



## Stewardship

by Ron Price

The process of growing old is so gradual. When your friends begin telling you how young you look...you may be sure that you're getting old. And, with age you can count on change! We have a choice, to accept change or not. As Dr. Sapp said in his last sermon before Dr. Mack arrived, "Change creates apprehension and perhaps even fear."

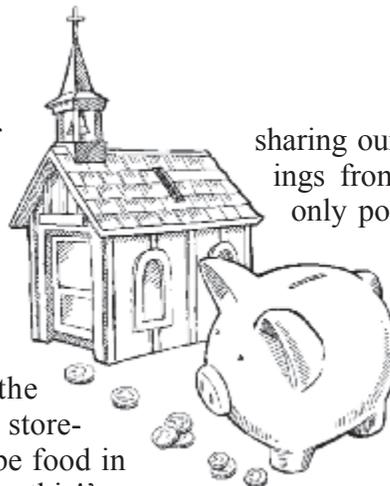
Looking at the financial statement of our church, we need to change. We need to increase Stewardship giving! Perhaps to even consider **tithing**!

Every Sunday we hear from the pulpit, "Let us now share our **tithes** and our offerings." We perhaps make an offering but do we **tithe**?

Webster's definition of **tithing** is

"The tenth part of personal income set apart as an offering to God or for works of mercy..." or as my favorite definition in the Bible Malachi 3: 10 states, "Bring the whole **tithe** into the storehouse that there may be food in My House. Test Me in this!" says the Lord God Almighty. 'And see if I will not open floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.'"

**Tithing** may be a change. You might ask, "Can I afford to **tithe**? I can barely make ends meet now...how can I possibly **tithe**?" Do we approach **tithing** with fear and apprehension as we approach change? With prayer and God's continuing help...**tithing** is simply



sharing our treasure, our blessings from God and it is not only possible but rewarding just as Malachi says.

We are simply stewards of God's blessings... and **tithing**, just the tenth part of our personal income, is what God asks for in return! Just think of what we could achieve if we were a **tithing** church. 'Would the floodgates of heaven pour out so much blessing that we would not have room enough for it?' As Malachi states, "Of course it would!"

As you prayerfully consider your reply to our Stewardship call for 2012, think of Malachi and of God's promise of what God can (and will certainly) do. ❖

## Tithing story with Pastor Evans

*Pastor Evans was so loved and respected for his commitment to the church and to the congregation that the Elders decided to give him an envelope with a substantial amount of money for a Christmas bonus. As I recall, it was the Christmas morning service, and following the benediction the congregation remained seated as they had been previously instructed.*

*Tom, who was an Elder and also the Chair of the Board of the Trustees, joined Pastor Evans and*

*with eloquence only he could deliver, presented the envelope. Pastor Evans opened it and was astonished to see the amount. To Tom's and the congregation's amazement, he very carefully counted the money for all to hear and then separately counted out a tenth part and returned it to Tom with a comment, "This is my tithe!" A hush fell over the already quiet congregation. Pastor Evans said no more. The message was clear!*

*I shall never forget that moment! Perhaps if our tenth part came out of our checkbook before we paid even one bill, tithing would be possible. Would we miss it? We probably would if we didn't understand tithing! Tithing is simply giving back to God a tenth of all that He has shared with us. Just a tenth! ❖*

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# Mack's Message

*by Rev. Dr. Mack Sigmon*

*Interim Pastor*

A forest ranger was visiting his brother in a large city. They were walking down a busy city street one afternoon when the ranger suddenly stopped and stood perfectly still. "Do you hear that cricket?" the ranger asked. When his brother couldn't hear it, the ranger bent down and picked up a cricket which was lodged in a crack in the sidewalk. His brother expressed amazement at the ranger's ability to hear the tiny sound.

With a smile, the ranger replied, "It all depends on what your ear is trained to hear. Watch this." He then dropped a coin on the sidewalk, and many busy people stopped to look for it. The city man looked at his brother and summed up the lesson: "I guess what we hear depends upon our priorities."

