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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PUNTA GORDA



MOCK'S MUSINGS

Rev. Stephen A. Mock, Pastor

“And God will empower us to fulfill His purpose for bringing us all together as His family”



Pastor Steve

I am so excited! The Pittsburgh Steelers are going to be playing in the Super Bowl on February 1st and I am so excited!!! And yet, I'm even more excited about sharing the 40 Days of Community experience planned for the season of Lent. The 40 Days of Community is a follow-up to the 40 Days of Purpose we did back in 2005. Learning the five purposes of life and for the church was so helpful to us. Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Mission/Evangelism help us see more clearly why God has called us together as His family in Punta Gorda. The 40 Days of Community takes us to the next level of learning how to do these five purposes better together. The emphasis is on building community that empowers our worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and mission/evangelism.

We will be holding a kick-off event on Saturday, February 21st at 12:30pm with a luncheon. We will watch a video by Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in California and author of the 40 Days campaigns. We invite you to participate. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend. You will be richly rewarded by your involvement in the 40 Days of Community. New friendships and relationships will be formed. Old ones will be strengthened and renewed. And God will empower us to fulfill His purpose for bringing us all together as His family. I am so excited that we'll have this opportunity to build on our fellowship and community life. God has blessed us with such a wonderful spiritual family and growing in our love for one another and in our service to each other and the Lord thrills my heart.

Please join us as we strive to make our Christian lives better and more effective by serving together in Christ.

Your servant in Christ,

Steve

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CHRISTIAN LIFE AND SERVICE SEMINAR 101 (C.L.A.S.S. 101)

Discovering Church Membership

Sunday, February 15 from 2pm to 5pm

Pastor Mock will be offering the C.L.A.S.S. 101 *Discovering Church Membership* on Sunday afternoon February 15th from 2pm to 5pm at the church for anyone interested in membership at First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda. Participation in this seminar is open to anyone wanting to know more about membership and is a requirement for membership. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve at 639-1959. Please use the sign-up sheet on the sign-up table by the west entrance.



SESSION NOTES

Highlights from the January 16th Session

- ◆ Stewardship reported – 2009 pledges \$190,944.
- ◆ Membership Report – 121 Active; 17 Affiliate.
- ◆ Finance Report – Approved motion for Marguerite O'Brien to reinvest \$100,000 plus an additional \$75,000 at the best interest rate she can find for a period of no more than 6 months.
- ◆ Approved motion – to accept new corporate officer slate.
 - President – Marguerite O'Brien
 - Vice President – Arlene Gebel
 - Secretary – Gail Thornton
 - Treasurer – Joe Cherny
- ◆ Picture Directory – Bill Schultz and Nancy Julius will be taking pictures during the month of February in Fellowship Hall after each service .



Dear church friends,

*I would like to thank everyone for their many kindnesses during my recent illness. I really appreciate all the prayers, cards, visits, and the beautiful prayer shawl.
God bless all of you.*

Fran Hill

SUPER SATURDAY & WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Elder Cy Ling has chosen some very interesting and thought-provoking subjects for the Super Saturday series. Please join us on February 21st as we continue the video based program by R. C. Sproul, focusing on the fundamental tenets of reformed and evangelical theology. Specifically, the next session will center on the roles of faith and scriptures in our relationship to God. The program will start at 10am and run until 11:30am after which there will be a luncheon and the kick-off meeting of "Forty Days of Community".

The winter session of Wonderful Wednesday is about half through. You may still join any of the classes and/or enjoy the delicious meals provided by the Fellowship Team. The classes are:

- ◆ "Developing A Faith That Works" - the study of James part 2, under the leadership of Pastor Steve Mock.
- ◆ "If You Want to Walk on Water You Have to Get Out of the Boat" - led by Connie Johansen.

- ◆ "The Bible Jesus Read" with leader Elder Sharon Cuzner.

Wonderful Wednesday will take a brief hiatus during Lent as the congregation participates in "Forty Days of Community." However, starting on April 22nd Elder Sharon Cuzner will lead a class entitled "Does Prayer Make a Difference?" that will run through May 27th.

We hope you are enjoying and growing in the understanding of our Lord and the Christian faith as you participate in our class offerings.

