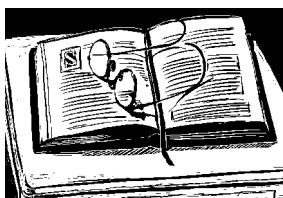


THE ROCK



Relying on Christ to illuminate our spiritual journey, we offer ourselves to God
Partnering with one another and
Creating ministries of compassion that transform the lives of those in need



Lectionary:

May 3rd:

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
1John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18

May 10th:

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm
22:25-31; 1John 4:7-21;
John 15:1-8

May 17th:

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm
98; 1John 5:1-6;
John 15:9-17

May 24th:

Acts 1:15-26; Psalm 1;
1John 5:9-13;

May 31st:

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel
37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-
35; Romans 8:22-27 or
Acts 2:1-21;
John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

The Tattler

By Pastor George



It's been said that when you have more memories than dreams, life is over. I prefer to turn that observation around by suggesting that to have more *dreams* than memories means that there's much more life ahead. As we approach the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the chartering of Rockledge Presbyterian Church, we have ample reason to look to the past and cherish the memories of this historic congregation. And yet, as rich as these memories are, dreams are what define this church. From its beginning in a palm log cabin, this congregation looked to the future based on Cornelia Magruder's vision of providing a Christian education outpost for her nine children. And over the years, people of vision have dreamed of a thriving center for education, worship, and mission. In a very real sense, our past points to the future! The past is prologue, the forward looking foundation God calls us to build upon at this milestone moment in RPC's history.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31st we will mark our 125th anniversary with a festive worship service (11:00 a.m. only) followed by a congregational luncheon. The 125th Anniversary Planning Committee is busy finalizing plans for this special occasion, so please watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

How providential that Pentecost coincides with the chartering of this church by the St. John's Presbytery on May 25, 1884! On Pentecost, as it was on the day this church was first organized here in Rockledge, there were more dreams than memories! When Peter stood up to preach on Pentecost he declared, in the words of the prophet Joel: "...your young ones shall see visions, and your old ones shall dream dreams" Acts 2:17. So it was for those who had a vision for a church in this place and who dared to turn their dreams into reality through their faith in the Lord of the Church.

And, by God's grace, so may it be for us! Pray that God will anoint us with a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit, as we, too, seek to "see visions and dream dreams" that will bring honor to the Lord Jesus and blessing to those we serve in his name!

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Deadline for articles *hand-written/typed* or *e-mailed to us in Word format* is the **20th of each month**. Articles will be accepted after the 20th but will be published only as room permits. To assure that your article gets in the newsletter please have them to us by the 20th.

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Joyce Roth	Helene Munson
Carole McKinley	Marcia Wilcox
Shirley Beam	Hugh Parrish
	Rena Gilmore



Session Elders

Tom Milsap	Richard Waters
Phil Rose	Steve Mercer
Faye Bennett	Catherine Shelton
Kimberly Prosser	
Robin Kramer	
Kathy Kenny	

The Brevard Children's Chorus is presenting their spring concert in the sanctuary at 7:30 on May 23. The conductor is Sharon Maslin.....it is really a wonderful chance to hear an excellent children's chorus.



We Have a King!

Here is a photo of Tyler Rose along with Alex Rose (not related)
Edgewood Homecoming 2009
Courtesy Florida Today

Thank you, thank you, to all RPC members and friends who donated your stuff and also your time to our RPC HS Youth and Community Flea Market held April 25th. It was a mammoth effort and huge success. The youth were able to raise \$1,478.03!!



RPC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
“ABOVE and BEYOND”
Status of Pledge Giving



DATE	# OF PLEDGES	AMOUNT PLEDGED	AMOUNT GIVEN
One-Time Gifts for Roof Fund (2005)			\$1,225
One-Time Gifts for Roof Fund (2006)			\$69,977
One-Time Gifts for Roof Fund (2007)			\$204,578
TOTAL GIFTS			\$275,780.00
Commitment Sunday (5-11-2008)	58	\$269,052	\$43,285
As of 12-28-2008	108	\$486,182	\$147,150
As of 4-19-2009	119	\$567,366	\$147,150.00
TOTAL (from Gifts and Pledges)	119	* \$567,366	\$449,188

* Note: The \$567,366 is the total amount of pledges for all 3 years of Capital Campaign.
1st year = May 2008 – May 2009
2nd year = May 2009 – May 2010
3rd year = May 2010 – May 2011

Distribution of RPC Capital Campaign Pledges (3-Year Commitment)

Amount Range	#
\$1 - \$499	27
\$500 - \$999	12
\$1,000 - \$4,999	52
\$5,000 - \$9,999	12
\$10,000 - \$14,999	5
\$15,000 - \$19,999	5
\$20,000 - \$29,999	3
\$30,000 - \$44,999	1
\$45,000 - \$74,999	1
> = \$75,000	1
TOTAL	119



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....

