

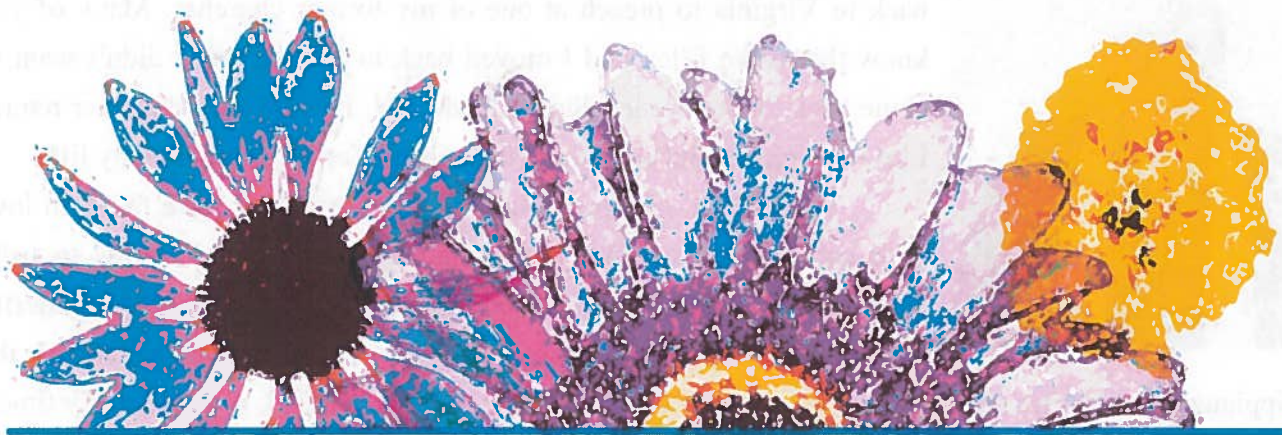


# The Church Monks



May 2013

Working with People



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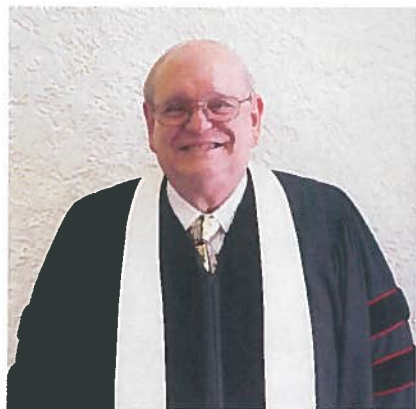
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## *Walking with Walter*



As I was sitting in my office this morning, I was preparing to go back to Virginia to preach at one of my former churches. Many of you know that when Ellen and I moved back to Florida that I didn't want to come back. When we left Florida in 1984, I swore I would never return. I loved Virginia. But something happened! You all came into my life.

Now, I am dreading going back to Virginia. I have fallen in love with each of you and Weirsdale church. There are no words to truly express how happy both Ellen and I are to be a part of this wonderful congregation. The more I have thought about this; Paul's letter to the

Philippians comes to my mind. The passage is found in **Philippians 1: 3-4: "I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...."**

I am so excited about everything that is going on here. On May 12, 2019, we will be receiving, I believe, 12 new members into our church. This is absolutely astounding. Between now and May 12th I hope others will be added to the list. What makes me so excited is the fact that you all are behind it. You are inviting people to come. Without that, no church, no matter how good the programs, the music or the preacher happens to be, a church will not grow. It does not happen by osmosis.

On top of all of that, you are a mission minded church. When I think about all the things that you do that to is striking for a small congregation. You are not like some of the churches that I have served in the past. Some of those congregations were very mission minded in the beginning. But any time there were financial difficulties, the first thing to go were their mission projects. All they did was become self-centered and focusing entirely upon themselves.

For a church to become self-centered is deadly. The purpose of any church is threefold. The first responsibility is to worship God. Worship is the most important thing we do. Secondly, it is a place where Christians can come to find strength and to fight life's battles with those who are Christian like themselves. We gain strength from one another. Finally, our purpose is to share the love and hope that is found in Jesus Christ with those around us. That is why Jesus gave us what today we call "The Great Commission."

Weirsdale Presbyterian Church is truly the church that God wants the church to be. Praise be to the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ for each one of you!

