



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Church school : 9:15 a.m.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM AND 1:30PM—5:30PM, Monday—Friday

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VALENTINE'S POTLUCK

Congregational Care invites you to our annual Valentine's potluck dinner on Sunday, February 12 at 6:00 pm in the Westminster room. Bring a main dish, side dish or salad to share - we'll provide dessert, and Carla Connors and Tim Hoekman will provide the musical entertainment! Child care will be available for younger children.



FREE Programs at the Main Library

A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs
1910-1965

FSU Jazz Combo

Leon Anderson and students showcase jazz of the era
Sunday, February 5, 3 PM, Main Library Program Room

Young Adult/Young Professionals Supper Club

Thursday, February 2, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Christy's apt – 2055 Thomasville Road
B-304

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

RSVP to Christy@oldfirstchurch.org



Food First Sunday

February 5th

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Food items are collected the First Sunday of each month and distributed to ECHO. Be sure to bring your non-perishable food offering on the 5th. You can use the list below as a shopping guide at your favorite grocery store.

3-DAY SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR 2 PEOPLE

1 box cereal

4 cans vegetables

2 cans fruit

1 bag rice

3 cans soup or ramen noodles

1 jar peanut butter

1 can tuna

1 box mac & cheese

1 can meat

Annual Statements of Giving

Your annual statement of giving will be mailed this week. If you have any questions after reviewing your statement, please contact Jim Davis at 222-4505, extension 23.

2012 COFFEE SUNDAYS

February 12; March 11; April 15; May 13; June 10; July 8

(No coffee sales in August; so, stock up in July);

September 9; October 14; November 11; and December 9

Remember \$1.00 per bag goes to disaster relief.





PASTOR'S COLUMN
Brant S. Copeland

Pastor's Column

There are some pitfalls in this brave new world of social media. One of them is the fact that when I make a blooper, it is exposed not only to the flock (who are used to my many shortcomings) but also to the entire World Wide Web.

For the past few weeks I have been posting this column as a blog post on "First Drafts" (brantcopeland.com). As typos go, the ones in last week's column were real howlers. Instead of "Pig in a Poke," I typed "Pig in a Polk." As if that were not bad enough, I left out the "l" in "public policy," which, suffice it to say, is more than a little embarrassing. I don't really want to get into that particular conversation online. I get enough unsolicited e-mail already.

I figured out how to fix the blog post, but the newsletter went out uncorrected. I offer thanks to the many of you, both in the congregation and out there in the ether, who caught the typos and let me know about them. Humble thanks, of course. In the circumstances, I could hardly offer any other kind.

This puts me in mind of a young pastor in my grandparents' church in Coahoma, Texas. Not long after arriving in that community of cotton farmers, he offered a pastoral prayer imploring the Lord to bless the "hoers in the field." He hadn't quite cottoned onto the local lingo. Every parishioner who shook his hand after worship whispered, "It's "hoe hands," Charlie, not "hoers."

On another occasion Charlie prayed, "Lord, forgive us our falling shorts." Not quite the same thing as the *Book of Common Worship's* "shortcomings and offences." I'm sure the Lord knew what Charlie was talking about, but the image evoked by his rough equivalent is likely to have left the congregation rather distracted.

Baggy pants are a fashion statement these days, but falling shorts are another matter. (Come to think of it, the former might well contribute to the latter.)

Typographical errors, as bad as they are, are not quite so embarrassing as liturgical ones. In my first parish I began the Easter morning liturgy by shouting "Christ is born . . . I mean . . . risen!" It was not my proudest ministerial moment.

Humility is desirable in my line of work, but if you're me, it's unavoidable.

I welcome comments at (brantcopeland.com).

February 5, 2012 Lectionary

(5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Childcare

Childcare for infants through pre-K children is available in our education building from 9:15 – Noon on Sundays. Infants and toddlers are cared for in our nursery on the main floor. Preschoolers have a classroom on the third floor, room 305. *Heavenly Helpers Agency* provides our babysitters and they are all background checked and trained in caring for children as well as CPR/First Aid. Volunteers also assist sitters in the nursery.

Adult Church School Classes

ABC (Adult Bible Class) Calvin Room, #202

The Adult Bible Class is continuing our study of II Samuel. Please read II Samuel Chapters 8-9. Visitors are always welcome.

Faith and Families 3rd Floor, Room #307

We will be in Room 206 watching the last segment of *Miss Representation* – "this film explores how mainstream media contributes to the under-representation of women in influential positions in America and challenges the media's limiting and often disparaging portrayals of women, which make it difficult for the average girl to see herself as powerful." Join us for the viewing and the discussion.

Hearing and Sharing the Word Room #203

Inquirers Westminster Room

Charles Milsted, AARP Associate State Director, will speak on "Building a secure future for which segment of society?" This will be a non-partisan view of the state legislative session at the midpoint followed by a discussion of what legislative proposals may portend for the social agenda, and for energy, consumer protection, and government oversight.



First Presbyterian Preschool

We are currently registering children who will enroll at Preschool in August 2012. If you are interested in knowing more about a fall 2012 opening at First Presbyterian Preschool for a two year old, three year old or four year old, please call Andra Copeland at the Preschool, 222-4587. The Preschool also participates in the state of Florida VPK program (Voluntary Prekindergarten). Children who are four years old, on or before September 1, 2012 are eligible for VPK.

