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March/April 2011

# The Light

MIAMI SHORES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Missions Weekend**  
**March 4-6, 2011**

**Dr. Hunter Farrell, Ms. Jenny Reitz, Ms. Kendal Stewart,  
Mr. Enrique Sanchez, Mr. Christian Askeland, and  
Mrs. Stephanie Askeland**

Dinners Friday/Saturday evenings @ 6:30 pm. Call (305) 754-9541.

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# 2011 MISSIONS WEEKEND

At MSPC, March 4-6.

## Come and meet:



Dr. Hunter Farrell—Director of World Mission for the Presbyterian Church, USA, and missionary to Peru. His stories of God’s powerful work in Peru will inspire your faith.



Ms. Jenny Reitz, Co-Director of the Jesus House of Hope, Port de Paix/La Pointe, Haiti. Her ministry with abandoned children, and the joy and hope they find in Jesus Christ will show our partnership in Haiti face to face.



Ms. Kendal Stewart, Director of Habitat for Humanity, El Salvador and Mr. Enrique Sanchez, Missions Committee at Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC.  
 Mr. Christian Askeland and Mrs. Stephanie Askeland, PCUSA missionaries, Ft. Pierce, FL appointed to Cairo, Egypt.



### Friday night meals with:

- Anne Bellows-**H. Farrell**
- Marianna Hynson-Maximiano-**K. Stewart/ E. Sanchez**
- Steve and Diane Loffredo-**J. Reitz**

### Saturday night meals with:

- Prospero and Julie Herrera-**H. Farrell**
- Jim and Patricia Gregory-**K. Stewart/E. Sanchez**
- Bruce and Leslie Sardinia-**J. Reitz**

Call Mary Newman (305) 754-9345 to attend either Friday or Saturday’s covered-dish meals.  
**Dinners begin at 6:30 pm.**



## From My Heart to Yours

**"You become you-ier"**

*(John Ortberg)*

Here is a wonderful promise:

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10*

You are *God's* work. You are *not your* handiwork. Your life is not your project. Your life is *God's* project, God's masterpiece. And when it come to masterpieces, God does not use an assembly line! You are not mass produced. You are fearfully and wonderfully made! You are an original.

John Ortberg expresses this, expands it, saying, "God thought you up, and God knows what you were intended to be...and God made you to *flourish*...Flourishing is God's gift and plan." We were created to flourish...in energy, spirit, enthusiasm, thought, creativity...in everything.

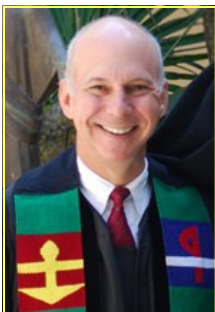
Now here comes a part of the promise that is truly wondrous: When you flourish, you become more you. You become more of that person God had in mind when he thought you up. "You don't just become holier, you become '*you-ier*'!" You become the best version of yourself.

As Christian believers, we desire to grow in our faith, right? I've seldom met a Christian who did not want to grow in faith. However, the apprehension to spiritual growth is that we think that it means being changed into a kind of person that we really don't want to become. For example, in the film "*The Invasion of the Body Snatcher*," we fear growing more spiritual will mean having our true self snatched and invaded by something/someone alien to our self, and we'll become some "holier than Thou" person that is unrecognizable or desirable. You know the kind of person I'm talking about!

God also knows this. What God desires, is that you don't just become holier, but that you become you-ier. What God desires it that you become the best version of you. You become your true self. What would that look like? Would you like see what that you could be?

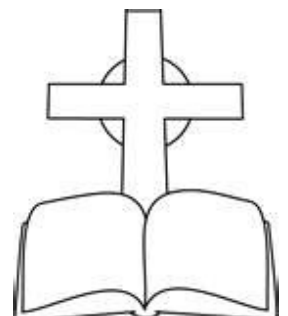
This spring, during Easter season, I'm inviting you to become you-ier.

"*The Me I Want to Be*", is a 5 week study beginning the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>. As with "*The 40 Days of Love*" series, we'll meet, grow, and become the best version of ourselves with fellow believers, in home groups, 1 ½ hours a week. Written by Dr. John Ortberg, pastor of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, this series is one of the most thoughtful and inspiring tools of use in the church today and one I especially like because it celebrates the uniqueness of each original, one of a kind, YOU. God's masterpiece.



Look for more information in the days to come, and I hope you'll join me and others in April for "*The Me I Want to Be*". Peace.

