

Worship Service

Sunday 10 a.m.

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Office Hours:

9-12:00 & 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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Church Staff

Rev. R. Craig Countiss ~ Pastor

Linda Carlsen ~ Organist

Lewis Carlsen ~ Choir Director

Darlene Rayhart ~

Administrative Assistant & Editor

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DEACONS

Class of 2011

Nancy Lantz

Alice Parrish

Class of 2012

Russ Carmichael ~ Moderator

Alice Krebs

Class of 2013

Maytha Harper

Pam Inniss

CORPORATION OFFICERS

President ~ Betty Jane Trexler

Vice President ~ Stel Vodev

Secretary ~ Ed Bishop

Treasurer ~ Ed Bishop

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please have all news articles turned in by **May 22nd**. Articles may be left in the church office or emailed. Thank you.

*Darlene Rayhart,  
Editor*

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Eli Baker

Bob Edgar

Bud Aites

Emily Bender

Owen Miller

Leroy Nelson

Bill Peticord

Blaine Hawkins

Rose Hyatt

Jack Bellows

Jim Proctor



If there are others who should be on this list, please notify Mary Ann Stenborg at 369-1178 or the church office.



## PANTRY NEEDS

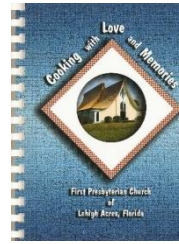
During the month of May, we are asking for “cereal” or other non-perishable breakfast food contributions be placed in the wheel barrow in the Narthex. All foods are greatly appreciated, and are taken to Community Services for distribution to needy families.

Thank you for all your support.

Missions Committee



Remember to save your used *inkjet cartridges and old cell phones*. There is a box located in the church office for these used items. This is an ongoing fundraiser for the Presbyterian Women, so please feel free to drop off your cartridges or old cell phones anytime during the year. Any donations would be much appreciated!



## Spinach Casserole

submitted by  
Evelyn Spencer

- 4 pkg. frozen chopped spinach
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 stick butter or margarine,  
divided
- 1 c. cornbread dressing  
(Pepperidge Farm)

Cook spinach according to directions and drain well. While still hot, mix in cheese and 1/2 butter. Top with the 1 cup of Pepperidge Farm dressing. Melt remaining 1/2 stick of butter and pour over the dressing. Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes.



This recipe can be found in our church cookbook, “*Cooking With Love and Memories*” which is available for \$5.00. Contact Shirley Sedam or the church office to obtain a copy.

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### **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

*We don't stop having fun when we are old . . . we are old when we stop having fun.*

MINISTRY



ASSISTANTS For MAY

Liturgist: Russ Carmichael

Ushers: Jim Proctor  
Ruth Sonnenberg  
Evelyn Spencer  
Tom McNutt

Greeters: Liz Countiss

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Liz & Craig Countiss  
8<sup>th</sup> Norma Ziegler  
15<sup>th</sup>  
22<sup>nd</sup> Alethea Chalker  
29<sup>th</sup> Marion Young-Lucas



If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, there is a chart on the wall in the Narthex. The cost is \$20 for the flowers, which can be put in the offering plate or sent to the church office. After the service, your flowers may be brought home, or donated to the church for shut-ins.

If you are dedicating the flowers to a loved one or a special occasion, you must call the church office and let Darlene know so that she can add that information to the bulletin. Thank you.

P.S. There are still many spaces to be filled on the flower chart.



The choir will begin a much deserved rest after the Sunday service, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. All of the choir members and those who sang special selections have blessed us. Thank you for sharing your time and talent. Anyone interested in providing special music, beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> through the summer, please call Darlene in the church office or see Linda or Lewis.

Lewis & Linda Carlsen

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**THINGS TO DO:**

Discover "AVE MARIA"

The town of Ave Maria is the first modern town developed in conjunction with a university. It has everything; residential dwellings, restaurants, retail, commercial space, fire and EMS building and a sheriff's office, plus medical facilities.

Worth Visiting. For tours and directions, call the Visitors Center at (239) 280-2500

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Happy





If you do not receive the electronic prayer chain and would like to have it, just give your email address to the church office or call me, Mary Ann Stenborg at 369-1178.

This is a means of keeping informed of those people who are in the hospital or homebound, etc. Your email address will not show on the computer and will not be given out. This is done by BCC (blind carbon copy). My name is the only one that is shown. We have lost many friends and members this past year and we have had many good things happen. Prayer will help anyone in need.

To those who receive the prayer chain, thank you for supporting it.

Mary Ann Stenborg

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There is a lost and found box in the church office. Items such as: a purple sweater, orange jacket, eyeglasses, keys, jewelry, etc. have been put in this box. Please check the office if you have lost any such items. Thank you.



## MONEY MATTERS

|          | <u>RECEIPTS</u> | <u>EXPENSES</u> |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| JANUARY  | \$16,681        | \$11,522        |
| FEBRUARY | \$13,897        | \$ 9,562        |
| MARCH    | \$13,596        | \$12,202        |
| APRIL    | \$12,471        | \$12,933        |
| TOTAL    | \$56,645        | \$46,219        |

To date, \$641 has been collected for per capita out of a total of \$1,899 pledged by the church. The per member amount is \$18.62.

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The total amount collected in April for One Great Hour of Sharing was \$930. Thank you to all who so generously gave to this mission. The contributions collected will go directly to Peace River Presbytery who will distribute it to three programs: Self-Development of People; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

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The Bell Blvd. Christian Preschool will have their graduation in the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.



Our last meeting - May 5<sup>th</sup> until September. If you have not attended our meetings, please consider joining us in

September as we resume our Bible studies and fellowship. A big thank you to the ladies who took part in the World Day of Prayer in March. Everything went well and your help was appreciated.

We had a very good year and I thank all of you for supporting our various fund raisers. We have a recycling program for used ink cartridges and cell phones. This is an ongoing project. If you have any used cartridges or cell phones, please bring them to the church office and place them in the drop-off box. Thank you.

Mary Ann Stenborg  
Moderator

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"Nobody knows of the work it makes  
To keep the home together.  
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,  
Nobody knows-but Mother."  
-Anonymous

"I remember my mother's prayers and  
they have always followed me. They  
have clung to me all my life."  
-Abraham Lincoln

"My mother was the most beautiful  
woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my  
mother. I attribute all my success in life  
to the moral, intellectual and physical  
education I received from her."  
-George Washington

**HAVE A WONDERFUL MOTHER'S DAY!**



### OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

Submitted by Darlene Rayhart

As my daughter and I were driving home from the store recently, we were talking about cars. Rachael said, "One day I'd like to have a "mini van". Hearing this, her 3 year old in the back seat pipes up and says, "Oh no, mommy! Not a "mini" van. Let's get a "Mickey" van instead."

GOTTA LOVE 'EM!!

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The following is a history of a well known hymn:



#### "AMAZING GRACE"

Author - John Newton, 1725 - 1807

Music - from Carrell and Clayton's

"Virginia Harmony", 1831

Tune Name - "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Reference- 1 Chronicles 17:16, 17

In a small cemetery of a parish churchyard in Olney, England, stands a granite tombstone with the following inscription: "John Newton, clerk, once an infidel and Libertine, a servant of slavers in Africa, was, by the right mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the Faith he had long labored to destroy." This fitting testimonial, written by Newton himself prior to his death, describes aptly the unusual and colorful life of this man, one of the great evangelical preachers of the eighteenth century.