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Annual Church Conference Nov. 13

Why Should I attend?

Besides the opportunity to enjoy a great pot luck meal, you would be missing an opportunity to participate in the "kick-off" for 2012! It's similar to a stockholder not going to the annual stockholders' meeting. After all, you are all stockholders here at Oceanview! The purpose of annual Church Conference is to review the church's ministries, missions, and accomplishments from the current year and present goals for the following year. We elect lay leaders for various positions and committees and thank those who have already served. Clergy salaries are set and a report on the status of Oceanview's paid apportionments to The United Methodist Church is presented. While voting on all recommendations is only open to church members, the conference itself is open to anyone who attends Oceanview. We encourage everyone to be a part of the corporate and spiritual life of our church. Come to learn about the work of Oceanview committees

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Stewardship Celebration 10/9-11/20

Have you enjoyed the inspiring talks this month by Harold Marting, Brian Smith,

Juno Police Chief (above) Bob Willoughby on Kairos Prison Ministry and Gwen Rives on "It Takes a Village" Elementary school ministry during October?

This month, Barbara Hewko will speak on the Art Ministry, Melanie Jones on the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, and Tom Spitzner will conclude with his testimony on Family Promise. We are thankful for your giving which makes these ministries possible. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2012. "***I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped.***" **(Philippians 2:3-4).**

Marty Sturmer Joins Oceanview Family!

Marty transfers to us from First UMC in Mischawaka, Indiana where she attended Indiana

University. She finished her education at Florida International Univ. in Miami in 1976 getting her degree in Industrial Management and worked as a Senior Risk Management Analyst for 33 years at Florida Power and Light. She enjoys her twin sister, Darlene, cards, bingo, working at the Sisters Thrift Shop, rescuing animals and her friend, Don. She says she joined Oceanview because of its outreach min-

Are you spiritually bankrupt?

The story of Micah in Judges 17-18.

Micah stole 1200 pieces of silver from his mother. She cursed the thief. He confessed. To make up for his crime out of the money he stole he had a priestly gown made, sacred objects fashioned, built a chapel and hired a priest.

But the turning point in the story is when some thieves are carting all his sacred objects and his priest down the road and Micah says these revealing words, "You took my gods that I made, and the priest, and go away, and what have I left?" (Judges 18:24) It was then that Micah realized he was spiritually bankrupt - empty. He was nothing more than the sacred objects he had made, and now they were gone. Spiritual bankruptcy is when we make things into idols and then worship them. That's what Micah had done, he had imagined God in his image and when crisis tested him he realized his was an empty faith. When crisis tested him, there was nothing left.

I remember the TV interviews with the residents of Joplin, Missouri after tornadoes blew their homes down the street. The first family looked at what remained on the concrete slab where their house used to be and they said, "All of my life was in that house and now there is nothing left." How sad.

The second family said, "My life and faith cannot be reduced to debris on a concrete pad. I have a family and a God whom I love and who love me. We'll be fine."

What a witness! Which one was really bankrupt?

Someday a crisis will come and test all of us. On that day we will be revealed as Micah was. What will your witness be?

See you on the journey,

Rev. Brette Sanford

WORSHIP

November 6, 2011 Theme – "Which are You?" Bible Focus - *Which one, then, will love him more?* (Luke 7:42) Challenge – Are you the Pharisee or the one forgiven?

November 13, 2011 "Practicing Hospitality" Bible Focus 🕮 - *…extend hospitality to strangers*. (Romans 12:13); Scripture says one measure of our faith is how we practice hospitality to strangers, because Jesus was once a stranger, too. What else does scripture say? Does Oceanview give good witness through our hospitality? Challenge – How do you practice hospitality?

November 20, 2011 Theme – "Going Home for Christmas" Bible Focus 🕮 - *I will bring you home…* (Zephaniah 3:20); After all that had distressed Jerusalem's inhabitants Zephaniah assures the people of God there is something waiting for them. Is something waiting for us, too? Is that what Advent is about? Can we go home spiritually again?
Challenge – What is waiting for you at home?

