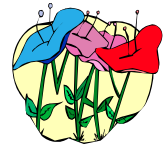




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The Pastor's Pen

Unconditional Love

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

One debt is much greater than the other but both are forgiven – equally. God doesn't choose sides. But He does recognize sins and the sinner, and He does forgive – all debts, big or small. This is what Jesus was trying to get Simon to understand. But, as we know, this

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Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference (Year C)

May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9–15, Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

May 9

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15–23
Luke 24:44–53

May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16–34, Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12–14,
16–17, 20–21
John 17:20–26

May 19

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b
Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21
John 14:8–17 [25–27]

May 26

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1–5
John 16:12–15

Must Do List

Column repair

June luncheon hosted
by Bill and Brad

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Events this Month

May 4

SPRING FLING, 9 a.m-3 p.m.
Acts 16:5 at Dogwood Acres

May 5

Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.

May 7

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

May 12

Communion service, 10:30 a.m.
Mother's Day

May 27

Memorial Day

was a difficult concept for the Pharisees to understand, and it's just as difficult to understand today. Why should we attend church, work hard to avoid sin and try to walk in the footsteps of Jesus if someone else who doesn't try at all has the same opportunity to be our equal in the eyes of God? It's not fair! But God's love is unconditional and it is unending. God is love – the pure essence of love. There are many different kinds of love but only one pure love and that comes from God and is given to all who have faith and believe. Our lives are tarnished by our sins but can only be made clean by the blood of the lamb. This is what the book of Revelation has taught us during our studies in April. Come and learn what else the Lamb of God has in store for us.

Blessings, Jo



Short News Items

If you would like to schedule an appointment with Pastor Jo, please call 850-902-1653 to schedule a time and location to meet with her.

Do you need a ride to church or to a special event? If so, call Linda Lade at 623-0017 and she will either drive you or get someone else who can.

Session Highlights

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MILTON, FLORIDA

Session Meeting APRIL 21, 2013

<u>Session Members</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bill Kerrell	Nicole Frenk
Linda Lade	
Leslie Yandle	<u>Guests</u>
Brad Schild	Sharon Stebbins
Jean Mourey	Tammy Mendiola
	Remy Kublik
	Gerry Yandle
<u>Moderator</u>	
Pastor Jo Kublik	

Welcome/Quorum/Call to Order:

A quorum was declared by Pastor Jo. The meeting was called to order with prayer given by Bill Kerrell.

Jo Kublik thanked Gerry Yandle for conducting the service the previous week in her absence.

Approval of Minutes:

Each attendee had read a copy of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Betsy Dodson has been instructed as to functions of treasurer. As she was not able to be present, Linda Lade reported.

Money Market Fund: \$18,867.05

Checking account: \$10,347.55

Change for the Church: \$1,917.48

A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Clerk's Report (Jean Mourey):

Jean went through the Pelican Pouch filling out the session positions and officers.

Committee Reports

Christian Education (Bill Kerrell): Bill had nothing new to report.

Stewardship (Linda Lade): Linda had nothing to report. Bill Kerrell asked to be informed of availability of inexpensive Bibles to be given to new church attendees.

Worship (Jo Kublik): She announced that she and Tammy Mendiola are working towards a second Sunday service for families with disruptive members who are not comfortable in a traditional church setting.

Personnel (Leslie Yandle): Leslie informed Pastor Jo Kublik she needs her mileage report to complete her contract. Jo responded she will comply. Jo announced that Jeannette Harman will be coordinating servers for Communion.

Membership/Mission (Nicole Frenk): Tammy Mendiola reported that 19 vendors have thus far paid for spaces at **The Spring Fling** to be held May 4, 2013. Milton High School will provide volunteer students to help with carnival games. Nicole Frenk is making arrangements to have sawhorse signage to place in front of the church and other advertising signage through The Chamber. Tammy said she has arranged with Debby Coones of The Press Gazette to

runs advertising. Tammy said she will pay for this herself but needs to give the money to the church and have a check written from the church for this. A motion was made to approve this. The motion was seconded and carried.

Tammy requested a portion of the proceeds from this event be budgeted towards expenses for the next fund raising event. A motion was made to approve this. The motion was seconded and carried.

Tammy reported her findings on the internet fund raisers she had been made aware of. After a discussion a motion was made to table this subject until another time. A motion was made to approve this. The motion was seconded and carried.

A discussion ensued regarding the next event, the Fall Festival and Animal Blessing. It was agreed that September 21, 2013 would be the date for this event.

Tammy reported that at this date we will not be participating with the Pace Presbyterian Market due to restrictions placed on vendors.

Property (Brad Schild): Brad Schild reported the new organ is installed but needs to be “voiced”. He will be contacting a tuner recommended by St. Francis of Assisi church. He requested permission to offer the old organ for sale on ebay and contribute that money to pay for the “voicing” of the new organ. A motion was made to approve this. The motion was seconded and carried.

Brad reported that as yet he has not received any communication from the architect from UWF but he will try to contact him. Tammy presented an e-mail sent to Betsy Dodson stating Carter Quinta will apply for a historical grant for repairs to the structure. This would require a 50% match from the church, 25% cash, 25% sweat equity. He does not feel the repairs to the portico will be as costly as first presumed. A motion was made to approve this. The motion was seconded and carried.

