



# THE GARDENS' VINE



*Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches,  
cut off from me you can do nothing."*

Gardens Presbyterian Church

February 2002

Dr. Albert W. Bush, Jr. Pastor

## "UNDER FULL STEAM"



On Lake George, New York there is a steamboat called the Minnie-Ha-Ha which steams around the southern part of the lake under paddle wheel power. The owners of the Lake George Steam Boat Company decided to add a steam power calliope like you would find in an old-fashioned circus. The calliope was placed on the stern on a platform that would face the dock where the people waited to board. The idea was that the music would entertain the people while they waited and serve as advertisement throughout Lake George Valley. The music would echo around the lake's basin as the boat moved out of the dock.

A good idea but there was a problem. The calliope took so much steam from the boiler to make its music that the paddle wheel would not turn - not enough steam to drive the pistons that moved the paddle wheel. The Minni-Ha-Ha was a real paddle wheel steamer. You could have music or movement but not both. The boiler had insufficient power. The result was that the calliope played while the Minni was docked but not when it was underway.

The church is a lot like a steam paddle wheeler. Our energy must be channeled into directions that will further the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. Without the vision we might make a lot of noise, but we will not get anywhere. The scriptures say, "without vision the people die". Vision guides us, helps us set our priorities for what we need to be doing.

As we go into 2002 and the season of Lent, as we go forward in our life together as a new church in a new place, we consider our vision. What is our mission? In the simplest it is to present Jesus to our community as the means to salvation. Through worship, Christian Education, outreach projects, and fellowship we show the world that Jesus leads us to God. Jesus shows us the radical love of God that will forgive and wipe out sin. Jesus brings us the hope of God, that we can make a difference: make the world a better place.

There is a paradigm shift going on in the church from institutional maintenance to mission focus. Since sometime after World War II the Protestant church has been struggling to hold itself together, especially the Presbyterian Church. Many of our churches are in survival mode - what must we do to keep the doors open? Everything they do is dependent upon saving their church from closing. What they must do is have impossible dreams, move from institutional survival to mission focus centers where people put their faith into action with hands on projects. Today people want to be involved. They want to be close to the work that is done.

The Minni-Ha-Ha can move forward or play the calliope. It won't do both. If we worry about the institution but have no vision we will die. Let us embrace our vision, let us be a mission center where God's work is done.



May God bless all of you.

In His Service,

Dr. Albert W. Bush, Jr., Pastor



*Join Us  
For Worship*

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

**9:00 a.m.**

Family Worship Service

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Service  
& Sunday School

Childcare provided 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. for infants through the age of 3.

## HEALING SERVICE

A Healing Service will held at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on September 30<sup>th</sup> and will continue to be held on the last Sunday of each month.

## CHURCH ADDRESS:

4677 Hood Road  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418  
Phone: 561-625-5970  
FAX: 561-625-5554

Church e mail: [gpcpbg@bellsouth.net](mailto:gpcpbg@bellsouth.net)  
Web page: <http://www.gardens-pres.org>



## Bel Canto Singers

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m., The Bel Canto Singers will perform in concert at Gardens Presbyterian Church. The chorus is made up of the best singers in the area, and because they are, they are known for the beautiful sound as befits the name "Bel Canto". The Chorus was founded in 1983 and has been in great demand in the Palm beach County area. Concerts have included not only classical choral music, but scenes from Opera and three Gilbert & Sullivan programs. Anne Teeter Ryan is the founder and conductor of the Bel Canto Singers. "Bel Canto" is a style of singing characterized by brilliant vocal display and purity of tone. Don't miss the opportunity of hearing this special concert..Come, enjoy, and bring a friend. Pam Heinemann will accompany the singers.

