

# The

# Beacon

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## 50th Anniversary Year

November - December, 2010 Edition

From The Lighthouse Keeper

## “A Change That We Can Believe In!”



**Dr. C. Patrick Shaffer**  
Senior Pastor

Change is afoot! Most folks, especially those older, resist change! However, change is the way we progress in life, society and the church and it is inevitable!

I am referring to Session action on September 13. The Session discussed and approved a change in emphasis regarding how we perceive ourselves as a church.

Although there exists more than one theory as to why Christian churches of all denominations are losing members, one theory is that society has come to see the church as less a vehicle of God's love in fulfilling the opportunity and responsibility of feeding the hungry, clothing the poor and giving shelter to the homeless; but rather it is “perceived” that today's church is more about fulfilling inclusive needs of providing worship, fellowship and education for those in the congregation.

First, let me say that these are im-

portant and necessary goals. It is essential that the Christian Church provide worship, fellowship and education but is it enough?

The change that is being pursued is to add to our church's identity the responsibility to provide for those outside the church. It can do this by offering more of an outreach ministry; that is, providing opportunities for our members, not only as has been our tradition at First Presbyterian Tequesta of giving money to benevolent causes, but also providing the opportunity for hands-on outreach ministry.

Yes, for most of the 20 years I have been pastor at this church, we have increased our benevolent giving by ten percent each year. This is an outstanding accomplishment. Additionally, over and beyond what we have budgeted for benevolences, our folks have given generously to special causes such as One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy offering, and Hurricane Relief.

We now would like to expand our outreach ministry to include direct hands on involvement with those in our local area who are in need.

To do so, we have made two staffing changes. First, Associate Pastor Jeff Binder will assume the role of Director of Missions, working directly with our Evangelism and Missions Committee, with responsibility of planning, coordinating and recruiting volunteers for local mission projects, maintaining correspondence with nonlocal benevolent programs and sustaining communication with

the church membership regarding mission opportunities and progress. Second, although Jeff will remain as our youth leader, working with middle and high school youth, we will create a new position known as Director of Children's Ministries.

Our desire is to be more intentional with serving the needs of our community, especially families with young children. Thus, we hope that this new position of Director of Children's Ministries coupled with a newly created outreach ministry objective, will help us be more visible in the community, thereby enhancing the potential for serving both inside and outside the church.

The current Sunday School Superintendent position will end on January 1, as the Director of Children's Ministries begins. This previous three to five hour per week position is being enhanced to a 12 hour per week position with greatly expanded responsibilities. The job description for this position is printed elsewhere in this issue of *The Beacon*.

If you might be interested in this position, please contact the church office. This is a staff position that is budgeted at a salary of \$12,000. All resume's must be in the church office before November 30, 2010 in order to be considered for this position.

As this change is made effective on January 1, let's join in praying that it will not only be “a change that we together can believe in,” but also a change that will help us progress to fully become the church that God would have us be.

*Pat*

# Session Approves New Job Description

## Director of Children's Ministries

**Summary:** The Director of Children's Ministries is a part time position with responsibilities of directing, coordinating and supervising those areas of the church having to do with children, infant through fifth grade. This is an average twelve hour per week position with expectation of less hours needed during the summer months and more hours required for Rally Day, VBS, and Christmas and Easter Seasons.

This twelve hour position has some flexibility for its time usage; however, we would expect three of the twelve hours be Sunday morning hours with the director arriving by 9:00 am to open up classrooms, to ascertain that both teachers and supplies are present and then to be available to search out young families, both new and ongoing, to speak about pending programs and encouraging participation. Likewise to remain through the after service fellowship time to meet and talk with young families and last to see that classrooms are clean and ready for the Monday preschool program.

Another three hour block might be used for fellowship activities such as bowling, swimming, play dates, etc. the third three hours may be used for planning, correspondence, and recruitment/training of new volunteers. With the final three hours left for planning, developing and implementing new program ideas.

**Accountability:** Accountable to the Associate Pastor and the Ministries with Families Committee, with oversight from the Senior Pastor and Session.

**Responsibilities:** Maintains ongoing communication with the Associate Pastor and through monthly meetings with the Ministries with Families Committee, with what is happening with children's programs; and how these programs may impact other areas and programs of our church, especially the preschool program as both Sunday School and preschool share the same physical space.

- a. Coordinate Sunday School Program for ages Pre-K through grade 5.
- b. Develop and coordinate ongoing activities for grade Pre-K through fifth grade.
- c. With Associate Pastor recruit and train volunteers to fill supporting roles in children's ministries.
- d. With Associate Pastor review and select curriculum materials and educational tools for children's ministries.
- e. Responsible for planning and implementing Vacation Bible School, Rally Day, Christmas Tableau and Easter Egg Hunt.
- f. Work with other members of the church staff to provide a well-rounded program of teaching, music and recreation for children of the church.
- g. Assist in developing and implementing programs to reach children and their families.
- h. Develop relationships within the community that will strengthen the church's ministry to children and their families.
- i. Responsible for maintaining an accurate inventory of equipment and supplies, purchasing supplies as needed.
- j. Teach or Lead as needed.
- k. Communicates Sunday School information through the Beacon and the Sunday bulletin.
- l. Keeps abreast of educational needs of all age groups and brings educational expertise and resources to the total ministry of the church.
- m. Integrates the Sunday School program with worship experiences and outreach ministries.
- n. Monitors and staffs the nursery as needed.
- o. When possible, attend weekly staff meetings.
- p. And any other duties that may be necessary.

# Why Christianity Must Change or Die



**Rev. Jeff Binder**  
Associate Pastor

## An exciting title Huh?

I remember sitting at the dinner table one night in Parma Heights, Ohio, when I was a young, quirky, sixteen year old (not much has changed since). I sat thinking about Christianity after reading a book entitled *Power for Living*, which I received free after calling a toll-free number on the television...and I thought how there were parts that I simply didn't buy into. Why didn't my pets go to heaven with me? If my older brother continued to dissociate himself from Christianity, would he really be damned to eternal punishment? And who is God anyway? I thought to myself that there *must* be people like me out there in the world, but are they Christian? I just have to find them.

College was much the same frustration with being a Christian. I found myself surrounded by people who loved me and called me 'brother' in a Christian fellowship group at the College of Wooster in Ohio, but I still felt like a fake if they were to ask me how I *really* felt about many parts of Christianity. New questions came to mind as I read the Bible more intently: if the Bible is true, then why is it filled with all of these crazy stories in the Old Testament? Why would God kill

so many people? If there were so many miracles back in the days of Jesus, why don't they happen today?