Dr. Sam Rutland



## Church Family happenings:

**Congratulations** are in order to the following Miami Country Day students:

- Avery Watson, who was named MCDS Upper School Female Athlete of the Week during January.
- Sarah Rutland, MCDS junior, and Emma Rodriguez, MCDS seventh grader, who were named to the Headmaster's List for their academic achievements.

On October 19 the world welcomed Madeleine Talitta Paget, daughter of Jon and Zola Griffin Paget. Zola was MSPC Director of Children and Youth Ministries from 2006 to 2009. The Pagets live in Colorado Springs.

Gordon and Yvonne Moyer have become grandparents for the second time. On January 6, Kelsyn River was born to Lun Yi and Michelle Tsai. Kelsyn's mother, Michelle, grew up at MSPC, was an acolyte, Youth Group attendee and choir member. Kelsyn's 5-year-old brother, Sakhaya Ray, is a Presbyterian Church Preschool kindergartener. The Tsais live in Miami Shores.

Happy housewarming to Martha Crossman, who has moved to Tower II, Quayside.

Many happy returns of the day to Audree Duval, who will be 90 years young on March 16. A longtime Miamian, Audrey was an Edison Red Raider. She has been a member of MSPC since the 1970's.

**Mr. Jim Gensel, Director of Music Ministries presents:**

## "Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Pipes"

**Sunday, March 27th, 12:15 pm**

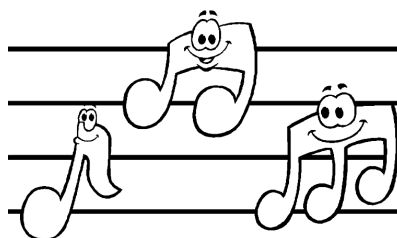
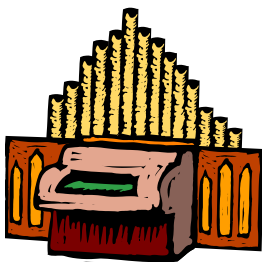
**(following the 11 am Service)**

Children and their parents are invited to the choir and organ loft for a bunch of PB and J's, as well as, an introduction to the 66 rank MSPC pipe organ. How does the pipe organ produce sounds? What sound can it make? All are invited to hear Mr. Gensel play and to learn how each Sunday we *"Praise the Lord with strings and pipes,"* as Psalm 150:4 proclaims.

The event will last approximately 45 minutes and it is FREE.

Kindly call the church office to let us know how many to expect: (305) 754-9541.

**Children must be in accompaniment of a parent of guardian.**





**Prayer Shawl Ministries**

We are looking for people who knit or crochet to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry here at MSPC. If you would like to join this group, please call either: Martha Anne Collins 305-758-2972 or Lucy Walker 305-758-2026.



As of February 21st, six prayer shawls have been received by MSPC members.

*"The Sounds of Sebring" return..*



**Sunday, March 20th**  
(both morning services: 8:45 am, 11:00 am)

**Concert/Luncheon at 12:15 pm**

We welcome back Rev. Don Davis, former MSPC pastor, with his award winning barbershop quartet, *The Sounds of Sebring* for music in worship and a luncheon concert. They'll sing all of the favorites including *"By the Light of the Silvery Moon."* Mark your calendar for this special celebration occasion at MSPC!



**Parents Morning Out**

PMO still has openings for the 2011-2012 summer session and school year. Two sessions will be held this summer. The first session begins Tuesday, June 7 and ends Thursday, June 30. The second session begins Tuesday, July 5 and ends Thursday, July 28. The school year begins on Monday, August 29.

If you are interested in registration info. for the Monday/Friday program or the Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday program for either summer or fall, please contact:

Director Karen Boyd at 305-754-9541 ext. 17 or kcbfsu@gmail.com.

Children 18 months through 3 years of age by September 1st are welcome to attend. The hours of Parents Morning Out (PMO) are 9-12. The two and three day program are limited to 30 students. Registration is first come, first serve.



**Reaching Out Into the Community**

The Heidi Hewes Chapter of the Women's Cancer Association, under the leadership of President Bill Tenney, raised \$26,500 for cancer research from the Heidi Hewes Holiday Walk. This was an annual event in which was over 500 persons attended.

Bob Bourne and Michael Dorne co-chaired the successful 2011 Mayor's Benefit Ball on February 19. Proceeds from this annual ball benefit the local projects of the Miami Shores Community Task Force.

