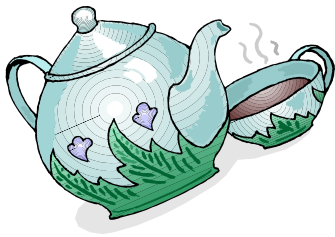


Firs Word



December, 2011



*Presbyterian Women's
December Gathering on
December 11 at 3:00 PM
Tea Time
See inside for more details.*



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. John W. Caster

December, 2011

The Reverend John W. Caster remains at Florida Hospital. He has experienced some improvement during the past week, however, he remains in serious condition. Please pray for him, his wife, Lynda, and their son, Donald, as they watch over him.



Coffee Hour

Every Sunday after worship services, as most of you know, we get together as a congregation to socialize over coffee and a snack in the Fellowship Hall. We do this most Sundays and need many hands to continue this. Each week coffee hour is hosted by a member of the Bright Spirits team or by one of the ministry teams. If you haven't yet signed up to help host a coffee hour or better yet become one of our *Bright Spirits*, please consider it. Once you've done it, you will see how easy it is. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. See you after church!

HOSTING A COFFEE HOUR - FAQs

What food and drink do I provide or prepare?

In coordination with the *Bright Spirits* leader, cookies are suggested (Some members provide

other selections of foods, **but it is not required**). Make regular and decaf coffee, ice tea, and lemon aide.

Who are the *Bright Spirits* members and can I be one?

Currently, the members are Maggie Andersen and Megan Hall, Lynda Caster, Fran (and Merle) Crum, Orma Moon, and Rosalyn (and Charles) Pugh. You can find their phone numbers on the sign-up sheet. Fortunately, we have plenty room on our member list and if you would like to join this group, please see Lynda Caster.

How many people should I expect at coffee hour?

A guesstimate is 60-80. Numbers vary with the day and season, with fewer coming during the summer months.

What supplies are provided and where are they?

Coffee, tea, sugar, and creamer are in the kitchen cabinets which are labeled. The pitchers for the cold drinks and serving plates are also in the cabinets. Paper cups and plates and napkins are in the pantry.

How do I set up in Fellowship Hall?

Put out paper supplies, food, drinks, etc. on serving tables

What time should I come to Fellowship Hall?

An hour before church starts is about the right amount of time to make the coffee and cold drinks and to put the snacks on serving plates. Towards the end of the church service (usually at the last hymn) come to the Fellowship Hall to serve.

What about clean up?

Pretty much what you would expect – put all unused paper products away, wash and dry any serving dishes/pitchers, unplug the hot plates, bag the garbage and take it to the green dumpster, and wipe down the serving tables. Any food that is left over should be taken home.

Where do I sign up to volunteer to host a Coffee Hour?

A calendar is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall where you can sign up for an open date that you would like. Please call the *Bright Spirits* member (the phone number is posted) to coordinate that day's snacks.



From the Desk of the Moderator

Zephyrhills Festival of Lights Parade

Join us December 3, as we welcome participants in the annual Zephyrhills Festival of Lights Parade. Presbyterian Women will provide light refreshments for the participants as they line up for the parade and return to their vehicles. We need donations of cookies, either store-bought or homemade. This is one of our outreaches into the local community.

December Gathering

On December 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. you are invited to our December gathering. It will be a Time for Tea. Bring a tea cup and if you have a tea pot, that too! Light refreshments will be served. At this time, we will also receive our Thank Offering. Won't you join us for a break from the bustle of the season as we prepare for the birth of our Lord?

Fall Bazaar Updated

The Fall Bazaar was very successful. I am hesitant to start naming those folks who worked so hard, so my apologies to anyone I forgot. Thank you to my right-hand person on this event Kay Haas, who also heads crafts and her crew (crafts), Harriet Headworth and her crew (plants), Sharon Harmsen and her crew (baked goods), Grace Huntley and her crew (cookie walk), Rebecca Rognas and her crew (kitchen/lunch), and Maggie Andersen as Treasurer. Thank you to Mark Freeman and the youth group who set-up and then bussed the tables and Tina Hannold (along with Tom) on publicity. And thank you to all who made and contributed items and to those who came and bought them.

50th Anniversary Cookbook, First Presbyterian Church

Looking for that last minute Christmas gift? Do you need something special for your favorite niece, the person who looks after your house while you're gone, your hairdresser, or that hard-to-buy for person? Look no further! The 50th Anniversary Cookbook will delight any cook, no matter what his or her skill level in the kitchen is. The cookbooks are available for sale after worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will help offset the cost to those women wishing to attend the Churchwide Gathering.

Circle Meetings

Our circles have begun meeting to study *Confessing the Beatitudes*. It's not too late for you to join us as each lesson is self contained. The Circles meet at 10:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

Churchwide Gathering

The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held in Orlando from July 18 through July 22, 2012. The registration booklet and scholarship application can be downloaded at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pwgathering>. Online registration begins this month or you can mail your registration beginning in January. If you would like more information or plan to go, please talk with Lynda Caster.

May you be blessed with the Peace of Christ in this most joyous season.

Lynda Caster, Moderator



Senior Singles.

The Single Seniors met on the 13th and 20th of November. On December 4, we are going to the Word of Life in Hudson for their Christmas Show and Dinner. Because of the Holidays, some people will be traveling. Our only meeting in December will be the 11th. Our aim for 2012 will be to become more active socially, and we hope you will join us.

Audrell Howard

Food Pantry

Once again in November the count was high for the families being served from the Food Pantry. 88 received food and other items, 13 were new. We thank you for your generous response for Pasta Sauce and Spaghetti, and for the good supply of Ramen Noodles we received. For December, we are asking for 18oz jars of peanut butter and jelly. If you use these items you know the price has risen. Since kids will be out of school a good part of December, we thought these were two items the families could really use. Whether your support comes in the form of food items, cash, or gift cards, it is always appreciated and does help with our budget. Seven families in this area received food baskets for Thanksgiving. Seven other families will receive food baskets for Christmas; and the names of the children from these seven families will be on the "Bell Tree" located in the Narthex by the first week of December. We appreciate your willingness to work with us on these projects that represent our Church in this community. If you have any questions, please see any of us.

Your Deacons.



Supper Club to meet on **Saturday, December 10 at Boston Cooker in Spring Hill. Address: 5375 Spring Hill Dr. Spring Hill, FL 34606 Directions: 1 block east of U.S. 19 on Spring Hill Dr. RSVP to Sue Reffit (788-5633) by Noon on Thursday, December 8.**



Nellie M Neighbors

February 9, 1924

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May 12, 2011



Happy Birthday



04	Richard Beiling	11	Ruth Mullen
05	Shirley Aue	14	Don Edwards
06	Edna Martinson	24	Tiffany Kirk
07	Holly Neiswender	27	Betty Jean Harrison
09	Jane Carr	29	Luella Saunders
09	Yvonne Daume	30	Bob Hill



Happy Anniversary



05	Charles and Rosalyn Pugh	58 Years
10	Michael and Robyn Kirk	12 Years
12	John and Joni Roberts	30 Years
15	Pat and Janette Madigan	27 Years
19	Stoy and Yvonne Daume	47 Years
22	Edward and Margaret Sykes	33 Years
23	Ivan and Betty Jean Harrison	67 Years
29	John and Marcy Miller	50 Years
30	Bruce and Lea Torrey	61 Years