November 27, 2011 1st Sunday in Advent Series on Advent begins based on book by Adam Hamilton, along with special weekday classes led by Rev. Betty - **Theme** – "Mary and Nazareth" Bible Focus 🕮 - *God sent the angel Gabriel to a town…named Nazareth*. (Luke 1:26); Can we see who God is by what He did? What does Mary's story tell us about God? Who has been an angel for you? Challenge – What we do tells something about

Nothing is Too Small

I am always amused by the story of Sarah in Genesis, and how she laughed when was told she would bear a child in her old age even though she had been barren. Ha ha! That's ridiculous, impossible! I can't do that! I'm too old!

We often react the same way. I'm too old, too young sick, tired, stressed out, handicapped by this and that – on and on the list goes.

The apostle Paul was frustrated with his "thorn in the flesh" and three times asked the Lord to take it away so he might be better equipped for ministry. But God firmly replied, "My grace is sufficient for you, for (my) power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

It is easy to dwell on our limitations. Our self-esteem falls low, we shut God out, and we look for meaning and purpose in life by feeling sorry for ourselves. We are most aware of our aches and pains. God says, "Stop! Listen! I love you just the way you are! Plug into the power I can give you, to live, love and serve me, in any circumstance. Do what you can do!"

What a gift to receive! Nothing is too small to be a part of God's loving will for us, a smile, a thank-you, a letter, a joyful kiss, or loving thoughts. Let God into your life that you might always be a blessing to others.

Rev. Betty Kniss

Two Five Week Studies

Preparing For Advent

Practicing Extravagant Generosity

Join Rev. Betty Monday, Nov. 14 at 6:30pm. "Practicing Extravagant Generosity" by Bishop Schnase, opens the Scriptures to show the joy and grace of giving. We will explore such questions as "Why do we give?" "Who benefits most from our giving?" and "Where does true contentment come from?" By reading and following this guide to the spiritual discipline of stewardship, we will experience afresh the joy of serving God with our time, talents, and gifts. See bulletin for sign-up information or call Rev. Betty at 626-2500. **Four Sessions Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec.5 in Room 49.**

"The Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem"

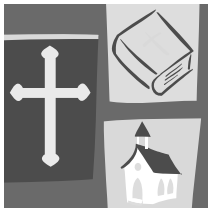
Join Rev. Betty Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. We will explore the story of the birth of Jesus with fresh eyes and ears. We will walk through the Holy Land and retrace the steps of those involved. We'll draw upon insights gained from historians, archaeologist, biblical scholars, theologians, and from waking in the places the story occurred, in an effort to discover the real meaning of Christmas. Sign-up sheet and more information in your bulletin or call Rev. Betty for more information at 626-2500. **Five Sessions: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 28 and Jan. 4 in Room 49.**

Basic Christian *Beliefs*

From A Methodist Perspective

Join Rev. Brette Sanford for a four week study to be held at the home of Marie Tanabe at Xanadu.

Please call Marie at 827-8088 to let her know you are coming. The dates are Nov. 6, 13, and 20 from 4 to 5:30 pm.



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Youth Prepare For Confirmation 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 6th 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 an orientation, 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 15 at 3:00PM** with a **Mentor/Parent/Confirmand 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 or email her at oceanviewumc1@juno.com. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can begin making arrangements. Thanks!

Youth to Prepare Thanksgiving Boxes Sunday, November 20, youth will put together Thanksgiving Boxes for those in need. If you know of a family that should receive a box or would like to contribute food to the cause please contact Rev. Betty at 626-2500. Turkey and all the fixings for a great Thanksgiving meal will be in each box.

Oceanview Youth

Kids Church

Focus Is Gratitude

Kid's Church at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays in November focuses on "Gratitude."

Crafts and activities will help the children understand the importance of a grateful heart and how we can express gratitude.

The second two weeks we begin a study that will take us through the **Advent season up to Christmas. It is called "Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem."**

The first week focuses on Mary. The children will learn how Mary responded to God choosing her to birth his son and explore ways we can respond to God.

The second week we focus on how Joseph responded to God. We also discover another name for Jesus is Emmanuel — God is with us.

Kid's Church Free Centers follow the Children's Message at both services. Here the focus is on **"Thanksgiving"** as each week we explore ways to express our gratitude under the direction of adult and youth leaders.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5th for daylight savings time!

