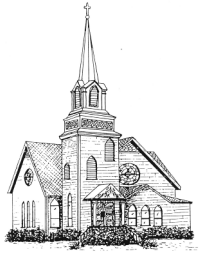


IT WAS YOU WHO SET
ALL THE BOUNDARIES OF
THE EARTH; YOU MADE
BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER.

PSALM 74:17, NIV





The Church Mouse



Chatting with Charlie – May, 2015

We are about to enter “summer mode”. Our Bible studies and Sunday school class have adjourned until the fall. Our choir will be taking a break until September. The Session and its committees will generally take the summer months off. The Deacons will be off for a couple of months and the Tuesday Time Out crew will chill out in August. The Snowbirds have headed up north until the fall. Others will visit family and friends while some will be receiving visitors. In general, the pace of our lives will ratchet back a notch or two.

I hope that summer will be a time for some rest, relaxation and reflection for all of us. I hope you take the time to relish the joy of time with loved ones and to read that list of books you put off for too long. I also hope that we all will become more conscious of God’s presence and blessing in our daily lives. Take more time than usual for prayer. Read that devotional literature you set aside for later. Spend time with the Psalms and pray them daily.

Sabbath is a Jewish tradition Christianity inherited but contemporary culture does not integrate into our life-style. Sabbath was the practice of putting all else aside for a while each week to focus solely on our relationship with God and the gifts God bestows upon us. Summer is meant to be such a Sabbath. It’s meant to be a time of refocus. I hope it will be for all of us.

Grace and Peace from your brother in Christ, Charlie

HIGHLIGHTS OF STATED SESSION MEETING May, 2015

- The Church cemetery was mowed and weeded by Gage Vincent.
- The Deacons will host the August meeting of LOVE, INC.
- Tuesday Time Out is going well, but attendance has been down. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Eagle Court of Honor for Reed Dudley will be held on June 7th at 3 p.m.
- Revised head usher checklist was distributed.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Cordle, Clerk of Session



May 31—Trinity Sunday Celebration with God and Country Recognition

Sunday, May 31st, the participants in the Boy Scout God and Country Program will be recognized and will help lead our Trinity Sunday worship service. Plan to share the joy of their accomplishment at a special Fellowship hour in their honor.



Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Reed Dudley will receive his Eagle Scout award during a Court of Honor ceremony on June 7th at 3:00 PM at the church. All are invited to celebrate this special time in a boy scout's development.



JUNE 21st!



Mother's Day

MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast was delicious, and we thank the men who spent the morning preparing it for the ladies! The pancakes and sausage are a perfect tradition for that special morning.

THANK YOU, PAULINE

Pauline Grippin has been directing the choir for the last few months, and we have enjoyed hearing the uplifting music on Sunday mornings. She was recognized during the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast Fellowship with a cake and a big THANK YOU from everyone for her time and efforts. She has left for the season, and we will look forward to her resuming her choir directorship in the Fall when she returns.



We also thank those who participated in the choir. The music was beautiful and an inspiration for us each Sunday morning.

SEEKING TTO VOLUNTEERS

If you enjoy being in the kitchen, then you should give Gary a call at 561-929-6210. Tuesday Time Out is looking for people to volunteer to cook for 40 to 90 people on occasion. Pick a Tuesday and call Gary to plan the menu. You will have plenty of help that day and there is no expense to you.



PROJECT: WPC COOKBOOK



Diana Harris will be happy to include your favorite recipes in the new church cookbook being published this Fall. Email them to her at tashamarie770@aol.com or send them to the church office.

CRAFT BAZAAR MEETING



The Crafters meet every other Saturday at 9:30 AM to work on crafts for the craft bazaar. They are working on some beautiful creations!.

Those who don't craft can help by packing and labeling crafts from our last show.

Upcoming meetings will be June 13th & 27th.

Come enjoy the excitement and creativity!

