

INCREASE CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 19, 2012

PRELUDE "Hymn Medley" (Arr. Hayes/Larson)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Phil Lucas

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord has called you here this day.

People: Lord, reveal to us your purpose.

Leader: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

People: Lord, make us ready to serve you.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

People: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. AMEN.

HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" Pg. 157

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER See Insert

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 am Service)

DEDICATION OF NEW BANNER

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO FIRST CHURCH (11:00 am Service)

YOUTH MINISTRY REFLECTIONS THROUGH THE YEARS by Ian Deane

BLESSING OF OUR CONFIRMANDS (11:00 am Service) See Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Great Physician" (Arr. Whitworth)

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Pg. 95

HYMN "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Pg. 703

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "We Will Walk In The Light" (Price/Besig)
Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9 See Insert

SERMON "Reflections of Christ"
Rev. Betty Batey

HYMN "What Gift Can We Bring" Pg. 87

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Glory Be to God on High" (Arr. Paxton)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*The Flowers on the altar are in Celebration
of our 97th Anniversary*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2012

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL – This week’s study of the Wesley Sunday School Class is titled “Heirs to the Promise.” The purpose is to understand our identity as children of God and heirs to God’s promise. We continue to study Paul’s letters to the people of Galatia. Come meet and greet with your friends as we discuss the lesson. Join in at 9:45 am in Wesley Classroom. Phil and Dorothy.

CHANGE THE WORLD CLASS – Beginning February 26, our Lenten Study will be Adam Hamilton’s book and DVD “24 Hours That Changed The World,” based on the first 24 hours of Jesus’ life. Please come join the discussion at 9:45 am in Room 1.

WEDNESDAY STUDIES – Wednesdays at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm at the Church, we continue to study the Gospel of Mark. On Wednesday, February 29, we will begin a new lectionary study for Lent, “Call Him Savior,” and will meet at 10:30 am in the Wesley Classroom and 6:00 pm at the Parsonage. All are welcome to come study with the groups or individually. Books are available.

THANK YOU to our Worship Committee for planning our Anniversary Service and Luncheon. A job well done!

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 week is a “Lenten Dinner” of Soup and Bread.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – On February 22, at Noon and 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, we will have services for the imposition of the ashes and prayer as we begin the Season of Lent together. Come, share in this meaningful time of worship at the evening service and in our Wednesday night soup and bread dinner at 5:00 pm.

THE LENTEN JOURNEY – On the Wednesdays during Lent at Noon, you are invited to participate in our Lenten Journey gatherings. Each week, a lay or clergy person will present a special meditation based on the theme for the week that will prepare us for the drama of Holy Week. Following our time of

worship, you are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and share in a simple meal with beverages and dessert provided.

February 29 Theme “Preparation”, speaker, Rev. Matt Swartzel

March 7 Theme “Penitence”, speaker, Rev. Betty Batey

YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES – Gulf placed Second Overall and First in Academics in the NJROTC Drill Competition at USF this past Saturday. **GREAT JOB CADETS!!** This was an NJROTC Drill Competition that emphasizes military drill, athletics, and academics. Gulf competed with 15 other schools from throughout the state. The NJROTC Area 7 Championships will be held on March 3rd at Oveido.

Today, we start our Confirmation program. We will be teaching the Confirmands the story of their faith, as contained in the Old and New Testaments and in the history and traditions of Christianity and The United Methodist Church. Please be in prayer for the families, mentors, adult leaders, and Confirmands: Amber Allen, Becky Radivoy, and Crystal Radivoy during the journey.

Life is a journey, so bring a paddle. Ian Deane

TRUSTEES NEWS – The Landscape Drawings are in the Narthex. Come, see how beautiful the outside of our Church will be!

THE ANNUAL WEST PASCO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN’S RUMMAGE SALE IS ALMOST UPON US. GET YOUR UNWANTED TREASURES INTO THE CHURCH THIS WEEK. Henderson Hall will be open from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm to accept them. All funds raised will go to benefit our food pantry and the needy in West Pasco.

A MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 10 AT 9:00 AM – We have again been invited to participate with Community Congregational and other local churches to help stop hunger one step at a time through the **CROP HUNGER WALK** on March 10th. Whether walking on foot or in spirit, our involvement provides support to Church World Services (CWS).

BAND CONCERT – Our own Henry Fletcher will be directing the Richey Concert Band on March 4th at 2:30 pm in the Theater for the Performing Arts at River Ridge High School. All are invited to attend.

CONTINUE TO “INCREASE CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE”

WORSHIP – Pick up a new Upper Room for Lent. Covenant to pray for the church daily and to attend worship weekly. Invite your neighbor to worship. Did you know that you can read the Upper Room online? Go to upperroom.org.

STUDY – Become part of a new study group on Sunday morning or Wednesdays for Lent. The lessons for next Sunday are: Genesis 9:8-17, God’s covenant with Noah; Psalm 25, I Peter 3:18-22, Baptism of Jesus; Mark 1:9-15, Jesus in the wilderness.

ACTION – Your service to others outside the church is important as you share Christ’s love. Place a Salty Service ticket in the offering plate for each hour you serve outside the church. Sign up for the CROP WALK on March 10th. See Julie Calafiura.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY (2/20) 10:00 am Food Pantry

TUESDAY (2/21) 1:00 pm WPUMW Exec. Board Mtg in Wesley Classroom
1:00 PM Lydia Circle Meeting in Room 1
6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting in Henderson Hall
7:30 pm Rebekah Circle Meeting in Room 1

WEDNESDAY (2/22) 10:00 am Bible Study in Library
12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary
5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities
5:30 pm Bible Study in Room 1
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary
8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Time Approximate)

THURSDAY (2/23) 10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 8 in Henderson Hall

7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous in Room 1

SATURDAY (2/25) 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal at First UMC Hudson
6:30-8:30 pm Game Night

SUNDAY (2/26) 12:15 pm Confirmation Class
4:00 pm 25th ANNUAL CHOIR FESTIVAL at First United Methodist Church of Hudson, located at 13123 U.S. Highway 19 in Hudson, will host the gathering of area church choirs. First Church of New Port Richey will be well represented by our Chancel Choir, with Peg Davis accompanying, and Henry Fletcher directing our choir and the others as well. Plan to come enjoy the performance.

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
Tom & Lee Hannon

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

Ushers at 11:00 am Service
Rupert Bethel, Carolyn Arnold,
Warren Wilkerson, Dana Zukunft

Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft