

First Presbyterian Church  
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## MIDWEEK MESSENGER

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February 22, 2012

### 2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTED

In accordance with Presbyterian Church polity, our congregation's Nominating Committee, which will serve to make any nominations needed during 2012, has been selected. The committee is made up of seven persons, the majority of whom must be selected by the congregation from persons who are not members of the Session.

On January 24, 2012, the Session nominated Barbara Peck, Keith Fraser and Hazel Thompson. On motion unanimously passed, Barbara Peck was named to be the moderator of the Nominating Committee.

At the congregational meeting on February 5, 2012, JoBeth Hurt, Cindy Fraser, Rachel Pitts and Dave Marbury were elected to complete the committee.

As nominations are made during the year, please keep in mind these persons make up our Nominating Committee. They will be soliciting your input as they go about their duties, and you should feel free to give each of them the benefit of your suggestions.

Reported by John Harris, Clerk of Session

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THIS DATE!

World Day of Prayer begins at sunrise on March 2, 2012 in the Pacific Region and follows the earth's orbit around the world. In Florence, the women of First Presbyterian Church will join with women from many churches in the Shoals at Tennessee Valley Church, 119 N. Pine Street, at 9:30 a.m. to participate as *Church Women United* join their sisters from many countries in a unified voice of prayer for a better world.

Dr. Richard T. Gillespie, Pastor

Our Visitors on Sunday, February 19

Lud and Linda Seme

Welcome New Members

Jim and Brenda Lawhern on February 19

204 Pueblo Court, Florence 35634

256-767-6470

### Las Vegas Water System Providing Clean Water

You may recall that in November 2010, Bert Bock, Richard Pflueger, Keith Fraser and Ron Howdysshell installed a Living Waters for the World water purification system at the Seeds of Liberty School in Las Vegas, Honduras and provided health and hygiene training. The project was supported by prayers and dollars from our church.

There have been some bumps in the road, including uncertainty about lead levels in the water which the installed system is not designed to remove. That issue has been resolved, and the system is now producing and distributing water. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Las Vegas project possible. This project has potential for serving many people in need. Please keep this project in your prayers.

Bert Bock

### CELEBRATE LIFE BLOOD DRIVE

in Memory of Dean Zickler

Sunday, March 4, 2012

First Presbyterian Church, Florence, AL

Fellowship Hall 12:00-5:00pm

This event is held the second Sunday of Lent as an opportunity for a "giving action" during this church season. It was inspired by a memory of Dean donating blood during a drive held at FPC.

An alternate "giving action," for those who cannot donate blood, can be made to the Help Center. You may sign up at: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> (Key in 35630 and the date March 4 to sign up for a time.) Please invite your family and friends!!!!

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends at FPC Florence,

Just a note of appreciation for your cards, photos, and memories of our shared ministry in Piedras Negras and Acuna. I am at a gathering of my PCUSA mission colleagues in central Texas right now, and receiving your memories was a very timely gift.

Please be assured that I will pass on your love, memories and photos to Landy and Juvenal Ortiz and to Pastor Felipe and his wife, Rebecca, who are now pastoring in the state of Michoacan. Please be in prayer for Rebecca who has been fighting cancer for the past two years. She has been through a lot of chemo and has one tumor still in her hip.

Blessings upon you all the ministry to which God has called you in Florence.

With love, Susie Frerichs

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## YOU ARE INVITED

February is American Heart Month, and the Northwest Alabama Community Health Association and UNA Department of Human Environmental Sciences are partnering for a special nutrition presentation called Heart Healthy Eating for Life: Foods That Love Your Heart.

This program is free to the public and will include a heart-healthy snack. It will be at the UNA Culinary Center, UNA East Campus at 1640 Tune Avenue at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23. Presenters for the event will be Jill Goode Englett, dietitian, RN and instructor of Food and Nutrition at UNA, and Tyler Layne, who is an advanced student in the HES department at UNA, as well as a local caterer. The food for the presentation will be prepared by the culinary students under the direction of Chef Johnson Ogun, the Director of the Culinary Center.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. In fact, one of every three deaths is from heart disease or stroke.