Joyce Schork and the Discipleship Team



We were never meant to live out God's purposes in solitude. **40 Days of Community** will help move us toward spiritual maturity and a meaningful life on earth, revealing how God uses other people for your good and growth.

From the beginning, God's plan has been that you will fulfill his purposes in community with other people – people in your church family, in your small group, and in the world around you. The Bible says we were formed for fellowship, and it's only in community that we learn life's most important lesson – **how to love.**

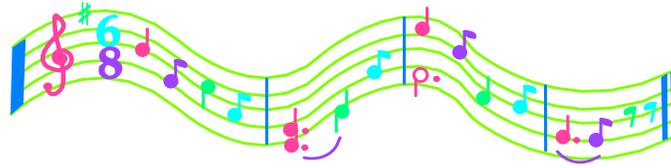
Take the next step in growing a life of purpose and meaning and join together for this 40-day spiritual journey. Lives will be touched, people will begin a relationship with Christ, practical needs will be met, the church will become known more for the love it shows, and we will see a spiritual awakening that is desperately needed in our culture.

We will begin our journey the week of February 22nd. 40 Days of Community will continue through the week of March 29th, concluding with a Celebration Sunday on April 5th (Palm Sunday) and there will be a Ministry Fair Saturday, March 28th.

The kick-off is planned for Saturday, February 21st in Fellowship Hall. A luncheon will be served, an overview of the study presented and groups will be formed. The whole congregation is invited!

It is our intention to have 8 to 10 small groups, meeting on different days at different times to do this study. Those of you who participated in our 40 Days of Purpose study know how beneficial and spiritually significant that study was. Watch for sign-up sheets in the lobby and fellowship hall.

If you need additional information, call Elder Sharon Cuzner or the church office.



MUSIC NOTES

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands."

A new year is upon us and I am delighted to see many visitors among us. What a joy to perform music to a full congregation. Our hope for our visitors is that they see God among us, in our service, in our music, and in our hearts. Welcome to each of you who visits this very loving congregation. Please feel free to share your comments with me about our music program, and if you wish to join us for the couple of months that you are here, please see me after the service.

I would also like to add the use of some additional instruments in our traditional service. Do you have an old flute, oboe, or trumpet that you used to

play? Dust it off, practice for a few weeks and come see me. I would love to add some variety in our music, and we often have choir anthems that include a flute or trumpet part. If God is calling you to be a part of our music ministry, please come and share your thoughts and talents with us.

May God bless this church, it's pastor and leaders for the greater glory of His kingdom.

In Christ

THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

**"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13**

The above Bible verse is the one I use when I am outside my comfort zone as a parish nurse. Did you know there is a parish nurse ministry at our church? As a licensed, registered nurse practicing parish nursing for nine years, I am available to any one in the congregation. I hope and pray I can be of assistance to you. Here are some scenarios where I could help:

1- Do you have a medical question? If you let me know, I will help you through the situation. I can be helpful to those who call and talk to me. I know the Lord puts me in situations to walk beside His people. You must do your part and contact me. Please don't be shy.

2- Is your blood pressure elevated? I can check your blood pressure any Sunday. Be sure to have your blood pressure checked on February 15th between church services at 9:45 to 10:45am.

3- Are you newly diagnosed with diabetes, heart disease or other disease? I can help.

4- Are you wondering about your medications and what you should be aware of? I can give you a customized list of your medications, including side effects.

5- Do you want to make your retirement years vibrant and rewarding? We have put together a series of LUNCH 'N LEARN PROGRAMS to make this happen. On Thursday, February 26th, at 11:30am to 1pm Dr. Donald Kennedy, founder of Murdock Family Medicine, will be our speaker. He is an advocate of good health and wrote the book, "5 AM and Already Behind." Dr. Don is a board-certified family physician, professor, lecturer, and certified coach as well as a recognized world expert on longevity and smoking cessation. DO NOT miss this lunch and great educational event! Sign up in the narthex by February 25th.

Because He Lives!

Debbie Carney

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GETTING TO KNOW THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY

By Craig Anderson



GENE & JANET MCLEMORE

The McLemores are snowbirds. Six months of the year they live in Hanover, Indiana on the campus of the historic Hanover College (founded in 1927) where they were once employed. The other six months they spend here in Punta Gorda in their home in Palm Shores. They are active in the Hanover Presbyterian Church and have been associate members of our church since the mid-nineties.

