

# GOOD TIDINGS

Northminster Presbyterian Church  
3131 61st Street, Sarasota, Florida 34243

May 2013

## The Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

A few years ago, there was an article that appeared in some newspapers. It was a credo, if you will, written by a Michael Carlson (no relation to me), a soldier who was killed in Iraq. As the family got ready for the funeral they were digging through his things and came across this document that was written when he was in high school. He said: "I want my life to account for something more than just a game. In life there are no winners, everyone eventually loses his life. I only have so much time. I can't waste it with a game. I want to be good at life; I want to be known as the best at my job. I want people to need me, to count on me. I'm never late. I'm either on time or early. I want to help people. I want to fight for something, be part of something that is greater than me. I want to be a soldier or something like that, maybe a cop or a secret service agent." What an example to us all of someone who wanted to count for something, to make a difference.

This month we will celebrate Memorial Day, a day when we remember and give thanks for the men and women in the military services who have sacrificed their time and in many cases their lives for us. Broadening out the thought, it is also a time to remember others in our lives and in our nation who have made sacrifices that have enabled us to have the lives we have. It is also a time for us to think about our own lives and to consider what we have done and are doing to make our lives count for others, for our nation and more important as Christians, for our Lord Jesus Christ. In a very real sense, our whole lives are a Memorial pointing to who we were and what we did. A question for all of us to ask is what kind of Memorial will we leave behind? Will it be one of our own success and fulfillment or will it be one that made a difference?

### MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays at 10:30

**Christopher  
Carlson,  
Pastor**

#### May 5

*How We Help Each  
Other Grow*  
Ephesians 4:11-16

#### May 12

*Being a Christian  
Means Being  
a Minister*  
Mark 10:35-45;  
Ephesians 2:1-10

#### May 19

*Where Connections  
are Made and Lives  
are Transformed*  
Romans 8: 12-17;  
12:1-21

#### May 26

*How Will You Be  
Remembered?*  
Joshua 4:1-9;  
Luke 6:27-49

In His Grip, **Pastor Chris**

## FELLOWSHIP

### MUSIC AND GUMBO AT LINGER LODGE

Bring your lawn chair and have a great time at the Braden River Music Festival at Linger Lodge Resort where you will hear Bluegrass, Americana, Country, Roots, and Rock music. Event is from 10:00 AM To 10:00 PM Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 10:00 AM to carpool or caravan (some people may want their own vehicles to be able to leave when they want) or we can just meet there (7505 Linger Lodge Rd, Bradenton.) Tickets are \$15 each which also includes the Gumbo Cook-off. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online at [www.sarasotabluegrass.ticketleap.com](http://www.sarasotabluegrass.ticketleap.com).

For more details go to [www.lingerlodgeresort.com](http://www.lingerlodgeresort.com) and click on the Braden River Music Festival ...it gives the names of all the bands playing, etc.

No coolers, pets or high back chairs allowed. Linger lodge has a restaurant with a full bar, for lunch or dinner, will likely have a beer truck outside, and is in a beautiful shaded area on the Braden River.

Don't forget your lawn chair! For information call Bob or Jan Gubrud or Cora Lee Cain.

### LIFE IS SHORT - EAT DESSERT FIRST



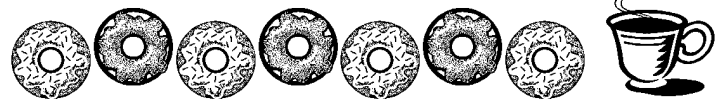
The Fellowship Committee presents a fun event called the *Sundae Sunday* on June 2. Everyone is invited to proceed to the Fellowship Hall after the worship service and enjoy a cup of coffee and an Ice Cream Sundae!

### PRESBYTERIANS EATING OUT

Presbyterians Eating Out will be going to one of our favorite places in May. We will be going to **Anna Maria Oyster Bar** landside on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. It is located at 6506 14<sup>th</sup> St.W (Tamiami Trail) in Bradenton. Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin in the Narthex. Hope to see you all there.

### SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

You are encouraged to stay after the Worship Service to greet our visitors and catch up with your church friends. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a bite to eat served by **Gene and Mary Ann Colter**.



### TAKE A BITE OUT OF OUR MORTGAGE!

We will be "Taking a Bite Out of Our Mortgage" at **Chili's** during the month of May. Every Monday in May, between 11 AM and 11PM, Chili's will donate 10% of your bill when you present the special offer flyer. Take advantage of this opportunity for lunch or dinner with your friends! Chili's is located at 6125 Exchange Way in Lakewood Ranch. Remember to pick up your flyers in the Narthex after church.