And then, thank God, I was able to take my first Religious Studies class. It was an introduction into the world religions, and it was taught by an Indian professor who was raised Hindu, although professed to be a Methodist Christian, while at the same time greatly interested in Zen Buddhism...and I was hooked. I ended up majoring in Religious Studies, consuming everything I could get my hands on. My senior year I took my first Christian theology class taught by a Mennonite farmer. I was introduced to Walter Rauschenbusch, James Cone...and Paul Tillich, whose reflections on Christianity seemed to open up my lungs to deep breaths I had not inhaled for years in my faith life. I realized then, that maybe there is a place for me within the Christian Church after all.

Almost ten years later I am currently finishing a book by Bishop John Spong entitled *Why Christianity Must Change or Die* (1999; Harper San Francisco). As I mentioned in the previous *Beacon*, Bishop Spong served the church during times of desegregation, women's rights, new global awareness, and one of the issues that the PC(USA) continues to debate, human sexuality. Spong's book was yet another breath of fresh air in my Christian formation. As my spiritual walk continues to places that I have yet to tread, I discover even more questions and insights that have led to further internal conflict with the theology of the Christian Church. Spong poignantly borrows from our faith tradition and describes this as "a believer in exile" for those who no longer can honestly remain where they are. A choice has to be made: one must walk away from a faith tradition that fails them, or one's faith must grow and evolve. Spong

writes, "I think the time has come for the Church to invite its people into a frightening journey into the mystery of God and to stop proclaiming that somehow the truth of God is still bound by either our literal scriptures or our literal creeds" (p.21).

I realize that this book may not resonate with everyone. Some may read this book and simply dismiss it as mere theological philosophy or even blasphemous. However, what I embrace about our Presbyterian Christian heritage is that it allows for such conversations to take place, and empowers those who are willing to step out on a ledge and claim that "God alone is Lord of the conscience" (Book of Order G-1.0301). If you are having similar questions, struggles, or doubts, I want you to know that you're not alone. I believe there is not only *room* for such discussion and discernment within the church, but there is a *need* for such discussion in our congregations if we are to continue to faithfully witness to the Good News of God's salvation in Christ Jesus.

## Thanks From *Beacon* Staff

We as your new *Beacon* staff personally thank members, staff and contributors for their support and feedback.

We've enjoyed bringing you the news, and becoming familiar with the pulse of our spiritual community.

Our intent is to have the *Beacon* in your hands, and computers, by the month's end. We encourage all readers, to submit any ideas, suggestions or feedback to our email addresses or the church office. Merci!

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and Jim Scalf at [jescalf@att.net](mailto:jescalf@att.net)



Goodness and mercy! The pastoral plate overfloweth



Yummy, yummy! But for Kiera and Brenna O'Neill, eyes could be bigger than tummies

## A Positively Pleasurable Picnic.

The ocean provided a sweet breeze and clouds gave just enough cover after church on October 24 as nearly a hundred eager athletes and/or eager eaters turned out for the Annual Church Picnic at Jupiter Beach. As the latter gobbled and groaned, two beach volleyball teams battled for.....we don't know exactly what. When appetites finally overcame athleticism, the Bill Butdorf Bombers had squeaked by Jill Rippe's Rippers twice : 21-19 and 21-19



Grillmeisters Charles Loftquist junior and senior. Without their flipping, we'd have been flopping.



The high and mighty. Volleyball ref John Walker called 'em as he seen 'em, despite boos and catcalls



Games? What games? Jackson Melendy knows that real fun is a bug hunt!



Looks like a photo finish in the sack race!

# Holiday Happenings

Summer has yet had sufficient time to bid us adieu and yet the church staff is now planning for the 2010 Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year Holiday celebrations. The Beacon, now a bimonthly publication, will include in this issue all the annual Holiday activities for the next two months. The church staff wishes all church members and friends, an early Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, 2011.



The **Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service** will be hosted by the First Methodist Church of Jupiter, joining with the Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal and First Presbyterian, Tequesta, on Thursday Eve, November 24 at 7:30 pm. As always the various ministers and a combined choir of all participant churches will unite as we worship together as one body in Christ.



"Hanging of the Greens" on Sunday, November 28, will commence the Christmas celebrations as we come together to decorate our church. A tantalizing evening meal will be provided for those joining in this fun activity.



The **traditional Poinsettias**, which always enhance our holiday decorations, will be displayed beginning Sunday, December 12. Purchase arrangements for these lovely plants may be made prior to this date, with pick-up by donors following the Christmas Eve 9:00 worship service.



The **Annual Christmas Concert**, Sunday, December 12, will be presented by Marlyce, Andrew and friends. It will be at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. This is always a beautiful concert putting church members and the community in the true Christmas Spirit.



The **Christmas Tableau** on Sunday, December 19 at 7:00 pm will feature adults and children as they act out the various roles of the historical figures in Bethlehem that first Christmas night. Also, live animals will be on hand adding enjoyment for our little ones.



The **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** will be held at 7 pm with a focus on children's worship, and at 9 pm featuring the Chancel Choir.

**Sunday, December 26 Worship** - Christmas 2010 falls on a Saturday and we expect a somewhat smaller than usual crowd on Sunday. Our Sunday worship will primarily revolve around scripture and hymn singing. The children's Sunday school will not meet.

"Unhanging of the Greens" will be on January 2, following the morning worship hour. We will come together to take down these beautiful decorations and pack them away until Christmas 2011.

*Once again, we wish all our members and friends a very Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*



Parker Cone looks over the 75 presents our church members gave last Christmas as Angel Gift sponsors in conjunction with the West Jupiter Community Center. This year's program begins after church services on the Sundays of **November 21 and 28** when you can receive names of needy youngsters whose Christmas you can brighten with a gift. Questions? Contact Angel Gift co-chairs Barbara Holton or George Glevis.

# Children focus on Stewardship programs



**By Kim Cario**  
**Sunday School Superintendent**

After a fun-filled, successful Rally Day, our fall **Sunday School program** is in full swing with the children now in their individual classes. The classes are Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, 2nd grade and grades 3-5. We will be learning Bible lessons and doing games and crafts.

This year we are working towards a couple of Stewardship projects to teach the children what service really means. The first project was "Trick or Treating for UNICEF." Each child received a collection box to take home, have filled, and return after Halloween. The spring stewardship project will be chosen by the children.

A **Family Night**, held on October 15, was a fun time at the beach for children prekindergarten through fifth grade. The parents of this group are planning special events once a month.

On Sunday, December 19th, the children will be singing for the congregation at the 10 a.m. service and will also be participating in **The Christmas Tableau** at 7 p.m.

## Rally Day



# In 2010 We Supported These Missions

**Our church supports the following charities, thanks to your generous pledges, gifts, and offerings!**



**By George Glevis  
For the Mission Committee**

**ANGEL FLIGHT** (Leesburg, Fl.)- Provides air transportation in private planes to people in need of medical attention and humanitarian aid.

