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The Pastor's Pen

Reflections...

Another year is gone. The old cliché, “the older I get, the faster time goes by” has become a reality for me. Time does fly most of the time, but there are other times it seems to stand still. 2013 was a year of peaks and valleys at 1st Milton. There were more great times, than low times and I praise God for these blessings!

We lost three beautiful women: Peggy, Bertha and Tula. I still feel the sadness that haunted me as I watched their lives dwindle from this earth. But I also rejoice in the knowledge that they all loved this church, this congregation and most importantly, their Lord. This comforts me as I know they are watching from heaven.

People came and people went. Some visited and never returned. Some visited and stayed knowing that this is where God has called them to be. We gained new members, and a few found homes elsewhere. Wyatt and Preston gave us the chance to minister to children and they are such a joy as a part of this family. We all contributed to their Christian education because we all love them so much. They are truly a gift from God.

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Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference (Begin Year A)

Second Sunday after Christmas Day—January 5, 2014

Jeremiah 31:7–14 *or* Sirach 24:1–12
Psalm 147:12–20 *or* Wisdom of Solomon 10:15–21
Ephesians 1:3–14
John 1:[1–9] 10–18

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60:1–6
Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14
Ephesians 3:1–12
Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 12

Isaiah 42:1–9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34–43
Matthew 3:13–17

Second Sunday after the Epiphany—January 19

Isaiah 49:1–7
Psalm 40:1–11
1 Corinthians 1:1–9
John 1:29–42

Third Sunday after the Epiphany—January 26

Isaiah 9:1–4
Psalm 27:1, 4–9
1 Corinthians 1:10–18
Matthew 4:12–23

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January Birthdays

Bill Harman	5
Bessie Bohannon	6
Antonella Moore	14
Margaret Neustaedter	15
Terry Neustaedter	16
Lillian McGrew	29
Brad Schild	29
Tom Cullen	31

Events this Month

<u>January 5</u>
Communion
Election of Elders
Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.
<u>January 7</u>
Bible Study
<u>January 8</u>
4 th Day 6 p.m.
<u>January 11</u>
Take down decoration
<u>January 12</u>
Jo out of town
<u>January 14</u>
Presbytery meeting 1 st Pensacola
<u>January 18</u>
Session members training
<u>January 19</u>
Session
<u>January 25</u>
Shawl Ministry

Must Do List
Start on the Windows

We started important historic renovations and when asked to contribute, everyone rose to the challenge. We have collected cans and aluminum, gave our spare change, held three fares; and many more opportunities called us to respond to God's voice. You all found new ways to serve God and have used your time and talents to allow 1st Milton to become a growing ministry.

Our Easter and Christmas Cantatas were beautiful. Music is vital to our ministry and we are so blessed to have Margaret and Cheryl as well as our friends who lend their voices to our choir. Christmas Eve service was special for me. We had 52 in attendance. But it was not the number of people that touched me but the knowledge that on that cold evening, we all found a way into the sanctuary of our Lord to celebrate the birth of our savior. It was a beautiful evening that will stay with me a long time.

Now we step into a new year. Nothing will ever be as it was as our ministry continues. We will all grow in Christ and hear His voice as He leads us into what is to be. Through prayer and education we will fuel our spirits for new service. Our journey as a family will take us to places we never thought possible – all because of the love of God.

Happy New Year! Your friend and pastor, 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.

Some have asked me about the collection of stamps for

Duval Home. If you will get them to Linda Lade, she will make sure they get there.

Session Highlights

**First Presbyterian Church
Milton, FL**

Session Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2013

Session members present

Brad Schild
Leslie Yandle
Jean Mourey
Linda Lade
Nicole Frenk

Guests present

Betsy Dodson
Val Maeris
Joan Weber
Theresa Faulkner
Pauline Werner
Tammy Mendiola

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order

A quorum was declared by Jo and the meeting was called to order with prayer given by Jo.

Approval of Minutes As the copy machine is not working it was unanimously decided to email the minutes to each member for approval.

Treasurer's Report Betsy Dodson passed to each member a copy of the Income/ Expense report for 10/01/2013 to 10/31/2013 showing Checking account \$21,968.71 and Money Market account \$28,879.62.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education(Gerry Yandle) Jo reported that Small Group is using the Book of James and will use the booklet Celebrate for Advent. Brad confirmed he will organize the Jesse tree programs.

Stewardship(Linda Lade) Linda passed a report of pledges made for 2014. Showing \$40,000.00 in pledges made.

