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The Pastor's Pen

More Wisdom from Mark Broadhead

To whom do you belong?

Some may answer they belong to a certain group of people, like a civic club, a book club or a gardening club. Some may answer they belong to a certain denomination or a particular church. Some might say they belong to their spouse or their parents.

The first and foremost answer to this question is: God. Each person belongs to God. God created you. And God created you because God has a special love that he wants to share with you.

Simply remember that you were created by God with you specifically in mind. You were not an accident. You are a gift.

"God saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace." ~ 2 Timothy 1:9

Treat every gift that God has created with love and respect – especially yourself. Blessings, Jo

Happy 30th Birthday, Elissa! You are truly a gift from God!

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Tammy Mendiola	11	November 22
Jered Moore	12	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m.
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Michael Mendiola	23	November 30
Ann Smith	27	1 st Sunday in Advent

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference

November 2

Joshua 3:7-17

Micah 3:5-12

Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

November 9

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 16

Judges 4:1-7

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 123

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 23

Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 30

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

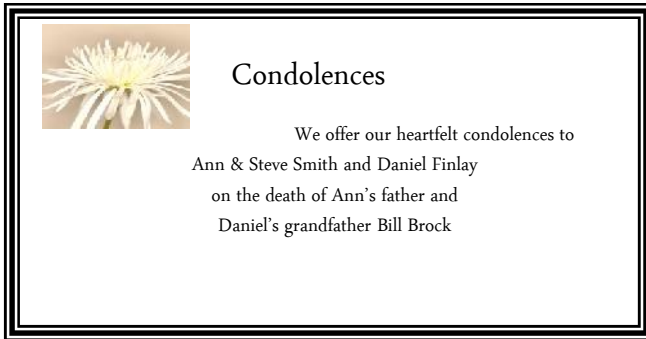
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Must Do List

Finish repair of stained glass windows

December Fellowship Dinner hosted by Betsy and Margaret



Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church
Milton, FL
September 11, 2014

Session members present:

Margaret Neustaedter	Tammy Mendiola
Betsy Dodson	Leslie Yandle
Jean Mourey	

Moderator:

Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order: Betsy Dodson opened the meeting with prayer and Jo Kublik offered a word share reading from Psalm 145. Jo expressed her appreciation to Margaret for her organization of the luncheon for the Presbytery meeting this past Tuesday. Margaret thanked all who helped.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting have been read. Tammy noted corrections regarding Sunday School curriculum. She has acquired curriculum for all ages up to 6th grade and material for special needs children but has no one volunteering to be teachers. A motion was made to approve the minutes with changes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read by Betsy. As of 8/31/2014:

Checking Account - \$19,635.55
Money Market - \$29,900.71

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Clerk's Report: Jean Mourey reported the person at the Pensacola News Journal who handles the Faith page has changed positions.

Property: Betsy Dodson reported the 2 windows at the front of the church have been repaired and paid for. The remainder of the window repairs will cost \$10,000.00. Betsy stated our next project should be repair of the brick facing of the church.

Committee Reports

Christian Education: Tammy Mendiola reported Sunday School has begun even though there were no attendees this past Sunday. She has material for classes of all youth ages. Tammy noted she has been preparing for Elder training.

Stewardship (Minute for Mission): Leslie Yandle will speak to the congregation regarding Personnel this coming Sunday. Jo has requested we focus on outreach as well as budgetary matters.

Worship: Margaret announced she will be away on December 28, 2014. (Jo Kublik will also be out.) It was agreed we will have a music service on this date.

Membership/Mission: Jo Kublik will hold a membership class on October 4, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. She will mail cards inviting interested parties to attend.

Personnel: Leslie Yandle had nothing to report.

Nominating Committee: Jean Mourey reported the committee is working to find church members who would be willing to serve as Elders. She asked for suggestions and will speak with the committee regarding names that were suggested.

OLD BUSINESS

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Presbytery meeting.

Our outreach program regarding the children's home "For the Children" was discussed. Tammy reported the 2nd room still needs towels, sheets and toiletries for completion. Bed frames have been donated for the entire home.

