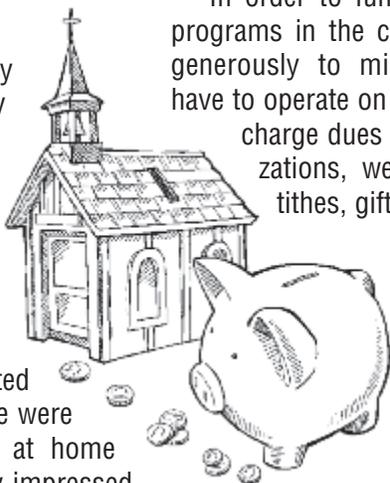


Stewardship

by Mary Jane Sickle

While our home in Delray Beach was being built, my husband and I decided to visit various churches in the area so that when we moved from Ft. Lauderdale, we would have our new church home. First Presbyterian was first on our list. We never visited another church. The people were friendly and we felt right at home immediately. We were very impressed with the mission work being done here. When we finally moved, we knew this would be our church home. We are truly blessed at First Presbyterian Church. We have a congregation that has always given generously to community needs and other projects around the world.



In order to fund all the wonderful programs in the church and still give generously to mission projects, we have to operate on a budget. We don't charge dues like clubs or organizations, we are dependent on tithes, gifts and offerings.

We hope you will give generously to this year's Stewardship Campaign. Our Father's Word states, "Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year ... so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always." (Deuteronomy 14:22,23) At His instructions we remember this, "He who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously will also

"A Stewardship Prayer"

O Lord, forgive our fears that so stifle our stewardship. Forgive our giving in and giving up instead of giving ourselves to Christ's mission of love. Remind us that our hope is in standing up and risking, in taking our stewardship seriously. Help us to remember, O Lord, that the stewardship question is not really "How much will we give?" Rather it is, "How will we spend what we have been given?" We pray it will be faithfully and cheerfully. Amen.

— Amy Weems, *Searching for Shalom*

reap generously and with blessings" (2 Corinthians 9:6)

As we fill out our pledge cards this year, I pray we give generously and that we will be enriched in all things and in every way. ❖

Sweet Stories of Stewardship...

by Alexandra Harris

"So," I asked "what is this Stewardship thing?" I was addressing the women of the Monday morning Bible Study group shortly after I joined the church in late 2007. Having never been an adult member of a church, I truly didn't know. A discussion followed that was endearing.

One woman fondly recalled having her mother tie a couple of nickels in a corner of a handkerchief every Sunday for her to take to church. Another member remembered getting a \$1 allowance when she was 8-years-old and budgeting a portion for her church pledge, scout dues, candy, etc. A third lady remembered working in a drugstore at age 16 for 25 cents an hour. After she was paid on Friday nights, she would put \$1

in her church envelope.

What these stories conveyed and the ladies shared was a common belief that all we have comes from God and part of growing up is giving back to Him. They were so thankful for the blessings from God, that they wanted to give a portion of what they had to the church. This is a belief they all still have today.

After these stories were shared, the room was filled with love and peace, and I felt God's Presence. Surely, this Stewardship thing must be something special.

The 2011 Stewardship Drive starts November 1st. You will be receiving information and a pledge card at home with a return envelope. The sooner we can get everyone's pledge back, the sooner we can firm up our budget for an exciting 2011! ❖

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Reflections...

Theodore A. Bush, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

"Being Thankful"

I often hear the words that were said by the Senior Pastor with whom I worked in Barrington, Illinois. Dr. Brown used words from an older communion liturgy that are seldom repeated anymore. Somehow



these four simple words have continued to echo down the passage-way of my own life. He would say, "And be ye thankful."

While I could understand their meaning within the context of the communion liturgy, the impact of these words extends far beyond the symbolic reminder of the sacrificial action taken by Christ for all of God's people. The very choice of those words during the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a vivid reminder of how we, as Christians, should view all of our blessings in life.

So often we are truly blessed but forget to acknowledge the great Giver of all of our blessings. Maybe we feel that we have earned such blessings through hard work and our own personal sacrifices. Perhaps we think that we deserve to be blessed because, in our humble (or not so humble) opinion, we are righteous people who deserved such blessings.