What have you been listening for lately? The jealous person listens for a rival's accomplishments; the greedy person listens for profit; the vain person listens for praise; the spiteful person listens for gossip; but the Christian must listen for the voice of Jesus Christ, the voice that speaks to both the mind and the heart. It is that voice which convicts us in our sins, but even more important, it opens our ears to the needy sounds around us. Who hears the child crying for food? Who hears the shut-in asking for company? Who hears the grieving heart longing for comfort? Who hears the voice of the oppressed crying for justice? Who hears the church, the body of Christ, begging for a hand. Who hears? If not you, if not me, who? ❖



# Confirmation

*by Rev. Aaron Janklow*

As you may already be aware, our 2011 – 2012 Confirmation Class will begin this month. I have been looking forward to this class, as 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. All interested 8th grade youth and up are invited to take part in this class. If you would like to learn more and are interested in the Confirmation process, please contact me at aaronjanklow@covad.net or 276-6338, ext. 13. ❖

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# Holiday Poinsettias

November 6th, 13th & 20th, after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services, the youth will be selling Poinsettias outside Fellowship Hall to help offset the costs of their Mission Trips.

These plants are locally grown in Delray, florist quality, short, wide and healthy.

Please pick up your plants on Sunday, November 27th in Fellowship Hall.

## The three different sizes:

6" pot .....	4-5 bloom average.....	\$10.00
8" pot .....	8-12 bloom average.....	\$20.00
10" pot .....	15 bloom average.....	\$30.00

- **The carbon imprint is almost non-existent!**
- **Go green with our red Poinsettias.**

Any questions call,  
Kathy Smith 265-3446. ❖



# Stephen Ministers

## A Good Samaritan Named Tisquantum

*by David Fellows*

When an expert in the law asked Jesus, in Luke 10:29, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus responded with the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is interesting that the roots of our American Thanksgiving Day can be traced back to a native Good Samaritan the British called Squanto, but whose true Native name was Tisquantum.

In 1605 a British expedition, led by Captain George Weymouth, landed in New England. They returned in 1614 leaving behind European diseases, but taking back with them 24 natives as slaves. One of them was Tisquantum. By the time the Pilgrims arrived in November of 1620, he had found his way back to New England. Tisquantum had learned English while abroad and came upon the new settlers shortly after they landed near Captain Weymouth's prior encampment. It was he who helped the Pilgrims to forage for corn and hunt game, thus helping them through their first winter. While only 56 of the original 102 Pilgrims survived the

winter, it is speculated that without Tisquantum's help all would have perished.

Tisquantum also helped the surviving Pilgrims to negotiate a treaty with the local Wampanoag Tribe. This treaty gave them 15 years to establish a settlement. In the spring of 1621, the Wampanoag, under the leadership of Chief Massasoit, taught the Pilgrims how to hunt and grow corn and other crops. In November of 1621, William Bradford, the colony's governor, declared a 3 day feast to celebrate their bountiful harvest. While the Governor only invited Chief Massasoit to join them, the Chief took it upon himself to bring some 90 of his tribe's people to attend with him. As you might expect, the natives brought most of the food.

It is not a rare occurrence to learn that the romanticized history we teach our children differs considerably from the historical facts. If we consider Tisquantum's enslavement, his learning English, his subsequent return to his tribal area and encountering the Pilgrims shortly after their arrival at a time when they desperately needed assistance

just to survive the coming harsh winter, can we not see the Hand of Divine Providence at work? Is this not our own American Good Samaritan story? Perhaps this Thanksgiving Day might be a good time for us to recall our country's true Thanksgiving Day origins when a native "Good Samaritan" named Tisquantum helped to save the very people who had enslaved him.

