



OCEANVIEW TIDINGS

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One Love, One Heart, Let's Get Together and Feel Alright...

Was the theme of the talent show held immediately following the fabulous "potluck" smorgasbord and amazing grilled chicken on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at OUMC. Organizers, Millie Phillips and Pete Jones created this event to celebrate, appreciate and honor all those who have dedicated their time through their individual ministries. The evening was a huge success - Millie and Pete did a tremendous job coordinating the food and talent in such a very short time — Kudos Mille and Pete!!! The Food was fantastic and the Talent was fabulous — thank you all so much for your contributions. Lets do it again real soon!

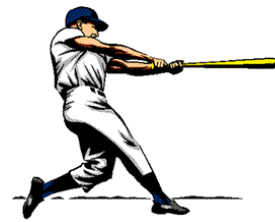


Take me out to the Ballgame...

Men's Church Softball League October 2009

Season ends in November, stay tuned for monthly schedule

Field 3 & 4 (Friday Nights)		Field	7:00	8:00
1. Oceanview	October 02	3	5-4	<u>1-8</u>
2. Church in the Garden's		4	7-3	2-6
3. 1st Baptist of WPB	October 09	3	<u>1-7</u>	3-8
4. Christ Fellowship Red		4	2-5	4-6
5. Trinity	October 16	3	<u>1-4</u>	6-7
6. Beacon Baptist		4	2-3	5-8
7. Sonfest	October 23	3	4-7	<u>1-6</u>
8. Church in the Gardens		4	2-8	3-5



•Games played at Jupiter Community Park

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



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“When Does One Become Many and Many Become One?”

If one member suffers all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

(I Corinthians 12:26)

It was a riddle presented on Sunday, August 30, 2009. How would you answer it?

Paul said that a community of Jesus is meant to carry the sorrows and celebrate the joys of its individual members, because God does not intend for us to carry life's burdens alone.

And as we read the New Testament, we find an even deeper meaning of this scripture: Paul puts it this way: *...whenever I am weak, then I am strong.* (2 Corinthians 12:10) What he meant by this is that in our struggles God can give us a special grace through Christ to turn those weaknesses into a strength for others. You may not know it, but all his life Paul struggled with what he called a “thorn” in the flesh which he continually asked God to remove. We don't know, exactly, what that “thorn” was. But Paul says God's only answer to him was, “my grace is sufficient for you.” Paul says that in the end the grace he discovered in his suffering was better than getting rid of the thorn. Because, for Paul, the point at which he struggled became his greatest strength and his best witness in the Christian community. This became his greatest contribution to the community of faith - an experience of Christ's love in the face of great struggle which allowed him to pass on salvation to others.

What in your life is your greatest struggle? How could (or does) Christ transform that into your greatest strength and witness for others?

Just as Jesus turned his own suffering and dying on a cross into a starting point from which a new faith was begun and a new Christian community was birthed, Paul saw himself as doing the same in his life. Just as Jesus' suffering became a path of salvation for many, so Paul's own struggles became salvation for others. This is how Paul could repeatedly say, “Christ lives in me.”

The answer to the riddle? “One becomes many” when one person's weakness or suffering through Christ becomes a great strength for many others. And “many becomes one” when a community of faith allows itself to become Christ for others. Can you hear me now?

See you on Sunday!

Rev. Brette Sanford

Moving Toward Wholeness

Physical deterioration, disease, evil are inevitable parts of life. Each of us struggles with these realities. Yet faith proclaims that God desires wholeness for all of creation and is working toward that end. As Jeremiah writes, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Faith is the confident sense of trust that we never have to endure the dark side of life alone. God is present with us, whatever the circumstances of our lives. God's Spirit enables us to accept that life doesn't have to be perfect to be good. It allows us to accept the imperfections of life and to weave these fibers-disease, broken relationships, cruelty-into a larger tapestry that also includes love and forgiveness and hope. Healing comes as we integrate the whole of these life experiences of mind and body and spirit into a new creation. God's agenda is the mending of creation. We can trust that God is active in creation, and is present to us as we seek healing and salvation.



The new creation promised in Christ is our hope as we seek healing for what is fractured and mending for what is ruptured in our bodies, the relationships we have with each other, and in our covenant with God. This new creation challenges us to live the abundant life even in the midst of brokenness, witnessing to God's love.

Rev. Betty Kniss

**It's not too late...there's still room for you to
join us for the Christmas Musical,
"A Baby Changes Everything"
to be presented
Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m.**



Come join the Christmas choir on Wednesday Evenings from 7:15-8:30 pm
Children's Choir meets every Sunday afternoon from 4:00-5:00pm in the
Choir Room for children ages 4-5th Grade. We're working on music to join
the choir for the Christmas Musical in December and songs for Sunday
morning worship services. Don't miss the fun...Come out and see what
children's choir is all about!

