

First Presbyterian Church of Milton
5203 Elmira Street
Milton, FL 32570
(850) 623-2510
www.fpcmilton.org

March 2016

Presby Press

"Just One Word"

RESURRECTION

Millions of Orthodox Christians believe the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is built over the site of Golgotha, where Christ was crucified, and the "tomb" in which he was buried and rose again. The Church is considered to be the holiest place on earth. During the Orthodox Easter Ceremony' the miracle of "Holy Fire" occurs. While thousands of worshipers hold up candles, waiting for them to be lit by the Holy Fire, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch enters the inner room. As he prays a light rises from the stone where Christ laid and instantly peoples candles erupt with light. The miracle was first recorded in 876 and by tradition is the longest consistent miracle of the Orthodox Christians. To our western minds, the story of the miracle may seem unbelievable, but isn't the entire Resurrection Story unbelievable. When the women came to the tomb, they came to anoint the body of a dead man.

The Resurrection cannot be explained, it must be taken on faith.

Paul says "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins" ([1 Cor.15: 17](#)). Only through Christ's resurrection is our salvation and eternal life accomplished.

You may never have the opportunity to be in Jerusalem during the Orthodox Easter Ceremony, but thankfully the miracle of "The Holy Fire" is one we can experience every day, through faith in Jesus Christ Our Risen Lord. So, let us join voices as all the nations rejoice . . . "He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed"!

As we watch a newborn colt struggle to its feet and attempt to walk, we breathe a prayer of encouragement "come on, you can do it". In that same spirit, let us encourage God's servants as they step into new roles. Our Church has many "jobs" to be filled.

As God' servants, we each must answer the call "Here am I send me. As new people take up a position, do not be discouraged with those "wobbly legs". God does not call the equipped, he equips the called. There is a race God gives us to run.

Inside This Issue

Calendar.....	2
Mission Spotlight.....	3
Lectionary	3
Puzzle	4
Session Highlights.....	4

LIBRARY

The Library in the Fellowship Hall has 137 Books. They cover a wide range of topics including Studies on different Books of the Bible, dealing with grief, Christian humor, and Theology, just to name a few.

MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 10:00	2 <i>Lenten Dinner</i> 6:00 Open Hearts 6:30	3	4	5
6 <i>Fellowship Luncheon</i>	7	8	9 <i>Lenten Dinner</i> 6:00 Open Hearts 6:30	10	11	12 <i>Jeanette Harman</i> 
13 <i>Communion</i>	14	15	16 <i>Lenten Dinner</i> 6:00 Open Hearts 6:30	17	18	19
20 <i>Palm Sunday Communion</i>	21	22 <i>Betsy Dodson</i> 	23 Open Hearts 6:30	24 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:00 <i>Pace Presbyterian Church</i>	25 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Jeff Bolstad</i> 	26
27 <i>Resurrection Sunday Communion</i>	28	29	30 Open Hearts 6:30	31 <i>Maria Bailey</i> 		

Mission Spotlight

Children often complain “I’m bored, I don’t have anything to do!” What this comment really means to the child is, “please find something to entertain me.” Are we like those children in God’s Family? Do we sit and complain and want to be entertained, rather than saying, “God, Here am I Send Me?” Our congregation has many “activities” in which to be involved. With the variety of Missions, there is never any excuse to say, “I don’t have anything to do!”

- One Great Hour Of Sharing –Helps communities provide shelter and work to rebuild after Natural Disasters
- Open Hearts-Weekly Bible study for adults with special needs
- Knotty Prayers-Knitting, crocheting, making shawls, blankets, hats and other items to provide comfort for those in need
- Food Pantry - Local mission to feed the hungry in our community
- Operation Christmas Child - Gather items throughout the year to pack into shoebox gifts that will be used as tools for spreading the gospel to children around the world

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6

Joshua 5:9–12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16–21
Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13

Isaiah 43:16–21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b–14
John 12:1–8

Passion / Palm Sunday

March 20

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

Resurrection of the Lord

March 27

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

Daily Lectionary can be found
www.presbyterianmission.org

Schedule of Events

- One Great Hour of Sharing & Easter Service - March 27, 10:30 a.m.
- Small Group Study & Sunday School Class - Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Choir Practice - Sundays, 8:45-9:20 a.m.
- Yard Sale - April 8 & 9
- Scratch Ankle Festival - April 8

Did you know
the daily
lectionary is a
two year cycle
that allows users
to read through
the Old
Testament once
and the New
Testament
twice?

EASTER WORD SEARCH

G	S	N	R	O	H	T	K	O	E	K	S
S	L	I	A	N	Y	G	S	G	D	E	O
S	D	R	O	I	V	A	S	L	L	V	N
J	E	G	J	K	F	I	A	T	J	E	T
R	I	K	Y	T	O	M	S	E	C	I	F
M	F	H	K	R	B	O	S	I	C	L	E
J	I	L	D	L	P	U	F	Q	N	E	O
E	C	R	C	A	S	I	L	D	P	B	S
V	U	C	A	R	R	Y	F	A	I	T	H
A	R	E	H	C	O	N	W	O	R	C	P
C	C	H	A	A	L	S	M	D	H	H	Y
D	Q	S	O	I	N	E	S	I	R	K	P

APOSTLES	CROWN	LAMB	SACRIFICE
BELIEVE	CRUCIFIED	MIRACLE	SAVIOR
CAVE	FAITH	NAILS	SON
CROSS	JESUS	RISEN	THORNS

Session Highlights

Your session held regularly scheduled meetings in January and February. Highlights include:

- A discussion was held with our liaison with the Committee on Ministry regarding our search for a new pastor. We requested more information from the Presbytery regarding the possibility of yoking with another church.
- Our Holiday Faire raised \$1,000 for *For the Children of Milton*. A check will be presented to them in the near future.
- Repairs to the window frames and overhang on fellowship hall have been completed. We are very grateful for this donation.
- Pledges in the amount of \$12,000 have been received for this year. The proposed budget was reviewed and cuts were made, but the discussion was tabled pending the receipt of further information from the financial secretary.
- We will hold our spring yard sale on April 8 & 9 with Betsy Dodson leading this project. Volunteers are needed!
- We will have a booth at the Scratch Ankle Festival on April 8 with Jean Mourey leading this project. Volunteers are needed!

If you would like to see a full copy of the minutes from these meetings, please contact Jean Mourey, Clerk of Session.