Linda stated she feels that closing the gate at the end of the parking lot sends a message that we are not welcoming. A discussion followed regarding the public use of the lot. Jean asked what the churches liability is regarding an injury. Brad stated the church would be liable for any non-vehicular injury incurred in the parking lot. Brad made a motion to conduct a discussion regarding this matter with the property committee and

come back to the session with a recommendation. The motion was seconded and it carried unanimously.

Worship(Jo Kublik) Jo reminded that she and Margaret will not be away Sunday November 24, 2013 and Gerry Yandle will conduct the service with Brad Schild providing music. Leslie Yandle noted Gerry will be releasing the prayers from the prayer tree at that time. Jo also noted she will be absent January 12, 2014, and two Sundays in May 2014. She will have the 2014 calendar ready by the middle of December. Jo noted there will be no session meeting next month. She reminded us of the calendar events coming up in December 2013 and January 2014 -

December 5 2013 - 5th Sunday

January 5, 2014 - Congregational meeting to elect new Elders and Corporation meeting to elect members of the nominating committee

January 18, 2014 - Elder training

January 19, 2014 - Installation of new elders

January 19, 2014 - Session meeting.

Membership/Mission(Nicole Frenk) Jo requested the names of nominees to be shown to her and explained the names go before the church for a vote.

Personnel(Leslie Yandle) Leslie had nothing to report

Property(Brad Schild) Brad reported the repairs to the roof have been completed. He has received estimates to have the railings repaired. The estimates range from very high to very low. Betsy stated that the contractor giving the low estimate only found one or two sections in need of repair but the contractor from Renaissance Repair did a more thorough inspection and discovered rust inside a few of the uprights. A discussion ensued debating the merits of repair vs replacement. Betsy and Brad will investigate the costs and report back to the session.

The copy machine has a broken part. Brad has spoken with a Lanier representative who will try to get the replacement part. Jo reported that Margaret found a copy machine for sale \$250.00 that is advertised as business use. Buying vs leasing was discussed. Brad mentioned his company might possibly be replacing machines and we may be able to purchase one of the ones they will be disposing of. Jo stated Margaret has set up an account with UPS for making copies and the

church will be billed. Nicole noted that as part of the churches affiliation with The Chamber of Commerce we may use their copy machine for small batches of copies. The only requirement is we provide paper.

Nicole asked if a barrier will be in place for Gallery Night to prevent people from entering the pulpit area. Brad responded "yes". Brad reported he has spoken with Ross Pistoious regarding the refinishing of the Church doors. Terry Neustaedter has purchased the stain and finish and has sanded and repaired the doors and one has been stained.

Betsy noted the work will begin this week on the concrete. Betsy questioned the purchasing of supplies for the church. Brad stated the church has a Sam's Club card with a tax exempt number. Anyone who notices a need for supplies should notify Brad and he will purchase the items. Also, it was noted that anyone who does purchase items for the church can obtain either reimbursement or tax deduction donations.

Brad notified the Fellowship Hall will be used for a Birthday party the Saturday following Christmas and a wedding next August.

Adjournment: Jo closed the meeting with prayer.

A meeting was held to review the budget. Brad went over the past year line by line with recommendations for amounts to be changed in the coming year. Line item 507 is removed. Line item 510 is added for Choir expenses. These changes were discussed and approved unanimously. Brad noted that the 2014 budget is \$10,000.00 more than our projected income. He recommended Betsy Dodson review the 2013 expenditures to see if the amount spent on miscellaneous is possibly accounted for elsewhere. The budget is attached.

2014 BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2014 to date</u>
100	Pledges 40,680.00
101	Loose Offering \$0
104	Restoration Funds \$0
104-A	Change for Church \$0
104-B	Recycling \$0
104-D+	Yard Sales and Fests \$0
105	Capital Improvement \$0
106	One Harvest \$0
108	Memorials \$0
116	Misc. Income \$0

119	Interest Income	\$0
140	Rentals	\$1000.00
	Total income	\$41600.00

EXPENCES

Administration

200	Office Supplies	\$500.00
201	Copy Machine	\$1000.00
202	Administration	\$75.00
203	Session Supplies	\$150.00
	Totals	\$1725.00

