



# TIDINGS



## Worship Survey Responses Are Highly Positive

During two Sundays in June surveys were distributed to worshipers at both services asking for feedback on a variety of worship topics. 115 responses were received. Here are the top four things the Worship Design Team learned.

**1.** Because Oceanview provides two kinds of worship experiences (8:30 early contemporary and 11 traditional) persons worship at Oceanview who would not otherwise come, and a variety of worshipers can connect to God in different ways.

**2.** Many people choose to attend the 8:30 service because it is the worship style they prefer. And this is also

true of the 11 a.m. service. But a large group also chooses one over the other because that is the time of day they prefer. For example, some families and their children cannot get up and get ready for an 8:30 service so they come to the 11. Some of them would prefer a later contemporary service and more updated music.

**3.** Different parts of the worship services are valued in different ways. And most persons understand that what may not be important for them is important for others. For example, some do not particularly feel the children's message or prayer time is helpful for them, but they understand that it is important for others,

so they are glad it is part of the worship experience. This view reflects a mature way of understanding worship, that each element of it speaks to a variety of learning styles and worshiping needs.

**4.** On the whole our congregation appreciates, values, and connects with the message and music most of all. 80% of respondents say the message, and 70% say the music is helpful always or most of the time. This is a very high positive response. Thank you for your feedback! We will continue working to help better connect people with the Lord through our worship services.

- *Worship Design Team, Sue Millas, Coordinator.*

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## Elder Care Tips Explored at UMW Meeting

Elder care expert Jennifer Comfort shared over 100 tips to help keep one's mind sharp at the UMW 3rd Tuesday meeting in Sept. Here are a few for your use.

**1.** Exercise your brain and your body. Dance, walk, garden, volunteer. Play games, & puzzles.

**2.** Do something new. Take a class. Challenge is good for the brain.

**3.** Stress shrinks your brain. Get support. Learning new ways to cope forms new neural connections.

**4.** Stay socially active. The larger your social network the less likely you are to develop dementia. Join a book or card club or UMW!

**5.** Travel even if it is just to the next town or a new neighborhood, park, store or shopping area. Tour your own area, look for new routes to walk or drive. Learning to navigate a new space exercises your brain.

**6.** Shake your body a few minutes each morning and night to reduce the stress hormone cortisol and trigger

relaxation and alertness.

**7.** Eat wild fish, drink tea. Top rolled oats with cinnamon for a brainy breakfast. Replace candy with almonds, blueberries or other fresh fruit. Eat curry once a week.

**8.** Instead of one more TV show, pick up the phone. Chat with someone.

**9.** Get organized. Reduce clutter. You'll feel more in control. Keep a calendar, write things down.

**10.** Give thanks to God for everything in your life.



## Our Christian Moral Compass (Matthew 5:43-44)

The recent case in Gainesville of a pastor calling Christians to burn Qurans is only the latest example of how one person can now gain world attention and set off international crises.

In days past this kind of activity would have been written off as unworthy of attention. Not now. My, how our standards have changed! In the new 24-hour media news cycle it appears that promoting sensationalism is now the new normal.

But what is our moral compass in occasions like these. How

should we Christians respond when we feel threatened?

Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your friends, hate your enemies.' But now I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become the sons of your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:43-44)

When we act hatefully toward any group what kind of witness does that give? Does this kind of response reflect what Jesus would do? Jesus goes on to say, "Why should God reward you if you love only the people

who love you?...Even the pagans do that!"

Perhaps what that pastor should have done was to call for a prayer meeting when they could pray, not burn a book that he admits he has never read.

Hate is unworthy of the one who commanded his followers to "love one another as he has loved us." (John 13:34) and to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

Let's pray for that pastor and his congregation in Gainesville...

See you on the journey!

