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*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2*

Out of the Woodwork

By Pastor Jeff Wood

Dear Friends,

Summer's nearly here and with it comes, I hope, some leisure for you. And leisure for so many means books! There is that which just passes time and there is that which is refreshing, and good books fit the latter category. Let me steer you toward a couple of good books. Some I have said before and some are new –



- Too Small to Ignore* by Wes Stafford. You'll get a new heart for the children of the world and the story behind Compassion International.
- The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande. I'd have this be in the core curriculum for a course on being a Christian. There are peace breakers. There are peace fakers. But what does it take to be a peacemaker?
- Passport Through Darkness* by Kimberly Smith. This book is well written and eye opening and moves one to concern for God's world.
- Hearing God* by Dallas Willard. One of my favorite Christian thinkers. It is assumed in the Bible that followers of God would hear from God. Do you? Dallas talks to us about how we can.
- In the Name of Jesus* by Henri Nouwen. This simple book is profound. Short and clear, this priest does us a real service in giving us this book.
- Heaven* by Randy Acorn. There's a lot in the Bible about heaven. Are you vague about it? Let Randy fill in, from the Bible, your understanding of heaven.

For a church to be dynamic, its members want to express a lean toward growing spiritually. Let's all lean into some good reading for our souls. Share with me what you've read that's touched you ... and if any of these books were a help to you.

God Bless,
Pastor Jeff

**They're coming! Imani Milele Children's Choir—
Sunday, April 30th, at 10 a.m.!**



Healing and Wholeness Service Sunday, May 7th, 5 p.m.

Do you need a special time of prayer? Do you want to have someone pray for you? Then this service is for you. Please join us in the sanctuary for this service of worship.



Clerk's Corner

By Jane Capo

The Stated meeting of the Session was held on April 11, 2017. The meeting was opened with prayer and discussion of the current chapter of Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline*, the topic of which was *prayer*. Although there are different types of prayer, Foster focuses on the prayer of intercession, saying "Listening is the first thing, the second thing, and the third thing necessary for successful intercession...We must hear, know, and obey the will of God before we pray it into the lives of others." This is a challenge for all of us, but we have a wonderful God who "always meets us where we are and moves us along into deeper things."

Team Reports were received, and most of our teams have provided information for the *Post* to keep you informed of activities. Membership report shows 158 Active members and 17 Affiliate Members. Attendance has averaged 170 during the month of March, with communion being served to 166 worshippers on March 6th.

Presbyterian Women

From Doris Brown

The PW Coordinating Team would like to thank everyone who made our Fashion Show in March such a rousing success. I am personally indebted to all who stepped up to help when I was needed to be by my husband's side and could not attend to business. Thanks to all the ladies who attended. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. As a result, we were able to make a donation to the three PW missions we have chosen. \$500 each was sent to Thornwell Home, Safe Space in Vero Beach and to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. It was so wonderful to be able to send these donations!



PW at Sharky's Café, April 2017

Seated (L-R): Joan Helmacy, Gloria Fennell, Doris Brown, Pat Carroll, Bev Killian. Standing: M.L. Crawford, Irene Harpley, Joan Giltinan, Joyce Anderson, Donna Lilga, Nancy Loichytz, Betty Berry, a friend, Karen Pike, Jane Wilson's daughter, Jane Wilson

Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 17th at 11:30 a.m. and then will enjoy a summer break. Please consider coming out and joining the Circle in the fall for bible study, fellowship and fun.

Mission Team

by Mary Keogh

Many of you sponsor children through *Compassion International*, and in January of 2018 there will be an opportunity for those not involved to sponsor a child. You can go to compassion.com if you would like more information or talk to me or Pastor Jeff.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry has a project called *Cookies for Cops* and each church in the area bakes goodies once a month (or more) and brings them to our local police station. This is to let them know how much they are appreciated. Each month a different church is responsible for doing this and August is our month. The Mission Team is asking for one or two volunteers to help us with this project. This is a great way to help out that doesn't involve a long commitment. If this is something you would like to do, please call Mary Keogh at 772-332-5205. Thanks.



