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Chatting with Charlie – May 2014

As I write this Elaine, Streeter and I are preparing to head out for a beach vacation near Tampa. We look forward to some time for rest and relaxation and to reflect on life and our walk with the Lord. On Sunday, May 25th, Rev. Don Clarke will be leading worship and Frani Moir will be playing the keyboard. I hope that all of you have a happy Memorial Day weekend.

When I return we celebrate the festival of the ascension of our Lord. *Ascension Day* is observed on the fortieth day after the resurrection (the Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter), or on the Sunday following. Presbyterian theology places great importance on the ascension of our Lord. If Christ has ascended, then Christ's word rules the world as well as the church. If Christ has ascended, then there are no other rulers—all others are merely pretenders. Christ reigns supreme. With the raising of Christ to a position above all worldly powers, the earthly ministry of Christ that began at Christmas's incarnation now concludes.

Next we will celebrate the *Day of Pentecost* which is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It is when God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to draw us together as one people, help us comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empower us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ. We are the body of Christ—the church.

Then on *Trinity Sunday* we will celebrate the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God. The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we were baptized. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers—we pray to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds the central place in our faith.

It will be an exciting time of worship and fellowship. May the Peace of God with you until we meet again. Your brother in Christ, Charlie

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETING May , 2014

- Charlie participated in the National Day of Prayer service at The Villages Polo Field on May 1st.
- There were 20 folks that donated food or volunteered at Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School Days. This was a great opportunity to show our support for the community.
- The Deacons are working on starting up the “Compassionate Care Ministry” in the next couple of months.
- A sign will be purchased to show the time of worship. It will be placed below the existing Weirsdale Presbyterian Church sign in the front of the Church.
- New member class and reception into membership will take place in June.
- The first Sunday in June will be watermelon Sunday in Fellowship.
- The insurance policy renewal on the Church is in place to be renewed for another year.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Cordle, Clerk of Session



Highlights of 2014 Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting

The Presbytery of St. Augustine

We held our Spring Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center (MPCC). The Lord gave us a beautiful sunny day for worship, fellowship, and presbytery business, as we greeted old friends and made new ones. Moderator Cynthia Graham (Lakewood) called the meeting to order promptly at 9:00 a.m., and Cal Findeiss offered a warm welcome on behalf of MPCC. Our attendance – including visitors – was approximately 170.

Following the reading of Psalm 123 and John 15:12-17, teaching elder Jeff Welch (Dunnellon) brought the morning message (“A Pesky Promise”), which included a reflection on the portion of our ordination vows where we answer the question affirmatively, “Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?” Our General Assembly (GA) Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate were commissioned, and a blessing was offered for the ministry of Glenn Dickson, our Overture Advocate, and Sandra Hedrick as a GA committee parliamentarian. We then shared a joyful Lord’s Supper. Ann Cothran (Mikesville) led us beautifully on the piano as we sang favorite hymns with strong voices. We received \$1,864 in the morning offering, which was designated for Montgomery Presbyterian Center.

After worship, the body went into a time of fellowship and moderated discussion in nine assigned “break out groups.” Topics for discussion included holy listening, strategic visioning, presbytery meetings, and some operating alternatives. A report of these lively listening sessions and the results of written surveys distributed in the meeting packets will be available within the next few weeks.

Some of the other highlights of the meeting include:

- Celebration of the retirement of Laura Joost-Kuhn (Covenant) as of May 31, 2014, and thanksgiving for her service.
- Reception of two new teaching elder members: Stephen Kolderup (interim pastor, South Jacksonville) and Harry Johnson (honorably retired).
- Reception of Whitney Caswell (Palms) as a candidate for ministry.
- A presentation on the search process for a new Executive Director of MPC and concurrence with the selection of Terry Patterson, who will be relocating to our presbytery from Virginia.
- Approval of a plan for the use of funds provided by the Synod of the South Atlantic for campus ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville.

