

# The CHURCH MONSIEUR

May 2018

Worship with Us

It's time to start planning for the summer months. The church is excited to have you join us for our summer worship services. We will be offering a variety of options to suit your needs. Please contact us for more information.



DR. WALTER G. PASTER is available for pastoral care and counseling at 352-694-5707.



# The Church Mouse



May, 2018

## *Walking with Walter*

**“I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” Psalm 122:1**

Every Sunday morning, as Ellen and I prepare to come to church, the psalmist expresses how we feel as we come to church here in Weirsdale. It is always a joy to be a part of this wonderful congregation. In the past, there have been times when both of us dreaded going to church. But, because I was the pastor and she was my wife, we forced ourselves to go. Our kids knew not to plan anything on Saturday evenings because I was a wreck getting ready for Sunday morning.

Through the years, working with the church became a drag. It was exhausting. There is only so much that one person can do. Things become difficult when you are expected to preach, teach Sunday school, teach Wednesday night Bible study, visit, care for the sick, lead the choir, do funerals, perform weddings, take care of the administration of the church, be active in the community as a representative of the church and be available 24/7. That doesn't count all that Ellen was doing. She was working full-time at a Girls Residential Treatment Home as the Clinical Supervisor. She played the organ, piano and keyboard every Sunday, oversaw special musical programs which she wrote, and taught Sunday school. Oh, and by the way, you must be there whether you're sick or not. As you can see, that can get tiresome.

Once we retired it was nice to be able to choose whether we wanted to go to church or not. So, for almost 3 years we could say to ourselves, 'I just don't feel like going this morning'. That feeling was liberating. We could lay back and be lazy once in a while. Now mind you, that didn't happen often but at least we had a choice.

Then in October 2017 our lives were changed. We met you all. It did not take very long for us to fall in love with the people here at Weirsdale. Where once I dreaded Saturdays because Sunday followed; now when Saturday comes we're excited about Sunday morning. Ellen and I enjoy your fellowship. Serving as your "Stated Pulpit Supply" has been fulfilling. Being with you all has given me the opportunity to get to know many of you better. Since February, when I actually began serving you here part-time, I have had the honor of visiting over 34 families. Not only that, God has blessed us to have received 12 people into the membership of the church since December.

Now, summer is upon us. Many of our congregation have gone north for the summer. When that happens, it tends to put a burden upon the church. Also, we are, at present, losing several families that are moving away. So, it's very important for all of us to keep up the excitement that we feel by being together. May the Lord bless us in the weeks and months to come to be the people God wants us to be.

With grace and peace,  
Walter

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## UPCOMING PNC MEETING

Saturday morning, June 2nd, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) will meet for the very first time. That day they will meet and begin talking about the future of Weirsdale Presbyterian Church. As a reminder, the people you elected to serve on this committee are as follows: Sue Cordle, Bill McPeek, Angela Pecor, Jane Sands and David Vincent. Also, part of the committee is made up of two liaisons from St. Augustine Presbytery: Rev. Rhonda Link-Cummings and Rev. Allan Cummings. Through the guidance of God, your prayers and with the help of the Presbytery's Liaisons, they will begin the search for your new pastor.

If any members on the PNC Committee have not yet picked up their booklet ON CALLING A PASTOR, you can get a copy in the church office.

## MOTHERS' DAY FATHER'S DAY

No pictures of the Mother's Day breakfast were taken this year but the food was delicious. A big "thank you" to the gents Jim Bowers, Ron Everman, Tom Hagle and Charlie Karlein for cooking and serving the ladies a nice celebration!

Now our thoughts shift to the Father's Day Celebration. We will have our traditional meatloaf potluck on June 17th. The ladies will put the meal together, and the guys can sit back and enjoy! If you would like to make a meatloaf, let Betty McEuen at 352-245-9412 know. Otherwise, a side dish or dessert would be welcomed for the dinner.

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS/HOSTESSES

So many of you have signed up to host Fellowship; we are booked clear up to August 19th. Thank you for your contribution to our Sunday mornings.

If anyone is moved to host later in the year, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Douglas Hall kitchen or Carol Everman will be happy to help you. She can be reached at 352-750-6444.



## COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE

April, 2018

Total Individuals	619
Households	226
Fifteen of these households were new.	



The Community of Gratitude is grateful for our monetary support and food donations. ..

The pantry is always in need of nonperishable food and toiletries and also accepts food for the pets.



## THE CHURCH MOUSE IS TAKING A BREAK

Next issue will be mailed out at the end of August.  
Have a safe and fun summer!

## OUR SUMMER ORGANIST

We are thrilled to have Ellen Laseter playing the organ and keyboard for our worship services through the summer.



## PASTOR'S SERMONS

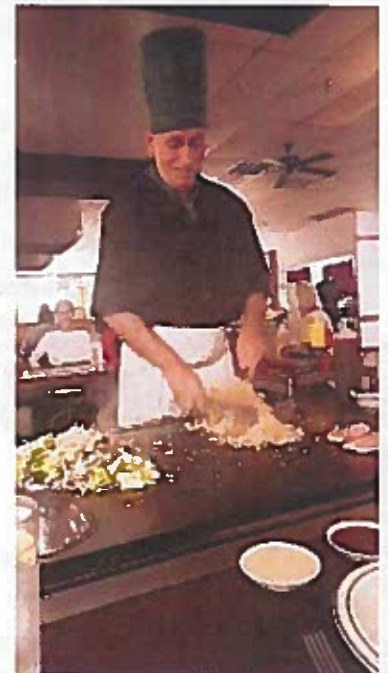
As the months have flown by since Pastor Walter started filling the pulpit at Weirsdale Presbyterian, we have grown to love him and his Sunday sermons. He teaches us about God's love and leads us to the Lord each Sunday.

