

# The Messenger



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PUNTA GORDA FLORIDA

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## OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

LOVING.... GROWING.... GOING.... in JESUS!

*Loving... God and others through worship and fellowship.  
Growing... in our understanding Jesus and God's purposes for us through Bible study, and developing our ministries to serve God and others.  
Going... into God's world with His message of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, and with His ministries of compassion and mercy.*

## MOCK'S MUSINGS

Rev. Stephen A. Mock, Pastor

**“Jesus calls us to care for one another”**



Pastor Steve

One of the hardest times of life is when a person loses their independence and is basically homebound because of illness or the frailties of aging. Not being able to attend worship and church events anymore causes feelings of not belonging or missing greatly the fellowship of other brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus calls us to care for one another, so those of our church family that can't make it to church need our care. I'd like to share with you an exciting new ministry designed specifically to express our care and love to those unable to participate in the life of our church.

It's called Companion Ministry and is being organized and led by our parish nurse Debbie Carney. We hope to start this new ministry by October 1, 2010. The purpose of this ministry is to visit regularly (at least once a month) our homebound to see how they're doing and to share the love of God's people with them. This is a great opportunity for you to serve others with your time and energy, with love and compassion. I know every time I visit our homebound members, I am greatly blessed. To have one on one time with them is special. I get to know them better and discover new, wonderful information about them. I find myself inspired being in their presence and sharing their faith. They still have so much to give. You can experience this as well by offering your service to this new ministry. We need about six to eight servants willing to give of their time and energy to visit at least once a month our homebound. This will be in addition to my visits to share communion with them. We plan to offer training to help Companion Ministers serve well and also plan to meet as a group three times a year for encouragement and support.

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## ◆ MOCK'S MUSINGS

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If you are interested in being a Companion to one of our homebound, please contact Debbie Carney (941-456-6804) when she returns from the north or call me at 639-1959. If you are already in a companion relationship with one of our homebound, let me know so we can acknowledge what you're doing and support you as best we can.

Again, God has led us to another way to share His love with those within our family here at FPC. I hope you will prayerfully consider serving in our Companion Ministry. God bless.

In Christ,

*Steve*

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 29TH

The fall session of WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY will begin at 7pm on September 29th and run through November 17th. This will be the start of its fifth year.

Pastor Steve will lead a video study entitled "Introduction To The Old Testament." The other study will be "A Spiritual Road Map - I Thessalonians" (leader to be announced). A sign-up sheet will be in the church entrance.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Presbyterian Women's Bible study will resume Tuesday, September 21st at 10am in the home of Sharon Cuzner. All women of the church are welcome.

Aaron. This study focuses on what kind of an older woman God wants us to be. Miriam provides an example to follow and a warning to heed.

Our first study for the fall term will be a three-part study (9/21, 10/5 and 10/19) of Miriam called "Remember Miriam." Miriam is the sister of Moses and

The study is a combination of video, bible study and discussion. A time of fellowship follows the study. The address is 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles. A sign-up sheet will be in the church entrance.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### YEAR ENDING 07/31/10

Income	\$134,222
Expenses	\$147,993
Difference	\$(13,771)

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.

# SESSION NOTES



## Highlights from the August 23rd Session

- Approved motion to rescind John Truby's resignation from session.
- Approved the use of Fellowship Hall by Joy Eggi for a 90th birthday party the afternoon of Saturday, March 05, 2011.
- Approved motion to establish an agreement with Burnt Store Presbyterian Church Disaster Team on the use of our facilities after a hurricane or like disaster.
- Approved the closing of our safety deposit box at Wachovia Bank in Punta Gorda.
- Approved motion to receive the audit report of the financial reports for the years 2007, 2008, and 2009 done by Sharon Cuzner and Marguerite O'Brien.
- Approved motion to form a finance committee consisting of Marguerite O'Brien, Sharon Cuzner, and one other person. Description of responsibilities to be presented to Session for review and discussion.
- Dianne Sizemore and Arlene Gebel appointed as the session representatives on the Nominating Committee.
- Approved Don Washabaugh and Gail Thornton as delegates and Dave Woods as alternate delegate to the August 28th Presbytery Meeting in Cape Coral.

