

raising event that is designed to solicit financial support for the church's mission and ministry. The original meaning of the word "stewardship" is "one who manages for the owner." A steward is one who is entrusted with something that is not their own. A more personal reference might be parenting a foster child. Given the metaphor of a foster parent, stewardship is a daily, if not hourly responsibility. It is more than a seasonal event or responsibility limited to a financial campaign. The Psalmist (Ps. 24:1) exclaimed, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness therein, the world and all those who dwell therein." We have the privilege of being the foster parents of what God has created. A rather "expansive" idea isn't it!

I will have a more detailed report for Session at their next meeting and as weeks and months go by I hope you will see and benefit from the resources I have gained from this continuing education experience.

On my return from the conference, Selma and I visited the pastor of my youth who also officiated at our wedding in 1978, Rev. Julian Alexander, who in January of this year celebrated his 100th birthday! Julian still assists in weekly worship at the Siesta Key Chapel.



Worship and Communion on the beach



Pastor Roger and Selma with Rev. Julian Alexander

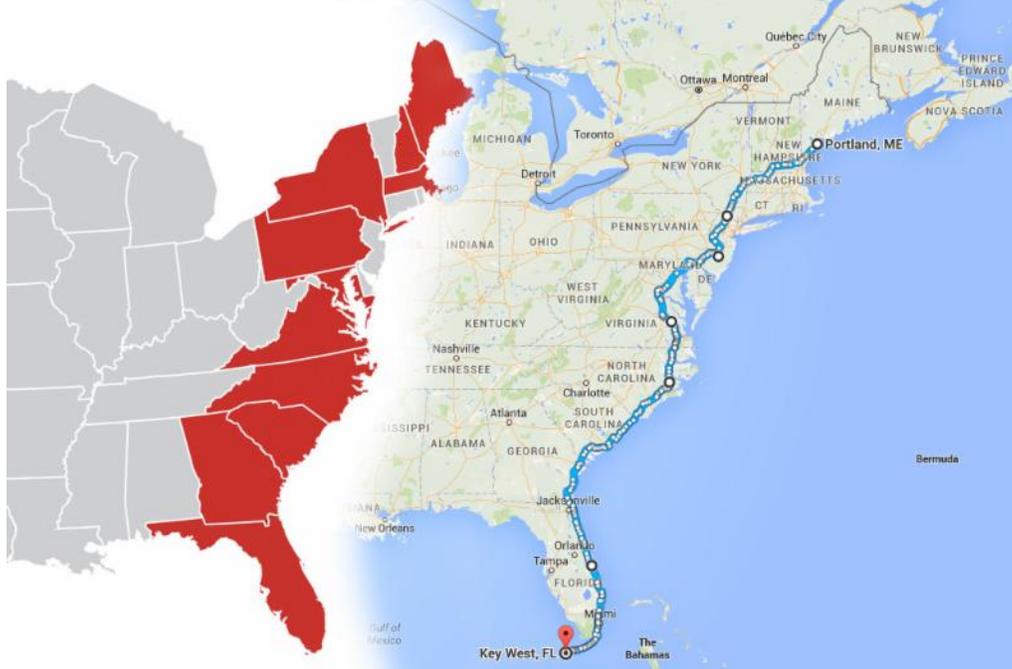
HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Relief efforts related to the devastating damage from hurricane Irma in Florida, and hurricane Maria throughout the Caribbean Islands will be ongoing for many weeks to come. Details regarding continued disaster response by **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** will be included in upcoming issues of the MESSENGER as they are released.

The Presbytery is now ready to receive donations that are solely for short and long term relief and restoration due to hurricane damage. If you wish to make a donation through the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** program (PDA), you can write a check made payable to HSCPC, memo "Hurricane Relief", and drop it in the collection plate or send it to the church office. All donations will be collected and sent together to the Presbytery office.

Or you can make your check payable to the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, Memo: Hurricane Relief, and mail it to 1919 SE 5th Street, Boca Raton, FL.

RIDE ACROSS AMERICA



Sunday, October 22, 2017 we will be hosting a group of eight bicyclists who started out in Portland, Maine on September 15th and are headed to Key West. They embarked on this 2,500 mile journey to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention. The charity they are supporting is the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)** see: <https://afsp.org/>).

We anticipate that they will arrive in Hobe Sound in the afternoon, after riding 61 miles from Wabasso. To make their stay with us as pleasant as possible we are asking for help with the following areas:

Food – Dinner Sunday night; Breakfast Monday morning.
Lodging – Air mattresses, and bedding for 8 people.

The general plan is to feed them in the social hall, and have them sleep in the manse (where they will have access to a shower!). Please email Cindy Fucigna (rioluna3@yahoo.com) if you are available to help, or have suggestions.

To learn more specifics about this cause, please see the website <https://rideacrossamerica.us/> and click on the Canada to Key West tab. We are proud to be able to support such a worthy mission, and hope that you will be able to join us in welcoming them.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER: Curt Wildemann is a 59 year old non-professional bike rider. He was born & raised in midwest Ohio-Michigan area and graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He moved to the Las Vegas area in 1980 for the sunshine, where he soon began his 22 year career as a Police Officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. He has been a resident of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas for 35 years.

Since 2013, Curt has been organizing cross country bike rides for charity. In 2013 the ride was from Astoria Oregon to Yorktown VA, and raised over \$6200 for **Wounded Warriors**. In 2015 the ride was from California to Maine, raising \$4000 for the **Fuller Center for Housing** and making several stops along the way to help build homes for the underprivileged.