Our annual covered dish luncheon and birthday offering service is planned for Wednesday, May 6th, at 10:30am at the home of June Milsap.

The birthday offering is our opportunity to extend God's Grace to hurting women in El Paso, Texas who have lost their livelihood as a result of their jobs being shipped overseas and also to provide funds to build a home in the Ukraine for abandoned and abused orphaned children.

When we combine our contribution with other Presbyterian women God can do great things to relieve suffering at home and around the world.

Plan to attend this last gathering of the season and help support the inspiring work of the birthday offering. At the service we will learn more about how the grant money will be spent, be thrilled by Audrey Skidmore's rendition of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand's" and Pastor George will install our officers for 2009-2010. After which, the sixth graders from St. Mark's Academy will perform several dance numbers to entertain us.

Circle meetings:

Abigail	Monday May 11 @ 7:00 pm (Parlor)
Mary Martha	Tuesday, May 19 @ 10:00 am (Calvin)
Ruth	Tuesday, May 19 @ 7:00 pm, home of Pat Baggot
Esther	Wednesday, May 20 @ 10:00 am, home of June Milsap

SHARING CENTER.....

The latest figures, as of 4/19/09, for contributions to the Crop Walk were \$1,065. This will be much appreciated by many. 25% of these funds will stay here in Central Brevard at the Sharing Center. The rest will go to Church World Services to fund programs in many of the underdeveloped countries. Thank you for your support in sponsors and to those who walked under very adverse conditions although it did get better as the day progressed.

Some information from last month's figures at the Sharing Center include that we served 113 children under the age of 5 and 228 under the age of 18. We know that many people, not familiar with the Sharing Center, think that many of our clients are those homeless and on the streets. Yes, we do have those, but it also includes many families struggling to make ends meet even though they may be working.

Fiesta Brevard is coming up on May 8th at the Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach. Many nonprofit organizations will be there with information on their various programs. There will also be a fun hat contest, a band, food and drinks. Many groups make salsa and all who attend get to vote on the best. Tickets are \$10 and raffle tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. If anyone is interested in attending please see BJ or call 452-0828 to get tickets. It promises to be a night of fun!

The Sharing Center has been given "seed" money to start a fund to pay off our mortgage. If this is a cause you might be interested in please make a donation either directly to the Sharing Center or through the church by designating in the memo field "CBSC mortgage fund".

Thanks again for all the donations of food, clothing (gently used) and any furniture for our Thrift shop. All of this helps us to meet the ever growing needs of our community.

Worship Committee News

May 2009

Summer Worship Schedule – The Worship Committee has decided to continue the regular church service schedule through the summer months. That means we will still have services at 8:30am and 11:00am with Sunday school at 9:30am. We will be trying some new things during this 8:30 service so please plan on attending for a different experience. We are proposing to have a single service on the last Sunday for the Month of June and July. This service would be at 10:00am with no Sunday school. This was suggested as a way to bring together those that attend the 8:30 service with the folks that attend the 11:00am service. A special Sunday to bring us all together. More information will be forthcoming if approved and all the details are worked out. Look for the information in Next Month's Newsletter and the Sunday Bulletins.

Lay Leader Coordinator – Worship Committee is looking for someone to coordinate Lay Leaders for the morning services. As head of Worship, I have been doing this for about a year but with my new job I have very limited time to devote to getting this done. I have a list of folks that have done a number of services so you wouldn't have to start from scratch. You do not have to be a Lay Leader if you are not the Lay Leader type - I am primarily looking for someone to coordinate/schedule the Lay Leaders for both services for the remainder of the year. If you can only do it for a few months then that would help just as well. It is not a difficult job and I will be working with you if you have any questions. You are also not required to attend the Worship Committee meetings but you are more than welcome to if you would like. Please let me know if you can help. Any questions please contact me (Steve Mercer 639-4425 or E-mail: smerc9@bellsouth.net).

Communion at Home? - A suggestion was brought up to the committee about serving communion to those not able to attend church. We would like to find out about those people who would like the communion brought to their residence. Please let the office know if this is something you would like to do.

Upcoming events: May 31st, RPC 125th Anniversary Celebration - Single Service @10:00am then Luncheon after the service.

USHERS FOR SUMMER MONTHS NEEDED

Ushers for the 11:00am worship services are needed for the summer months (June, July and August). Look for a sign up sheet in the south hallway. Ushers serve for one month but substitutes are available if you are unable to usher one week. Training will be provided. Please contact Kim Trujillo if you need further information (639-7826, kwtrujillo@hotmail.com)

General Assembly update:

“Fidelity and Chastity Ordination standard remains in place”

The Presbyterian Outlook has announced that the most recent General Assembly recommendation regarding the removal of the Fidelity and Chastity Ordination standard in the Book of Order has been defeated by a majority of Presbyteries in the PCUSA.