This Thanksgiving, why not think about being a Pilgrim? Don't we all have our own Good Samaritans? Of course we want to be thankful to God for the blessings we have in our lives. But why not think about thanking someone who has helped us out along the way by asking them to join us this Thanksgiving Day? In doing so, wouldn't we be acknowledging that God has acted through them, just as He did through Tisquantum? Aren't we all put here to be channels through which God does His work in the world? By inviting one of our own Good Samaritans, wouldn't we also be inviting God to join us? This Thanksgiving, may your day be filled with love and the peace that passeth all understanding. ❖

# Children's Corner



*by Jen Buce*  
*Children's Ministry*  
*Coordinator*

Forgiveness, according to the dictionary, is the willingness to cease resentment or anger against another person for a perceived offense, difference or mistake, and not to demand restitution. Sounds simple enough, right? So why is it so hard to forgive? Is it just me? Or is it common for most people? Is it our pride that

gets in the way? Forgiveness is taught and can be found in the Bible in numerous places, it instructs us to forgive as the Lord forgave us. In Colossians 3:13 it says, "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." We must learn to put our pride aside and trust in our faith. We must believe in God that the work of forgiveness will be completed. How will we know when this work is done? Forgiveness doesn't happen overnight, but if we continue

to forgive by believing in our faith, the anger and resentment we feel will be lifted from us. It is important for us to forgive because Jesus commands us to do so. If we don't forgive, we will not be forgiven ourselves. In Matthew 6:14-16 it says, "For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Forgiveness, when you let your resentment go, will bring you a sense of freedom. ❖

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## CROS Walk Update

*by Becky Knapp*

*Thank you to our members and friends who contributed to and participated in the 17th Annual C.R.O.S. Walk fundraising drive on Sunday, October 9th.*

We counted 39 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 \$3200 in donations but the full dollar count is not yet in from all those who walked.



# Church Improvement

*by Barbara Vanderkay*

The **37th Holly Days Bazaar** will be held the second weekend in November. Let's celebrate by making it the best ever!

The festivities begin with a Pre-Sale for church members and those who regularly attend our Sunday



services. We will welcome you from **2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th**. This will give you, our most loyal customers, first crack at our many unusual gifts. We open to the public the next day, **Friday, November 11th** and **Saturday, the 12th** from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall, on the Patio and the Covered Patio, where you will find our famous Jewelry Table with wonderful bargains in costume jewelry, and the very busy table of home-baked goods and our own relishes, chutney and jam, thanks to our great Presbyterian cooks. If this makes you hungry, join us for lunch on the Patio from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., served by the men of the church both Friday and



Saturday, giving you a chance to sit down, rest your feet and compare notes with your friends about your great purchases.

If you simply can't make it Friday or Saturday, remember that we will be open again after each service on Sunday. If you can't even do that, we will be glad to see you on **Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the OLD Holly House at 39 Gleason Street. Those hours will begin on Saturday, November 19th and run through Tuesday, December 20th. Oh yes, one more suggestion, visit this Holiday Craft Sale any Sunday after either Worship Service. Now you can't say we aren't giving you enough opportunities to shop!

What can you buy? We have old favorites in several categories that sell out every year, and we have new hand-crafted jewelry, cute new stocking stuffers, and at the dog and cat boutique, there are gifts for your four-footed friends, or friends of friends.



Once again, Fellowship Hall cannot hold all our merchandise, so the tent in the Courtyard will display some different wares. The Bargain Area is also on the Patio, as in past years.

Now that we have whetted your appetite for the Bazaar, how about joining us as a worker? It's not hard work, and you couldn't ask for nicer co-workers or customers. Sign-up sheets are in the Sunday bulletins for your convenience. This is really an all-church event. Many hands are needed to ensure the proverbial "light work". And here's another cliché that applies: "The more the merrier."

Now we're all set, and all we need is YOU as a shopper, a baker and/or a worker. For the 37th year, Merry Christmas! ❖



# Deacons' Christmas Tree

*by Siena Del Mastro*

It's that time of year again. Christmas is rapidly approaching and the Deacons' Christmas Tree will be in full order. I know. I honestly can't believe it either because this past year has been full of school and much fun. So much fun, in fact, that life seems to be zipping by all too quickly. It seems only like yesterday that I was sitting by my Christmas tree opening presents.

But enough about me. It's time to help out others and this is a chance to make a difference in someone's life. Imagine not getting any presents when you're a kid because your parents are out of work or something drastic happened. How disappointing would that be? By taking a small tag off the Deacons' Christmas Tree and purchasing a wanted gift for a child would light up a kid's world.

