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# Church Mouse



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Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th,  
in observance of Labor Day.  
Have a great weekend!

# SEPTEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Food Pantry Sunday 10:30am Worship / Holy Communion 11:30am Fellowship	4 LABOR DAY  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 11:30am TTO	6 10:00am Women's Bible Study	7 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
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### Participation with Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School

We are in process of **collecting shoes** for the children until the end of December. Boxes are in the Narthex and Douglas Hall for your donations.

**Volunteers are needed** for an after school program to help children with their school work from 2-4pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Volunteers will need to sign up on line and fill out the application (one time) before being permitted to assist at the school.

If interested in filling out an application, do the following:

1. Go to [marionschools.net/page/34545](http://marionschools.net/page/34545)
2. Click on "Online Volunteer Application"
3. At bottom of screen, click "Next" and proceed.
4. At this point you fill out the application. There are several pages and you will need an official photo ID in a jpg format.

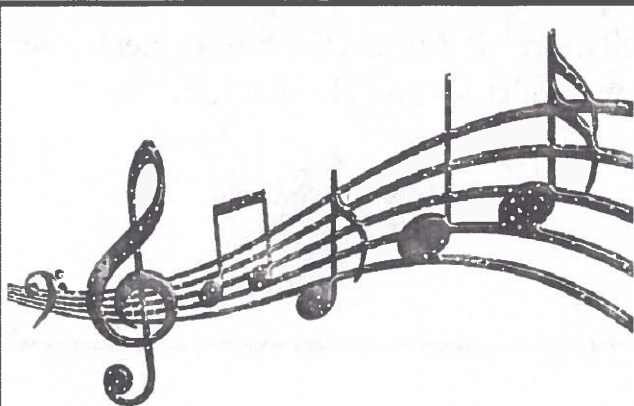
I went through the process to test it and will be happy to help anyone who wants to come in and do it with my assistance. I can scan your photo id's here in the office for you.

**Upcoming events** where volunteers will be appreciated include the Winter Program and the May Book Fair. (We are not sure that you need to fill out the volunteer app for these events.)

Finally, a **teacher appreciation** dessert and snack buffet is scheduled for October 11, December 19, March 8th and the last day of school (TBD). Volunteers can bring food donations. Further information on those events will be forthcoming.

We will put the **Angel Tree** in the Narthex for purchasing Christmas gifts for the children this year.

If you have any questions about any of these opportunities to help the school, please call Jeanette Molique at 937-660-0719.



**The Weirsdale Choir is looking for YOU!**

**Please join in the singing.**

***We rehearse every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.***

**Why not give it a try!**

**If you can't commit to each Sunday, join us for the Christmas Cantata and Easter Cantata!**

**Celebrate with song!**

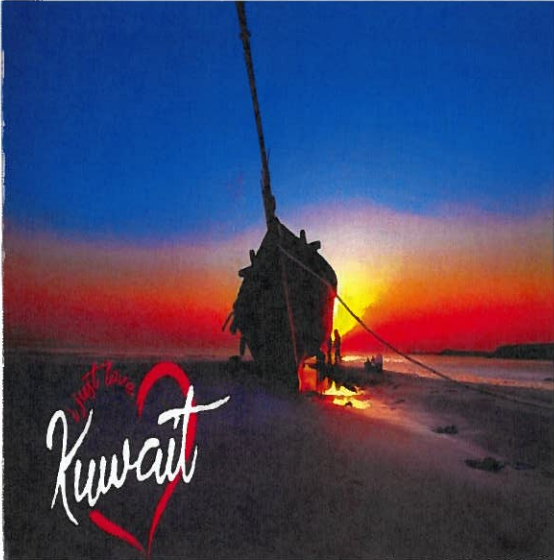
**Don't Read Music? That is OK. We will teach you.**

***First Rehearsal is August 31st. Just Come to Church.***



The Operation Shoebox Sewing Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month. Come and help cut, assemble and sew the ditty bags for our troops.

If you have any questions, you can call Diana Harris at 352-425-4351. She recently received the following thank you letter from a soldier.



A PX Supply postcard  
Made in South Bend, IN

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DIANA  
THANK YOU FOR THE  
CARE PACKAGES AND  
CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

OUR MEMBERS  
REALLY LIKED GETTING  
A TASTE OF HOME.

PLEASE LET THE  
OTHERS  
FELLOWSHIP HAV

THEIR  
KINDNESS WAS  
APPRECIATED.

