



# OCEANVIEW TIDINGS

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## Oceanview United Methodist Women Receive Awards

At the Atlantic Central District Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women recently held at First UMC of Port Saint Lucie. Oceanview United Methodist Women were presented with certificates for being a Five Star Unit, a Mission Today Unit and participating in a Mission Study with Trinity UMW (PBG) and First UMC, Jupiter/Tequesta UMW. A Five Star Unit is one that increases its pledge every year and meets that pledge; gives a Special Recognition Pin to a deserving person; gives a Gift in Memory card; gives a Gift to Mission card; and gives to the World Thank Offering. A Mission Today Unit in the Florida Conference is one that completes a minimum of 10 of 17 guidelines. Five of the guidelines are mandated and five are selective. Beverly Chain, Susan DeMattias, Ethel Logan, Ellen Lucas and Frankie Sprague received pins for being Rainbow Givers. A Rainbow Giver follows the same criteria as a Five Star Unit only on an individual basis. All women of the church are United Methodist Women.

Please come and join us at our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Learn what women all over the world are doing to support women, youth and children in need; fellowship, and, of course, have refreshments. Hope to see you at the next meeting! - Ethyl Logan, OUMW

### 4th Annual End Hunger Dinner

*A 5-Course Gourmet Dinner benefiting C.R.O.S. Ministries*

**on Monday, November 23, 2009**

**at Greenfield's on Atlantic**

*5199 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach*

Two Seatings at 5 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

**\$30 per person donation**

**Due to limited seating, reservations are required.**

Please R.S.V.P. By November 16, 2009 by

Calling (561) 233-9009, ext. 106 or by

Email to [kbloodworth@crossministries.org](mailto:kbloodworth@crossministries.org) with your name, address, telephone number, number of guests and time.

### Take me out to the Ballgame...

#### Men's Church Softball League Nov 2009

Season ends in December, stay tuned for monthly schedule

#### Field 3 or 4 (Friday Nights)

Oct. 30th: 8:00

Nov. 6th: 7:00

Nov. 13th: 7:00

Nov. 20th

Tournament -- TBA



- All games played at Jupiter Community Park
- Game time is forfeit time

For rain-out information, call JCP at 743-0647 after 5:00PM on game day

### Family Promise North/Central PBC Update

On Sat., Oct. 3, 2009 Palm Beach Post addressed the "Homeless flood crisis lines". The article stated that many families hit by unemployment are without shelter for the first time, posing a tough challenge to the 211 center. "So you're homeless. Do you have children, dear?" "Since the recession began, the 20 or so call-takers at 211 who ask that question are all-too-often getting "yes" for an answer. That sends them scrambling to find agencies to help. From Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, 51 families, with 91 children, who had never lost their homes called to say they now had."



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## Thank You Don Plummer!

*...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also...run the race that is set before us...*

(Hebrews 12:1)

Born and raised in New Hampshire, Don had a degree in Petroleum Engineering and built bridges for General Patton's First Army Division in World War 2. In 1954 he and his wife, Ellen, moved to Riviera Beach where they owned and managed the Spanish Courts Cottages for 20 years.

Don was known for his kindness and service to others: every morning on his morning walk he would put up Genevieve Block's newspaper, make several phone calls to check in with friends who lived alone, and led the most memorable Happy Birthday chorus you ever heard for his friends in the Prosperity Oaks dining room.

He served as a Mason and was a 54-year member of the Kiwanis but, most of all, he was a devout church-member. He joined Riviera Beach Methodist in 1955 and was a charter member of Oceanview. Don found great pleasure in giving: he would hold the door for you, run across the street to help someone, and lived his faith large being known as a quiet Christian gentleman. Don was an usher at the 11 a.m. worship service and I personally saw women line up every Sunday to receive a kiss from him!

And, before he died, Don invested in something that will provide help for children and aspiring college students for years to come. Don established an endowment - part of it will go to the Children's Home and part will be used exclusively to provide college scholarships for Oceanview.

The scholarship bequest will provide a permanent witness to his faith and love for many future college students. The total principle of the gift may well end up totaling around \$900,000. According to the will 5% of the fund may be used annually. The Treasurer, Chris Scranton will oversee the fund making sure it carries out Don's intentions. A Scholarship Committee will handle all disbursements. Details of this endowment will be discussed at our Church Conference on November 15th. Come hear about it!

