
WOODLAWN WINDOW

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Dear Friends,

It is a beautiful Florida day.

I look out my window at the beaches and waterfront parks and see dogs racing in the dog run and teams playing on the Kids N' Kubs ball field. Children are swooshing on the swings in the playground. Young people are challenging one another across the beach volleyball nets. Tennis players are hustling on the local courts. The sidewalks are full of people strolling, running, skateboarding, and bicycling, while others are carrying babies or walking their pets.

There is activity on the water, too, though there was more over the weekend when it was impossible to count the sailboats on the bay. Kiteboards were soaring with their massive, colorful sails that pull riders through the water and lift them to acrobatic heights. There were swimmers in the bay, though there were more children splashing in the waves. To really see life in the water, though, I must go to the beachfront to see the bay's natural life—the dolphins, mullets, manatees, and horseshoe crabs and to try to spot a manta ray or a hammerhead shark.

I am looking out at two worlds—the worlds of land and sea—two very different worlds!

It brings to mind the opening of a song recorded more than fifty years ago by Don Rondo. It was a top-twenty tune in 1956—Two different worlds, We live in two different worlds...

In St. Petersburg, more than most places in the country, those two worlds come together. The young are particularly divided between those who devote themselves to beachside activities such as sunbathing or beach volleyball and those who crave activities that immerse them in the warm Florida waters. There are still others who love sea and shore alike. But however much we enjoy time on the water and however much we may love both worlds, we belong to only one. We are creatures of the land. We can adopt ourselves to the water world for a time, but we don't have gills or scales;

we don't have fins or dolphin tails. We have land-world lungs, hands, and feet.

As Floridians, we know both those worlds. As Christian beings, we also know two other worlds, the biblical worlds of flesh and spirit. We were born into the world of dust and ashes. We were sown as a physical body in the physical world, but we believe in a spiritual world and long to become a spiritual body in that spiritual world. Paul describes our predicament in Romans 7:25, saying: with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin. We have a promise that we will be raised to that world, but we do not yet live there.

Meanwhile, the view from my window reminds me of something further. I am watching a line of sandbars emerge from the water. It stretches nearly from Snell Isle to Vinoy Park. That sandbar reminds me that there is a third world—a small in-between world that belongs to land and sea alike. It is excluded from neither and encompasses both. At low tide it is part of the dry land; at high tide it is part of the sea. It is called the littoral or the intertidal zone.

I think that the littoral, intertidal world almost perfectly describes the world in which we live as Christians. That littoral world—that world in between—is broken into four subdivisions that offer a surprisingly helpful tool to measure our spiritual health.

There is the Splash Zone—it is close enough to the sea to be splashed by the water, but never gets immersed—like people touched by Jesus' teaching, but untouched by Christian faith.

There is the High Zone that is only touched by the water at the most extreme high tides—like people who are occasionally touched by Christ, but who are constantly touched by the world.

There is the Middle Zone, the biggest part of the littoral, that is under water half the time and



dry the other half—like people who cannot escape sin but who always try to walk with God.

Finally there is the Low Zone that is always immersed, except for the very lowest tides—like people who are not free of sin, but who belong, heart, soul, mind, and strength to the Lord.

The Low Zone of the littoral, exemplifies the holy zone of a faithful child of God. It represents the world I want to belong to until I can fully belong to the Lord's kingdom above.

Pastor John



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01 Zulema Groves
03/05 Barbara Kuhn
03/08 Mike Baker
03/13 Kay Leonard
03/19 Maria Adams
03/21 Brian Turini



**Whoever does not love,
does not know God, for God is love.**
1 John 4:8

FAITH COMMUNITY NEWS

*For everything there is a season... a time to weep,
and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to
dance, ... Ecclesiastes 1:4*

At my last Faith Community Nurse (FAN) meeting we had a hospice nurse speak about the importance of having an Advanced Medical Directive. An advance directive is important whether you're young or old. Injury or illness can strike at any age.



There are at least three areas to consider when putting together an advanced directive. One is, who will make health decisions for you if you are incapacitated. This person is also called a health surrogate. You need to trust this person and the person is willing to act for you. Another form is your wishes at the end of life – your living will – what your health surrogate and health providers need to know. It takes effect only when you can no longer express your wishes yourself.

One other form is whether you want CPR. The form must be on a yellow sheet of paper and is provided by your doctor. If you are at the end stage of your life and do not want to be resuscitated, this form must be completed.