DIANA HARRIS  
770 SE 170<sup>TH</sup> AVE  
SILVER SPRING FL  
34488  
U.S.A.

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The July Fellowship was a Potluck Luau. It was a hit! The food was delicious; the decorations made you feel like you were in the islands! Unfortunately, there are no photos so if you missed this one, you'll just have to attend the next one and see for yourself.

### 2023 Church Directories

The new Church Directories have been printed and are ready for you to pick up in the Narthex.

### Band-Aids & Tissues for Teachers

Diana McDonald and Love INC collected tissues and Band-Aids for the teachers in the local community.

Thank you for your large response in donations!!

### FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS "FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY"

#### COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Community of Gratitude is grateful for our monetary support and food donations. There is always a need for non-perishable staples such as soups, peanut butter and jelly, bread, All-in-One boxed meals, personal toiletries and also pet food.



## News from the Pastoral Nominating Committee



Word from the PNC is: "We have written letters to many presbyteries. We have sent out two batches, and we are still waiting to hear from them. The new Presbytery system is still not working for us. We are hoping that situation will improve."

The PNC definitely needs our prayers.

## Seniors' Group Dined Out All Summer

Seniors Group ate well this summer when dining at Pasta Faire, Big Bob's and Beef O'Bradys. A lot of good food and fellowship was shared!



## FRANKLIN W. SMITH PASSES

Those who have a long history in our church will be saddened to hear of the passing of Franklin (Frank) Smith on August 4th.



He was married to Patricia (Patty) Williams Smith who preceded him in death. She was a daughter of the Douglas family who was important in the community and generous with contributions of time, treasure and talent to our church.

His sons Darrell and Darren remain on our church roster as members.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at 2:00pm at the First Baptist Church, 14550 SE 65th Ct., Summerfield, FL. Condolences may be left at [Hiers-Baxley.com](http://Hiers-Baxley.com).

## SUMMER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AROUND THE CHURCH

Kaye Boyer, Elder & Chair of Buildings and Grounds Committee, took time to share and thank those who have helped around the church recently.

Don & Elaine Morris went through the sanctuary and replaced all burned out light bulbs in the hanging lamps. It seemed there was a bulb in every lamp that was out.

Jeanette Molique refinished the baptismal font.

June Matson is supervising the facelift of the ladies' room and doing her own fixing up in the men's room in the church parlor. The ladies' room has new flooring, fresh paint and will get a water heater, new lighting and some wall decor. The men's room has been approved for new flooring also.

There are more of you who go unnamed who do so much to help around the church and Douglas Hall. All are appreciated for everything you do!





## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

We were privileged to have Kristy and Rebecca Nolasko perform for us during one of our worship services. They are from the First Presbyterian Church of Ocala String Ensemble.

They played for the prelude and for the special music segment as well as joined Jo Ann and accompanied our singing of the hymns!

What a treat! We will look forward to their return for another performance.

And it goes without saying that we have enjoyed all participants who performed "Special Music" during the summer while the choir was on break!



## **SMOKE SENSOR REATTACHED**

It was a major project, but the smoke sensor that was dangling from the ceiling in the sanctuary is now reattached.

It took a 300 lb ladder owned by Rob Boyer's company with special extension capabilities to reach the 24 foot high ceiling to fix it.

Pews had to be removed in order to accommodate the ladder. Three men were needed to carry the ladder and set it up, and Thoroughbred Alarm Co.'s Chris did the big climb and repair.

Thank you to David Vincent, Don Morris and Clinton Clark for doing the heavy work.

For our safety, Marion County Fire Prevention was persistent in reminding us of the needed repair. Our case has been cleared, and all is good.

## SCOUTS SAILED THE OCEAN BLUE

Troop 113 is proud to report that we have completed our journey to Sea Base in July. The trip began on Saturday, July 15, leaving early from Weirsdale arriving in Islamorada that afternoon.

The contingent consisted of 16 boy scouts and 4 male adult leaders where the crew spent five days on the "Schooner Jolly II Rover" an 80' tall ship based out of Key West.

The sailboat had two boat captains and two first mates who made the voyage remarkable for all of us with sailing instructions, remarkable fishing, outstanding snorkeling on the various reefs, diving from the boat, along with good food prepared by all.