On February 6, MSPC churchgoers generously donated \$207.00, plus soup and other canned goods on *"Souper Bowl Sunday"*. Pass It On Ministries was the recipient of the donations.

## ~Homeless Feeding~

by Bill Tenney. Member, MSPC



*Samantha Sardinia, serving.*



The third Sunday of every month, MSPC provides financial support and volunteers to serve dinner to the clients of Community Partnership for Homeless at their facility, 1550 North Miami Ave. The motto of this service organization is "Where Hope Lives."

The 17 volunteers who met at the church at 4:30 p.m. carpoled easily downtown. It was a late Sunday afternoon in December and traffic was light. When we entered the facility, a security guard waved us through. We crossed a courtyard where men, women, and children were waiting for the dining room doors to open. After exchanging friendly greetings with them, those volunteers who had served before showed us how to don hairnets, aprons and gloves.



The veterans then found a place on the serving line. The food items consisted of spaghetti, salad, roll, and pudding. The drink was like kool-aid. Since the food is usually served cafeteria style, those of us not on the serving line wondered, "What we would be doing? Would we just walk around, and be friendly?" Suddenly, the dining room doors opened, and any fears about not having enough to do were quickly dispelled. The people streaming in had been instructed to take a seat, and in no time every table was filled. Our job was to bring their food trays and drinks to them at their tables. Soon, we were wishing that we were on roller skates.

We served 300 people that night, but it seemed like 500. The people being served were gracious. The children were especially thankful. We had to cope with a few people who were demanding and tested our Christian patience. There were three teenagers serving with us, and we trust that this was a positive learning experience for them.

The MSPC Missions Committee provided a Christmas present to the clients in the persons of Jim Gregory and his friend, Chuck. They brought their guitars and Jim sang Christmas Carols during the dinner. How surprised and pleased we were when the people stopped eating to applaud.

At the end of the evening, we were exhausted as we rode back to the church in the dark, but in our hearts was a great satisfaction. As those who do mission work know, we always get back much more than we give.

*Note: You are always invited to volunteer any 3rd Sunday of the month with the group going to feed the homeless. Simply meet under the purple awning at 4:30 pm any 3rd Sunday. All are warmly welcome. For more information contact:*

*Kim Coe at (305) 573-3120 email: donaldcoe001@comcast.net*

*Jim Gregory and his friend, Chuck.*





*March*

Janice Reese 3/1  
 Jerry Lance 3/1  
 Anne Paulk 3/1  
 Pat Block 3/2  
 George Fox 3/3  
 David Leone 3/3  
 Sarah Talbot 3/5  
 Ethel Captain 3/5  
 Sid Reese Jr. 3/5  
 Peter Sahwell 3/5  
 Robert Boundy 3/6  
 Chelsea Middleton 3/7  
 Philip Benedek 3/7  
 Sandra Harris 3/9  
 Sherry Riley 3/11  
 Tommy Hurst 3/11  
 Patrick Basile 3/11  
 Olive Rattray 3/13  
 Chelsea Graves 3/13  
 Robert Mitchell Jr. 3/14  
 Raynaldo Bernard 3/14  
 Audree Du Val 3/16  
 Roy Siewnarine 3/16  
 John McFeely 3/16  
 William Broeker 3/16  
 Thomas Hurst 3/17  
 Virginia Byrd 3/17  
 Patricia Gregory 3/17  
 Susan Boundy 3/17  
 James Bradley 3/17  
 Michelle Petrillo 3/18  
 Evelyn Jones 3/19  
 John Captain 3/19  
 Nancy Middleton 3/19  
 Catherine Ragheb 3/19  
 Lauri Sanders 3/20  
 David Shoaf 3/20  
 Samuel Huber 3/20  
 Doreen Harding 3/21  
 Jane Hinterkopf 3/21  
 Samantha Sardinia 3/21  
 Mavis Siewnarine 3/23  
 Vaughan Heard 3/23  
 Madelyn Moyer 3/23  
 Krissy Garconnette 3/23

Alice Williams 3/24  
 Phillip Tedder 3/24  
 Grisette Marcos 3/24  
 Tania Metellus 3/25  
 Ashley Sinanan 3/26  
 Eleanor Weller 3/28  
 Sherrill Swanson 3/28  
 Jane Romansky 3/29  
 Roxanne Davies 3/30  
 Jackson Roberts 3/30  
 Lucienne Decker 3/31  
 James Moore 3/31  
 Brandon Collado 3/31

