

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO:

*Liz Darby and her family in the loss of her husband, Bob;
Betty Randall and her family in the loss of her husband, Bob;
And Ainsworth Brown and her family in the loss of her son, Herbert Lee.*

PRAYER CONCERNS: For those 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.

RICHEY CONCERT BAND IS PLAYING TODAY – The Richey Concert Band, directed by our own Henry Fletcher, will present a concert of all Christmas music at River Ridge High School in the Auditorium at 2:30 pm.

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 Pizza (made by Marianne Falbo), Salad and Cake for Dessert. The cost for adults is \$5.00. Children and youth eat free.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – We will be receiving new members on Sunday, December 11th. Please see the Pastor if you are interested in joining the congregation.

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 – "God is Able," Worship night with Hillsong United. Hillsong is a bit of an enigma. It's a band – several bands, actually – named after a church in Australia. One of those bands, Hillsong UNITED, is basically the church's former youth group band. “Mighty to Save” followed, and the Aussie accents from the stage met the Florida accents in the arena. I knew Hillsong crowds were loud, and this one was no exception. It was interesting, though, to witness how much of the volume was not cheers and applause.

There was singing, loud singing. There was frenzy and shouts of praise. There was the stunning, resounding a cappella tag from “With Everything”. But it was as if the songs did not need that much applause when they ended. The songs were the applause, directed to God. Brilliant. Looking ahead:

Dec 4 - Spaghetti Dinner BSA Troop 8 - 12:30-3:00 pm

Dec 4 - Small Group Bible Study - 12:30 pm

Dec 7 & 14 – “Advent Bakers”

Dec 7 - Youth Activities

Dec 10 - Christmas Parade, plus parking cars as a fundraiser

Dec 11 - Youth Praise Team singing at 11:00 am Worship Service

Dec 11 - Small Group Bible Study - 12:30 pm

Dec 12-15 - Ian at school, studying New Testament

Dec 13 - Chasco Middle School Christmas Concert

Dec 14 - Youth Activities

We are going to park cars for the Annual Christmas Parade as one of the youth's fundraisers on December 10th. If you can help on that night, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Matt Swartzel if you would like more information. The youth will also be participating in a Christmas drama for the Christmas Eve service. Agape and Grace, Ian Deane

OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 11 – You are cordially invited to a Christmas Open House at the parsonage on Sunday, December 11th, from 3:00-5:00 pm. Come enjoy a time of fellowship and celebration. Kindly RSVP to the church office at 842-7674.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARADE PARKING – The largest fundraiser for the First United Methodist Church Youth Ministry is parking cars on our lots for those attending the Christmas Parade on December 10th. If you are planning to go to the parade, please park at our church and support the youth. If you would like to help with the float that the youth are entering in the parade, contact Ian Deane.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – On Sunday, December 18th, 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.

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 be received 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 Third Sunday of Advent are: Isaiah 61:1-4, comfort from the Lord; I Thessalonians 5:16-24, Rejoice in the Lord; John 1:6-8, 19-28, preparing the way of the Lord.

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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (12/4) **12:30-3:00 pm** Boy Scout Troop 8 Spaghetti Dinner in Henderson Hall

MONDAY (12/5) **10:00 am** Food Pantry

TUESDAY (12/6) **6:00-7:30 pm** Girl Scouts Meeting in Henderson Hall

WEDNESDAY (12/7) **10:30 am** Bible Study at Parsonage
 5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities
 6:00 pm Bible Study at Parsonage
 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (12/8) **10:00 am** Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm Finance Meeting in Choir Room
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 8 Meeting in Henderson Hall
 7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous in Room 1

SATURDAY (12/10) **6:00 pm** Christmas Parade in Downtown New Port Richey
 Youth will be parking cars and will have a float in the Parade

SUNDAY (12/11) **3:00-5:00 pm** Christmas Open House at Parsonage,
 5843 Pennsylvania Avenue

SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist: Linda Waltman
Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis

Greeter at 8:30 am Service
Gloria Peters, Evelyn Sheppard

Ushers at 8:30 am Service
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Greeters at 11:00 am Service
Selma Marlow & Marianne Myatt

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

Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft



INFORMATION UPDATE

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