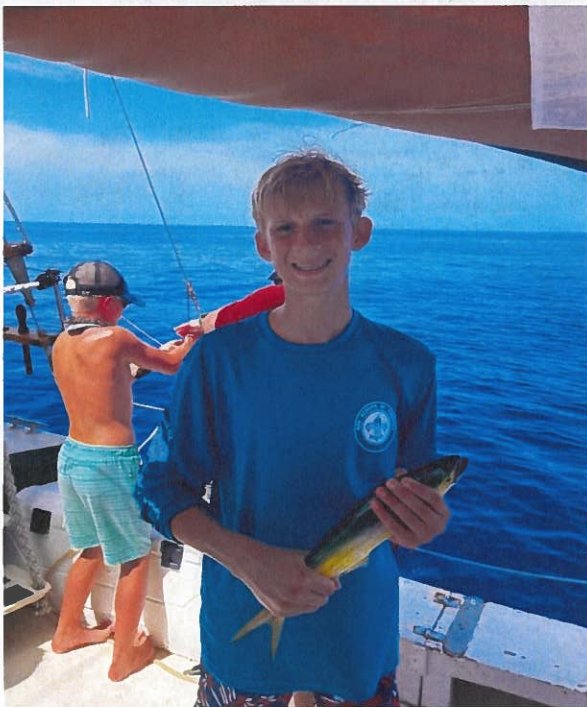
### Florida Sea Base

The original Florida National High Adventure Sea Base location, on Lower Matecumbe in Islamorada (mile marker 73.8) on the Overseas Highway began as a fishing camp after the highway opened in 1938. It was located so tourists could stay and fish while avoiding paying the toll to cross the Channel Two Bridge. In the early 1950's, the Tollgate Inn was built and it featured 10 deluxe rooms, a honeymoon suite, a convenience store/bait shop, a lounge and first class restaurant. One of the great features of this facility was a marina with a 300 foot long dock that could facilitate even the largest fishing and sailing vessels. By the 1970's, the Tollgate Inn had seen better days, but little did anyone know that the best days of this facility were yet to come! The Boy Scouts of America purchased the Tollgate Inn complex in 1979 with a grant from the Fleischmann Foundation and the Florida Gateway to High Adventure had a new home and a new name – the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. Since 1980, the BSA has added participant dorms housing over 200 Scouts and leaders, scuba pools, conference/staff housing, program facilities and an administration building, making this facility a showplace of Scouting!

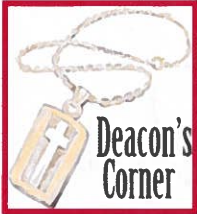
Just a few miles offshore, an extensive underwater living coral reef forms a barrier protecting the keys. Here, among pillars of living coral, you come face to face with thousands of multi-hued tropical fish in water so clear that while swimming, you have the sensation of floating in mid air. The area abounds with legends and tales of unequaled adventure. Even though the pirates and wreckers have been gone from this area for a long time, to this day the lure of discovering a buried treasure burns in the hearts of true keys adventurers.

(Article taken from <https://www.bsaseabase.org/about-sea-base/locations/>)









*It is not always in your successes but sometimes in your struggle that God will show you who you really are.*



Bill Correll joined the Lord in heaven on May 22 this year. Mary Ann will continue to reside in Mystic, CT., and we continue to keep her in our prayers.

### PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

**If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please contact Barbara West.**

**734-558-1878**

**Email: [barbwest26@yahoo.com](mailto:barbwest26@yahoo.com)**



### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Head Usher:** Linda Spatta  
**Liturgist:** Ilene Newton  
**Communion Setup:** Birdie Roberts  
**Lock-up:** Linda Spence



**As always, if you cannot serve as listed, PLEASE find a substitute. And thank you for your willingness to serve our church!**

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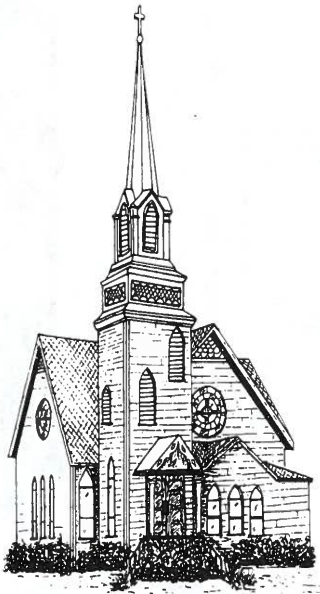
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**Bring People to Christ**  
**Develop our Discipleship**



**Weirsdale Presbyterian Church**  
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**Fellowship at 11:30AM**