Yet, each time I heard those words, "And be ye thankful", I found myself being humbled by the knowledge that Jesus had done for me and for everyone else, something that no one deserved to receive.

So it is that we enter November

and the season of Thanksgiving. For many people, this is a joyous time of the year. We can look back in gratitude for the life that we have been given and for the blessings that we have received. Life

has been very good and it still is good. We are enjoying it fully.

For others, however, this Thanksgiving season brings with it a profound sense of sadness. Loved ones have been lost from our midst. An empty seat is pulled up at our dining table. Important people in our lives no longer are physically with us although somehow they still seem to find a way to make themselves known to us in a spiritual sense.

Then, there are those for whom life simply has not quite worked out as they had hoped. When this happens, it is very hard for people to be thankful.

Yet, perhaps when we are experiencing the most difficult of times, we should contemplate the blessings that God has given us in life. We may discover that this is both a beneficial and therapeutic experience. We also might be surprised at how truly blessed we are in life.

This Thanksgiving season and especially on Thanksgiving Day, let us take more time than usual to reflect upon the blessings that we have received from God. As my colleague, friend and mentor so often said, "And be ye thankful". Have a blessed, thankful Thanksgiving season. ❖

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CROS Walk Update

by Becky Knapp

Thank you to our members and friends who contributed to and participated in the 16th Annual C.R.O.S. Walk fundraising drive on Sunday, October 10th.

We counted 32 people from our church, walking alongside another 285 people from other congregations. C.R.O.S. (Christians Reaching Out to Society) estimates over \$32,000 has been pledged so far. That is a huge blessing to those



hungry people served in Delray Beach through The Caring Kitchen and Community Food Pantry; and on their behalf, we say a very heartfelt thanks!!! We have over \$1500 in donations but the full dollar count is not yet in from all those who walked.

A Church is more than a Building

by Nancy Young

Church Historian

Once the City of Delray Beach and the State of Florida had recognized the historical significance of our Fellowship Hall, one would have assumed that the final chapter on the history of this building had been written. We had a big surprise coming!

On that bitter cold day in January 2010, our Head Custodian, Aaron Strippel, noticed a gaping hole in the wall to the right of the Bronson Avenue entrance on Fellowship Hall. The cold temperatures, combined with the ravages of time had caused that large marble cornerstone to gracefully slide out of its niche in the wall where it lay unharmed, hidden behind some bushes. Inside the hole, a metal container, a time capsule, was found. Our first surprise was the one hundred and fifty pound cornerstone. Unseen since 1928 was the inscription on the hidden

side designating the building as the Gibson Memorial Baptist Church.

After the homemade copper container was pried open, Dottie Patterson, Archivist for the Delray Beach Historical Society, was asked to help discover what was inside. Slowly and carefully, while wearing rubber gloves, she brought out the treasures of the past.

The records on top were from 1928 when the Presbyterians held their first service in their newly purchased Sanctuary and beneath were papers from the day in November 1924 when the Baptists had held their first service. These papers include the Delray Beach



newspapers, papers from Jacksonville and Miami, two telegrams, three letters of congratulations from fellow churches, a small Bible, and fourteen small pages of the sermon by the Baptist Pastor, Dr. Jerald Augustus Brannon.

Examining, studying and protecting historical records were possible, thanks only to Dottie Patterson's expertise. While these articles commemorated specific dates and events, one star seemed to quietly stand out in the story. Frank Schrader was a devote and dedicated Baptist, one of a group of thirty-three Baptists who had broken away from the city church in 1924 and wanted their own building. Mr. Schrader, the architect and lone builder of that church on Bronson Avenue, started construction in the spring and finished for the first service in November 1924.

It was a glorious period of our town! The future could only get better. And then, the financial crisis and two disastrous hurricanes struck Delray Beach, one in 1926 and an even worse storm in 1928. These hurricanes completely destroyed or severely damaged every

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From the Choir Loft

by Jim Filosa

O Henry said, "There is one day that is ours. There is one day when all we Americans who are not self-made go back to the old home to eat. It is the one day that is purely American. Yes, a day of celebration, exclusively American".

And while Thanksgiving Day may be, to us, exclusively American, it does have its roots in England. The following information has been gleaned from several reliable sources, such as: The Pilgrim Hall Museum website and William Bradford Plymouth's Faithful Pilgrim, by Gary D. Schmidt.

