

February 2023

GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Beach Tidings
Newsletter



A Word from Pastor Michael

As we start the New Year, we are off to a running start at the Little Pink Church. For those of you who are unable to attend church or if you are one of the snowbird friends unable to make the trip to Panama City Beach this year, I want to say we do miss you. Over the past few weeks, we have noticed that our attendance has increased which is wonderful.

You will remember that we were faced with two tremendous tragedies namely, hurricane Michael and COVID-19. There was no

certainty we would be able to bounce back from either of these events, but with God's help, I see we are slowly on the comeback. We are, however, experiencing several of our members and friends having health challenges. As an older congregation, we are no different than other congregations who might be experiencing the same issues. For me, it is hard to see these changes occur because I have come to value the friendship and fellowship we share but, as a pastor, I also must remain hopeful and prayerful to help those who are going through various health issues and find ways to continue to encourage other congregational members.

So, allow me to share our theme for this year, "Embracing Our Godly Potential." As I reflect on this theme, it gives me a sense of assurance that the presence of God is and will be in all of our efforts to serve him faithfully. Even in our challenges we have to remember God, is always there. So. I would like to leave you with these words, For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20.

Let us remember to embrace our Godly potential so, that his work will be done and always give glory to our God who is in heaven.

May you be blessed and a blessing to others.
Pastor, Mike

"Embracing our Godly Potential"

Supporting Bay County Schools

It has come to our attention that Breakfast Point Academy has needs that are not being met. We are collecting **Hand Sanitizer** for the school. Please place your donations in the red box in the foyer. They were very appreciative of the donations from last month.

Men's Walking Group

All Men are invited to join this group as they meet at Aaron Bessant park parking lot and walk together at 7: 00am every Tuesday.

Community Prayer Line

Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, the Little Pink Church, has established a Community Prayer Line. If you would like to submit a concern, joy, or sorrow, please send your short message to our Prayer email at: Prayers271@gmail.com.

Food Pantry-

The number of people the Food Pantry serves has increased. We are in need food donations so we would like to resume asking the congregation to donate on a monthly basis. This month we will be collecting **Spaghetti Sauce, Saltines, Canned Tuna and Chicken** Please place your donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you. As always, monetary donations are welcomed. Write for Food pantry on your envelope.





ANNOUNCEMENT

Adult Sunday School

Sunday school is at 8:00am in a room in the Preschool wing. Everyone is invited to attend.

Revelations Bible Study -Continues every Monday from 11-1pm

This is a weekly bible study led by Reverend David Leggett. The study book is "Life Lessons from Revelations" By Max Lucado Everyone is welcome. Bring a snack to share.

Evening Women's Bible Study-Monday, February 6th at 5:30pm

The evening women's Bible study will meet in the fellowship area. We share a meal and the word of the Lord together. All are welcome.

Sara Circle-

Sarah Circle has been cancelled until September 2023. All ladies who are interested in an evening Bible Study are welcome to join the Women's Monday night group. If interested, please contact Betsy Balmer

Fun Friday-

Fun Friday will be on **February 17th**. We will meet at 11:30 at Gulf Beach Family Center for a rousing game of Uno and lunch.

Potluck- Sunday, February 26th- After Worship

The church will provide the meat and we ask you to bring a side dish to share.

Tuesday, February 29th - 5pm

The new Tuesday Foodies had a successful first outing. We enjoyed the Thai food at Oishi. On Tuesday, February 29 we will be going out again. Our plan is Jamaican Bamboo on 79 at 5:00.

Church Workdays for February

On February 4th and 25th we will meet at the church at 10:00am to do small, odd jobs around the church. Many hands make light work. Please join us to help with the upkeep of our church.

February is Choir Recruitment month

Gulf beach is looking to expand its choir membership. Come, bring a friend and join the fun. If you are interested please see Michael Greer.

With love



*on
Valentine's Day*

Online giving with ease

We have made giving simpler. Whether you are giving to your pledge or making an end of year gift, it is now as easy as scanning the QR code with your phone.



The Witness and Evangelism committee is beginning a program called **WE SERVE**. We are looking for the people who volunteer their time in service. Volunteer time includes the food pantry, the Red Cross, schools, Council on Aging, walking a neighbor's dog and taking someone to an appointment to name a few. There will be a poster in the fellowship area for you to log your hours. All you need to do is put your name down, the activity you did and the hours involved. If you want to volunteer somewhere, let us know your time and talent and we will work with you to find an appropriate place. Let's see how many volunteer hours we can count! We are a church that serves in the community.

We Serve volunteered 54 hours in the community in the month of December. Ways we serve include taking food to a neighbor or colleague in need, walking someone's dog or volunteering at a school or church. We are a church in the community.

A daily prayer

Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness. Amen.



Birthdays / Anniversaries



February Anniversaries

1-Christian & Ken Waringa

February Birthdays

4- Bill Turnquist
7-Simone Green
10-David Erskine
15-Timothy Wiselogel
26-Juredini Green

To love another person
is to help them love
God."

—Søren Kierkegaard. *
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Concert Series Performances 2023

Sunday, February 5th-
Bobby Van Deusen, Bob Maksymkow
with Steve Gilmore

Sunday, February 19th-
Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews

Sunday, February 26th-
Arnold Jazz Band

All Concerts start at 7:00pm
Doors open at 6:00pm

TICKETS

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$10 general admission

PAL's (Pam & Al's) puppet ministry

is visiting the Little Pink Church during the month of February. Be sure to arrive on time to enjoy a short performance before Sunday morning worship.

Pam Schroeder and Sue Banie are puppeteers from the Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church in northeast Wisconsin. They have brought some of their puppet friends along to share their ministry with their winter friends here at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church. Please come and share the joy!