C. Eugene McLemore

Born/grew up: Canton, North Carolina.

Family: Janet and I met as students at Berea College. We were married in May of 1956. We have three children (Rebeca, Philip & Joanna) and four grandchildren.

Education: B.A. Berea College; M.A. Indiana University.

Fond childhood memory: Sitting down with all members of our family for each meal.

Vocation: Retired from Director of Admissions, Hanover College. Hanover College is a Presbyterian college (the campus was the original location of McCormick Theological Seminary, the Presbyterian Seminary now located in Chicago).

How did you come to join our church? We were loyal Presbyterians and sought out a Presbyterian church after we started living in Punta Gorda.

Great church memory: Being a member of the Baptist Young People's Union when I was growing up.

Favorite vacation: Cruise to the Scandinavian countries.

Spiritual journey: I joined the church as a young teenager because the church offered great support for my faith in Jesus Christ.

Service in the church: I have served as an elder on the Session at the Hanover Presbyterian Church and am a Stephen Minister here at First Presbyterian in Punta Gorda.

Favorite Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

Books I'd recommend: First, the *Bible* and second *No Ordinary Times* by Doris Goodwin Kearns.

Hobbies/interests: I enjoy working with stained glass.

Janet Rae McLemore

Born/grew up: in southeastern Kentucky.

Education: I am a graduate of Berea College. Education was always emphasized and expected in our family. My parents were school teachers.

Fond childhood memory: My parents who set high goals for their children (Janet, two brothers and a foster brother who lived with them from the time Janet was 7 years old).

Vocation: I retired from teaching after eleven years to raise our family. After the children were grown, I became the Director of Financial Aid at Hanover College.

How did you come to spend a part of your year in Punta Gorda? My parents had a winter home here. After my father's death, we decided to buy the home in the mid-nineties and began living here a part of the year. My mother lived here with us until she was no longer able to travel.

Great church memory: I attended Oneida Baptist Church and Oneida Baptist Institute which was founded in the late 1800's.

Favorite vacation: 50th anniversary surprise party in 2006 given by our children that brought friends and family from the Midwest to California.

Faith journey: I joined the church after a church camp experience when I was a young teenager. We raised our children in the church.

Service in the church: Sunday school teacher, elder, women's association at the Hanover Presbyterian Church.

Book I'd recommend: *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch.

Hobbies, interests: Sewing, knitting, cooking when I was younger (still enjoy an occasional dinner party).

GOD'S WAY

Sunshine and gladness
To fill our hearts.
This is the way
To make a new start.

New year with promises
Abound in our lives
We must turn our heads
From worries and strife.

God is always there
To lead and share
Our walk thru life.
He really does care.

Look for Him
As you travel about.
Listen for Him
He will not shout.

We will find our way
Every single day
In prayer and song
As we go along.

God knows our calling
You just have to ask.
He is always there
To fulfill our tasks.

—Nancy Beasom



2008 — 2009 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

YEAR TO DATE 12/31/08

Income	\$206,633
Expenses	\$266,369
Difference	\$(59,736)

We Pray—

Lord, everything we have is a gift from You. We bring You our gifts in response to Your love and generosity as we try to live each day in gratitude for Your blessings.

Have
You
Pledged?



2009 PROPOSED BUDGET & PLEDGES RECEIVED THRU 12/31/08

Proposed Budget	\$ 273,105
Pledges Received	192,784
Shortfall	\$ (80,321)

Pledge cards can be found on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES

We encourage all who contribute on a regular basis to use offering envelopes—it is helpful to the money counters and for posting to the computer. If you don't already have a box, contact the church office and a box will be prepared for you.



A MESSAGE FROM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRIES

Grief, in contemporary life, has been treated much as an illness rather than a normal progression from being with a loved one to living life without that person. It is a process by which we must journey and find our way on the road of being single again, if that loved one was a spouse. This can be an extremely difficult process for any of us. Holistic beliefs promote body, mind and spirit perspectives to explain how one should deal with death and grief with a strong emphasis on mind and body in the secular model. But our belief as Christians promotes a definitive value on the spiritual model of bereavement issues. Since death is the natural continuation of the Christian's cycle of life, grief can subside to the point that the Christian can eventually and successfully live on until that time when he or she will reunite with their loved one in eternity. God allows the adjustment process to the death of a loved one, with its accompanying depression, bargaining, anger and denial issues, so that we can realize that He is our supreme God and that He will be there for us. It is a lesson in living that supports the reality that life is truly finite until we move on to the infinite life waiting for us in eternity. It is this truth that gives me, personally, the strength to grow in my faith that God is with me forever.