You, as members of the congregation, will be able to help make a child's dream come true when the tree



goes up on November 20th. Gift tags will be on the tree until December 4th. All gifts must be in the Narthex by December 12th in order for your gift to be given as planned. Please, as I know from experience, get things done early so you're not waiting until the last minute to get your gift delivered.

If you don't want to purchase a gift, you may make a donation, in check form, to the Deacons' Christmas Tree by December 5th. Please make the check out to First Presbyterian Church and put "Deacons' Tree" on the memo line.

All of the support you'll give to this project will go to the following six organizations: Adopt-A-Family, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Achievement Center for Children & Families, C.R.O.S. Urban Ministries (The Caring

Kitchen), Milagro Center and Rolling Green Elementary School. If you have any questions regarding the tree, please contact Linda Whitaker (865-4126).

I love all the thank you notes that we receive after we give children gifts; it lights up my day. It makes me smile. To make a difference in a child's life, help support the Deacons and their effort to make a child's Christmas a lot cheerier. ❖

## *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:

Twylia Wright	—	September 16, 2011
Annette Hyder	—	September 25, 2011
Betty Dalton	—	October 2, 2011
Ruth Smith	—	October 10, 2011

## **Two Worship Services**

On Sunday, November 6th, we will resume two services.

**9:00 am & 11:00 am**

See you there!

## 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.

## All Youth Lock In

*by Rev. Aaron Janklow*

On October 1 – 2, we had our Fall All Youth Lock-In. It was a wonderful night when we had our annual Amazing Race around Delray Beach, went bowling, tie dyed tee-shirts, attended Youth Sunday School, sat together for World Communion Sunday, and went to IHOP. It was a great time. We always try our best to welcome new youth, and all youth sixth



grade and up are invited to join us for Youth Group on Sunday nights, 5 to 7 p.m. For more information on youth programs you may contact me at [aaronjanklow@covad.net](mailto:aaronjanklow@covad.net) or 276-6338, ext. 13. ❖

## Keep Your Eye Out and Pluck a Feather from the Thanksgiving Turkey Coming to the Courtyard

*by Becky Knapp*

We have 50 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 13th to the Narthex
- \* please decorate the outside of the box

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



## Music Programs

*by Jim Poch*

*Associate Director of Music*

### Children's Choir

Children's Choir for age four through third grade has begun its new schedule of rehearsals on Thursdays from **4:45 to 5:15 p.m.** (Note 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

Westminster Ringers (handbells for high school youth and adults) began its season on October 27th, 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 phone Jim Poch (276-6338, extension 24) before you come so he can have bells ready for you!

### The Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant will be December 11th at the 11 a.m. 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 December 6th at 10 a.m. All children who attend at least five rehearsals are invited to participate.



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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.

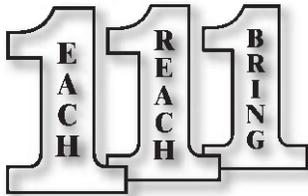
### Church School

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.

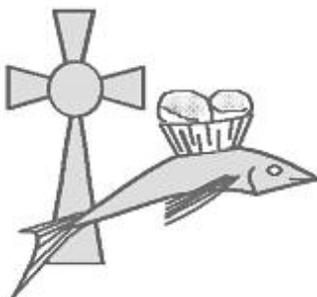


## Actively Change Tomorrow

*by Margot Tiernan*

A.C.T. (Actively Change Tomorrow) Saturdays are volunteer opportunities sponsored by the Mission

Outreach Committee, held on the third Saturday of the month. They need 15-20 volunteers for each event. This month, the event will be on Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. to noon at the East Campus of the Florence Fuller Center in Boca Raton. Contact Margo Tiernan at [margot.tiernan@gmail.com](mailto:margot.tiernan@gmail.com) to sign up or if you have any questions. ❖



## Hanging of the Greens

*by Rev. Jo Garnett*

Please join us on Sunday, November 20th 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. ❖