I am grateful for Don's confidence in investing in future ministry at the United Methodist Children's Home and at Oceanview. His faith will now be proclaimed in the lives of children and students for years to come. Thank you, Don!

**See you on Sunday!**

**Rev. Brette Sanford**

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## Seven Ideas for Finding Joy

First idea...Fret not. Anxiety can ruin your day. And it can be a real confidence-killer. The drumbeat of worry and anxiety can be deafening. The "what ifs" can be a debilitating disease. One thing that I have learned; no matter how much anxiety I feel or how much I worry about something it is usually wasted energy. Worry and fret don't take away tomorrow's troubles, it only rids today of its strength.

Second idea...Forgive freely. Forgiveness is not about saying what a person did is okay or that they were right. It's about making a decision, a choice to let the hurt and anger go. It frees us up to move on. When we forgive we find that person has virtually no power to hurt us anymore. Then we are able to focus on what we really care about: the joy of life.

Third idea...Fear not. Fear can be a joy killer. It can make us stressed out, short tempered and unhappy. What is the opposite of fear? Trust! Instead of letting fear get the best of us, trust that God has our welfare in mind. When we place our fear in God's hands we do better and we find we have greater joy each day.

Fourth idea...Live passionately. Discover or rediscover your passions. Look back over your life for those moments where you've experienced passion. String them together, and you'll begin to see new possibilities for your life.

Fifth idea...get over it! Sometimes I have a bad day just by waking up on the proverbial wrong side of the bed. I don't know why I'm grouchy, but I stay that way for the rest of the day. On those days I don't even have to look for something to complain about. Nothing is right. Instead of griping and complaining, take a break from your problems. Face each day determined to dwell on the positives. Think about what you have to look forward to. Try lending an ear to someone in need. When you start living for others, it's pretty hard not to get over what's bothering you.

Sixth idea...an attitude of gratitude. Recognizing all that you have, and developing an attitude of gratitude will become easy. Make gratitude your default emotion. Say, "I can find things to be grateful for today." Expect good things to happen. Seek out people who can encourage you. Over time, you'll find that God's list of blessings is longer than your list of complaints.

Seventh idea...Color your world. Maybe you were caught in traffic, or your flight was cancelled or you haven't gotten over a nagging cold, you had a fight with your spouse, or the kids are driving you crazy. How can you see the world in vibrant color on a day like that? When we find ourselves in that place we need to remind ourselves that the world is full of vibrant color and we shouldn't let it lose an ounce of its luster for any reason.

Have a good day!

Rev. Betty Kniss



## Save-the-Date

### "A Baby Changes Everything"

A Christmas Musical to be presented

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. &  
Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

Tickets not required

Musical Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30pm in the Sanctuary

**Children's Choir** meets every Sunday from 4-5pm in the Choir Room. We'll sing in church on Sunday, November 15 and participating in the Christmas Musical December 12, 13. Come out and join the fun!  
*Contact Linda Jordan at 626-2500 if you would like to participate in Oceanview's Music Ministry*



**Children's Sunday School** November's theme for children 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is "God Forms a People." The children will enjoy learning the stories of the Israelites in the wilderness, the receiving of the Ten Commandments, the building of the Tabernacle, and the battle of Jericho. Through these stories the children will learn God provides for our needs, God's laws help us live together, our church is a special place where we can praise and worship God, can trust God and do what God wants us to do. Their teachers are Gary Stalter, Susan DeMatteis, and Courtney Lyne, and Lori Dingers.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 November is "Invocation." This unit is designed to help the children discover that choosing to be aware and inviting God's presence means to love God with "all your heart, all your soul, and all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), and as Jesus add "all you mind" (Matthew 22:37-39). Multi-sensory experiences will help the children extend an invitation to God to be present in their lives and in their worship. The ultimate goal is to provide resources that engage children



in understanding the parts of a worship service and a renewed appreciation of worship in congregational life. Kid's Church meets in the Upper Room during both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services following the Children's Message.

