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Out of the Woodwork

By Pastor Jeff Wood

Dear Ones,

I hope the summer finds you all doing well. At this time of year we are in many places, from Indiana to Maine to Sebastian. Some of us are out and about with grandchildren, and others seem to be less and less able to be out and about at all. Wherever and however we are, may God's goodness be apparent to you.



As I started to put this column together for the newsletter I realized that I do a bit of writing in the course of a month. You know already that I put my sermons down on paper so that you can take them, have them, review them, and share them. That's the most regular of my writing.

Additionally, each month I write for two local periodicals, *The Barefoot Tattler* and *The Senior Scene*. I write for both of these so that our church gets some press. In each, our name, service times, web information, and location is listed. For *The Barefoot Tattler*, I try to give something informational and for *The Senior Scene*, I try to give something devotional.

Each week I write and email a devotional (it goes out Wednesday mornings). There are tidbits that I input from time to time into our Facebook page. And there are notes I send that say, "I'm praying for you." There's the Pastor's Report to the Session, and twenty emails per day, at least. Don't forget the writing for *The Post*!

But what I most want to write is God's love upon your hearts. I find that what I don't write down, I forget! We don't want to forget that there is a great and good God who loves you and me. May we all know that... wherever and however we are.



Member Spotlight - *Susan Stingone*

by Sally Clark



Some people who touch your life instantly give off a positive glow. When you meet them, you know you are all the better for it. So stands Susan Stingone. Part of our church family since March 2016, Susan has enhanced our life here, jumping in with both feet; she is presently Assistant Financial Secretary as well as Thrift Shop Treasurer.

Susan and hubby Joe hail from Long Island, NY. Growing up in the shore town ,Point Lookout, moving to Florida in 1969 was an easy leap for them. Early on, they lived in Hollywood, FL and both pursued real estate careers in a perfect ying/yang relationship; he preferred listings while she spoke for the buyers. Such ambitions moved them around much of Florida and eventually to South Carolina, raising a son and daughter along the way. Now with their son in New Jersey and their daughter and family in North Carolina, frequent visits help them keep up with their two granddaughters, age 7 and 10.

The lure of the Sunshine State eventually brought them back, landing in Sebastian for that “Old Florida feel.” They love our small town – and Susan loves our small church! – a gem she found while searching the Internet for a local Presbyterian church. When she entered our doors the first time, she was surprised to be warmly greeted by Carol Wise, her neighbor. A good omen, she thought, knowing she’d found her church home.

The Stingones enjoy day trips and overnights throughout Florida. Their constant search for Royal Doulton figurines has taken them to many special spots, and garnered a large collection that contains the entire Clown series and many other priceless finds.

Reading is a passion for Susan, a pastime launched years ago when she worked for a New York publisher. She met many authors back then, including Charles Schultz; she and Joe were privileged to read the original manuscripts for Mario Puzo’s “The Godfather.”

Thrift Shop News

SUMMER HOURS (June 1st-Oct. 1st): Tue/Thur/Fri/Sat — 10 AM TO 2 PM. Summer substitutes are sometimes needed to fill in on occasion. If you are able to cover a four hour shift at a moment’s notice, please let Susan Stingone know: 772-271-3813. Check us out online for specials and sales:

welovefirst.org/thrift-shop and [facebook.com/firstpresbythrift](https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbythrift)



Passing the 'Baton!'

by Joan Giltinan



The time has come for someone else in our church family to have the privilege of placing American flags around the grounds to celebrate our annual patriotic holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July and Veterans' Day.

Several years ago, when Ann Jordan (with whom this "tradition" originated) moved to Texas, she passed the 'baton' of placing flags on to me. Now it is my turn to 'pass the baton' to another person(s).

If you are willing to participate in the life of our congregation in this special way, please call me (581-0392), and I will bring the flags to you.

Thank you for 'taking this baton' and "running with it" as your special ministry in our midst.

Living Waters for the World

by Pastor Jeff Wood

You like to know about mission work of the PCUSA and our presbytery in particular, don't you? Here's one Central Florida Presbytery has invested in and we ourselves have given to.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) provides sustainable clean water and fosters long-term, mutually beneficial relationships, between volunteers and communities in need. It's a program of the Synod of Living Waters that welcomes the participation of churches of all denominations and civic organizations.

Living Waters for the World trains volunteers to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with international communities to implement water purification systems and health education. In other words, and for example from within our own presbytery, several people were sent to Living Waters training and, when they returned, they formed a mission team. They then raised the money for the equipment about which they had been trained and went to Cuba at the invitation of a church there. The team trained the local church leaders in installing and maintaining the water purification system. That church now is a source of clean water for their whole community. The church serves and witnesses and everyone is blessed by the potable water.