## WE NEED E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Tracey Eller is now updating our website on a regular basis and is collecting E-Mail addresses for members and friends who have them. She updates the church's calendar each week and will send church information to those who have furnished their address. E-mail yours to the church ([gpcpbg@bellsouth.net](mailto:gpcpbg@bellsouth.net)) to be added to the network.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

January through December 31, 2001

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2001 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Total Income	214,390	193,103	111.0%
Total Expenses	217,780	218,948	99.5
Unbudgeted income	171.16		
Unbudgeted expenses	22,359		



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Amount Pledged	\$158,730
Receipts Pledged	108,654
Open Pledges	51,631
Receipts Non-Pledged	31,551
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$140,280</b>

The following note was sent to the church:



Dear Dr. Bush and members of the congregation of Gardens Presbyterian Church:

The Lighthouse Habitat for Humanity sincerely appreciates your generous donation of \$250.00. Your donation will be used toward the construction of our homes currently being built in Jupiter.

Again, thank you very much for your kind and sincere donation. God Bless You.

Sincerely,

Lighthouse Habitat for Humanity

Patricia Stidham, Executive Director

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **L.L.L.**

The February meeting of the Lone Lively Ladies group will be on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at the church as usual for devotions and a short meeting, and then car pool to our luncheon destination. This month it will be Mulligan's in the Promenade Plaza on Alternate A1A. Our devotion leader this month is Betty Fleming, and it is important to tell either her (844-6635) or Margaret Rosen (842-0271) if you are planning to attend so that tables can be prepared at the restaurant. Visitors are always welcome.

### **TRASH AND TREASURE SALE**

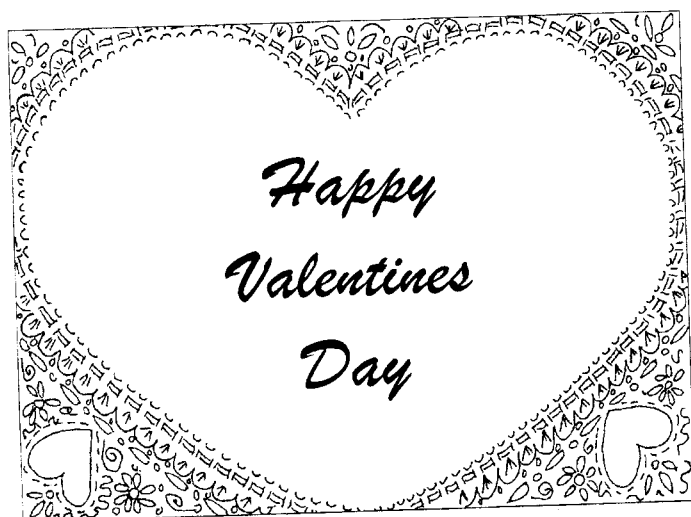
Keep the date of April 20 in mind for the Trash and Treasure Sale. More information will be coming later.

### **CIRCLE OF THE TRINITY A NEW YEAR - A NEW BEGINNING**

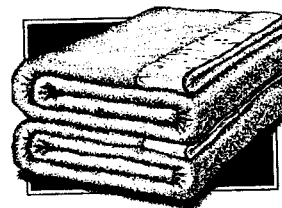
Plans are in the making for a full and happy calendar. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Bring your lunch - dessert and beverage will be provided. We are currently studying the Book of Esther. All ladies are welcome to join us. "ADMISSION IS FREE".

Our annual card and game party will be held Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Tickets are \$5.00. Refreshments will be served and there are prizes to be won.

Yours in Christian Fellowship  
Joan Fontaine, Moderator



## **MISSION NOTES**



### **TOOLS OF HOPE AND BLANKET SUNDAY**

**February 10, 2002**

Did you know that a \$5 blanket has a lot in common with something like a hoe or trowel – it's a small, simple, relatively inexpensive item, but for someone in need it's a gift that can make a world of difference!

It's a tradition here at Gardens for the kids to show and tell us why we should give to this worthy cause. And this year, they will be presenting a short skit to explain the new name of this Church World Service project and how your gift can help.

Our gifts make possible. . .

- Tools of hope such as blankets, tents, bedding and other emergency supplies in the wake of natural disasters as well as human calamities such as wars and ethnic violence.
- Drilling and installing a village well to bring safe clean water to villages in Haiti, in Malawi, and more than 20 countries worldwide.
- A hoe, shovel and rake for a rural family in Senegal, or 150 baby fish (fingerlings) to stock a village pond in the Bolivian Andes -- \$15 *tools of hope* to increase food production.
- A wire chicken coop and batch of chicks for enterprising women and their families in Ghana or the Dominican Republic -- \$75 *tools of hope* to gain a share in the local market economy.

