



**PRAYER CONCERNS** for all that are in need of comfort and healing. Keep the people in the Horn of Africa in your prayers.

**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.

**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 (October 12- 30) and the Fall Family Festival (October 22). Our next Planning Meeting will be this Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 pm in Henderson Hall.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – This past week, I started my Youth Ministry Institute training at Canterbury Retreat Center in Orlando. I am one of seven youth ministers from around the Florida Conference taking a part in this two-year training experience focusing on a sustainable youth ministry at First United Methodist Church of New Port Richey. Thanks for your prayers and support as I continue my schooling. Ian Deane

**LABOR DAY SUNDAY** – Today we will honor the work that we do now or earlier in our lives. Place a tool on the table that represents the work that you do or have done in the past.

**NIGHT OF JOY CONCERT** – On September 9 and 10, our youth will be attending the “Night of Joy” Concert at Disney World in Orlando, featuring the 15 top Christian bands and artists. Please let Ian know if you are interested in attending.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE** – The Tenth Anniversary of September 11th (9/11) falls on Sunday this year. On that day we will remember those who died, the ones who came to help, and the families. There will be a Service of Remembrance on Sunday, September 11, at 4:00 pm in Simms Park. The Richey Concert Band led by Henry Fletcher will be playing. Plan to attend!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** – OUR regular monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 6th, at 1:00 pm in Henderson Hall. The speaker will be Nancy Dougherty. She will be addressing the changing of Joining Hands Community Mission to Metropolitan Ministries in Pasco. This is the meeting that we will be collecting the money from the Blessings Calendars. The money will be divided among the local food pantries. Also, a collection will be taken for the Prayer and Self-Denial offering for undesignated Missions, The idea of the offering is that you deny yourself something and instead put the money into the offering. The money will go to help persons that experience self-denial every day of their lives.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS ARE GEARING UP TO START ON SEPTEMBER 14** - The menu will be Shepherd's Pie, Salad and 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.

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY** – During the month of August, we gave out 81 bags of food and served a total of 163 people. Thank you so much for your generosity. We are always in need of peanut butter and jelly, soup, pasta, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned meat and canned fruit. Thank you for all of your gifts of food, clothes, etc. And, all those that we serve say “THANK YOU!!”

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR RICHEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** – Thank you for your donation of school supplies. We delivered a trunk full of school supplies and backpacks to be distributed by the Volunteer Offices at Richey Elementary School. They are much appreciated. Also, many thanks to Mary and Warren Wilkerson for their assistance in delivering the supplies.

### **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. It shapes your week. Look for ways to praise God all around you. Pray for your church and our community.

**STUDY** – Begin your day with the Upper Room. The scripture lessons for next Sunday are: Exodus 14:19-31, Crossing the Red Sea; Romans 14:1-12, Do Not Judge One Another; and Matthew 18:21-35, Forgiveness.

**ACTION** – Thanks for your ongoing support of the Food Pantry. Be praying for the lives that are touched. Pray for the beginning of school. Offer to help a busy parent.

### **THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY (9/5)**

**OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY**

**10:00 am Food Pantry**

**TUESDAY (9/6)**

**1:00 pm UMW Unit Meeting in Henderson Hall  
6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting in Room 1  
7:00 pm Pumpkin Patch and Fall Family Festival Planning Meeting in Henderson Hall**

**WEDNESDAY (9/7)**

**5:00 pm Youth Evening Program  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal**

**THURSDAY (9/8)**

**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 (9/10)**

**6:30-8:30 pm Game Night**

### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Liturgist: Alex Grimberg**

**Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis**

### **Greeters at 8:30 am Service**

**Evelyn Sheppard & Betty Bushong**

### **Greeters at 11:00 am Service**

**Selma Marlowe & Marianne Myatt**

### **Ushers at 8:30 am Service**

**Evelyn Sheppard & Betty Bushong**

### **Ushers at 11:00 am Service**

**Rupert Bethel, Dana Zukunft,  
Bill Maytum & Carolyn Arnold**

**Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft**

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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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