### TAKE A BIGGER BITE!

Coming soon:  
A new fundraising program  
to chomp a chunk  
out of our mortgage!  
Details will be announced  
in upcoming Good Tidings  
and Bulletins.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Front: Ed Stiles, Sr. and Frances Donaldson Back: John and Gerry Mead, Sandy and Ed Stiles, Jr., and J. B. Donaldson

**Frances Donaldson** is transferring her membership from First Presbyterian Church in Douglasville, Georgia. A retired fifth grade teacher, Frances has served as a church elder in the Atlanta area.

**J.B. Donaldson** was born in Register, Georgia. Employed as a Northwest Airline mechanic, he retired in 2009 and moved to Sarasota. He has served both as a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent.

**Gerry Mead**, a native of Ohio, worked there in the public schools as a music teacher. Since moving to Sarasota 50 years ago she was employed at Mathis Music, and of course, is known to us all as the recently retired Director of Music here at Northminster.

**John Mead** is from Lakewood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. John is a mechanical engineer who has worked with Boeing, Westinghouse and Bio Tech, a local firm. During his time with Boeing he worked with both the Apollo and Minute Man programs.

**Sandy Stiles and Ed Stiles Jr.** have recently joined us from Ohio. They are the parents of four girls and proud grandparents of two, with a third on the way.

A retired music educator of 31 years, Ed, Jr. joined us recently as Northminster's Director of Music. Born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio, he graduated from Youngstown State University, receiving his Masters degree from VanderCook School of Music. In addition to working with our music program he works with the Out of Door Academy, Siesta Key band program.

Sandy too was an employee of the Ohio schools, where she served as a school bus driver, secretary and band assistant. She served as President of the Band Boosters in Struthers City, Ohio for 18 years and is currently on the board of the Sarasota Pops Orchestra. In her spare time she is a volunteer in the Out of Door Academy band program.

**Ed, Stiles Sr.**, a member of the Original Flying Tigers, is a retired Air Force major, and foreman of Youngstown Sheet and Tube. He currently lives with his son and daughter-in-law in Sarasota.

## MISSION MINISTRY

### **CEDARKIRK CAMP: 2ND QUARTER MISSION EMPHASIS**

The Northminster Mission Committee has selected the **Cedarkirk Camp Scholarship Program** as the Mission Emphasis for this summer. Donations can be made by checking the "local mission" line on your offering envelope or by using the blue and white mission envelope in your Sunday Bulletin.

**Open House at Cedarkirk!** On Saturday, May 4th, from 1:00-5:00, Cedarkirk opens its doors to everyone for a free afternoon at camp. This is a great opportunity to learn about their summer programs, see some of the facilities used during summer camp and get a feel for the camp experience while enjoying tours, hayrides, s'mores, climbing the rock wall, archery, and swimming in the pool.

**Camp is not just for kids!** The You & Me Conference (June 28-30) is a special event at Cedarkirk for children ages 3-12 and their adult relatives or grandparents. This special weekend provides opportunities for you to spend time with—and grow closer to— that special child or grandchild in your life. Find more information at [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org) or by picking up a brochure in the Narthex or church office.



### **ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK**

Northminster supports All Faiths Food Bank year round. Please remember to bring donations of canned or boxed food staples and place them in the yellow barrel in the Narthex. Please do not donate anything in glass containers.

### **FREE WHEEL CHAIR MISSION**

Founded in 2001, Free Wheelchair Mission is an international nonprofit organization whose mission is "to provide the transforming gift of mobility to the physically disabled poor in developing countries, as motivated by Jesus Christ."



In the third world, millions of disabled people crawl around in the dirt or have to be carried to get where they want to go, so for \$72.00 you can literally buy a wheel chair and change a life. FWM founder, Dr. Don Schoendorfer, an engineer and inventor, came up with a wheel chair design that is durable and all-terrain and can be made and shipped for approximately \$72.00.

FWM works around the world in partnership with a vast network of humanitarian, faith-based and government organizations, sending wheelchairs to hundreds of thousands of disabled people, providing not only the gift of mobility, but of dignity, independence, and hope.

### **MEDICAL OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM**

**Dr. Barry Ladd** continues his Medical Ombudsman ministry with parishioners wishing to talk and ask questions about their illnesses or treatment. All conversations are free, private and confidential. Appointments may be made for Tuesday mornings through the church office.

### **DO YOU NEED A RIDE?**

Bob Silver arranges for transportation to Sunday Worship for any who need a ride.

