving sidewalks, elevators and very long security wait again– and we barely made it! Next came a five-hour flight to Tel Aviv and then an hour bus ride to the hotel...most of the suitcases showed up! After 21 hours door-to-door, a bed never looked so good!



A little fun on the bus!

...Now when I read about Jerusalem; the Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Dead Sea, the Jordan River, the Judean wilderness, the Western Wall of the Temple, Jacobs Well, etc., I can see them in my mind's eye (not to mention from the pix on my phone), and it's easy to picture Jesus sharing parables and speaking to the multitudes...

Mike Atwater, PhD, AKA 'Mo'

Seeing the places where so many Bible events actually occurred helped me understand these events in a whole other and fuller way. I will never read the Bible or hear another Bible message without reflecting back on the trip and "seeing" the event in my mind...

John Carey

An unforgettable moment at Jacob's Well where Bible history events occurred from Abraham's time in the Promised Land to 2,000 years later when Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well.

Anita and Roger Bellier



...We walked where Jesus walked, sat where He sat, and took in what He beheld. Each step was truly an emersion of Old and New Testament events that heightened and enlightened my understanding of the roots and evolution of my faith...

Salvatrice Insinga (Sally)

...My trip to the Holy Land was like walking through the pages of the Bible. Reading the scriptures now, I see the place and understand the times...

Anita Bellier

Editor's Note: An enormous THANK YOU to Kitty Perry, who provided most of these pictures and fun commentary to go with them! Also, thank you to the 2018 Pilgrims for welcoming me as a fly on the wall of their reunion/study group, so I could get a correct feel for their experience. I must say...you guys are a little nutty! I loved it! –Carter Maysilles



Children's Ministries: F

School has now begun and we are back in the swing of things here at First Pres. We kicked off the school year with a BACK TO SCHOOL BASH where we had fun with games, prizes, ice cream sundaes and our class pictures. We are grateful to our teachers for their commitment to our church family as they love and encourage our children to follow Christ. One of our amazing teachers pictured (below) is Brother Bill. Bill Dennis has been teaching First



Pres kids for many years. Not only does he continue to show God's love with enthusiasm, as you see here, but he also volunteers yearly at our summer camps. Bill is always prepared for the weeks lesson and strives to enrich our students with a deeper understanding. Brother Bill has twin daughters, Emily and Jessica Dennis who are active in our youth department. Thank you so much, Brother Bill, for your gentle spirit and care for our students.

THE ORCHARD

The Orchard is our preschool Sunday School program for 2 year olds through prek - 4.

During the month of September, children will learn the importance of trusting God through stories such as Noah and Jonah. The memory verse: "Trust the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5

KINGDOM CONNECTION

Children can memorize just about anything without even trying. When my children were very young they loved to watch the same movies over and over again. Before long, they knew most of the dialogue—word for word. The same can be done with Scripture memorization. This semester the Kingdom Connection kids will learn about Jesus, our Good Shepherd, and will be challenged to memorize the Twenty-Third Psalm. It may seem daunting at first, but by using repetition, and coordinating games and crafts to reinforce the lesson, I'm certain that if they attend regularly, they will be able to memorize and recite the Psalm by the end of the semester. And most importantly, they will have hidden God's Word into their hearts; a priceless treasure for their lives!

Your Kingdom Connection Teachers,
Sarah Keith & Trish Wikse

FUN ARTS CAMP

After taking a year off from Fun Arts Camp due to renovations we wondered if the turn out would be as successful as in years past. We were sweetly surprised that 72 students attended this year's camp. Students had three opportunities to experience a new skill, or continue to learn a skill that they enjoy. This is the smallest camp we host at First Pres, but is truly a special camp because of the willingness of others to share their talents with the campers.

Each morning our campers met for worship, games and a devotional. The theme this year was based on 1 Corinthians 16:14: "Let all that you do be done in Love"

CLUB 45 is FIRED UP FOR FALL

After a busy summer season of VBS and attending Music and Fun Arts Camps, Club 45 members should get ready for a great year of growing together. Mark your calendars for these fun events:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd
Club BOWLING at Jupiter Lanes.
3:30-5:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th
The HILLARIOUS HAUNTED FAMILY ROAD RALLY
Bring the WHOLE family for a HALLOWEEN Road Rally around NPB.
2:00-4:00 PM

Along with all these fun social events, members of Club 45 will be spiritually challenged each week as we begin our series, "Aesop's Fables and the Truth about God," a series about knowing and trusting God.



Back to School!

