



OCEANVIEW TIDINGS

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Oceanview Men's Softball wins the first game of the season

The winter season began on January 15th for Oceanview and what a start!. They won the first game against Trinity UMC—Great going guys! Find the Winter 2010 schedule on page 5.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home Trip

The youth will be taking their annual trip to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise February 12-14. We will leave from the church at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12. This trip is for youth, their families, and anyone in our church family interested in mission work at the Children's Home. We will stay at the Children's Home and do a fix-up, clean-up project on Saturday. We will be cooking our own meals and will have a time for games and fellowship on Saturday evening. We will spend Saturday night at the Children's Home, worship with them on Sunday morning and return home following lunch. If you wish to attend call the church office at 626-2500. For more information contact Pam Sayer or Rev. Betty.





Getting Out of the Boat in a New Year!

According to Matthew, after Jesus fed 5,000 people on a hill next to the Sea of Galilee, Jesus had to make the disciples get in a boat and leave (see 14:22). He had to make them leave because they lingered in the great dream of Jesus leading a new army of followers down to Jerusalem to kick out those lousy Roman occupiers.

See it from their point of view: If Jesus could take 5 loaves and 2 fish and feed 5,000 imagine what he could do with the two swords Peter had! In the Old Testament there was a dream of how God would one day send a great leader like King David to lead a banquet meal that would result in the salvation of Israel. By his actions on that hillside the disciples thought Jesus was that one – a military King in the line of David sent to restore Israel and lead a successful revolt that would reestablish the kingdom of Israel.

By making them leave Jesus was saying he was not that kind of king. His Kingdom was not a political kingdom, it was a spiritual one. They had misunderstood. And they had to leave that notion behind in order to begin a new kind of spiritual journey.

Matthew says while they were in that boat a great storm came up and they were afraid for their lives. Jesus appears and tells Peter, “Get out of the boat.” So impetuous Peter throws his leg over the edge of the boat and jumps in. For one brief moment he walks on the waves but, then, he gets afraid and begins to sink. And Jesus rescues him.

So did Peter fail? Is this a failure story? I think Matthew would say that Peter experienced what some of us may never experience in our lives, what it is like to walk on the waves – to give our lives over to God in such a way that we participate in the Kingdom of God.

In what ways is God calling you to walk on the waves this new year? Matthew is not glorifying bungee jumping or sky-diving for the sake of risk-taking alone. He is urging us, all of us, to ask Jesus what he would have us do, even if it may sound impossible, and then experience the glory of doing it alongside the Spirit of Christ.

Ash Wednesday on February 17th begins a new season of Lent when we take a new spiritual journey alongside Jesus. Come be a part of it and do some wave walking this year!

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Where is Home?

All of us grew up in imperfect families, and many of us, deep down are searching for some place or someone to satisfy our deep need for home, for security, for safety, for a place where we belong.

Like Abraham and Sarah, we are all sojourners who have not found our permanent dwelling places. The psalmist reminds us that it is God who is our home. In Psalm 68 the poet wrote that "God makes a home for the lonely...God is a parent to the orphan." The good news is that God's heart is a place of hospitality. It is a place where we can sit comfortably in our old slippers and talk honestly about who we are.

Talking honestly about who we are to One who listens as tenderly as Christ listened is perhaps the healthiest thing we can do for ourselves. We want many things in this life; we search here and there for happiness. Underneath all that seeking is a deep longing to be known as we are and to be accepted anyway. We spend a lot of time and energy each day trying to make sure that we are not alone, that we are not cut off from others. We want a home base, a place of safety. Unfortunately, we become so caught up in the experience of being a stranger on earth that we forget that we were created to find our security and home in the heart of God.

If we are to be healed and whole, we must discover that we are not alone; that when we are stripped to our most base self, someone understands. We need to know that we are cared for beyond all the wickedness of our deeds or the turmoil in our minds. We need to discover that when our spirit is naked, like the prodigal son, we are not cut off.