Talking about the end of your life and about the care you want can be an anxious time. Some of the stress at this time can be relieved if you talk with family and your doctor beforehand. Baycare.org/advance-medical-directive gives you information to help you. If you would like a copy of BayCare's form (one page, both sides) you can call the Faith Community Nurse office 727-825-1709, ask for Andrea, and she would be happy to send you the form.

Wendy Siedlecki RN
Faith Community Nurse.

**HAVE YOU REMEMBERED
THE CHURCH
IN YOUR WILL?**

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Spring is just around the corner! Time for some spring cleaning? When I was a youngster, this was typically the time of year when things that didn't get regularly cleaned got some much-needed attention. Maybe the garage got cleaned out from all the detritus of winter, the porches got a good scrubbing down and hosing off, and the leftover leaves from last fall got raked up. Inside, the floors got stripped and a new coat of wax applied, the kitchen cabinets got vacuumed out, the stove was pulled out of its place and the area cleaned, and the refrigerator was also pulled out and the coils on the back vacuumed, as well as the floor underneath.



Churches need spring cleaning, too. Since our custodian is hired to work only ten hours per week, there are many areas of the church that we, the church members, must clean ourselves, or hire someone to do it on an as needed basis. Example: the vinyl tile floor beneath the pews in the sanctuary needs to be swept and mopped. The pew cushions need to be vacuumed and repaired, if needed. The pews themselves need to be wiped down and a coat of wood polish applied.

There are many other areas that need a little attention. We have several rooms in the church that need to be de-cluttered and spruced up. The chairs in Fellowship Hall need a good cleaning.

The chairs in both conference rooms could be cleaned also, as well as the tables in all these rooms. These are just a few examples. I'm sure there are other places in the church that need cleaning, too.

In order to address this need, we will soon organize a general clean-up day, maybe even a couple. Saturdays seem the most likely day for this. Be listening for more information. We will aim to get it done before Easter.

On another note, last month's Woodlawn Window Admin article talked about the parking situation

around the church. A solution we have reached is this: On Sunday mornings, if you are

able-bodied and don't have a mobility issue, park in the grassy lot to the east of the church. Please reserve the parking spaces behind the church, in front of Hutchinson Hall, for those who do have limited mobility. Reliance church has agreed this is a first step in solving our parking issues. If parking issues continue, we will take further measures to alleviate these problems.

The best way to communicate a problem with parking, building maintenance issues and special requests is by filling out a "pink slip" and turning it in to the church office or a member of the Administrative Committee. The pink slips may be found in Fellowship Hall or in the church office.

The members of the Committee are: Mike Baker, Chairperson; Mary Lee King; Doreen Means; Bill Tinsley.

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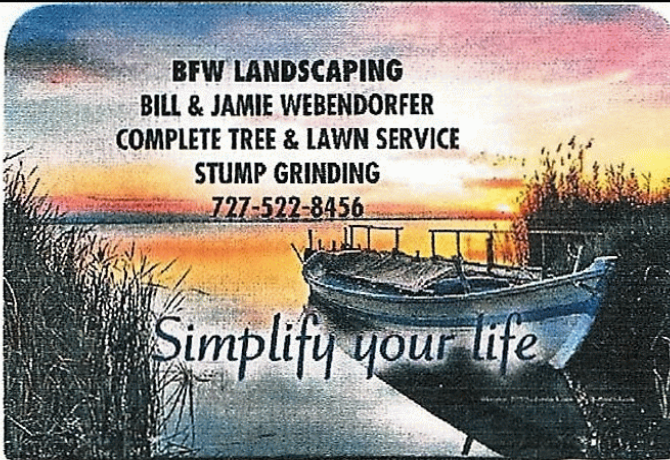
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JANUARY OFFICE REPORT

Contributions:		Attendance:
1/5	\$3430.04	60
1/12	\$3706.00	67
1/19	\$1912.50	60
1/27	\$1156.75	65
	\$10,205.29	Avg. 63

SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

03/01	COMMUNION 10:00 A.M. 1st SUNDAY IN LENT
03/08	2nd SUNDAY IN LENT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
03/10	WOMEN'S CIRCLE 6:00 P.M. Covered dish and Bible Study
03/12	LUNCH BUNCH OUTBACK 11:30
03/14	BOOK CLUB Time and location to be announced
03/15	3rd SUNDAY IN LENT
03/17	7:00 A.M. – 7:P.M. Presidential Preference Primary/Municipal Election
03/20	Free BINGO 6:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall
03/22	4th SUNDAY IN LENT
03/29	5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



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FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Soaper Bowl of Caring lunch was a great success. Thanks to everyone who brought in soup, bread, and cookies and for your donations to support our local agencies helping those in need. We raised almost \$600. Session will decide where the money will go. Thank you for your generosity. You will touch many lives. Thank you to everyone who helped to set up for the event and stayed to clean up.