K'MOTION ❖ KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE
KINGDOM CONNECTION ❖ 2ND & 3RD GRADE
CLUB ❖ 4TH & 5TH GRADE

CHILDREN'S FALL 2018 EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND CLASSES
Dinner at 5:30 pm / Music Theatre at 6:00 pm / Clubs (K-5) at 6:30 pm

- SEPTEMBER 22 CLUB BOWLING / 4th & 5th grade / 3:30 / Jupiter Lanes
SEPTEMBER 30 MILESTONE COMMUNION CLASS / 2nd Grade Students Only / 9:30 am / Conference Room
OCTOBER 7 MILESTONE COMMUNION CLASS / 2nd Grade Students and Parents / 9:30 am / Conference Room / World Communion Sunday at The Way
OCTOBER 7 FAMILY DAY AT THE WAY / Young Families / Noon
OCTOBER 27 CLUB ROAD RALLY / 4th & 5th grade / 2:00 pm / Meet at Hawkins Hall
OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN / No Clubs / Enjoy Trick or Treating
NOVEMBER 21 THANKSGIVING WEEK / No Clubs
DECEMBER 2 MILESTONE SOCIAL MEDIA / 5th grade parents only / 9:30 am Conf. Rm.
DECEMBER 9 MILESTONE SOCIAL MEDIA / 5th grade students only / 9:30 am Conf. Rm.

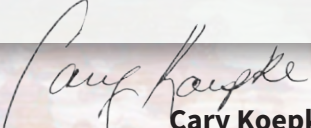
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

- DECEMBER 1 SNOWY DAY / 2nd & 3rd grade / 9:30 am / Meet at Church
DECEMBER 5 CHRISTMAS PARTIES / ALL CLUBS / 6:00 - 7:30 pm
DECEMBER 16 JINGLE JAM / 7:00 pm
DECEMBER 20 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL / 6:00 - 7:30 pm
DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT / Actor's call 4:30 pm / Service 5:30 pm

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- JANUARY 3-6 FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

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Join us the first Friday of each month
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Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate
Friday, October 5

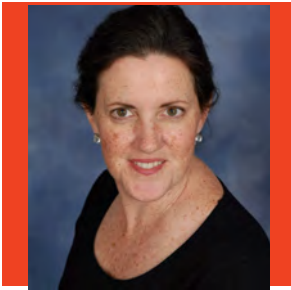


Respectable Sins
by Jerry Bridges
Friday, November 2



A Long Way Home
by Saroo Brierley
Friday, December 7





Prayer & Care

Liz Prince-Walter
Congregational Care Coordinator

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance[a] upon you and give you peace. — Numbers 6:24-26

October 7th: World Communion Sunday

Did you know the first celebration of World Wide Communion occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 as an act of Christian unity and hope? This year, Christians around the world will celebrate the Lord's supper together on October 7th, and here at First Pres we will serve communion at all worship services. ❖



GriefShare is a Christian-based study group that gives confidential support after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. For more information, contact Grace Robertson at 385-6405. "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

Home Goings

- JULY 9TH LEMME SAMUELS
- JULY 8TH DALE POUPARD
- JULY 23RD DONNA KRANENDONK
- SEPTEMBER 5TH ASHLEIGH PRICE
- SEPTEMBER 5TH COLIN JOHNSON
- SEPTEMBER 7TH MARIE LANEY

Thank you...

Dear Pastors, Chair Members, Church Members and Friends,
As Isaiah 41:13 says: "For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'"
And help me He did, with many prayers given for me plus cards, visits, phone calls and flowers. Thank you for all your love.

— Barbara Kenall



Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, flowers and beautiful blue prayer shawl.

— Marie Pinschmidt

Stephen Ministry

First Pres is blessed to offer one-to-one lay caring ministry through the Stephen Ministry program. Our First Pres Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Find out more at www.stephenministries.org, and request your own Stephen Minister by calling Liz Prince-Walter, Coordinator of Congregational Care: 622-8818, ext. 104.



Congratulations

Births:
July 13th Daniel Quinn Finch
(Emily & Brad)



PRAYER CARD for September 2018

Please join us in joyful thanksgiving for the following:
 Will & Nancy Ackles, warmly received as they serve 4 rural churches in Ireland.
 Kreg Van Hoesen fully recovered after 9 grand mal seizures & intubation.
 Glenn & Linda Schoonmaker celebrated 60th wedding anniversary 8/17.

