



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church

Valdosta, GA

February 2020



## First Family News

### WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE



As most of you know, I am passionate about creative worship experiences—enhanced through music, art and drama, silence, and other ways of engaging God’s holy presence. You see, I am convinced that the good news of Christ’s redemptive power remains the same from generation to generation, but the ways in which we communicate the good news must be ever-changing. Over the past six months, this conviction has guided me to explore how we might adapt our Wednesday night program to welcome more people. With some tweaks, might our Wednesday night program become another worship service? More contemporary in nature? More inviting to people of all ages?

My research led me to the idea of a Wednesday Welcome Table. And with the blessing of Session, we are going to give it a try during Lent. Then at the end of our experiment, we will assess the results. If it does not make a positive impact in the life of the church, we may chalk it up to a good experience and let it go. If it holds promise, however, we may consider adopting the model in August when we return from our summer break.

Allow me to share the premise of Wednesday Welcome Table which will start Ash Wednesday, February 26 in the Fellowship Hall. While we will meet each week from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., our last Wednesday Welcome Table will occur on a Thursday (Maundy Thursday, to be exact). We will share a meal much as we do now, but after people get their food, worship will begin. It will be participatory in nature—not preaching so much as exploring Scripture together. The service will include contemporary music played on the piano and guitar and each service will end with Communion by Intinction.

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Concerning the menu, let’s get creative. Instead of the food being catered, teams of 2-4 people will provide a variety of dishes—think potato bar—taco bar—healthy southern fare—the sky is the limit. Ray Chitty and Bart Greer have already signed up to make something tasty. Bryan, Sissy, Kinney and I are making plans for Hoppin’ John Stew with loads of fixings. I will be recruiting other teams to prepare food as well. (Note: to be reimbursed for your ingredients, just turn in your receipts along with the appropriate form located in the church office.)

Please be in prayer about participating in Wednesday Welcome Table—in whatever way you choose. Also, consider inviting friends and neighbors. This is going to be loads of fun. Really!

Blessings,  
Dr. Glenda

*The Mission of First Presbyterian Church is to celebrate God’s grace and to share Christ’s love through worship, study, and service.*

## FIRST FRIDAY CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE & PUB THEOLOGY



Why is it that everything fun is happening the February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>? The Father Daughter Valentine Dance, the First Friday Contemplative Service AND Pub Theology are scheduled for the same weekend. You may remember that we did not have a First Friday Contemplative Service in January and since people in the community routinely attend the service, it seems unwise to cancel it another month. In addition, we continue to have community involvement for Pub Theology—which is, of course, our goal. With all this in mind, Kinney and I plan to provide leadership for both events so that everyone else can assist with the Father Daughter Valentine Dance. We do, however, look forward to greeting at the first dance Saturday night. Now, I need to start practicing guitar—it's been a while.

Blessings,  
DrGlenda

## ASH WEDNESDAY



At an Ash Wednesday service, our foreheads are marked with ashes in a cross-shaped sign, and we hear the words: “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The ashes are meant to remind us of the brevity of life and our need for confession and pardon. The sign of the cross is meant to remind us of our baptism. These powerful symbols help lead us into Lent—a season which invites us to ponder the depths of God’s love as well as God’s will for us in the world.

Make plans to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Since this marks the beginning of Lent and the beginning of the Wednesday Welcome Table, it is sure to be a special time of fellowship and worship that you do not want to miss.

## memorials, honorariums & gifts to Break Bread Together or FPC

### Gifts to Break Bread Together and First Presbyterian Church

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
Jerry & Norene Bennett  
Mary Corbitt  
Tommy Thomas  
Father John Kennedy Council 4913

In Memory of Buddy Johnson  
Eve Renfroe

In Memory of Owen D. Harris  
Mike & Martha Dover

In Memory of Harold George  
Walter & Laura Elliott

Dee Dee Girardin  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Gilpatrick  
Ernie & Sheryl Cooper  
Roxanne Brown  
Dick & Jane Shelton  
Kathleen Moss  
Mary Davis  
Harriette Hall  
Bion & Jenny Williams  
Bill & Lani Haddock  
Pat & Joe Cordova  
Fred & Pam Landrum  
Dennis Clements  
Holly & Donald Wilson  
Linda King