God makes a home for the lonely and is a parent to the orphan! What comforting words these are! The heart of God invites us to come home, just as we are. God's first and foremost aim is to bring us into harmony with God's love. John wrote, "Do not be worried or upset. Believe in God, believe also in me (Jesus). There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to make a place for you." (John 14:1-2) Help us to find rest



*COME JOIN OCEANVIEW'S MU-
SIC MINISTRY
AND
"SING A NEW SONG TO THE
LORD"*

*EASTER MUSICAL & THE PRAISE
TEAM AND CELEBRATION CHOIR
ARE COMBINING THEIR VOICES FOR
AN EASTER MUSICAL TO BE PRESENTED ON
PALM SUNDAY & MARCH 11TH AT BOTH WORSHIP
SERVICES & NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN US AS WE BE*



Linda Jordan
Director of Music and
Drama

Children's Sunday School

February's theme for children 4 through 2nd grade is "Healed by Jesus." The children will enjoy learning the stories of Peter's Mother-in-law, the Four Friends, Bartimaeus, and the Ten Lepers. Through these stories they will come to understand God cares for everyone, God cares for us when we are sick, we can ask God to help our friends, we can ask God to help us, we thank God for everything that God has done for us. Their teachers are Gary Stalter, Susan DeMatteis, and Courtney Lyne, and Lori Dingers.

The 3rd through 5th graders are using a curriculum that will help them learn how to use their Bible. This is a good age to begin the discipline of bible use. This curriculum will help the children know what and where the books of the Bible are, the difference between the Old and New Testaments, what does chapter and verse mean, etc. They will be encouraged to bring their Bibles every week. Their teachers are Mary Haley, Ruddy Martinez and Larry Smith. Children's Sunday school meets at 10 a.m. in the children's area downstairs.

Kid's Church

The theme for Kid's Church in February is "Creeds." In order for us to discover our beliefs and affirm their faith, we must take a stand and align with others as witnesses of God's presence and power. The children will discover through various methods that the use of creeds helps us state our love of God with "all your heart, all your soul and all your might" and as Jesus added "all your mind" (Matthew 22:37-39). Creeds help us take a stand on belief and give a voice to faith. Kid's Church meets in the Upper Room during both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services following the Children's Message.



MYG meets February 7th from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
We will not be meeting on 21st as we have tentatively planned to "glean" on the 20th.
For more details, please contact Katherine Wight-Bloodworth at (561) 401-7658 or (561) 233-9009 x106.

Youth Sponsor Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7th

Since 1990, on Super Bowl Sunday, ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary \$50 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

Oceanview has participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring 8 years and contributed \$3,664.00. All of the money raised by Oceanview youth has been contributed to CROS Ministries for their food pantries.

This year is no exception. You will see youth holding soup kettles outside the sanctuary in the breezeway on Sunday, February 7, collecting your donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring. This year we are shooting for \$1000.00 as the need is great. Help us meet our goal by contributing to the soup kettles. All proceeds go to the CROS Food Pantries.

Youth Super Bowl Party

The youth will have their annual Super Bowl Party at the Jones's (176 N. River Dr. East, Jupiter) Sunday, February 7, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. for a Super Bowl Party. All youth are invited to join us. Bring a snack food to share. We will watch the game, fellowship and eat of course. See you there. For more information contact Rev. Betty at 626-2500.



Summer, Summer, Summer time...

Mark Your Calendars for VBS

Galactic Blast A Cosmic Adventure Praising God will be the theme for VBS June 21-25. Through daily lessons the children will gain a new perspective on our planet earth and learn easy "green" tips. Through the stories of Creation, Elijah on Mt. Horeb, the Woman at the Well, and Two Disciples in Emmaus the children will come to develop a personal relationship with each other and Jesus. If you would like to help with VBS please contact Rev. Betty at 626-2500



Tuesday Morning Lenten Study -

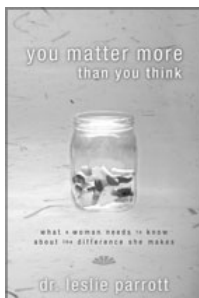
Responding to Our Call: The Work of Christ examines what discipleship really means and how obedience leads to the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

During this study we will reflect on Christ's call in our life and discover anew gifts that God is giving us for living out our personal ministry. We will meet with Rev. Betty in Room 49 at 10:30 a.m. beginning Tuesday, February 23.

If you are planning on joining this study please RSVP to Rev. Betty at 626-2500.



United Methodist Women invite you to come see who we are and what we do. Jan 17 we started a short book/video study entitled "**You Matter More Than you Think**" by Dr Leslie Parrott. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday every month at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to be part of the book study, please RSVP to



Thank you to all who Got Plugged In...