**BETH-EL FARM WORKER MINISTRY** (Wimawma, FL)-Provides support to migrant farm workers (poorest of the working poor). The mission has a school, worship, and outreach plan.

**CROS** -Mission-founded in 1977, the mission of Christians Reaching Out To Society is to enable Christians of all faiths to work together to identify unmet needs of the community and collaborate with community groups in creating solutions to meet these needs. Cros is active in Palm Beach County with kitchens and food pantries, and is forming a satellite food pantry at El Sol in Jupiter.

**DAVID & CAROLINE WEBB** (Johannesburg, S. Africa)-GRACE CHILDRENS HOME in Kenya was built to care for 30 plus orphans and street children. They are survivors of abuse, poverty, and AIDS. AGAPE house in Johannesburg provides for infants, and BABY HAVEN cares for infants that no one wants until homes can be found. MASAPHINE project is a coordinated group of volunteers who serve in the city of Johannesburg.

**DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY** (Nairobi, Kenya)- This university serves to

educate future leaders in government, community, and teaching. Many students come from dire circumstances. We support a specified student. A former associate of our church, the Rev. Roger Anderson is involved with Daystar.

**DUVALL PRESBYTERIAN HOME** (Glenwood, Fl.)-Established in 1945 as a home for retarded children. They have an assisted living facility and take care of mentally and physically challenged residents who range in age from 2 to over 80.

**ED. J. HEALEY** (West Palm Beach, FL.)-Non-profit nursing and convalescent home, serving indigent and poor patients, with support from the community. We have helped supply Christmas gifts, walkers, wheelchairs, and computers.

**FAMILY PROMISE** (Palm Beach County / North) an interfaith community response to homeless families. Our church will serve as a supporting unit.

**FLORIDA RESOURCE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN** (Riviera Beach, FL.)-Provides support services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**- (Started in 1944, now in 125 countries)- This organization helps families to become self-reliant by providing them with farm animals and training for community development. The first female offspring of the animals is given to another recipient and so on, ultimately helping the entire community.

**HOME DELIVERED MEALS** (North County Churches)-A non-profit and self-sustaining service provided by area churches to prepare and deliver nourishing, hot meals to invalids and shut-ins, on a five-day-a week basis. Has been in existence for over 20 years.

**HOPE RURAL SCHOOL** (Indiantown, Fl.)-Provides Christian elementary education ( K thru Fifth), for the children of migrant workers to foster the values of mercy, justice, and love. Non-profit.

**HUNGARIAN REFORMED**

**CHURCH** (Kibed, Transylvania, Romania)-Our sister church. For over 15 years our congregation has donated money and clothing to be used to help meet the basic needs of this church. Money has been used for roof repair, sanctuary heating, new wood floor to cover existing stone floor in sanctuary, audio-visual equipment, etc.

**JUPITER COMMUNITY ACTION** (West Jupiter, Fl.)-With our support, food coupons are purchased and then distributed as required for needy-working families. We support them at Thanksgiving with meals, and at Christmas with our Christmas Angels program.

**LIGHTHOUSE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** (Jupiter, Fl.)-Non-profit, Christian housing ministry working to eliminate poverty and create adequate housing for the poor. Habitat builds and renovates houses with the help of the new homeowners.

**PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH FLA.**- A portion of our pledges and offerings are sent in undesignated form to be used by Presbytery for urgent local and world-wide needs.

**REV. B. MUINDI** (Nyeri, Kenya)- Ministry center provides housing, meals, clothing, and tutoring to destitute street children.

**SUDAN / DARFUR CRISIS**-Donate money to CHURCH WORLD SERVICE to be used in humanitarian ways in this ongoing crisis.

**THE LORDS PLACE / CAFE JOSHUA** (West Palm Beach, Fl.)- Provides emergency and transitional shelter for homeless families with children. Joshua House is also a transitional home for men who are homeless and/or have been thru drug rehab. Café Joshua provides a noon meal for the homeless, and many services, such as employment assistance, training in varied skills, clothes, haircuts, and a mailing address.

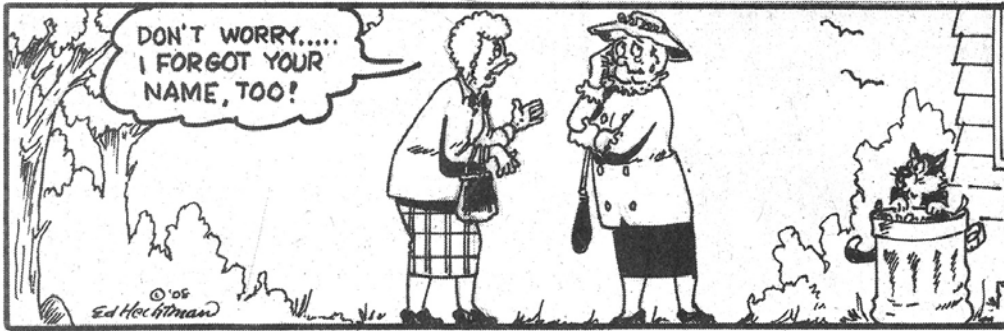
**YOUTH MISSION** (F.P.C. Tequesta)- Helps younger members of our church to go on mission trips, and summer camp programs.

# Do You Wear Your Name Tag?

One of our members writes:

THE BEST YEARS

BY ED HECHTMAN



“We appreciate the great job you are doing with the *Beacon*. Please, could you put in a request that people wear their name tags. I don't think it is just the 90 plus who forget over the summer - and even week to week. Thanks a lot.”

## The Bridge is Open

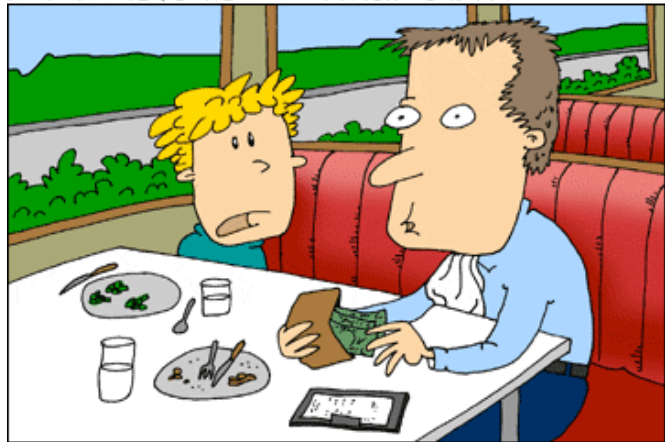
### Members of the Congregation

If you have not been coming to church because of the bridge - come back, it's fixed! If you're up north, we have missed you and hope you will be back soon!

