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## Oceanview United Methodist Church



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### Oceanview's First Family Promise Experience Excellent



We gave a lot of loving to our first Family Promise guests (BeBe and sons Brandon and Bryan, Shivanna and children Cory, Zion, Starr and Jirah in August.

They arrived and immediately became part of our Back To School SPLASH, enjoying the water activities, their new friends and pizza! What a

welcome. They were thrilled beyond words when they saw the rooms we had prepared for them.

Tom Spitzner and Jeanne Smith were overnight hosts for the entire week. They assisted the families in the evenings, spent the night and made certain everyone was up and ready for breakfast and their 6:45 a.m. departure in the van transporting them to the

Day Center.

The children went to school except Starr and Jirah (preschoolers) who remained at the Day Center while the adults began their work process with Family Promise. A social worker and volunteers helped them make appointments, schedule services, classes etc., and work through the processes that will help them eventually find

jobs and suitable housing. This ministry would not be possible if it were not for all our volunteers. A big thanks to all a n d First Presbyterian,



Tequesta for being our support congregation.

They cooked dinner on Wed. and came on Sat. for breakfast and then took everyone for a day at the beach (some had NEVER seen the ocean), back to the church for lunch and then a walk to Loggerhead Marine Life Center where everyone, (especially the children, enjoyed seeing all the turtles.

We received a thank you note from the families expressing their appreciation for all who helped care for them, including washing their (Please turn to page 8)



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### New Members Welcomed

**Roy Peterson** joined Oceanview by transfer from Archibald Methodist Church in Sumter, South Carolina on September 4<sup>th</sup>. He moved to Prosperity Oaks just three months ago from Sumter. For most of his life he was a sales rep for "Detroit Tap and Tool" and for 33 parts companies out of Northport, Michigan and was an active part of the Swedish Covenant Church there. His wife remains in Sumter. He has three children and 7 grandchildren. **Welcome!**



**Elizabeth & Rebecca Hysell**, left, children of Denise Darby (center), were baptized into the family of Christ on Sunday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. Both attend Timber Trace elementary school. We were proud to receive these grand children of Dawn Darby and **great grand children** of our long time and faithful member, Jennie Baxter.

The congregation promises to help them grow in faith and wisdom as they increase in age. What a pleasure that will be!

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### Faith is Life as a Collaboration with God!



"We haven't stopped praying for...God's will." (Colossians 1:9)

When Paul prays for the congregation in Colossae he says he is praying that they continue seeking and following God's will in their lives. We believe that this is a life-long process for all of us, to constantly seek out and follow God's will.

Some people believe that God has predetermined the road for us to take, made a "perfect plan", already written the manuscript for our lives, but I do not. This is not the Methodist way. We believe God has given us the power to choose the roads we will follow in life and everyday we are confronted with those choices. And we get to write the book of our lives by creating the results those decisions lead us to.

We believe each chapter of our life can be a collaboration with God full of struggle, challenges, sin, disappointments, forgiveness, victories, set backs, reconciliation, redemption and love. And one of God's greatest pleasures is to watch how we find our way through the everyday decisions we must make.

It is similar to our role as parents: Jeannie and I have provided our two boys with their DNA, and we have supplied them with many tools and values we hope they will use. And we do have hopes and dreams for them which provide a broad outline: I want them to grow in faith and wisdom as God leads them, that they become people of integrity

and character and seek to make a difference in the world through their faith. And we hope they will come to us for wisdom and advice, but that is their choice. We have not planned out the details and what they do is up to them.

Isn't God's plan like a good parent's plan for their children? God has given us a broad outline of what God hopes for us, even provided prescriptions like the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20), Jesus' command in Mark 12:28, and the ministry and life we see in Jesus,

himself. But what we do is up to us.

If we embrace the idea that life is meant to be a collaboration with God where we are to be always open to the movement of God's Spirit in our lives, every day is filled with "God moments", and every day can be begun with this prayer: Lord, help me pay attention today to your Spirit that is all around me, and help me be willing to follow it. Amen."

Won't you pray this with me? See you on the journey,

*Rev. Brette Sanford*

## WORSHIP

**Oct. 2, 2011** Theme - World Communion: "When Hunger Is Good"

**Bible Focus** - *Blessed are those who hunger...* (Matthew 5:6); Hunger stirs a collective memory about manna in the wilderness for a lost people, when enough is enough, and a hunger of the soul as well as of the body. Which kind is good? Does one lead to the other?

