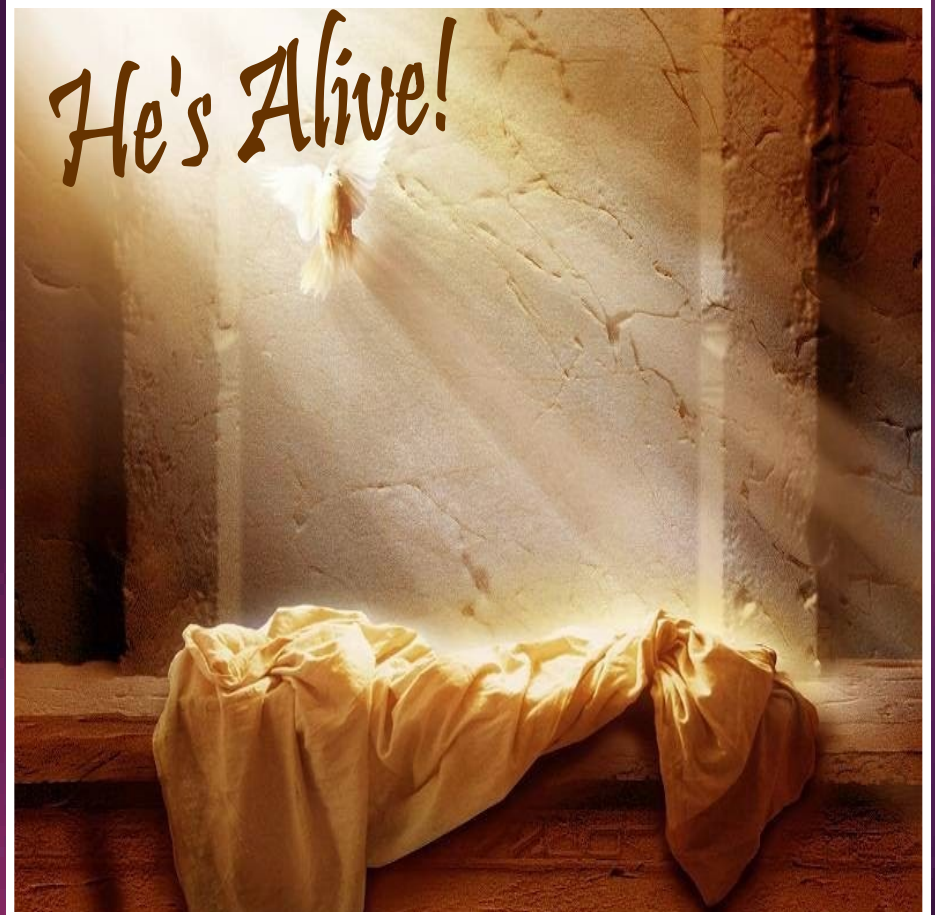


First Presbyterian Church, Ft Walton Beach, Florida

# ACTS



CELEBRATE WITH US

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 6, 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 18, 6 pm

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 21, 10 am

## APPLYING FOR A JOB

*“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Mark 8:34-37*

On February 4, 2019 I was honored to serve on a panel of citizens of Fort Walton Beach as we interviewed the final three candidates for the position of Police Chief for the city. In preparation for the interviews, each panel member was asked to submit three questions to be asked of those applying for the job. I was very impressed with the thought behind the questions from a wide variety of backgrounds and expectations. Below, I have slightly revised the list for our consideration as we seek to take on the position of “Disciple of Jesus Christ.”

- ▶ What makes you most qualified for this job?
- ▶ What plans do you have to connect in a positive way with the First Presbyterian community?
- ▶ What type of continuing education would you recommend for Christian disciples?
- ▶ What do you think is the biggest need for First Presbyterian Church?
- ▶ Discuss your philosophy of discipline and accountability in the position of disciple.
- ▶ Tell about a time when a member of your team did not handle a situation properly and how you assisted to bring perspective.

- ▶ What would your first 90 days look like?
- ▶ How would you help build trusted relationships among fellow disciples?
- ▶ What outreach programs have you been a part of in the past and do you plan to continue to participate in the future?
- ▶ Please name some community betterments to which you have contributed which demonstrate selflessness, compassion, and care for others.
- ▶ What experience do you have with working toward creative solutions to preserve unity and good-will among fellow disciples?
- ▶ What drives your enthusiasm in what you do in the church and in your life?

(Hint: There are no specific answers to the questions, although, obviously, some answers are more “right” than others!)