Please pray for healing and for the families of the following:

Anne	Adams	non-Hodgkin lymphoma, sister-in-law of Dave Adams
Jessica	Ahonen	
Dick	Ainsworth	friend of Dave/Bonnie Adams
Sandra	Allen	cancer, mother of Kim Law
Linda	Amero	
Barbara	Anderson	cancer
Robert	Arcadipane	metastaticized cancer, brother of Angelo Arcadipane
Patty	Barkett	cancer, friend of Barbara Zech
James	Belton	peace, Jim Arn's stepfather
Casey	Bicknell	grandson of Sadie Bicknell
David	Boscher	friend of Jack Utley
Catherine	Broadhead	hearing loss, balance issues, pleurisy
Brian	Burbridge	cancer
Kayla	Campbell	strength and comfort
Helen	Christie	abdominal aneurysm, mother of Alice Millward
Joyce	Cochran	back ailment
Rev. Jeff	Conway	lateral scoliosis
James	Cook	brother of Barbara Cook
Bob	Cook	brother of Barbara Cook
Dale	Cook	
Lana	Cooper	
John/Vicki	Copeland	brother/sister-in-law of Hank/Linda Copeland
Ava	Crowley	cancer/remission, granddaughter of Tim/Lucy Crowley
Mike	Crowley	cancer, brother of Tim Crowley
Linda	Deakin	hospitalized after a fall, sister of Emily Hughes
Walt	Downey	cancer, friend of the Purcells
Jim	Dowling	Waldenstorm cancer, cousin of Priscilla/DickMcKinnon
Terry	Ernst	
Kate	Fife	brain aneurysm, niece of Sara McDonnell
Marie	Flynn	
Rev. Mike	Francis	friend of Sara Parente
Carl	Fromm	uncle of Denzel & David Wilson
Baby Zoe	Fuente	daughter of Danielle/Brian, cousin of Santiagos
Dolly	Gaiser	Canavan disease, niece of Tim Gooley
Joanne	Galganski	family member of the Galganskis
Ron	Garling	father of Hope Garling
Robert	Garretson	stepbrother of Peter Venzara
Richard	Goldsmith	brother of Linda Schoonmaker
Steve	Gooley	cancer, brother of Tim Gooley
Tim	Gooley	
Bob	Grace	brother of Marianne McCann
Capri	Grotowski	granddaughter of Priscilla/Dick McKinnon
Bob	Hale	cancer, friend of Janice Wielgus
Pauline	Hale	back ailment, friend of Janice Wielgus
Linda	Haller	friend of Laura Volstad
Bruce	Hansborough	cancer
John	Hatch	friend of Dave/Bonnie Adams
Belinda	Heisler	cancer, relative of Laura Volstad
Mick	Hewsen	brother-in-law of Cindy Medlin
Colin	Johnson	pancreatic cancer
Melissa	Johnson	MDS, a form of leukemia, niece of Traci Buick
Charles	Keister	cancer
Bob	Keith	
Clay	Kelly	head injury, coma
Anna Kate	Kimball	niece of Laura McLeod Volstad
Jay/Barbara	Kingston	awaiting kidney transplant for Jay
Kathy	Kirby	Multiple Myeloma
Simone	Kornfeld	cancer, friend of Janice Wielgus' granddaughter
Joan	Kulp	
Kutsmeda	Family	friend/colleague of Barbara Zech
Michael	LaCava	alcohol rehabilitation, grandson of Sharyn Seaholtz
Paul	Land	
Charlie	Landers	cousin of Kim Law
Marie	Laney	Degenerative Muscular Sclerosis
Connor	Law	health, son of Greg/Kim Law
Joe	Lees	
Angel	Lopez	retinal detachment
Laurie	Luher	leukemia, friend of Anne Laird
Jennifer	MacGeorge	cardiac concerns, step-daughter of Cindy Medlin
Kelson	MacGeorge	pending surgery, grandson of Cindy Medlin
Mark	Mader	strength and encouragement
Anne	Mallett	sister of Ellen Reed
Jay	Mallett	nephew of Ellen Reed
Brian	Marro	throat cancer
Santiago	Martinez	cancer, 5 yr old friend of Gordon/Laney Lewis
Marlo	Massey	family concerns