### Learning Timelessness

We tend to think of our lives in terms of past, present and future. Therefore, we easily become time-bound, living under the restrictions of clocks, calendars and seasons.

The concern of the truly spiritual person, however, is the "now" — that suspension of the flow of hours, days and years. God, who isn't time-bound, breaks in upon our lives, and we sense, however distantly, the eternal. And we're refreshed, healed and lifted up.

The experience of the eternal may happen any time, even amid distraction. But the witness of the mystics is that it most frequently occurs in the time of quiet abandonment in prayer. As we grow spiritually, we become less time-bound and discover that the God of grace isn't limited to the passage of the hours, days and years.

# MUSIC NOTES



**Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.**

**Ephesians 5:19 NIV**

**D**o you like to sing of God's glory and grace? Do you seek some spiritual enrichment that comes from singing for His kingdom? Then you should mark September 2nd on your calendar as the date for our first choir rehearsal for the fall season. We meet at 7pm in the Sanctuary for fellowship with one another as we prepare ourselves to sing for Him on Sunday mornings. We have plenty of music, robes and seats for more members in our choir. Come join His group of faithful servants. It will not only bring a smile to your soul and ours, but will bring a smile to His face as well.

ability and yearning to enrich your soul through music, please consider sharing your passion for His kingdom. If it enriches your soul, imagine how it enriches Him.

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Psalm 63:5 NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 NIV

For His glory,

To many of us, music soothes the soul and can take us away from the trials of our lives. It can transform our mood and alleviate our stress. I know for me, my life would not be complete without my music. Whether playing, singing, or listening, music takes us to a place in our hearts that nothing else will. If you have the

## Wanted

WANTED: Choir members — whereabouts unknown

LAST SEEN: Hiding out in the congregation

DESCRIPTION: Male and female, young and old,  
musical and cheerful, may be armed and desperate  
for a robe

REWARD: "Give and you shall receive."

SURRENDER TO: Your friendly choir director



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

**R**.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Out Someplace) will resume meeting for breakfast at 8am every other Thursday (note different day) at Sky View Café, Punta Gorda Airport beginning September 9th. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

# THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

**Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. Isaiah 46:4**

**D**o we believe the above verse? Do we trust God enough to take hold of this verse? I was pondering on folks I have known through the years, folks that have met with terrible life circumstances like the loss of a child. Some fell victim to dementia; it seemed the constant turmoil of their mind played a very cruel trick on them. Certainly getting professional help or help from a Stephen Minister would be a better way to deal with these worries. I recently found this saying by Corrie TenBoom, "Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength."

## BEST FOODS TO CHOOSE AT FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

Have you ever wondered about the best foods to choose at FAST FOOD restaurants? You can trim fat by holding the mayo, cheese, sour cream, croutons, salad dressing and asking for light salad dressing and sauce "on the side." Here are the best meals to order:

- **McDonald's:**

Premium grilled chicken classic sandwich, side salad, 1 packet low fat Italian dressing for 500 calories, 12.5 grams fat.

Regular hamburger and small fries for 480 cal, 20 gm fat.

Southwest salad with grilled chicken, 1 packet low fat balsamic vinaigrette for 360 cal, 12 gm fat.

- **Burger King:**

Tendergrill chicken sandwich, no mayo, side salad, 1 packet fat free ranch dressing for 510 calories, 9 gm fat.

Whopper Jr., no mayo, value size fries for 480 cal, 22 gm fat.

Tendergrill chicken garden salad, ½ packet light Italian dressing for 290 calories, 14 gm fat.

- **Taco Bell:**

Fresco bean burrito for 340 cal, 8 gm fat.

Fresco grilled steak soft taco with side of pintos 'n cheese for 340 calories, 11.5 gm fat.

Chicken Gordita Supreme with side of Mexican rice for 400 calories, 13.5 gm fat.

- **Arby's:**

Regular roast beef sandwich for 350 calories, 13 gm fat.

Ham and swiss melt, side salad with ½ packet balsamic vinaigrette for 435 calories, 9 gm fat.

