

PRAYER CONCERNS for all that are in need of comfort and healing. Keep the people in the Horn of Africa in your prayers and those recovering from Hurricane Irene and the Texas wildfires.

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.

THANKS FOR YOUR CARDS, CALLS AND PRAYERS – Cheryl Vaughn wants to thank everyone for their generous support during her recent surgery. All the cards, calls and prayers are very much appreciated. She is recuperating at a rapid rate and can't wait to "Get Back Into Action".

THANK YOU NOTE FROM RICHEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –

"Dear First United Methodist Church Members,
Wow! Your congregation is always so good to the students at Richey Elementary. Thank you for your donation of school supplies. The supplies will be shared with the students who are most needy. Each day we are enrolling new students and some of those students are living in temporary housing, having moved from other states. New students arrive somewhat nervous, so it is wonderful to see the look on their faces when we present them with new school supplies. It makes such a difference when we have generous people supporting our efforts to make sure all students have what they need to learn. We are forever grateful to you all.

Sincerely, Kim Stratman, Community/Parent Involvement"

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE – There will be a Service of Remembrance this afternoon at 4:00 pm in Sims Park. The Richey Concert Band led by Henry Fletcher will be playing at 3:15 pm. Plan to attend!

PUMPKIN PATCH AND FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL – Would you like to be a "God Sighting" this Fall? Please consider joining our Patch Planning Team for a season filled with blessings. Help is needed with recruiting volunteers, training sales staff, setting up and decorating, publicity, finance and school field

trips. Last year, we had nearly 1000 visitors for our Fall Family Festival; so, everyone's help is needed this year. Please mark your calendars for the Pumpkin Patch beginning on October 12 and ending on October 30, and the Fall Family Festival on October 22. Our next Planning Meeting will be this Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 pm in Henderson Hall. Site setup will be Saturday, September 24, starting at 9:00 am.

MEETING NIGHT – All committees will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 13; i.e., Trustees, Staff Parish, Worship and Outreach (Pumpkins).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS ARE GEARING UP TO START ON SEPTEMBER 14 AT 5:00 PM - The menu will be Shepherd's Pie, Salad and a Brownie. Save the Date!!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 14 – This fall, we will be doing the Immersion Bible Study on Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians. Beginning on September 14, the morning group will meet at 10:30 am and the evening group will meet at 6:00 pm at the parsonage. It will be exciting to learn more about how the church grew and how the Christians learned to live their faith in a world so much like our own. Sign up to be part of one of the groups; or, if you wish to, study on your own along with us. Study books are now available.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – "Change the World" is the focus of our new study. This discussion based class will meet at 9:45 am in Room 1 beginning on September 25.

CHILDREN'S HOME AT FIRST CHURCH! – On Sunday, September 18, Rev. Stephen Hartsfield will be our guest to share about the ministry of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home with our congregation. Rev. Hartsfield has served at the Children's Home for many years and will bring us up to date on how the children and youth are being served today.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – We will welcome new members into the Church on Sunday, September 25. Please contact Rev. Batey if you wish to become part of the fellowship at First Church.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS – Now that the new school year is underway, we can focus on upcoming activities. Our first youth trip is happening this weekend (as we speak) at the "Night of Joy" in Orlando. It is a fun-filled trip that includes amusement rides along with Christian concerts. We have started a

lesson series “What about our commitment to God and each other” followed by a lesson series on “Apologetics” (the work of convincing people to change their views) with Pastor Matt Swartzel. October will be filled with several opportunities for the youth to participate such as the Unloading of the Pumpkins (Pumpkin Pass) on October 13 at 4:00 pm, the Pumpkin Patch (October 12-30) and the Fall Family Festival on October 22 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. As always, thank you for your support. Ian Deane

AN INVITATION FROM ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Asbury UMC encourages all the Young Families in the West Pasco Cooperative Parish to come for a night of fellowship and fun on Saturday, September 24, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center at Asbury UMC at 4204 Thys Road. We will be entertained by a DJKaraoke/singer who is one of our WPCP Young Family members, Steve Collins of Puppy Love Entertainment. Steve will include Disney songs for the children and tunes from the 60’s, 70’s, 80’s, 90’s and even today’s hits!! Bring your favorite dish to share.

INCREASE CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE, WORSHIP, STUDY, ACTION – A question that was asked at weekly Methodist Class Meetings was “How is it with your soul?” Our theme has focused on giving you practical ideas to be mindful of God in your daily life, and to live out your faith.

WORSHIP – Make worship attendance a part of your weekly schedule. Invite a friend. Look for ways to praise God all around you. Pray for your church and our community. Be sure to pick up an Upper Room.

STUDY – Begin your day with the Upper Room. The scripture lessons for next Sunday are: Exodus 16:2-15, Bread from Heaven; Psalm 105:1-6; Philippians 1:21-30, Live a life worthy of the Gospel; Matthew 20:1-16, Parable of the laborers in the vineyard.

ACTION – Thanks for your ongoing support of the Food Pantry. Be praying for the lives that are touched. Begin to collect health kit items. Help get ready for Pumpkin Patch.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY (9/12)	10:00 am Food Pantry
TUESDAY (9/13)	6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting in Room 1 6:30 pm Meeting Night in Henderson Hall (including Pumpkin Patch and Fall Family Festival Planning)
WEDNESDAY (9/14)	10:00 am Dorcas Circle Meeting in Room 1 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 (9/15)	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 (9/17)	6:30-8:30 pm Game Night

SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist: Alex Grimberg

Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis

Greeter at 8:30 am Service

Evelyn Sheppard

Greeters at 11:00 am Service

Jackie Read & Betty Eckhardt

Ushers at 8:30 am Service

Ron & Marcia Kometa

Ushers at 11:00 am Service

Rupert Bethel, Dana Zukunft,
Bill Maytum & Carolyn Arnold

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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