



# Reflecting the Path

## *IT HAPPENED AT PRESBYTERY*

The May Presbytery meeting was interesting, to say the least! Lots of standing votes, discussion, and variety of opinion. Also had a lot of new things happening.

Our new Moderator, Dr. Gwendolyn Magby, was installed and ably moderated the meeting with the help of the members of Presbytery and a wireless communication connected to the Stated Clerk. Welcome, Gwen, to this important ministry!

The Presbytery voted on adding the proposed Belhar Confession to the Book of Confessions by secret ballot. The amendment was rejected by our Presbytery by a vote of 31 yes, 67 no, and 2 abstaining. (NOTE: As of this writing, the amendment has failed having received 61 no votes - more than the 58 required to defeat the amendment. A 2/3 majority (116 out of 173 Presbyteries) is required to pass an amendment to the Book of Confession.)

The Presbytery voted by consent agenda to approve a one year consulting contract with the "Growing Healthy Churches Network"; to allocate funds for 2 years for a new church plant in Port Pierce (sponsored by the Indian River Church); to redefine the guidelines for the 2nd Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission to "explore future missional options for the members" of that church; to commit funding for the next three years to the Korean Central New Church Development; to commit funds for the next 3 years for the Wounded Healer church plant.

The Presbytery approved the call of and welcomed into membership the Rev. Jose Manuel Capella-Pratts, the new pastor at First Spanish, Miami; and approved the call and voted to ordain Heidi Arencibia on her successful completion of all ordination requirements.

After a lengthy discussion and numerous amendments, substitutions, and other parliamentary procedures, the Presbytery voted to receive an overture from the Memorial Church Session (West Palm) regarding "gracious separation;" to refer both it and the revised draft of the Presbytery's gracious separation policy back to the Peace, Unity, and Purity Administrative Commission; reconstitute the PUP A/C with the following serving: Lucky Arnold, Laurie Kraus, David Kwon, Kennedy McGowan, Michelle Ready, Dick Anderson (Palm City), Ray Anglin, Maxine Long, Skip Bush, and John Little; and instruct the PUP A/C to bring to the Stated Presbytery Meeting on September 27, 2011, a final report and recommendation for action.

In the midst of all this, and other business, we enjoyed the hospitality of First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach, along with worship and fellowship as a Presbytery.

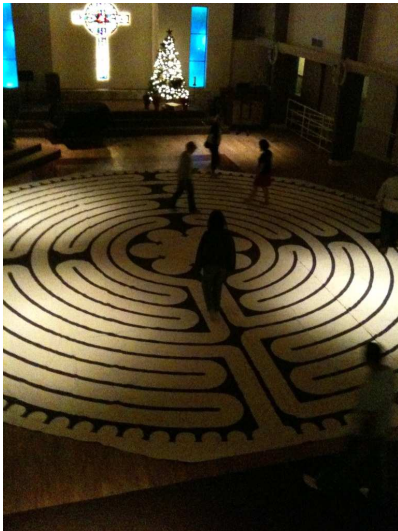
*When words fall silent  
and there is nothing more to say  
It is just you and God.  
God is there, in the darkness and silence waiting.  
Then, the soul speaks ,and God listens, and holds the soul in great care.*

- A. Anderson 2011 -



***Ordinary time***  
***On the seventh day, God rested...***

This month, as many of us enjoy seasons of respite from school and work, or times of vacation with family and friends, eleven folks from Riviera will journey to Kenya, for our partnership visit with the Kiawaithangi Academy in Nyeri. To help focus our group's spiritual reflection during the work trip, I have prepared a journal with pictures, scripture readings, poems, prayers, and questions for reflection. The journal invites our travelers into this time of purposeful action and reflection by using the labyrinth picture below. Those of you who wish to pray alongside us may pick up a journal copy from the table in the sanctuary, or from the church office. And we do invite you all to pray alongside our work trip participants, and our partners in Kenya!