The Northwest Alabama Community Health Association's Community Health and Dental Clinic serves the health care needs of the working uninsured of the region. This year the clinic will be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of helping patients receive quality health care in the Shoals. This

program is part of the Association's Well Woman Project which focuses on awareness of early detection programs, wellness and preventative care. Anyone who wants to attend the Heart Healthy Eating for Life program should call 256-760-4713. The program is free, but seating is limited.

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## **GRAND OLE OPRY IMPERSONATION SHOW**

### **Featuring:**

*Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, June Carter, Carrie Underwood  
and many others*

### **Special guests:**

All Starz Dance Academy  
Competition Dance Team

This event will be hosted by  
"Johnny Cash"

**Saturday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

Cross Point Church of Christ  
1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

**Adults: \$8**

**Children 12 & under: free**

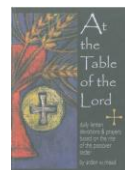
A special tribute to Elvis with **Professional Elvis Entertainer Cliff Wright** (see him at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)) Proceeds to benefit

**Meals on Wheels Weekend Program  
Community Action Northwest AL**

Producer, Director and Sound by  
Dennis Odem

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**Lenten Devotional Booklets  
are available on the side board  
in the hall outside the library.**



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## **GARDEN PROGRAM**

The Community Action Agency has begun signup for the Gerald Williams Cooperative Garden Program. **Volunteers are needed** to help with distribution of seeds, plants and fertilizer to qualifying residents of Lauderdale and Colbert Counties.

**Donations are being accepted to help fund this wonderful program that helps families grow their own food. You may make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church for "Garden Project."**

# PW NEWS



## **SAFEPLACE DONATIONS**

Remember to bring your Safeplace donations to the church office!

## **MISSION HAVEN DONATIONS**

PW is collecting new or gently worn clothing. Please bring your donations to the Clothes Closet in the church office.

## **PW VOICE AND VOTE**

Presbyterian Women Voice and Vote was presented before Presbytery on February 18. PW gladly received Voice! Since we are primarily a Mission auxiliary of PCUSA, our focus should remain on our mission work, prayerfulness and Bible study. We are delighted that our ideas and concerns will be heard. We have many ordained Elders in Presbyterian Women, and we will always participate in the functions and governance within the Church body.

### *PW Feature*

## **SHOALS COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN**

Two women from First Presbyterian Church thought outside of the box and created one of the most successful mission projects at our church. They conceptualized the project, brought it before our Missions Committee and Session with a 6 month trial run, brought Trinity Episcopal Church on board with other churches in the community, and the rest is history. With a well thought out system of Team Leaders, volunteers have been able to plug in when they are willing to give their time to this worthy project.

The Soup Kitchen serves anywhere from 50 to 100 meals at noon every Friday and Saturday. Members of our church, along with PW members, have been involved since the very beginning. Thanks to Jan Pflueger and Pam Favenesi, the founders who donated many of the supplies, and Dixie Carter, the coordinator, our church now provides an excellent opportunity for downtown mission work. The volunteers from our church and other organizations who work, team lead, cook and clean up have been exceptional because of the value of this amazing project.

## **PW SPRING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

March 2 World Day of Prayer  
March 12 PW Coordinating Team and Bible Study at the home of Donna Ehle  
April 19 "Come See Columbia Day"  
April 24 PW Spring Gathering

## **PER CAPITA EXPENSE**

As has been our custom, we offer the members of First Presbyterian Church the option/opportunity to pay their own per capita apportionment, i.e. the fee that is assessed by North Alabama Presbytery on each member of First Presbyterian Church, Florence. The amount per person for this year is **\$16.25**. If you would like to pay your per capita assessment, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate it as such. Thank you!

