

March 2010 BUGLE

First Presbyterian Church

Volume 8, Issue 3

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

Associate Pastor: Rev. Larry Hendon

Glorify God, Make Disciples and Meet Human Needs.

Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Iona Chapel
Communion

10:55 a.m. Sanctuary

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday of Lent

*The Healing on
the Far Side*

Mark 5:1-20

Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*The Healing of a Father's
Love and a*

Woman's Touch

Mark 5:21-43

Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

March 21, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*The Healing From
Darkness to Light*

Mark 10:46-52

Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday

*The Healing Power
of the Cross*

Mark 15:33-41

Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

Dr. Bob's Message

First Presbyterian Church
The Cross of Christ

The Cross of Jesus Christ has become the most recognized symbol of the Christian faith. It is a sign of hope, healing and salvation. My favorite hymn from the Presbyterian Hymnal is *Lift High the Cross*. Here is the refrain of the hymn:

*Lift high the cross
The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world
adore His sacred name.*

The words are based on the words of Jesus. In John chapter three Jesus is having a dialogue with Nicodemus a leader of the Jewish people about salvation. Jesus refers Nicodemus to Numbers 21:4-9, the account of the bronze serpent.

*First Presbyterian Church
Welcomes New Members...*

James and Linda Kurtz

Tom and Tracy Duffy

Ashley Womack

Church Triumphant

*Woodrow Sigley
January 23, 2010*

*Merrill Archard
February 19, 2010*

*Rachel Emmel
February 24, 2010*



The Children of Israel were rebellious and spoke against God and Moses. The Lord sent poisonous snakes among the Israelites and many died when bitten by the snakes. The Children of Israel confessed their sins and asked Moses to pray for them and for the snakes to be removed. The solution given to Moses by God was to make a snake and put it on a pole. The promise was anyone who was bitten can look at the bronze snake and live. Salvation came to the Jews by faith when the serpent was lifted up. This is the comparison Jesus made to himself and the cross. **“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”** (ESV)

The verb *lifted up* has a dual meaning: it refers to the crucified Jesus on the cross and the glorified and exalted Jesus. The cross was not the end of His glory; it was the means of His glory. Let us **lift high the Cross of Christ** during this season of Lent to claim the hope of our salvation in the cross and to proclaim the hope of the cross of Christ to others.

Let us lift high the Cross of Christ by erecting a Cross in front of our sanctuary to be a witness of our faith and a reminder to all who pass by of our belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Holy Week the cross will be draped with a purple cloth. Purple represents the message of repentance. Purple is the color of Lent and royalty. On Easter Sunday the cross will be adorned with Easter Lilies representing the resurrection.

Let us lift high the Cross of Christ through our worship on Good Friday, April 2, 2010. The service will be on the Cross of Christ in the sanctuary beginning at 7 pm. The service will be similar in style to the Nine Lessons and Carols. The music, scripture and meditations will be directed to lifting up the Cross of Christ.

Paul wrote, **“For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the Cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”**
1 Corinthians 1:17-18 (ESV)

Other worship offerings for Holy Week are as follows:

Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. April 1, 2010

The New Commandment

Communion

John 13:34-35

Rev. Larry Hendon

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

The Healing Power of the Resurrection

Mark 16:1-8

Both 8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. services in the Sanctuary

Communion served during the 8:30 a.m. service

Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

Blessings,



Meet Human Needs

Several years ago, the Alachua County Homeless Coalition estimated that there were 900 homeless people in the greater Gainesville area. The homeless coalition estimates that 144 of these people were children. Although I have not seen the current statistics on homelessness, I believe that in our current challenging economic situation it would be safe to say that the number has increased. Since we are located at the center of town, we are probably more aware of these folks because of proximity, and therefore, we are positioned to reach out and touch them in ways that might help.