Watch for the TOOLS OF HOPE AND BLANKET offering envelopes in your Feb. 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin, and join with some 4,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. who sponsored this program last year.



PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE

*Word of  
thanks to:*

December 28, 2001

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Gardens Presbyterian Church  
4677 Hood Rd  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Dear Friends:

The words and music of a song my choir is singing for Advent seem to keep playing in my mind,  
*"say he will come, pray he will come to a sin sick world with his love . . . say he will come and  
bring peace to all who believe, chosen one . . ."*

Advent is a re enactment of the depth of longing and desire for a Savior. The Hebrew people were looking for the one who would end the despair of slavery, the brutality of occupation, and bring prosperity and peace.

As a babe, Christ was born into a world that was dark, a world not unlike our world today. Yet as hope and love broke through the darkness with the birth of the Son, so too in many dark places the church breaks through with a message of love, a word of comfort, and physically binds wounds and builds hope where chaos seems the order of the day.

Through your support to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, you have become the arm of tenderness that covered the shoulder of a Presbyterian pastor during the renewal retreat held at Stony Point, New York following the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. You have been the hand that held out the key to new homes in El Salvador and India after the devastating earthquakes. You have provided dignity to hundreds of Afghan refugee women sewing quilts for shelter packs going into Afghanistan, and you have been the joy that a Presbyterian youth group brought to the task of mudding out families devastated by the floods in West Virginia.

Thank you for your gift on December 27, 2001 totaling \$200.00 designated for Pastoral care and relief work related to September 11 attacks, and thank you for being part of that Presbyterian network of care. Together, we bear witness and share the great gift of hope and love that is ours in Christ. *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* (Romans 15:13)

Sincerely,

Susan Ryan, Coordinator  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

*Out of chaos, hope*

# FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBER CARE

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2	Betty Evans
14	Mickey Smith
15	Sandy Thatcher
17	Scott Thatcher
20	Kathy Eldridge
22	Audrey Meitz
25	Nellie Lissenden
26	Young Sook Hong
26	Robert Sjolander

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### Our Prayers and Get Well Wishes to:

*Lillian Adams, Dorothy Demming, Dorothy Fetzer, George Fuller, Betty Murphree, Fran Vincent, Cliff Lissenden, Doris Morrison, Winnie Thomas (Marilyn Poggendorf's mother).*

### Please continue to remember these special people:

*Joyce Brown, Albert Doran, Margaret Fortner, Jane Gregg, Bess Kimsey, Howard & Ethel Kohout, Freda Lord, Mabel Matthews, Maybelle Shearer*



Gardens Presbyterian Church:

Thank you for the Christmas cards and stockings filled. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

*Ethel & Howard Kohout*

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There are just a few Sundays available for flower donations in 2002. Please check the Flower Chart on the easel in the back of the Sanctuary to sign up. **Please note: The cost of the flowers will increase to \$30.00 beginning January 1. Make checks payable to Gardens Presbyterian Church. Turn in or mail the check and form to the office.** Checks should be made out to Gardens Presbyterian Church marked "Flower Fund". Betty Fleming is the Flower Chairperson (844-6635).



Bring the WHOLE family!

## Celebrating Marriage and Families February 10 5:00 PM

Bring your wedding picture to the church office for use in a display. Bring your picture from childhood for a guessing contest. Matthew Minnich will play DJ for the evening as he brings us love songs from years gone by. CD's with your favorite love songs are welcome.

The fellowship committee will provide roast beef and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Parents, please consider bringing something for the special kids' buffet table to include favorite kids dishes. Donation of \$1 per person (12 and older) is requested to help offset costs. For more information, contact Mark and Mary Minnich @746-3291. Please RSVP by signing the sheet or notifying the Minnichs.

**Thank You.** . . I would like to thank the church for the Christmas flowers that were taken to Baldwin Griffin. He was so excited to receive them; they added much joy to his day. Thank you for all your concerns and patience with him.

Joyce Garberoglio

## ♪♪♪ CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT ♪♪♪

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

4:00 P.M.