Reverend Dale Ihrie went to our Lord in December. How fitting it was that he died on a Sunday? He spent his entire adult life preaching on that day of the week. Our love and support go to Pat, his wife and best friend, and our sister-in-Christ.

MEET & CHAT will meet in the church at 10am on Friday, February 6th.

A Valentine Memorial Prayer Remembrance will be held after the 10:30am service on February 15th in the church's Memorial Garden to remember all our deceased members and members of our families that have died this past year. There is the hope the entire congregation will attend to support our members who have lost loved ones this year.

God bless each one of you,
Joy Kiser

MISSION MINISTRY

MISSION TEAM NEWS

Souper Bowl Sunday

Whether you supported the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, or Cincinnati Bengals this year, it makes no difference on Souper Bowl Sunday. Souper Bowl Sunday is to support the hungry in our community. Let's bring many cans of soup and/or our \$\$\$\$ to support our hunger programs in Charlotte County. Let no child or adult go hungry. Let's collect 100 cans of soup this year. Thank you for your support!!

Misión Peniel

Since the weather in January did not cooperate, but left us in a northern chill, we need to pray that there was not as much damage to crops as had been expected. Previously, the jobs were scarce in Immokalee and as they were getting better we now have this "bump in the road" to cover. The needs will be even more critical now to help Misión Peniel. You ask HOW CAN I HELP? You can HELP by planning to go with us to Immokalee the fourth Friday of the month to help serve the 300 or so migrants who arrive hungry. We car pool from the church so we need to have an idea of how many are interested in going each time. Call Dianne Sizemore 743-5637 or the church office 639-1959 to schedule a time to go. We leave the church at 12 noon and return after an exhilarating experience, around 8:30pm (we always have to stop at Cracker Barrel to nourish our bodies and unwind). Come with us. We work hard and have fun. You will not forget this experience.

Another way to help is by contributing blankets,

clothing for all family members, toiletries, toys for the children, shoes for all family members. These are things that are needed desperately.

40 Days of Community

As 40 Days of Community gets started, each group will be looking at what mission they can help. As an example, you could put together in a plastic bag a comb, razor (disposable), shaving gel or cream, deodorant, soap, wash cloth, shampoo, tooth brush, tooth paste, and even creams for hands, etc. Bags can be made for women, men, and children using the appropriate items. Items do not have to be full size but can be traveling size. Let's all participate in some sort of mission project. Other ideas will be listed if this does not suit you.

Blanket Fund Sunday

Thank you from your Mission Team and Presbyterian Women for your response to Blanket Fund Sunday. Your offerings helped to purchase blankets that provide warmth for victims of disasters, seeds & tools for struggling farmers, and water & health to impoverished communities.

Your Mission Chair, Dianne Sizemore, and the Mission Team

True Love Grows

Through sunshine, rain,
Through smiles and tears,
Through sickness, health,
And passing years,
True love still grows
More firm and sure,
More deep and strong,
More sweet and pure.

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

What is Lent?

It is forty days of stripping down to the living essentials;
It is forty days of facing truth about one's self-indulgent evasions;
It is forty days of fellowshiping with Christ in the desert;
It is forty days of rejoicing in God's mercy and forgiveness.



The Significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence.

Some Christians fast during Lent. This denial of bodily comforts can help encourage self-reflection about the need for Jesus' forgiveness.



LENT BEGINS
February 25th

CHURCH LIBRARY ADDS MORE BOOKS

 Our church library has completed its 2008 inventory and we appreciate everyone returning their borrowed books promptly.

Joining me in working at the library is Nancy Smith. She is a member of the church and is also a member of the choir. Now that Linda Insley is leaving, I needed someone to help me here at the library. We will still need someone to help with the library from May until about October. If you are interested, please contact Connie Johansen at 637-5787. You would only have to keep the books shelved on a weekly or bi-weekly basis until my return.