## Pledging Season is Near

We are about to begin our pledging season and if any of you would like to pledge early, we encourage your participation. See form below.

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### Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2011

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  week  month  other \_\_\_\_\_

*(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)*

I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning

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Keep this portion as a record of your financial stewardship commitment for the year 2011.

My (our) financial stewardship commitment

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

per  week  month  other \_\_\_\_\_

*(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)*

*But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph. 4:7)*

## Marlyce and musical wing of church gear up



**Marlyce Pedersen**  
Music Director

Greetings and **Hallelujahs** from the music wing in your church. Things have been really humming since we last posted an update and we are now in full swing with preparation for the end of the year special services and celebrations.

### Join us for exciting and inspiring music planned for November and December.

The **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary culmination Day** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Morning worship highlights will include a brass choir with tympani, a guest soloist, and special music selections for the choir and con-

gregation.

Our **Annual Christmas Concert** will be on **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 pm. This year the choir and guest musicians will present a concert of old Christmas favorites, including Christmas selections from the Messiah like: "Unto Us a Child is Born."

The **Bell choir** kicked off their new season at the Annual Church Picnic last Sunday, October 24 where they enjoyed the debut of their newest bell ringer, Dr. Tom Rowe.

Looking back, October 3<sup>rd</sup> was World-Wide Communion Sunday and all celebrated this inclusive observation with meaningful music and worship. The anthem "Credo" written by our own Lyn Snyder was performed on October 10 under the direction of Lyn herself.

On Labor Day Sunday, September 5, the choir sang the appropriate and uplifting anthem "Come Build a Church" by Ken Medema. On subsequent Sundays, solos were sung beautifully by Ron Bock, Lyn Snyder, Lynne Spotts and special guest Pamela Wyman from England. She performed "How Great Thou Art" with back-up from the choir.

Special thanks to Zula Soaves for sewing new covers for the bellchoir pads



We began the month of August on the first with a meaningful Communion Service, followed by four Sundays of beautiful anthems and responses. A solo was offered by Lynne Spotts featuring Ralph Vaughan William's interpretation of our anthem text "Let all the World in Every Corner Sing - God and King." Choir resumed Thursday evening rehearsals on August 19. It was good to be back on a regular schedule.

See you on Sunday! And remember to keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart!

Love,

*Marlyce*

## Hymn Singing - Part II

( a Four Part Series )

The primary congregational responsibility in terms of music is hymn singing. "Sing unto the Lord a new song", "Let all the people praise Thee,"- these are but two of the many unqualified imperatives we find in Scripture. A Christian congregation must sing because of what God has done for them in

Christ. It is their joyful duty.

Hymn singing is not, however, only a responsibility. It is a privilege. During days of the early church, the people had a desire to participate in worship through singing, but restrictions of the day and the secrecy surrounding the gatherings of Christians to pray and praise prevented the practice of "singing a joyful song". Today we sometimes take this privilege too

lightly and without much appreciation.

(paraphrased from: "Music and Worship in the Church" by Austin Lovelace and William C. Rice)

*Marlyce*

# Glimpses of Spirit

*This column is a space for church members to share with others spiritually oriented expressions, quotes, words that touch the spirit, adding meaning to their daily lives and loves. (Original authors are not acknowledged)*

**This poem was taken from a book of published poems by new member Barbara Cook. "Angels: God's Angels Around Us."**

## **Angels in Church**

*There is a multitude of angels in Church who sing with the choir. They bring music from heaven And God's love to our prayers.*

*They love the ministers and all His people there too, they love*

*Eloquent sermons and beautiful flowers.*

*There are angels in church Who live for Sunday, their Lord's Day of worship, always doing Their angelic best to follow God's plan for a peaceful world.*

*They feel joy in their hearts As His amazing grace flows Over souls, and spirits are Lifted high for another week. These angels in church, they know Words to psalms and hymns. Bless these angels around us, as They bring hope and faith, they do!*

# The Beacon Spotlights

*This is a column about Church Chatter around the pews of our spiritual home. We encourage our readers to keep their eyes and ears open for some news tidbits about our membership, or submit their own, and pass it on to us, as long as it is permitted by the doer and printable.*



**Judy and Bill Wood** remember back 50 years to their November 22 wedding day. They will celebrate these fifty years with their family on a Caribbean cruise. By the way, they have relocated over the summer. Their new address is: 3 Bunker Place, Tequesta, Fl 33469.



**New parents, Melissa and David Sloan** report that Baby Sophia is now nine months old and making every effort to crawl.

“She has such an easy, wonderful personality,” brags her Daddy.

**Katie Davis** returned September 21, from her travels in Europe to witness the 2010 production of The Oberammergau Passion Play.



“This was the trip of a lifetime. One I will never forget.” Katie will share information and her experience in the next *Beacon* issue.



**Sara Splittergerber, wife of Bill and daughter of Pastor Pat and Connie Shaffer,** is

recovering at home from a successful surgical procedure performed on October 18.

**Deacon Bill Dennis** demonstrated true Discipleship two weeks ago. He decided to expand his deaconship from his own flock, into the



**Bill Dennis**

streets of Jupiter and Tequesta. Feeling a call from “Holy Spirit” to care for the poor and disabled, he administered spontaneous TLC to three different “street people” in three different locations, who just showed up in the course of Bill's day.

The first encounter was a young, pregnant woman named Rose. She appeared as Bill was going into the Publix on Indiantown Road. Observing this young women, Bill felt she was needy. Listening to Spirit's guidance, he went into the store, purchased pre-natal vitamins, gave them to her with words of God's love and left. He said he wanted to stay and follow through but was guided by the thought, you've done enough.

The second occurrence was shortly after when Bill and his wife Karen pulled up to a coffee shop on North Lake Blvd. Bill observed an

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African American sitting on the sidewalk who was dirty, and appeared mentally challenged. Once again, Bill listened to the Spirit leanings. He went into the coffee house and purchased a large bottle of orange juice and a bottle of water. He again gave them to the man, saying "God loves you" and returned to his car.

In his third encounter Bill was drawn to a man standing at the corner of Indiantown and A1A. Bill pulled around the corner, and wondered what he might have to give this man, whom he was once again drawn to. Glancing around his car, Bill saw a full Gator Aid bottle and his Gideon Bible. Pulling up to the corner, Bill pulled up to the man who said his name was John, told him God cared for him and gave him the Gator Aid, The Gideon Bible and tucked several dollars into the Bible pages.



**A Special 104<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday to Jo (Alberta) Carlson who was born on December 1,**

**1906.** Anyone wishing to send this bright woman a birthday card may address it to: Joe Coleman, 86 Lighthouse Drive, Jupiter, FL 33469-3511.