In January Dr. Bob helped us focus our attention on our purpose statement - Glorify God, Make Disciples, Meet Human Needs. As people who have been created in the image of God and are being shaped into the likeness of Jesus, it is definitely part of our DNA to reach out and meet human needs. No doubt God has called us to a partnership of serving people in need with acts of kindness. But how? When? Where? To whom? With what resources? Of course these are important considerations, but let's not allow ourselves to get so bogged down in deliberation that we fail to act. Let's not become grounded by "paralysis of analysis."

Mother Teresa wisely said: "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one." We may not be able to do everything, but we can each do something. What is your "just one?" As you might suspect I do have a suggestion. As a member of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), we will be housing and hosting three to five families for two weeks beginning Sunday, March 28. It takes approximately 55 church volunteers to provide shelter, meals, transportation, and comprehensive support to these families without homes. Each of these families is in transition and in need of support in order to get on their feet and live independently. (For more information on specific jobs see the listing on page 6.)

I've been told by my daughter who is on staff with the Houston affiliate of Habitat for Humanity that they are not in the business of giving hand-outs but a hand-up. They help people rediscover their dignity and become independent. IHN is also a "hand-up" ministry. Let me share just one story. Tonyetta was our guest a couple of years ago. She came to live with us with three children, no job, no car, no housing, and no family support. While finding shelter with IHN, she worked the graveyard shift as a supervisor of janitorial services at UF and completed a course to obtain her certificate as Certified Nursing Assistant. When she left us she had received a donated automobile, landed employment and has since found affordable housing. By God's grace Tonyetta has landed on her feet, and we were a significant part of this.

Simple acts of kindness done with great love will change lives. I believe that this is true. Don't you? So the question to me and to you is, "What is your just one?"



Organ Concert Martin Jean

On Sunday, March 21 at 4 p.m. organist Martin Jean will present a concert in the sanctuary. Included on the program are compositions by J.S. Bach, Prelude and Fugue in D Major; William Bolcom, Three Gospel Preludes and Julius Reubke, Sonata on the 94th Psalm.

Martin Jean is Professor of Organ at the Yale School of Music and Director of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Prior to his position at Yale, he served as Associate Professor of Music and University Organist at Valparaiso University in Indiana. He has performed widely throughout the United States and Europe, is known for his wide repertorial interests, and has performed on four continents and nearly all fifty states. In 1986 he won first prize at the international Grand Prix de Chartres, and in 1992 he won first prize at the American Guild of Organists National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. In 2001 he presented a cycle of the complete organ works of Bach, at Yale, and his compact discs of *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Charles Tournemire and the complete six symphonies of Louis Vierne, both recorded at Yale in Woolsey Hall, have been released by Loft Recordings. Recordings of the organ symphonies and *Stations of the Cross* of Marcel Dupré are forthcoming on the Delos label.

SINGERS OF UNITED LANDS March 28 at 4 p.m.



First Presbyterian Church will host S.O.U.L. (Singers of United Lands) – a touring group of four professional singers from four different continents – on Sunday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m. S.O.U.L.'s mission is to develop international and cultural relationships through vocal music from around the world. S.O.U.L. provides workshop, presentations, performances, and lessons for audiences of all ages during a 5-month tour throughout the USA. The singers focus on international vocal music, world history, and linguistics from their four native countries. Admission to the performance is free. More details about S.O.U.L. are available at www.singersofunitedlands.org.

Who: S.O.U.L.

(Singers of United Lands)

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 300 SW Second Avenue

What: Concert

When: Sunday, March 28 at 4 p.m.

A free-will offering will be received.

For more information: 378-1527

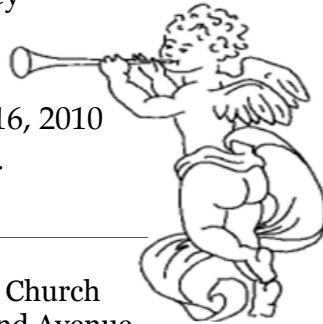
Singers of United Lands (S.O.U.L.) is a unique quartet of four professional young adult singers—each from a different country. Every year a new team of four singers representing high-quality vocal musicianship, geographical diversity, and enthusiasm for sharing about their respective cultures is formed to share their native songs and cultures with schools and communities throughout the U.S. and beyond. The S.O.U.L. singers will share their respective native songs with the choirs and then perform these songs *with* the students in a concert setting on Sunday, March 28.

