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The Pastor's Pen

Are you reading *Ashes to Fire*? I hope so! The scriptures are wonderful and I love the morning meditations. Just yesterday I paused for a brief moment to sit in the sunshine and enjoy God's creations. Across the street (and up a little bit) from the jail is a pond and park. There is a walking track around the pond, and swans and ducks have taken up residence enjoying the "oh so icy" water! It's peaceful and usually quiet at the park, but the wind was blowing just right and I could hear the familiar squawking and quacking of God's beautiful creatures. The air was still crisp with a hint of winter, but it was evident that Spring would be here soon.

I hear many people ask, "Where is God?" and I like to respond, "All around us." Many people wonder what God looks like and I believe that God looks like all the goodness and beauty that I see. I know that God is here, right now, because I can see God in you. Your hearts and eyes have been opened to His glory and you are responding by dedicating your time, talents and tithes to God.

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Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference (Year C)

March

March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

March 24

Passion / Palm Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

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March Birthdays

Michael McGrew	1
Jeanette Harman	12
Megan O'Connor	20
Betsy Dodson	22
Charleigh McGrew	22
Jeff Bolstad	25
Maria Bailey	31

Events this Month

March 3

Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.

March 6

Lenten Dinner, 5:30 p.m. choir practice, 6:30

March 10

Daylight Savings Spring Forward

Communion service, 10:30 a.m.

Session meeting, 11:30 (Nicole hosts)

March 13

Lenten Dinner, 5:30 p.m.; choir practice 6:30

March 20

Lenten Dinner, 5:30 p.m., choir practice, 6:30

March 24

Palm Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing offering

March 28

Maundy Thursday Service, 6 p.m.

March 31

Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m.

Breakfast following

Cantata Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Must Do List

Column repair

Organ repair

April Luncheon hosted by
Leslie and Linda

I was reminded of this in one of the *Ashes to Fire* morning prayers: *My Lord, open my eyes to behold your presence and strengthen my hands to do your will, that the world may rejoice and give you praise. Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be praise and glory forever. Amen.*

Yes, we are to praise our God now and forever for all that He has given to us. But when I stop and enjoy the blessings of God, I thank Him especially for all of you.

In Christ's eternal love, Jo

Holy Week Lectionary

Monday of Holy Week—March 25

Isaiah 42:1–9

Psalm 36:5–11

Hebrews 9:11–15

John 12:1–11

Tuesday of Holy Week—March 26

Isaiah 49:1–7

Psalm 71:1–14

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

John 12:20–36

Wednesday of Holy Week—March 27

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 70

Hebrews 12:1–3

John 13:21–32

Maundy Thursday—March 28

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Good Friday—March 29

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

John 18:1–19:42

Easter Vigil—March 30

A minimum of three Old Testament readings should be chosen. The reading from Exodus 14 should always be used.

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Psalm 46

Genesis 22:1–18

Psalm 16

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18

Isaiah 55:1–11

Isaiah 12:2–6

Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6

Psalm 19

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Psalm 42 and 43

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 143

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Psalm 98

Romans 6:3–11

Psalm 114

Luke 24:1–12

Resurrection of the Lord—March 31

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

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.



Autism Pensacola

On February 11, Autism Pensacola was able to hold our first ever meeting in Milton. We would like everyone in the church to know just how much we appreciate you allowing us to use your fellowship hall for this important parent support activity. Families from this area have long wished for meetings closer to home, and now we can provide that! All comments we have received regarding the meeting have been positive. There was plenty of space for parents to enjoy our speaker while their children were cared for in separate rooms. A perfect meeting place! Below is a recent Facebook conversation regarding the meeting:

Tammy Mendiola - Thank you, First Presbyterian Church, Milton, FL, for allowing us to use your fellowship hall! It was a perfect meeting place in Milton!!

Shawnon Babb - And everyone from the church is so kind!

Ann Smith - Your church is restoring my faith in what churches should be doing in the community. I am sure that you have "planted the seed" for the support. Thank you, Tammy, for your commitment to the cause.

Tammy Mendiola – You're sweet, Ann, but I have to tell you – when we started attending First Presbyterian, it was like they had been waiting for us. They welcomed us with open arms from the very first minute we walked in the door. I feel very blessed to be a part of this wonderful, loving congregation!

Session Highlights

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MILTON, FLORIDA

Session Meeting February 10, 2013

Session members present: Jean Mourey, Linda Lade, Brad Schild, Bill Kerrell, Nicole Frenk, and Leslie Yandle

Guests present: Betsy Dobson Gerry Yandle, Remy Kublik and Moderator Pastor Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order

A quorum was declared by Jo and the meeting was called to order on February 10, 2013, at 11:55 A.M. with prayer given by Jo. Jo then read the scripture 1 Peter: 4 -10 and initiated a short discussion as to the meaning of this passage.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were provided by Nicole Frenk. A move was made to approve the minutes. The move was seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

As Tula Anthony is presently hospitalized, the treasurer's report will be given at the next Session meeting. Linda reports a balance of \$14,694.30 in the checking account and \$18,863.23 in the money market account. The annual statistical report was

reviewed and discussed, with no changes. Jo informed the meeting that the Presbytery assessment for our per capita is \$467.84 for this year as opposed to the \$200.00 budgeted. Jo said we could possibly use a portion of a \$10,000.00 donation made previously. Means to make up this shortfall were discussed. It was decided to pay the balance from the checking account. Later meetings will discuss ways to budget this money.

