

# FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 2021

## Christian Education News

If you haven't been to Sunday School recently, you're missing out on a lot. Both the adult and children's classes use Zoom so we can communicate with each other online. "*Feasting on the Word*" is the curriculum used in both classes, adult and children. In the adult class, we take turns leading the lessons. The lessons for the next 4 weeks are shared with the participants so they can sign up to teach a particular lesson that appeals to them.

The adults meet at 8:45 on Zoom for a time of catching up with our church friends. The lessons start at 9:00 (for adults and children) and end at 9:45. We pray for those who are sick, and those who are experiencing a difficult time. Join us so you can enjoy the comradery and thought provoking lessons.

But Sunday School doesn't end on Sunday. Several times during the year we choose a book for our book study. Last Spring we read Love is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry, and most recently we read, Be the Bridge by Latasha Morrison. For Advent, we will start a new book study December 1<sup>st</sup> using Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes by Dr. Cynthia Campbell. We meet once a week to discuss the designated 1 -2 chapters for the week. Join us! The book can be found on Amazon.

Our children are led by Anne Hall for their Sunday School class. For Advent the children will have an array of activities including crafts, word search puzzles, songs, and several easy recipes. They will also host a Baby Shower for Jesus like we did last year. I will put the dates for the activities and the Baby Shower in the newsletter later this fall. We are hopeful that we might be able to meet in the church before the end of the year.

I hope you will join us this week in Sunday School to see for yourself what you can experience online. See the Zoom link on the back of this page.

Donna Weisman

# ONGOING MEETINGS

## JOIN ZOOM MEETINGS

<https://zoom.us/j/321134316?pwd=YVZtdExkaU9nQy92WXE3ZHRxVo5EQTo9>

Phone Number: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 321 134 316

Password: 698082

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**LESSON 9:00AM**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89915609774?  
pwd=SG1yMHFMNllPQkJuemNjMlZjdkpjUTo9](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89915609774?pwd=SG1yMHFMNllPQkJuemNjMlZjdkpjUTo9)

Meeting ID: 899 1560 9774  
Passcode: 437522

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**CHAT 8:45 AM**  
**LESSON 9:00 AM**

**BUNCO**  
**MONDAYS**  
**2:30PM**

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING  
OCT 31  
FOLLOWING SERVICE**

# NEWS

## Member Spotlight **Bill Donalson**

I am humbled indeed and wish to express to you and to everyone how much Fellowship Presbyterian Church means to me at this point in my life. Truly, my family is my church. Yes, I do have cousins left, but I am now the second oldest living one. My grandmother was "Granny" to all thirteen of us. She set high standards and expected all of us to follow her example in life: patience, generosity, devotion to God and to each other, and most of all, obedience. Our parents kept that expectation alive and passed it on to us. What a legacy Granny left for us!

I like all the questions, and focusing on only four is difficult; however, I have chosen to respond to these: What is your favorite way to relax? What brought you to Tallahassee? What brought you to Fellowship? and What inspires you the most about our church?

I relax best when I am absorbed in a good, informative, creative, challenging book. For most of my adult life, my reading was related to academics and to the acquisition of knowledge, but after retirement, I switched to reading for pleasure. Lately, my pleasure reading has been related to classical mystery, especially mysteries with a British or European setting. There are so many new authors who succeed with mysteries that involve ordinary people living ordinary lives until tragedy strikes: tragedies that point out the importance of learning how others solve everyday problems. Why do I like those? Because they are similar in their teachings to the lessons taught by reading and studying the scripture of the Holy Bible. God expects us to learn how we should live as members of the current society: a part of, yet, separate. I know that sounds strange, but I find comfort in resolving conflicts with others and with myself.

After graduating Bay County High School in 1953, I worked for a year as a repair technician for an office supply company. One of my assignments was to go to Bay High every other week to repair and clean their typewriters and other business machines. On one visit, my former typing teacher asked me why I had not gone to college. I told her I did not believe I had what it took because my grades, though above average, did not indicate I was college material. At her insistence, I applied to East Carolina Teachers' College in my former home, Greenville, NC. Next fall, I was off to ECTC where my teachers encouraged me to continue. However, out of state tuition had taken all of my savings, and I applied to FSU and returned to Panama City in December, 1955 to attend FSU. FSU was very different from ECTC. Classes were much larger and teachers were too busy to notice, and my grades suffered greatly until I met Dr. Sam Lastinger, who became my personal mentor. I graduated in 1958 with a BS in Education after internship in sixth grade at Millville Elementary School. Before I finished I had been hired to teach at the new elementary school in Cedar Grove, which was set to open in the fall. I taught sixth grade there for four years and then went to teach English and General Sciences with the Air Force Dependents School program at Tachikawa AFB in Japan. I returned to Florida in 1964 and began graduate school at FSU. I received my MS in December, 1965, and took the job of Director of an ESEA Title I grant to work with 14 schools in Albany, Ga., to begin a new Reading Clinic and Materials Center. When TCC opened in shared facilities at Godby High School and then opened its new campus on Appleyard Drive in 1967, I applied to be the Director of a College Reading and Study Skills program. I moved back to Tallahassee and began at TCC in the fall of 1967. I taught

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## Spotlight continued

there for 37 years before retiring in 2003.