Oceanview Sacred Dance Performance Nov. 13

Oceanview's Sacred Dance Troupe will present the first worship offering of its 2011-2012 season Sunday, Nov. 13th, at both services. Titled "God's Love-We Can Change the World," the dance uses music by Matt Redman.

Formed last Spring, and directed by Bonnie Sheldon, the group made its debut last May. "Its function is to add an inspirational element to worship, as does the choir" says director Sheldon. "Our motto is from Psalm 149.3: 'Let them praise his name with dancing'."

The Troupe is open to people of every age, in any physical condition, at any level of previous training in dance, including no previous training at all. Performers who may need to sit down to execute their roles are as welcome as stronger dancers. Further, "not every dancer needs to participate in every dance," Sheldon explains. "The troupe is truly open to all who wish to express their worship and love of God through movement." The group meets each Thursday from 2-4pm. Pictured L. to R. Below are: Bonnie Sheldon, Kay Heisler, Patty Rehnberg, and Ann Mueller.

On Going Events

Each Monday

10-11 AM Tai Chi in FH.
6:30 PM Prayer in R.56
7:30 PM NA in FH.

Tuesday

6:30 pm Worship Design
7 pm Nov. 15 United Methodist Women, R. 56

Each Tuesday

9-10 am Children's Art
10-12 am Adult Art, R. 53

Each Wednesday

9 am Genesis, R. 49
12 noon Al Anon in FH
6 pm Praise Team
7 pm Disciple IV, R. 49
7 pm. Women AA, UR
9 pm AA, FH

Each Thursday

2 pm Liturgical Dance In Sanctuary
7 pm Men's AA, UR
7 pm Overeaters Anon. R. 56

Fourth Thursday

Operations, R. 49

Each Friday

Money Matters

Sept. Income $ 61,365
Expense $ 38,269

Thank You!

12 noon Al Anon F. H.
7 pm AA, Upper Room
Friday Nov. 18 Senior Lunch Out 11:30 a.m. (Contact Jennie Baxter)

Each Saturday

9-10 am Children's Art
10-12 am Adult Art, R.53
9 am AA Upper Room

Sat. Nov. 5 UMW Fashion Show & Lunch, FH
Sat. Nov. 5th St. George's Soup Kitchen

Each Sunday

8:30 am Worship
10:00 am SS Classes
6:30 Teen Al Anon, Rm 49
6:30 Al Anon, Upper Rm
7:30 AA, F. Hall

Please Note: Music Rehearsals are listed on

Counseling

If you would like confidential, professional and caring counseling Barbara Kiner, a licensed clinical social worker, is available by appointment on Thursdays at Oceanview. Fees are based on your income.

24 Hours That Changed The World

Jane Murphy

No single event in human history has changed more lives around the world and received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. In this book author Adam Hamilton guides us through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life--one act by one man for all.

All adults are invited to the discussion **led by Jane Murphy in room 49 Sundays at 10:00 am.**

Join Oceanview's Caring Team Ministry

One of the ways we act as the body of Christ is by reaching out in Christian love to those in our congregation who are in need of our care. This

could include visiting the ill and homebound, writing notes, sending cards, and/or making phone calls to those who need encouragement and care.

We also need people who would be willing to run errands, drive people to the doctor or other appointments, do simple fix-it jobs around the house, prepare a meal, etc.

If you would like to be a part of this team or know of someone in need of ministry give Rev. Betty at call at 626-2500. Now the ministry begins.

Check Our Website

www.oceanviewumc.net

You'll find back issues of Tidings, a VBS and Music Camp video there!

Video Design

Technician needed to help prepare material for show at Sunday worship. If you can help see Sue Millas or Linda Jordan.

Happy Birthday

1 Sarah Baker
2 Stacey Miller
Tom Spitzner
Verlin Thompson
3 Catherine Baird
6 Jennifer Adkins
David Burgeson
Ann Ford
Barry Heisler
Terry Inghram
8 Fran Hancock
David Pahl
Gary Stalter
9 Barbara McLeod
Barbara Rogers
11 Dominique Petrarca
12 William Miller
13 William Gosselin
14 William Meeks
15 Nancy Harrel
Dot Montgomery
16 Patricia Gordon
19 Barbara Scranton
20 Ethel Dunn
Jim Monicatti
22 Randy Simoes
23 Bonnie Fisher
25 Robert Goodhue
26 Rebecca Hysell
Greg Sheldon
29 Jeff Farkas
Reed Goldberg
Al Mueller
30 Jean Petersen

Happy Anniversary

20 Scott & Theresa Thompson
21 Phillip & Beth Winkelspecht
30 Chris & Susan Wasik

Restoration Following Water Pipe Break Still In Process

Harold Marting continues to oversee the restoration work now underway in the narthex and Music Room. This work was necessitated after the sprinkler water pipe rupture in the sanctuary entrance ceiling. We are still negotiating the final reimbursement from the insurance company. Watch the progress!