I pray we can reflect on some of these challenges during the season of Lent as we prepare ourselves with humility, faith, and renewed commitment to Jesus Christ who gave everything he had and everything he was to fulfill the job description of “Messiah.”

Blessings and Peace, *Sharon*

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## 40 DAYS – FORTY ITEMS

Wednesday, March 6 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Part of the discipline observed during those 40 days leading up to Easter is focused on reflection, selflessness, and simplicity. Here is a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet or cabinets that you no longer wear or use or need, and place it in a trash bag. At the end of the 40 days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them! Remember, if the item is stained, torn, or broken, no one else would want it either!

**SUPER CHALLENGE** If you really want to simplify your life & declutter your home: 40 BAGS (any size) **IN 40 DAYS!**





# Winter Meeting of Florida Presbytery

**REV. SCHULER INSTALLED  
AS MODERATOR**

**Rev. Chris Erde,  
Presbytery Moderator, 2018**

**Rev. Cindy Kohlman,  
Co-Moderator GA**

**Rev. Schuler,  
Presbytery Moderator, 2019**



**Rev. Schuler  
Rev. Cindy Kohlman  
Dr. Roy Martin, General Presbyter  
Rev. Joyce Lieberman, Synod Exec.**



**Many thanks  
to the large  
crew of FPC  
volunteers  
that helped  
make this a  
special day.**





## Notes from Jackie Hails



In preparation for the Lenten/Easter season, the choir will soon begin rehearsing a new choral anthem entitled *Create In Me*, based on Psalm 51:10-13, often called the "Prayer of a Man After God's Own Heart". David, the author of many of the Psalms, was not always a king, but only a lowly shepherd when God told the prophet Samuel that He was going to replace Saul with a man after His own heart. God instructed Samuel to go to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem where he anointed Jesse's youngest son, David, as king.

This prayer of repentance and plea for God's mercy comes after the terrible sins committed by King David. He had sinned against Bathsheba, Uriah, and the people of Israel, setting an awful example by his conduct. Many people had suffered as a result, and his own son had died. David confesses his sins without naming them, knowing they are already known to God. The "man after God's own heart" realizes that he has transgressed God's law and asks God to cleanse him.

During this season when we recall the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, I pray this prayer of David will cause us to look inward, confess our many sins, and ask God to "restore the joy of His salvation".

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

*Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

Psalm 51:10-13

# DiscipleFest 2019


Saturday, March 23, 2019

9:00 am to 3:00 pm CDT

A coming-together of all Presbytery of Florida congregations. DiscipleFest offers worship, music, fellowship, and workshops as we celebrate our oneness in Christ. We will gather at beautiful Dogwood Acres Retreat Center, Vernon, FL.

Don't miss this opportunity, registration deadline is Friday, March 8, 2019. Cost is only \$15 per person, which includes lunch.

Brochures with information and registration form are available in the Narthex and the church office.



**Habitat for Humanity has started building a house in Crestview. FPC would like to help with this project by providing volunteers and lunch for the volunteers on one of the Saturday building days in April. Please sign up on the 'Willing Wall' to help with this important mission for our community. No specific skills are required to help out. All are welcome!**

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE



### MARCH 3RD

**Serving:** Beth Crawley, Marlene Naylor  
Theresa Nicks, Sue Pedersen

**Set-up:** Theresa

**Clean-up:** Beth & Marlene

### APRIL 7TH

**Serving:** Mark & Sherryl Haller  
Jim & Phyllis March

**Set-up:** Mark & Sherryl

**Clean-up:** Jim & Phyllis

### APRIL 21ST -EASTER

**Serving:** Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor  
Krisher Brister, Ann Sipos

**Set-up:** Krisha & Ann

**Clean-up:** Fred & Mayrelizbeth

# Alternative Gifts International



The Witness & Outreach Team is excited to share the results of the giving through our recent Alternative Gifts catalog and we thank all who participated. . . \$3,641.00 was given to help others. This is our 22nd year and now our grand total is over **\$110,000.00. How exciting!**

We have cards that can be used for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions. Recipients appreciate a meaningful gift that makes a difference in the world. The catalog is good through July 2019. Contact Barbara Blackburn, 598-7269, or the church office for more information.