Plan to join us for supper – sausage, eggs, and pancakes – on Ash Wednesday at 5:30 PM followed by the Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Look for the sign-up sheet for supper in Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Committee: Eva Barker, Helen Donovan, Freda Melody, Jane Orts, Wendy Siedlecki, Chairman

THANKS!

Our thanks to the Fellowship Committee for all they do each and every Sunday to make our Fellowship after Church Service a great time to get to know each other better.

The Editor



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In Remembrance

Amy Masarek

The church office received word from Amy's daughter that her mother passed recently.

Amy Masarek was 82, when she joined her Lord on January 27, 2020.

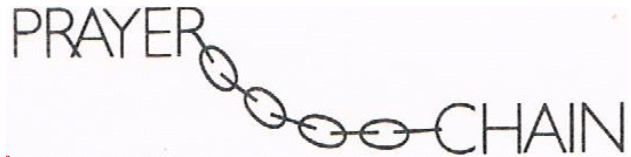
Amy was ordained an elder January 19, 1997, actively serving on Session Classes of 1999 and 2002. Among other volunteer hours, she helped weekly with missions, sorting clothing and mending if needed. She participated in the Evening Praise and Prayer group.

After her husband died, Amy moved to Alabama to be closer to family. Though she was removed from membership by Session in 2006, there are those here at Woodlawn that remember her with great affection.

Amy is survived by her daughter, Karyl, and son, Jonathan.

"I am the resurrection and the life."

John 11:25



In need of prayers for yourself or others? We have a very active prayer chain (completely confidential). Contact the church office, 822-4477, to add a name to the list.

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to welcome admiring visitors and
answer questions you may have.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David and Maria Adams were presented
by Pastor John and received into membership
by Reaffirmation of Faith on January 12, 2020.

To My Woodlawn Friends,

Your get well cards, phone calls and
most definitely your prayers have made all
the difference in my recent recovery from
foot surgery in January. I have been blessed
by your flow of positive thoughts and love.

Thank you so very much,

Janie Hodgson



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Zulema Groves
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STUDY LED BY JIM WOOD.

YOUR KINDNESS IS APPRECIATED

Dear Woodlawn Family,

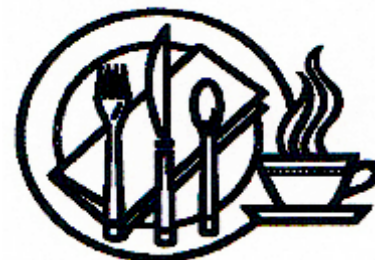
You must have known!!

I was having chills the day that wonderfully warm
wrap arrived.

It felt so good and looked so much better than the
"horse blanket" I had been wearing.

Thanks.
Jane Ellis

LUNCH BUNCH



2nd THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT:
OUTBACK
1900 4TH ST. N.
11:30 A.M.
(NOTE - TIME CHANGE)

LUNCH BUNCH SCHEDULE FOR 2020

(2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 11:30 A.M.)

MARCH 12TH OUTBACK: 1900 4TH ST. N.

APRIL 9TH CHEDDARS 4101 PARK BLVD., P. PK.

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NOV. 12TH 4TH ST. SHRIMP STORE 1006 4TH ST. N.

DEC. 10TH HARVEY'S 3121 4TH ST. N.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE



The Evening Women's Circle will meet on March 10, 2020 at 6 PM. We will be studying the New Horizon Bible Study entitled, "Love Carved In Stone, A Look at the Ten Commandments."

We begin with a covered dish supper at 6 PM and the Bible Study begins at about 7 PM finishing at 8 PM.

Please join us for fellowship and a lively discussion of the lesson. All women are invited and welcome.

MISSIONS



COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee has been made an ad hoc committee of the Session. All the former functions of the committee continue under the leadership of the Elders currently serving on the Session. We are still collecting and distributing clothes for CASA and Day Star.

Joe Orts is continuing to oversee our regular Food and Toy Drives at Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Easter we ask for gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing and at Christmas we ask for gifts for the Joy Gift.

More information will be given to you in the annual report.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Session.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

What Is The Most Important Thing A Follower Of Jesus Should DO?...