We have added the following books to the library. Some were donated during this past year, others I purchased with funds from the Nancy Mahusay Memorial Fund.

200	What the Bible Says About Angels	David Jeremiah
240	Our Sufficiency in Christ	John MacArthur
F	The Screwtape Letters	C. S. Lewis
240	Mere Christianity (2nd copy)	C. S. Lewis
200	Waking the Dead	John Eldredge
240	Our God is Awesome	Tony Evans
200	The Grace Awakening	Charles Swindoll
200	The History of Redemption (2 copies)	Dr. Nancy Mahusay
F	The Remnant #10 of the Left Behind Series	Tim Lahaye
F	Desecration #9 of the Left Behind Series	Tim Lahaye
240	Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul	Canfield and group
200	Heaven Better By Far	J. Oswald Sanders

* In addition there are 9 fiction additions, with about 20 more to come.

* I have included the Dewey # to make these books easier to find.

We also have some fiction books to catalog and they will be added during the next week or two. I will list them in the March newsletter for your convenience. We will post a list by the library of all the new fiction to make it easier to see what you would like to read.

Valentine's Day

In the early Christian church, there were three priests named Valentine or Valentinus. Though they didn't live at the same time, each was said to be holy and each had been martyred for his faith. All three priests were designated as saints. Around the year A.D. 498, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day came to be associated with love, romance and marriage. The day is now so popular that only during the Christmas season do people mail more greeting cards.



No matter how many cards, flowers or sweets you receive this Valentine's Day, be assured that God loves you with an "everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3, NRSV).

FEBRUARY 2009 CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember in your prayers the elderly, the infirm, the hospitalized, those in nursing homes, the homebound and lonely, and all those who have requested our prayerful support. Pray for the men and women who serve our country, especially Sgt. Ian Hendricks who is in the U.S. Marine Corps and has recently been deployed to Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Ian is the grandson of Dianne Sizemore.

Each month we remember church members and friends on a rotating basis

FEBRUARY

- 1 Marilyn Ress
- 2 Thomas & Shirley Richey
- 3 Jim Riley
- 4 Gayle Rosa
- 5 Barbara Ryan
- 6 Fred & Joyce Schork
- 7 Bill & Elaine Schultz
- 8 Walter & Veralou Scott
- 9 Barbara Shinn
- 10 Frank Shore
- 11 Dave & Ella Sifferd

FEBRUARY

- 12 Mel & Lorraine Sisson
- 13 Dianne Sizemore
- 14 Jacqueline Sloley
- 15 Andrew & Nancy Smith
- 16 Jerry & Margie Smith
- 17 Stan & Barbara Smith
- 18 Mae Snyder
- 19 Joe & Myrna Stanley
- 20 Dennis & Marilyn Stebner
- 21 Clara Steckert
- 22 Paul & Vicki Steffen

FEBRUARY

- 23 Terry & Annetta Stinebuck
- 24 Walt, Mary, & Sarah Stones & Josh Hassler
- 25 Robert & Mary Stromberg
- 26 Betty Stroth
- 27 Ann Swift
- 28 Fred & Diane Tabert

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY



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|-----------------|----|--------------|----|
| Dick Botticelli | 03 | Speed Unrau | 24 |
| Richard Hill | 03 | Arlene Gebel | 25 |
| Bob Kiskaddon | 03 | David Carney | 26 |
| Janet McLemore | 03 | Stan Smith | 27 |
| Veralou Scott | 08 | Marcia Ling | 28 |
| Margie Smith | 17 | | |

Bob & Joyce Kiskaddon 03

IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR NAME LISTED ON OUR BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW SO THAT WE CAN ADD THE INFORMATION TO OUR RECORDS.

THIS 'N THAT

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

We welcome material for our church newsletter. All contributions are subject to editing with regard to the subject matter and space requirements. Articles for the March issue of *The Messenger* are due in the church office by Tuesday, February 17th.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to join your church family in the sanctuary Sundays at 6pm. Come and share in this experience of God's people praying together.

SPONSOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

The cost to sponsor flowers is \$30. To sponsor the flowers, please sign up on the sheet in the church entrance or call the church office. If you sponsored flowers for a Sunday and would like to take them after the service, please let the church office know before the date sponsored, or stop in the kitchen after the last service and see the deacon in charge that day.

