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Tidings

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From the Pastor



Hello and Happy Thanksgiving!

We all have so much to be thankful for here at Bayshore Presbyterian!

And I, for sure, have much - much to be thankful for! A family of six children, sixteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren with another on the way! (There may be one or two more on the way I don't yet even know about!) Beyond this, Ted and I are blessed with a caring and loving extended family and fun and thoughtful friends, both here in Tampa and in Lakeland.

The biggest blessing to come into our lives these past few months is being asked to serve as your part-time Stated Supply Pastor for this coming year! You are a very special congregation and I am blessed and privileged to serve you and to serve our Lord in this place!

I am technologically challenged (to say the least!) and totally uncreative. Therefore, I am doubly blessed to have Linda Peach working as our Assistant here in the church office on Tuesday-Thursday, from 9:30-3:30. Come by and say hello to Linda when you get a chance! You will thoroughly enjoy meeting her! All committee folks should feel free to call on her when you have a need! Also, please share your news with her frequently so that she can get the word out for you when you need it!

We will share our thanks in a circle of thanksgiving at service this Sunday, November 20. Ted and I then leave for his younger son's home on the marsh about 45 miles south of Savannah to be with all our family for the Thanksgiving holiday. You're on your own Sunday, November 27! (I'm sure you'll do just fine!) I look forward to rejoining you for worship the following Sunday!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Celie

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We give thanks to the Lord who is good and whose love is everlasting.

We thank God for the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors.

We thank God for human life; for talking and moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying.

We thank God for work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor;
for exchanges of good humor and encouragement.

We thank God for family; for living together and eating together;
for family amusements and family pleasures.

We thank God for children; for their energy and curiosity;
for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies.

We thank God for the young; for their high hopes; for their search for freedom;
for their solemn vows.

We thank God for growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience;
for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing.

We thank God for your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases;
for preserving us in temptation and danger.

We thank God for the church into which we have been called;
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord.

We praise you, God for His Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and
love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship.

We praise you, God, above all for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again
for our salvation; for our hope in Him; and for the joy of serving Him.

We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us! Amen!



Upcoming Events

November

- 17 Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland
20 **Thanksgiving Service – Stewardship Sunday**
Come and share your thanks!
27 **First Sunday of Advent – Service of Music and Prayer**
Hanging of the Greens! – Stay and help decorate our beautiful church!
29 Session Meeting

December

- 4 **Second Sunday of Advent , First Sunday Lunch**
and Holy Communion
Congregational Meeting - following the service.
11 **Third Sunday in Advent – A grand service presented**
by the choir . Come be enriched by carols and hymns!
Christmas Luncheon at Pastor Celie's and Ted's -
right next door!

Birthdays

Cathy 11/14

Marcia 11/15

Tracy 11/15

Cecelia 11/23

Ann 12/1



SESSION RETREAT AT CEDARKIRK

On an absolutely beautiful day, October 22, your current session members and two additional elders and Pastor Cecelia Wilhite were lead through a wonderful day by Tampa Bay Presbytery Coach and Coordinator Patrice Hatley.

It was a day for fellowship, prayer, devotion, self-awareness and exploration and a day of visioning and dreaming, a day based on faith and on hope! All left inspired and with many tools to help us more effectively lead this grand congregation here at Bayshore Pres! If you get a chance to spend a day or just a morning or afternoon in the peace of Cedarkirk and the Alafia River, please take advantage of it! What a special gem in the crown of this Presbytery!

Our Grounds

Andrew Wiltshire completes Eagle Scout project at Bayshore Presbyterian Church.

On October 10, 2017 Andrew and his family removed all the old stumps and tree roots along the west side of the church. This was the most challenging part of the entire project and took a lot of time and energy.



Andrew selected a very colorful plant pallet that looks great next to the newly painted church. He used plants with a variety of foliage colors as well as colorful flowers. Hibiscus, Blue Daze, Golden Dewdrop and Loropetalum to adorn the west side of the church.



On Saturday, October 15th, Andrew, his family and fellow scouts showed up to install the new plants, irrigation and mulch. Fellow scouts included Kyle, Ryan, Tyler, Jake, Mathew, Connor, Nicolas and Patti. Family members Lauren, Bob, Carson, Andrew and Lisa also lent a helping hand. As big as this project was, he appreciated all of the help.



Our Grounds

Continued



Trees
Were trimmed
resulting in a
much improved
view!



Our Missions

Sunday - 11/20/16

We will again be sharing our blessings with Metropolitan Ministries this Thanksgiving.

Most needed items:

Turkey – Margaret D. has graciously agreed to purchase frozen turkeys and deliver them. You can make your cash donation to Margaret D. or to Debi P.

Ham
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Stuffing

As we are blessed we can bless others!



Always needed:
Cereal
Canned Meats
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Canned Beans

Our Caring Hearts

Ron stopped by the church on a Sunday with a need. He was trying to get home Rochester, NY. He needed food and gas money. Several wonderful ladies of our church helped Ron with a gas and food card.

Ron called the church after he reached home. He wanted the church to know he reached home safely and how much he deeply appreciated the generosity. Thank you for caring Bayshore!

Our House

Bayshore Presbyterian Church was pleased to host a meeting of Urban Pastors.

Thank you to all who helped!

