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*My sheep hear My Voice,
and I know them, and
they follow Me. John
10:27*



Out of the Woodwork

By Pastor Jeff Wood

Dear Ones,

Out of the Woodwork: From the Great Northwest



For probably ten years I have gone in the summer time to a prayer house in the hill country of Texas for four days and then emerged from it to attend a Bible-type conference at Laity Lodge. It's a place away from technology, and the aim of these places is to be with God. After many years, this wonderful spot is getting a makeover and so was not available to me for my customary sojourn.

I'm writing this newsletter article from the first day of my alternate plan for the prayer house and Laity Lodge time. I'm in Olympia, WA, and staging a backpacking expedition that will start tomorrow. Graciously, my college roommate and his wife are hosting me. Jim is a psychologist and knows the mountains well. He and I will travel together up The Enchanted Valley or The High Divide (we'll know which based on what the Ranger station tells us tomorrow).

I left Florida when it was 92 degrees. On our trip the nights, Jim tells me, may dip down into the high 30's. Hmmmm. Does he have long underwear I can borrow??

There's always been something for me and my spiritual life having to do with walking and the outdoors. I suppose it is the time to just think and pray, pray and think, and then think and pray. I suppose it is the stars at night ... and maybe even it's a little bit dealing with a blister or some rain.

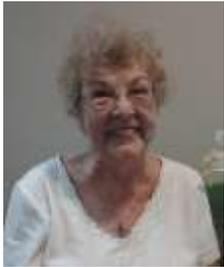
Over the next couple of days one thing is for sure and that's that I love our church, our people, you. I'm glad for our eagerness to serve, to enfold, and to study the Bible. I rejoice in the new faces that keep joining our ranks (join me in getting to know them). My prayers always are for God's blessing on you, on us, on His church.

Member Spotlight: Gerry Lewis

by Sally Clark

Gerry Lewis - Sharing a Good Time Glow

Say hello to Gerry Lewis, part of our church since March 2016. Smiling, bubbly, happy-to-be-here, Gerry shares a good-time glow borne in the West Virginia hills. Growing up in the Parkersburg area, she met and married her husband there. They raised 6 children, now boasting 16 grandchildren and a score of great-grandchildren scattered through Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee and Florida. Visits are limited, but Gerry cherishes frequent notes and phone calls from her loving family.



A fascinating career began years ago when she took a job with Fenton Art Glass Co. in Williamstown, WVA. Like the feisty mountain gal she was, she climbed the ranks to be chosen to manage Fenton's 2-story gift shop in Kissimmee, FL in 1983 – such an honor that her husband retired from Union Carbide so they could relocate. Kissimmee was their home for 25 years, until Gerry's husband passed away.

Retirement took Gerry to Lantana in 2008 to live near her daughter and family. But after some years there the frenzied people-crush of South Florida became too much – “too busy, too expensive!” she claims -- so she sought a quieter home. Through a Senior's help agency she found By the River, the independent living quarters near Roseland's Kashi Ranch. A perfect solution for Gerry, she's happily lived there for 3 years. Saturday night suppers at Kashi are a treat, along with a fun-filled activity list offered at By the River. Monthly breakfasts out at local restaurants are special.

“Almost Heaven, West Virginia” boasts the song. A billboard on I-95 in Rockledge reads, “Sebastian – an Unspoiled Paradise.” How fitting that Gerry began in Heaven and now lives in Paradise!

A Presbyterian always, Gerry has served as an Elder and often sang in the choir. She fell short of finding us when she moved here so went to Roseland Methodist. Wrong church but right pew: one Sunday someone told her where the Presbyterians were. The next Sunday she came right to us and never left.

Sunday Morning Bible Study (9:00 AM)

by Clark Brillhart

The Sunday Morning Bible Study group will resume our meetings on **Sept 10th at 9AM**. We will be using an overview of the Bible by Dr. R. C. Sproul called “Dust to Glory”. This series consists of thirty 23-minute DVDs which shows the development of God's plan of salvation from the dust of Eden to the glory of resurrected life in the new heaven and earth. A discussion period on the current topic will follow the presentation. Come join us as we begin our Sundays by exploring God's Word while enjoying coffee and good fellowship.