*April*

Christopher Bellows 4/1  
 Elizabeth Kern 4/1  
 Zachary Sherman 4/1  
 Diane Butler 4/2  
 Bette Onoprienko 4/3  
 Susan Wesley 4/3  
 Tanja Moennichmeyer 4/3  
 Gabriella Twombly 4/3  
 Ginger Jacob 4/3  
 Ronny Crisco Sr. 4/4  
 Audrey Bedzis 4/5  
 Albert Toussaint 4/5  
 Angie Succop 4/5  
 Douglas McDuff 4/5  
 Emma Twombly 4/5  
 Barrett Dorn 4/6  
 Stephanie Ragheb 4/6  
 Michael Loffredo 4/6  
 Mary Newman 4/8  
 Heather Loffredo 4/8  
 Robert Butler Jr. 4/9  
 Donna Wilson 4/10  
 Katrina Herrera 4/10  
 Callie Pumo 4/10  
 Elizabeth Robinson 4/11  
 Arthur Taylor 4/11  
 Marcia Cannata 4/11  
 Audrey Noel 4/11  
 Christian Davies 4/12

Madison Cate 4/12  
 George Burch 4/13  
 Zarie Jones 4/13  
 Winston Ramjattan 4/13  
 Jill Reynold 4/13  
 Ket-Marley Alcindor 4/13  
 Alice Furr 4/14  
 Dorothy Slater 4/14  
 Carol Sonenshein 4/14  
 Jon Wesley 4/14  
 Bunny Swanson 4/15  
 William Jones 4/15  
 Betty Lou Loyer 4/15  
 Dorothy Wise 4/15  
 Adam Wanner 4/16  
 Nora Tenney 4/16  
 Isabela Martir 4/16  
 Amiel Jampayas 4/17  
 Scott Thrasher Jr. 4/17  
 Mark MacDonell 4/18  
 Toni Ceglia 4/21  
 Erica Maxwell 4/24  
 Michelle Noel 4/24  
 Mark Coleman 4/26  
 Douglas Broeker 4/27  
 Victoria Fike 4/27  
 Shaun Rogers 4/28  
 Charles McNear 4/29  
 Robert Janke 4/29  
 Bekky Leonard 4/29  
 Joanne Coltrain 4/29



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LOVE!

# **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

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## **Maundy Thursday, April 21-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

A contemporary recreation of The Upper Room, Holy Communion served at a common table.



## **Good Friday, April 22-12:00 pm at the McArthur Chapel**

A service remembering with song, scripture, and message, the greatest gifts of all, Christ's sacrifice upon the cross for the sin of the world, followed by soup and sandwiches (provided by MSPC deacons).



You seek  
Jesus  
of  
Nazareth,  
who was  
crucified.  
  
He has risen!



## **Easter Sunday, April 24-8:45 am, 11:00 am, (both in the Main Sanctuary), and 5:00 pm (Jesus Café)**

Resurrection Sunday.  
Celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death, and the new life His resurrection gives to all who trust in His grace.



**"READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?"**

This is the last of the "Forty Days of Love" group suggestions for restful and interesting reading.

*People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks. This book is based on a true story of Haggadah, a book of Jewish Rites that was actually saved from the bombing of Sarajevo.

*Sara's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay. A heart-rending story of Jewish families being rounded up in France in 1942. Ten year old Sara locks her four year old brother in a secret cupboard when she and her parents are taken away by the Nazis. This is an absolutely poignant and unforgettable story.

*The Mitford Series*, by Jan Karon. This delightful series of five books begins with *At Home in Mitford*. Family relationships, faith, peace, and happiness reign with the introduction of Father Tim, who enriches everyone's lives.

*90 Minutes in Heaven*, by Don Piper. An inspirational book based on a true story of life and death. The author was in a terrible auto accident and pronounced dead for 90 minutes. The book is filled with a message of recovery, peace, and spirituality.

*One Day*, by David Nicholls. Nicholls follows the lives of one couple who met at college graduation. He follows their lives into their late thirties, as well as, the changes they go through apart and together! While the character studies are vividly described, critics feel that 400 pages might be too much of a good thing.

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*, by Anne Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer. A delightful story of post World War II London and Guernsey Island as told by an author Juliet as she travels through the occupied island and learns its hardships. While the book has its hysterically funny parts, love and friendship are the real highlights.