Dad had died in 1965 and Mother retired that same year. She and I together moved to Tallahassee the summer of 1967 and built a home in San Luis Ridge the next year. The first week in our new home, Rev. Reuben Allen, pastor of Covenant Fellowship Church on Old Bainbridge Road, came to visit us and invited us to church the following Sunday. We had been members of Faith for a year, but had become lost in the crowd, so were looking for a smaller church with an excellent minister and a loving congregation. Covenant more than met what we were seeking, and we joined immediately. We both were put to work immediately and became immersed in the work of the church. Mother became an active worker and developed friendships with fully committed Christian women who helped her move from the shy person she had always been, and I found the same sort of gentle love and support. We had moved to another new home in Royal Oaks in 1985, but kept our membership at Covenant until after her death in 1996. I began attending Fellowship and changed my membership here in 1997. Moving to Tallahassee in 1996, teaching at TCC, and becoming an active worker in church changed our lives tremendously. The church took us in, accepted us as we were, loved us gently, and changed two shy people into who we became. That all was directed by God and His son, Jesus the Christ, who took us by the hand and guided us both.

Now, where do I want to see Fellowship be in the future? Keep up the practices you have already established, but do even more. Fellowship's loving care and leadership are perhaps the best kept secret in Tallahassee.. We do not need to change who we are and what we do; however, we do need to let our community know about us.

In summary, I ask for and will cherish all your prayers and support. At the present, I am overwhelmed with the responsibility for setting the estates of Ken Paul Viszneki and Anne Hamilton Snyder. I stay physically and emotionally exhausted and sometimes feel so alone and inadequate that I don't even like myself. I know in my head and my heart that I am in God's hands; however, sometimes I feel He has let go of me. That is frightening, because my very conservative religious upbringing taught me "The FEAR of the LORD is the beginning of WISDOM." It has taken a lifetime to accept that "FEAR" does not to be afraid lightning will strike the next minute. We may never understand in this life how our earlier religious indoctrination may have kept us from becoming the person GOD wants us to be.

God's richest blessings on all of you, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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## Trunk or Treat is October 31st!!!

We still need more folks to sign up to participate in the trunk or treat. It's really easy. I've never done it myself before either so let's do it together! Just let me (Jeannie Dixon) know if you want to be a "trunker" or if you can help direct traffic. This is a walk-through event so we need to direct cars arriving to the back parking lot and then folks to direct the children to our parked vehicles that are decorated and have candy to give out. We need all cars in place and ready to go by 1:45 on Sunday afternoon. What time you arrive depends on how long it will take you to decorate your car once you arrive, so please plan accordingly. We will be open from 2:00 to 4:00 and will then close, clean up and head home. And if you are not able to participate as a "trunker" then please bring your children, grandchildren, etc. to our event! Questions? Give Jeannie a call or email or ask Sunday after worship.

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There is a Congregational Meeting immediately after October 31st worship for the election of officers and approval of terms of call. The meeting is in person and via Zoom.

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Presbyterian Women received a donation of lovely silver serving pieces. **Old bath towels, hand towels and dish towels** are needed to store the silver safely in bins. Bring your old extra towels and put them in the white basket under the mailboxes outside the office.

## NEWS TO KNOW

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24:

#### CENTS-ABILITY SUNDAY

8:45AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (ZOOM)

9:00AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (ZOOM)

10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE (INDOOR AND FACEBOOK LIVE)

11:30AM LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 25:

2:30PM BUNCO (ZOOM)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:

11:30PM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (IN PERSON AND ZOOM)

2:00PM- TRUNK OR TREAT

4:00PM

All classes are available on Zoom. You access the meetings by clicking or copy and pasting the link below OR calling in.

<https://zoom.us/j/321134316?pwd=YVZtdExkaU9nQy92WXE3ZHRxVo5EQTo9>

Phone Number: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 321 134 316 Password: 698082

All services will be on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/fellowshipcusa/>

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Marques Jerrell Ruff Music Director  
Karey Fowler Organist  
Amanda Boor Church Administrator  
Gerome Brown Sexton

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Lee Johnson Betty & Jack McCoy Carol & Dick Buys Bill Donalson  
The Family of Donnie Stover Ora May Keys Monti Campbell  
Jim Wacksman Jean Van Nostrand Libbie Mull Tom Shields  
The Jordan Family Pat Keough Jessica Burr Chuck Groff