Music
First Presbyterian Church
2009-2010

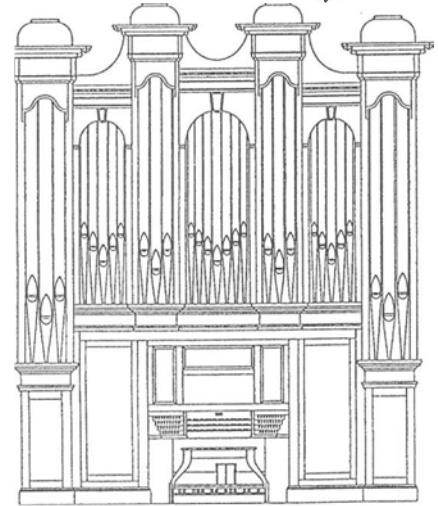
Lenten Organ Concert

Carol Hayes-Christiansen
Wagner Schulz
Mark Coffey

Tuesday March 16, 2010
12:15 p.m.



First Presbyterian Church
300 Southwest Second Avenue
(with convenient and ample parking)



Montreat Silent Service Auction

Do you need help with your household chores?

Now is a good time to consider the March 7, 2010 Montreat Silent Service Auction!

Our children and youth are providing services such as raking, cleaning, babysitting and much more! Proceeds will benefit a local mission selected by the youth. Bidding will begin on **February 28 in Gordon Hall**. To donate or receive information contact Cyndie Williams at cyndiewill1@gmail.com or Mark Coffey at music@1stpc.org or call at 378-1527.



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK:
Terrific Volunteer Opportunities Now Available!

As you read this message it will be just a little more than four weeks before First Presbyterian Church again hosts the **Interfaith Hospitality Network** families. FPC is an integral part of IHN, the valuable ministry which coordinates the collaborative efforts of many churches in our community to provide a temporary home for families who have met hard times and have nowhere to live. You may have volunteered many times before, but we again need your help to do all the jobs necessary to make these families feel comfortable. If you have not volunteered before, below is a list of the things you and/or your family may do to participate as a new volunteer. The schedule will be up in Gordon Hall soon, and those in charge of the schedule hope that you will sign up early so as to complete our plans for this rotation.

The dates for hosting are **March 28-April 11**. The jobs we need done are listed:

1. **HOSTING**
Greeting guests as they arrive each day at 5 p.m.
2. **SHARING A MEAL/EVENING HOST**
Eating with the families and staying to help until the overnight volunteer comes.
3. **PREPARING A MEAL**
Preparing dinner for approximately 15 people ready at 6 p.m.
4. **SERVING A MEAL**
If you are not able to prepare, we have need for serving several days and helping with clean-up.
5. **SPENDING THE NIGHT**
This is not a hard job, but is very important for securing our families overnight. It usually means just being there and spending the night in the downstairs volunteer room.
6. **DRIVING**
For those families who need to get to work or school, we provide back-up transportation above and beyond the hired driver for IHN.
7. **SPECIAL SUNDAY BREAKFAST**
The families enjoy a hot meal on their weekend mornings before they leave the building.

For all of you who would like to do mission work locally
this is your opportunity to help those in need!

Thanks to all of you!

For more information, call Dianne Phillips at 378-1926 or Orene Schoenfeld at 378-5222.