Outreach/Evangelism Team

by Joan Giltinan



To Newer Worshipers in Our Midst

If you've been participating in the life of "FIRST" for one week or as long as 5 months, you will want to mark WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th on your calendar!!

Our next **DISCOVER FIRST** gathering is coming up that evening @ 5:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to **connect with Pastor Jeff and other folks** ("up close & personal") as we share a light supper and introduce you to life and ministry here at "**FIRST**" in an informal atmosphere.

Of course, if you've been a part of this church for a long time, you, too, are welcome to come and meet those whose faces are still unfamiliar to you. Please call the Church Office (589-5656) or Joan Giltinan (581-0392) to sign up for this event.

Lit Lovers Book Club

by Mary Keogh

It would be great if we could have some new members in our book group. We meet the second Monday of each month at 1 pm in the Meeting Room, and there is always a lively discussion. Everyone has input on our monthly suggestions, so come and join us on Monday, September 11th at 1 pm.



The selection for September is **The Chilbury Ladies Choir** by Jennifer Ryan. This is a story that takes place during WWII, and it looks like a fun read.

Our selection for October is **Killing Mr. Watson** by Peter Matthieson and takes place in Florida.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces in September, and punch and cookies will be served. For any further information call Mary Keogh at 772-332-5205.

Decide to be happy

Render others happy

Proclaim your joy

Love passionately your miraculous life

Do not listen to promises

Do not wait for a better world

Be grateful for every moment of life

Switch on and keep on the positive button in yourself; those marked with optimism, serenity, confidence, positive thinking, love.

Pray and thank God every day

Meditate - smile - laugh

Whistle - sing - dance

Look with satisfaction at everything

Fill your lungs and heart with liberty

Be yourself, fully and immensely

Act like a king unto death

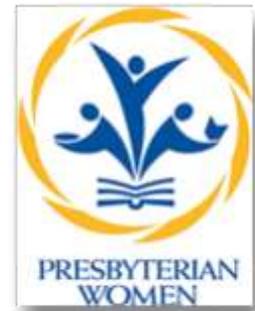
Feel God in your body, mind, heart, and soul

And be convinced of eternal life and resurrection.

Robert Muller

Presbyterian Women

from Doris Brown, Moderator



It is time for PW to get down to work for the fall and winter sessions. We are planning to be very busy this year. The Coordinating Team generally meets on the first Thursday of each month (exceptions apply). Our next meeting is on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th AT 10 AM**. We look forward to getting back into the swing of things and bringing exciting opportunities to the women of the church.

On **September 12th**, our PW group and several others who volunteered to help will be assisting the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach as they welcome the Presbytery to that church. We will be serving breakfast to the commissioners and ministers who are attending. After the breakfast, we will clean up and help to set up for the luncheon that will follow. Anyone interested in helping us can call **Doris Brown at 581-9781** and we will be glad to include you.

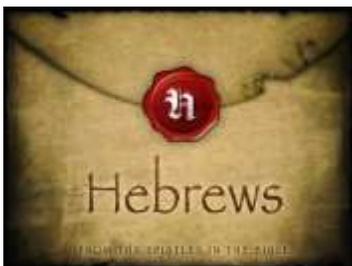
September 28th at 11:30 am, the fourth Thursday in September, is our quarterly Gathering and pot luck luncheon. We will be hosting someone from Halo as our guest speaker. It should prove to be an interesting topic and we encourage all ladies (and gentlemen) of the church to come join us and share in a delicious lunch and conversation.

We are also planning to hold a bake sale in October. I know that all the ladies of PW are happy to bake some delicious goodies to sell, and we hope that the congregation is ready to assist us by buying these goodies. All money earned will go toward helping us with our mission activities.

We hope that every woman in the church understand that **you** are a member of this organization simply by being part of the church and will want to take an active part in our activities. Please consider coming to our Bible study and lunch on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am, and to the quarterly Gatherings that we hold.

