

First Presbyterian Church

July 2013

Jacksonville, Alabama

Confirmation Class

Steve Underhill

Our confirmation class journey has come to its end. We had a wonderful time together learning about all aspects of our faith and what it means to be a Presbyterian. Our discussions and dialog from class lessons have been truly insightful and enjoyable. Once again, I am impressed with the youth of our church.

ing Worship service that same day.

Please join with me in celebrating this special moment and taking the opportunity to congratulate and encourage our youth who have completed this journey.

Class members will be reading their faith statements to the Session on Sunday July 7. After meeting with the session, these students will be invited to officially join the church dur-



Get ready for The Main Event 2013!

This leadership training event will be held August 9 & 10, 2013 at South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. The Main Event is sponsored by both, North Alabama Presbytery and the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. More than 25 workshops will be offered for leaders, teachers, officers and pastors - designed to train and energize our leaders and congregations. The keynote speaker for The Main Event 2013 is the Dr. Ken McFayden. Dr. McFayden serves as Professor of Ministry and Leadership Development at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and teaches courses in the areas of congregational leadership and administration.

Schedule

Friday, August 9

6:00 PM: Dinner at Local Restaurant – Reservations Needed

Saturday, August 10

9:00 AM: Registration & Snacks

9:30 AM: Session A

11:00 AM: Keynote/small group component

Noon: Lunch

1:00 PM: Session B

2:30 PM: Session C

Please visit pslpcusa.org for classes to be offered, registration forms, and other downloadable information.

Announcements

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 7, 2013.**

On Sunday, July 7, we will have a national hymn sing, celebrate Communion, and rejoice with the Confirmation Class as they make their professions of faith during morning worship. Join us!

Presbyterian Men and Women's Breakfast

Saturday, July 13

9:30am

We will all pick up our breakfast at one of our local restaurants and eat together in the fellowship hall.

Wayne Claeren will continue his very interesting program from our last breakfast in April. Please plan to meet with us. All are invited.

Stated Session Meeting

Sunday, July 14

12:30

Church Dinner

No church dinner

Living River Campaign

As of this writing, our congregation has given/pledged \$5,000 to the Living River Campaign. As Benga Harrison of Living River has said, "This is awesome!" Thank you!

Farewell

Farewell to our friends Dr. Pu Sen Yeh and Mrs. Grace Yeh. They are moving to Colorado. We wish them Godspeed.

Pipe Organ Update

We have signed a contract with Schlueter Pipe Organ Company to repair our forty-three-year old pipe organ. The work will be done within the next 11-14 months. We will be adding 501 new pipes to it.



Knitter's Night

3rd Wednesday of each month

6:30pm

Diabetes Support Group

Last Tuesday of the month

6:30 pm



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House Consolidation Sale

Friday, July 5th and Saturday, July 6th
2492 AL Hwy.204 ↻ Wellington, AL
9am—4pm (both days)

Everyone is welcome to come and browse and buy.
Some items available will be a refrigerator, stove,
dishwasher, over the counter microwave, table, and
a china cabinet. Those items are at the house in
Jacksonville and can be seen by request.
Call Carolyn Padgett for more info at 256-435-3739
or 256-225-3336.



7 Springs Farm U-Pick Blueberries

Rodney Petty
588 Seven Springs Road
Wellington

256-435-0363

Blueberries and Apples Available!

I can bring your apple order to the church.



Open
Saturdays: May 4th - Nov 23rd
7 - 11am
Mondays: June 3rd - Aug 12th
4 - 7pm



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 No Bible Study	4 Happy 4th of July	5	6
7 Happy Birthday! Pu-Sen Yeh Bible Study - 5pm	8	9 Happy Birthday! Scott Ballard	10 Bible Study 10am	11	12	13
14 Stated Session Meeting 12:30pm Bible Study - 5pm	15 Happy Birthday! Dorothy Jane Nisbet	16	17 Bible Study 10am	18	19	20
21 Bible Study - 5pm	22	23 Happy Birthday! Robin Byrom Barbara Franklin	24 Bible Study 10am Knitter's Night 6:30pm	25	26	27 Happy Birthday! Aleta Bell
28 Bible Study - 5pm	29	30 Happy Birthday! Rodney Pety Aileen Ratzlaff Diabetes Support Group 6:30pm	31 Bible Study 10am			



July Opportunities for Service Schedule

Elder Greeter: Aleta Bell

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: July 7

Servers: Gary Brown, Barbara Franklin, Carolyn Padgett, and Ivan Ratzlaff

Date	Ushers	Lay Readers
July 7	Wayne Claeren and David Talley	Carolyn Padgett
July 14	Glen and Barbara Franklin	Barbara Franklin
July 21	Toby and Austin Falk	Austin Falk
July 28	Mary Agnes Hester and Millie Neisler	Nancy Stewart



Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
 Mary Lois Dempsey
 Bobby Haynes
 Joy Kelly and Family
 Robert MacRae
 Stacy Boozer Mariani
 Ken Mount
 Kathy Peters (Gary Brown's cousin)
 Martha Rogers (friend of Margaret Pope)
 Frances Seymour
 Mike Underhill (Steve Underhill's uncle)
 Thompson Nash Wagoner

If you would like to include a name on this list, please call or email the church office.

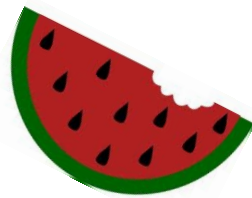
Bless us

Our brother Jesus, you set our feet upon the way and sometimes where you lead we do not like or understand;
 Bless us with courage where the way is fraught with dread or danger; bless us with graceful meetings where the way is less lonely; bless us with good companions where the way demands a common cause;
 bless us with night vision where we travel in the dark, keen hearing where we have not sight, to hear the reassuring sounds of fellow travelers;
 bless us with humor – we cannot travel lightly weighed down with gravity;
 bless us with humility to learn from those around us; bless us with decisiveness where we must move with speed; bless us with lazy moments, to stretch and rest and savor; bless us with love, given and received; and bless us with your presence, even when we know it in your absence.
 Lead us into exile, until we find that on the road is where you are, and where you are is going home.
 Bless us, lead us, love us, bring us home bearing the Gospel of Life.

Cathy Galloway, Iona Community

July Birthdays

- 7 Pu-Sen Yeh
- 9 Scott Ballard
- 15 Dorothy Jane Nisbet
- 23 Robin Byrom
- 23 Barbara Franklin
- 27 Aleta Bell
- 30 Rodney Petty
- 30 Aileen Ratzlaff



No Church Family Dinner in July



The Good Samaritan et al.

The priest, the Levite, and the man who fell among thieves meet in heaven to talk over old times. Since heaven has no past or future, they find themselves in the inn on the way to Jericho.

"I felt awful about not helping you," the priest says. "My heart wasn't open enough. But I'm working on it."

"The last time I had stopped to help a wounded man by the roadside," the Levite says, "he beat me and ran off with my wallet. I was afraid."

"It was my fortune to be in the right place at the right time," the Samaritan says. I didn't stop to think: the oil and the wine poured themselves, the wound bound itself. My only problem came later, dealing with all the praise."

The man who fell among the thieves takes another sip of wine. "Charity begins at home," he says. "If I had been kinder to myself, I wouldn't have been in that mess to begin with. But I am very grateful to all three of you. It takes great humility to step aside, for a parable's sake. And without a parable, I would never have been saved."

Stephen Mitchell, *Parables and Portraits*