



Christian Education This Fall

by Rev. Aaron Janklow

Beginning Sunday, September 12th, and continuing until we return to two services on November 7th, our Christian Education Programming will look like this:

9 a.m. - Educational Hour

- Pre-School-Kindergarten - Nursery
- 1st through 4th Grades - CE Bldg. Rm. 203
- Grades 5 and up (The Reason) - Youth House
- Young Adults & Families (Friends & Fellowship) - The Parlor



10 a.m. - Worship Hour

- Pre-School-Kindergarten (Bible Bunch) - CE Bldg. Rm. 113
- 1st through 4th Grades - CE Bldg. Rm. 203

*The Sunday Forum will be held at 11 a.m. in the Christian Learning Center beginning October 3rd.

All of these classes will continue through the change to two services on Sunday, November 7th, with the Educational Hour classes moving to 10 a.m. and the Worship Hour classes to 11 a.m. (Sunday Forum will move to 10 a.m. with the rest of the Educational Hour classes). ❖

Teachers Needed

Children's Worship Hour Sunday School Class

Each week, we offer different learning opportunities for people of all ages, and we are very grateful for the many volunteers who enable us to do this. At the moment, we are in need of additional volunteers to help teach our Children's Worship Hour Sunday School Class. If you enjoy working with children and can help teach during the worship hour (10 a.m. until we return to two services in November), for even one Sunday a month, please contact Rev. Janklow (276-6338, ext. 13 or aaronjanklow@covad.net) or Denise Gomez (276-6338, ext. 17 or denisegomez@covad.net.) This is a vital part of this church's ministry and we appreciate all of your help. Thank you. ❖

One Worship Service at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, May 2nd, we began holding only **one** worship service at **10 a.m.** We will resume two services in November.



Blessing of Pets

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday
October 24th
4 p.m.
Courtyard

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Reflections...

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

"Crossing the Line"

Whenever I come to a stoplight and especially when I make a left turn, I am amazed at how many drivers don't stop their vehicles at the white stop line. Perhaps you have had the same experience.



Sadly, people will continue to cross the stop line regardless of anything that is done. The same seems to be true of people in relationship to the rules or commandments of God.

For whatever reason, those white stop lines were painted on the streets and at each intersection to instruct drivers as to where they should stop their cars so that other drivers, who have the right of way, can make the turn that they need to make safely. Yet, more often than not, many drivers act as if those specially marked white lines really are for their rear wheels rather than their front ones.

This carelessness forces the driver with the right of way to negotiate what really is almost a U-turn in order to reach the street upon which she or he is trying to make a turn. Maybe there should be a speed bump where the white line is placed. Or, perhaps cities should take a hint from the car rental companies at airports and install those sharp, pointed "teeth" that were strategically placed to prevent cars from being stolen. The former really isn't practical and the latter is cost prohibitive.

While making a college commencement address, Ted Koppel said that, "God did not give ten suggestions but commandments." The more that we, as people, try to push the envelope with God, the farther out in the street we place the vehicle of our life. As a matter of fact, we stick out so far that either we are going to become involved in a real-life, tragic accident or cause one that we will live to regret. Whatever the situation, it no longer will be nice to drive again (or live again) if we have caused either havoc or destruction to the lives of others.

Yes, it's still the summer and the automobile traffic on the streets is not too crowded. But all it takes is one tragedy to destroy someone's life, if not many lives. The same thing can happen if and when we bend or break the rules of God. Maybe we should think more about what we really are doing whenever we cross the line. ❖

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Even if you give the name of the church upon admission, the hospital will NOT notify us.

At Montreat We Danced

by Amanda Gaudree

At Montreat we danced, we sang, we learned, we laughed, and yes, we did exploit Aaron's fear of rats. Montreat was an amazing experience, with so many amazing people. How could it be anything but!

The Montreat Youth Conference was very spiritually uplifting. The conference was, from start to finish, a journey; a journey of faith, of love, of acceptance, of sorrow, of learning, and one of friendship. The first day of the conference, when I entered the church, I was surprised to see how many other people had come and how many churches were represented. For some of those people, like me, it was the first time that we had entered that beautiful stone building. And the first time we had realized the extent of the youth in our faith. Just to see that many people, over 800 surrounding me, was a new and inspiring experience. And as I entered, I felt such a Presence with me that I can only assume it was God. Everywhere I went in Montreat, I felt that Presence surrounding me. It was incredible.