*Contact Linda Jordan at 626-2500 if you would like to participate
in Oceanview's Music Ministry*

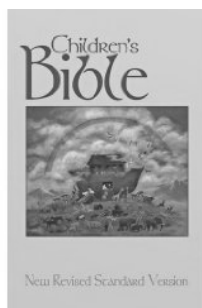
Children's Sunday School

October's theme for children 4 through 2nd grade is "Moses." The children will enjoy learning the stories of baby Moses, the burning bush, bringing the people out of Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea. The children will learn God gives us people who love and care for us; God calls us to do important things, and God is always with us to help us; God helps us do whatever God asks us to do; and we can trust God. Their teachers are Gary Stalter, Stephanie Sterling, and Courtney Lyne.

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.

Bibles to 4th Graders

On Sunday, September 20th our Oceanview United Methodist Church 4th Graders received their Bibles, the following were present Kayla Wight-Bloodworth, Kathryn Hammond, Alexia Simoes, Kyle Lovely, Marcus Dingers, Casey Politano and Coral Brockman.



Kid's Church



The theme for Kid's Church in October is "Call to Worship." This unit is designed to help the children acknowledge that God is present and actively calling them to enter into the dialog of worship. The theme Scripture for this unit is Psalm 95:6-7a – "O come,

lets us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God." Multi-sensory experiences will help the children discover that the Call to Worship engages us to worship God. 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.

Halloween Party

Sunday, October 25 2-4 p.m.

For children of all ages. Meet at a local care facility (to be announced) at 2:00p.m. where we will have a costume parade for the residents. Then we will come to the church fellowship hall for a costume contest, games, activities, food, and all kinds of Halloween fun. Invite your friends and neighbors.



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.

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.

15th Annual CROS Walk Will be Oct 11th

Come join the youth as we participate in the 11th Annual CROS Walk. Registration will be at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 211 Trinity Place, West Palm Beach. The walk begins at 3:00 p.m. rain or shine. CROS Ministries has been



providing food pantry services in Palm Beach County for over 30 years and their hot meal program has been operating for over 10 years. As we face this time of recession more and more people are seeking food assistance. The goal of the CROS Walk is to raise funds to assist CROS in this vital ministry to our brothers and sisters of Palm Beach County. See Nancy Edwards for your pledge envelope or give your pledge to a youth for their pledge envelope.

Dinner and Seminar on the Renaissance

Come enjoy a light dinner and learn about the Renaissance in a two-part seminar offered Monday, October 5 and 12. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner. Following dinner Sam Joeckel, a member of Oceanview and a professor of literature at Palm Beach Atlantic University, will present a lecture followed by questions and discussion on the Renaissance. Sam is excited to bring his expertise to us. There will be activities provided for children during the lecture. The October 5th dinner will be a fundraiser for the youth. The menu will be Baked Potato and Salad Bars. The October 12th dinner will be prepared by the Family Dinner Crew. Tickets for dinner are Adults - \$5.00, children 10 and under \$3.00 and 3 and under free. Make your reservations by filling out the form in the bulletin or calling the church office at 626:2500. Payment will be taken at the door.

**Oceanview Christmas Shoppe
Coming December 6 & 13th**

Wait to buy your Christmas gifts at the Shoppe! What is it? Unique hand made 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 Beth Winkelspecht at 972-1311 or Vicki Gerard at 622-7876 or Rev. Sanford to offer a table or your hand made gifts.



MYG is Back!!!

Me-You-God for Ages 8-10



Beginning Sunday,
October 4th from 5:00
to 6:30 P.M. MYG will
meet the 1st and 3rd
Sunday of every month.

Crafts, Music and
Great Fun-raising

A donation of \$3 per child is
requested (not mandatory) for dinner each meeting.

**Leaders Beth Healy and
Katherine Wight-Bloodworth**

There You'll Be by Beth Healy

When I think back on the times
and the dreams I have, I'll be
glad 'cause I'm blessed to have
you in my life as a friend. When
I look back on the days I'll look
and see your face. You're right
there for me. In my dreams I
always see you soar above the
sky, in my heart there'll always be
a place for you, for all my life, I'll keep a part of
you and everywhere I go there you'll be. Well,
you showed me how it feels to feel your love
within reach and always will remember all the
strength you gave to me. Your love made me make
it through. I owe so much to you. You were right
there for me 'cause I always saw you in my light;
my strength.



"I want to say Thanks to all my friends for the
ways you were right there for me, you were there for
me always, no matter what. Thanks to all my
friends!!!"

Love, Beth Healy



My Oceanview Date Book

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ARE ON THE MOVE AGAIN!!!

9/19/09 UMW Mission Studies will be previewed in an all day meeting at 1st UMC, Fort Pierce. If you would like to attend and need a ride, call Ellen Lucas.

10/10/09 UMW District Annual Meeting at 1st UMC in Port St. Lucie. Call Ethel Logan or Ellen Lucas for a ride.