*Rev. Brette Sanford*

## Who Me? That's Ridiculous !

I am always amused at the story of Sarah and how she laughed when told she would bear a child at the age of ninety-nine years! *Ha! Ha! That's ridiculous, impossible! I can't do that! I'm too old!*

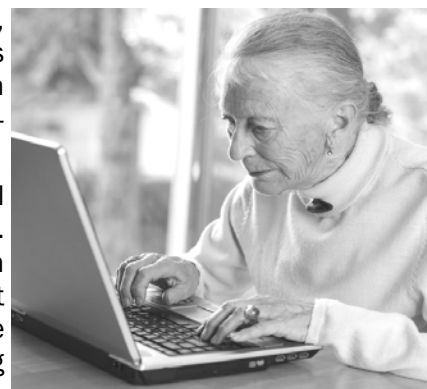
We often react the same way; I'm too old, too young, sick, tired, stressed out, handicapped by this and that – on and on the list grows!

The apostle Paul was frustrated with his "thorn in the flesh" and three times asked the Lord to take it away so that 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.

When we are most aware of our aches and pains, God says, "Stop! Listen! Hear me! I love you just the way you are! Plug into the power I can give you, to live, love, and serve me, in any circum-



stance. Do what you can do! Trust me to do what I have promised."

*Rev. Betty Kniss*



## ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

### Deepening Our Prayer: With the Heart of Christ



This book by Adele Gonzalez is an in-depth study of prayer and how to pray. This discussion group meets with Pete Jones in the Upper Room, 10 am.

### More Parables From the Backside

In More Parables From the Backside author J. Ellsworth Kalas presents new insight into twelve of Jesus' parables by entering them through the "back side"—through a

unique starting point, a creative re-telling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. In October parables include "Risky Business," "Miracles Can Be Overrated," "Second Chance for a Poor Manager," and "A Laugh and a Prayer." The group meets with Ann Johnson in Room 49, 10 a.m.



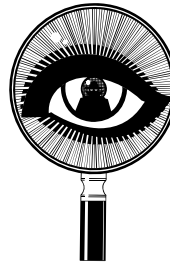
### Devotions for All

All adults are invited to this group which meets with Linda Jordan in the Music Room 10-10:30 am.

## Kid's Church

The theme, *Molly Pickens Unlocks the Mysteries of God's Love* continues as the children meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

Each lesson begins with a short video that follows Molly and her friends as they explore the power of God's love.



During October we will consider humility, honesty, service and empathy.

## Worship In October . How Are We Different From The World?

**October 3, 2010** - World Communion Sunday **"Why Is the World So Hard?"** - Bible Focus - *Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world.* (John 17:16); Jesus says the Kingdom of God on earth is different than the world we live in. How so and why is it so hard? Challenge - How are we different from the world?

**October 10, 2010** - **"Fresh Every Morning!"** Bible Focus - *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases...they are new every morning...* (Lamentations 3:22-23). In the midst of disappointment the Israelites found hope to move on.

Can we do the same when we confront disappointments in our lives? Challenge - Does your faith reflect this?

**October 17, 2010** - **"Being the Body of Christ"** Bible Focus - *Praising God and having the good will of all people.* (Acts 2:47a)

Challenge - Are you leading a life of worship and hospitality?

**October 24, 2010** **"The Best Investment"** Bible Focus - *'Well done!' said his master, 'you're a sound, reliable servant.'* (Matthew 25:14-30). What does Jesus tell us is the best way to invest our lives and efforts?

Challenge - Have

you proven worthy of much more to Jesus?

**October 31, 2010** - **"Rediscovering the Holiness of God"** Bible Focus - *David was afraid of the Lord that day...* (2 Samuel 6:9); In that moment David recalled how the fear/awe of God once shaped his life and remembering that changed how he proceeded. Have we forgotten that in our lives, too? Challenge - Have you lost your sense of awe for the Lord?



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## Youth News

### Join the Youth for C.R.O.S. Walk Oct 10

Oceanview youth along with Rev. Brette and others from our church expect to participate in the annual C.R.O.S. Walk on Sunday, October 10.