In early autumn of 1621, the 53 surviving Pilgrims celebrated their successful harvest, as was the English custom. During this time, "many of the Indians coming ... amongst the rest their great king Massasoit, with some ninety men." That 1621 celebration is remembered as the "First Thanksgiving in Plymouth."

While William Bradford was pleased as to the harvest and abundant food gathered for the winter, when Massasoit arrived (by invitation from Bradford) "on a beautiful October day, he (Massasoit) brought with him ninety of his men, tripling the size of the company." Though the Pilgrims had prepared enough meat to feed the

colony for an entire week, they had never thought to provide food for so many. Perhaps Massasoit understood; he sent five of his men back into the woods, and soon they returned with five deer.

Thus began three days of feasting. One hundred forty-two sat down to trestle tables. But the harvest feast



was more than that for the Pilgrims. It was a celebration of God's blessing. They had survived; they were even beginning to flourish. They sensed that God was with them."

Several years ago, my niece and her husband purchased a historical home built in the late seventeen hundreds in Framingham, Massachusetts for one dollar. Great idea! The catch was that they had to move it to make way for highway construction. Along its painfully slow move, the one surviving member of the original family vowed that if he could not have it, no one would (he could not afford the cost of moving, new land purchase and renovation) so he allegedly try to burn it down on two different occasions. Although major fire damage occurred, it was finally set into place

on a beautiful wooded plot of land a few miles from its original location.

That November most of our family gathered at that home for the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. The turkey had been cooked in the original fireplace and the pies were baked in the recently uncovered dutch ovens.

While seated at two trestle tables, with the smell of wood burning in the great fireplace and watching the snow slowly settle on the surrounding woods, one could only give thanks to God for the courage and strength He gave to these early settlers so long ago and so few miles away.

I am reminded of a text from Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always, Again I will say, rejoice!"

Edward Plumtre, a 19th century poet, educationalist and Dean of Wells Cathedral, England, wrote a poem paraphrasing this text and several hymn writers have set it to various melodies. One such composer/arranger is Paul Leddington Wright, whose version we have in our music library.

Going on from verse 4 of Philippians 4, to verse 6, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Until next time. See you in the Choir Loft!! ❖



Music Schedule

by Jim Poch

Associate Director of Music

Children's Choir for age four through third grade has begun its new schedule of rehearsals on Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. Please note the new time. We are learning songs for morning worship and the major roles in the Christmas Pageant. New members are welcome any time!

Westminster Ringers (handbells for high school youth and adults) began its season on October 28th, rehearsing Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. We need additional ringers in order to use all five octaves of our bells. Please contact Jim Poch (276-6338, ext. 24) before you come so he can have bells ready for you!

Christmas Pageant will be December 12th at the 11 a.m. worship service. Rehearsals will be held each Sunday in November from 10:30-10:55 a.m. in Room 204 of the Christian Education Building. The final rehearsal will be held on December 5th at 10 a.m. All children are invited to participate. ❖

The Blocks of the Kingdom



by Denise Gomez

Who could have known? A task meant to be just “filler”, for a couple of months took more than two years in a journey of blessings.

Throughout this time I have witnessed, up close, how children easily display openness in understanding God’s ways, so much so that it is adults who have much to learn from them! No wonder Jesus said, “Do not stop the children from coming to Me. For it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs”. (Matthew 19:14)

So, here I am, giving thanks to our Lord, for the privilege of serving Him in His Children’s Ministry. I am thankful to God for providing the necessary resources and improvements in order

“Welcome from Our New Children’s Ministry Coordinator”



by Jen Buce

Children’s Ministry Coordinator

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

Children are our future. What we teach them will shape what our future looks like. Having a strong Christian faith is very important; with it we can do any-

to accomplish the tasks. Thanks, for all the spiritual and professional guidance of Dr. Theodore Bush, Rev. Aaron Janklow, and Rev. Jo Garnett. I thank our Lord for having the best volunteer participation I could ever ask for. I give thanks for Alice Barrett and Cheryl Baylor, for Ann Heilakka, and Chris Del Mastro. And, thanks my Lord, for all the time and effort given by the many people who help in the Children’s Ministry.