**Challenge** - Are you hungry?

**Oct. 9, 2011** Theme "Bankrupt?"

**Bible Focus** - *You took my gods that I made, and the priest, and go away, and what have I left?* (Judges 18:24); Micah lost a lot, was it everything? What was spirituality for him? What is it for you?

**Challenge** - Is your life bankrupt?

**Oct. 16, 2011** Theme "In the Cave"

**Bible Focus** - "Elijah said... 'It's too much, Lord, I might as well be dead...he went into a cave...'" (1 Kings 19); After a spiritual struggle Elijah falls into deep depression. How does the Lord help him? Can it relate to us?

**Challenge** - Do you ever fall into depression? How do you get out?

**Oct. 23, 2011** Theme "Lessons from a Valley"

**Bible Focus** - *Even though I walk through the darkest valley...you are with me.* (Psalm 23:4); Rev. Brette shares spiritual lessons from a medical crisis that he experienced that may be helpful for you.

**Challenge** - What have you learned from your valley

**Oct. 30, 2011** Theme "The People in Your Life"

**Bible Focus** - *You shall give him some of your authority...* (Numbers 27:20a)

**Challenge** - Who shared their authority with you and with whom are you sharing yours?

## Letting Go of the Past

We all carry our pasts with us. Much attention has been given to the influence of families of origin, birth order, and early childhood experiences on how we develop into adulthood.

Personality development theory has focused on the question of "nature or nurture" in determining human identity and ethics. Current wisdom agrees that much of who we are is intricately linked to past experiences. What about the parts that have been negative or harmful?

Sometimes we seem to be trapped by our past experiences and are unable to find our way beyond them. Most of us have some past experiences that hinder our ability to live fully and produc-

tively.

The journey toward healing is not an easy one. The first step is recognizing what is holding us back and naming it. The second step, often a long arduous one, is letting go.

Paul speaks of forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead."

Paul had a lot to forget. He had persecuted Christians in the name of Roman law. The suffering and even death he had brought to others might have haunted him. The self-delusion that came to clarity when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus struck him deaf, dumb and blind for three days. Yet once he came to know who Jesus was, and once he heard God's call in his life,

he let go of his past, his former goals, even his identity as keeper of Jewish law.

He chose to give himself up to something greater, allowing God to transform him into something new.

We need to let go of what lies behind. We are called to let go of our hurts, as well as our sins. In order to let go, we have to look into the closets of our pain and sort through them. Once we see what is holding us back, we need to let go.

Letting go frees us to move ahead, to grasp something new, allowing God to heal and transform our pain into something beautiful. This doesn't mean that our circumstances change, but that our hearts become soft and open to love and grace.

*Rev. Betty*



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## Classes At Oceanview

**Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Invitation to Genesis (Began Sept. 14)**

...Rev. Betty invites you to listen afresh to the witness of this opening book of the Old Testament and to understand more clearly God's purpose in beginning to form a people with the likes of Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Sarah, Jacob and Esau.



**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Began Sept. 14 ...Disciple IV: The Writings of John and Revelation.**

**Mondays, September 26, and following Mondays for six weeks at 6:30 to 8:00 pm , Having a Merry Heart in a Martha World.**

## "Celebration" Theme of Fall Stewardship Campaign

This fall will be a celebration of some of the wonderful ministries that Oceanview is involved in. It will feature postcards with inspiring witnesses from those who participate along with praise in worship for the work that is being done.

Last year 70% of the operating budget was underwritten. This year our goal is 75+, but we can only achieve that with your help.

Solid and life-changing ministry needs a solid financial foundation. The apostle Paul wrote, "I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped." (Phil. 1:3-4) Won't you join us! See you in worship!





### Trick or Treat To Aid CROS Pantry

Sunday, Oct. 30, youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. to go Trick or Treating . We will visit the homes of those in our church family who invite us to collect food for the CROS food pantry.

Instead of candy for ourselves we will collect non-perishable food staples. If you would like us to come to your home please let Rev. Betty know by calling 626-2500.

### Join the Youth for C.R.O.S. Walk

Sunday, October 9, youth will join the C.R.O.S. 5K Walk. Please join us. You can do this in two ways: 1) sponsor a youth by making a donation for walking; or 2) pick up a form from Nancy Edwards, get your own sponsors and walk with us.

We will meet at Oceanview at 2:00 p.m. to car pool to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Flagler Drive where **the walk will begin at 3:00 p.m.** This walk will raise money for C.R.O.S. Ministries which provides food pantries in Palm Beach County and many other services to those in need.