*** Limited openings are available for immediate enrollment at Preschool. Please call Andra



Nursery Volunteer February 5

Sue Hightower



Middle School Youth Group

February 5, 2012 Westminster Room

Chili Lunch- 12:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Join us following worship for lunch and activities

High School Youth Group

February 5 - 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Westminster Room

We will finish our discussion of the DVD *Miss Representation*. Join us with your thoughts about the media, image and power.

The next meal we are serving at Grace Mission is February 23.

First Tuesday College Gathering

Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m.

We will meet at the Presbyterian University Center (PUC).

We will be talking about the book, 10 Things Jesus Never Said and Why You Should STOP Believing Them.

Copies of the book will be available.

February Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

Circle	Date	Time	Location	Hostess	Study Leader
New Circle	12th	9:15AM	FPC Library	N/A	
Lydia	12th	4:00 PM	Westminster Oaks	N/A	
Rebekah	14th	10:00 AM	Mayo Home	Mary Jane Mayo	Brant Copeland
Deborah	14th	6:00 PM	Hostess home for dinner	Karen Bickley	Karen Bickley
Society of Saints	9th	11:45 AM	Fireside Room	Westminster Oaks	Jean Lee
Mary and Martha	20th	6:00 PM	Robyn Stevenson's Home	Robyn Stevenson	Ester Moring
Dorcas	21st	11:45 AM	Westminster Oaks Club	Ann Cullison	Margaret Chase
Together In Service	28th	9:30 AM	Room 206/Ed. Bldg.	N/A	N/A



Mid Week Adult Enrichment Program

“Classic Herman Miller”

February 15, 2012

5:30 dinner

6:00 leave to go see exhibit at FSU

7:30 Back at church

Dinner is \$6.50 per person with a family cap of \$15. Children under 12 eat free. Reservations are necessary if you plan to eat dinner and the best way to make them at this time is to call the church office at 222-4504 no later than noon on Monday, February 13th.

The exhibition, designed by Eric Wiedegreen uses part of a rare collection of Mid-Century Modern furnishings (the **Pietralunga-Rossi Collection**), all manufactured by Herman Miller, Inc. Narciso Rossi was an upholsterer in the early 1950s through mid-

1970s at the Herman Miller plant in California, and acquired numerous pieces for himself for his own home. On the deaths of Rossi and his wife, these furnishings were recognized by their heirs as important as a collection representing some of the best work of some very renowned designers. Shown are period pieces by Charles and Ray Eames, George Nelson, Isamu Noguchi and Alexander Girard. Reissued new items by these designers (lighting, pillow, clock, etc.) complement this collection and give context. The fashion pieces (and vintage television) are critical to better understand that these pieces ... that seem the very definition of *contemporary* ... in fact were designed in the 1940s-1960s. It is interesting to note that most of the pieces shown are still in production today. They are all **CLASSIC Herman Miller**.

The exhibition is a recent winner in the ASID Educator Design Excellence Competition. A jury comment: *"This exhibit design pays homage to the era in which the Herman Miller pieces were first introduced. The use of fashion models and retro TV sets adds a touch of humor and playfulness. In an age fascinated with Mad Men, this exhibit hits the mark perfectly!"*

This will also be an opportunity to see the newly renovated **William Johnston Building** on the FSU campus. The \$49.2 million building is a showplace of new thinking for academic buildings and is structured around a 5-story glass atrium. The exhibition is housed in a 1000 square foot Gallery off the atrium on the first floor and will be open through March 16, 2012.



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES FOR FEBRUARY

Thurs, 9th 5-8pm Tallahassee Symphony Shopping Night with 15% of sales contributed to the Symphony
Sat, 11th 11-2 Jewelry Fashion Show with Spring trends in jewelry and accessories; also refreshments for Buy

Local

Tues, 14th Valentine's Day All you need for your sweetheart like chocolate, handmade cards and gifts from around the world with artisans paid fairly

Sat, 25th Spring Planter Review to start your garden with new selection of planters, gardening hats, birdhouses +

Our store has a gift registry for weddings, birthdays and other occasions

2011 Stamps for Mission Report from Virginia

I have mailed four packets to Peggy this year. I have thrown away as many stamps as I have sent, partly because small common stamps don't bring enough to mail and partly because of over-canceling by the post office. Your wonderful response with Christmas stamps, especially the Christmas baubles, was negated by the grey, smeared cancellation of Santa and "Happy Holidays." I could send very few of them. I'm trusting that in God's economy your good works will not be wasted. I am mailing today a very large envelope of international stamps that Jim Crews brought. They are a wonderful contribution.

Stamps for Mission 2011 Report from Peggy Reinhold

I have received 352 envelopes, packages, boxes of stamps this year from 40 states. We began the year with \$1,174.60 on hand and received \$5,649.45 from sale of stamps. We have given \$6,443.00 to the Congolese church for the following: support for Seminary UPRECO; scholarships for the Protestant University of the Congo; printed 3 books for Women's Work; bought and distributed Bibles and large hymnbooks to session leaders and to leaders of Women's Work; printed 1,300 small hymnals for evangelists and youth; paid expenses for pastor to travel to a Conference of Reformed Churches in the Congo where he was a speaker; partial payment for a "moto" so a pastor can travel between seminary where he teaches and the church where he serves (20+miles).

We are looking for your musical talent! If you are an adult, play an instrument, and would be interested in playing for worship some Sunday, please contact Michael Corzine, Organist & Choirmaster, at mcorzine@fsu.edu. We are also canvassing the Sunday School and Youth Groups for musicians among our children and youth. We will then create a database of instrumentalists, young and old, for future use.



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