But, most of all, I give thanks to our Father for leaving my post in good hands.

Thus, please join me in giving a warm welcome to our

Children’s Ministry

by Rev. Aaron Janklow

On Sunday, October 10th, Jen Buce was introduced to the children and congregation as our Children’s Ministry Coordinator. I am excited about what Jen will bring to the children’s program and I look forward to working with her in this area of ministry. As we welcome Jen to the staff of this church, I also want to thank Denise Gomez for the work she has done these past two years. Denise has worked hard in the area of children’s ministry, making countless phone calls to line up volunteers and make sure that our Sunday children’s classes run smoothly on a weekly basis. I have enjoyed working with Denise and I am so glad that she and her family are such active members of this church.

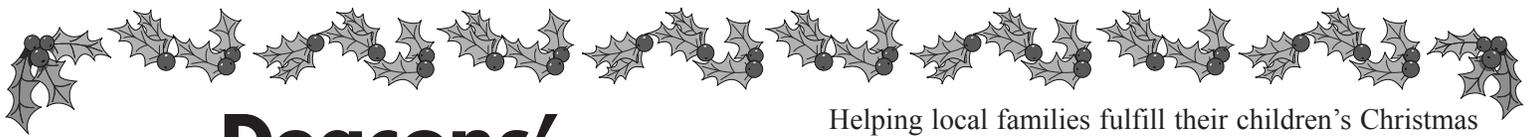
new Volunteer Coordinator for the Children’s Ministry: Jennifer Buce. She is an active member of our congregation. Jennifer has volunteered in both the Children’s and the Youth Ministries on different occasions. Now she will carry on with the great responsibilities of reaching out to staff and members to cover all the activities, which helps our children grow in Christ. Help her keep on passing the message of God to the next generation. Help our children be the salt and the light of the new world, the Blocks of The Kingdom! ❖

ever since I can remember and have spent a great deal of time with them. One of my most memorable jobs was being a part time “nanny” to John and Patrick Morley. They are both in college now, but I spent 18 years with them. It’s an incredible feeling when both boys and their parents look back and thank you for helping them mold and shape their children into what they are today. John and Patrick are fine scholars and well grounded young gentlemen. Wow! To think I had a role in that.

I look forward throughout the year to getting to know all of the parents and each and every one of your children and hope that I can make another great impact on teaching and leading the Christian faith. ❖

thing! I’m very excited to start my new journey as your Children’s Ministry Coordinator. In the next year, I will be developing new programs and events for your children to grow and exceed in the Christian faith; but most of all have a blast doing so!

I have had a love for children



Deacons' Christmas Tree

by Kim Winkler

November has rapidly rolled around again and that means the Deacons are preparing for their biggest project of the year: the Deacons' Christmas Tree! We are pleased to announce the tree will be shining brightly in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, November 21st, and we are hoping that all the members and friends of the church will help with this meaningful and fun project.

This year the Christmas tree will benefit six area agencies; Adopt-A-Family, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (A.V.D.A.), Achievement Center for Children & Families, C.R.O.S. Urban Ministries (The Caring Kitchen), Milagro Center and Rolling Green Elementary School.

Helping local families fulfill their children's Christmas wishes is a way for our church family to give back to our community and enjoy the warmth and joy of giving to those in need as part of our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

You will be able to choose ornament tags from the tree bearing the name, age and wish of a child, on Sunday, November 21st, Sunday, November 28th and Sunday, December 5th. All gifts are due under the tree by Sunday, December 12th, so the Deacons can sort and distribute them. If you prefer to give a monetary donation and have a Deacon shop for you, we ask that you please put your check in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church office marking "Deacons' Tree" on the memo line no later than Sunday, December 5th.

For additional information, please call Jean Irwin at 573-1367. Please help the Deacons spread the spirit of Christmas! ❖

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other church and many buildings, leaving Mr. Schrader's building untouched and in perfect condition. However, due to the times, the Baptist congregation could no longer afford their church and returned it to Mr. Schrader in 1928.