But my preparation for this trip has invited me to consider, *why don't we prepare as thoughtfully, as prayerfully, and as intentionally for vacation as we do for other seasons and events in our lives?* I don't know about you, but my vacation preparation usually involves hectic working ahead at the office to make sure my responsibilities are covered in my absence, and nothing critical left undone...late night frantic packing, plant watering, refrigerator emptying, coupled with an email search for plane reservations, and to see whether someone remembered to make the rental car reservation. I am so last minute on many trips that once I was towel-drying my hair on my way out to the taxi for an international flight! By the time we leave for vacation, we are generally stressed, snippy, and frazzled. And I wonder—how much more enjoyable, relaxing, and restorative might our vacations be, if we took the time to prepare spiritually and emotionally for the blessing of rest? What if we used a tool like the

labyrinth to help us center ourselves for a transition from work and school into a season of rest and re-creation? What if we were as thoughtful about planning a day off as we were about planning a wedding, a graduation, an anniversary, a special dinner party? What if we gave ourselves, and our loved ones, the blessing of lavishing intentional care on ourselves during a season of rest? Maybe you are not getting a week away, but only a few days, or weekends...even more reason to enter fully in the precious moments of respite! This summer, as you go about your lives of work, or camp, or take time for play, I invite you to use the questions below, and the images of our labyrinth, to indulge in a little “spiritual play” around intentionality in rest and re-creation.

With love and gratitude,  
*Laurie*



***Congratulations - Class of 2011!***

On Sunday, June 12 we recognized our graduates - Robert Friedhoff, Mookie Murray, Corey Peterson and Nicholas Swords.

We pray for all our graduates as they take the next step in their lives!

***Congratulations to our Child Care Center - Riviera Children - Graduates***

Morgan Adams  
John Popham  
Jakk Schoenblatt

Who will be heading to Kindergarten in August.

***"Arturo's Maintenance Memos"***



- ⇒ replaced ballasts in ladies and in men's bathrooms.
  - ⇒ shampooed carpets in church offices, Hallelujah Hall and sanctuary.
  - ⇒ repair work in Project YES bathroom.
  - ⇒ purchasing supplies for work to be done in Sunday School room.
  - ⇒ installed doorbell for church office
- ....just to name a few.

Thank you to the Child Care Center for providing us the opportunity via the NAEIR program to purchase over \$1000 worth of greeting cards for our Deacon ministry for only \$62.00! That's one way of stretching our budget dollars.

***Barbie's Buzz***



As we enter the second month of the summer season, vacations and other activities may take you away from home some Sundays. Still the ministry, mission and operational needs of the church continue. In fact, some of our summer costs increase. Along with our continued mission needs - food for the food pantry, socks for the homeless, toiletries for the family and single food bags - we also have to pay our liability, workers compensation and windstorm insurances. As in all our activities, lives will change because of the summer, so as your life may slow a bit over the summer months, please remember that our ministry and mission never take a vacation.

There are several ways you can make your Faith Commitment if you are away from Riviera during the summer months:

Mail us your offering. Please make checks payable to Riviera Presbyterian Church.

Electronic bill pay - Set up a payment using the "electronic bill pay" feature of your bank's online service. The church will be in receipt of a paper check by mail if you are unable to attend Sunday services.

Please remember that we are still collecting electronics for the recycling program. You may deposit the electronics in the recycling bin outside the Fellowship Hall on the south side.

We are also collecting - used toner cartridges, canceled stamps, Food for Education labels, cell phones, hotel toiletries, white cotton socks please bring these items to the church office or leave them in a bag labeled - For Church Office - in the sanctuary on Sunday.



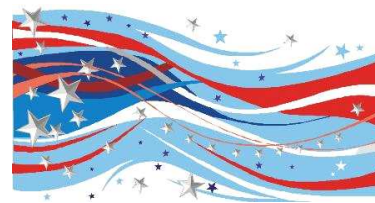
*Thank You...*

- ♥ John German and Chuck Hannemann for continued work on the Prayer Garden.
- ♥ Hosts of the GLBT Bible Study Group: George Seymore, Valerie Deville & Belinda Vidal, Karl Brester & Danny Ricardo.
- ♥ Bonnie Hannemann for helping with counting the Sunday offering.



*Riviera Anniversaries*

Ann & Sam Bass      July 4      44 years



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*Happy Birthday*

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| Donnie Hanson  | July 2  |
| Janet Boue     | July 6  |
| Mookie Murray  | July 8  |
| Eva Popham     | July 8  |
| Leah Picciano  | July 10 |
| Lee Popham     | July 17 |
| Brian Picciano | July 23 |
| David German   | July 25 |
| Sarah Murray   | July 26 |
| Dylan Deville  | July 27 |
| Gage German    | July 28 |

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