For more information regarding the status of the vote on this issue and its implications for the future of the debate concerning ordination and homosexuality within the PCUSA go to this link: <http://www.pres-outlook.com/component/content/article/44-breaking-news/8719-fidelity-chastity-ordination-standard-remains-in-place-in-pcusa.html>

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1 7:00 AA (K)

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Sun 3 Sharing Center Sunday

4 6:00pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm Corp. Adm. (L); 6:00 Fellowship (C); 6:30 IPN (K)

5 6:30 C.E. (L); 7:00 AA (K)

6 10:30 PW Annual Gathering Luncheon & Installation; 6:30 Lectio Divina
7:30 Choir (K)

7 RPS Teacher's Luncheon; 6:30 RPS Board (L)

8 RPS Mother's Day Tea; 7:00 AA (K)

9 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)



Sun 10 Mother's Day – Special Fellowship Hour

11 9:30 am RPW Project Day (C); 6:00pm Scouts (C); 6:30 IPN; 7:00 Abigail (P)

12 7:00 AA (K); 7:00 Session (L)

13 6:30 Lectio Divina; 7:30 Choir (K)

14

15 6-9 Audobon (C); 7:00 AA (K)

16 6-9 Spina Bifida (C)

Sun 17 10:30 Graduates Recognition; Congregational Meeting after 11:00 service

12:30pm New Member "Get Acquainted" Luncheon (C)

18 6:00pm Scouts (C); 6:30 IPN

19 10:00 Mary Martha (C); 7:00 AA (K); 7:00 Ruth

20 10:00 Esther; 6:30 Lectio Divina; 7:30 Choir

21 6:00pm Children's Chorus Concert Rehearsal (S) & (C)

22 6:30pm Habitat for Humanity Mtg. (C); 7:00 AA (K)

23 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC); 7:00pm Children's Chorus Concert (S) & (C)



Sun 24 SALT (after 11:00 worship service)

25 Memorial Day: Office and School Closed

26 9:30am RPW Coordinating Team (P); 7:00 AA (K);

7:00 Trustees (C); 7:00 Deacons (P)

27 6:30 Lectio Divina

28 6:30 RPS End of Year Program (C) & (S)

29 7:00 AA (K)

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Sun 31 Pentecost - One service 10:00 a.m.; 125th Anniversary Celebration Picnic

Our 125th Year Celebration Begins

Dear Members and Friends:

Our year of celebration to honor the life of Rockledge Presbyterian Church will begin on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009. On that day there will be only one worship service. It will be held at 10:00 a.m. and then followed by a special luncheon program in Calvin Hall. Lunch will be in our traditional pot luck style with the main dish provided by the church.

The luncheon program will focus on the history of Rockledge Presbyterian Church, the recognition of members instrumental in the successful operation and growth of the church throughout the years, and a sharing session in which all will be invited to recall church memories that have proved to be personally unforgettable.

To help with this nostalgic sharing session, we need your help. Between now and May 31, please search your memory banks so that you can come to the luncheon prepared with a vivid recollection to contribute; it can be a serious or a humorous one. If your recollection can be documented, please provide the church office with that documentation by May 20. For instance, if you were married in the church sanctuary in 1970, you could provide a photograph of the bride, groom, and/or wedding party. On a card attached to the photograph, you would identify the event, all pertinent persons, the minister who officiated, and the date of the ceremony. To make sure that your documentation would be returned to you, you would also print your name and address on the back of the photo.

Thank you for your support in making this event a great success! We look forward to seeing you on May 31 and at all of the other events that mark our year-long celebration
125th Anniversary Planning Committee

Phil Rose, Co-Chair, Catherine Shelton, Co-Chair, Linda Williams, Pat Baggott, Rena & Bruce Gilmore,

Kathy Kenny, Peggy Hess, and Pastor George

RPC High School Youth present their final fund raiser for the Presbyterian Youth Conference at Montreat, NC on June 7th

Have anything nice you or your company could donate to our HS youth to auction off to help them get to Montreat this summer? We are in the process of collecting and creating wonderful items/baskets for our congregation and friends to bid on. Please call Janice & Lynwood Everson at 960-0569, or email them at LynEverson@aol.com or JanEverson@aol.com

Please come to Calvin Hall between the two worship services, during the fellowship hour and for a 1/2 hour after the 11:00 worship on June 7th for a Silent Auction of wonderful themed baskets of things you'd love to have, or things you would love to do around town. The auction will end at approximately 12:30pm. Winning bids will be announced at that time. You do not have to be present to win.