**Help Needed** We need your help on Sundays mornings with Kid's Church and Children's Sunday school. If you can help once a month, contact Rev. Betty at 626-2500.

**MYG is Back!!! Me-You-God for Grades 3—5**

MYG meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday every month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. **Crafts, Music and Great Fun-raising!** A donation of \$3 per child is requested (not mandatory) for dinner each meeting.

**Youth Plan Canned Food Progressive Dinner to Collect Food for the Hungry for Thanksgiving** November 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. instead of the traditional progressive dinner, the youth will travel from house to house to collect food for the hungry for Thanksgiving. Instead of eating at each house, we will collect one type of food. For example: canned vegetables at one house, bread at another, a boxed dessert at another, etc. until we have collected whole meals. We will see how many complete meals we can collect to share at Thanksgiving. The youth will contribute the turkeys. If you would like to be included on our progressive dinner route please give Rev. Betty a call at 626-2500.

**Thanks from the Youth** The youth would like to thank those who supported them with their donations for the CROS Walk and also for attending the Dinner and Renaissance. We appreciate the congregations support in our ministries. Thank you...the Oceanview Youth Group

**Cell Phone Recycling** Keep bringing in your old inactive cell phones. We have recycled nearly 200 phones and hope to recycle more. When you bring your old cell phone to the recycle containers in the office or Fellowship Hall you are saving our landfills. These phones will be used for 911 purposes in the United States and used in developing countries to improve quality of life through better communication. By collecting your old cell phones the youth group also makes money at no expense to us. Tell your friends and neighbors. Help the youth recycle and earn a little extra money too.

**2010 Summer Camp for Youth**

Summer 2010 sounds like a long way off but registration opens in December and the camps fill up quickly at Warren Willis United Methodist Camp near Leesburg, FL. The youth are planning on going to camp this year and we need to decide on a date and be able to get our registrations in before the date fills up. Camp is a week long starting on Monday and ending on Saturday. A week at camp will include worship, devotions, canoeing, swimming, crafts, low and high challenge courses, and many other activities. If you would like to see more about what happens at camp go to [WarrenWillisCamp.org](http://WarrenWillisCamp.org). Let Rev. Betty know what week works best for you.



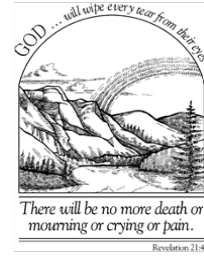
**Annual Church Meeting**

**Annual Church Conference Set**

To Follow Pot Luck Luncheon Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon!

Come join us as we set ministries, approve salaries, recap 2009 and elect leaders for 2010. All church members have a vote.

*By popular request*  
**Rev. Sanford will lead a special 5-week Advent Bible study on the book of Revelation.**



**Starting November 9th at 7 p.m.**

*Continued from the front page...*

**Family Promise North/Central PBC, Inc.**

Sadly, this article reinforces the genuine and immediate need for Family Promise in our area. We are actively seeking 4 more Host Congregations and we are currently looking at various sites that could possibly serve as our Day Center. We are also looking to develop and expand our Board of Directors and work on writing grants/fund raising plans for our current budget needs in order to support these endeavors.

You can help!! If you have an interest or training in Grant Writing/Fund Raising. Talk to friends, people you work with, neighbors about possible Host Congregations, churches willing, on a rotational basis, house from 3-5 homeless children and their families that would be part of our Network, in their facility for one week. *Talk - Family Promise* - there might be someone that has a house/building that they would be willing to donate or allow Family Promise to use rent free or very little financial consideration in the Palm Beach Lakes, Okeechobee area near I-95. Know a professional person, attorney, real estate agent, CPA or business professional that has a heart for homeless children and their families, they might be a prospective board member.

Support Family Promise Club 360. Your contribution of just \$1 per day (\$365 per year) will help us provide services to homeless children and their families that will assist them in making a change in their future!! Brochures are available in the Church Office - make your pledge today! For further information or volunteer opportunities contact Kathy Perry: [KMustang68@gmail.com](mailto:KMustang68@gmail.com) or call: 561-630-6588.