As I am sure you can imagine after seeing all those people, I was a bit hesitant when I was told that we would have to break off into small groups, without any of our church members. But, as we had already come all this way, it seemed foolish to back down now. So with a shy heart, I entered the door to meet my new small group members. And WOW, I couldn't have asked for a better group of friends. I met people from California, New York, and many other places in the United States. I even met one girl who was so like me that we were mis-

taken for sisters once or twice. These friendships will last long after we walked out of Montreat's doors.

During our time at Montreat, we learned a lot about each other. We learned things like: Tyler is a football player and needs to eat a lot, Miles is a really good rapper, William is always good for a joke, Siena is an excellent writer, and Olivia takes a really long time to make a move in Connect Four. Oh, and we learned that Aaron knows about pretty much every Disney channel show. Our time at Montreat really brought the youth group, as a whole, closer together. And taught us, that no mat-



ter what, we have friends at church who will have our backs.

We could not have asked for two better group leaders than Rev. Aaron and Kim Winker. They were incredible. Even when we teased him, Aaron was great and never lost his cool. Aaron was a wonderful role model. He was calm and considerate. He laughed at our jokes as we laughed at his. He listened to suggestions and helped us really learn what being a Presbyterian was all about. Kim was a blast. She was an excellent storyteller and was very helpful. All in all, Montreat was an awesome experience and I cannot wait till next year when I will go again. ❖

From the Choir Loft

by Jim Filosa

"Oh sing to the Lord a new song, Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His Name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods." (Psalm 96: 1-4)

Well, so far this summer has been quite an eventful and exciting time in the life of the Chancel Choir, both from the choir member's point of view and from a facilities standpoint. First, several choir members have traveled far and wide for various endeavors.



For instance, one member went to Egypt, another went to Europe, while Jeanne and I traveled to England on the Queen Mary 2 as participants in the "International Church Music Festival" held in the Coventry Cathedral. This was truly a fabulous and exciting trip made all the more memorable by being directed in Coventry by the legendary Sir David Willcocks.

A fall special of "From the Choir Loft" will highlight a few of these wonderful experiences by choir members. This is reminiscent of grade school days of "what I did during my summer vacation".

As far as facilities are concerned, the choir rehearsal room has some important improvements and will soon receive more. Permanent risers were installed, thanks to the Church Property Committee, as the previous ones were moveable with fold-away legs. Due to their age, they would "fold-away" when they shouldn't, causing a sudden drop of whoever was nearby. Additionally, we have recently acquired a limited number of nearly new choir music storage boxes that will



allow for safe and careful filing of a certain amount of choir music (Hymns and Anthems). More of the boxes will be needed, as we continue to work on making the most efficient use of the space we have.

Choir recruitment; we continue to encourage all those who have a desire to "Sing to the Lord" to come and join us for this wonderful privilege, especially anyone who has previously sung in a choir. I remember reading about the ten or twelve best reasons to be in a church choir (I need to look for them and will share them with everyone soon). One of the reasons was that you have the best seat in the house, but the

most important one to me was that, "Those who sing in church, pray twice".

When you join us and "Sing to the Lord a new Song"...



remember Psalm 96!

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

Sing a New Song to the Lord!

by Jim Poch, Associate Director of Music

Children's Choir for age four through third grade will begin in October. We will learn songs for morning worship and be the core of the Christmas Pageant and Palm Sunday celebration. Rehearsals will be late afternoon on either Wednesdays or Thursdays. Interested parents should call Mr. Poch (276-6338, ext. 24) to express their preference. Please watch the Sunday bulletin and October Spire for details.

Westminster Ringers (handbells for high school youth and adults) will meet Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. See next month's *Spire* for the exact date rehearsals will begin. Please phone Jim Poch (276-6338, ext. 24) to express your interest or get answers to your questions. ❖



Deacons' Corner

by *Kim Winker*

Fellowship for Scholarship Was a Huge Success!

It's been a busy summer for some Deacons and members of the church who hosted Fellowship for Scholarship events to raise money for the Deacons' Scholarship Fund! A total of \$3,750 was donated at the events, which included a pool party, a BBQ, an after-church brunch, a hors d'oeuvres party and even a get-together in Ohio.



The fellowship and fun at the events drew in nearly 120 people, including 31 non-members of the church. Amid the conversation and camaraderie, the attendees gave charitably to help deserving members of our church who want to pursue full-time higher education.