David & Becky Lucas  
Vallye Blanton  
Debbie McLeod  
Joe & Bernie Parks  
Ben & Jan Blanton  
Lisa & Tim Williams  
Lamar & Florence Cole  
Alice McDuffie  
Grady Folsom  
Maria & John Vick  
Mark & Sherrida Crawford  
Eve Renfroe  
The Clanton Family  
Park & Joy Young & Family  
Reggie & Frances Ramsey  
Phil & Cathy Alday  
Tom & Merry Jo Kurrie  
Bryan & Sissy Almand  
Vickie & James Byrd  
In Honor of Dr. Glenda & Kinney Hollingshead  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Jane & Dick Shelton  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Dr. Donna Gosnell  
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In Honor of Beth Mathis  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Katie Altman  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Sabina Bennett  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Kim Dudley & Family  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Sissy & Bryan Almand  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Sherrida & Mark Crawford  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Florence & Lamar Cole  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Conner Thomson  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Sue & Tom Miller  
Eve Renfroe  
In Honor of Barbara & Chuck Williamson  
Sissy & Bryan Almand  
In Honor of Nancy & Bill Williamson  
Sissy & Bryan Almand  
In Honor of Rev. Jim & Susan Elliott  
Walter & Laura Elliott

Confirmation Class is meeting at  
9:45 a.m. each Sunday  
in the New Ventures Classroom

Sunday Breakfast 9:30 a.m.  
Generations of Faith /Ladies Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 11:00 a.m.	3 Circle #1 3:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall	4	5 Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Supper and Study 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	6	7  First Friday Contemplative Service 5:30 p.m. 	8  Pub Theology 2 p.m. Georgia Beer Co. 
9 Worship 11:00 a.m.  Friends out Front	10	11 Circle #2 6:30 p.m. At the home of Jenny Williams	12 Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Supper and Study 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	13  Coffeehouse Office Hours 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	14	15
16 Worship 11:00 a.m.  Session Meeting 12:00 p.m.	17 DrGlenda Study Leave	18 DrGlenda Study Leave	19 Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Supper and Study 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. DrGlenda Study Leave	20 DrGlenda Study Leave	21 DrGlenda Study Leave	22 DrGlenda Study Leave
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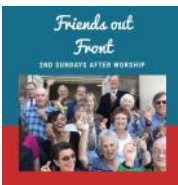
## CALLING ALL FOODIES

Do you have the gift of hospitality? Do you enjoy cooking? If so, consider being a part of a team to prepare food for our Wednesday Welcome Table worship experience during Lent. You choose the menu. You choose the week and your team members. (Perhaps, consider 2-4 people to assist you.) Then prepare a delicious meal for folks to enjoy. Seven teams are needed and since two teams have already signed up, we only need to cover five more meals. (Receipts may be turned in to the office for reimbursement of ingredients.) Contact Dr. Glenda if you are interested.



## FRIENDS OUT FRONT

Have you been thinking about inviting a friend to church? If so, consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month when we gather after worship for lemonade and cookies. It's the perfect opportunity for new folks to get to know us and for us to get to know them.



## GENERATIONS OF FAITH

If you are not currently attending Sunday School, try Generations of Faith. Or perhaps you have a child or young person in your life who might enjoy attending Sunday School with people of ALL ages. If so, consider inviting them to join you. We begin with a light breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with class starting at 9:45 a.m. Currently, we are exploring a vocabulary of faith through interesting videos, group discussions, interactive options, and spiritual deepening through meditation and journaling. See! There is something for everyone. This is an exciting opportunity for us to use our resources wisely and to grow a vibrant Christian Education program at FPC. But only you can make that possible!



## February birthdays

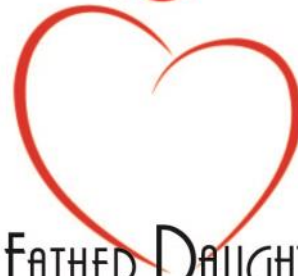
03 Katherine Phelps  
15 Alice McDuffie  
19 Betty Lloyd

## February anniversaries

18 Walter & Laura Elliott  
23 Troy & Dawn Toth

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24<sup>th</sup>  
Annual



FATHER DAUGHTER

Valentine Dance

VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 7TH-8TH, 2020

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

JAMES H. RAINWATER CONFERENCE CENTER

\$20.00 per person

Tickets on sale Jan. 10th online at:

[www.FatherDaughterDance.org](http://www.FatherDaughterDance.org)

For information call (229) 460-5183



## FATHER DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE

Preparations are being made for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Father-Daughter Valentine Dance, and your help is needed. For more information, forms are available on the Narthex table or outside the church office. Thank you for your participation!

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