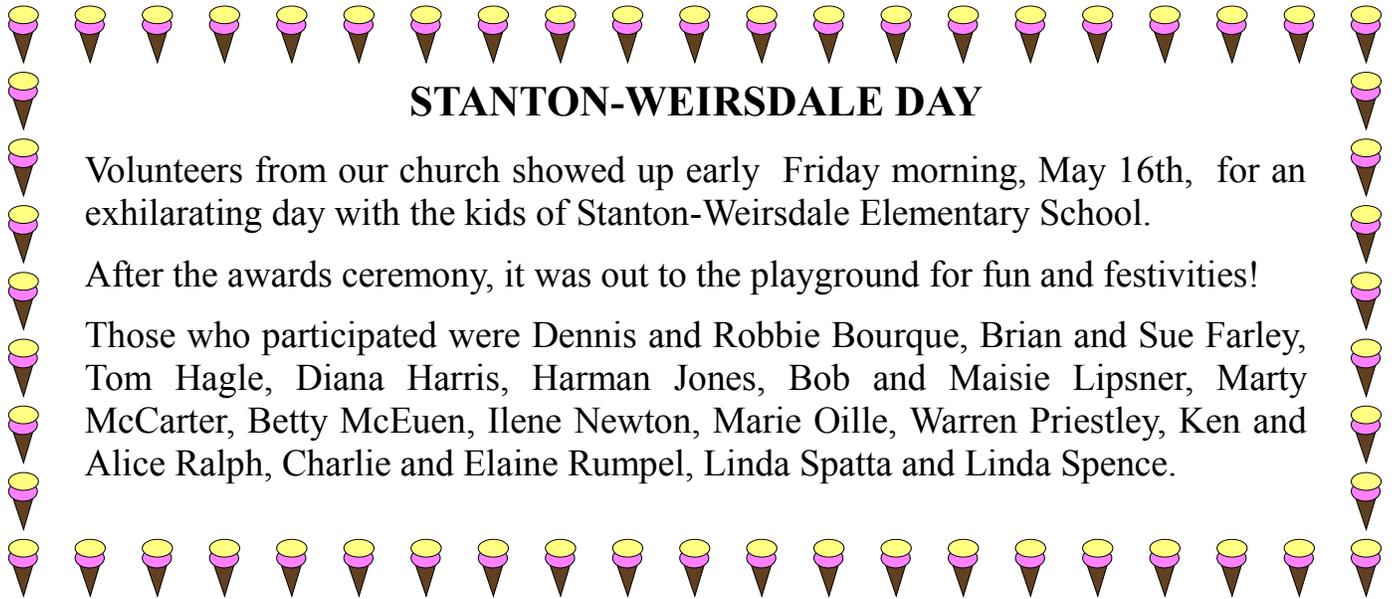
(Highlights Cont'd)

- Approval of updated personnel policies and a change to the Operations Manual giving voice and vote to ruling elder officers of the presbytery (to include staff members) and to the transitional executive presbytery.
- Oral reports from Presbyterian Women (Patti Phillips, Moderator); the Mutual Mission Committee (Richard Kirk, Moderator); Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center (Jim Montgomery, Board President); Synod Executive Heahwan Rim; Board of Pensions Representative Clark Simmons; and Transitional Executive Presbyter Steve Benz.
- An update on the transition work of the presbytery from teaching elder Cynthia Montgomery (At-Large).
- Election of Mark Hults (Green Cove Springs) to a vacancy on the Committee for Preparation on Ministry and Gary Marshall (Countryside) to a vacancy on the Committee on Ministry, and appointment of Stephen Kolderup (South Jacksonville) to the Administrative Commission for the Korean Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville.
- Dismissal of the Administrative Commission for Geneva Presbyterian Church with an expression of gratitude for its service.
- Transfer of teaching elders Alisun Donovan (to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay) and Kevin Day (to the Presbytery of San Jose).
- Transfer of teaching elder Barbara Brice to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO).
- Approval to forward two applications for the use of General Assembly Restricted Funds (Kanapaha and South Jacksonville).
- Receipt of additional reports from the stated clerk, committees and commissions (including administrative commissions) of the presbytery and approval of proposed actions.

The Fall Stated Meeting will be held at Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center on October 7, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick

Presbytery Stated Clerk



STANTON-WEIRSDALE DAY

Volunteers from our church showed up early Friday morning, May 16th, for an exhilarating day with the kids of Stanton-Weirsdale Elementary School.

After the awards ceremony, it was out to the playground for fun and festivities!

Those who participated were Dennis and Robbie Bourque, Brian and Sue Farley, Tom Hagle, Diana Harris, Harman Jones, Bob and Maisie Lipsner, Marty McCarter, Betty McEuen, Ilene Newton, Marie Oille, Warren Priestley, Ken and Alice Ralph, Charlie and Elaine Rumpel, Linda Spatta and Linda Spence.





As our friends head back up North for the summer, know that you will be missed, and we will pray for your safe return in the Fall.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The men prepared a delicious Mother's Day Breakfast following the worship service on Sunday, May 11th.

Pancakes, Sausage and delightful desserts!

Thank you, guys. It was enjoyed and appreciated.



TUESDAY TIME OUT THANKS YOU!!



Elaine Metz has been cooking and working at Tuesday Time Out for a number of years and now has decided to take some time off. She will be traveling and sight-seeing over the Summer.

Thank you, Elaine, for your dedicated service. Have a safe journey, and we'll look forward to your safe return in the Fall.

Choir Breaks For the Summer

A big "THANK YOU" to our Choir Director Josh Leggett and our wonderful choir. We have enjoyed your contribution to our worship services and look forward to your return in the Fall.

SENIOR SINGLES MEET

On June 18th, the seniors will meet at Douglas Hall for dinner and a movie. The fun starts at 5:00 PM. Come and enjoy Saving Mr. Banks by Walt Disney.