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Be Prepared

A Brief Reminder from the Deacons

Ready, Set, Know

Step One: Ready

Make an emergency supply kit for your household which should include: non-perishable food, bottled water, a battery-powered radio, flashlights and batteries, first aid kit, copies of medical prescription and medical supplies, and important documents.

Step Two: Set

Make a family hurricane plan so you know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency. Due to possible local infrastructure issues after a storm, it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town



There was even an anonymous donor of \$500 who is not a member of our church.

"The support and generosity of our church members and church

friends has touched me deeply," said Alexandra Harris, the chairperson of the Deacons' Scholarship Committee. "There were even invitees unable to attend a function who were kind enough to send donations anyway. I also want to thank the party hosts for their planning, creativity and commitment. Without your efforts, this time for fellowship and fundraising could not have happened."



The bighearted contributions of the party-goers and the great time had by all made the Fellowship for Scholarship campaign a huge success! ❖

contact may be a better choice. Identify several places you could go in an emergency, a friend's home in another town, a motel or public shelter. If you do not have a car, plan alternate means of evacuating. If you have a car, fill your fuel tank in case you need to evacuate.

Step Three: Know

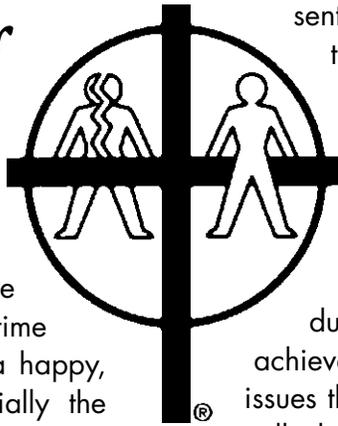
Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a hurricane. A hurricane watch means a hurricane is possible in your area. Be prepared to evacuate. Monitor local radio and television news outlets or listen to NOAA Weather Radio for the latest developments. A hurricane warning is when a hurricane is expected in your area. If local authorities advise you to evacuate, leave immediately. Hurricanes are classified into five categories based on their wind speed, central pressure, and damage potential. Category Three and higher hurricanes are considered major hurricanes, though Category One and Two are still extremely dangerous and warrant your full attention. ❖

Stephen Minister Brunch

by David Fellows

Where did the summer go? It's hard to believe that September is already here and the Holidays are right around the corner. The time from Halloween to Valentine's Day can be a happy, joyous and exciting time for many, especially the young. However, for others of us, it can be a time of bitter-sweet memories where we may get caught up more in the bitter than the sweet. To help us prepare for this challenging part of the year, the Stephen Ministers will be hosting a Brunch on Saturday, October 30th, in Fellowship Hall.

Our program will focus on Food, Fun, Freedom and Fellowship. Except for Sunday Services, we Presbyterians can't seem to have any kind of get together without something to eat, so Food is a given. We have invited Kathryn Shafer, Ph.D. to be our pre-



sender, as she has extensive experience in these seasonal issues. Her website is www.funtherapist.com, and I can assure you that she has a unique talent for putting Fun into everything she does.

Dr. Shafer will focus on the stumbling blocks of the Holidays and introduce us to some strategies we can use to achieve our own personal Freedom from the issues that rob us of the joy of the season. She will also give us some behavioral cues to look for in others that could indicate they might be dealing with their own seasonal struggles. Finally, Dr. Shafer will share some ways that we can provide Christian support and Fellowship to those who are hurting. Who knows? By reaching out to another, you may wind up giving someone the most meaningful "present" he or she will receive this year.

Please put October 30th on your calendar and watch for more information and updates in the Sunday Bulletin. ❖

TnT's New Read

by Rev. Aaron Janklow

For the past several months TnT, standing for Twenties n' Thirties, has been reading Timothy Keller's *The Reason for God; Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. Every two weeks, we gathered together, shared the highs and lows of our week, prayed, and jumped into conversation about the themes raised in the assigned chapter for the week. Written from Keller's experiences of ministering to young professionals at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, each chapter addressed different doubts, questions, and skepticisms about Christianity, and ultimately outlined a reason for belief and faith. Having recently finished *The Reason for God*, TnT has decided to move on to an author who is frequently referred to by Keller, and whom many of us in the TnT group are already fans of, C.S. Lewis.

This September, we will begin our study of C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*, which I am sure will inspire meaningful conversation about our faith and lives. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at 6 p.m., in the Christian Learning Center. ❖

World Communion Invitation

October 3rd - 10 a.m.