Market fresh roast chicken ranch sandwich for 360 calories, 10 gm fat.

- **Wendy's:**

Small chili for 227 cal, 7 gm fat.

Grilled chicken go-wrap, side salad, 1 packet fat free French dressing for 430 calories, 10 gm fat.

Junior burger with value-size fries for 440 calories, 18 gm fat.

## ANNUAL FLU CLINIC DATE SET

Our annual Flu Clinic will be on Tuesday, October 5th from 10am — 12noon in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar.

Because He Lives!

Debbie Carney, RN, Parish Nurse



# PRICELESS TREASURES TABLE

Here is your opportunity to pass on your "Priceless Treasures." A table is set up in Fellowship Hall for you to put them on. Please – no clothing. You are encouraged to bring household goods and appliances in good working order, toys, general-interest books, CDs, DVDs, and decorative items. If you find a "Treasure" that you would like to take home, just put your donation in the container provided. This is an on-going Presbyterian Women fundraiser for their use in outreach projects.



TAKE HOME A "PRICELESS TREASURE"

## Sounds Fishy

Seen on a church signboard in northern Minnesota one summer: "Sure, you can worship God with a fishing pole in your hand, but when was the last time a walleye told you, 'Your sins are forgiven?'"



Congratulations to:

- Jerry & Nancy Julius on the birth of their great-grandson, Gage Russell Lepchak , on July 4th. Gage is the son of Chad Lepchak and Jennifer Smith.
- Gail Thornton on the birth of her 12th great-grandchild, Hayden Marie Miller, on July 5th. Hayden is the daughter of Jim and Anna Miller of Montgomery, IL.
- Fred and Rachel Pfaender on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Ali McManus on July 15th. Ali is the daughter of Aaron & Karin McManus.
- Walt and Mary Stones on the birth of their 5th great-grandson, Ryan Andress Milheim, on July 22nd. Ryan is the son of Chase & Samantha Milheim.

# GETTING TO KNOW THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY

By Craig Anderson



**Robert & Dorothy Blakey**

**B**ob and Dottie Blakey joined our church within the last year. They live on Genoa Street in Punta Gorda Isles and have been in the area since 1992. We are so pleased to have them a part of our congregation.

**Born/grew up:** Both hail from Ohio, although Bob was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Until their retirement, they spent all of their married years in Ohio—first in Columbus and then in Youngstown.

**Education:** They both graduated from Hiram College, an excellent liberal arts college near Cleveland. The school was begun by the Disciples of Christ and at one time was presided over by James A. Garfield who later became our 20th president. Bob graduated in 1952 and Dottie in 1954.

**Marriage/family:** The Blakeys met at Hiram College and were married in Ravenna, Ohio in 1954. They have two children and four grandchildren. Their daughter Susan and her husband have two sons and reside in Birmingham, Alabama. Their son Rob, his wife and two daughters live in Dayton, Ohio.

**Vocation:** Bob was a mid-level executive (Division Manager in retail marketing) with a major oil company. Dottie worked for 17 years as a high school teacher, “enough years,” she says “to get our children through private schools.” She taught Home Economics and English.

**Spiritual journey:** They came to faith in Christ through their childhood training - Dottie in the Methodist Church and Bob in the Episcopal Church.

**Great church memory:** They say their greatest church memory was their own wedding!

## **How did you come to move to Punta Gorda?**

There were two factors: First, the weather and second, Bob’s father and mother retired to Port Charlotte in 1965 and eventually moved to South Port Square (where Bob and Dottie expect one day to live); so they had become familiar with the Punta Gorda area.

**What brought you to First Presbyterian?** They were disappointed in their former church and were looking for a new church home.

**Service in the church:** In Ohio they were members of the Episcopal Church. Dottie served as president of the woman’s organization and Bob served a couple of times as a member of the Vestry and also as Chairman of the church’s Boy Scout program.

**Favorite vacation:** There are many and they are varied, they say. However, they singled out several visits to England and France, including a visit to Normandy, Omaha and Utah Beaches, and a Seine River cruise as especially memorable.