Elaine Rumpel 821-0055

COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE REPORT

April, 2015

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| Total Individuals | 720 |
| Number of Households | 290 |
| Equivalent: | 6480 meals |
| Children 0-17: | 188 |
| Seniors 60 + | 153 |

STANTON WEIRSDALE DAY

The annual end-of year fun day at Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School was a big success. The kids had a large variety of games and projects to participate in. And the Weirsdale Presbyterian Church members prepared so many delicious foods for the teachers and volunteers. The people we served were overwhelmed with the variety of salads, veggies, and desserts on the buffet table. Everyone ate and had a great time!



CHURCH MOUSE NEWSLETTER IS TAKING A BREAK!

It's that time of the year again. The newsletter staff is taking a break for a couple of months. You can expect your next Church Mouse Newsletter to arrive near the end of August.

In the meantime, have a wonderful and safe summer; use plenty of sunscreen and stay healthy. Church Mouse will be back in the Fall!

Highlights of 2015 Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting

By: Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick, Presbytery Stated Clerk !

"We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news!" (Acts 14:15) !

Called together in our common bond through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Presbytery of St. Augustine met for our Spring Stated Meeting on May 5, 2015 at Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center (MPCC).

The Lord provided a beautiful spring day for us to worship, offer mission service on the MPCC property, enjoy food and fellowship, and discern God's will for this presbytery as we conducted our business. There were approximately 160 people in attendance, including about 30 visitors. This was Rev. Cynthia Montgomery's first meeting as our moderator.

The morning message - "Who Are We?" - was brought by Reverend Jermain Gibson of Covenant Moravian Church in Kingston, Jamaica. As recorded in Chapter 14 of the book of Acts, when a man in Lystra heard the good news of Jesus Christ, he walked for the first time in his life! When the crowds saw what Paul and Barnabas had done, they thought that they must be gods, but Paul responded strongly, saying, "we are mortals just like you!" Rev. Gibson shared that we are not God and that we do not need to compete with God. We are mere mortals, but we have received the gift of salvation and the awesome gift of being God's servants and God's friends!

The morning offering for MPCC was nearly \$1,500, and we had the opportunity after worship to tour the MPCC property, offer our service on various indoor and outdoor projects, and greet one another around a generous table of snacks and beverages that included blueberry scones and an assortment of fresh fruit.

Highlights of the presentations and actions during the meeting included:

- We welcomed Cheryl Gans, who has been examined to be a member of the presbytery and will be ordained on the afternoon of July 12 at Fort King Presbyterian Church. Ruling Elder Dothlin Myers spoke about the new co-pastor relationship that Cheryl will share with Debbie Pangrass at Marion Oaks Presbyterian Church and the special gifts that Cheryl brings to the ministry of the church.
- We remembered and celebrated the life of three teaching elders who died since our last presbytery meeting: Lester L. Hale, W. Richard McEuen, and Timothy F. Simpson. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered for their lives and their ministries.
- The Belhar Confession was approved as an addition to the Book of Confessions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by a vote of 78/8/1.
- Presentations were made by Clark Simmons (Board of Pensions), Kathy Broyard (Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network), and Dennis Reid (Thornwell Home for Children).
- We approved the request of the Presbytery Discernment and Design Steering Committee to hire a consultant for the purpose of working with the committee in fulfilling its purpose, which is to find the presbytery's identity, mission and focus and to make recommendations regarding the structure and funding necessary to bring about the new vision. The presbytery has granted up to \$30,000 for this purpose.
- We also approved the request of the Executive Operating Board of MPCC that the presbytery provide up to \$30,000 from its reserve funds in order to hire a professional fundraising firm that will undertake a visioning and capital campaign feasibility study.