Why Annual Church Conference

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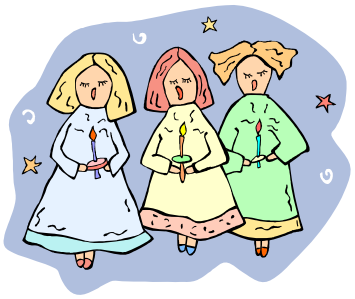
such as Operations, Staff-Parish Relations, Lay Leadership, and Worship Design.

Get to know people from both services and take part in a fellowship experience that helps you to "plug into Oceanview!" Dr. John Griswold will preside.

Mark your Calendars! Sunday, November 13th at 12:00 noon. The lunch is Potluck. Bring a covered dish to share!

Music Ministry Notes



Christmas Musical Dates

Mark your calendar today…
Saturday, December 10th
at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 11th
at 4:00 p.m.

Join the Choir for Christmas!

Christmas Musical rehearsals just started,
but there's still time for you to join us!
Stop by the choir loft Wednesday evenings
from 7:15-8:15 p.m. to sing
songs of worship to the newborn King.
Sunday morning choir rehearsal follows
from 8:15-9:00 p.m.

New Singing Class for Adults

Join us Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to learn proper techniques for singing.

Sonburst Children's Choir

The Sonburst Choir is preparing for
the Christmas musical.
Children, ages 4 thru 5th Grade, can sing with us on
Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

Handbell Choir for Children and Youth

The Handbell Choir meets every Sunday from
4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to prepare for
the Christmas season.

Oceanview Fine Arts School

Private lessons in piano, voice, drums and visual art
are available by appointment.
Teachers are Linda Jordan,
Jason Miller and Bill Lewis.
Contact Linda Jordan at 626-2500
if you are interested in any of
Oceanview's Music Ministries.

Linda Jordan

Our Choir Wants You!

Do you like to sing? The choir wants YOU. We rehearse Wednesdays from 7:15-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft. We sing each Sunday at 11 a.m. with warm-up at 10:25 a.m. in the choir loft. Call Linda Jordan at 626-2500 if you have questions.

$825 Raised By Our Youth C.R.O.S. Walk

Thanks to all who supported Oceanview youth in the C.R.O.S. Walk. Eighteen youth and adult sponsors walked the 5K on Sunday, Oct. 9. It was a great day for a walk. The youth collected $825 for C.R.O.S. Ministries.

The goal of the Walk is to raise funds to assist C.R.O.S. in its vital ministry to our brothers and sisters of Palm Beach County. The Walk has been an annual fundraising event for the past 17 years and Oceanview has participated in each time.

A Challenge From the Youth– Help fill the food box for C.R.O.S. clients every Sunday in November! If everyone in the congregation brought just one non perishable item **every Sunday this month,** Oceanview would be contributing 250 to 300 food items each week to the C.R.O.S. Food Pantries. That would add up to 1000 to 1200 food items for the month of November**.**

Each time you go to the grocery store during the week please purchase one non-perishable food item that could go into the food box. Drop your food items in the box which will be in the breezeway each Sunday.

Here's a list of items needed: peanut butter, tuna and other canned protein, cereals, canned soups, canned vegetables and fruits.

Raphael Robert Lombardo, III Baptized

At left are Briana & Raphael Robert Lombardo, II holding Elizabeth and R.R.L. the Third, following our celebration of his baptism Oct. 3.

Oceanview has been in Juno Beach since 1987. Our tower is a beacon for the community of which we are an integral part. We serve with programs for teens, children, and seniors. We host 12 distinct Twelve-Step groups. We support many missions, and we provide a place to develop your spiritual life and learning, to be in community with others and to nurture your soul.

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