Sunday School and Teachers

Children and Youth

4-5 Years Old	Patty Hill, Kathy Decker and Margaret Dowling	Room 113
1-2 Grade	Kim Ball, Margaret Lingg and Coleen O'Brien	Room 202
3-5 Grade	Nancy Spikes, Jeanne Marie Ritter and Ann Hager	Room 215
6-8 Grade	Charise Wolters	Room 217
Grade 9-12	David and Martha Osmun	Room 218

Gordon Hoover Class-(Room 115)

March 7	Ephesians 3	Pam Bailey
March 14	Ephesians 4	Bob Bailey
March 21	Ephesians 5	Perry Foote
March 28	Ephesians 6	Ray Davis

Present Word Class- (Room 211) During March, the class will look at Christ's interactions with others as testimonies to Jesus being the Messiah. For more information, please contact Cyndie Williams at cyndiewill1@gmail.com

Faith Odyssey - (Library) Dr. Garlington will lead a 16 week study on "Jesus and the Gospels" by Luke T. Johnson of Emery University.

Time for Young Disciples

During the 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service all children are asked to come to the front of the sanctuary for a children's lesson.

Little Kids-4-God

During the 10:55 a.m. worship service, children four years old through Kindergarten are dismissed after the Time for Young Disciples for a structured time of learning while having fun with Patty Hill, Kathy Decker, and Margaret Dowling. Children must be picked up by their parents in room 113 and signed out before the children will be dismissed.

Kids-4-God

During the 10:55 a.m. worship service, children first through fifth grade are dismissed after the Time for Young Disciples for a structured time of learning while having fun with Sharon Quackenbush and other leaders. Children will meet their parents in Gordon Hall after the service.

Youth Connection

Youth Connection is for youth in grades 7 through 12. The youth meet on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. immediately following the 4:30 Senior Choir practice. From 5:30 to 6 p.m. we eat supper, then from 6 p.m. until 6:45 we meet and discuss how our faith affects our lives and actions. The evening concludes with some recreation from 6:45 to 7:15. Please come join us!

Together Living in Christ (TLC) Groups Update for *The Bugle*

One part of the church's Acts 16:5 Initiative is a conscious effort to encourage members of our congregation to grow in their faith through increased participation in smaller, more intimate communities. Such intimate communities of fellow believers are present throughout both the Old and New Testaments. For example, Jesus and His Apostles often traveled and lived together, with the apostles gaining a deeper understanding of Christ's teachings even as they both shared their own burdens and helped others.

One way to promote such communities is through support of "Together Living in Christ" (TLC) groups, which are intended to bring people interested in deepening their faith together. Several TLC groups have formed and more groups are likely to start during 2010. TLC groups can form based on one of a number of common interests - gender, stage of life (retired, single, young parents, etc.), location within town, scheduling availability, interest in a particular Biblically-based study, etc. The threads that will unite all successful TLC groups are:

- 1) A common desire by members to meet regularly to study a topic together in depth.
- 2) Meaningful Christian fellowship. group members that may also express a common interest in serving the community together - part of First Presbyterian's calling to "*Meet Human Needs.*"

These TLC groups are not the only way people in our congregation join together throughout the week for discipleship and fellowship. Several members of our congregation have been part of groups that have been meeting prior to the launch of TLC groups. By raising awareness and highlighting the diversity of these groups, our goal is to share their successes and spur others to either become part of existing groups or form new ones.

For further information about specific groups, please follow up with the following contacts:
Larry Hendon at 378-1527; associate@1stpc.org or Barry Curtis at 377-4727; bcurt1558@aol.com

The first two groups profiled below happen to be gender-specific. But there will be other groups summarized in future editions of *The Bugle* that reflect the diversity of groups meeting currently and being formed.

Women's Community Bible Study (CBS) - this group meets most Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 a.m. at First Lutheran Church. The women are affiliated with various Gainesville churches. It is currently studying the Book of Acts. The meetings combine large group discussion of the specific passage being covered that week, smaller group "breakouts" that discuss how to apply the passage to daily life, and fellowship. There is prep work ahead of each meeting. A covered dish meal is shared once a month. The format allows for group members to get to know each other over time. For more information, please contact Lural Dunlap at 376-1826(h).