### Care Packages to College Students

Sunday, October 2, the youth will be packing care packages for Oceanview's college students. If you have someone in college please call the church office at 626-2500 with your students name and address.



## Oceanview Youth



*Night of Joy  
At Magic Kingdom  
Sept. 10-11*



In photo above are back row: Doug Leard, Marcus Dingers, Vincent Borello, Anthony Robinson, Gene Weiner; second row starting at center Dominique Petrarca, Sarah Flowers, Pam Sayer, Bonnie Hammond, Melanie Jones, Kimberly Hysell, Zoe Ford, Lindsey Hammond, in the front at left are Rev. Betty, Nancy Price, Melissa Adams, Markel Cox, Ben Rubin, Al Robinson, Kat Hammond, ending with Tripp Jones on the ground. Lisa Leard also attended but is not in this picture.

## Children's Halloween Party Oct. 30 At Oceanview

Come to the Children's Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. There will be a costume contest, games, activities, and crafts related to the season. Everyone is welcome including friends and neighbors. Bring the whole family



### Kid's Church at 10:00 a.m.

Kid's Church at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday's theme for October will be using the curriculum "Hey, God Let's Talk!" This will be a five week exploration of prayer to help give children a foundation of prayer that will strengthen their prayer life. The children will come to understand that prayer is a special way we talk to God and listen to God, we can pray in many different ways, Jesus prayed many different times and in many different ways, we can learn about prayer from Jesus, and learn to pray the Lord's Prayer.

### Kid's Church Free Centers

Kid's Church Free Centers follow the Children's Message at both services. Currently we are focusing on the "Life of Jesus." Each week we explore a new Bible story about Jesus' ministry through creative centers. Children can express themselves through drama, crafts, games, stories, and other centers related to the theme under the direction of adult and youth leaders.

### Kid's Church Needs You!

We need many adults willing to give an hour a month or 4 Sundays in the year to take charge of Kid's Church and/or Kid's Church Free Center time at 10:00 & 11 a.m. on Sunday. Resources, curriculum, training, help...everything you need is provided. Call Rev. Betty 626-2500 for more information.

## On Going Events

### Each Monday

10-11 am Tai Chi in FH.  
6:30 pm Prayer in R 56.  
7:30 pm. NA in F. Hall

### Third Tuesday

**6:30 pm. Oct. 4, Worship Design, R. 49**  
**7:00 pm.** United Methodist Women meet R56.  
**7:00 pm.** Administrative Council Meeting, R 49

### Each Wednesday

9:00 am Genesis, R. 49  
12 noon AIAnon in FH  
7:00 pm Women AA, UR  
9:00 pm AA, FH  
7 pm Disciple IV, 49

### Each Thursday

2:00pm Liturgical Dance.  
In Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Men's AA, UR  
7:00 pm. Overeaters Anon. Room 56.

**Fourth Thursday** Operations, R. 49

### Each Friday

12 noon AIAnon F. Hall  
7:00 pm AA, Upper Room  
**Friday, 21st. SAF Senior Lunch Out 10:30 a.m.** at Barbies at Lake Park & 10th St. (contact Jennie Baxter)  
**Saturday Oct 1, & 29 St. George's Soup Kitchen 9 am. AA Upper room**

### Each Tuesday/Saturday

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

### Each Sunday

**8:30 am Worship**  
**10:00 am SS Classes**  
6:30pm Teen AIAnon, 49  
6:30 AIAnon, Upper RM  
7:30 AA, FH

**Please Note: Music rehearsals are listed on page 7.**

## Elizabeth Hysell Receives Bible



Oceanview continues the tradition of presenting each of our rising 4th Graders with a personal Bible. Elizabeth Hysell received her Bible at the First Service on Sunday, Sept. 18.

**Sunday at 10:00 AM —**

**24 Hours That Changed The World**

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 group **led by Jane Murphy in room 49 Sundays at 10:00 am.**

**Oceanview 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. Twelve people answered the call and came to training and organization meetings September 13 and 14. Now the ministry begins. If you would like to be a part of this team or now of someone in need of ministry give Rev. Betty at call at 626-2500.