*The Beacon* is pleased to announce that our talented writer, **Catherine Dosa**, will be returning to write per-



sonal profiles in the *Beacon*, commencing with the January issue.



**Ken and Emily Sloan** just returned from a trip to Amsterdam, Holland to attend the wedding of the daughter of their son-in-law Appie Veenstra. While there, they had the opportunity to visit with a "sister", Dr. Yelly Anneka Hoepman, who was an exchange student from Holland in 1957. She lived with Emily's (and Mary Scalf's) family for a year while she attended Young High School in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Ministries with Families

**Montreat conference calling high schoolers**

Next summer our high school youth will be attending the Center for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina.

The Center affirms youth, young adults and their leaders in their calling as witnesses to Jesus Christs and to shape the church of tomorrow. Through events, resources and leadership opportunities responsive to the needs of congregations, youth and young adults will come to know and believe that they are the beloved of God.

The Montreat Youth Conferences are designed for entering freshmen through graduated seniors. They are unique gatherings of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship and recreation. Morning activities include energizers, music and small group meetings where the conference theme is explored. Afternoons are given to recreation activities and evenings to worship.

If you are interested in learning more about this great opportunity, we will have an informational meeting on **Sunday, November 14, at 6 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

For further information, check out the link: [www.montreat.org/young](http://www.montreat.org/young).



Libby Swanson, with Carolina on her mind



Vacation Bible Schoolers this summer

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Youth Yard Sale  
Nov. 6th**

**Presbytery Youth Event  
Nov. 13th**

**HS Lock-IN  
Nov. 26th**

**Mission Trip Registration  
Dec. 1st**

**Mission Opp.: Gleaning  
Dec. 4th**

**Confirmation Sign-up  
Jan. 1st**

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And click on 'events'**

## Meet Our New Members



### Matthew and Sasha Melendy

Matt and I moved to Tequesta last summer. I was born in Ohio, and lived there for the first nine months of my life, then lived in Texas for eight years. My parent's next move was to Stuart and they fortunately decided to stay there. I grew up on the ocean and actually lived aboard a sailboat for many years. Knowing that I couldn't leave the water, I went to the University of Miami (UM) for my undergraduate studies. I loved it so much I decided to stay and went to UM's School of Medicine.

Matt, on the other hand, is an eighth generation Floridian! He was born in Lakeland then moved to a small town outside of Sebring called Wauchula. Eventually his family moved to the "city" of Sebring where he attended high school. His family owns a natural gas business, Coker Fuel, in Sebring. Matt worked there for a few years before heading to the University of Florida (UF). He graduated with a degree in Business and made the move to the financial world.

We met when I was in medical school and were married two weeks after I graduated. Our next stop was Gainesville where I did my residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at UF at Shands. Matt's job kept him in Stuart, and we did the long commute on weekends for my four years of training. Matt originally worked for a large brokerage firm, but almost four years ago, he and his partner decided that this was not the right venue for them. They decided to take their business independent and opened their own brokerage firm, LMK Wealth Management.

I completed my residency last June and made the move back. I joined OB/GYN Specialists of the Palm Beaches and am working with them out of Jupiter Medical Center. Moving home and starting our life in the same city was wonderful, but nothing could compare to the best blessing we received December 5, 2009. That was the day our son Jackson was born and made our life complete. We knew right away that God had given us a miracle and we started looking for a Church to bring him up in. We immediately felt at home at First Presbyterian of Tequesta. We were made members on Easter, the same day Dr. Shaffer so graciously baptized Jackson.

Our ninth generation Floridian is now a second generation member of the church and we look forward to many wonderful years here!



### Barbara Cook

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Barbara Cook graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and then took an extra year at Wayne State University in Michigan. A major in Home Economics, she taught sewing for 14 years prior to entering the printing profession for an 18 year period as co-owner of two offset print shops.

This multi talented woman just changed from a full-time to a part-time position at Mangrove Bay Retirement Community in Jupiter, as a concierge. "I especially love working with the elderly, a dedicated management team and loyal co-orkers."

She expresses great gratitude for her two married children, four grand-

children, three brothers and countless nieces, nephews and friends.

Keeping active Barbara walks, writes and swims. Cooking with Natural Foods is one of this single woman's hobbies. She has authored two books recently which reside in the church library. *Angels: God's Angels Around Us*, a poetry collection (see Glimpses of Spirit in this Beacon issue), and "A Cook's Cookbook," a biblical based cookbook on natural foods.

Last year, Barbara began wondering how she could express her gratitude to God for all He had worked in her life. To her surprise she started to write poems about His angels in heaven and on earth. She hoped to capture the essence of what angels do. "His celestial messengers bring His messages of love, peace and joy, and love is what I felt as those twenty-five poems were written."

Barbara transferred from the First Presbyterian Church of North Palm Beach.



### Crystal Davis

I moved to South Florida with my two children, James and Bailey Rigsby, after pursuing graduate studies in Piano Performance at the University of Alabama. It was there I became certified in the Kindermusik method of early learning.

I began working as a music teacher and math tutor for Montessorri programs for children ages 2 - 6th grade. I have continually worked as a music teacher and children's choir director for private schools and various church functions while maintaining an active

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piano studio as well.

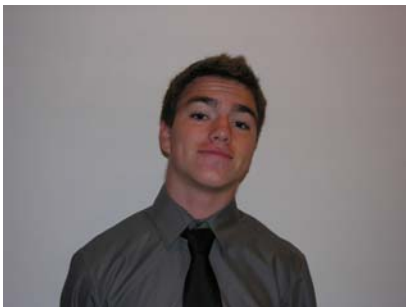
Frequently I appeared as an accompanist for string players and chamber events with the New World Symphony and it was here that I met my husband and remarried after ten years of life as a single mom.

My husband grew up in Tequesta. In fact, his grandparents, the Daytons, were active members of this congregation many years ago. Since my marriage and move up the coastline, Casey Davis was born and blessed to be a part of our growing family.

Currently, I maintain a busy and rewarding schedule as a mother to three beautiful children. James is a sophomore at Jupiter High School in the Criminal Justice Academy. Bailey, is an 8th grader, homeschooled by mom and a competitive gymnast, and Casey is our preschooler with a heart of gold who loves coming to church here!

In addition, I teach private and group piano lessons and Kindermusik classes here at the church! I am glad to have the fellowship of family and friends right here in my neighborhood.

I enjoy the traditional worship service and admire the dedication and strength of this church family that has been a good foundation for the community for so many years! "I think it is important that our children see life through the eyes of others."