**Confirmation is Coming in January**

It is time to start thinking about Confirmation. Confirmation is the time when one prepares to make the vows of full membership into the United Methodist Church and Christ's Church universal. It is a time of growth and learning about faith, the church, and yourself. It is a time to acknowledge the presence, love, and activity of God in one's life. It is an exciting and blessed time in the life of the church.

- **Who participates in confirmation?** Any youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade through High School who would like to become a member of Oceanview UMC.
- **What does confirmation involve?** Confirmation involves working with your mentor to complete the requirements of the Making Disciples Confirmation process. It will also involve one group gathering in February and another in March.
- **What do I have to do?** You will need to choose a mentor. Your mentor should be a member of Oceanview who is not a relative who you feel you can talk with freely about faith. You will then need to work with your mentor to accomplish the activities in the Making Disciples Confirmation process. You will need to attend the Orientation and the two group meetings.
- **When does confirmation start?** Confirmation will begin **January 17 at 3:00PM** with a **Parent/Confirm and/Mentor Orientation Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

**How do I sign up?** You can sign up by calling the church office (626-2500) and talking to Rev. Betty.

Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can begin making arrangements. Thanks!



# My Oceanview Date Book

## Treasures of Juno Coming Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>!

Save your valuable castaways and rent a table for \$25 at "Treasures of Juno" in our Fellowship Hall to sell yours to the community. Last year about 800 persons came to check it out. It's a great event with food, fun and lots of treasures! Come enjoy the fun, look over the goods, then grab some sweet rolls and bratwurst! See Rose in the office for a table.



Don't forget your shoebox for a girl or boy — see Ann Johnson for more information or visit the office for brochures with specific instructions on how to pack your shoe box.

## Happy Anniversary

- 20 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thompson  
21 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Winkelspecht  
30 Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wasik

## Happy Birthday

- 1 Sarah Baker  
2 Verlin Thompson  
6 Jennifer Adkins  
6 David Burgeson  
6 Ann Ford  
6 Barry Heisler  
6 Terry Inghram  
8 Fran Hancock  
8 David Pahl  
8 Gary Stalter  
10 Lynette Satterfield  
11 Dominique Petrarca  
13 William Gosselin, Sr.  
14 William Meeks  
15 Nancy Harrell  
15 Dorothy Montgomery  
15 Amy Smith  
16 Patricia Gordon  
19 Barbara Scranton  
20 Ethel Dunn  
20 Jim Monicatti



- 22 Randy Simoes  
23 Bonnie Fisher  
25 Robert Goodhue  
26 Greg Sheldon  
29 Jeff Farkas  
29 Reed Goldberg  
29 Al Mueller  
30 Jean Petersen



## Money Matters

For September:  
Income \$64,860  
Expense \$49,781

Remember  
Oceanview in  
your will.



## On Going Oceanview Events

- Monday** 9:00 am Tai Chi  
6:30 pm Prayer Group, 56
- Tuesday** 7:00 pm 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  
7:00 pm 3rd Thurs. Oper., 56
- Friday** 12:00 pm Al-Anon, 56
- Saturday** 9-10:00 am AA, Upper Room
- Sunday** 5:30 pm Youth Group, FH  
6:30 pm Alanon, UR  
7:00 pm AA, FH  
7-8:00 pm Teen Al-Anon, 56
- 1st and 3rd Sundays—5-6:30 MYG meets in the Sunday School Room downstairs**

**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 East Point Country Club. Call Coach Tom Virden at (561) 691-9080 for more info.**

## Adult Church School Classes

ADULTS CLASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AM—All adults are invited!

### Covenant Community--Qualities

The unit in November examines First and Second Peter to discern the qualities of people who are part of God's covenant community. This Adult Bible Studies International Lesson discussion group meets with Ann Johnson in room 49 Sundays at 10:00 am.

### Current Issues & the Bible

This group is for parents with children at home. The group meets with Pete Jones and Rev. Emily McGee in the Upper Room (next to Fellowship Hall) Sundays at 10:00 am.

### **Florida Blood Centers Update**

From Lisa Goldberg, Donor Development Coordinator: We ended up registering 10 donors and collecting 9 units. With each unit going to 3 patients at the local hospitals, that is 27 lives that were saved! Thank you for all of your help and support with saving lives!