The 2nd Annual Get Plugged mission fair was a great success. For more information on how to get plugged in contact Joe Millas or Mary Louise Johnson by calling the church office at (561) 625-3500.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



Oceanview Men's Softball Winter Schedule 2010

Fields 3 & 4 (Friday Nights)

1. Trinity
2. Beacon Baptist
3. Oceanview
4. Trinity
5. Christ Fellowship
6. 1st Baptist of WPB
7. Potters Clay of WPB

	Field	7:00	8:00
February 5	3	2-6	2-4
	4	1-7	3-5
February 12	3	2-7	3-7
	4	1-5	4-6
February 19	3	5-4	1-4
	4	3-2	7-6
February 26	3	4-3	2-1
	4	6-5	7-5
March 5	3	7-1	3-1
	4	2-5	6-4
March 12	3	7-4	7-2
	4	6-1	5-3
March 19	3	5-1 (6:30)	4-1 (7:30) 4-2 (8:30)
	4	6-3 (6:30)	6-2 (7:30) 7-3 (8:30)

- Jupiter Parks and Recreation Department- 741-2400
 - League Supervisor- Roy Booth
 - Jupiter Community Park- 743-0647
 - All games played at Jupiter Community Park
 - Game time is forfeit time
- For rain-out information, call 743-0647 after 5:00PM on game day



My Oceanview Date Book

Rev. Sanford to lead Lenten study, "Jesus as Physician in Luke"



Beginning Wednesday, February 24th at noon, Rev. Brette will lead a 6-week study on Jesus as physician in the Gospel

Save-the-Date

Sweetheart Dinner Dance on February 13th
6:30-10:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance.
Watch for more information in the church services

Happy Anniversary

- 3 Mr. and Mrs. Clausen
- 13 Mr. and Mrs. Kloeckener
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Bensinger
- 18 Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse
- 23 Mr. and Mrs. Virden
- 24 Mr. and Mrs. Marsh
- 26 Mr. and Mrs. Clee
- 26 Mr. and Mrs. Neumann
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Bidanset



Happy Birthday

- 3 Wanda Lowry
- 3 Kellen Sanford
- 3 Elise Bedle
- 5 Marcus Dingers, II
- 5 Tory Joeckel
- 6 Steve Haigh
- 8 Pat Sheffield
- 9 Tyler Pahl
- 14 Kathryn "Kat" Hammond
- 15 Scott Logan
- 16 David Blount
- 16 Eleanor Girard
- 16 Scott Thompson
- 22 Beth Winkelspecht
- 23 Marcus Dingers
- 24 Laurie Groven
- 25 Vincent Borello
- 25 Del Coyle
- 25 Julie Earles
- 28 Karl Coe
- 28 Ethan Ritter, Jr.



On Going Oceanview Events

Monday	9:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Prayer Group, 56
Tuesday	3rd Tues, OMT, 49
Wednesday	1:30 pm Grief Group 5:45 pm Praise Band, Sanctuary 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Women's AA, 49
Thursday	7:00 pm Men's AA Group, 49 3rd Thurs. Operations, 56
Friday	12:00 pm Al-Anon, 56
Saturday	9-10:00 am AA, Upper Room
Sunday	4-5 pm Children's Choir, Ch Rm 5:30 pm Youth Group, FH 7:00 pm AA, FH 7-8:00 pm Teen Al-Anon, 56

MYG will meet on Feb 7th from 5 to 6:30 pm and

Counseling Available Thursdays At Oceanview.
If you would like caring, confidential and professional counseling call Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Barbara Kiner, through the church office for an appointment. Fees are based on your income.

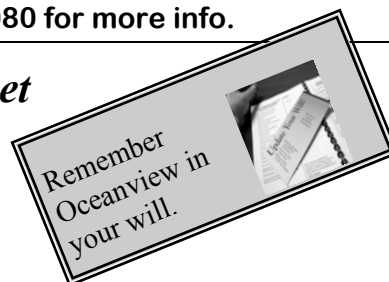
Grief Support Group meets every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Rev. Betty's office. If you have experienced sadness from a loss and need the support of others, this group is for you. Any kind of loss can result in grief and many of us need help and support. This group is facilitated by Rev. Betty

Children's Tennis is now meeting on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. at Eastpointe Country Club. Call Coach Tom Virden at (561) 691-9080 for more info.