Christian Education

300	Curriculum	\$500.00
301	VBS	\$0.00
302	Supplies	\$0.00
350	Membership	\$500.00
	Total	\$1000.00

Property

400	Electricity	\$4000.00
401	Gas/Water/Garbage	\$1400.00
402	Telephone	\$1800.00
403	Building Maintance	\$2500.00
404	Organ Repair	\$250.00
405	Janitor	\$00.00
405	Janitorial supplies	\$450.00
406	Insurance	\$4540.00
411	Grounds	\$250.00
	Total	\$15190.00

Worship

501	Organist	\$4800.00
502	Communion	\$150.00
504	Bulletins	\$250.00
505	Flowers/ Candles	\$00.00
506	Pulpit Supply	\$00.00
508	Choir Director	\$00.00
509	License Fees	\$100.00
510	Choir Expenses	\$100.00
	Total	\$5170.00

509	Stewardship	\$00.00
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Ministry

600	Salary	\$13,005.00
601	Re-imbusement	\$1152.00
605	Travel	\$500.00
606	Books	\$00.00
607	Housing	\$00.00

Total **\$14658.00**

Presbytery/Syrod/Gen. Assembly

700	Presbytery Mission	\$500.00
701	Per Cap	\$500.00
708	2 Cents a Meal	\$00.00
710	ACTS 16:5	\$120.00
	Total	\$1120.00

Missions

802	One Harvest	\$00.00
805	Memorial Expenses	\$300.00
806	Family Promise	\$00.00
	Total	\$300.00

Taxes / Misc.

900	Misc	\$00.00
902-A	SSN	\$300.00
903-A	MC	\$70.00
	Total	\$370.00

TOTAL BUDGET **\$39533.00**

January 2014

- 1/4 Inspect and replace/remake Chrismon ornaments
- 1/5 Holy communion served. Congressional meeting to elect session members. Nominations will be taken at this time. Margaret will advertise this in the church bulletin 12/29/13 and 1/05/14. This will also be a corporation meeting. 1st Sunday dinner
Communion will be served on this Sunday as Pastor Jo Kublik will be out of town the following Sunday.
- 1/7 Bible study 10:00 AM
- 1/8 4th day 6:00 PM
- 1/11 Take down Christmas tree and decorations
- 1/14 **Presbytery Meeting at 1st Pensacola**
- 1/18 Training for new session members.
- 1/19 Installation of new session members. The first session meeting of the new year will be held following the church service.
- 1/25 Prayer shawl

February

- Feb 2 1st Sunday dinner
- Feb 4 Bible study 10:00 AM
- Feb 9 Holy communion served. Session meeting following service

Feb 10 Autism of Pensacola meeting in Fellowship Hall

Feb 12 4th day 6:00 PM

Feb 23 Pastor Jo Kublik will be absent

Feb 22 Prayer shawl 10:00 AM

HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"


His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year 	2	3	4 ----Start Christmon Ornaments
5 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30 Congregational meeting Bill Harman	6 Bessie Bohannon	7 Bible Study 10:00A.M.	8 4 th day 6:00 P.m.	9	10	11 Take Down Christmas Decorations
12 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	13	14 Presbytery Meeting Antonella Moore	15 Margaret Neustaedter	16 Terry Neustaedter	17	18 Session Training
19 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Installation of new session members	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23	24	25 Shawl Ministry
26 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	27	28	29 Lillian McGrew Brad Schild	30	31 Tom Cullen	

Happy New Year

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell the name of a popular location for celebrating New Years Eve.

S E I B A B N E W Y E A R S E V E Y
G C H A M P A G N E T Y I M N S T T
E N S S U E T H C D A N C E D R H R
S Q I N F E T O O D M U A Y O E I A
E F C G F I N A S L S U E R F K R P
D H E F N F R R R R I A S E D A T S
A I U S E I A S E B R D N I E M Y K
R B B T T E S M T I E S A F C E F R
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APPETIZERS
BABIES
BALLOONS
BANNERS
BUFFET
CELEBRATE
CHAMPAGNE
CONFETTI
DANCE
DAY ONE

DECORATIONS
END OF DECEMBER
EVENTS
FAMILY
FATHER TIME
FEAST
FESTIVITIES
FIREWORKS
FIRST OF JANUARY
FRIENDS

HATS
HOLIDAY
HORNS
KISS
MIDNIGHT
MUSIC
NEW YEARS DAY
NEW YEARS EVE
NOISEMAKERS
OCCASION

PARADES
PARTY
PUNCH
RESOLUTIONS
SINGING
STREAMERS
THIRTY FIRST
TIARAS
WINE
YEAR IN REVIEW