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Monthly Newsletter of San Mateo Presbyterian Church, San Mateo, FL

June 2016

Letter from the Choir Director

I am a fifth generation member of the San Mateo Presbyterian Church. Many members are actually family, but all of the members feel like family. I have been an ordained elder since about 1977. I have taught Sunday School since maybe the early 70's.

As a child, I sang in the choir. I really wasn't a singer, but I loved music. Probably about the late 1970's I started directing the choir. Anne Crosby would play the piano or Ruth Richter the organ. It was hard for either one of them to direct and play, so I started directing----not because I knew what I was doing, but because I could tell the choir members when to stand up and sit down!!!

The choir has been such a blessing to me. We are a small family within the larger family of the church. I have done Christmas Cantatas for many years now. I always host a Christmas dinner in late September or early October. At this dinner, I give them their cantata music and we begin practicing. Such fun!

The choir takes a break during the summer months, and we just have special music each Sunday. For the past several years, Ginger Knox has hosted a steak cook out for the choir at Flagler Beach some time the end of May. I have always felt that being able to socialize increases the closeness that we all share.

Anyone who loves music and loves to sing is welcome to join us. Most of our choir members do not read music, they just sing from their hearts----and I believe the Lord loves them!!!

Sincerely,
Lulu Gail

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing."

June Happenings

Last month I shared that you may become involved in the Session and Committees. Below are listed dates and times of meetings.

Wednesday 1 All are invited.

Sunday School Fiesta Pool Party, 5-9p @ Charlie & Mary Baird's house on Central Ave in San Mateo. Swimming, Walking Tacos, Photo Booth & Popsicles! Wear your bathing suit & bring a towel.

Contact: Amy Poupore 386-937-2956

Saturday 4 SEW Day

all are invited to come make items for the Women's Group to sell. 10-2 Bring a lunch. Machine an advantage but not needed. Please call to confirm before heading to the church. Contact: Leslie Mullins 803-422-0532

Sunday 5

9:15 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School Study Acts. Contact Candy Tilton 386-325-3553
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Weezie/Janie)

Congregational Meeting

Session Meeting in Potter's House after service.

Tuesday 7

Presbyterian Women meet in the Potter's House conference room at 10:30 a.m.
Contact Sandi Carle 386-972-5177

Saturday 11 10:30 a.m. Bread of Life work day.
Contact Candy Tilton 386-325-3553

Sunday 12

9:15 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School Study Acts contact Candy Tilton 386-325-3553
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Jane and LuluGail)

***Fellowship lunch immediately after service.
Bring a side dish to go with the chicken 😊***

Tuesday 14

Mission Evangelism Fellowship Committee meeting 5:30 Potter's House
Christian Education Committee meeting 6:30 Potter's House

Sunday 19

9:15 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Peggy)

Worship committee meeting after service.
Contact: Lynnwood 386-546-2186
6:00 p.m. Youth dinner / movie night.

Sunday 26

9:15 a.m. Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sandi / Sabrina)



Fellowship luncheon on Mother's Day – I found four generations sitting together.

Newsletter Information

Please send in any announcements, information or photos, etc., to Leslie notfrom17here@yahoo.com

Committee News

Session

- Session meeting is scheduled for after worship service June 5

Presbyterian Women

- meeting is June 7 @ 10:30 a.m. Sandi Carle is the contact 386-972-5177
- Sew Saturday will be held from 10 – 2 on the first Saturday of the month. Come join us as we make fun items to sell. There is something for everyone to do.

Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship

- Bread of Life will be June 11. Candy Tilton is the contact.

Next Meeting will be June 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Potter's House.
Contact is Sabrina 386-972-9021

Christian Ed

- Pray for our kids while at Camp Montgomery this summer!
- 6/12-15: Anslee Wells
- 6/19-24: Colby & Hunter Poupore, Zoe & Bailey Brown, Christina Ayala, Jaiden & Joey Michael, Caelyn Wells, Tucker Eubanks
- 6/26 - 7/1: Ashlee Wright, Ashton Kenyon
- Next Meeting June 14, 6:30 p.m. Potter's House. Amy Poupore is the contact.