Men's TLC Group - the group meets in the Thornbrook Village Shopping Center area most Fridays from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Currently, all members attend First Presbyterian, but that is not a requirement for participation. This group has read through the Book of Psalms daily several times, and is currently discussing the Gospel of John. The group members take turns preparing to lead the discussion each week, and there is usually a continental breakfast each week. A major benefit of the group is the amount of time spent discussing each member's life and praying for both its families and the church's/community's/country's leadership. For more information, please contact Barry Curtis 377-4727.



Presbyterian Women Circles

Koinonia	Wednesday, March 3 @ 10 a.m.	Oak Hammock
Circle 3	Tuesday, March 2 @ 10 a.m.	Josephine Butler
Circle 4	Tuesday, March 2 @ 9:30 a.m.	Gordon Memorial Hall
Circle 5	Tuesday, March 2 @ 6:30 p.m.	Kate Vellis Home
Circle 6	Tuesday, March 2 @ 12 p.m.	First Presbyterian Parlor
Circle 7	Tuesday, March 2 @ 9:30 a.m.	Please contact Marty Preston

Presbyterian Women Need Donations

Advertise Your Business while helping the Presbyterian Women (Women of the Church) fill 150 goody bags for Presbytery Spring Retreat at Camp Montgomery on April 24th. Any small useful items like pens, pencils, note paper, nail files, calendars or hard candy would be most appreciated. Call Pam Bailey if you can donate any items at 224-5630 or 672-1321.

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for March 21, 2010 immediately following the 10:55 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and to review the annual terms of call for the pastors and only matters pertaining to these items. We hope you will attend this important meeting.

Thank You for your Sweetie Pies



Thank you for your support during the Spring Sweetie Pie Campaign! Proceeds from the sale of pies and quiche benefit the mission trip to Nicaragua, and the Shalom Presbyterian Church of Esteli. Special thanks to the following who helped mix, make, roll, peel, chop, fill, flute, bake and sell over 500 sweet and savory pies: Genie Boothby, Lorraine Barber, Connie Shettler, Karen Ward, Janine Hubbell, Eleanor Samuels, Beth Wood, Casey Wood, Tom Smith, Cher McBride, Bob Overton, Brenda Pickens, Kate Vellis, Coleen O'Brien, Drew Ward, Lisa Morris, Carol Israel, Glenn Israel, Tom Duffy, Dayna Duffy, Karen Coffey, Cheri Brodeur, Mike Brodeur, Lyndel Bailey, Derek Ward, Beth Decker, Stephen Decker, Alicia Johansen and Eli Moore.

Youth Connection Update

We have been busy, busy, busy even if the Alachua County Board of Education wants to have a holiday every week-end! In the last month we have gone to the movies, raised \$1405 for Gainesville Community Ministries, raised \$140 for Haiti, delivered Cutie Pies to some of our members, gone out to eat twice, led worship on Youth Sunday, and the Confirmation Class led the Ash Wednesday Service. Whew! For the next few weeks, we will resume our regular meetings from 5:30 to 7:15 on Sunday evenings. Youth Connection is open to anyone in grades 7 through 12. Come join us!

Preschool at First
A message from Mrs. Lisa

I wanted to thank everyone from the preschool that helped out by donating items to be used in classrooms and for all of the prayers to help make the preschool successful in 2009-2010. I also need to express my deep appreciation to the ladies sewing circle at First Presbyterian for taking the time to make beautiful hand crafted stuffed animals for the preschool children. The preschool is growing by leaps and bounds and we are pleased that the preschool is offering the children an excellent Christian environment to grow in. The preschool was awarded a ten thousand dollar grant to refurbish the toys and educational equipment from the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) for 2010. The preschool will allow other schools working with ELC to view our preschool as a model of high standards of achievement. I welcome any involvement in the preschool and am always looking for people to sew or volunteer in the office. I want to thank the church and the members for allowing me the opportunity to serve and my appreciation to Mrs. Lural Dunlap and the other ladies who have been wonderful to work with on the preschool committee.