PRAYER CARD for September 2018

Bunny	Mathisen	neuropathy in legs
Kenneth	Matthias	nerve/mobility challenges, son of Lois Matthias
Lois	Matthias	awaiting back surgery
Bob	Mayer	
Lori Grobe	McCree	brain aneurysm, sister of Katie Thompson
Madison	McKie	great-granddaughter of Charles/Jan Spencer
Betty	McKim	cancer, friend of Eileen Hamilton
Audrey	Meitz	aunt of Debbie/Jim Tabor
Pete	Mitchell	
Holden	Miller	car accident, nephew of the Keiths
Richard	Moore	father of Cora Barnhart
John	Moreaux	colon cancer, friend of Jane Higginbotham
Bob	Morganthaler	stroke, friend of Dave/Bonnie Adams
Pam	Mullender	
Robert	Murphy	cancer
Andrew	Murray	grandson of Emily/John Hughes
Michael	Murray	son of Emily/John Hughes
Jane	Nielsen	dementia, sister of Jacqueline Bogle
Shelly	Nettles	cancer
Reid	Nelson	
Matthew	Newell	grandson of Lois Newell
Art	Nickler	
Sally	Nix	niece of Pat Stewart
Sue	Pace	sister-in-law of Nancy Arn
Melanie	Peace	cancer, niece of Paschals
Tracey	Peer	needs kidney transplant, friend of Mary/Bob Mayer
Ralph	Percy	
Shannon	Percy	
Edward	Peterson	cancer, father of Lauren Dunlop
Nicholas	Pfeffer	nephew of Leigh Miller
Mike	Phillips	cancer, friend of Volstads
Jim	Piersall	bladder cancer
Marie	Pinschmidt	
Everett	Pope	RSV, grandnephew of Ginger/Mitch Stump
Brian	Potter	friend of John Hannon
Ashleigh	Price	colon cancer, daughter of Ron/Debbie Price
Phil	Prinzhorne	father of Feather Evans
Pearl	Ramlackan	
Inez	Reed	sister of Sadie Bicknell
John	Richmond	colon cancer, nephew of Ellen Reed
O'Neal	Rilee	cancer
Jasmin	Roman	MS, friend of Galganskis
Winnie	Romoser	severe back pain
Alexandra	Ross	brain surgery Jan. 15, niece of Susan Earle
Pat	Sabia	
John	Scarborough	lymphoma, friend of Robyn/Larry Lewark
Rob	Schade	son of Pat Pero
Josh	Schans	brain cancer, son-in-law of Barb/Jim Laub
Dick	Schramm	
Mark	Schuler	
Allan	Schultz	
Steve	Schwimmer	stroke, friend of John Hannon
Amanda	Shatusky	P.O.T.S. disease, cousin of Cindy Medlin
Windsor	Shewbridge	friend of Dave/Bonnie Adams
Mitch	Sides	paralyzed, ski accident, concern of Terry Shimkus
Donald	Silber	
Joseph	Siple	
Don	Smith	colon cancer
Judi	Smith	daughter of Jeff/Tracy Stanley
Brielle	Stanley	cousin of Pat/Marjorie Sither
Richard	Steele	blood clots, legs & lung, First Pres Facilities Manager
Bob	Sticken	colon cancer, father of Rob Stickle
Bob	Stickle	cancer, good friend of the Purcells
Marge	Stillman	sister of Tom Miller
Dolly	Stokes	
Jerry	Taylor	
Conrad	Thirbenny	stroke
Joe	Triggs	friend of John VanHorn
Angela	Trout	breast cancer, friend of Kristina Arn
John	Turecki	malignant sarcoma, friend of Peter Venzara
Jamie Brown	Vanacor	scuba diving accident, friend of McKinnons
Beth	Vandenberg	multiple sclerosis
Macchi	Villanueva	cancer, mother of Dana McMichael
Billy	Vogelson	cancer, friend of Jeremy/Chris Ann Grimmert
Elsie	Wade	mother of Barbara Sullivan
Betty	Willison	
Denzel	Wilson	
Lora	Wood	rheumatoid arthritis, friend of Priscilla McKinnon
Jane	Woodliff	friend of Pam Tignor
Chip	Woodring	
Richard	Zachrich	pneumonia, dementia, friend of Hrudas
Sue	Zickert	friend of the Schramms





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September 12 - December 5

5:30 dinner available for purchase

6:30 classes begin

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Walking with God:
Connecting and Staying in Step with God
in the Midst of Daily Life - Led by Catherine Hilliard
Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10 - Fellowship Hall B

Bible Study on Book of Colossians - Led by Ron Hilliard
Oct. 17, 24; Nov. 7, 14, 28 - Fellowship Hall B

Pastor's Bible Study - Genesis 1-11 - Chapel

Loving
Others

Parenting Class:
13 Things that Mentally Strong Parents Don't Do
- Led by Mary Tatum, licensed therapist
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov. 7 - Fellowship Hall C

Griefshare - Led by Grace Robertson - Administrative Library

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English classes - Led by Emily Content
Come and learn / practice English.
Also a great place to volunteer to have conversations
with those learning English. - *Administrative Kitchen*

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