New Business:

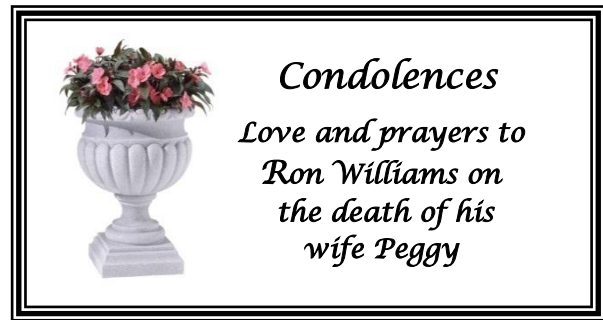
The question was presented to the Session as to meetings during summer. After a short discussion, a motion was made to meet again in August. The motion was seconded and it carried

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. Pastor Jo offered prayer and the meeting was dismissed.

Submitted by

Jean Mourey, Clerk of Session



2013 Upcoming Events Events to Remember

May

- 5/4: Spring Fling, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Act 16:5 at Dogwood Acres, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 5/5: 1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 5/12: Mother's Day
Communion service & Session meeting
- 5/13: Autism Pensacola, 6:00 p.m.
- 5/18: Healthy Church – Learning to be!

June

- 6/1: Inclusive Church Training
- 6/2: Communion service
1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 6/9: Pastor Jo off
- 6/16: Father's Day
- 6/30: Fifth Sunday Praise service

July

- 7/4: Fourth of July
- 7/7: 1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 7/14: Communion service

Bible Study

What is a Bible Study? If you think it is when you sit for an hour listening to a lecture while you madly take notes, then you haven't been to OUR Bible study.

Bible Studies are informative but they are also a social time. Yes, I did say social. A Christian group (men included) gets together to discuss the Bible but also to discuss life's problems. It is a safe place where you're ideas are never wrong and you can talk about the problems you are having. It's also a place where you can brag about the family, all those grandchildren, and even your pets.

Prayer is also an important part of a Bible Study. Prayers are said for all those who are having medical problems or have family members that are ill as well.

Come Tuesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. and see for yourself.

Mother's Day: History

Mother's Day is an American invention. It is not directly descended from the many celebrations of mothers and motherhood that have occurred throughout the world over thousands of years, such as the Greek cult to Cybele, the Roman festival of Hilaria, or the Christian Mothering Sunday celebration. Despite this, in some countries Mother's Day has become synonymous with these older traditions.

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in America. She then began a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States. Although she was successful in 1914, she was already disappointed with its commercialization by the 1920's. Jarvis' holiday was adopted by other countries and it is now celebrated all over the world. In this tradition, each person offers a gift, card, or remembrance to his/her mother, grandmothers, and/ or maternal figure on Mother's Day.

Various observances honoring mothers existed in America during the 1870's and the 1880's, but these never had resonance beyond the local level. Jarvis never mentioned Julia Ward Howe's attempt in the 1870's to establish a "Mother's Day for Peace", nor any connection to the Protestant school celebrations that included "Children's Day" among others. Neither did she mention the traditional festival of Mothering Sunday, but always said that the creation was hers alone.

The Downside of Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a day of cards, candy flowers and visiting family with lots of smiles and laughter, or least it should be.

But that is not always the case and, in fact, often is a sad day. Children have moved away from their home area and will perhaps visit only on Mother's Day. When the family arrives, they suddenly realize that their mother/grandmother can no longer take care of themselves. In the intervening year, Mother has lost the ability to get around or she can't remember things much anymore.

It is a well-known fact that the highest rate of commitment of the elderly to nursing homes is the day after Mother's day. The family decides they can't (or won't) take care of her so she ends up in a nursing home.

There is a solution to this; don't invite the kids. Tell them it is just too long a trip so just the cards with money in them will be enough.

Judas Asparagus

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. Here is what was written:

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one,' but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil.

Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore.

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.') During His life, Jesus

had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans.

Jesus also had twelve opossoms. The worst one was **Judas Asparagus**. Judas was so evil that they named a **terrible vegetable after him**.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

MAY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 SPRING FLING, 9 to 3 <i>Act 16:5 at Dogwood Acres</i>
5 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	6	7 Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Remy Kublik	8	9	10	11
12 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion, 10:30 Session meeting, 11:30 Mother's Day	13 Sarah Jones	14 Ron Williams	15	16	17	18 Healthy Church
19 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Friendship

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional word related to friendship.

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R M R I A A I N A E N A H A A
F M I D D M D T S N P I F I E
L O E E B L I O R M I F F R P
R O N U I P L T Y O E O A F T
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ACQUAINTANCE	COMPANION	HONESTY
AFFECTION	COMRADE	KINSHIP
AFFINITY	CONFIDE	LEND
ALLY	EMPATHY	LOYALTY
AMIGO	FAVOR	PAL
AMITY	FONDNESS	ROOMMATE
BOYFRIEND	FRIENDLINESS	SHARE
BUDDY	FUN	SUPPORTIVE
CHUM	GIRLFRIEND	SYMPATHY
CLOSENESS	GOOD TIMES	TRUST