



**PRAYER CONCERNS** – For those that are in need of compassion and mercy.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** offered up by the Youth can be found on the insert in this bulletin.

Please help to keep us aware of our church family and how we may best serve their needs. Thank you. The Office phone number is 727-842-7674.

**OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 11** – You are cordially invited to a Christmas Open House at the parsonage today from 3:00-5:00 pm. Come enjoy a time of fellowship and celebration. Thank you to Cheryl Vaughn and Carolyn Arnold for coordinating this event.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS** – Come and join us for dinner on Wednesday evenings and enjoy the fellowship along with a tasty meal. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The menu for this Wednesday is Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Corn and Green Beans, Applesauce and Cookies for Dessert. The cost for adults is \$5.00. Children and youth eat free.

**ADVENT STUDIES HAVE BEGUN** – “Call him God’s Son” is our new Wednesday Study. Read Chapter 3. “The Journey” by Adam Hamilton is the study for the Change the World class that meets on Sunday at 9:45 am in Room 1. Come be part of these new studies. The Wesley Adult Sunday School class is now studying Winter Quarter 2011-12 Bible Study “God Establishes a Faithful People”. This class meets on Sunday at 9:45 am in the Wesley Classroom.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – Well, as expected, December is turning out to be a busy month. First, I would like to thank everyone that came out for the Spaghetti Dinner. What a great Spaghetti Dinner that Boy Scout Troop 8 put together this past Sunday. A marvelous time was had by everyone who attended; and, what a way to impact our community through “Increase Christ In Our Neighborhood.” Thanks to all the Scouts and their parents for their service.

We want to thank everyone that helped with parking cars for the Christmas Parade on Saturday evening. Everyone had a great time on the float during the parade. It was a very colorful night with plenty of cheer and love to continue our theme this year of “ICION”. Our thanks to Andy Zukunft for the trailer,

Bill Radivoy for the lights along with his creativity and Matt Swartzel for coordinating the parking efforts.

Christmas is such a beautiful and hectic time of the year. There are gifts to buy and wrap, a tree to decorate and cookies to bake. The list seems endless. In the midst of all this, the purpose of the holiday can get lost. During the next 3 weeks, the youth will look at the story of “Christ’s birth and explore the meaning of the story for the world today. Agape and Grace, Ian Deane

**CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY** – To show our appreciation to Henry Fletcher, Peg Davis and our Chancel Choir, the Worship Committee will be hosting a Coffee Hour between 9:30 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, December 18. Stay after or come early to church and join others in saying “Thank You” for all their hard work and dedication to this ministry of our church. All are welcome!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** – On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm, we will meet here and go Christmas Caroling with our neighboring church, Community Congregational, at neighborhood nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

**HOLIDAY CENTER** – Volunteers are needed to help at the Holiday Center at the Metropolitan Ministries Pasco (Joining Hands) located at 3214 US Highway 19 in Holiday. Ask for Nancy Dougherty at 727-277-8351. You may begin bringing in toys and gift cards for the Center. (We suggest \$10.00 gift cards from Target.) Please see insert for more information.

**COLD NIGHT SHELTER** – West Pasco County will have a cold night shelter for the homeless this coming season. It has been relocated to the ‘IMPACT’ facility located in nearby Port Richey. Please see the insert for more information.

### **CONTINUE ICIYL – WORSHIP, STUDY, ACTION –**

**WORSHIP** – Prepare your hearts to receive from the Lord when you come to worship. Read your Upper Room and the scriptures. Pray daily.

**STUDY** – Join one of the Advent Studies or study on your own. Books are available. The scriptures for the Fourth Sunday of Advent are: 2 Samuel

7:1-11, covenant with David; Luke 1:47-55, the Magnificent; Luke 1:26-38, Mary and the Angel.

**ACTION** – Invite a neighbor to worship during Advent. Volunteer in the Food Pantry on Monday mornings or at Metropolitan Ministries during the Holiday Center. Speak to Ian about helping with our Youth Ministry. Come caroling next Sunday afternoon.



**THIS WEEK**

- SUNDAY (12/11)**      3:00-5:00 pm   Christmas Open House at Parsonage,  
5843 Pennsylvania Avenue
- MONDAY (12/12)**    10:00 am   Food Pantry
- TUESDAY (12/13)**    6:00-7:30 pm   Girl Scouts Meeting in Henderson Hall  
7:00 pm   Rebekah Circle at Kitty Brown's House
- WEDNESDAY (12/14)** 10:30 am   Bible Study at Parsonage  
1:00 pm   Dorcas Circle to meet at Olive Garden  
5:00 pm   Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities  
6:00 pm   Bible Study at Parsonage  
7:15 pm   Choir Rehearsal
- THURSDAY (12/15)** 10:00 am   Staff Meeting  
7:30 pm   Boy Scout Troop 8 Meeting in Henderson Hall  
7:30 pm   Gamblers Anonymous in Room 1
- SATURDAY (12/17)**    6:00 pm   Christmas Parade in Downtown New Port Richey

Youth will be parking cars and will have a float in the Parade

**SUNDAY (12/18)**      3:00-5:00 pm   Christmas Caroling to meet here at First Church then go to Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Liturgist:** Linda Waltman  
**Organist/Pianist:** Peg Davis

**Greeter at 8:30 am Service**  
Betty Bushong & Evelyn Sheppard

**Ushers at 8:30 am Service**  
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**Greeters at 11:00 am Service**  
Fred & Juanita Bowie

**Ushers at 11:00 am Service**  
Rupert Bethel, Carolyn Arnold,  
Vance Faulkenberg, Dana Zukunft

**Sound Coordinator:**   Andy Zukunft



**INFORMATION UPDATE**

In an effort to keep up with the times, we are updating our files to include the email addresses of all those wishing to share theirs with us. We are also inputting the cell numbers as some are using cell phones only and no longer have a home phone or land line. Do we have the date of your birthday and/or anniversary?

Please fill in your information below, tear it off and place it in the collection plate. OR, you can call Martie in the office at 842-7674 during the week.

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