



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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## OCTOBER 2017

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ELDERS – 2018

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ELDERS – 2019

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### News from Reverend John Brock

Dear Friends,

One of my earliest memories of church is sitting in the third row of folding chairs in the Bellingrath Fellowship Hall at Central Presbyterian Church in Mobile. The congregation was having worship in the fellowship hall because of the devastation of Hurricane Frederic in 1979. We were singing the Gloria Patri, which in the red Hymnbook, has two Amens. Now, in my five year old head, I believed the song sounded like it needed a third amen, and so I belted this third amen out with the loudest voice possible. Now this probably was not the most embarrassed my parents were of me in church, but it was close!

But the joy of music has been with me ever since and I can barely contain my excitement as our church plans to purchase new hymnals. As we head towards Reformation Sunday and the beginning of the Christian Year in Advent, we hope and pray that our new hymnals will be ready to lead us into the coming year. If you have not yet been able to give to our hymnal fund, please prayerfully consider what you can help with. We are moving closer to our goal, but every donation of another hymnal helps. Let us Praise the Lord in song and voice!

Grace and Peace,  
John

### Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

There will be a reception/visitation in of honor Caryn Foy at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.  
A memorial service will follow at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

### REFORMATION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

This year Presbyterians celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. The theses, which criticized the sale of indulgences by church officials, are considered the opening salvo in the Protestant Reformation—a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone.

Luther is also celebrated for a second piece of writing: his translation of the Bible into German. After Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther in 1521, the reformer took refuge inside Wartburg Castle. There he completed his translation of the New Testament, based on Erasmus's 1516 Bible text. First printed in September 1522, the "September Testament" does not include Luther's name on the title page, an elision meant to limit church reprisals.

The Old Testament translation proved more difficult, owing in part to Luther's struggles with Hebrew and his insistence that the text be accessible to all Germans. "The translator must not be led by the Hebrew words," Luther wrote. "He should make sure that he really understands the sense and ask himself: 'What would the German say in such-and-such an instance?'" His editorial philosophy required inventive interpolations. For example, he replaced the word "chameleon," which would have been unknown to sixteenth century Germans, with "weasel."

It took Luther and a team of fellow scholars twelve years to translate the Old Testament, which was printed in 1534 together with Luther's New Testament. Despite criticism for the way he valued certain books of the Bible over others and for editing passages to fit his own theology, Luther's Bible was an immediate and lasting success; one Wittenberg publisher alone printed 100,000 copies between 1534 and 1574. Many Germans regarded it as a work of literary genius, the way English readers would revere the King James Bible in the century to come.

The St. Andrews Pipe & Drum Corps will join us for Reformation Sunday performing before, during & after the Worship Service on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring your cameras, etc.

**NICOLE OLSZYK (334.695.5448)**

- ❖ *Gentle & Moderate Ha Tha Yoga classes, Monday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm.*
- ❖ *All classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall - please bring a mat and water. The fee for each class is \$10.*

**RONALD G. ROSEN, M.D.** will present a program on *Breast Cancer Awareness on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Rosen will discuss the risk of breast cancer; screening, diagnosis and treatments. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend. (No meal will be served)*

### ***PRAYERS and HEALTH CONCERNS***

#### **HEALTH CONCERNS**

Dan Beouy, Shannon Foy Beouy, Pam Culberson, Ronnie Ezell, Brandon Fiquett, Carolyn A. Johnson, Don Maddox, Joan Mixon, Frankie Prince, Gene Russell, Herbie Weaver

#### **WORSHIPERS AT HOME**

Pegge Abraham, Bette Bland, Emma Foy, Barbara Morrison, Jane Price, Van Smith, Bobby and Lanette White

#### **MISSIONARIES:**

Zamorano family  
(YWAM in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic)

#### **NINE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE WITH LIVING WATERS:**

Los Higos, Hatillo, Matagorda, Limonal, Mata de Plantano, Los Corrales, Piedra Blanca Abajo, La Quebrada, Pasa Bajito

Charles & Sarah Kaye  
(The Bridge in Granada, Nicaragua)

#### **MILITARY SERVICE:**

Reed Burggrabe, Lamar Flowers, Brooks Welk, and Taylor Welk

**Prayers and/or Health concerns please contact either:**

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The deadline for submissions to the November newsletter is Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at **NOON**. Contact Barbara Osburn 334.327.9335 or by email: [beosburn33@gmail.com](mailto:beosburn33@gmail.com)

Sunday worship services are televised on Wednesday and Sunday nights at 8:00 pm on Channel 97 with cable. If you have a flat screen with no cable box, tune in to 115.5. The services are also on Eufaula TV1 YouTube and are broadcast one week after the actual service.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 1 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Caryn Foy Reception/Visitation 10:30 Caryn Foy Memorial Service 11:00 Worship Service & Communion PNC Update	October 2 5:30 Yoga class \$10 Nicole Olszyk	October 3 6:00 Eufaula Art Scene Meeting	October 4 Noon Prayer Group 4:00 PNC Meeting 5:15 WOW 6:30 Choir Practice	October 5 5:30 Yoga class \$10 Nicole Olszyk	October 6	October 7 8:00 Men's Breakfast
October 8 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 Worship Committee Meeting 11:00 Worship Service	October 9 5:30 Yoga class \$10 Nicole Olszyk	October 10	October 11 Noon Prayer Group 4:00 PNC Meeting 5:15 WOW 6:30 Choir Practice	October 12 5:30 Yoga \$10/class Nicole Olszyk	October 13	October 14
October 15 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 Session Meeting 11:00 Worship Service	October 16 5:30 Yoga \$10/class Nicole Olszyk	October 17 6:00 Circle Meeting	October 18 Noon Prayer Group 4:00 PNC Meeting 5:15 DR.ROSEN 6:30 Choir Practice	October 19 5:30 Yoga \$10/class Nicole Olszyk	October 20	October 15
October 22 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 Worship Service	October 23 5:30 Yoga \$10/class Nicole Olszyk	October 24	October 25 Noon Prayer Group 4:00 PNC Meeting 5:15 WOW 6:30 Choir Practice	October 26 5:30 Yoga \$10/class Nicole Olszyk	October 27	October 28
October 29 – Reformation Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 Worship Service St. Andrews Pipe & Drum Corps <b>CENTS-ABILITY COLLECTION</b>	October 30 5:30 Yoga \$10/class Nicole Olszyk	October 31	November 1 Noon Prayer Group 4:00 PNC 5:15 WOW 6:30 Choir Practice	November 2 5:30 Yoga \$10/class Nicole Olszyk	November 3	November 4 8:00 Men's Breakfast

## ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 1 – Bob & Cally Dixon  
Oct 7 – Doug & Mary Winkleblack  
Oct 24 – Larry & Beth Townsend

## BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1 – Richard Martin  
Oct 4 – Marin McWaters  
Oct 4 – Cora Mizio  
Oct 14 – Charlie Speake  
Oct 16 – Pegge Abraham  
Oct 20 – Billy Brabham  
Oct 20 – Bobby Dixon  
Oct 20 – Al Peak  
Oct 23 – Spencer Wills  
Oct 28 – Steve Hawkins  
Oct 31 – Jenni Clark