Look for more info in next month's newsletter. Please come and generously support our youth.

Letter from Jenn Ziberna

Hi everyone,

I hope this letter finds you happy and healthy in 2009. As many of you know, I recently lost my mother to Leukemia. I have been searching for a way to honor her memory and make sense of our loss.

Three weeks ago a good friend told me about Team in Training (TNT), which is a fundraising program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). TNT exists to find a cure for Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and Myeloma. It also looks to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. The organization is the LLS's largest source of fundraising. The more I learned about TNT, the more I became convinced that this would be the perfect way to honor my mom.

Team in Training is just as much about raising money for Leukemia, as it is about healing after the loss of a loved one. Each participant in the program pledges to raise a certain amount of money during the 4-5 months of training. I have committed to run the Mayor's Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska on June 20th and raise the minimum amount of \$4,500 by that time. I hope to exceed that amount with your help!

I will be running in honor of my mother, Judy Ziberna, who is missed by all who knew and loved her. I invite you to be part of the journey, as I tackle many miles of running and conditioning.....all that goes into training for a marathon. Simultaneously, I will also be holding dozens of fundraising events and would be grateful for your support.

I encourage you to visit my TNT web page for more information on LLS and TNT. It is also the quickest and easiest way to donate to my cause. If you would like to send a check, please send to the address below. No donation is too small! If you are looking for other ways to support my cause, please email me directly, as I will be needing lots of help in the coming months.

This is an exciting time and I hope you will help me make a difference. I look forward to crossing the finish line with your encouragement and support!

<http://pages.teamintraining.org/nca/anchor09/jziberna>

Make checks out to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and mail to me. I will send them in.

Jenn ZiBerna
4951 Brenman Park Dr.
#216
Alexandria, VA 22304

Please accept my heartfelt thanks in advance,

Jenn

jennzib@gmail.com

Are you Calvin in-clined?

If you want to learn more about John Calvin and the impact his life and teaching have had on the Reformed faith and our Presbyterian heritage, plan to attend *John Calvin: His Life and Legacy*. This five week class meets in Calvin Hall (where else?) during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.) Ray Hess will serve as the facilitator for this video-based, interactive course, offered in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. The class began on April 26th but join in any time!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our annual Vacation Bible School will be June 22-26 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. We invite all children ages 3 through 5th grade to join us for high-action games, awesome music, wacky skits, Bible stories and cool crafts. There is a \$10 registration fee per child. Registration forms are available in the South Hallway. Registration ends May 15th so get your forms in soon. If you would like to volunteer please call Mary Ward at 635-8835 or e-mail at mary-r-ward@digital.net.

Donations needed for VBS

Food

Vanilla wafers
Powdered sugar
Vanilla
Miniature semi-sweet
chocolate chips
Graham cracker sticks
Fruit loops cereal
Cheez wiz
Mini marshmallows
Jars of caramel
Pretzels
Chex mix
M&M's
Cheetos

Craft Items

Large rocks (to paint on)
Polymer clay
Googly eyes (medium and large)
Red felt
Old jeans with large pockets
Tacky glue
Brightly colored beads
Assorted hardware: washers, nuts
bolts, grommets
Twine
Red clay flowerpots
saucer base - 10-14"
Colored tape
Colorful rubberbands
Sand paper (medium grit 9x11 sheets)
Shaving Cream (not gel)
Craft Sand in desert colors

“MILITARY MATTERS”



Please pray for all our troops and their families, especially those serving overseas, those that are injured and family and friends of our congregation: Paul, William, Jennifer, Lamont, Brandon, Chas, Jason and Ben. Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom have caused 4,951 American casualties and 765 coalition casualties. America's war wounded count is over 35,000, many with injuries of a scope and magnitude that the government is struggling to treat, since we have become so successful at keeping severely wounded troops alive.

Congratulations to newly promoted Sgt. Brandon Jewell, now stationed at Fort Bragg, NC!

We are grateful for the safe return home of William Lovelady after his recent service in Iraq, and now in Jacksonville, Florida. THANK YOU, William, for your service!

Chas Mitchell was discharged from Walter Reed Army Hospital and recovering at home from a non-combat injury.

Jennifer Mitchell reports she is doing well in Afghanistan and has sent pictures of her life on the FOB in Afghanistan, which are posted on the bulletin board. The prayers, love, support and notes from her church family are greatly appreciated and help get her through each day!

Mail call is a highlight for everyone serving far from home. If you want to send a note to anyone serving overseas, addresses are listed on the bulletin board in the hallway.

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May 2009

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Return Service Requested

Worship Services: 8:30am & 11:00am
Church School for all ages: 9:30am
Coffee/Fellowship in Calvin Hall: 10:30am