Hurray for Living Waters for the World!



Clerk's Corner

by Jane Capo

Session met on June 20, 2017 and continued our study of Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster. The current chapter was on *study*, which includes not only reading and reflecting on Scripture, but also on the works of devoted Christian writers from past and present, and on the work of God in nature. Study is a discipline which can deepen our faith when pursued with diligence and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Current membership is 158, reflecting the deaths of Jim Jennings and Bob Shambo and the addition of new members Linda Weeks, Virginia Paddock and Art Paddock, Jr.

We decided to have the annual Church Indoor Picnic on August 19th. The church will provide roast chicken for the meat dish, with everyone signing up to bring sides, salads, and desserts.

We re-set the meeting of the congregation to 7/9/17, and at that time the congregation elected Don Wilson to serve the unexpired term of elder Pat Adkins. We approved Steven Miller serving as guest pastor on July 2, and Earl Eisenbach to fill the pulpit on August 27th. We affirmed the hiring of Debbie Saraga as church secretary (Welcome, Debbie!).

Finally, every three years the Presbytery sends a team of two persons from the Committee on Ministry to meet with Session. This is a "Trennial Visit"; the COM provides demographic information about our area and talks with Session and Pastor about our ministry, where we are effective and where we could improve. We are due this year and will meet with the team during our September Session meeting.



Music Department

by Charlene Peacock, Director of Music



Stan & Blondie

The Choir decided to visit retired singer **Stan Linder**, who is having health problems. What was to be just a short visit evolved into an exceptionally nice time. Stan enjoyed the company, we enjoyed a delightful luncheon prepared by Stan's wife, Denise, and everyone enjoyed Blondie the dog. Our music was a selection of old favorites which made it easy for everyone to sing along.

After the wonderful lunch, Missy Tebbs surprised us with a delicious homemade dessert from an old family recipe. There were also rich chocolate brownies.

Stan Linder has not only sung in the choir, his musical abilities are multifaceted. In addition to teaching and playing many instruments, in recent years, he has played bass for several orchestras.

Please keep both Stan and Denise in your prayers.



Left to Right: Mary Keough & Denise Linder; Missy Tebbs; Stan, Jean Allen, Blondie & Mary Keough

August Birthdays And Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

8/07	Susan and Joe Stingone	(51)	8/16	Sam Harpley
8/18	Jamie and Sally Clark	(55)	8/16	Jane Wilson
8/26	Chip and Rose Hunter	(60)	8/20	Shirley Stevens-Buffa
			8/23	Chris Pierson

Happy Birthday to:

8/01	Beth Tallcott	8/26	Richard Terry
8/04	Joan Kraftchak		
8/06	Terry Lemon		
8/07	Joan Kimmel		
8/08	Eleanor "Ellie" Gregory		



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:

Gloria Ajose
June (John) Atta
Betty Berry's granddaughter, Emily
Doug Boyd
Robin (Anderson) Boyd's sister-in-law,
Lynn
Doris Brown's sister, Margaret, friend
Joann Langevin
Bob Brown's cousin, Ann Marie Glenn
Jane Capo's nephew, Michael Capo
Pat Carroll
Carole Costello's brother, Eddie Reed
Dawn Durling's cousin, Carolyn Motley
Pat Dwyer's nephew, Brian Cooper
Gloria Fennell
Joan Giltinan's friend, Barry Webster
Evan Haines
Don Helmboldt's son, Bob
Doris Brown's friend, Joann Langevin
Mary Keogh's friend, Nicole, and Ni-
cole's grandfather
Tony/JoAnn Leonard's friend, Susan
Childress
Sylvia McFadden's son, Timothy
Ann Mensinger's sister, Brenda Johnson
Jan Rapacke's sister, Sue, and nephew,
Jim
Bess Scholten's sister's son, Tim Menzer
Debbie Sladen's mother, Ann Powers,
sister & brother in law, & friends;
Bruce, Tom, and Ruth
Susan Stingone's sister, Jean
Rev. Dr. Donald Swope
Sherry Whitcomb's brother, Bob English
Pastor Jeff
Asher Wood & all others over in Uganda
for 2 weeks on mission trip

Current Prayer Requests:

Rosemary Abma's sons, Hank & Mark,
and friend, Rina
Joyce Anderson's brother-in-law, Bruce
Day; friend Arlene's sister, Janet
Harriet Beatty
Betty Berry's sister, Marie
John/Pat Blaga
Betty & Jack Boardman
Bob Brown's cousins, Suzanne & John
Schlicker
Doris Brown
Pat Carroll's sister, Sandy; neighbor,
Fred Campbell
Jamie Clark
Sally Clark's friend, Adele