- Individuals were elected to fill three committee vacancies: Diane Watkins (RE - Fernandina, First) for the Mutual Mission Committee, and Martha Valent (RE - Lakewood) and Sabrina Crosby (RE San Mateo) for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
- We approved guidelines for nominating presbytery commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly (GA) and distributed applications. Applications are due August 21 (a copy of the application may also be obtained on our website at:
<http://www.staugpres.org/news-events/general-assembly/>).
- We approved changes to the Manual of Operations relating to the work of the Bills and Overtures Committee and a clarification/expansion of the voting membership of the presbytery.
- MPCC, the Presbyterian Women, and the Mutual Mission Committee all made reports of past and future activities, and we saw photos of work done recently in Jamaica. Shernett Smith, Executive Director of Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission (JEMM), was welcomed as a visitor.
- The 2015 minister terms of call were approved, and recent changes to the pastoral relationships within the presbytery were noted and approved.
- The delicious lunch provided outdoors included fried catfish and lemon baked chicken, yellow rice with sweet peas, squash and carrots, hushpuppies, garden salad, and two wonderful desserts: Mississippi mud cake and lemon bars.
- The Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of St. Augustine will be held at MPCC on October 6, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. At that meeting, the “presbytery in mission” service will be to assemble cleanup buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. More information will be provided soon about this opportunity for service.

It will be my pleasure to answer any questions you may have about these brief highlights or to provide you or your congregation/session with more information. In addition, if you attended the meeting, I would love to hear your comments and suggestions.

*I can be reached at
sandra@staugpres.org or on
my cell phone: 904-612-9766.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick, Presbytery Stated Clerk



Moderator- Rev. Cynthia Montgomery (left) and
Stated Clerk—Rev. Sandra Hedrick (right)



The sewing group which makes the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for our troops stationed over seas is meeting in Douglas Hall on the second and fourth Mondays each month.

Next meetings will be June 8th and 22nd.

Diana Harris coordinates sewing sessions at church and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. She can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

Receiving news from our troops is always a heart warming experience. They love the ditty bags and Christmas stockings that are put together with such care and love for them,

To the Volunteers of Operation Shoe Box:

I am Captain Tim Welbaum, Company Commander of the 304th Engineer Company, United States Army. I'd like to thank each of you for making our Christmas and Holiday Season so nice! Your gifts, goodies and cards really helped to bring some holiday cheer to all of us. We greatly appreciate your support.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless each of you!

Tim Welbaum

V/R,

CPT Welbaum, Timothy S.



Pray
for Our
Military

Please pray for the following:

- Pray for Bill Correll for healing.
- Mary Grimes has gone home to be with the Lord. Please pray for the family.

For prayer requests, contact the following:

Ann Myers 352-653-3319
Robbie Bourque (H) 352-391-9538 (C) 352-350-3750



PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request, please call **Ann Myers** at 653-3319 or **Robbie Bourque** on her cell at 350-3750 or at home at 391-9538.

Also, if you would be interested in helping on the prayer chain, call either Ann or Robbie and let them know.



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
P.O. Box 96
Weirsdale, FL 32195

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

GIFTING THROUGH THE YEAR

1. The forms for **Altar Flowers** are in the Narthex. If you are so moved to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday service, please fill out a form and return it 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.
3. The first Sunday of each month is **Food Pantry Sunday**. Please put your items in Douglas Hall in the designated area. They are always in extra need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, applesauce and personal toiletries.

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Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship

Dates to Remember

June 2, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall
June 3, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
June 4, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall
June 6, DEACONS Meet, 9:00 AM

June 7, Food Pantry Sunday
June 7, Sunday worship w/ Holy Communion, 10:30
June 7, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
June 7, Eagle Scout Court of Honor; Reed Dudley; 3:00 PM
June 8, Sewing Group, Operation Shoebox, 9:00 AM
June 9, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30, Douglas Hall
June 10, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
June 11, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall
June 13, Crafters for Craft Bazaar, 9:30 AM, Craft Room

June 14, Sunday worship, 10:30 AM
June 14, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
June 16, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall
June 17, Sr. Singles, TBA
June 17, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
June 18, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall

June 21, FIRST DAY OF SUMMER
June 21, Sunday worship, 10:30 AM
June 21, Fellowship, 11:30 AM
June 22, Sewing Group, Operation Shoebox, 9:00 AM
June 23, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM
June 21-27, Boy Scouts at Summer Camp
June 25, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall
June 27, Crafters for Craft Bazaar, 9:30 AM, Craft Room

June 28, Sunday worship, 10:30 AM
June 28, Fellowship, POTLUCK, 11:30 AM



Check Us Out—Keep in Touch!
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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

**PRAY for
the Military**