**James Rigsby**

James Rigsby became a member as a result of an invitation from a friend. In fact, he brought his mom here for Mother's Day and they seemed to like the church and chose to return. He is a sophomore this year at Jupiter Com-

munity High School.

Born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama James moved to South Florida at the very start of his academics. His current activities and hobbies include: lifting weights, running cross country, youth group, and spending time with good friends at this church. Crystal, his Mom, describes her son as "...a dedicated, good-hearted young man with a willing attitude."



**Jeff Piddington**

My last name, Piddington, has its roots in England where the name appears in church records of the 11th century as an established town north of London.

My great-grandfather was a rose gardener by trade before arriving in America aboard a ship named the Philadelphia. He settled in the Chicago area where my parents and relatives grew up.

I was born in Chicago and grew up in the suburbs outside Philadelphia. I studied computer science after high school and later majored in horticulture at Temple University. I absolutely love working with plants, having now been in the nursery industry for 23 years and am currently a salesman for Boynton Botanicals, a wholesale nursery in Boynton Beach.

I have lived in South Florida for three months having moved to be closer to the love of my life, Lynne Spotts. She and I reconnected in 2009. It was 30 years since I'd seen her last in high school. We are engaged to be wed at the First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta on Memorial Day weekend of 2011.



**David Sloan**

My name is David M. Sloan. I am the son of Ken and Emily Sloan, and grandson of Bea Sloan. I was born in Gardens Hospital in 1970 and lived in West Palm Beach until 1975 when I moved to Lake Park. In 1987 my family built a house in Jupiter, where they currently continue to live.

In 1990 I moved to Raleigh, NC to attend NC State University. After receiving my MS in psychology, I attended Walden University and received a Masters in Mental Health Counseling.

Currently I am about eight months away from getting my license in Mental Health Counseling. I also studied, trained, and was commissioned as a Stephen Minister in 2003. Today I work as a Mental Health Counselor at Unity Recovery Center in Hobe Sound.

I became a father for the first time about nine months ago, when the Lord blessed me and my fiancée Mellissa with a beautiful baby girl named Sophia.

I grew up in a very strong Christian household and watched my family reach out to many people. I was taught to accept people for who they are regardless of race, religion, or socioeconomic status, which continues to serve me in my practice. Today I continue to develop and strengthen my relationship with Christ, because I believe without him, I would not be where I am today.

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**Patricia Moore**

I was born in Miami, Florida to Thomas Benson Farish and Ernestine Baker. My official birth date was disputed by the delivery nurses. The doctor said May 1. I guess the RN's won out as my birth certificate says April 30.

My family lived in Coral Gables until Pan American Airlines transferred us to New York. After my father's job was replaced by a machine, he turned to his other job as an animator and we moved to Valley Stream. I graduated from high school and college on Long Island. I have three children from my first marriage. I met and married John Moore in 1981. We have a condo in NH and are renting a condo for a year in Jupiter, hoping we'll find our own place here soon.

I was originally a member of my mother's church, "Church of Christ." However, I had a hard time believing many of their beliefs, so when I became an adult I found the Presbyterian Church in South Salem, NY. I sang with that choir for many years.

I love arranging flowers, the opera and all kinds of plays. I also love to swim and used to play a fairly decent game of golf. I'm so glad I found the First Presbyterian Church and the choir.

*Editors note: Pat is the newest addition to our Chancel Choir, lending her strong voice to the Alto section. We are also glad she found our choir.*

## Save the date - November 21, 2010

The 50th Anniversary Committee has had a busy year planning a host of celebrations and activities for members to mark a half century of life at the First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta. Now looms the initial founding date, 50 years later, which will be honored with a "Time Capsule Closing" at the Gala 50th Anniversary Dinner on November 21 from 6 pm to 7:45 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.

Suggestions for inclusion in the time capsule will be shown and displayed at this time.

Tickets for the sit-down dinner evening will go on sale Sunday, Oct 31. They will also be available for purchase on Sunday, November 7 and November 14. The last day for ticket purchase will be November 15. Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for children under 12 years old.

The evening will include special guests to help give flavor to the evening. Included on this invitation list are Mayor Pat Watkins and her husband Bill. Council members plus spouses are: Jim and Bethany Humpage, Tom and Susan Paterno, Calvin and Sheryl Turnquest and Vince Arena and spouse. Also speaking, and representing Presbytery will be Lucky Arnold and his spouse.

Mrs. Thomas Harrington (Ellen) is a special guest as are David Thomas, Bill and Ellen Emery, Bob and Elaine Ritter, Dr. Paul and Meredith Kindschi and charter members Muriel Sylvester and Ms. Patricia Mars.



**50th Anniversary Committee,** from left, seated: Jim Snyder, Rosemarie Von Zabern, Chairman Michael

Barry, and Dick Anschutz. Standing: David Allen, Jack Reid, Pat Shaffer and Jim Scalf. Other members not pictured: David Chandler, Katie Davis, Jill Esposito, Judy Reibel and Jane Speak.

During the year this active group promoted an impressive list of activities for members. A new logo, tag line and banner may now be viewed in the church, in the bulletin and in *The Beacon* with a new theme- **Faith Family and Fellowship.**

A special dinner on Nov. 21, 2009 featured opening of the 25th year time capsule. A commemorative DVD was crafted by Jim Scalf who gave a complete backward glance to provide historical perspective of the church history and present changes.

Special Music by Marlyce, Andrew and the choirs is planned for the 10 am service on Anniversary Sunday. A special 50's theme picnic was held in October and *The Beacon* has featured four personal profiles of our members reflections on church history.

Items offered to help member's memory bank of this celebratory occasion are: Special t-shirts, Our Favorite Recipes Cookbooks, the Fiftieth Anniversary Church Directory, Christmas Ornaments and Jim Scalf's commemorative DVD. They may all be purchased at the dinner.

### Historical Snapshot

#### The 1990's - Our Fourth Decade

In 1990, Hugh Garver won a congregation-wide contest with his name for our church newsletter - *The Beacon*. In 1991, Rev. Dr. C. Patrick Shaffer became our third called pastor. In 1992, Christian Education Committee chair Janel Mote announced that the weekly Playgroup was now our licensed Presbyterian Preschool. That year we also changed the name of our church from First United Presbyterian to First Presbyterian. After Dr. Joice's death in 1993, Rev. Dr. Paul Kindschi became Parish Associate in 1994. The music department moved into the newly constructed east wing in October 1997.