From east and west, from north and south, people will come and take their places at the banquet in the Kingdom of God. Yes, and some who are now last will be first, and some who are first will be last." (Luke 13:29-30).

We come to Christ's Table aware of our human frailty and our sin. Our world has been shattered by selfish prejudice and foolish pride. We also come knowing that God's healing love can restore wholeness and welcome us home.

At Christ's Table, we are made one with Christ and one with each other. We also are united with the Church in every time and place. The unity of the Lord's Table is a sign of the unity that God wills for all of creation. From Christ's Table, we can go out with joy as witnesses of God's love to work for the healing and the reconciliation of God's world.

Join Christians around the world at the great celebration. Take your place at the Lord's Table on Sunday, October 3rd, 10 a.m. and know the feeling of what it is like to be one with Christians everywhere. ❖

Church Improvement

by Barbara Vanderkay

How does fall sneak up on us every year? Sooner than you think, the **Holly Days Bazaar** will be here. Mark your calendars now for the weekend of **Friday, November 12th** and **Saturday, November 13th**, with a note for the members' preview sale on **Thursday afternoon, November 11th**.

What do we offer at the Bazaar? Of course, to



After many weeks of hard work, Holly House ladies are on a well-earned vacation until **Tuesday, September 7th**. Please come in on Tuesday or Thursday mornings to pick up mango jam, chutney, watermelon pickles and zucchini relish to spark up your meals or to use as thoughtful hostess gifts. These delicious First Presbyterian recipes made by our own good cooks are only available here. Call Regie Moorcroft (495-5376) to reserve your selections.

For the past several weeks, the Holly House Board has been researching ways to enlarge our facilities, the former Holly House had 2,500 square feet and our present building has only 1,500. At this time, we must use part of the Christian Learning Center for some of our projects. We want to have everyone under the same roof in order to foster the great Christian fellowship the women experience. This is an important part of the Church Improvement Committee's reason for existence.

There are no specific plans as yet and we will keep the congregation informed when firm decisions are made. ❖



Joyce Johnson, Marie Buss, Pat Moss and BJ Mays are hard at work preparing items for the Holly Days Bazaar to be held in November.

begin with, we have angels of all kinds, including some new and different ones this year. There are real mink hearts to pin on, lots of beautiful handmade jewelry, including crocheted necklaces, which have sold as fast as the ladies can make them. There are special sheer little bejeweled organdy gift bags for jewelry or money. As usual, we have Christmas tree and Thanksgiving turkey pins, as well as a variety of stocking stuffers.

The costume jewelry you bring in for us to sell is always very popular. Weed out your drawers and prepare to fill them with new-to-you items from the Bazaar.

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:

Kim Mumma - July 17, 2010

Frances Brundage - August 3, 2010

Rob Smith - August 7, 2010

Robert Puff - August 15, 2010 ❖

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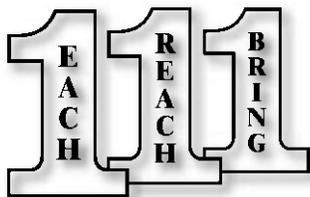
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Sunday Morning Worship Service

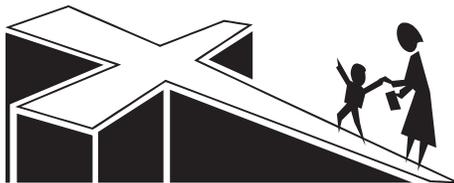
10 a.m.

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



16th Anniversary C.R.O.S. Walk

by Becky Knapp



Please join 300+ walkers on Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach for a 3.1 mile/5K intracoastal walk.

This is great for families and fellowship. Wagons and strollers are welcome. Walk, run, or jog in the main event on **Sunday, October 10th** at **3 p.m.** or walk on your own if you cannot make the October 10th date (Beach and Mall walking count!).

This is the sole C.R.O.S. (Christians Reaching Out to Society) fundraising drive to feed hungry people in Delray Beach through The Caring Kitchen and the Community Food Pantry. In commemoration of the C.R.O.S. WALK anniversary, organizers suggest a donation or pledge to a walker in the amount of \$15, although all donations are accepted.

The C.R.O.S. Walk meeting location is Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 211 Trinity Place, West Palm Beach. (Exit Okeechobee East, to Chase, turn left (north)). The walk begins at 3 p.m., rain or shine.

Check the church bulletin for dates to sign up for the walk or make your donation. Contact Becky or Tim Knapp (498-8995) for more information. ❖

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. ❖