

THANKSGIVINGS: Thank you for giving us the talents to serve now and in 2012.

PRAYER CONCERNS For those that are in need of comfort 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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE – Tomorrow, Monday, November 14, at 7:00 pm, we will gather in the Sanctuary for our annual meeting to review the past year and look ahead to 2012. Rev. Matt Swartsel will preside. All in the congregation are welcome to attend. Come learn about your church.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Our Advent study begins this week. “Call Him God’s Son” will look at the bible lessons for each week. Come be a part of the groups at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm or study along as well.

THANKSGIVING INGATHERING – Bring your donations for the Food Pantry next Sunday, November 20. We thank Boy Scout Troop 8 and the Red Apple School for their support.

INCREASE CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES – Next Sunday, November 20, bring your Time and Talents Sheets along with your pledge cards to worship.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – The “Change the World” study with a focus on missions ends this week. The Advent study, “The Journey”, begins on November 20. This discussion and DVD-based class meets at 9:45 am in Room 1. The Wesley Adult Sunday School class is now studying Matthew in the New Testament. This class meets at 9:45 am in the Wesley Classroom.

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 Broccoli, Chicken & Cheese Casserole, Salad and another yummy Dessert. The cost for adults is \$5.00. Children and youth eat free.

YOUTH MINISTRY – We appreciate your support during the time the Youth Ministry Architects were here. Upon completion of the listening groups, they left us with an assessment report and a list of recommendations.

1. Reframe the next 18 months through May 2013 as a time of direction setting and infrastructure building for the youth ministry. Target the summer of 2013 as the date for a sustainable structure for the youth ministry that will have been laid *out* over the previous 18 months.
2. Present this report to the Church Council, requesting that they approve the 18 month strategic renovation process outlined in this document.
3. Establish a Renovation Team (consisting of 2 -3 members and staff) to take responsibility for this renovation process. They will be charged with two overarching responsibilities:
 - a) Work with staff to address the immediate pressure points facing the youth ministry;
 - b) Establish a consensus for the direction of the youth ministry; and, oversee the development of its long term infrastructure.

YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES – I would like to extend an open invitation to everyone to come see the Youth Room. This suggestion came out of the focus groups this past week. Thank you for that comment.

The NJROTC troop participated in a competition in Iron Bear this past weekend. CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the Gulf High School NJROTC for placing 3rd in Overall and winning First Place in 6 of the events. We saw marvelous performances by Wade Scott, Eli Hazen, Kayla Seeberger, Mehgan Griswold, James Powers and Brooke Sheehan.

We are planning to attend the Hill Song Christian Concert on Saturday, November 26, at 7:30 pm in UCF Arena. The cost is \$30.00 per person. If we get more than 10 people to attend, we will receive the group discount. Agape and Grace, Ian

THANKSGIVING DINNER – A tradition at First Church is to eat a turkey dinner together. On Sunday evening, November 20, at 5:00 pm, we will gather in Henderson Hall for a feast! All are invited. Turkey, dressing and drinks are provided. Be prepared to bring a dish to share according to the following:

Those with the last initial of A to F, bring salads.

Those with the last initial of G to O, bring desserts.

Those with the last initial of P to Z, bring vegetables.

CONTINUE ICIYL – WORSHIP, STUDY, ACTION –

WORSHIP – Prepare your hearts to be receptive to the Spirit of God. Pray for your church. Begin your day with the Upper Room. New Upper Rooms are available in the narthex. Give thanks for your blessings and pray for the needs of others.

STUDY – Join a study group on Sunday or Wednesday! The scripture lessons for next Sunday are: Ezekiel 34:11-16. 20-24, The Lord searches for his sheep; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23, the inheritance of the Saints; and Matthew 25:31-46, I was hungry.

ACTION – Thank you for your ongoing support of the Food Pantry. Our totals for October were: 100 bags of food and 195 people were fed. Be praying for the lives that are touched. Stewardship means returning to God your time, talent and treasures. Be in prayer for ways you can give and be ready when you are asked to serve. Plan to give time to help sort food for the Food Pantry or volunteer at the Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Center.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY (11/14) 10:00 am Food Pantry
 7:00 pm Charge Conference in Sanctuary with Church Council to follow if necessary

TUESDAY (11/15) 1:00 pm Lydia Circle in Room 1
 6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting in Henderson Hall
 7:30 pm Rebekah Circle in Room 1

WEDNESDAY (11/16) 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 (11/17) 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 (11/19) 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Game Night

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
Gloria Peters & Evelyn Sheppard

Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft

Greeters at 11:00 am Service
Mary Ferraro & Carol Miller

Ushers at 11:00 am Service
Rupert Bethel, Bill Maytum,
Vance Faulkenberg, Dana 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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