Leslie recommended using a line item code in the budget to identify expenditures.

Committee Reports

Property (Brad Schild)

Brad reported on meeting with architect Carter Quina. Mr. Quina will plan a Discovery Day with his class in order to give us an estimate on cost of repairs to the church building exterior. He also will attempt to get approval for his architecture class to perform renovations as a class project.

Brad reported on organ repairman's report. The computer in the organ is defective. Discussion was then whether to repair or replace the organ. A motion was made to begin a capitol campaign to raise money that would be specifically for repairs to the building including repair or replacement of the organ as needed. A motion was made to approve. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Linda and Jean volunteered to work on fund raising project - mason jars to collect change to be emptied into collection container at 1st Sunday dinners.

Jo will obtain a banner to attach to the front railing informing the community of preservation/restoration of the building.

Christian Education (Bill Kerrell)

Bill and Gerry reported that this year the Lenten focus will be on *Ashes to Fire* beginning with our Lenten dinners and continuing through the Bible Study Group and Wednesday dinners until Easter.

Stewardship (Linda Lade)

Linda reported we are doing well with tithing pledges.

Worship (Jo Kublik)

Jo reported that 6 members will be attending the Ruling Elder Training at Dogwood Acres on Feb. 23, 2013. Jo confirmed with Gerry that he will lead the service on March 10, 2013.

Membership/Mission (Nicole Frenk)

It was decided that we will not participate in Scratch Ankle as it is the same weekend as Cursillo.

Jean reported she will submit weekly church news to the Pennsacola News Journal and The Santa Rosa Gazette. Jean also reported the placement of Prayer Shawls and an invitation to join at Yarns and Things, 5211 Dogwood Dr, Milton.

Personnel (Leslie Yandle) Nothing to report.

Membership/Mission (Nicole Frenk)

Nicole suggested to make the Pet Blessing part of “Dog Days of Summer”, a very successful Relay for Life event at Santa Rosa Medical Center last year. She will find out if the event will be held again this year.

She will contact the Santa Rosa Arts & Culture Foundation and the Milton Woman’s Club regarding participation in Light Up Milton Gallery Night the first Friday in December.

Personnel (Leslie Yandle)

Leslie is waiting to hear back from COM if they are going to approve a three-year contract for Jo. Should the contract be approved, Jo requested June 9th, August 11th, and November 24th off.

Adjournment

Meeting was closed with prayer by Jo.

Submitted by Jean Mourey

2013 Upcoming Events Events to Remember

March

- 3/3: 1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 3/6: Lenten Dinner, 5:30, Choir practice, 6:30
- 3/10: Communion service & Session meeting
**Daylight Savings Time starts
Spring Forward Saturday Night**
- 3/13: Lenten Dinner, 5:30, Choir practice, 6:30
- 3/20: Lenten Dinner, 5:30, Choir practice, 6:30
- 3/24: Palm Sunday worship service

- 3/28: Maundy Thursday service, 6:00 p.m.
- 3/31: Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
followed by breakfast
Easter Service at 10:30 (5th Sunday)

April

- 4/7: 1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner (Jo Off)
- 4/13: Saturday: Ray Jones, dynamic speaker, at Dogwood Acres, all are invited
- 4/14: Communion service & Session meeting
- 4/30: Presbytery meeting at 1st Presbyterian Destin

May

- 5/4: *Act 16:5* at Dogwood Acres, 9-3
- 5/5: 1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 5/12: Communion service & Session meeting (discuss Session’s summer meeting)

Apples—Very, Very good!

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding...

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?"

She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

"Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride ... and he wondered. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus - He is good, kind, caring, and loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place.

The girl gently nodded: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me, so you are like Him - only He knows who will do His will. Thank you for hearing His call, Mister."

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "*Are you Jesus?*"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though you, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit

MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Michael McGrew	2 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10-11
3 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	4	5	6 Lenten dinner, 5:30 p.m. Choir, 6:30	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion service, 10:30 Session meeting, 11:30	11	12 Jeanette Harman	13 Lenten dinner, 5:30 p.m. Choir, 6:30	14	15	16
17 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Happy  St. Patricks Day	18	19	20 Lenten dinner, 5:30 p.m. Choir, 6:30 Megan O'Connor	21	22 Betsy Dodson Charleigh McGrew	23
24 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	25 Jeff Bolstad	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m.	29	30
31 Sunrise 7 a.m. Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Easter Cantata, 10:30 Easter Sunday Maria Bailey						

FLOWERS

Find and circle all of the flowers that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a quotation from *Romeo and Juliet*.

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| ASTER | DELPHINIUM | HYACINTH | ROSE |
| BABY'S BREATH | FORGET-ME-NOT | HYDRANGEA | SNAPDRAGON |
| BELL FLOWER | FOXGLOVE | IRIS | STATICE |
| BIRD OF PARADISE | FREESIA | LAVENDER | STOCK |
| BOUVARDIA | FUCHSIA | LILAC | SUNFLOWER |
| CALLA | GERANIUM | LILY | TULIP |
| CARNATION | GERBERA | LISIANTHUS | VIOLET |
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