AND we have also learned he is quite the entertainer. We are always looking forward to his surprise props. Recently, he scattered confetti all over the pulpit area while making a point in his sermon. We are pleased to see that he knows how to clean up after himself!



The Seniors Group dined at Kotobukis Japanese Restaurant this month.

The food was delicious and John McEuen entertained us with his culinary performance while preparing our dinner!





## HARVEST HAPPENINGS

We closed out 2017 with a very successful arts and crafts fair, and the proceeds will be used for improvements around the church.



Kudos to Sandy Karlein and her team of many volunteers who helped create, organize, sell and clean up afterwards.

Sandy has announced that it is time for someone else to take on the event for 2019. She will assist but will not be able to lead again. If you are willing and able, you can call her at 352-259-6293. It is not too early to start thinking and planning for the 2019 Harvest Happenings!

Please give some thought and prayer to taking on this project.

## PAULINE AND THE CHOIR

This month, we sadly accepted Pauline Grippin's resignation from leading the choir though she plans to return in the fall and maybe sit and sing with them. Pauline has been our volunteer choir director for several years and is ready to pass the responsibility on to someone else. Pauline, we will miss your direction and leadership. The choir has been a beautiful blessing to our Sunday worship services under your directorship. And we wish the choir participants a happy break this summer and will look forward to their return in the fall.

With all of that said, we will be in need of another director. If you are interested or know someone who might like to contribute their time, please have them get in touch with the church office for further information.



## EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR



An Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held for Maximus (Max) Hardy on June 23 at 3:00 PM with a reception at the Scout Hut following the ceremony.

Max refurbished the exterior of the VFW just south of Belleview. Pressure washing, painting, installing a new sign were just a few of the tasks involved in the project.

The Court of Honor will be held at our church and all are invited.



## OPERATION SHOEBOX



Operation Shoebox is in full swing downstairs in Douglas Hall. The group is cutting, sewing, knitting, and crocheting ditty bags and Christmas stockings for the troops overseas. Diana Harris is the contact for further information and she can be reached at 352-625-6021 or 352-425-4351. The troops show their gratitude with letters of appreciation.

Receiving news from our troops is always a gratifying experience, and it is fascinating and rewarding to the sewing group to learn of all the different places in the world that the Operation Shoebox mission reaches as indicated by these letters. Troops love the ditty bags and Christmas stockings, and they return their gratefulness with wonderful letters. Here is one received recently.

*Diana Harris,*

*I want to personally thank you and the women of Presbyterian Church for these wonderful "ditty Bags". My fellow soldiers and I enjoyed them and they really made us feel at home. Being here is already tough w/o our love ones, but with these packages or bags, we really felt like someone loves and cares for us, so I thank you again for what you do.*

*SGT Brianna Ransom  
TF Falcon CMD Assistant*



## MEMORIAL DAY MAY 28th

**Celebrate and remember  
those who have served our  
country to preserve our  
freedoms.**

**The church office will be  
closed Monday, May 28th.**



## A THOUGHT FROM THE DEACONS' CORNER

"Give yourself time to be sad, frustrated and angry.

Give yourself time to heal, accept and to grow.

Time does not erase anything, but it can provide you with enough space to be able to breathe again.

And then one day, you wake up and your heart has a little bit of sunshine in it."



From the Positive Outlook by Jessica Jensen

## 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:



*Remember Our Homebound Friends*

Richard Bradley  
630 Griffin Ave.  
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Robert Lipsner  
800 Lake Port Bld. 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

## JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher:  
Liturgist:

James McKnight  
James McKnight

Communion Set-up:  
Communion Servers:

Glenda Bucklew  
Jim Bowers, Glenda Bucklew, Marlys Forbrook, Angela Pecor



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!

## SHEPHERD'S LIGHTHOUSE, INC. THANKS YOU



One of the missions our church supports is The Shepherd's Light House and they recently sent a note of gratitude. They wrote, "*Thank you very much for your continued support. Your love and prayers mean so much to us. Blessings, Yolanda*"

Shepherd's Light House, Inc.  
5930 SE Robinson Rd., Belleview, FL



# June 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	DEACONS Meet 9AM
<b>3</b> Food Pantry Sunday Worship 10:30AM w/ Holy Communion Fellowship Watermelon 11:30AM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> TTO 11:30AM	<b>6</b> BSA 7:30PM	<b>7</b> Women's Bible Study 10AM Game Night 5PM (Potluck & Games)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship 10:30AM Fellowship 11:30AM	<b>11</b> Operation Shoebox 9AM	<b>12</b> TTO 11:30AM	<b>13</b> BSA 7:30PM	<b>14</b> Women's Bible Study 10AM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship 10:30AM Fellowship 11:30AM FATHER'S DAY MEATLOAF POTLUCK	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> TTO 11:30AM	<b>20</b> Seniors Group 5PM BSA 7:30PM	<b>21</b> Women's Bible Study 10AM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Eagle Scout Court of Honor Max Hardy 3PM
<b>24</b> Worship 10:30AM Fellowship 11:30AM	<b>25</b> Operation Shoebox 9AM	<b>26</b> TTO 11:30AM	<b>27</b> BSA 7:30PM	<b>28</b> Women's Bible Study 10AM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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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**

### **Study Groups:**

**Sundays 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School  
(October through April)**