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LAUREL HILL SESSION MEETING

The Laurel Hill Session will meet on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

CRESTVIEW SESSION MEETING

The Crestview Session will meet on Monday, October 14, 2019. It will be held in the choir room at 6:30 p.m. Please have your reports submitted by Thursday, October 10..

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

This will be held on Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Men, see Louis Becker to sign up. Steak, baked potato, salad and dessert all for only \$12!



JUBILEE CIRCLE

Will meet Thursday, October 17. at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH POT LUCK

The next church Pot Luck will be Sunday, October 27. Bring a favorite side-dish and/or dessert to share.



Look forward to seeing y'all there. Carolyn Ward will be decorating.

CHOIR PRACTICE
 Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30. We are beginning to prepare for this year's Lessons and Carols service. If you feel you cannot make a long-term commitment to the choir but love to sing, plan to attend rehearsals from 7:00 – 7:45 to rehearse those particular anthems.



COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 13, our two congregations will gather to worship together at First Presbyterian Church. Worship will begin at 11:00. Our General Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Roy Martin will share worship leadership with Rev. Broadhead, and will provide the sermon. Lunch will be provided by Congregational Life.



SPECIAL DATES

October 6 Peace Offering
October 6 LH session
October 8 Men's Dinner
October 13 Combined Worship

October 14 CV Session
October 17 Jubilee Circle
October 27 Pot Luck

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THE MINISTER'S MUSINGS...

Dear Friends,

October has begun, and with it we hope to be the joyful recipients of some cooler weather and a little rain. It would be nice to have a reprieve from what has been a sweltering and very dry summer.

Refreshing temperatures. Rejuvenating rain. Such a hope and dream!

When will such a desire be fulfilled? Weather forecasters may offer some pretty good educated guesses. But in truth, only God knows.

Have you ever noticed that no matter what the weather is, there is often a wish for something different? In the summer we complain about the heat and wish for cooler days. In the winter we complain about the cooler temperatures we wished for in the summer and long for warmer weather.

It sometimes seems that contentment is a fleeting state. Part of the reason for this is the fact that we live in a society that is changing at an alarming rate. There seems to be an air of discontent no matter the topic.

If something doesn't meet "my" expectations, it is wrong and needs to be thrown out. If you don't agree with "me" you are wrong and you are now my enemy. If you don't like "my" political candidate or ideology, you are as dumb as a rock. If you don't believe like "I" do, you are going to hell.

There is a burgeoning trend toward isolationism. Stores and shops are closing because they are becoming "irrelevant." People now shop online. It's easier and takes much less time.

Libraries are closing because they are becoming "irrelevant." People now read books online, can download movies, can look up any topic through the Web.

Churches are closing every day because people believe religion is becoming "irrelevant." People observe judgmental and greedy behavior in some churches or church leaders and condemn all.

In my humble opinion, what people are actually seeking is stability in their lives. They are looking for fulfillment. They are craving happiness. But they want it right now, handed to them, with no glitches involved.

What most don't realize is the upheaval, the unrealistic expectations, the move toward isolationism is a symptom of a deeper need – a need that many are unable to recognize.

That need is coming from their God-given soul which is longing to be fed and strongly united with God. While our human nature longs for food, shelter, and clothing, our soul longs to be nourished and strongly connected with God in a conscious way.

FPC CLERK'S REPORT

September Session Meeting Highlights

- Approved the church facilities use for The Peral Mabry School of Music Fall Recital for October 12 and 13. A public recital will be on the 13th.
- Approved a motion to invite Dr. Rev Roy Martin, Florida Presbytery General Presbyter to deliver the sermon on October 13, 2019.
- Approved a motion to invite Jo Kublik to assist with pastoral care as the congregation's Pastoral Assistant.
- The Session has begun a study using the book *Canoeing the Mountains - Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory* by Tod Bolsinger.
- Invited Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church to attend a Joint Worship Service at First Crestview on October 13, 2019.

Tim Crawford - Clerk



The Ministry Fair was a tremendous success! The different Ministries of the Crestview congregation pitched their purposes and asked folks to fulfill their calling as a part of our Lord's Holy Priesthood. More than 30 people heard that call and signed up. That is 1/3 of our active membership! That is a tremendous ratio. Thank you to all who signed up. And remember, it is never too late to agree to do as the Lord calls you to do. Become involved today!

Ministry Fair

 **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

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| 1 Bryan & Amanda (anniversary) | 29 Greg Myers |
| 3 Jean Kear | 29 Jim & Barbara Moore (anniversary) |
| 5 Jim Moore | |
| 8 Hayden Graham | |
| 9 Charlie Outlaw | |
| 14 Tracy Curenton | |
| 21 May Allan | |
| 27 Robert Chedister | |
| 28 James Crose | |
| 28 Cody Becker | |
- Make sure you give them a call to wish them a Happy Birthday or Anniversary**

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY



But something is blocking that from happening. As long as we continue to be drawn to believing what we are told we need to have in order to be happy, we will miss out on what brings true happiness and contentment.

That true contentment comes from spending some quiet time with our Lord and listening to his voice. When his voice is heard, peace and calm will come in. Be sure to pay close attention to the Voice that calls you his beloved.

Sursum Corda,
Mark

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, is commemorated on October 4. Though it's unclear whether this famous "peace prayer" was his, it reflects his gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-follower:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



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| | | 1 | 2 Walking Club (Fit & Faithful) Choir Practice (7pm) | 3 Bible Study 6:30 pm (FH) | 4 Soup Kitchen 11am (FH) | 5 Plant Giveaway  |
| 6 Peace Offering LH Session 8am Property Meeting (FH) Fellowship Hour | 7 | 8 Men's Dinner 6:30pm (FH) | 9 Choir Practice (7pm) | 10 Bible Study 6:30 pm (FH) | 11 Soup Kitchen 11am (FH) | 12 Piano Recital Rehearsal |
| 13 COMBINED WORSHIP with Laurel Hill at FPC Congregational Life Rev. Dr. Roy Martin Piano Recital 4pm | 14 CV Session 6:30 pm | 15 | 16 Choir Practice (7pm) | 17 Jubilee Circle 11am (FH) Bible Study 6:30 pm (FH) | 18 Soup Kitchen 11am (FH) | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Choir Practice (7pm) | 24 Bible Study 6:30 pm (FH) | 25 Soup Kitchen 11am (FH) | 26 |
| 27 2-Cents-A-Meal Offering Pot Luck (FH) 12pm | 28 | 29 Presbytery 9am Fellowship PC in Tallahassee | 30 Choir Practice (7pm) | 31  | | |

WORSHIP LEADERS

LAUREL HILL

6 BRIAN HUGHES
13 TRACY CURENTON
20 ANNE CAMPBELL
27 JAKE PEOPLES

CRESTVIEW

RON BALLARD
GREG MYERS
JEFF CLACK
BOBBY BARTON

CRESTVIEW HEAD USHER

JERRY WILLIAMS