Recently I spoke with the Director of our local Boys & Girls Club to see how we could support them. Since they are literally in our back yard, the Mission Team felt that our community support should begin there. Their staff and volunteers help the kids with their homework; they have an arts program and sports and recreation as well, and a technology program. The Team approved a donation of \$320 to be sent to them with the funds coming from the proceeds of the Thrift Shop. They are also looking for volunteers, particularly to help kids with their homework. Also, Living Waters for the World and International Students were each given \$320.

Mission Statement: To show the love of Christ to others both in our church and beyond its walls with service and financial support.

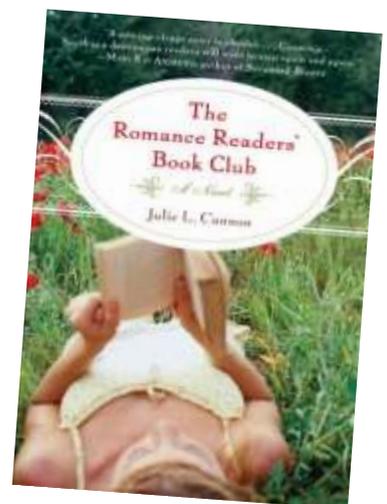
Team Members: Mary Keogh (chair), Roe Abma, Jean Bell, Ellie Gregory, Joan Helmacy, Wilma Kaelin, Doris Kelly, Juanita Leioatts, Janet Young and Pastor Jeff Wood

Lit Lovers Book Club

By Mary Keogh

The next meeting is Monday, May 1st at 1 pm in the library/meeting room. This month's book is *"The Romance Reader's Book Club"* by Julie Cannon. Please join us for a fun and interesting discussion. EVERYONE is welcome!

Growing up in a small, religious town, Tammi learns about life through the romance novels she keeps hidden from Granny. Tammi forms a secret book club where she can discuss her desires. When the town is faced with a drought, many locals (including Granny) believe the cause is unrepented sin. Tammi is torn between the pressure for repentance and the longing for love and passion in her life.



Questions? Suggestions? Contact Mary at 772-332-5205

Music Department

by Charlene Peacock, Director of Music



Welcome Steven Prowett, who is a welcome addition to our choir. His wife Nancy has been playing organ and we are delighted that she has agreed to help us. Nancy has served as a missionary in Africa and plays a multitude of instruments.

A special thank you to Jean Brillhart and Mary Keogh who sang *The Holy City*, on Palm Sunday. Jean and Mary are two very talented choir members who are almost always willing to help when asked. Your musical contributions are appreciated.

Although the choir will be smaller during the summer months, we will continue to lead the worship service music and provide special music in smaller venues. If any member of the congregation sews and might be interested in helping us design and make some type of cape that could be worn, in place of robes, during the summer months, please call, 321-480-4714.

Outreach/Evangelism

By Joan Giltinan

New PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are expected to arrive no later than mid-May, and we will distribute them at that time. For those of you who have already left for your northern homes, we will hold them until your return in the fall (or winter). Should you wish to have yours mailed to you, we will gladly do this, but you will need to **reimburse the church for postage**. Please call the Church Office to advise us of your desire to have your Directory mailed to your northern address in May.



Thank you for your patience during the delivery delay—*Lifetouch* needed to re-print our Directories due to corrections we requested that were not made when we turned in our proof-read copy.

Outreach & Evangelism

By Joan Giltinan

Welcome to our "Discover FIRST" friends from April 19, 2017!



Peggy Schaefer



Linda & Mike Jakubowitz



Tom (& Bev) Killian



Rick Sparano
Received as new
Active Member



Lindora "Lulu"
Llewellyn
Received as new
Affiliate Member



Bonnie Merritt



Josephine Bliss

May Birthdays And Anniversaries

- | | | | |
|------|-------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 5/2 | Judy Clement | 5/5 | John and June Atta (33) |
| 5/5 | Pam Holmes | 5/29 | Bill and Joan Kraftchak (53) |
| 5/15 | John Boardman | | |
| 5/18 | Douglas Bartholow | | |
| 5/18 | Brenda Terry | | |
| 5/20 | Greg Plummer | | |
| 5/20 | Dick Sladen | | |
| 5/23 | Elsie Colwell | | |
| 5/24 | Sally Clark | | |
| 5/29 | Nancy Marine | | |
| 5/29 | Sam Spear | | |



Is your name missing from our birthday/anniversary list? Please let the church office know so we can update our records and celebrate your special day(s)!