# The 50th Anniversary Celebration

## Another Look at First Presbyterian Tequesta



**Mike and Susie Zern**

*This is the last of four Beacon articles sharing the experiences of church members over the past 50 years. The first three were written by folks who have been a part of this church for most of those 50 years, the "old timers." This time we asked a younger and relatively newer member to share her feelings about what this church has meant to her and her family, and to the young people who are such an important part of our church life.*

In the spring of 1994, when we found out we were relocating to South Florida, Mike and I had two goals in mind when looking for a new neighborhood. First, we wanted a good school district for our three middle school kids, and second, we were looking for a

good church home for our family. We selected the Jupiter area that spring and moved here in late summer, just prior to school opening. One of our first projects was to find a church home for the family. We focused on First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta (FPCT) immediately, because of the interest we had in the youth program. Before joining the church, we decided it must be a family decision, not just an adult decision. If our kids weren't happy at a particular church, they would never want to attend. The second Sunday we visited FPCT, the youth led worship in a special Youth Sunday. We were convinced this was the atmosphere for our family after seeing the vital youth program here. This would be our new church home.

Our children immediately settled into their new youth program and began to make what have become life-long friends. I began to volunteer with the youth, supplying refreshments and chaperoning as needed. As luck would have it, the leadership of the youth program changed, and within several months of joining the church I became the Youth Director.

I have served on staff, paid and unpaid, for most of the past 16 years. Most of those years were spent working with the young people of the church through the Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, camps, etc. During my service with the youth, I had the

privilege of watching many of our young people grow into fine young adults. These teens and preteens learned about church by helping to host church dinners, doing outreach in the community, working at Strawberry Festival, attending Cedarkirk, working at VBS and attending Sunday school and worship services. They learned about preparing and leading worship services during the Youth Sunday experiences several times each year as well as ushering and greeting on a regular basis during the year.

Knowing that many young people drift away from the church when they leave home for college, military or work, my goal was to make sure the young adults in my charge were presented with a program which would prepare them to make good decisions when they left home and went away to wherever their lives led them. It has been gratifying to see many of these young people return to our church when they are home to visit family and friends.

A second goal was to always let the younger members know that, at this church, the young people are **Very Important People**. This congregation has always been 100% supportive of the programs presented for the youth of all ages whether it was helping to provide scholarship assistance for camps/college, or assisting with the youth programs.

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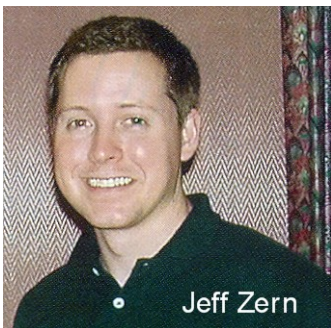
When we selected this church, it was our hope that the young people growing up here would be appreciated, nourished and cherished. We wanted a church home that would not only supply the needs of adults, but also the needs of the youngest members.

We have watched changes in programming and the church over the past 16 plus years, but some things have not changed. Now more than ever, as we watch the newest programs being developed in this church, we know that the youngest members are not “seen but not heard”. They **are** appreciated, nourished and cherished. This is shown by a congregation which listens attentively when these young ones speak, accepting their efforts with open arms, and by offering encouragement when they need assistance.



Greg and Brittany Zern

In our family, we achieved our



Jeff Zern

goal of keeping our own children involved in the church as they grew up. When they come home for a visit, they enjoy worshipping with the congregation at FPCT and



Jennifer Zern

seeing the members again. They even enjoy having folks say, “I knew you when...!”

As long as the congregation continues to nourish these young people, “The Church in the Pines” will be as important in the next 50 years as it has for the past 50 years

*Susie*

**Happy Birthday !!!**



November

December

Colette Marie	Nov 2	Alberta Carlson	Dec 1
Muff Poundstone	Nov 2	Patrick Shaffer	Dec 1
George Sharp	Nov 2	Sammy Eagen	Dec 2
Duane Belden	Nov 3	Jennifer Cornell	Dec 4
Martha Parker	Nov 4	Mildred Aylward	Dec 5
Rosina Schimek	Nov 9	Braam Botha	Dec 5
Miriam Heller	Nov 10	Karla Ludwick	Dec 5
Ginny Willoughby	Nov 10	Jackson Melendy	Dec 5
Sydney Chase	Nov 11	Anne Scholl	Dec 6
Marion Pomeroy	Nov 12	Rosemarie Von Zabern	Dec 7
Mary Ridler	Nov 12	Emily Toupin	Dec 9
Dean Nuneville	Nov 14	Janice Strickler	Dec 10
Christine Von Zabern	Nov 14	Judy Finn	Dec 14
Nikki McTernan	Nov 15	Craig Simon	Dec 14
Colby Ross	Nov 16	Jim Scalf	Dec 17
John Kern	Nov 17	Tom McMillen	Dec 18
Claire Cross	Nov 20	Carol Snyder	Dec 18
Trey Hawkins III	Nov 22	Hazel Barry	Dec 19
Sierra Maihack	Nov 22	Dana Schaap	Dec 19
Bradley Young	Nov 24	Ann Young	Dec 19
Fred Cone	Nov 27	Ellen Patterson	Dec 21
Kevin Cone	Nov 27	Catherine Von Phul	Dec 23
Allen Whitesell	Nov 27	Joan Smith	Dec 24
Mary Bolton	Nov 29	Connie Crowley	Dec 25
Helen Dunnder	Nov 29	Clyde Arntzen	Dec 26
John Holton	Nov 30	Elle Wood	Dec 26
Irene Nuneville	Nov 30	Carolyn Quigley	Dec 27
		Brenda Miller	Dec 28
		Sarah Mock	Dec 29
		Maura Merkal	Dec 30



## New Church Mission looking for Volunteers



By Ginny Willoughby

The mission **Christians Reaching Out to Society (CROS)** was founded in 1977, to enable all faiths to work together to identify unmet needs of the community and collaborate with community groups in creating

solutions to meet those needs.

This ministry is a new addition to our church's missions and is another example of how our mission dollars are being spent not only across the globe, but also right here in our own backyard for people that are very much in need and are hurting. Christ told us "...that in as much as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it unto me." This is part of our Church's service in reaching out to touch those people.

In addition to serving breakfast lunch and dinner to people in need, they operate food pantries in three locations, and are opening another at the Jupiter Neighborhood Resource Center,

beginning January, 2011. Volunteers are being sought to help serve at the location. There is a training offered on Friday, October 22 and Tuesday, November 9, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For questions please contact Amy Baer at 561-779-7980.

Another activity of **CROS** is involved in gleaning fresh produce, distributed to agencies throughout Palm Beach County who feed the hungry. In the 2008-09 season 172,789 lbs. of corn, green beans, tomatoes and eggplant were gathered.