**DR. WALTER G. LASETER is available for pastoral care and can be reached at 352-598-5767.**

## HOLY WEEK At WPC

Holy Week at Weirsdale Presbyterian Church was a beautiful and blessed time.

The choir paraded in with waving palms on Palm Sunday and then presented a glorious Easter Cantata during the worship service. It was received with a standing ovation!

Maundy Thursday included a soup dinner before worship and then the Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion.

Easter morning service was filled with our church family celebrating the risen Christ, and the Easter lilies added to the beauty of the morning!



## NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

“A New Testament Survey” is the topic of a new Bible study group meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10AM.

Dr. Laseter is leading the series.

Walter can be reached at 352-598-5767 for further information.



## SERVING STANTON WEIRSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Volunteers from our church gave their time and efforts helping the elementary school for two occasions in April.

April 9th, Cathy Vibber, Carol & Ron Everman and Ilene Newton participated in a “Making Father’s Stronger in the Family” event. They were there to work with the dads (and participating moms) and children on science projects.

Later that same week, the Deacons provided a Teacher’s Appreciate Luncheon for the faculty.

Weirsdale Presbyterian Church has a long history of providing assistance and support for SWES. We volunteer to help at several major functions for the children as well as tutor and give financial aid. The Boy Scouts have helped by improving the area at the bus stop so children have a safer and more comfortable wait for their rides.

## FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED



The Fellowship Committee wants to thank each and every one of you who have volunteered to provide Fellowship after our worship services. For those of you who cannot work in the kitchen but have donated funds specifically for a fellowship, your monetary donations are appreciated also.

## WELCOME NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Sunday, May 12th, sixteen new members will join our church family. Give them a WPC welcome!

Ed Aponte  
Karen Cunningham  
Candace Luffman  
Mary Reynolds  
Vivian Taylor  
Terri Warriner

Jill Hayman-Aponte  
Nance' Eaton  
Amanda McGonigle  
Linda Sherrod  
Jim Waddell

Matthew Case  
Aaron Licciardello  
Priscilla Olson  
Ed Taylor  
Russ Warriner

## 2019 HARVEST HAPPENINGS CRAFT BAZAAR

The Harvest Happenings crafters are amping up their efforts to be ready for the craft bazaar in the fall and are now meeting every Monday from 9AM to approximately noon. If you are able to give a little of your time for this project that the church benefits from, please come by. There are plenty of opportunities to help and all do not require crafting.

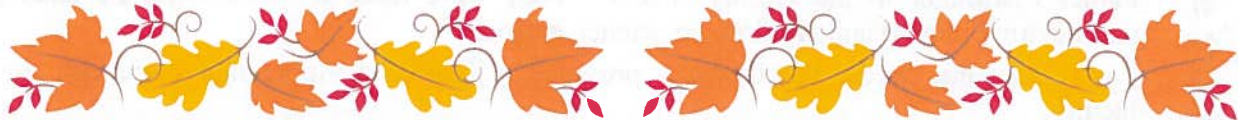
Here is a list of items requested for the Harvest Happenings Craft Fair:

Glass Blocks	Paddles & Oars
Fan Blades	Cutting Boards
Glass Jugs/Jars	Used Large Paint Brushes
Old Windows	Solid Bricks (no holes)
Denim Jackets	Christmas Decorations
Wood Pieces	Christmas & Decorative Ribbon
Old Furniture	Jewelry
Old Iron Skillets	Yarn—orange & apple red (Fall Colors)
Ice Skates	Antlers
Wooden Spindles	Outdoor Candy Cane Sidewalk Lights
Coffee Cans	Old Fashioned Christmas Light Bulbs
Tin Cans	Decorative Pumpkins
Paint	Shepherd Hooks
Picture Frames	



Debbi has put out a call for help with **refinishing some furniture items**. There are rockers, tables, wicker chairs and stools that need to be spruced up. If several people could volunteer to pick just one item each to work on, the project would be completed without the entire project falling on just a couple peoples' shoulders.

Please give Debbi a call at 330-461-4286 if you could be one of these people.



**THE FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS "FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY" and the COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



**THE SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS THE "SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE" FOR STANTON-WEIRSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. There are so many children needing your gifts.**

### YOUR SHARING IS A BLESSING

These dates in are open for altar flowers and fellowship. Please consider signing up for one or the other.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

May 19

July 7, 14 & 21

#### FELLOWSHIP HOST

June 23 & 30

July 14 & 28



The Operation Shoebox sewing group has cut back on meetings for a few months. They will only be **meeting on the 2nd Mondays** of each month until further notice.