## ROMANIA MISSION TRIP

The 2013 Romania Mission Trip takes place July 18-28. Each year the participants in this trip provide services to Gypsy children and senior adults.

On May 15 several large boxes of donated supplies will be mailed to the Howell, Michigan Presbyterian Church (who sponsors the trip). They will organize and re-pack the donations to be sent with the mission workers from their church.

On June 19, the final donations will be readied to go with the mission workers from Sarasota. Gifts of money for supplies at the pre-school will be happily accepted.



This year volunteer handymen will be working at various projects at the pre-school and at the assisted living facility, where housing is needed to separate the men from the women.

Supplies that are always needed are all over-the-counter medical items, and pencils and crayons of any type. Thanks to all who have already given for 2013 and to those who contributed in 2012. For further information, please contact **Phyllis Maisel**.

## LOOKING FOR INVESTMENTS?



Northminster has taken some action to put our funds to work in a positive way. We have removed the church's money from local money market accounts that are paying practically nothing and have invested them with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP).

This is paying us in the following ways:

- ◆ By purchasing Term Notes we are able to make from 0.45% annual interest for 6 months to 2.00% for 60 months. By using Mission Market Fund Notes we are able to earn from 0.45% to 0.75% annual interest while still having immediate access to our funds.
- ◆ We will also be reducing the interest we pay on our mortgage for the new sanctuary. Each investment by members and friends of NPC and by the church goes toward a rebate program, which has already reduced our mortgage interest rate by 0.25%. We are very close to the level that will reduce it another 0.25%.

Investments by the church and almost two dozen of our members and friends now total over \$360,000. Additional investments totaling \$10,000 will not only put the church at a lower rate of interest but it will be earning money for you.

**When we reach the next level of interest savings, we will be earning and saving a total of \$4,600 per year.**

If you would like to find out more about this program, talk to Ben Blake, Vice President of PILP or call **Jack Tibbets** at the church office.



## SUNCOAST CONCERT BAND COMPLETES SEASON



On behalf of the musicians and board of directors of the Suncoast Concert Band, I would like to thank Pastor Chris, Jack Tibbets, the church Session, and all the members of Northminster Presbyterian Church for inviting us to make your church our home and for making us feel so welcome. We have had a very good season and absolutely love the reception we receive from church members. We hope that we have brought some joy and good music to the church and that everyone has enjoyed our performances. We look forward to another good year beginning with our rehearsals in October. We wish you all a safe and healthy summer.

**Robert Stoll**  
Music Director



### THANK YOU TO THE NPC FAMILY

Marilyn's medical situation continues and so does your love and concern through this time. Your visits, calls, cards, and prayers keep us going. You are a wonderful family and God has blessed us beyond measure through you.

**Bill & Marilyn Marvin**

### THE UPPER ROOM

Copies of the May-June *Upper Room* are now available in the Narthex, including a limited number of LARGE PRINT copies.

Please take one home and experience the positive effect this daily devotion can have on your life.

*The Upper Room* is provided without charge, but envelopes are available, if you wish to assist in paying for the subscription.

### PARISH LIFE SEEKS SPECIAL HELPERS

Our Parish Life Committee is in need of on-call volunteers to join us to set-up and clean-up for our memorial receptions in the Fellowship Hall.

*No need to attend any meetings!* We will contact you as needed. Come and serve in this rewarding ministry.

Contact **Judy Haywood**.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### **PW CELEBRATES AN EXITING YEAR**

What a great year it has been for the Northminster Presbyterian Women!

October 8 we began our year of wonderful Christian fellowship by entertaining the women of Whitfield Presbyterian Church with a salad luncheon.

November 12 approximately thirty of us visited the Muslim Mosque on Lockwood Ridge Road and found it to be very informative.

December 10 we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus and were entertained with the play "Parallel Journeys" written by Jeanne Peters and performed by Mary Stoltie, Mary Marden, Robin Sutcliffe and Dick Murphy. In addition, we learned about the mission opportunity, Bible Mission USA, a free Bible ministry presented by Faith and Jan Eckel.



January 14 we had a "hoe-down!" What great fun, with chili with all the fixins' and line dancing led by Evelyn Gale.

February 11, a fashion show by "Boutique on Wheels" with our own very stylish ladies modeling the lovely clothes. Later in February we were invited to lunch and a fashion show with our friends at Whitfield Presbyterian Church. Some of our ladies modeled and Jeanne Peters was the emcee.