COMPUTER AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE



We've set up a computer in the Conference Room for those of you who need the use of one. It has high-speed internet access and is available during office hours. We suggest you call to reserve the time before coming to use it.



Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk!

R.O.M.E.O.S. BREAKFAST MEETING

R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Ot Someplace) meet for breakfast at 8am every other Wednesday at Brenda's Restaurant (across from the church). February's meetings will be on the 4th and 18th. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

SKINNY MINIS MEET EACH WEEK



Each Thursday at 9:30am our *Skinny Minis* weight loss support group meets at the church for those who would like to lose a little, or a lot. There is a time of weigh-in, then some sharing, followed by a time of prayer for each other.

8-Week Video Series to Begin

Did you know that 87% of illnesses are a direct result of our thoughts. What we think about affects us physically and emotionally. Beginning Thursday, February 5th, in conjunction with *Skinny Minis*, we will begin an 8-week video series, "Your Body His Temple." Learn God's plan for achieving emotional and physical wholeness. All are invited to attend.

GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION PARTY



All able-bodied workers are invited Tuesday February 10th from 8—10am for a grounds beautification party. Bring your rakes, shovels, & work gloves.

EMAIL UPDATE

Please advise the church office when you change your email address. Thank you.

PARISH NURSE

Blood pressures will be taken on Sunday, February 15th from 9:45am—10:45am.



BIBLE QUIZ



Second Kings, chapter 5, tells of Namaan, an army commander who had leprosy. A certain prophet of the Lord sent a message to Namaan, telling him to go wash in the Jordan River seven times. Reluctantly, Namaan did so and was healed.

Choose the prophet's name from the list below:

- A. Micah
- B. Elisha
- C. Elijah
- D. Judah



Answer: B (See 2 Kings 5.)

TRIVIA

- ◆ "In a world where people are looking everywhere for signs of God, where have you found God? What have you done about it? And who will you tell?"
—Robert Gorrell
- ◆ "Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, it's what you are expected to give — which is everything."
—Vittorio Alfieri
- ◆ "Our economy, peace and lives depend upon a healthy sustainable environment. If we are out of sync with creation, we are out of sync with the Creator."
—Doug Bland
- ◆ "He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare; and he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



SEEN IN CHURCH BULLETINS—

- ☺ Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm—prayer & medication to follow.
- ☺ The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.



February 2009



Church office hours are:
Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship 10:30am Worship 11:30am Annual Congregational Meeting 6:00pm Prayer Service	2 3:30pm Worship Team	3	4 8:00am *R.O.M.E.O.S 6:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Dinner 7:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Study	5 9:30am "Skinny Minis" 5:30pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00am Bereavement "Meet & Chat" 5:00pm Children's Network	7
8 9:00am <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Prayer Service	9 10:00am Fellowship Team	10 8:00—10:00am Grounds Beautification Party 1:30pm Discipleship Team 3:00pm Mission Team	11 6:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Dinner 7:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Study	12 9:30am "Skinny Minis" 10:00am Stephen Ministry 5:30pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	13 5:00pm Children's Network	14  
15 9:00am <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship 9:45-10:45am Blood Pressures Taken 10:30am Worship 11:30am Memorial Prayer Service 2-5:00pm C.L.A.S.S. 101 6:00pm Prayer Service	16 2:00pm Session	17 	18 8:00am *R.O.M.E.O.S 6:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Dinner 7:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Study	19 9:30am "Skinny Minis" 10:00—11:30am Deacon's Coffee 5:30pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	20 5:00pm Children's Network	21 10:00—11:30am Super Saturday Study 12:30pm 40 Days of Community Kick-off Lunch
22  9:00am <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Prayer Service	23	24	25  7:00pm Wonderful Wednesday Study	26 9:00am Presbytery Meeting @ Trinity Pres. in Venice 9:30am "Skinny Minis" 11:30am—1:00pm Lunch & Learn 5:30pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	27 12:00pm Mission Trip to Immokalee 5:00pm Children's Network	28

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Paul Gebel — Helping Hands	637-8655
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Elaine Schultz — Flowers	505-8339
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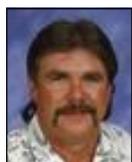
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