Martha Circle

by Carol Wise



Who is Jesus? According to Hebrews... Mark your calendars and plan to attend Martha Circle on **September 20th**. We gather at 11:30 am for lunch and fellowship. At 12 Noon we have a short meeting with devotion to be given by Sally Clark, a care prayer by Susan Coard, and our Lesson 6, "According to Hebrews", given by Juanita Leioatts. The Book of Hebrews is more of a homily (sermon) addressed to those who are growing weary in the faith, in need of assurance and comfort as they struggle over whether they have made the right decision by choosing to follow Christ. Many of us may have gone through such a time in our lives where we struggled in our faith. Hebrews provides words of exhortation and encouragement which we all need to hear. So plan on attending and join in the Lesson and fellowship with your Sisters in Christ.

Music Department

by Charlene Peacock, Director of Music



Charter Member of the Choir, Priscilla Spear, has retired due to medical reasons. This is a tremendous loss as her outstanding musical abilities added greatly to our alto section. The choir and congregation sincerely thank Priscilla for her many years of service and dedication.



Our Choir does not have an official librarian; however, Joan Killian comes into the rehearsal room every week and works getting the hymns in order for Sunday's worship service. Thank you Joan! We appreciate your help.

Our regular Choir rehearsal schedule begins again on **Wednesday, September 13th**. New singers are welcome. Auditions are not required. It is a wonderful way to get acquainted with others who enjoy music. Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm and Sundays at 9:15 am. Preceding Choir rehearsal, upon request, a half hour lesson in note reading will be offered. This is an eight- week class which will only be offered twice. Please call Charlene Peacock to register at 321-489-4714.

September Birthdays And Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

Steven & Luann Borsse (37)
 Dave & Betty Letrick (68)
 Richard & Bebe Rowe (66)
 Al & Doris Berni (63)
 Peter & M.L. Crawford (31)



Happy Birthday to:

9/6	Pete Crawford	9/18	Doris Kelly
9/6	Gertrude Dinnany	9/20	Paula France
9/7	John Atta	9/22	Josephine Jaynes
9/13	Brad Crowther	9/23	William Kraftchak
9/13	Pat Vilardi	9/27	John Jaynes
9/14	Jack Ayers	9/29	Tine Woolery
		9/30	Marshall McCammack

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:

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
 Carole Costello
 Carole Costello's brother, Eddie Reed
 Dawn Durling's cousin, Carolyn Motley
 Pat Dwyer's nephew, Brian Cooper
 Sam (Irene) Harpley
 Don Helmboldt's son, Bob
 Doris Brown's friend, Joann Langevin
 Mary Keogh's friend, Nicole
 Tony/JoAnn Leonard's friend, Susan
 Childress
 Sylvia McFadden's son, Timothy
 Ann Mensinger's sister, Brenda Johnson
 Mary Jo Morrow
 David (Chris) Pierson's niece, Susan
 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
 Sherry Whitcomb's brother, Bob English
 Pastor Jeff

Current Prayer Requests:

Rosemary Abma and sons, Hank &
 Mark, and friend, Rina
 Gloria Ajose
 Joyce Anderson's friends Arlene, Bill &
 Janet
 Harriet Beatty
 Betty Berry's sister, Marie
 John/Pat Blaga
 Betty & Jack Boardman
 Bob Brown's cousins, Suzanne & John
 Schlicter
 Doris Brown
 Pat Carroll
 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
 Gloria Fennell
 Joan Giltinan's 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
 Dick Nafziger
 Pam Richardson's sister-in-law, Robin
 Carol (Dick) Roy
 Bebe Rowe
 Marge Royce
 Bill (Bess) Scholten
 Bess Scholten's friend, Brendan Leonard
 Priscilla Spear
 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
 continue to be impacted by floods,
 fires, tornadoes

Grieving:

Dick/Judy Nafziger on the death of
 their niece, Christina
 Georgette Shambo & family on the
 death of her husband, Bob (6/25/17)
 Family of Michael Capo (age 20) upon
 his death (7/30/17)

Missionaries:

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



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Remember these dates:

9/4 Labor Day (Office Closed; no 7pm Bible Study)

9/12 Post Articles Due

9/21 AARP Driver's Safety Class, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

9/28 Presbyterian Women Quarterly Gathering