*The Membership Committee
Invites you to the*

***St. Patrick's Day
Covered Dish Dinner***

Delicious food and great company

*March 18, 2010
Gordon Memorial Hall
6 p.m.-Social, 6:30 p.m. Dinner*



Kitchen Items



Please be reminded that the items removed from the kitchen should be returned in a timely manner.

Currently we are missing three large baking dishes. These dishes are used almost weekly by groups when food is being prepared.

Thank you for your help in locating these pieces and returning to the church kitchen.

Columbarium and Prayer Garden at First Presbyterian Church?

A member left a bequest to partially fund the building of a Columbarium at First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, Florida. With a Columbarium, the church provides a consecrated place for remains of its members, enables families to extend their relationship with the church beyond the death of a loved one, and encourages a closer relationship with the church for families over the generations. A Columbarium helps us carry out our obligations as good stewards of the land and facilities provided for us by God through the blessings of this great church.

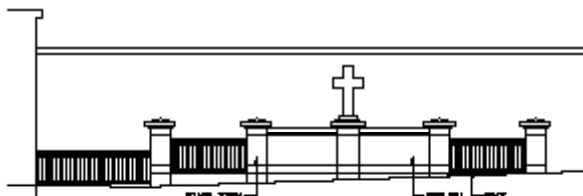
The Property and Art, Architecture and Archives Committees have been working on plans for building a Columbarium. Plans have been presented to Session and approved. The Columbarium and Prayer Garden will be built in the west side of the northern courtyard at First Presbyterian Church. The bequest does not fully cover the cost of the construction. Therefore, the Session has approved selling reservation niches and memorial pavers at pre-construction prices to raise the funds needed to build the Columbarium and Prayer Garden. A sub-committee has been formed to raise these funds and develop policies and procedures for our proposed Columbarium and Prayer Garden.

12" x 12" x 18" niches are being offered at a pre-construction reservation price of \$2,000*. The niches will be large enough to hold two urns. The fee is for the niche reservation only. Costs for urns may be obtained from your funeral home.

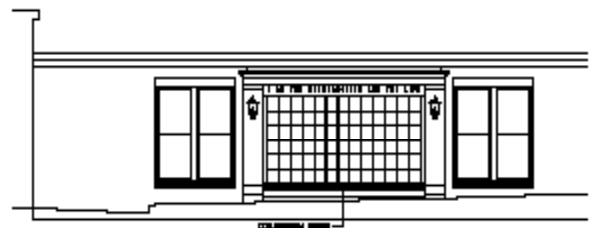
Bricks/pavers will be placed in the Prayer Garden. **Memorial bricks/pavers are being offered at a pre-construction price of \$100* per brick.** The brick/paver will be 4 inches x 8 inches and can hold three lines of inscription. Only 1,000 memorial bricks/pavers will be available.

If you are interested in reserving a niche at pre-construction price of \$2,000* or purchasing a memorial brick/paver at \$100*, please contact Trudy Bonerba in the church office at 352-378-1527 or by email at business@1stpc.org.

If you have any questions concerning the Columbarium and Prayer Garden, please contact any member of the sub-committee: Richard Anderson, Melda Bassett, Rick Childress, Maralyn Foote, Mack McLean or Louise Rothman.



VIEW FROM COURTYARD
(Landscape 08/07)



VIEW OF COLUMBIUM

Don't miss out! These pre-construction prices will end April 30, 2010.

Brochures are available in Gordon Hall or the Narthex!

**If funds are not raised to fund the construction of a Columbarium, all monies paid at pre-construction prices will be returned to the donor.*

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Lenten Brown Bag Devotional

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursdays

Gordon Memorial Hall

Hope to see you there!