Tell People About Jesus and Salvation and God's Good News?

Provide Support (Shelter, Nurture, Fellowship, etc.) for the Children of God?

Attend and Support the Worship of God in Your Church, In Your Community, and In Your Home?

Be a Witness for God's Truth, Standing Up For What is Right and What Is True?

Promote Social Justice and Righteousness In Our Community and In The World?

Show the World the Way of the Kingdom of God by the Personal Example of Our Life?

(Something to think about. Where do you fit into this list? Is there something else you feel is a better fit for you?)

**Others may do a greater work,
But you have your part to do;**

**And no one in all God's heritage
Can do it so well as you.**

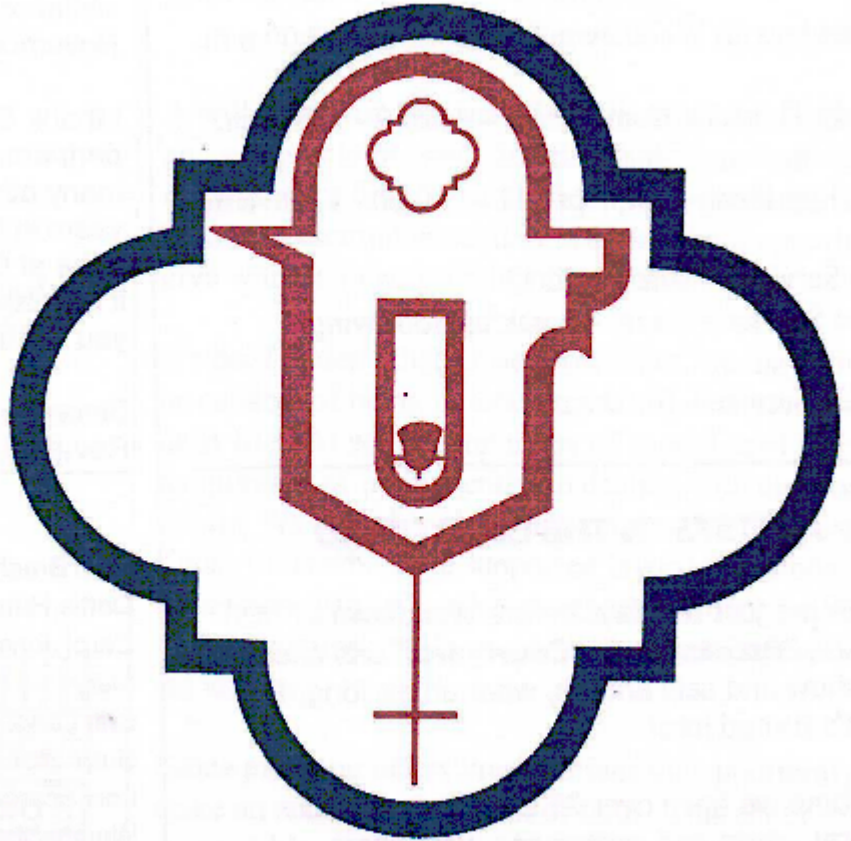
**HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO
COME TO CHURCH WITH YOU?**

"For with the Heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM WORSHIP 1st SUNDAY in LENT COMMUNION	2 10:30 AM Ladies Small Grp., Fellowship Hall	3	4 9:00 AM Fellowship Cmte. 10:00 AM -11:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study, F. Hall 7:00 PM -8:30 PM Eating Disorders Support Grp., Confr. Rm. B	5 4:30 PM CHOIR	6 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	7
8 10:00 AM WORSHIP 2nd SUNDAY in LENT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	9 4:00 PM DEADLINE for WW NEWSLETTER	10 6:00 AM Women's Dinner Circle & Bible Study	11 10:00 AM -11:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study, F. Hall 7:00 PM -8:30 PM Eating Disorders Support Grp., Confr. Rm. B	12 11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH 4:30 PM CHOIR	13	14 BOOK CLUB, for time and location check with Bert or Jeanne Decker
15 10:00 AM WORSHIP 3rd SUNDAY in LENT	16	17 7:00 AM -7:00 PM Presidential Preference Primary & Municipal Election 9:00 AM ADMIN. CMTE., CONFR. ROOM A	18 10:00 AM -11:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study, F. Hall 7:00 PM -8:30 PM Eating Disorders Support Grp., Confr. Rm. B	19 4:30 PM CHOIR	20 6:30 PM 3rd FRIDAY BINGO, Fellowship Hall	21
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