### **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



### **Keeping Oceanview "Ship Shape!"**

Thank Gary Straughan for painting door hardware and resealing exterior doors. They look great!

Chris Scranton and the Finance Committee are busy setting up the Don Plummer Endowment that will provide college scholarships. Details must be voted on at Church Conference on November 15<sup>th</sup>. This will provide a great witness for many years to come. Thank you, Don!

The Operations Committee, Millie Phillips, Chair

"Remember the church in your will."



## WORSHIP

### Our November Worship Schedule

**November 1, 2009 Theme** – “Dangerous Request”

Bible Focus - ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking’... (Mark 10:37) The disciples were asking for honor and glory but did not realize that it carried with it a responsibility that they may not have been aware of. Are we?

Challenge – Are you really willing to commit yourself?; communion

**November 8, 2009 Theme** – “Living with Forgiveness”

Bible Focus & - *But you forgive us...* (Psalm 130)Challenge – How does living with forgiveness change our life and faith? Jesus says

Christian faith requires we extend forgiveness to others because God extends it to us. What does that mean in our lives? 4 things forgiveness is not...

**November 15, 2009 Theme** – “Always Wanted To”

Bible Focus - *For I do not do what I want...* (Romans 7:15) We approach faith with mixed feelings and impulses: some parts of us want to move forward and other parts want to remain unchanged. How do we reconcile those two?

Challenge – What is it that prevents us from taking steps to be more faithful persons? What holds you back? What would you do if you could to be different than you are now?

**November 22, 2009 Theme** – “Honoring Risk Takers”

Bible Focus - *Show Respect to all such people as he, because he risked his life...for...Christ...* (Philippians 2:29-30) Epaphroditis risked his life for Paul and stirred Paul to thank all those who take risks for Christ. Of whom does Epaphroditis remind you?

Challenge – Is it in you?

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> A Special 7p Evening**

**Thanksgiving Community Service** to be held here at Oceanview will gather the 11 congregations who have committed to support homeless children and their families through the Family Promise ministry. Come join us in celebration!

**November 29, 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Theme** – “Company Is Coming”

Bible Focus - *...Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.* (Matthew 3:3)

Challenge – What changes do you need to make

### THANKS for GIVING

Cristeena and Nicole Beauchamp are recognized for their continued support of the St. George Soup Kitchen Ministry. Each month, they shop and purchase our non-perishable goods and water that we use with the sandwiches to make bagged lunches for those in need in the Riviera Beach area. This last year we served over 1500 lunches.....Thanks Cristeena and Nicole we appreciate your help!!!



SHARE, our food distribution, has been thriving and active at Oceanview UMC for many many years. Good news/bad news is that for years, Oceanview was the lone site in the north end of the county. We have had churches come to train, learn how we have run our program and then branch out into their own congregations. Sadly, that has meant a drastic drop in the numbers we have seen here at Oceanview. A decision was made late August to stop being a Host Site as of the October order pick-up. Our SHARE Family of volunteers have become very close and look forward each month to coming together, working and catching up with each other, we will miss that fellowship.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR SHARE..... during all these years, whether you've come to help each Sat., have gone to pick-up food, made donations to the SHARE program helping someone receive food assistance or just prayed for this Ministry and it's volunteers, we could NOT have provided these services without all of you.

Sadly, October will mark the end of this Ministry. Anyone wishing to continue to support this ministry may still do so. We will purchase Gift Certificates and anyone needing this assistance can obtain them from the Church Office.

We have been good and faithful servants of this Ministry and are proud of our work!!!!  
— Kathy Perry

#### *Oceanview Christmas Shoppe Coming December 6 & 13<sup>th</sup>*

Wait to buy your Christmas gifts at the Shoppe! What is it? Unique handmade gifts for the ones you love with all proceeds going to our friends in need. Tables in Fellowship Hall will display many wonderful and unique gifts that will make three people smile: the one who receives it, the one who benefits from it and the Lord whose birthday we will truly honor through it! Call Vicki Gerard at 622-7876 or Rev. Sanford to offer a table or your handmade gifts. We are also looking for handcrafted items to put on the Children's Home Society table. If you have some to donate, please call Vicki Gerard.

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