One of the many ways one can help the troops through Operation Shoebox is to knit the helmet liners. The knitting and crocheting instructions are below.

For further information, please call Carol Dalbeck at 352-307-2093.

**HELMET LINER
CROCHETED SKULL CAP
4 PLY Knitting Worsted Weight Yarn
SIZE H HOOK**

Chain 4, slip stitch (sl st) to form a circle, chain (ch) 3.

Round 1: 11 Double Crochet (dc) in circle, sl st to top of ch 3, ch 3. (12 st).

Round 2: 2 dc in each stitch, sl st to top of ch 3, ch 3. (24 st).

Round 3: 2 dc in 1st st, 1dc in next st. (repeat around), sl st to top of ch 3, ch 3. (36 st).

Round 4: Repeat round 3. (54 st).

Round 5: 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in each of next 6 st, (repeat around, last series will only have 4 dc), sl st to top of chain 3, ch 3. (62st).

Round 6 to 13: dc in each stitch, sl st to top of chain 3, ch 3 (62 st).

Round 14: Double Crochet around front post in 1st st and around back post in 2nd st (the sts of the previous row are your "posts". Yarn over hook, go down on one side of "post" and up the other and continue the dc. On the next st, yarn over hook, come up from back of "post" and go down the other side, finish dc.) Repeat around to form ribbing. (all 62 sts)

Fasten off, weave in the ends.

**KNIT CAP
4 PLY knitting Worsted Weight Yarn
SIZE 10 NEEDLES**

Cast on 73 stitches loosely.

K2 P2 until piece measures 6 inches.

Next Row: K2 together across

Next Row: Knit across

Next Row: K2 together across

Continue in this manner until 5 stitches remain.

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and sew back seam.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Continued prayers are needed for the following:

1. Please pray for Marie Oille who is receiving radiation treatments for cancer.
2. Please pray for Dottie Jones who is home recovering from her new pace maker.
3. Continued prayers for Jim Stangle who is home recovering from surgery on a broken arm.
4. Please pray for Donna, a friend of Diana McDonald, who was in a serious car accident that she will be able to breathe without a ventilator.

For further prayer requests, contact the following:

Alice Ralph	347-6647
Linda Spence	653-8835
Marie Oille	750-6452



Prayer Requests



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:

Al Bunce
1626 Bay Meadows Lane
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Gene Pratt
3131 TCU Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32817

Eleanor Redding
16161 SE 117 Ave.
P.O. Box 96
Weirsdale, FL 32195

Marilyn Smith
15020 SE 140th Ave. Rd.
Weirsdale, FL 32195

Community of Gratitude, Inc. Emergency Food Center Report

The Community of Gratitude thanks you for your continued support. Your donations help to feed hundreds of adults and children each month.

Right now, the Food Pantry is requesting a few specific things. They are short on peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit of any kind, spaghetti and sauce; also they need toilet paper and items for personal hygiene. Community of Gratitude welcomes checks for donations to purchase much needed items. They will issue a tax receipt for monies received.

REMEMBER: The first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday!

Thank you.

GIFTING THROUGH THE YEAR

1. The green forms for Altar Flowers are in the Narthex. There are openings on June 22 & 29, July 13, and the entire months that follow. If you are so moved to sponsor the altar flowers, please fill out a form and turn it in to the office or put in the collection plate on Sundays. The flowers are only \$25.00 and add to the beauty of the sanctuary and service.
2. The Love INC gas cans are always conveniently located in the Narthex and Douglas Hall so you can drop your change in them as you are coming or going. The little amounts that you leave are make such a big difference to those in need of your help.

Thank you.

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**Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship**

Dates to Remember

June 1, Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 AM
June 1, Fellowship: WATERMELON, 11:30 AM
June 3, Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM
June 3, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
June 4, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
June 5, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
June 7, DEACONS Meet, 9:00 AM

June 8, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
June 8, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
June 10, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
June 11, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
June 12, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM

June 15, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
June 15, Fellowship: FATHER'S DAY MEATLOAF, 11:30 AM
June 17, Tuesday Time Out
June 18, Sr. Singles, Douglas Hall, 5:00 PM
June 18, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
June 19, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM
June 21, Diana Harris Art Class Watercolors, 9:00 AM

June 22, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
June 22, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
June 24, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
June 25, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
June 26, Women's Bible Study

June 29, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
July 1, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
July 2, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
July 3, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM

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Love INC

Help with bills, housing, clothing and food
Monday—Thursday: 9 AM to Noon
352-245-8774 or 352-245-5632

Community of Gratitude

Emergency Food Pantry
Tuesday 10AM to Noon
Thursday 1PM to 3PM
Saturday 10AM to Noon
352-288-3499

Keep our troops in your prayers and pray for a safe return of all who are on foreign soils.