### FRIENDS OF FAMILY

**Autumn & Dehana**  
(Kay Majors)

**Julian Sockman, Ray Stoffel**  
(Roger & Rita Sockman)

**Lesley Bender**  
(Larry & Jan Everett)

**Donna Weisman's parents, Ray Swicegood, Randolph McInvale**  
(Donna & Rodney Weisman)

**Marshall Poling**  
(Bill Donalson)

**Vivian Fueyo**  
(Ora May Keys)

**Millicent Burns**  
(Arabella Burns)

**Charlie & Pat Field, Justin Robertson, Grant Hendry, Susan Sumrall**  
(Jeannie Dixon)

**Stacie Johnson**  
**Teresa Emery, Faye Wilson**  
(Jan Bell)

**Gene Ward**  
(Alice Saunders)

**Emily Jordan, Fisher, Michele McIntyre, Joshua, Audree, Mitch, Fisher Yaney, Raleigh Strickland & Talquin Electric Linemen**  
(Amy Jordan)

**Vivian Fueyo**  
(Ora May Keys)

**Lynne Campbell, Erin Cantos, Jed Hardacker**  
(Rita Schumm)

**Heather Bailey Ray**  
(Lisa Bigham)

**Amy Cartright**  
(Louise Sadler)

**Barbara Horne**  
(Dottie Gough)

**Pam, Jordan & Family**  
(Jamie Seidman McDonnell)

**The Family of Tommy Dunlap**  
(Beth Hall)

**Anthony McClellan**  
(Melissa Wyllie)

**Jonathan**  
(Joyce Blocker)

**All Military & Their Families, Robert Gamble & This Child Here**

If you have a prayer concern or celebration, or are interested in becoming a part of this rewarding ministry, please call the office at 893-0617 or send an email to [fellowshipprayer@comcast.net](mailto:fellowshipprayer@comcast.net).

### THE SESSION

John Mercer, Cochran Keating, Donna Weisman  
Heather Kidd, Jamie Seidman McDonnell  
Jeannie Dixon, Mary Kelsay, Jim Crona,  
Nolan Raybon

**CLERK:** Jeannie Dixon

### THE DIACONATE

Joyce Blocker, Laura Hall  
Louise Sadler, Ellen Seidman  
Rodney Weisman, Linda Lamb

**TREASURER:** Kristin Morgan



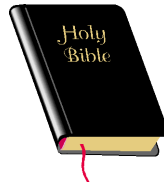
# October



## October 24

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

## Lectionary Readings



## October 31

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

## DEACON

Ellen Seidman

## USHERS

Oct 24 & 31-Cronas  
Nov 7-NEED VOLUNTEERS  
Nov 14, 21, 28-Jan & Bill Bell  
Dec 5-Cronas

## COUNTERS

October  
Angelyn B/Frank M

## AV

Oct 24-Melissa/Donna/Crona  
Oct 31 & Nov 7-Morgans  
Nov 14- Susan & Jim Crona  
Nov 21-Morgans

October is  
**Pastor Appreciation**  
Month

## Sunday School Teachers

Oct 24 - Donna Weisman  
October 31 - Arlene Goodman

## October Birthdays



3 Michele Reed	18 Jerry Smith
6 Rachel Sullivan	19 Dick Buys
7 Jerry Goodman	21 Casey Kidd
9 Casey Keating	22 Jaret Kidd
10 Michael Hall	24 Kristin Morgan
10 Bryan Meador	26 Jean Van Nostrand
11 Gareth Sanders	27 Karan Newsome
11 Manning Lee	30 James Wacksman
11 Karey Fowler	





# OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 8:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM WORSHIP 11:30AM LAWN LEMONADE	<b>4</b> ZOOM MEETING BUNCO 2:30PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ANNE SNYDER 10:00AM-VISITATION 11:00AM-FUNERAL CULLEY'S	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> DONNIE STOVER 12:30-VISITATION 1:30-FUNERAL CULLEY'S	<b>9</b> HARMONY CIRCLE 10:00AM FELLOWSHIP HALL
<b>10</b> 8:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM WORSHIP 11:30AM LAWN LEMONADE 12:00PM DEACONS MEETING 5:00PM REDISCOVERY SQ (ZOOM)	<b>11</b> ZOOM MEETINGS BUNCO 2:30PM CHRISTIAN ED MEETING 7:00PM	<b>12</b> ZOOM MEETING JOY CIRCLE 10:00AM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> ZOOM MEETING CONGREGATIONAL LIFE 7:00PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> CENTS-ABILITY SUNDAY 8:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM WORSHIP 11:30AM LAWN LEMONADE 12:00PM SESSION (FELLOWSHIP HALL)	<b>18</b> ZOOM MEETING BUNCO 2:30PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> ZOOM MEETING FIDELITY SQ 6:00PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM WORSHIP 11:30AM LAWN LEMONADE	<b>25</b> ZOOM MEETING BUNCO 2:30PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM WORSHIP 11:30AM CONGREGATIONAL MTG, THEN LEMONADE 2:00PM TRUNK OR TREAT						