## Alternative Gifts International Causes—2018-2019:

Backyard Gardens—Philippines .....	82.00
Clean Water & Sanitation—India .....	171.00
Pig Pens & Fish Ponds—Thailand.....	132.00
Plant a Forest—Global .....	117.00
Pay it Forward with a Goat—Haiti .....	220.00
Nothing Sweeter than Honey Bees—Haiti.....	126.00
Relief for Flood & Hurricane Victims—USA .....	100.00
Total Alternative Gifts Int'l Causes.....	948.00

## Locally Chosen Causes:

Sharing & Caring Prescriptions (Ft Walton Beach) ....	715.00
A Bed 4 Me (Okaloosa County) .....	624.00
Fresh Start (Ft Walton Beach).....	250.00
Animal Protection League (Okaloosa County) .....	359.00
Gary Sinise/Homes for Veterans (Okaloosa County).....	505.00
Meals on Wheels (Okaloosa County).....	240.00
Total Locally Chosen Causes .....	2,693.00

**Overall Total 2018 Giving through AGI . . \$3,641.00**

## Witness-Outreach Ongoing Collections

**2 Cents-a-Meal:** A strategy for raising awareness and funds for the fight against hunger. Contribute a few cents for every meal, this simple act is an expression of thanks for the many blessings we receive.

**1st Sunday Collection:** Every *first Sunday* of each month we collect food, toiletries, and monetary donations for Sharing-Caring.

*Pray for our church officers as they serve God as leaders in this church; that God will guide and bless them in their service.*

### CLASS OF 2020

STEVE CAHOON    PHYLLIS MARCH  
FRED PRYOR      CHRIS ROLLINS

### CLASS OF 2021

MARK BURSON    SUSAN COOK  
JOHN DRAIN      MAYRELIZBETH PRYOR

### CLASS OF 2022

JIM MARCH        MARLENE NAYLOR  
NANCY NICKS      PAULA REGISTER

*A heartfelt thank you to the elders of the class of 2019 who have served faithfully and joyfully for the last 3 years: Krishna Brister, Dick Hansen, Kim Mitchell.*

### CORPORATION OFFICERS

STEVE CAHOON, PRESIDENT  
JIM MARCH, SECRETARY  
FRED PRYOR, TREASURER

### TRUSTEES OF HOLBROOK ENDOWMENT

LOUISE MEYERS, FRED PRYOR,  
JIM WEATHERBEE

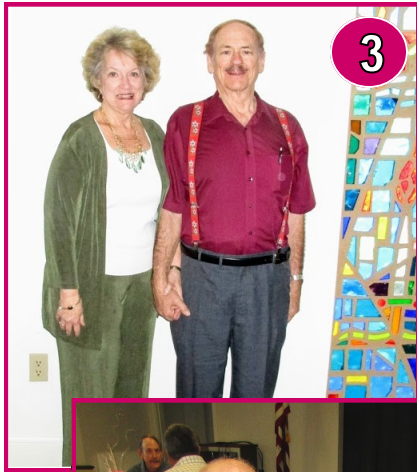
## THANK YOU from JOY CIRCLE



Thank you to all who worked and shopped at the February 2019 SERRV Market. We had a great turnout from the community and the church. Each purchase helped to support low-income artisans around the world, and the Joy Circle will be sending proceeds from the sales to well deserving causes worldwide.

We still have lots of great possibilities for gifts during the year; for access to the market contact Lila Mendel (651-06490).





# Winter Friends Day





### MARCH

Martha Novinger .....	01
Nancy Toth.....	01
Fran Goodall .....	03
Ann Sipos .....	05
Rob Bohnsack .....	07
Kim Mitchell .....	12
Jamie Banks .....	18
Jim March.....	22
Melissa Burson .....	24
Jeanne Williams .....	24
Debbie Cahoon.....	26
Jackie Hugli.....	27
Phyllis Merritt .....	28
William Mendel .....	29

*Happy Birthday. . .  
God Bless You!*

### APRIL

Anne Folsom.....	02
Theresa Nicks.....	02
Kim Moran.....	03
Samantha Pryor .....	05
Nathaniel Moran....	07
Dan McCurry.....	09
Un Mitchell.....	13
Jennifer Brown.....	14
Helen Gainer .....	15
Lila Mendel.....	15
John Cahoon.....	16
Travis Nicks.....	17
Trinity Nicks .....	17
Paula Register .....	18
Lorna Dock .....	22
George Goodall .....	22
Glenn Nicks .....	30

### March Anniversaries

Terry & Kim Mitchell	March 1
Howard & Jennifer	March 7
John & Diana Drain	March 10
Gene & Dot Daughtry	March 18

### April Anniversaries

Joe & Denise Richardson	April 3
Steve & Debbie Cahoon	April 4
Cort & Theresa Nicks	April 4
Eric & Missy Pryor	April 12
Garrett & Penny Carter	April 14

*For God did not send his Son  
into the world to condemn  
the world, but to save the  
world through him.*

