



**PRAYER CONCERNS –Who 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.

**THANK YOU** to the Wesleyan Service Guild for hosting the Open House last Sunday. Thank you to those who brought treats to share. Thank you to John and Carol Mull, Selma Marlowe and Fredia Russell for their help with decorating. A joyful time was had by all!

**CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY –** Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Henry Fletcher and Peg Davis for their inspiring music today. Thanks to the Worship Committee for hosting the coffee hour in between services today

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING –** Today, we will meet here at 3:00 pm to go Christmas Caroling with our neighboring church, Community Congregational, at neighborhood nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Come Increase Christ In Our Neighborhood!

**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 Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Salad and a “Secret” Dessert. The cost for adults is \$5.00. Children and youth eat free.

**ADVENT STUDIES –** “Call him God’s Son” is our Wednesday Study. Read Chapter 5. “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 a part of these 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 AND THEIR FAMILIES –** We have a number of students who are a part of NJROTC at Gulf High School. They had a regional competition this past Saturday in North Miami with Kayla Seeberger, Brook Sheehan, Wade

Scott, James Powers, Mehgan Griswold and Eli Hazen participating. They took Third Place Overall.

Our Annual Fundraiser (parking cars for the Christmas Parade) brought in a total of \$804.00. This money will be put toward youth activities, retreats, scholarships for mission trips and summer camps alike. Many thanks to Matt and Cheryl Swartzel, Dorothy Cherry, Bill and Jean Ann Lewis, Steven Persall, Kari Spinks, Frank Calafiura, Jacob McBee, Brennan Smiley and Matthew for all their help and Hard Work!

Many thanks go to Andy and April Zukunft for their idea to enter a float in the Christmas parade. It was a tremendous joy to be a part of “Increasing Christ in Our Neighborhood”. Our middle school students jumped at the chance to participate in this event. Additional thanks goes out to Julie Calafiura, Courtney (April’s friend), the Allen/Radivoy family, Tina, Scott, Jacob and Trenton Boerema, Tammy and Tori White, and Tanner Smiley with their parents support. We will be ready for next year’s parade – bigger and louder – so why not come and jump on board with us next year?

The youth will also be participating in a Christmas Drama for the Christmas Eve service. Thank you for your prayers and support. Agape and Grace, Ian Deane

**CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEAR’S DAY –** Don’t forget we are having one service at 10:00 am on both Sundays. On Christmas Day, we will sing many carols. On New Year’s Day, we will have Holy Communion, welcome the Three Kings and participate in the Wesley Covenant for the New Year.

**END OF YEAR GIVING –** Please be generous as we close out the year. Consider making a second mile gift for our connectional giving.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED –** The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

**TOYS AND GIFTS FOR METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES PASCO –** Bring your toys or gift cards to the church or to 3214 US Highway 19 in Holiday. The children and families thank you all!

**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 Christmas Day are: Isaiah 52:7-10, the messenger brings good news; Psalm 98, sing a new song to the Lord; Hebrews 1:1-4, Jesus in the reflection of God’s Glory; John 1:1-14, Jesus the Word of God.

**ACTION** – Invite a neighbor to worship for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. Volunteer in the Food Pantry on Monday mornings. Speak to Ian about helping with our Youth Ministry. Come caroling this afternoon.

**THIS WEEK**

**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

**MONDAY (12/19)**    **10:00 am** Food Pantry

**TUESDAY (12/20)**    **1:00 pm** Lydia Circle in Room 1  
**6:00-7:30 pm** Girl Scout Meeting in Henderson Hall

**WEDNESDAY (12/21)** **10:30 am** Bible Study at Parsonage  
**5:00 pm** Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities  
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**7:15 pm** Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY (12/22)**    **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 (12/24)**    **7:00 pm** Family Candlelight Service  
**11:00 pm** Traditional Candlelight Service

**SUNDAY (12/25)**      **10:00 am** Sunday Service (Only One Service)

**MONDAY (12/26)**      **CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Liturgist:** Phil Lucas  
**Organist/Pianist:** Peg Davis

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

**Greeters at 11:00 am Service**  
Jo Babcock & Vilma Akucewicz

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

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

**Sound Coordinator:** Andy Zukunft



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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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