10/20/09 Carol Herb will discuss ways we can become involved in helping teachers and students in our local schools. This is an important mission outreach for

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Mr. and Mrs. Doug Leard
- 6 Mr. and Mrs. David Coe
- 8 Mr. and Mrs. William Mendenhall
- 11 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stalter
- 12 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marting
- 14 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lombardi
- 20 Mr. and Mrs. Chris Scranton
- 26 Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ingrahm

Happy Birthday

- 2 Wright Bloodworth
- 3 Renee Edwards
- 3 Mary Zimmerman
- 4 Rinda Karlsson
- 4 Robert Lombardo
- 5 Kay Heisler
- 6 Julia Adkins
- 6 Madison Lieberher
- 8 Dotty LeVally
- 9 Joanne Yeager
- 13 Julie Baker
- 14 Elaine Goldberg
- 19 Donna Hux
- 19 Rev. Betty Kniss
- 20 Evan Goodhue
- 21 Paula Blount
- 23 Mark Sinkhorn
- 24 Keith Coe
- 24 Bette Cupery
- 24 Tripp Jones
- 29 Mary Johnson



- 29 Harold Marting
- 30 James Abel
- 30 Chris Wasik
- 31 Pete Jones
- 31 Kaitlyn Bloodworth



Money Matters

For August:
Income \$48,964
Expense \$48,067

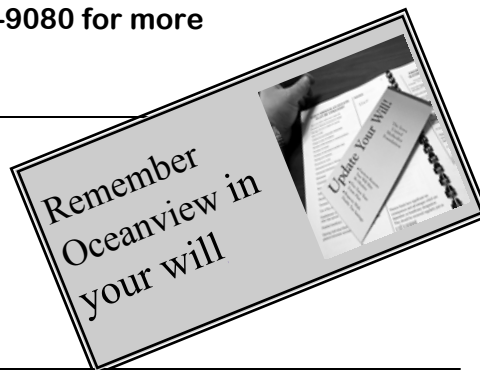
On Going Oceanview Events

- Monday** 9:00 am Tai Chi, FH
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, Upper Room
- Thursday** 7:00 pm Men's AA Group, UR
3rd Thurs. Operations, 56
- Friday** 12:00 pm AI-Anon, FH
7 pm Open/Mixed AA UR
- Saturday** 9-10:00 am AA, Upper Room
- Sunday** 5:30 pm Youth Group, FH

Shoebox Ministry Coming Last year we donated 89 shoeboxes filled with gifts and the gospel to boys and girls in over 130 countries. Watch the bulletin for details for this Christmas or contact Ann Johnson at 452-5181 or mediannie@msn.com.

Grief Support Group meets every Wednesday at 2:00 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 and Barbara Kiner, LCSW.

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

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AM
All adults are invited!

Covenant Community--Leaders, Invitation, Qualities

The unit in October explores Mark's Gospel in which Jesus interacted with people and invited them to live in covenant with God. Many people sought Jesus including a leper, a demon-filled man, a foreign woman, and a rich man. 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.

Devotions for All

All adults are invited to this group that meets with Linda Jordan in the choir room Sundays at 10:00 am.

Treasures of Juno Coming Saturday, November 14th!

Save your valuable castaways and rent a table for \$25 at "Treasures of Juno" in our Fellowship Hall to sell your treasures 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! See Rose in the office for



Keeping Oceanview "Ship Shape!"

Thanks to several designated gifts the courtyard ceiling upstairs has been pressure washed and painted along with the railings. Thanks for your help! Also, thank you for your special offerings in August and September which allowed us to pay our bills without having to borrow funds or having to cut our wonderful ministries. We'll keep you updated on how we are doing! Watch for progress as we keep our church ship-shape for ministry!

The Operations Committee, Millie Phillips, Chair

"Remember the church in your will."



Our October Worship Schedule

October 4, 2009 Theme - "Invisible Ties"

Bible Focus - *This is my body, which is given for you...* (Luke 22:19)

Challenge - What draws you here and binds you to the body of Christ?; World Communion Sunday

October 11, 2009 Theme - "Consider It Joy"

Bible Focus - *...consider it nothing but joy.* James 1:2b (also Matthew 6:31-34)

Challenge - Can you move from anxiety to joy?

October 18, 2009 Theme - "Moving From Job to Jesus"

Bible Focus - *After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.* (Job 3:1) [Jesus said] *I am with you always.* (Matthew 28:20)

Challenge - Are you ready to move to a new place in your faith?

October 25, 2009 Theme - "Masking Our Fears"

Bible Focus - *Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands, and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe.* (John 20:25b)

Challenge - How do you hide your fear behind masks?

“Oceanview”

How beautiful are the feet
of the Oceanview people.
Where we gather together
under God’s mighty steeple.
To serve our dear Lord, is our mission, united,
to teach to love, it’s one that’s invited.
The ripple effect of God’s forgiving love,
is amazing and true, it comes from above.
We may never see all the lives that are touched,
but we know in our hearts, our purpose is much.
For the image of God is mirrored in us,
what we see maybe dim, so in Him do we trust.
He reveals our true selves in the love that He gave,
When His Son died that day, for our lives did He save.
Dear Lord, help us love one another, like You,
give us your eyes and your heart,
and make our love true blue.



Yeehaw!

Love, Mary Haley



“Thank you!” from Staff-Parish Relations

Last month we told you of our concerns over the financial state of the church and then 4 persons shared this during worship on 2 different Sundays. In response, 21 families gave special financial gifts to lift us out of that crisis. We are so grateful for your continuing faith-

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is Up and Running!



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