In many articles celebrating the opening, it is fascinating to note the adjectives used by the various reporters describing the architecture of the building. Frank Schrader described his design as being a modified copy of a small church he had seen in Florence, Italy. Reporters used such phrases as it being a "Medieval Italian Chapel" with a "Medieval Catalan Footbridge" and a "Spanish Sunday School Arcade". Some said it was "mission style". Whichever way a person chooses to describe the style, Mr. Schrader's design was a simple building, hardly declaring itself as a building for religious purposes. His only identifying symbol is the trefoil (three-leaf clover) over the entrance; the symbol of the Trinity.

In the fall of 1928, a week after that most destructive hurricane, the Presbyterians held their first service in

their newly rented church, rented for \$35 a month. A Miami gentleman wanted to buy the building and open a casino in Delray Beach! Mr. Schrader was adamant; He had built a church and it was to be used as a church! By 1929, the congregation was able to raise \$7,000, receive a grant of \$6,000 and take a loan of \$6,000 from the Board of Missions for a total of \$19,000. It took until 1939 to pay off the loan at the rate of \$600 a year.

Fellowship Hall, as we know it today, had been the home Sanctuary for fifty-three years and several family generations. It has survived financial highs and lows, hurricanes and wars. Little could Frank Schrader have imagined such a future for his simple building. Truly his church is much more than the building mentioned by the Baptist Pastor in 1924. With the growth in the number of members, a larger Sanctuary was needed in 1977; a larger "child". Frank Schrader is surely smiling and thanked for his dedication and creation. The spirit of Fellowship Hall now is truly appreciated and recognized by the contents of that long hidden capsule. ❖

Gobble - Gobble!

Adopt a Delray Beach family for Thanksgiving by providing for them the ingredients for a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Office Depot is supplying the frozen turkeys, and C.R.O.S. Ministries is making the direct connection of distribution to less fortunate families right here in Delray Beach.

We are all God's children and each one of us can make a difference.

Two Worship Services

On Sunday, November 7th, we will resume two services.

9:00 am & 11:00 am

See you there!

Church Improvement Committee

by Barbara Vanderkay

This is your final Spire reminder about the Holly Days Bazaar, starting on Thursday, November 11th, 2 to 4 p.m. (for members and regular church attendees only), Friday, November 12th and Saturday, November 13th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available in the Sunday Bulletin. Please fill one out, put it in the collection plate, leave it in the church office or give it to a board member. Regie Moorcroft is always willing to answer any questions (495-5376).

If you aren't able to work for the bazaar, please come as a customer. Our delicious homemade baked goods will enhance your reputation as a hostess, or can be unusual hostess gifts when you are invited to have dinner with friends. Don't forget

Thanksgiving.

As we do every year, we offer some of our most popular things from previous sell-out tables as well as new articles produced in our workshops. Our old standbys, mango chutney, mango jam, zucchini relish and watermelon pickles are ready, as are aprons for mothers and daughters, decorated Christmas trees and a nice assortment of costume jewelry found near the bakery table in the Covered Patio.

There are crocheted necklaces which were a big hit when introduced this summer and a special necklace to hold your cell phone when you don't have a pocket. There are a variety of different angels and very attractive individual notecards. A table in Fellowship Hall displays unique jewelry made by the nimble fingers of some of our creative members, using unusual stones.

After making a few purchases, you are invited to patronize the lunch served by the Men's Club between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sit down on the patio with your friends and rest a

bit while you compare notes on your finds, before you go back for more. While you are on the patio, check out the sale tables there as well as the bargain area.

Back in Fellowship Hall be sure to notice the joke table and the Thanksgiving table with favors, decorations and linens. We hope you will find that there is indeed something here for everyone.

If you are away this second weekend in November, there is still hope! The Holiday Craft Sale will be open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bronson House, just north of the church. It will run from Saturday, November 20th through Saturday, December 18th.

Christmas will really be here soon. Come to the Holly Days Bazaar and you will be ready ahead of time. ❖

Youth Poinsettia Fundraiser

by Kathy Smith

Get ready for the Christmas season and let us help you get started with the Youth Poinsettia Fundraiser. Stop by the Courtyard after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services to purchase your locally grown, florist-quality, short, wide and healthy poinsettias. Funds raised will help offset the cost of this year's Youth Mission Trips.