*Ginny*

## Give Thanks for the Journey

*Jesus said, "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.'" (John 4:35)*

*We don't have to wait to harvest happiness, peace, love, joy or abundance. Our lives are ripe for harvest **Now!***

*As we approach this 2010 holiday season, what a perfect time*

*for us to pause, reflect and give thanks for all aspects of our life's journey in 2010. The apostle Paul said, "In **ALL** things give thanks." Did he not mean even in challenging and difficult situations and circumstances there is still so much for which we can be thankful?*

*Lifting up our eyes we can see the good, the beauty, and the*

*blessings in all thing, and not focus on what hasn't or isn't working. I know the practice of Thanksgiving helps with my journey!*

*What are you grateful for this Year? What lessons are you thankful for learning? What insight and wisdom did you gain? What fun and laughter did you experience? What spiritual teaching or practice transformed or enhanced your life?*

*Carol*

### Beacon Housekeeping

- The deadline for submitting articles and information for the January-February, 2011 edition of *The Beacon* will be Wednesday, December 1, 2010
- Carol Snyder our *Beacon* Editor has a new e-mail address. Please add this to your address book and address all *Beacon* issues to **carolsnyder1936@gmail.com**
- The church now has a new and shorter URL address. Hopefully it will be easier to remember and use. **www.tequestapres.org**



**Special Prayer Request For:**  
**Raymond Micah Reese,**  
 seven month old son of  
**Sargeant Rachael Bock Reese,** will have  
 a cyst removed from his spine on  
**November 7, 2010.**

*(Submitted by Norma Bock, grandmother)*

## Women plan Bible study, set luncheon dates

The Presbyterian Women will meet on November 8th and December 13th (2nd Monday of the month) in the Harrington Parlor.

**10:00 a.m.:** Horizons' Bible Study "Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today" Nov. 8th - Lesson 2 and Dec. 13th - Lesson 3. Zula Soaves is coordinating the Bible Study. See her to lead at least one of the lessons. Study book is \$8. See Zula or Vivienne in the church office to purchase a copy.

**11:15 a.m.:** Presbyterian Women in the Congregation business meeting.

### The Ladies' Lunch Bunch:

**12:30 p.m. - November 8th** at Spiro's Taverna, 201 N. US Highway 1, Jupiter. Linda Kelly hosts us at this Greek restaurant in the shopping center at the northeast corner of US 1 and Indiantown Road. Call her at 745-7788 to reserve a seat.

**12:30 p.m. - December 13th** at 12:30 p.m. at Sinclair's Ocean Grill, 5 N. US Hwy A1A, Jupiter. To reserve a seat at our Christmas Luncheon, call Judy Campbell at 746-3297. Luncheons are Dutch treat. Order from the menu.

### 50th ANNIVERSARY COOK-BOOK UPDATE:

As of October 17th, the Presbyterian Women have sold 300 cookbooks with a few reserved copies still to be claimed. Thanks to all who reserved copies of this special 50th anniversary publication. We still have some copies available for sale. Special thanks to Jim Scalf and Linda Kelly for stepping in to make our custom front cover a work of art. Vivienne Bellardo has been of great assistance in the sale and distribution of the cookbooks. Many thanks to her!



## Preschool Prepares for Holidays

We are excited to be entering another season at the preschool. The children are busy getting ready to celebrate a Thanksgiving feast and singing Christmas carols for our upcoming Christmas program.

We have been enjoying our chapel times with Pastor Jeff. He has been teaching us God's Word as it relates to our "little

world."

We are pleased to have over 80 children enrolled at our school so far, and have a few on the list to begin in January. It looks like we are on our way to recovering from the bridge.

We thank you for your faithfulness during this last transitional year and look forward to a growing relationship.

In Him,

*Penny*



**Penny Rogers**  
Preschool Director

## Men's Wednesday Breakfast Again Being Cooked in Fellowship Hall

As of Wednesday October 20th our resident "chef" Barry Speak started cooking again for the Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

The men will begin the alter-

nating schedule of Barry and men volunteers cooking on alternate Wednesdays.

Come join the men for a great breakfast and good fellowship. No reservations required.



# The Session Takes Action on Key Issues

The Session continued to meet over the summer to conduct the business of the church. In June, they approved the recommendation from the Personnel and Planning Committee to adjust job descriptions for Pastor Jeff Binder and Sunday School Superintendent Kim Cario. In the future, Jeff's presence will increase in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and Kim will be in charge of Sunday school, with oversight by Jeff. Following staff evaluations, the committee also recommended that a 3% bonus be paid to all church staff, since no salaries were increased for the last two years. The Session approved the motion.

At the August meeting the Session approved the motion of the Worship and Music Committee to change three words in our closing hymn, "Let There Be Peace On Earth." Brothers would be replaced with *family*, and brother would be

replaced with *each other*. Preschool Director Penny Rogers reported that expenses are pared down, income is projected to increase and registration for the fall session has gone well. The Session approved a motion by the Ministries with Families Committee and the Preschool Oversight Committee to raise the teacher salaries, making them more in line with other salaries in the area, and considering the education degrees of the teachers.

Session action in October included:

- A discussion on insurance resulted in a decision to maintain the policy with present provider. The consideration was prompted by a significant raise in the yearly rates by State Farm.
- The Session approved a motion to seek an appraisal for the value of the church property.
- Presbytery has requested that all

churches in our area take up a special offering on the last worship Sunday of each month to help the Presbytery Missions Fund. They are short on funds due to the economy.

- The Session voted to serve communion at both services Christmas Eve.



**Elder Marilyn Mote**  
Clerk of Session

## Deacon 'Doings'

Vice Moderator Lynn Weidman chaired the October meeting for Katie Davis who was attending the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany.

The Deacons approved a March 27, 2011 date for their next "Meet Your Deacons" luncheon, at their September meeting. The event will take place in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday Worship Service. This will be the second year for Deacons and their flock members to get to know one another on a more "up close and personal" level.

After a status report on our individual flock members, Deacon Bill Dennis shared with the group his decision to act on scripture and use his Deacon heart to include "Street People" in our com-

munity as part of his flock. "I decided there was more to Deaconship than just our own church members." said Bill. God then immediately directed him to three such needy individuals.

The three-year terms of seven Deacons will expire this year. Those leaving the board include Hazel Barry, David Chandler, Katie Davis, Bill Dennis, Karla Ludwick, Beverly Mayer and John McGregor. Members were encouraged to submit recommendations to Dr. Shaffer by October 29. The Nominating Committee will meet on October 31 to choose a slate of new Elders and Deacons.

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2010.



**Lynn Weidman**  
Deacon Vice Moderator



**Katie Davis**  
Deacon Moderator



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## Community Yard Sale!

**Saturday, November 6th, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**@ the First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta**  
**482 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL 33469**

This year, all spaces are **pre-paid**, and you can choose your spot upon registration. The prices are \$25 per space and \$5 per table rental.

***Reserve Your Spot Today!***