Diana Harris is the coordinator for the sewing group and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. For further information, she can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

## DEAR GOD

I've never spoken to you,  
But now I desperately want to know you, too.  
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,  
And I, like a fool, believed all this.  
Last night from a shell-hole I saw your sky.  
I figured right then they'd told me a lie.  
Had I taken time to see things you had made,  
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.  
I wonder, God, if you'd take my hand;  
Somehow I feel that you understand.  
Strange I had to come to this hellish place  
Before I had time to see your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,  
But I'm sure glad, Lord, you opened the way.  
I guess zero hour will soon be here,  
But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.  
The signal! Well, God, I guess I'll have to go.  
I love you, Lord—this I want you to know.  
Look now, this will be a horrible fight.  
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight.  
Though I wasn't friends with you before,  
I wonder, Christ, if you'd wait at your door?  
Look, I'm crying—me shedding tears.  
How I wish I'd know you these many years.  
Well, I have to go now, God. Good-bye.  
Strange, since I met you I'm not scared to die.

Found on the body of an unknown American soldier.



*As you begin your day, look around and focus on the small blessings that you may take for granted each day. We have so much to be thankful for! We are loved by such an awesome God!*

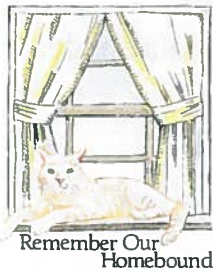
- Nancy
- Steve
- Wayne
- Dwight
- Bob
- Sandy
- Charlene
- Don
- August
- Spencer
- Penny Kevin
- Ed
- Bill
- Amanda
- Becky
- Donna
- Sandy
- Carole
- Andi
- Debbi
- Matt's Family
- Grovene
- Clara
- Terry
- Jay
- Kimberly
- Toni
- Charles
- Caleb
- Amy
- Vivian
- Safe Travels for our snowbirds.

### PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please call **Marlys Forbrook** at 352-430-1727 or **Axie Grimes** at 352-537-0854.



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



Robert Lipsner  
800 Lake Port Blvd. Apt C505  
Leesburg, FL 34748

Betts Mengel  
ATRIA Lady Lake  
930 County Road 466  
Lady Lake, FL 32159

James & Audrey Stangle  
4680 Bellwether Ln. Apt. 113  
Oxford, FL 34484

### MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher:	Sara Jane Vincent
Liturgist:	Carol Everman
Communion Setup:	Cathy Skoff
Communion Servers:	Axie Grimes, Lorna McKenzie, Nancy McPeek, Starr Patterson, Cindy Strategos



As always, if you are unable to serve as listed above, **PLEASE find a substitute.** And, thank you for your willingness to serve our church!

### JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher:	Starr Patterson
Liturgist:	
Communion Setup:	
Communion Servers:	Axie Grimes, Lorna McKenzie, Nancy McPeek, Starr Patterson

# May 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
		TTO 11:30AM	BSA 7:30PM	Women's Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM		DEACONS Meet 9AM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Food Pantry Sunday 10:30AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30AM Fellowship	Harvest Happenings Crafters 9AM	TTO 11:30AM	Bible Study Grp 10AM BSA 7:30PM	Women's Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship w/ New Members Recognized 10:30AM Fellowship 11:30AM Fellowship Mother's Day Bkist 11:30AM	Harvest Happenings Crafters 9AM Operation Shoebox 9AM	TTO 11:30AM	Bible Study Grp 10AM Seniors Group 5PM to Stumpknockers BSA 7:30PM	Women's Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 10:30AM Fellowship 11:30AM SESSION Meets 11:45AM	Harvest Happenings Crafters 9AM	TTO 11:30AM	Bible Study Grp 10AM BSA 7:30PM	Women's Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Worship 10:30AM Fellowship Corn Boil 11:30AM POTLUCK	Memorial Day <b>CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>	TTO 11:30AM	Bible Study Grp 10AM BSA 7:30PM	Women's Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM		

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



## **Weirsdale Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

**Fellowship: 11:30 AM**

**Sunday School:**

**9:00 AM**

**(October through April)**