Restarting a Presbyterian Women's group was discussed. It has been suggested we speak with Pace

Presbyterian and/or Northminster Presbyterian about joining with their PWC. Leslie suggested we contact the Cursillo group for support. Tammy stated she would like to begin an evening Bible Study group in January 2015 to accommodate people who are not available during the day. Stressing to the congregation the importance of being involved beyond Sunday was discussed.

A planning workshop will be held October 11, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting is open to all.

Session training will take place November 15, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Jo and Margaret will be away December 28, 2014, and Jo will be away January 4, 2015.

The church will not be participating in Ghost Walk this year as it is being held at the south end of Milton.

The December Holiday Faire will be held December 5, 2014, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Sharon Stebbins is handling preparation for the Jesse Tree.

Margaret informed us the warranties on the new refrigerators do not cover power surges or lightning strikes. Policies for surge protection would cost \$60.00 per unit. After discussion it was decided to purchase a heavy duty surge protector for each unit.

Betsy announced the church received a final check from the estate of Bernice Elizabeth Parker in the amount of \$157.11.

November 25, 2014, we will decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

Discussion was held regarding the use of candles for the Christmas Eve service. It was agreed to purchase electric candles for children to use.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jo closed the meeting with prayer.

A budget workshop was held following the Session meeting.

The next stated meeting will be October 9, 2014.

Calendar of Events

November

- 11/2: 1st Sunday fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.
- 11/4: Election Day; Bible study, 10:00 a.m.
- 11/9: Communion service, 10:30 a.m.
Congregational meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 11/13: Session meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 11/15: Elder training, 10:00 a.m.
- 11/22: Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m.
- 11/24: Decorate church for Advent, 10:00 a.m.
- 11/27: Thanksgiving
- 11/30: 1st Sunday of Advent

December

- 12/2: Bible study, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/3: Partners in Prayer (PIP), 5:30 p.m.
- 12/5: Holiday Faire, 12 noon
- 12/7: Christmas cantata, 10:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday of Advent
- 12/11: Session meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 12/14: Presbyterian 101, 9:30 a.m.
Communion service, 10:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Advent
- 12/21: Presbyterian 101, 9:30 a.m.
4th Sunday of Advent
- 12/24: Christmas Eve communion, 6:00 p.m.
- 12/25: Christmas day

Special Events and Thanks

A decision was made to hold a Holiday Fair the same night as Gallery Night in Milton (12/5).

Tammy Mendiola asked if Autism Pensacola could use the Fellowship hall for their annual Christmas party. This was approved.

Thanks to Sharon for her work in Sunday School each week.

An extra special thanks to Tammy for all her research to find patterns for the Chrismon decorations and to Maria Bailey, Linda Lade, Sharon and Tammy for making the ornaments.

Thanks to Jean and Tammy for attending a workshop called **Faces of Child**. There are children all over the earth who need our daily prayers and the workshop discussed how to pray for these children and all children needing prayer.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	3 Suzie Saba	4 Election Day Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Ron Stebbins	5	6 Betty Gentry	7	1 8
9 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion worship, 10:30 Congregational meeting, 11:30	10	11 Tammy Mendiola	12 Jered Moore	13 Session meeting, 6:00 p.m.	14	15 Elder training, 10:00 a.m.
16 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	17	18	19 Daniel Finlay	20	21 Fleming Belote	22 Prayer Shawl, 10:00 a.m.
23 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Michael Mendiola	24 Decorate for Advent, 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27 Ann Smith Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30						

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Thanksgiving

ANNUAL
 AUTUMN
 CELEBRATION
 CORN
 CRANBERRY
 FAMILY
 FEAST
 FESTIVAL
 FOOD
 FOOTBALL
 FRIENDS
 GATHERING
 GRAVY
 HARVEST
 HOLIDAY
 LONG WEEKEND
 MASHED POTATOES

MEAL
 NOVEMBER
 PARADE
 PILGRIMS
 PLYMOUTH
 PUMPKIN PIE
 RELATIVES
 REUNION
 SQUASH
 STUFFING
 SWEET POTATO
 THURSDAY
 TRADITION
 TRAVEL
 TURKEY
 WAMPANOAG
 YAMS