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BELIEVE YOU ARE FAR BIGGER THAN ANYTHING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!

“In your life’s journey, there will be excitement and fulfillment, boredom and routine, and even the occasional train wreck. But when you have picked a dream that is bigger than you personally, that truly reflects the ideals that you cherish, and that can positively affect others, then you will always have another reason for carrying on.” - Pamela Melroy

Does your life lack excitement? Are you bored? Do you wonder where you are headed? Do you want to feel fulfilled? Lots of people do. Sometimes the choices they make to experience excitement and alleviate boredom are detrimental to their lives. But when your choice includes God’s desire for you, then and only then can you truly understand complete fulfillment and total satisfaction. And you’ll know that it is God when you feel driven to reach the goal. God has a plan for every life. Are you open to accepting His challenge?

Blessings, Jo

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference (Year A)

October 5

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 12

Exodus 32:1-14
Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 106:1-6
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 19

Exodus 33:12-23
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 99
1Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 26

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Must Do List
Finish the repair of
stained glass windows

November Fellowship Dinner
hosted by Tammy and Leslie

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Lynne Jones	16
Anna Swafford	16
Teresa Faulkner	18
Steve Smith	19
Wyatt Hayslip	23

Events this Month

October 4
Presbyterian 101, 10 a.m.-12:00
October 5
World Communion, 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.
October 7
Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
October 9
Session Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
October 11
2015 Planning Workshop, 10:00 a.m.
October 21
Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
October 25
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m.

To Our Special Church Family

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANKYOU!

Words do not do justice to our feelings of gratitude and love for each of you for your prayers that brought us to our new beginnings. We truly appreciate the cards, phone calls, visits and food you provided and those of you who stayed with me when I had to be alone. I will never forget the kindness and grace with which all of you responded without question or hesitation.

To each of you, Pastor Jo & Remy for the calls, visits and home communions, Maria who prepared our meals, Jean who baked the most delicious deserts ever, and to both who so willingly took care of me when I was alone. To Sharon & Ron who came to the Center nearly every week, for gifts, cards that continued to lift our spirits and hearts, and who visit as often as possible. To Joan & Val for their constant check on us and gifts to cheer us. Thank you, Val, for trimming all the bushes. To Linda who brought lunch and stopped by when she could. To Betsy, Pauline, & Jeanette for the great day of fun, laughter and rowdiness at the Center, and visits at home. To all of you who sent happy uplifting cards and letters, WE LOVE YOU ALL!

Love is our church family! Love Anne and Warren



Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church
Milton, FL
August 21, 2014

Session members present

Leslie Yandle Margaret Neustaedter
Betsy Dodson Tammy Mendiola
Jean Mourey

Guests present

Beth White Terry Fortune

Moderator

Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order: A quorum was declared by Jo and the meeting was called to order with prayer given by Jo. The Word Share was read from 1Corinthians, chapter 5.

Betsy introduced Terry Fortune, the agent with Beacon Insurance Agency who handles the insurance policies for the church. Mr. Fortune outlined the coverage in place at present and told us what it would cost to add wind and hail damage coverage. He gave a few different options for coverage, all of which would raise the premiums to unmanageable amounts. As the deductibles would be exorbitant, a motion was made to maintain the current coverage. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of Minutes: All members had read the minutes of the May meeting. Tammy noted an error in grammar. "This requires ADA compliance" should read "ADA compliance requires an AED on the premises."

Treasurer's report: Betsy reviewed the budget to date. She reported the following updates:

\$18,283.79 checking account
\$28,898.67 Money Market

It was noted that Restoration accounting needs to be separate from the general budget. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Clerk's report: Jean presented a request from the Presbyterian Mission Agency requesting contact information for all members of our church. A motion was made to deny this request. The motion was seconded and approved. Jean presented a Theology Matters request for personal donations. Jean again reported the price to obtain an AED. Jo recommended this item be included in the 2015 budget. Jean reported the Fellowship Hall is ADA compliant other than the men's restroom. Tammy suggested the urinal be removed and replaced with a wheelchair accessible stall. Jean presented Beth White's request to be reinstated as an active member of the church. This request was unanimously

accepted. Jean reported she has been contacting members who have been absent.