February 17 we celebrated "Gifts of Women Sunday" which honors women through whom God is transforming the church in an emerging era. Valerie Wilde was honored with the designation of "Honorary Life Member of Presbyterian Women" for her faithful participation in all PW activities. The Rev. Helen Heffington of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers was our guest preacher.



March 11 a representative from SPARCC, Safe Place and Rape Crises Center, spoke to us about all the services these facilities provide to victims of domestic violence.

April 8 our last meeting of the year was a lovely luncheon at "der Dutchman" with Jerry Landis' lively and spirited entertainment.

It was a great schedule of events! Remember, all women of the church, as well as guests and visitors, are automatically members of Presbyterian Women and invited to all our General Meetings.

### **NEW OFFICERS BEGIN SERVICE IN MAY**

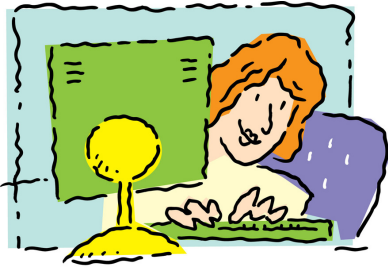


Our planning meeting for 2013-2014 will be held on Monday, May 6 at 10:30, in the Library.

New officers will begin their service at this meeting.

### **MAY PW MEETINGS**

Thursday, May 2, 12:00: Esther Circle  
Monday, May 6, 10:30: Coordinating Team  
Monday, May 20, 10:00: Ruth Circle  
Wednesday, May 29, 10:00: Mary Circle



### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 - 3:30  
Friday  
9:00 - 2:00

### DEADLINES

- **Sunday Bulletin announcements** are due in the office by **noon every Wednesday**.
- **Good Tidings:** Articles, reports, and announcements for the June 2013 newsletter are due on **Wednesday, May 15**. The preferred method of submission is by e-mail to [office@npcsarasota.org](mailto:office@npcsarasota.org).
- **Session Committee Monthly Reports** are due in the office by **Wednesday, May 15**.

### THANK YOU OFFICE ANGELS

Many thanks to **Inga Larsen, Mary Lou Lefferson** and **Joan Melnick** for staffing the office during my absence in April!

### HELPING HANDS NEEDED

Last year, after five years of employment, I earned three weeks of annual vacation time and this year I have plans to use all that time! Volunteers are important to the operation of the church office while I am away. Even with the current pool of 15 trained volunteers, it was difficult to find coverage for six days of summer vacation last year.

The main duties of the office volunteer are to be a presence in the office, answer phones, and be available to people who need access to the buildings. There are sometimes specific tasks needed, such as making copies. A short orientation is required.

During the summer we also need volunteers to fold and collate the weekly bulletins. This can be done, by a team of two, in about one hour. You pick the time between 9AM and 2PM on Fridays!

To all me in the office or e-mail [office@npcsarasota.org](mailto:office@npcsarasota.org).

Thanks!

*Isabel Oake*  
Office Administrator

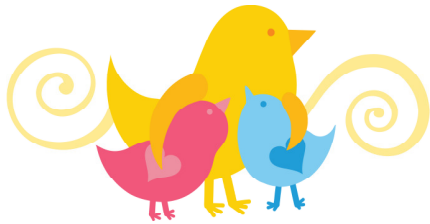


## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Teresa Mitchell  
2 Fran Forester  
5 Debbie Latimer  
7 Ken Stiles  
11 Anna Mae Duke  
12 Liz Early  
Phyllis Maisel  
13 Sue Everson  
14 Dick Kerr



17 Doug Mitchell  
Robin Sutcliffe  
19 Gene Colter  
20 Jan Post  
23 Marlys Miinch  
24 Molly York  
26 Genie Tejkl  
29 JoAnn Dickman  
30 Janice Cory  
31 JoAnn Nilsen



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>5</i> 9:00 Sunday School (FH) 10:30 Worship 3:00 Suncoast Concert Band (S) 7PM Iglesia* (FH)	<i>6</i> 10:30 PWCT (L) 5:00 Fellowship Committee 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	<i>7</i> 9-12 Medical Ombudsman 9:00 Bible Study(FH) 10:30 Staff Mtg.(L) 12:00 Worship Committee (L) 3:00 Finance (L) 4:00 Bible Study(FH) 7:00 Rose Grp-AA	<i>8</i> 10-3 Artists (EB) 10:00 Mission (L) 6:30 Brownies (FH)  <i>Session Committee Reports Due</i>	<i>9</i> 6:45 Choir (S)	<i>10</i> 6:30 Big Book-AA	<i>11</i>
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