Kay Young Crawford, Minister of Music for the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and daughter of Ed and Ann Young will offer a piano concert of special Christian music on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Celebration Center Sanctuary. Kay is a talented musician who is well known in our area. She will also be playing at the morning services. A free will offering will be taken to support the work of the church. Plan to attend this special concert and bring your friends and neighbors.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesdays at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kids 5 years and up

Bible Stories, singing, drawing, crafts.

Call Mary Minnich at 746-3291 or Marge Chase (626-6207) for more information or to volunteer.



**Special Event this month:**  
**Valentine Day Party**  
**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

### BIBLE STORY HOUR

Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m.

For preschool and younger elementary age children and accompanying adults. Story, songs, crafts, snack. Contact Tracey Eller(744-5322) or Mary Minnich (746-3291).

**Special Event this month:**  
**Valentine Day Party**  
**Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2002 NEWS



**"Cruising  
the Amazing Amazon"  
June 10-14**

This year's crew so far: Missy Harris, Mary Minnich, Tracey Eller, Phyllis Sjolander, Nancy Bruce, Candy Bartnick, Victoria Truman-Dooley, and George MacDonald.

*We Need Your Help!*

#### IMMEDIATE POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

People to make puppets  
People to help build a puppet stage  
People to help our young people learn to use the puppets

#### OTHER PREPARATIONS FOR THE CRUISE:

Preparing sites-painting scenes, etc.  
Shopping (crafts, snacks)  
Registration  
Arranging transportation  
Gathering props  
Gathering tropical plants for sites

#### CRUISE STAFF OPPORTUNITIES:

Site guides (teachers)- 2 days during the week:  
(M,T),(T,W),(M,W),(TH,F)

Preschool teachers-5 days

Group guides- 5 days

Craft helpers-any days

Snack helpers- any days

Teens and preteens to help everywhere

Music leader- CD and music available - 5 days

Registration table- any days

Transportation

Nursery care for workers' little ones

Contact Mary Minnich @ 746-3291 to volunteer.

### Adult Education Class

#### EXODUS:

Beginning on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and continuing through March 20<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Bush will lead a study on the book of Exodus, the second book in the Old Testament. We will follow the plight of the slaves as God hears their cries, sends them a deliverer, and leads them into the Sinai wilderness. At 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. for five Mondays, both the morning and evening sessions being identical, you will have the opportunity to hear this story in a new way. Join us.

#### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** An updated Church Directory will be printed soon. If there has been a change in your listing or a correction to be made, please call Marty in the church office (625-5970).



**The deadline for the March newsletter is Wednesday, February 20.**

I want to thank the congregation for the response the office received regarding office volunteers. We are getting organized and finding our way together. If anyone wishes to volunteer, we are still developing our schedule and lists of substitutes. Just call the church office. Thanks and bless you for your willingness to serve the ministry of Gardens Church in this way.

Marty Worth, Church Secretary



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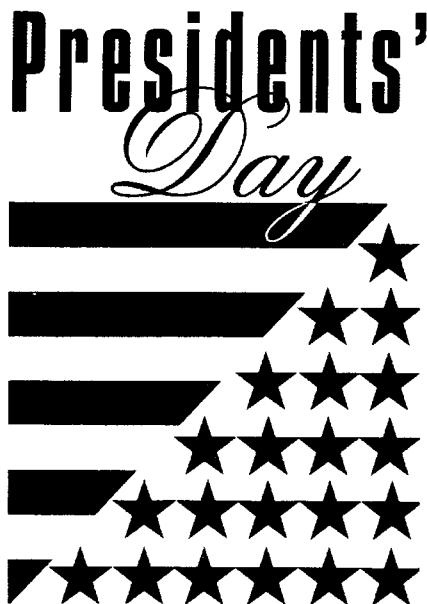
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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**



**CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
**FEBRUARY 18TH**

#### **PRIORITIES**

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, "No, patience is a by-product of tribulations; it is not granted, it is earned." I asked God to give me happiness. God said, "No, I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you." I asked God to spare me pain. God said, "No, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me." I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, "No, you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful." I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, "No, I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things." I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me. God said. . ."Ahhh, finally you have the idea."