A Call to Prayer

Concerns This Week:

Roe Abma's son, Mark
Pat Adkins
Joyce Anderson
June (John) Atta
Betty Berry's granddaughter, Emily
John Blaga
Robin (Anderson) Boyd's sister-in-law,
Lynn
Doris Brown & family, & sister Margaret
Bob Brown's cousin, Ann Marie Glenn
Jane Capo's nephew, Michael Capo
Pat Carroll's friend, Leslie Hermann
Carole Costello's brother, Eddie Reed
Dawn Durling's father, Richard Durling
Pat Dwyer's nephew, Brian Cooper
Jennifer (Carroll) Emory's friends, Lori &
daughter, Brianna & grandson, Tyson
Joan Giltinan's friend, Ella
Joan Helmacy's sister, Carolyn Snyder
Don Helmboldt's son, Bob
Mary Keogh's friend, Nicole, and Ni-
cole's grandfather
Joan Killian
Arnold Kimmel's sister, Martha Kimmel
Tony/JoAnn Leonard's friend, Susan
Childress
Juanita Leioatts
Nafzigers' niece, Christina
Marge Royce
Bess Scholten's sister's son, Tim Menzer
Bill (Bess) Scholten
Bob Shambo
Debbie Sladen, her mother; Ann Pow-
ers, sister & brother in law, &
friends; Bruce, Tom, and Ruth
Sherry Whitcomb's brother, Bob English

Current Prayer Requests:

Rosemary Abma's son, Hank
Joyce Anderson's brother-in-law, Bruce
Day; friend Arlene's sister, Janet; &
granddaughter's fiancé's cousin, Pat-
rick Schweiger
John Atta's brother & sister-in-law,
Gary & Gale
Judy Baysinger's daughter, Melanie
Harriet Beatty
Bernis' friend, Maria Debonis
Betty Berry's sister, Marie
Betty & Jack Boardman
Doug Boyd
Bob Brown's cousins, Suzanne & John
Schlichter
Doris Brown's friend, Joann Langevin

Pat Carroll, her sister, Sandy; and neigh-
bor, Fred Campbell
Jamie Clark
Sally Clark's friend, Adele
Elsie Colwell
Gladys Cormeia
Roger Decker's grandson, Monroe Williams
Sandy Doughty's daughter, Melissa King
Gloria Fennell
Dot Goare
Billie Gregg
Greggs' daughter, Rachel
Eleanor Hakes' son-in-law, Bruce
Barbara/Wayne Harding
Sam/Irene Harpley
Joan Helmacy's friend, Chuck Hartlove
Florence Huber
Josie/John Jaynes
Jerry Jessup
Killians' granddaughter, Rebecca
Arnold (Joan) Kimmel
Joan & Bill Kraftchak
Juanita Leioatts' grand-niece, Paisley
Linder
Donna Lemon's brother, Bobby, & sister,
Alice
Dave/Betty Letrick
Donna Lilga
Stan Linder
Nancy Loichytz's daughter, Suzanne, and
friend's daughter, Kristin
Mona and Norm Lopez
Nancy Marine
Sylvia McFadden's son, Daniel
Myra Mende's grandson, Kyle
Mary Jo Morrow
Dick Nafziger
Hester O'Carroll
Pam Richardson's sister-in-law, Robin
Rev. Dr. Ed Riedesel
Carol (Dick) Roy
Bess Scholten's friend, Brendan Leonard
Priscilla and Sam Spear
June Taylor's granddaughter, Mellanie
Bill & Juanita Welsh's son, David & his
family
Juanita Welsh's friend, Ann Sage

Continuing Prayer Requests:

Roe Abma's friend Rina
Thelma Andresen's sister, Sharon
Jack Ayers
Judy Baysinger
Bells' grandson Taylor, & friend, Norman

