



# Unsung SERVANTS

**W**e asked readers to tell us about “unsung servants” in their congregations—dedicated Presbyterians who serve without fanfare, quietly carrying out the work of Jesus Christ. These 23 stood out, but all of the nearly 80 folks nominated were worthy of featuring in *Presbyterians Today*. To see a list of the rest of the nominees go to [www.pcusa.org/today](http://www.pcusa.org/today).



## Setting the Lord's Table

**JoAnne Fendley, Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala.**

Elder and choir member JoAnne Fendley is one of the first people to arrive at church each Sunday morning. The sanctuary is usually empty when she carefully prepares the bread, wine and juice for the Lord's Supper. Once all the worshipers have departed, she stays behind to clean up.

Fendley's task became a bit more involved recently, when she began preparing a full Communion tray for a group of adults in wheelchairs who are attending worship.

“Since Edgewood Presbyterian Church celebrates the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day, this is a 52-week-a-year assignment, plus Christmas Eve and Holy Thursday,” says Edgewood's pastor, Sid Burgess. “And JoAnne has been doing this for the better part of 15 years.”



### **One-woman evangelist**

**Marjorie Brown, First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, Fla.**

When visitors enter the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, this friendly elder is quick to greet them. She learns their names and introduces them to other members. She helps shepherd new members by sitting with them in church, calling them during the week, arranging to have coffee with them, inviting them to her home for a meal and introducing them to others who have common interests. Eric A. Houghton, who nominated Brown, says, "I am convinced that Marge, with her ready smile, listening ear and attentive heart, is personally responsible for attracting and maintaining many of our new members."

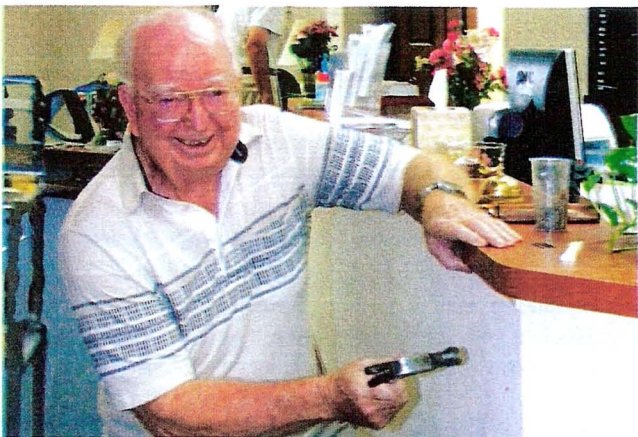


### **A ministry of music**

**Rodney Cleveland, Lakewood Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Fla.**

In May 2006 Rodney Cleveland, organist and music director at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, was named the church's minister of music. Kathy Burns, who nominated Cleveland, says the change in title paid tribute to "his extraordinary ability to inspire the congregation and enrich our worship experience through music."

Burns has high praise for Cleveland. "He has elevated every element of our music programs to new levels and truly created a music ministry at LPC. He has tremendous patience and a keen ability to work well with people of all ages and personalities. He has broadened our appreciation for all types of music—from classical to contemporary to bluegrass, spirituals and gospel. He is a leader, teacher, organist, recitalist and accompanist, as well as our friend."



### **Superb woodworker**

**Ed Truitt, Valley Presbyterian Church, Green Valley, Ariz.**

Ed Truitt, a woodworker, has built dozens of items, large and small, for Valley Presbyterian Church. "An article in our newsletter last year tried to chronicle just a few of them, and quickly ran out of space," says the church's pastor, Larry DeLong, who describes Truitt's woodworking skills as "superbly professional."

Truitt also spends countless hours doing fix-it jobs throughout the community. "My guess is that he averages over one hundred free services per year," DeLong says. "Ed is one of the most humble and unprepossessing people you could ever meet. He has helped hundreds, one person at a time, as he has served his Lord."