ABOUT THE CHARITY: The **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)** is a leading not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to preventing suicides.

To fully achieve its mission, AFSP engages in the following Five Core Strategies:

- Fund scientific research
- Offer educational programs for professionals
- Educate the public about mood disorders and suicide prevention
- Promote policies and legislation that impact suicide and prevention
- Provide programs and resources for survivors of suicide loss and people at risk, and involve them in the work of the Foundation

RALLY DAY

Finally, after hurricane Irma forced postponement of this annual event, we will be holding **RALLY DAY** this Sunday. To celebrate the start of the Sunday School year, the after-church social hour will be transformed into a picnic-like buffet, with food, ice cream sundaes, and cupcakes decorated by the children as part of their Sunday School lesson.

RALLY DAY isn't just for the children. Mark the date and plan on joining in on the fun and fellowship.



Sunday, October 1st
Following Worship Service

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CHOIR TIME: Do you like to sing? If so you should consider joining our choir! We have a lot of fun while practicing and performing special music for our Sunday Worship Services. Choir rehearsals will resume in October. If you are interested, or want any more information, please talk with Brandon Glick or Becky Boynton.

FALL CONCERTS: Brandon has arranged for the following concerts so far this fall. There will be no charge, but free will offerings will be collected. Both concerts will be held in the Church Sanctuary.

Sunday, October 29, 4:00 PM. South Fork High School Choir. This choir has been invited to perform at a festival in London, England at the end of December. The free will offering will help defray the participants' expenses for the trip.

Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 PM. Christmas concert with soprano Lorrianna Colozzo.

BRANDON'S CONCERT SERIES:

This fall Brandon has his own concert series, **GREAT PIANO CLASSICS**, at the

Peter and Julie Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave. Palm City, FL .
Besides performing, he will offer commentary on the music. The concerts will be held at 2:00 PM on the first Saturday of October, November and December, and will last approximately one hour.

**Saturday, October 7 at 2:00 PM.
A Brief History of Western Music**

**Saturday, November 4, at 2:00 PM.
Classics at the Movies, Featuring violinist Daniel Lu**

**Saturday, December 2 at 2:00 PM
That's so French!, Featuring guitarist Rowdy Carlton**

A "GREAT BANQUET" EXPERIENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER

This fall, two "**Great Banquets**" are being held at the First Presbyterian Church in Tequesta. A Men's banquet is scheduled for the weekend of November 2, and a Women's banquet is scheduled for the weekend of November 9. Everyone is invited! No one will ever be turned away from the Lord's table - Giver of Banquets. There is a banquet being held in your honor; it is hoped that you will accept the invitation to come.

The "**Great Banquet**" is an opportunity to spend a weekend experiencing God's grace, and seeking to learn more about God and how to serve Him as a true disciple. Many guests discover what God's call or purpose for their life may be, while others enjoy a rekindling of the Holy Spirit in their lives that feeds their passion for service in their current call.

Wherever a person is in their personal journey with Christ, the Great Banquet offers the opportunity to take the time necessary to learn more, pray and fellowship with others in a Christian community. Each weekend is unique and each person's experience is unique and personal. If you are craving more Holy Spirit, a chance to walk closer with your Lord, or strengthen your knowledge about living a Christian life, please consider attending a Great Banquet.

For further information please contact **Arline Holloway**, at 413 768-9674, or arlineholloway@yahoo.com.

LADIES LUNCHEON: The next ladies' luncheon will be on
Friday, October 6, 12:30 PM at
Miles Grant Country Club
5101 S.E. Miles Grant Rd., Stuart, Fl.
(east of Dixie Hwy – A1A, left off of Cove Road,)

All female members and friends of our Church are welcome. We always have a wonderful time with good food and Christian fellowship.

If you plan to attend it is important that you make your reservation with **Dorothea Wiley, 772 546-2719.**

DR. VERSE'S OFFICE HOURS: Dr. Verse's office hours are **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9AM until Noon**. He would love to have you drop in for a visit if you are in the area. However, if you have a special need to speak with him it would be best to call ahead to see if he is available; often meetings or pastoral visits will necessitate his being out of the office at times during his scheduled hours.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School, please contact Karen Kienzle, 561 379-7900, or karenkienzle@hotmail.com, or personally at church on Sunday.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Christian Education Director. Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity to work with the children of our church? or, do you know someone who might be interested and qualified to fill this part-time position? This position would be perfect for a person with a CE or educational background who wants to stay active in CE work but is unable to commit to a full-time position.

Please see the link below for Job Posting, and/or send your resume to karenkienzle@hotmail.com.

<http://www.tfpby.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017-Director-of-Christian-Education-2.pdf>

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 15 - Jonathan Pratt
October 15 - Jennifer Kindbert
October 16 - Lelia Howard
October 18 - Cam Wagner
October 19 - Tom Prestegard
October 25 - Cindy Fucigna
October 25 - Linda Croyle
October 26 - Doug Poole

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 6 - Martin and Stacey Albrecht
October 11 - Roy and Jody Dupuis
October 24 - Lloyd and Lelia Howard

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Jim White
- Annette O'Shea
- Bill Carlson
- Cimy Bitzer
- The family of Jean Albrecht
- Deborah Hobson and family
- George Roberts
- Owen Lovejoy
- Joyce Spengler
- Judy McCloy
- Terry McCloy
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Murphy Moore
- The family of Brian Tobin
- Jay Morrison
- Shanon Killey
- Heather Forster

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request can be made to Karen Metzger.

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, jannorrish@hotmail.com, To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Karen Metzger, 772 220-4678, or kmmetz@bellsouth.net.

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