*Ann Johnson*

**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.

**Operations Committee Awaits Insurance**

We are awaiting the insurance company's financial support before we begin construction to repair the damage caused by a water pipe rupture in the sanctuary entrance ceiling. Harold Marting is overseeing the restoration work required to make repairs in the narthex and

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**Money Matters** 

**Aug. Income \$ 33,388**  
**Aug. Expense 43,934**

**Thank You!**

**Happy October Birthday**

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 3 Renee Edwards     | 20 David Ward    |
| 4 Mary Zimmerman    | 21 Paula Blount  |
| 4 Ronda Karlsson    | 23 Mark Sinkhorn |
| 4 Robert Lombardo   | 24 Bette Cupery  |
| 5 Kay Heisler       | Tripp Jones      |
| 6 Julia Adkins      | 29 Tegan Kershaw |
| 7 Keri Kosler       | Harold Marting   |
| 8 Dotty LeVally     | 30 Jim Abel      |
| 9 Joanne Yeager     | Chris Wasik      |
| 13 Bob Rives        | 31 Pete Jones    |
| 14 Elaine Goldberg  |                  |
| 17 Kathrine Flowers |                  |
| 19 Donna Hux        |                  |
| Betty Kniss         |                  |
| Laylah Worley       |                  |
| 20 Evan Goodhue     |                  |

**Happy Anniversary** 

- 1 Doug & Lisa Leard
- 8 Ken & Barbara Mendenhall
- 11 Bob & Gwen Rives Gary & Carolyn Stalter
- 12 Harold & Bonnie Marting
- 14 Peter & Connie Lombardi
- 20 Chris & Barbara Scranton
- 26 Terry & Tracy Inghram

**Start Collecting Your Gifts For Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child, the unique international project of Samaritan's Purse, has delivered more than 85 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy boys and girls in 138 countries worldwide since 1993.

These simple gifts demonstrate God's love to children in a tangible way and provide volunteer national leadership teams, local churches, and ministry partners with the opportunity to share the Good News of Christ.

Start collecting your toys and gifts for your shoe boxes...at the end of October! Call *Ann Johnson at 452-5181 if have any questions.*



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

**Music Ministry Notes**



*If you are interested in joining Oceanview's Music Ministry please contact Linda Jordan at 626-2500 for more information.*

**New Singing Class begins Oct. 4 at 1:00 pm**

*Come join the new singing class beginning Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Those interested will learn how to sing and improve singing skills and techniques.*

**Adult Handbell Choir**

Are you interested in playing handbells? Would you like to learn to play? Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Celebration Choir**

*Come join the Celebration Choir for the Christmas musical to be presented on Dec 10 & 11. Rehearsals for the Christmas Musical are Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal for Sunday morning worship is every Wednesday from 8:15-9:00 p.m.*

**Sonburst Children's Choir**

Every Sunday afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Children, ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**Handbells for Children and Youth**

Handbells rehearse from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary following Children's Choir.

**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. Call Linda Jordan for more information .*



*Linda Jordan*

**Do You Like to Sing?**



**The Choir Wants YOU!**

The Celebration choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:15-9:00 pm in the choir loft.

Rehearsals are just beginning for the Christmas Musical.

Call Linda Jordan at 626-2500 if you have questions.

Save The Date

## UMW Fashion Luncheon Nov. 5



Enjoy a delicious lunch while you watch Oceanview models show off clothing you'll want to add to your wardrobe Sat. Nov. 5 in Fellowship Hall. You will be able to try on and purchase this clothing at a discount. Not only will you have some elegant choices at a less than department store prices, a portion of sales will go to mission projects supported by Oceanview United Methodist Women. Watch the bulletin for more information. Also, don't miss our October 18 meeting. The topic is "Becoming a Leader." Beverly Chain will lead a discussion of the traits that made Fran Alguire the first woman to head the World Methodist Council. She served from 1996-01.

## Family Promise Report (cont. from p. one)

clothes while the washer/dryer at the Day Center wasn't available. (It is now hooked up and being put to good use every day). They were especially grateful that we are all keeping them in our prayers!

**Due to a "blip" in the scheduling process and the fact that we have several "new" host congregations coming on board, we will be welcoming our families back Sept. 25th**

**staying thru Oct. 2nd.,** sooner than we anticipated but that's called being "flexible".

We also welcomed a new family, Kristina and her 15 yr. old son Austin as our guests. First Presbyterian Tequesta

again took on Tues. and Thurs. evening dinners, spent the day with the families on Sat. and provided a meal. This made our hosting again so soon a little easier. First Presbyterian would like to begin to start hosting themselves!

If you are interested in becoming involved with Family Promise, contact Kathy Perry at 630-6588 or email [KMustang68@gmail.com](mailto:KMustang68@gmail.com)



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 you with programs for teens, children, and seniors. We host 12 Twelve-Step groups. We support many missions, 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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