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, February 26, 2012**

*First Sunday in Lent*

Dr. Richard T. Gillespie, Pastor

### **FEBRUARY 26 USHERS**

Reba Hamm Libba Sherrod  
Gary Wilkinson Hollis Wilson

### **READER**

Bob Hurt

### **FLOWERS**

Pflueger

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting of the Session

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper/Vespers  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Bell choir practice  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary choir practice

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 2**

Noon-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry  
by: Trinity Episcopal  
Team Leader: Donna Ehle

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

Noon-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry  
by: Trinity Episcopal  
Team Leader: Bert Bock

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

*May the strength of God pilot us.*

*May the power of God preserve us.*

*May the wisdom of God instruct us.*

*May the hand of God protect us.*

*May the way of God direct us.*

*May the shield of God defend us.*

*May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. Amen.*

- Patrick of Ireland (389-461)

## **PRAYER LIST**

### HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Irving Rudolph	Merrill Gardens
Dr. Will Doss	Merrill Gardens
Helen White	Green Oaks Inn
Margaret Fleming	Columbia Cottages
Dr. John and Evelyn Carter	Merrill Gardens
Mary Hatfield	Merrill Gardens
Charline Megar	Merrill Gardens
Sarah Leonard	Wellington Place
Dr. John Nofzinger	Wellington Place
Emmy Lesch	Belmont Village
Mary Holland	Glenwood Healthcare

### HOME

Freddie Tyree

Dean Jones

Jean Paxton (out-patient surgery on 2-22)

### RELATIVES

Mildred Pflueger, mother of Richard Pflueger

Ann Moran, mother of Morris Cracraft

Kurt Henning, son of Maureen and Bob Henning

### FRIENDS

Peggy Winningham, friend of Martha Anne Parker

Wanda Teel, friend of Jane Frith

Rod Townsley, friend of Martha Anne and

Henry Lee Parker

Benjamin Coe Masters, friend of Don Boggan

Tyler Calhoun, friend of Don Boggan

### MILITARY

CPT Barry Crosby Travis AFB, CA

CPT Brad McGee El Paso, TX

CPT William Gillespie Ft. Stewart, GA

### **THE SOUP SCOOP:**



Friday, February 17:

Magnolia Church of Christ, with Team Leader Fran Jacobs (in Jane Frith's absence), served chicken taco soup, Mexican cornbread and cake 69 guests.

Saturday, February 18:

Edgemont Methodist, with Team Leader Dixie Carter, served baked chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and desserts (provided by Temple) to 79 guests.

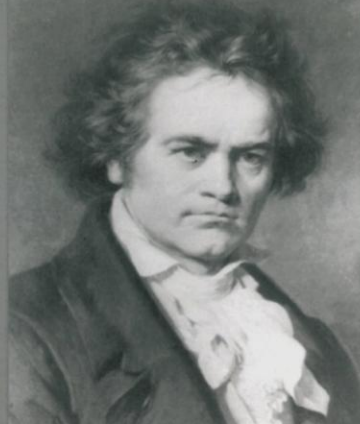
## MARCH EVENTS

- March 4 Communion Worship  
Celebrate Life Blood Drive
- March 8 Congregational Care Committee
- March 12 Presbyterian Women Coordinating  
Team and Bible Study
- March 13 Shoals Ministerial Alliance (pastor)  
Worship Committee  
Stewardship Committee
- March 14 Mission and Service Committee
- March 20 Men's Breakfast Gathering  
Christian Education Committee
- March 25 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Reception for Henry & Betty Hood
- March 27 Stated Meeting of the Session

*The Tennessee Valley Presbyterian Cursillo will be April 19-22, 2012 at Camp Maranatha. Applications were due February 1, but the deadline has been extended indefinitely. Applications are on the front counter and Jackie Zickler can answer any questions you have regarding Cursillo.*

## SHOALS SYMPHONY AT UNA

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CELEBRATING THIRTY YEARS  
PRESENTS  
**HEROIC MOMENTS**



Sunday, March 4, 2012, 2:00 p.m.  
Florence Freshman Center & Middle School Auditorium

PROGRAM

The Y2K Heroics *K. Raid,*  
Morceau de Concert, Op. 94 *C. Saint-Saens*  
Featuring UNA Concerto Competition Winner  
Alexis Cote, Horn

Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 55 "Eroica"  
*L. van Beethoven*

Viljar Puu Weimann, Music Director/Conductor

Tickets available at the Kennedy Douglass Center for the Arts or at the door • \$15 adults • \$5 students

University of NORTH ALABAMA Department of Music & Theatre