**Books they would recommend:** Anything by John Grisham.

**Hobbies/interests:** Bob and Dottie are members of Twin Isles Country Club. Bob used to enjoy tennis and golf but has given up both and now finds pleasure in his exercise routine at the Wellness Center at Charlotte Regional Medical Center. Dottie continues to play tennis and is a regular at Curves.

# RECIPE EXCHANGE

## MOM'S TAMALE PIE

*Compliments of Kay Callahan*

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 can green chilies, chopped
- 1 small onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic to taste (chopped)
- 1 8-oz can diced tomatoes (drained)
- 1 can whole kernel corn (drained)
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- Salt & pepper
- 1 small can black olives, sliced
- 1 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 box Jiffy corn bread mix (follow box directions but make it soupy)

Brown hamburger, onion and garlic. Drain off grease.

Add other ingredients (add 1 cup of the cheese to mixture).

Put into baking dish and pour "Jiffy corn bread, slightly soupy" batter on top.

Bake at 400 degrees for 20-30 minutes or until cornbread is lightly browned.

Sprinkle top of cornbread, while still hot, with rest of cheese so that cheese melts. ENJOY!

# FREE BOOK EXCHANGE

**W**e have established a free book exchange. It is located in Fellowship Hall in the small bookcase on the wall near the movie screen. The books there are for your use and you don't need to sign them in or out. You may keep them as long as you want and pass them along to friends if you choose.

The free book exchange also accepts books that you have already read and choose not to retain in your personal library. In fact, we look forward to your donations so that others may enjoy the books you have already read. The only rule is, "keep the shelves neat."

The free book exchange is not part of the Ellen Morris Memorial Library that is in the foyer. Books you bring in can be novels, political commentary, biographies, and personal accounts – paperback or hard bound. No rules, just a place to find books to read and share.



## Something Beautiful

"Spread love everywhere you go; to show love for God and our neighbor we need not do great things. It is how much love we put in doing that makes our offering something beautiful to God."

—Mother Teresa

## HUMBLE BUMBLE - AGAIN!!!

HUMBLE BUMBLE IS ABOUT TO CRUMBLE.  
SUMMER IS GONE  
AND HIS FACE IS QUITE DRAWN.

TOO MUCH TO DO.  
TO NAME A FEW :

DEADLINES TO MEET,  
PEOPLE TO GREET.

HIS CLOTHES ARE TOO TIGHT  
A DIET TO FIGHT!

THE ATTIC TO CLEAN  
ON THAT HE'S NOT KEEN.

PERHAPS BUY A NEW CAR  
NOW THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!

THE FURNACE TO CHECK  
HE'S BECOMING A WRECK.

"SLOW DOWN" SAYS THE LORD  
"GET RID OF THAT FROWN"

"THE DAYS WILL BE COOL"  
"SO DON'T BE A FOOL."

"LIFE IS TO BE LIVED"  
"YOU HAVE SO MUCH TO GIVE."

"BE HAPPY FOR FALL  
AND ALWAYS REMEMBER  
ON ME YOU CAN CALL."

— NANCY BEASOM

# MISSION MINISTRY NEWS



**Operation  
Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

## THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas project. Our time to fill shoeboxes to share with those less fortunate is coming quickly. When that special shoebox gift is opened, the harsh world around the child fades and their hearts are filled with the wonder and joy as they see the treasures within. The impact of Operation Christmas Child goes far beyond smiles and laughter. These simple gifts become Gospel opportunities opening hurting hearts to experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ. In each box with your gifts is placed a simple book, in their language, telling the Good News of Jesus Christ. It gives the churches an opportunity for working together and a chance to follow up with these children, showing them that there is hope, trust and love. This is a wonderful discipleship program of 12 lessons exploring who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

Your gift may go to the outer reaches of our world, or it may touch some child in the USA. As faith is grown in the hearts of the small child, it will grow in the home with the family members.

If you need a shoebox, we have a few; or you can use a plastic, clear shoebox from the store.