Three different sizes are available to purchase: 6" pot (4-5 blooms) for \$10; 8" pot (8-12 blooms) for \$20; and, 10" pot (15 bloom average) for \$30. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and make it "Youth Group" on the memo line. Delivery will be on Sunday, November 28th at the church.

If you own a business or run an office, let our Youth help in your decorating plans. Consider the carbon imprint; it is almost non-existent! Go green with our red poinsettias this year.

For more information, contact Kathy Smith (265-3446).



Youth Group Time Change

The times for Sunday Night Youth Group are changing to 5 to 7 p.m. for all Middle School (6th grade and up) and High School youth. At 5 p.m., we will be meeting together for an activity or game, dinner, praise songs, and a message; all of which have always been a part of our youth group meetings. This new model, however, will allow us to have time for small groups in which we can have further Bible study and discussion about the night's message, as well as more time to develop relationships with advisors and others in the youth group. Youth Group will be meeting Sunday nights from 5 to 7 p.m., November 7th, 14th, and 21st of this month. There will be no Youth Group on November 28th, Thanksgiving Weekend.

SHOFAR: Men's Group

by Roger Johnson

This is an invitation and explanation of our recently formed men's organization to fill a need for men of the church and community. We have been meeting each Thursday morning at 8 a.m. in the Christian Learning Center for coffee and a fellowship session to learn, share and serve our congregation and the community around us.

Various topes have been suggested and will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin for the weeks ahead. The sessions are relaxed, informal and open to all. Please join us for this hour of "getting acquainted".

Currently we are studying and discussing Islam; its origins, beliefs, followers and relevancy in the world.

The ram's horn was a traditional instrument used for summoning the people of God for events that were to take place. It has a special significance in that it came from the male gender and at that time, the male gender was the heir of religious responsibility.

We feel that the symbol of the



shofar is an appropriate one for our group of men. It not only has a special connotation but it is an identifiable emblem.

- S – Spiritual Service
- H – Honoring God with Helpfulness
- O – Obedience to Opportunity
- F – Fellowship in Faithfulness
- A – Action in Awareness
- R – Religious Responsibility

Perhaps this type of identification seems unnecessary but it does give us a statement of mission, something to encourage us and others to review where they are in their Christian life.

Most of those who have a desire for a men's group have been or

already are involved in some way with the inner workings of First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach; Elder, Deacon, choir member, teacher, Stephen Minister, committee member or what have you. But the truth is that many of our congregation, in spite of announcements, bulletin articles, Spire articles, etc., are not totally aware of the activities, opportunities and facts in the overall church. I feel that we can and should support that communication. We can make a more concerted effort to have the men of the church become involved in the already existing activities and welcome input of new ideas, improvements, education, etc. ❖

Celebration of Eternal Life...

Our Deepest Sympathy

as a congregation is extended to the families of the following members upon the death of their loved ones:

Astrid Mehlich - September 27, 2010

Martha Strachan - October 11, 2010 ❖

Keep Your Eye Out and Pluck a Feather from the Thanksgiving Turkey

Coming to the Courtyard

by Becky Knapp

We have 65 families of 5-6 members who will need the items which are clearly listed on the Turkey feather.

- * Thanksgiving in a Box ingredient/shopping list
- * packing instructions
- * delivery date November 14th to the Narthex
- * please decorate the outside of the box

We will supply the boxes to maintain uniformity for ease in storage and distribution.



Confirmation



by Rev. Aaron Janklow

Starting this November, we invite all interested 8th grade youth to take part in our 2010 – 2011 Confirmation Class. Confirmation is quite literally the process of confirming or reaffirming one's baptism. Believing that there is nothing we can do to earn God's love, the Presbyterian Church baptizes both infants and adults, attesting to the belief that God loves each of us before we even know how to respond. Confirmation offers the opportunity to grow closer to God, learn more about our faith and how to claim it as our own. While Confirmation builds upon the promises made by us or on our behalf (as in the case of infant baptism), baptism is not a requirement

to take part in Confirmation Class. If you, or your son or daughter has not been baptized, I encourage you or them to be a part of this class, and then in the spring, when the Confirmation students are accepted into church membership as adults (if they feel lead to make this commitment), they can be baptized at that time.