Property: Betsy reported the two front stained glass windows have been repaired and protective coverings installed. The side window has been caulked for stabilization. Bovard Studios has been paid in full for this work. Betsy noted she has been told to only clean the stained glass with water, no cleansers.

Christian Education: Tammy reported Sunday school for pre-k and k will begin Sept. 7 & that the material purchased to date is only appropriate for pre-k and k. She discussed her plans for creating a larger program. Tammy passed around her proposed agenda for outreach programs.

Stewardship: Margaret and Jo discussed "Minute for Mission". This will be a minute allotted each Sunday beginning Sept. 7 through Oct. 5 for each session member to explain to the congregation what her particular committee does and what the budgetary needs will be for the coming year. This is in preparation for the 2015 Planning workshop to be held October 11, 2014.

Worship: Margaret discussed changing the format of The Presby Press, reducing it to one page due to the cost of copying. It was agreed to reduce it to two pages for the next month.

Membership/Mission: Jean stated she will purchase post cards to be sent to members who have not been attending church recently.

Personnel: Leslie had nothing to report.

Old Business: Margaret reviewed her plans for catering the Presbytery meeting Sept. 9, 2014. A charge of \$10.00 per person for coffee, juice, donuts and lunch was agreed on.

Tammy suggested we become a support congregation for Family Promise. The "2 cents a Meal" program was discussed. Tammy proposed we use our portion of the monies collected to support the One Harvest program. Tammy informed us Beth White has volunteered to coordinate Operation Christmas Child this year. She also updated us on the Manna Food Pantry status.

Tammy then discussed the Prayer Shawl Ministry stating that the meetings have become more a social session than a ministry. A conversation ensued

regarding how this situation can be rectified with the ministry joining with PWC.

Tammy told us of a group supporting parents of special needs children that is in need of meeting space and childcare during their meetings.

New Business: Jo noted she will be absent December 29, 2014 and January 4, 2015.

Betsy noted the Historical Society wants to use our Fellowship Hall this year for the last stop on the Ghost Walk.

Jean stated the Nominating Committee has begun working.

Session training will be held November 15, 2014.

The Holiday Faire will be December 5 from noon until 8 p.m.

Autism Pensacola will hold their Christmas party December 13, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As Tammy is no longer associated with this organization she has informed them they will need to renegotiate their usage of our facilities beginning January 1, 2015.

Sharon Stebbins will construct the Jesse tree for this year.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn. This was seconded and the motion carried. Jean closed the meeting with prayer.

Calendar of Events

- 10/4: Presbyterian 101, 10 a.m.
- 10/5: World Communion service, 10:30 a.m.
1st Sunday fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.
- 10/7: Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
- 10/9: Session meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 10/11: 2015 Planning Workshop, 10 a.m.
- 10/21: Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- 10/25: Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY FAIRE

December 5th 12:00 - 8:00 p.m

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OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Cheryl Nugent	4 Presbyterian 101, 10 a.m.
5 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 World Communion, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	6	7 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.	8	9 Session meeting, 6:00 p.m. Bob Asmus	10	11 2015 Planning Workshop, 10 a.m.
12 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	13	14	15	16 Lynne Jones Anna Swafford	17	18 Teresa Faulkner
19 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Steve Smith	20	21 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.	22	23 Wyatt Hayslip	24	25 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m.
26 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

Halloween

APPLES
 BATS
 BLACK CAT
 BROOMSTICK
 CANDLE
 CANDY
 CEMETERY
 COFFIN COSTUME
 DRACULA
 FRIGHTENING
 FULL MOON
 GHOSTS
 GHOULS
 GOBLINS
 GRAVEYARD
 JACK-O-LANTERN
 MAST
 MASK
 MUMMY
 NIGHT
 PUMPKIN
 SCARECROW

SCARY
 SCREAM
 SKELETON
 SKULL
 SPIDERS
 TOMBSTONE
 VAMPIRE
 WEREWOLF
 WITCHES
 ZOMBIE

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