Enjoy stuffing your shoebox with all sorts of toys, stuffed animals, card games, pencils, tablets, toothbrushes and tooth paste, soap, washcloths and small towels. Use

your imagination. No liquids or things like play guns, knives, etc.

Let us surpass last year's number collected. If you have any questions, ask Dianne Sizemore.

## FOOD FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY HUNGRY

Fill the food bin in the month of September with your favorite items. Some suggestions:

- Macaroni and cheese dinners
- Cereals
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Soups
- Healthy snacks for kids
- Baby food

YOU PICK - But let's fill the bin each Sunday.

## MISSION TEAM TRIP TO MISIÓN PENIEL

If you want an experience you will never forget, one that is tiring but very humbling with a lot of laughter and a great meal afterwards at Cracker Barrel, join us on September 24th as we spread God's love to the patient and gentle people at Misión Peniel. We carpool from church at 12:30pm.

Thank you for all your support.

Dianne Sizemore, Chair, and the Mission Team



# A MESSAGE FROM THE BEREAVEMENT TEAM

In the coming year, we will be taking a more practical and less philosophical view of issues concerning bereavement and living. It is very important that each of us prepare for the future so that those remaining will know our wishes and be able to implement them. Advanced directives are avenues by which we can reach these vital goals. Choosing a health care surrogate, signing a living will and activating a health care power of attorney, also called a durable power of attorney or a medical power of attorney, are three directives that will insure that your wishes are honored.

You may select anyone you trust to be your health care surrogate. This person makes health decisions for you if you become temporarily or permanently unable to make such decisions. He or she cannot be held liable for decisions made regarding your care, costs or related liabilities. Your doctor is not the best choice for this role because of conflict of interest issues. Most people chose a spouse or a good friend who is capable of performing this duty without undue stress.

A living will usually applies to terminal illness situations and specifies what treatments you wish to be given or not given.

A durable power of attorney names someone who will “stand in your shoes” and decide for you such decisions as hospice care, religious preferences and treatments, such as tube feedings, etc. This person must

agree in advance to perform this role and should be someone who shares your views and whose judgment you trust. He or she should be comfortable talking to your doctor and confident in their actions. Many people do not want to be resuscitated if they suffer from severe dementia, Alzheimer’s or experience severe brain damage.

There is much to think about on these issues. Losing a family member is a stressful event in life, and the more prepared you are, the better it will be for you and for them.

Again, many thanks to Joan Hoffman for overseeing this ministry during the summer. Not only is she a wonderful friend to me, she is a moving force in our congregation and community.

Meet & Chat sessions will commence for the year on Friday, September 3rd at 10am in the Conference Room of the church. If you would like to join us, please contact our Pastor and see if our group can help you with grief or loss issues. He is the resource of referral for the group.

May God bless you and keep you in the coming year.

Joy Kiser



Our prayers and sympathy are shared with:

- The friends of Jim Riley. Jim went home to the Lord May 30th.
- Walt and Joy Kiser. Walt’s brother, Wayne, died unexpectedly July 5th.
- The family of Doris Wackerbarth. Doris died July 12th.

*“Because I live, you also will live.”  
John 14: 19b*

# SEPTEMBER 2010 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, grandson of Dianne Sizemore. Ian is a Marine and was deployed to Afghanistan. If you'd like to send Ian a card, his address is: 219 H&S Unit 74140, FPO AE 09510-4140.*

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

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Helen Fowkes
- 2 Paul & Arlene Gebel
- 3 Ron & Neta Gensemer
- 4 Jack & Mary Gilbert
- 5 Margaret Giner
- 6 Frank & Sue Gready
- 7 Guy & Linda Greenfield
- 8 Robert & Carolyn Hansman
- 9 George & Adelaide Hauck
- 10 Doris Henning
- 11 William & Sine Herold

## SEPTEMBER

- 12 Herbert Hewitt
- 13 Fran Hill
- 14 Jason Hill
- 15 Richard & Anna Hill
- 16 George & Joan Hoffman
- 17 Stanley Hoinacki
- 18 Archibald & Eleanor Hood
- 19 Bruce Hughes
- 20 Bob & Jean Humphreys
- 21 Christina Hutchinson
- 22 Pat Ihrie