So, there you have it; just a few of our class favorites. Hopefully you have discovered one or two books of interest that might help you rest...I mean read. -Lucienne Decker



**Join our 75th MSPC Anniversary Celebration!**



It's directory time!  
**Smile**

Experience the fun of your own professional photography session. Sign up now and your family receives:

- **FREE 8x10 portrait**
- **FREE pictorial directory (MSPC 75th Anniversary Edition)**
- **Opportunity to purchase additional portraits**

You'll be photographed and view your images in **one trip** to the church. Please allow **one hour** for your session.

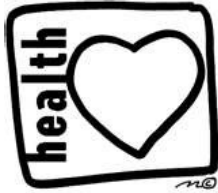
Sign up in the church breezeway after worship service or call the church office (305) 754-9541 (M-F, 9-5 pm).

**Photography Dates: Tues., Wed., Fri., and Sat., March 8, 9, 11, 12**

**Times: 1-8pm Tues., Wed., Fri. 10-5 pm Saturday**

## "SIXTY SECONDS WITH SIXTY PLUS AND MINUS"

Since the last edition of The Light, Sixty Plus and Minus has had 3 wonderful get-togethers. Our Holiday Feast in December featured Delmonico steaks, individually prepared to your liking, and delightful original Christmas stories by published author, Dr. Terry Piper.



We kicked off 2011 with an Italian Night dinner and noted historian Robert Dawson's costumed portrayal of Taen Brahe, a Spanish astronomer who charted over 1,000 constellations. February was a Mardi Gras celebration dinner followed by personal fitness trainer, Tom Ellison, who had us sitting up straight in our chairs as he discussed keeping fit and healthy through our senior years by improving our posture and core balance.

Plans are still being finalized for our March 16 program, but the traditional St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner is etched in stone. Plan to join us. "Sixty Plus and Minus . . . it isn't just for seniors anymore."



### MSPC SCHOOL NEWS



March - April 2011



Registration is underway!

If you or someone you know is looking for a great school to attend, now is the time for them to come and check us out! Come by anytime for a tour of the school. We accept ages 18 months to fifth grade.



The Elementary School, kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be having their annual spring play. This show will be the play **The Little Mermaid**. All are welcome to see our elementary children in action! This show will be on Wednesday, April 6 and Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. The kids are SO excited. Hope to see you there!

*As always, you can visit us on the web at [www.mspc.net](http://www.mspc.net)!*



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**Meeting Dates:**

**March**

Mon. Mar. 7: Prayer Circle  
9:15 am-Sanctuary

Mon. Mar. 14: Circle 1  
9:30 am-Library

Fri. Mar. 18: Circle 12  
11:00 am-Library

Mar. 20: Circle 8 Homeless Feeding  
4:15 pm-MSPC

**April**

Mon. April 4: Prayer Circle  
9:15 am-Sanctuary

Mon. Apr. 11: Circle 1  
9:30 am-Library

Mon. Apr. 11: Circle 8  
6:30 pm-Jan Reese's Home  
9655 Biscayne Blvd.

Fri. Mar. 18: Circle 12  
11:00 am-Library



# 2011

## **coming Events**

**March**

Fri. Mar. 4: Missions Weekend Dinner  
6:30 pm

Sat. March 5: Missions Weekend Dinner  
6:30 pm

Sun. March 6: Missionary Speakers

Tues. Mar. 8, Wed. Mar. 9, Fri. Mar. 11,  
Sat. Mar. 12: Life Touch Pictures  
For Pictorial Directory  
1:00-8:00 pm (8th-9th, 11th)  
10:00-5:00 pm (12th)

Sun. Mar. 20: Homeless Feeding  
4:30 pm-MSPC

Sun. Mar. 27: Peanut Butter and Jelly Concert  
12:15 pm-Sanctuary

**April**

Sat. Apr. 9: Habitat for Humanity Workday  
7:00 am-3 pm

Thurs. Apr. 21: Maundy Thursday Worship  
Service  
7:30 pm-F.H.

Fri. Apr. 22: Good Friday Service  
12:00 pm-McArthur Chapel

Sun. Apr. 24: Easter Sunday  
8:45 am & 11:00 am-Sanctuary  
5:00 pm Jesus Café-FH

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**Come Worship With Us On Sunday Mornings And Evenings:**

**Welcome**

8:45 am Early Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School (all ages)  
11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service  
5:00 pm Jesus Café (every Sunday)

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**We welcome:**

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