Worship Committee

- Worship Committee meetings will be the 3rd Sunday of the month after the service. June 19th is the next meeting. Lynwood Timberlake (386-546-2186) is the contact if you would like to become involved.

Devotional –

Living with Faith, Pastor Alice Warness (as printed in the Sun Tribune April 5, 2016)

I am a perpetual people watcher. I like to observe what others are doing and wonder why they are doing it. This trait bothers my youngest daughter to no end, but it hasn't stopped me. Lately, I have been noticing that blaming other people for things is an ongoing practice for many people.

For example, I witnessed a young man being pulled over for speeding and he said to the policeman that it wasn't his fault because he had to keep up with the flow of traffic. The officer pointed out that the speed limit sign said 25 mph not "you must go as fast as the other cars." The kid was issued a ticket. This blame game has been going on for a long time now. In Genesis 3:12-13, God asked Adam why he ate the apple after he had been told not to.

Adam said; "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

Then the Lord said to the woman: "What is this that you have done?" The woman said: "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Wow, Adam blamed Eve and implied that it was all her fault. He should have admitted that he had the choice not to eat the apple but gave in to the juicy and sweet flavor.

In life we always have a choice and we need to make choices that we can stand by.

In all fairness, Eve didn't do much better. Her excuse was that the serpent (devil) deceived her. She forgot to mention that the serpent just told her a really nice story about how she could eat the fruit and be like God. She made the choice to believe him.

Blame is also known as *passing the buck*. We don't want to be responsible for the things we do so we hand off the responsibility to another person.

I have had parents blame me for their student's bad grade when, in fact, the student didn't do the assignments.

Somehow, blaming someone else makes these people feel better, but it doesn't change the truth. They are still the ones who are responsible.

The Bible agrees with this. Proverbs 21:2 says: "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart."

We all know in our hearts when we are not completely in the right. We also know that this isn't what God wants us to do.

God wants us to take responsibility for our actions and do what is right for ourselves and others. Blame is a form of dishonesty that isn't healthy.

When God told us not to lie, he also meant for us to be honest with ourselves. If you do something wrong, say so. Think about your choices and stand behind the ones you choose to make.

That way you can make things right and be the person that god meant for you to be.



Quilt of Valor Presentation

May 8, 2016

**Thank you for your
service Jeremy Garrett.**

**Dad (Arlie) giving his
son a big hug!**

I wanted to thank you and everyone involved with the quilt project for my beautiful new quilt. I am really enjoying it so far (you told me to use it, so I am). I will always treasure it and feel proud when I look at it. Please let everyone know how grateful I am for their efforts. Thanks again and hope to see you soon next time I'm up.

Thanks,

Jeremy Garrett

Dear Congregation of SMPC,

In the Presbyterian Church, elders are chosen by the people and have the duty, individually and jointly to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. As many of you know, the elders met in a Stated Session Meeting today and we had a very uncomfortable and difficult decision to make. As a session, we are responsible for the business and "health" of our church. It is with regret and thanksgiving that we send this to our congregation.

After prayerful consideration, the session took action today, May 15, 2016, to dissolve our contract with Pastor Larry Hadrava Jr. Given the contract includes a 30 day notice, the session also agreed to pay Larry for the next 30 days and to provide four weeks paid leave which is beyond what is contractually required to do.

Let us all join in grateful thanks for Pastor Larry's ministry at SMPC. He has loved and comforted us during our times of pain and sorrow, and celebrated with us in our times of joy. He is loved and will be missed. May we all come together in prayer for Larry, Leah, their family and the church family of SMPC. The ultimate source of all encouragement is the fact that God is love, and He loves us and has a perfect plan for us.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Please contact any session member should you have questions to ask or concerns to share.

Peace in Christ,

The Session of San Mateo Presbyterian Church

Amy Poupore

Janie Register

Weezie Smith

Frank Crosby

Arlie Garrett

Tim Houghtaling

Lynwood Timberlake