## SEPTEMBER

- 23 Linda Insley
- 24 Ernie & Connie Johansen
- 25 Jerry & Nancy Julius
- 26 Mary Kasbohm
- 27 Carl & Mary Kimberly
- 28 Walt & Joy Kiser
- 29 Bob & Joyce Kiskaddon
- 30 Ron & Annemarie Klein

## PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER



- |                |    |                 |    |
|----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Pat Ihrie      | 2  | Connie Johansen | 16 |
| Sarah Ferry    | 4  | Ron Klein       | 18 |
| Dotty Anderson | 10 | Betty Stroth    | 22 |
| Jim Brown      | 13 |                 |    |



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|-----------------------|----|
| Bill & Elaine Schultz | 10 |
| Paul & Arlene Gebel   | 15 |
| Dave & Barb Woods     | 17 |



# 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 October issue of *The Messenger* are due in the church office by **Monday, September 13th**.

## WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to join your church family in the Conference Room 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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Our church music is available to you on the internet at <http://public.me.com/rpc1220>. Click on one of the folders to view Organ Music, Choir Music, or Praise Team Music and a list of the music will appear by song title. Then click on the arrow at the right of the song to download and listen. Feel free to share with friends, family or potential members. Questions or comments may be directed to Randy Curtis at [rpc1220@me.com](mailto:rpc1220@me.com).

## MINISTRY NEED — PR COORDINATOR

First Presbyterian Church is in need of a PR Coordinator. This person will be responsible for the advertising of church events by way of the various community media available to us. Please pray about this and see if this might be the way our Lord would have you serve. If so, please contact the church office, 639-1959.

## EMAIL UPDATE

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

## 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.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER

Presbyterian Women (PW) are selling note cards as a fundraiser. There are 5 cards in a set for a cost of \$2.50. A sample & an order form are on the PW table in the narthex. If you would like to order them, please put your name on the list. Thank you for supporting PW in this.

## LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY



Session has approved the re-establishment of the Loaves & Fishes Ministry here at the church. Kay Callahan has agreed to be the coordinator of this ministry and will become the Deacon of Loaves and Fishes.

This is a great opportunity for those of us who like to cook to share a meal with a church family in need after surgery or illness. Having a familiar, friendly face at your door with cooked food when you return home from the hospital is a very loving experience for both the cook and the recipient. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the table in the church entrance.





# BIBLE QUIZ



The 12 men in Jesus' inner circle of followers had a variety of backgrounds, but most of their occupations are unknown. Which combination of jobs listed below correctly matches two of Jesus' disciples?

- A. Fisherman and Doctor
- B. Fisherman and Tax Collector
- C. Carpenter and Tax Collector
- D. Fisherman and Farmer



Answer: B (See Matthew 4:18 and 10:3.)



## Only Today

There are two days in every week about which we shouldn't worry.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

The other day is tomorrow, with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

That leaves only one day — today. Anyone can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when we add the burden of those two eternities — yesterday and tomorrow — that contentment will escape us.



## MEET OUR OFFICERS

### ELDERS

Sharon Cuzner — Ministry	637-1792
Arlene Gebel — Worship	637-8655
Dave Woods — Ministry	456-4876
Marguerite O'Brien — Administration	639-7226
Dianne Sizemore — Mission	743-5637
Phyllis Botticelli — Fellowship	637-0445
Don Washabaugh — Worship	255-8616
Gail Thornton — Clerk of Session	639-5510
John Truby — Discipleship	637-7407

### DEACONS

Debbie Carney — Parish Nursing	637-9389
Paul Gebel — Helping Hands	637-8655
Nancy Julius — Communication	575-7491
Joy Kiser — Bereavement	575-9745
Elaine Schultz — Flowers	505-8339
Margie Smith — Prayer Shawls	833-0185
Mary Anne Washabaugh — Communion	255-8616

## MEET THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN STAFF



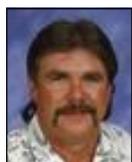
### Pastor

Steve Mock  
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### Music Director

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### Treasurer

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### Parish Nurse

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