I look forward to this class. We will explore everything from what we believe about God and what it means to be a Christian (Sacraments, the Bible, mission, and much, much more), to the history of Christianity and what makes the Presbyterian Church unique. Beginning in November, Confirmation Class will run through April 3rd, with the Confirmation students being accepted into membership on April 10th during Worship. Confirmation Class will be held immediately following Sunday Night Youth Group, from 7 – 7:45 p.m. Please contact me to sign up or with any questions at aaronjanklow@covad.net or 276-6338 ext. 13. ❖

Opportunities for Youth of All Ages

by Rev. Aaron Janklow

This December 29th through December 31st, youth who are currently in 8th grade through college are invited to join us on a Winter Mission Trip to Immokalee, Florida. Immokalee was severely hit by Hurricane Wilma in 2005 and also by Tropical Storm Fay in 2008. In Immokalee, we will be meeting up with the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan and doing home rehab projects. The cost of the trip is \$125. To register, you must contact me by November 4th. If you are interested in going, but have not registered by that date please contact me as soon as possible and we'll see what we can do.

This summer, June 25th through July 3rd, current high school youth (2011 summer's rising sophomores through rising college freshman) are invited to take part in our High School Mission Trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica. We will again be meeting up with the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and also the First Presbyterian Church of Boise, Idaho. We will be staying and doing construction work at the Caribbean Christian

Centre for the Deaf. A parent's meeting was held in October where we went over more details about this Jamaica Trip and also the Immokalee Trip, but please contact me with any questions.

The Montreat Youth Conference, July 23rd through July 30th, is open to all current 8th grade youth through current high school seniors (2011 summer's rising sophomores through rising college freshman). Join hundreds of other Presbyterian high school students for this week long conference in beautiful Montreat, North Carolina. Each day we will hear from speakers whose message is relevant and applicable to our everyday lives, worship with great music, enjoy times of small group reflection, and have time to hang out and have fun as a group.

More details will soon follow, but a Middle School Mission Trip is currently in the works for early July. I would love to announce this exciting Florida location, but I want to work out a few details before I do so. For this trip, middle school students, including 2011 summer's rising 6th graders, are invited to participate in several mission opportunities over the course of these three days. It will be a time for us to serve God and grow closer as a youth group in

the process. I hope you can join us.

The deadline to register and the cost for each of these trips has been listed in the church bulletin and can be learned by calling the church office. For more information regarding any of our Christian Education programs please contact me, Rev. Aaron Janklow at aaronjanklow@covad.net or 276-6338, ext. 13. ❖

Monday Book Group

by Linda Prior

The Monday Book Group meets once a month on Monday afternoons through April at 12:30 p.m. in the Christian Learning Center. Listed below are the books that will be discussed this season. Join us.

November 8, 2010

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

December 6, 2010

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

January 3, 2011

Olive Ketteridge by Elizabeth Strout

February 7, 2011

Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

March 7, 2011

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

by Helen Simonson

April 4, 2011

Perfect Match by Jodi Picoult

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Sunday Morning Worship Services

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Please join us on Sunday mornings as we worship the Living God together.

Church School

Adult Church School 10 a.m.

Education Hour Sunday School 10 a.m.

Worship Hour Sunday School 11 a.m.

Youth Fellowship 5 p.m.



Hanging of the Greens



by Rev. Jo Garnett

Please join us on Sunday, November 21st at 7 p.m. as we decorate the Sanctuary in preparation for the beginning of Advent. The Hanging of the Greens is a special worship service filled with familiar carols and traditions. We will also decorate the Chrismon Tree.

Communion Committee

by Estella Killian

Our dedicated Communion Committee needs help. This dedicated committee is looking for volunteers to help to prepare for our monthly communion service. You can volunteer monthly or whenever you are available. This is a great time for fellowship as well as way to serve Christ's Church. If you are interested in helping to prepare for Communion, contact Estella Killian at 732-8008.

Our Sunday worship services are now streaming online!

Watch when you are out-of-town, away at college or when you are not feeling well enough to attend.

Keep connected even when you can't be here. Simply request a "ticket ID" from Nancy Fine in the church office 276-6338, ext. 10 or nancyfine@covad.net so you can log onto www.SundayStreams.com to view our Sunday services. ❖