Elsie Colwell
Gladys Cormeia
Sandy Doughty's daughter, Melissa King
Joan Giltinan's friend, Kay, niece Pam
Dot Goare
Greggs' daughter, Rachel
Eleanor Hakes' son-in-law, Bruce
Barbara/Wayne Harding
Irene/Sam Harpley
Joan Helmacy's friend, Chuck Hartlove
Florence Huber
Josie/John Jaynes
Jerry Jessup
Arnold (Joan) Kimmel
Arnold Kimmel's sister, Martha Kimmel
Joan & Bill Kraftchak
Donna Lemon's brother, Bobby
Dave/Betty Letrick
Donna Lilga
Stan Linder
Lindora Llewellyn & daughter
Nancy Loichytz's daughter, Suzanne, and
friend's daughter, Kristin
Norm (Mona) Lopez
Nancy Marine
Sylvia McFadden's son, Daniel
Myra Mende's grandson, Kyle
Mary Jo Morrow
Dick Nafziger
Pam Richardson's sister-in-law, Robin
Carol (Dick) Roy
Marge Royce
Bill (Bess) Scholten
Bess Scholten's friend, Brendan Leonard
June Taylor's granddaughter, Mellanie
Bill & Juanita Welsh's son, David & his
family
Juanita Welsh's friend, Ann Sage

Continuing Prayer Requests:

Thelma Andresen's sister, Sharon
Pat Adkins
Jack Ayers
Judy Baysinger's daughter, Melanie
Bells' grandson Taylor, & friend, Norman
Roxie Buhr
Gertrude Dinnany
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 Leioatt's 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
Bob Wannop
Don Wilson's son, James
People whose lives and homes contin-
ue to be impacted by floods, fires,
tornadoes

Grieving:

Bess Scholten's nephew & wife (Bob &
Gale Cooper) on death of son,
Dwayne (5/24/17)
Peg Jennings & family, on the death of
her husband, Jim (5/26/17)
Dick/Judy Nafziger on the death of
their niece, Christina
Georgette Shambo & family on the
death of her husband, Bob (6/25/17)

Missionaries:

Pastor Jeff's friends, Mike and Rachel
Weller in Ethiopia
Dan & Elizabeth Turk
Rodney & Sharyn Babe



AUGUST 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am CAP 10-2 Thrift Shop 10:30 O/E Team	2 9am Pastor's Bible Study 10am Thrift Shop Mtg. 1pm Admin. Team	3 7am B&G 10-2 Thrift Shop	4 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am W.Watchers 10-2 Thrift Shop 1pm Bridge	5 10-2 Thrift Shop
6 8:45am Café 9am Choir 10am Worship Communion	7 1pm Bridge 5:30pm W.Watchers 7 pm Bible Study	8 9am CAP 10-2 Thrift Shop 3pm Session	9 9am Pastor's Bible Study	10 7am B&G 10-2 Thrift Shop	11 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am W.Watchers 10-2 Thrift Shop 1pm Bridge	12 10-2 Thrift Shop
13 8:45am Café 9am Choir 10am Worship <i>Pantry: Cereal</i>	14 1pm Bridge 1pm Book Club 5:30pm W.Watchers 7 pm Bible Study	15 9am CAP 10-2 Thrift Shop POST Deadline for submissions	16 9am Pastor's Bible Study	17 7am B&G 10-2 Thrift Shop	18 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am W.Watchers 10-2 Thrift Shop 1pm Bridge	19 10-2 Thrift Shop 12n Church Picnic 
20 8:45am Café 9am Choir 10am Worship <i>Pantry: Dry Milk</i>	21 1pm Bridge 5:30pm W.Watchers 7 pm Bible Study	22 9am CAP 10-2 Thrift Shop	23 NO Pastor's Bible Study 12 Noon Worship Team	24 7am B&G 10-2 Thrift Shop	25 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am W.Watchers 10-2 Thrift Shop 1pm Bridge	26 10-2 Thrift Shop
27 8:45am Café 9am Choir 10am Worship <i>Pantry: Beans/Rice</i>	28 1pm Bridge 5:30pm W.Watchers 7 pm Bible Study	29 9am CAP 10-2 Thrift Shop	30 9am Pastor's Bible Study with special guest	31 7am B&G 10-2 Thrift Shop	ELDER OF THE MONTH: Sam Spear CHURCH AT PRAYER: Patci Blackwood WWW.WELOVEFIRST.ORG FACEBOOK.COM/WELOVEFIRSTSEBASTIAN	

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Remember these dates:

August 10-11, Global Leadership Summit (Indian Harbor Beach)

Lit Lover's Book Club: August 14 at 1 p.m.

August 19, Church Picnic at 12:00 Noon