2009 End of Year Budget

Income \$ 581,114

Expense \$ 587,941



Adult Church School Classes

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM—All adults are invited!!

Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian

This book by Ruth N. Koch and Kenneth Haug is the basis of discussion in this group led by Linda Aldred in the Upper Room.

Adult Bible Studies--Christ, the Fulfillment

These lessons from the Gospel of Matthew consider the witness of specific persons who helped confirm Jesus as the Messiah. A Canaanite woman recognized Jesus' power. Impetuous Peter spoke out in faith, though he did not understand what he was saying. Peter, James, and John witnessed Christ's transfiguration. Mary of Bethany showed her faith by her act of anointing Jesus. This Adult Bible Studies International Lesson meets with Ann Johnson in room 49.

Songs that Touch Your Heart & A Lenten Series

Stories behind songs that touch your heart will be followed by a Lenten series beginning Feb. 21. All adults are invited to this group led by Linda Jordan in the Choir Room.



Keeping Oceanview "Ship Shape!"

Thanks to Gwen Straughan, we found and fixed the source of a serious water leak in pipes buried in the island parking across from Fellowship Hall. According to our bills we were using 250,000 gallons of water a month! Chris Scranton and the new Endowment Fund Committee are still busy consulting professionals before bringing recommendations to the congregation for investing the Don Plummer College Scholarship Endowment. Remember that none of this money can be used for Operating Funds, it can only be used for scholarships. Any decision in this area must be first approved by the Operations Committee and then by the congregation at a called Church Conference. Keep praying and keep giving! Help us keep Oceanview "Ship Shape!"

The Operations Committee,
Millie Phillips, Chair

"Remember the church in your will."



WORSHIP

Our February Worship Schedule

February 7, 2010 Theme – "Day By Day"

Bible Focus - *Give us day by day the food we need.* (Luke 11:3); Martha's sin was a road runner busyness fueled by anxiety. What is Jesus telling her? Us? Challenge – How do we need to slow down?

February 14, 2010 Theme – 3 sermon series on the Will of God begins:

#1 "God's General Plan"

Bible Focus - *...it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.* (Matthew 18:14)
Challenge – Do you believe this?

February 17, 2010 Lent Begins:

Ash Wednesday service at 7p

Theme – "From Simon into Peter"

Bible Focus & - *Simon, Son of John, do you love me?* (John 21:15-17) Challenge – Can Lent be a journey of new life for you, too?

February 21, 2010 Theme (2nd in a series on God's will)

#2 "God's Circumstantial Plan"

Bible Focus - *His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'* (John 9:2)
Challenge – Does God want this man to be blind?

February 28, 2010 Theme (3rd in a series on God's will)

#3 "God's Ultimate Plan"

Bible Focus - *...nothing in all creation...will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus...* (Romans 8:38) Challenge – Do you live with this kind of

New Members at Oceanview!!!

Bob and Gwenn Rives come to us from Trinity UMC of Palm Beach Gardens.

Bob is a retired CPA with Rives & Company in Tequesta for 33 years and Gwenn is an Assistant Principal at Jupiter Elementary School. Bob and Gwenn have been very involved in their church where they taught Sunday School, and served on all the committees. They both enjoy Willie Nelson and their daughter and three sons, two of whom attend FSU.



Welcome!

Thank you from The Children's Home Society of Florida... Thank you so very much for including Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) in your plans for Oceanview United Methodist Church's plans for the Christmas Shoppe. What a wonderful idea it was to sell donated handmade gifts for the benefit of a variety of charities! We are delighted that the project was such a success, and that you raised \$918.00 for our organization's services for abused and neglected children.



Thank you from a Grateful Family... We are writing to thank the Oceanview United Methodist Church for the help we have received. When my wife and I moved into the area we looked for a long time for a church that would welcome us. No where did we find such caring and thoughtful people as Oceanview. We had a lot of health issues and financial problems. Besides caring for my disabled wife I had become too ill to work full time. During this period, meals on wheels from the Church has come daily at noon for us, and this has been an amazing boon. We hope to manage on our own soon, but will always be grateful for this help.

American Cancer Society

Relay for Life April 24, 2010 at Carlin Park

Rev. Brette is gathering persons who would like to form a team of 10-15 to walk the relay course and take part in this American Cancer Society community event. If you would like to be a part or take a leadership role in planning this Juno event please let him know by speaking to him or calling him at 626-2500.



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