

*From the  
Pastor*



- Praise God for 2019!
- Our worship services have been filled with purpose, passion, and creativity:
  - > Music Directors Jeremy Wiggins and Brett Epperson and Accompanist Serena Jung have enhanced worship with their ministries.
  - > The Monday Morning Bible class explored each week the scripture for the following week's sermon,
  - > The Sacraments were honored with depth and meaning.
  - > Special worship services and seasonal worship services included the traditional Christmas Eve service of Lessons, Carols, Candles, and Communion. This year we used Kumba Bread from the Camerouns as we honored the call of General Assembly to pray for our brothers and sisters there.
- Bible Study is a priority at Lafayette.
  - > The Monday Morning Bible class explored each week the scripture for the following week's sermon,
  - > Our Adult Sunday School classes, our Monday Evening Prayer and Bible study, and our Presbyterian Women circles are all devoted to the Word. Bible study is also a focus of our Wednesday evening dinner programs.
- I sought to bring God's Word into every facet of the life of our church in 2019:
  - > I led several Bible classes / studies.
  - > I offered a monthly homily and program at Westminster Oaks titled, "Laugh, Learn, and Lunch."
  - > I authored and led an evening Bible series titled, "What's the Difference?" which explored the differences between denominations and faiths.
    - > I brought Biblical messages to our Men's Prayer Breakfasts and to mid-week worship services both at Westminster Oaks and Westminster Gardens.
    - > I offered Bible Lessons at Session meetings and Committee Nights.
- Our Lenten theme was "*The Old Rugged Cross*," and we celebrated with:
  - > Ash Wednesday worship.
  - > Simple weekly dinners and worship.
  - > Palm Sunday worship.
  - > Maundy Thursday communion.
- Advent was observed through Wednesday dinners and worship titled, "*Christmas Around the World*," featuring Iceland, Singapore & Malaysia, and Croatia. For Iceland, we hosted a Book Exchange which was attended by our Brownies and Cub Scouts.
- The "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" special worship service celebrated our heritage with bagpipes and family tartans. The St. Andrew Society partnered with us for the fourth year.
- The church and our Mission Committee responded generously through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and many local and regional missions.
- Our church staff served the church with tireless and faithful devotion.
- I served beyond our local church in 2019 in the following ways:
  - > Chair, Presbytery of Florida "Self-Development of People"
  - > Board member, UKirk
  - > Representative from Florida Presbytery to the Eckerd College *Spiritual Life Council*.