Roxie Buhr
Gertrude Dinnany
Bertha Golle
Phil & Ellie Gregory & daughter, Andrea
Bob Keith
Bill Kraftchak's brother, James, &
friends Bernie & Jinja
Kellys'/Bells' friends, Dave & Donna
Leioatts' neighbor's son, Tom Thompson
Juanita Leioatts' sister, Sue
Terry & Donna Lemon
Donna Lilga's daughter, Myra, & friend,
Carol
Norm Lopez's daughter, Liz, & friend,
Norma
Don MacLean, Jr.
Dave Pierson
Carol Plummer's son, Flavio Pierri, &
friends, Fiona Atwell, Joe Cruz &
Joan Boulay
Mary Rawn
Audrey Reed and her sister, Maryanne
Mabel Rohr
Georgette Shambo
Bob Wannop
Don Wilson's son, James
People whose lives and homes contin-
ue to be impacted by floods, fires,
tornadoes, ice & snow

Grieving:

Anne McBride & family on the death of
her husband, William (12/21/16)
Bonne Merritt, on the death of her hus-
band, Clayton
Sylvia McFadden and family, on the
death of her son, Philip (3/24/17)
Doris Brown & family, on the death of
her husband, Bob
Jack/Becky Elliott & family on the death
of son-in-law, Jim Burt (4/14/17)

Missionaries:

Dan & Elizabeth Turk
Rodney & Sharyn Babe





May 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 May Day 1pm Bridge 1pm Book Club 5:30pm W.Watchers 7pm Bible Study	2 9-3 Thrift Shop 9am CAP 10:15 Cong. Life 1pm Admin Team 6pm Step Group	3 9am Pastor's Bible Study 10am Thrift Shop Mtg. 11am O/E team 12 pm Stew/Fin. Team 2:30pm Mission Team 4pm Choir	4 Nat'l Day of Prayer 7am B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop	5 OFFICE CLOSED 9-3 Thrift Shop 9:30am W.Watchers 1pm Bridge	6 9-3 Thrift Shop
7 8:45am Café 9am Bible Study/Choir 10am Worship 11am Coffee 5pm Wholeness and Healing Service Pantry: Dry Milk	8 1pm Bridge 5:30pm W.Watchers 7pm Bible Study	9 9-3 Thrift Shop 9am CAP 3pm Session 6pm Step Group	10 9am Pastor's Bible Study 4pm Choir	11 7am B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop	12 OFFICE CLOSED 9-3 Thrift Shop 9:30am W.Watchers 1pm Bridge	13 9-3 Thrift Shop
14 Mother's Day 8:45am Café 9am Bible Study/Choir 10am Worship 11am Coffee  Pantry: Can Veg/Rice	15 1pm Bridge 5:30pm W.Watchers 7pm Bible Study	16 9-3 Thrift Shop 9am CAP 6pm Step Group	17 9am Pastor's Bible Study 11:30am Martha Circle 4pm Choir	18 7am B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop 9-3 AARP Class	19 OFFICE CLOSED 9-3 Thrift Shop 9:30am W.Watchers 1pm Bridge	20 9-3 Thrift Shop
21 8:45am Café 9am Bible Study/Choir 10am Worship 11am Coffee Pantry: Spag/Sauce	22 1pm Bridge 5:30pm W.Watchers 7pm Bible Study	23 9-3 Thrift Shop 9am CAP 6pm Step Group	24 9am Pastor's Bible Study 4pm Choir	25 7am B&G 9-3 Thrift Shop 12pm Worship Team	26 OFFICE CLOSED 9-3 Thrift Shop 9:30am W.Watchers 1pm Bridge	27 9-3 Thrift Shop
28 8:45am Café 9am Bible Study/Choir 10am Worship 11am Coffee Pantry: PB & Jelly	29 Memorial Day Office Closed 1pm Bridge 5pm W.Watchers 7pm Bible Study 	30 9-3 Thrift Shop 9am CAP 6pm Step Group	31 9am Pastor's Bible Study 4pm Choir	Elder of the Month: Jane Capo Church at Prayer: Joan Gilfinan welovefirst.org facebook.com/welovefirstsebastian		

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Remember these dates:

May 1st, 1pm: Lit Lovers Book Club

May 4th: National Day of Prayer

May 7th, 5pm: Service for Healing and Wholeness

May 14th: Happy Mother's Day!

*May 29th: Memorial Day
(church office closed)*