*John 3:17*

### Winter Friends Day

*Sunday, February 24 was a special day for our church family. An inspiring concert by Westward Road reminded us of the many blessings God has given us.*

*Our Winter Friends (Snowbirds!) who visit each year were recognized and celebrated at a reception after the worship service. Presbyterian Women prepared a lovely reception with scrumptious food and bright, cheery table decorations with a pink flamingo theme.*

*Photos on opposite page:*

- 1. Westward Road: Scott and Kelli Roberts and their children, Garrett, Cade and Payton*
- 2. Tom and Lu Dunivan, (Indiana), and Lois Johnson, (Indiana) with Pat Hansen*
- 3. Jim and Rae Cable (Virginia)*
- 4. Pete and Vergene Robertson (Minnesota)*
- 5. Dave and Dea Roop (Minnesota)*
- 6. Donna Matheny (Ohio)*
- 7. Frank Gray (Tennessee)*
- 8. Lynn and Jeanne Laidlow (West Virginia)*
- 9. Fred and Carol Hotz (Illinois)*

### Financial Statement

Jan. 2019

#### INCOME:

Offerings .....	\$17,075.33
Other income.....	20.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$17,095.33</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Clergy Compensation.....	5,786.71
Worship .....	283.70
Christian Education .....	244.19
Witness/Outreach.....	133.33
Admin. & Finance .....	10,410.97
Property .....	2,638.31
Fellowship .....	51.64
Loan Interest Expense .....	357.09
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>19,905.94</b>
Excess Income/Expense .....	—2,810.61
Investment Acct. transfer.....	.00



# MARCH - APRIL 2019

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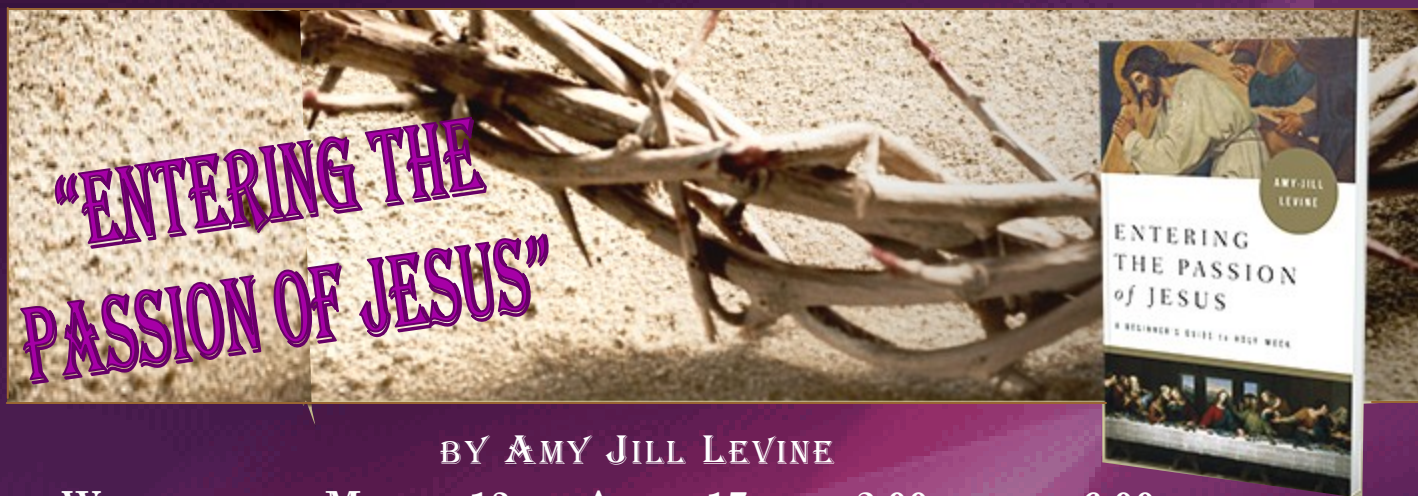


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BY AMY JILL LEVINE

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 13TH - APRIL 17TH, AT 2:00 PM AND 6:00 PM

Although the Bible gives us insights into what Jesus was thinking between the time he entered into Jerusalem and the night he spent in the Garden of Gethsemane, we can't totally relate. But what if we look at the "ordinary" people who witnessed the Passion events...the women around Jesus and his disciples? Or the "bad" guys...Judas, Pilate, and Caiaphas? We deepen our understanding by looking closely at the people who were part of Jesus' life during the last days before the crucifixion — their relationships and roles in the story. In *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story to help us fill in the blanks.