This 5K walk will raise money for C.R.O.S. Ministries which provides food pantries in Palm Beach County and many other services.

The youth invite you to

join them. Either by: 1) supporting a youth by giving one or more a donation for walking; or 2) pick up a form from the "Plug in Wall in the Fellowship Hall, get your own sponsors and walk with us.

Walkers 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.



**Help Wanted**  
Oceanview has an excellent website. We need someone with computer knowledge/skills to maintain the site. Please call Harold Marting at 876-3133 to volunteer.

### Halloween Trick or Treat for Food

Sunday, October 31, the youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. to go Trick or Treating to collect food for the food pantry.

All youth and their adult youth leaders are invited to dress in costume. We will go Trick or Treating to the homes of those in our church family who invite us to come.



Instead of candy for ourselves we will be collecting non-perishable food

for the C.R.O.S. Food Pantry.

If you would like to have us come Trick or Treating for non-perishable food to your home please let Rev. Betty know by calling her at 626-2500.

### Under God's Sea in 3D" DVD's are available!

DVD's are available in the church office for \$6. Just stop by the church office or see Linda Jordan.

### Children's Halloween Party

Come to the Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, 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. Bring the whole family and include your friends and neighbors.



### Night of Joy 2010

On Saturday Sept. 11, Oceanview's youth participated in Night of Joy 2010 at Walt Disney World Resort. Night of Joy is an annual Christian music festival. Most of the youth that left from Oceanview Saturday morning spent the night rocking out on the rides, including Kimberly Hysel and Gene Weiner who were stuck so long on splash mountain,

they had to call Reverend Betty to check in.



Vincent Borello and Tripp Jones got to hear live performances by **Red, and 3rd Day**. Everyone returned home safe, if not well rested, Sunday afternoon.

Music Ministry Notes

Children's Choir

Ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade join us on Sunday afternoons 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Music Room.



Beginning Handbell Choir meets in the Sanctuary Sunday 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Grade 2 thru adults welcome for training.

Let's ring in the Holiday with Handbells!

A newly formed handbell choir meets on Sunday afternoons from 2:30-3:45 p.m. Join us even if you've never rung before. Most members of this group are beginners.

Celebration Choir meets every Wednesday night. Rehearsals for the Christmas Musical on December 11, 12 begin at 7:15p.m. in the Music Room.

Rehearsal continues at 8:15 p.m. with Sunday morning anthems. The Celebration Choir sings every Sunday morning at the 11:00 a.m. Service and rehearses on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Linda Jordan at 626-2500 for more information. about any music ministry



Musical Theatre Audition Classes will be offered at Oceanview for students ages 13+ on Saturdays October 9, 16, 23, 30 in the Music Room. Classes will be taught by Broadway performers Jackie Bayne and Jason Gillman. Michael Yanning will also be an instructor and is well known in Palm Beach County for his work with the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches. Students will build their musical theatre repertoire as singers and actors. Individual coaching and presentation of audition pieces and includes a professional CD. Please contact Jackie Bayne to register at 412-580-4697.



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. Just call Linda Jordan for more information and to schedule lessons.



Linda Jordan

October Anniversaries

- 1 Doug & Lisa Leard
- 6 David & Katherine Coe
- 11 Gary & Carolyn Stalter
- 12 Harold & Bonnie Marting
- 14 Peter & Connie Lombardi
- 20 Chris & Barbara Scranton

October Birthdays

- 3 Renee Edwards
- 4 Rinda Karlsson
- 5 Kay Heisler
- 6 Julia Adkins
- 8 Dottie LeVally
- 9 Joanne Yeager
- 13 Julie Baker
- 14 David Foley, Jr.
- 19 Donna Hux
- 20 Evan Goodhue
- 21 Paula Blount
- 23 Mark Sinkhon
- 24 Keith Coe
- 29 Mary V. Johnson
- 30 James Abel
- 31 Pete Jones
- Betty Cupery
- Tripp Jones
- Harold Marting
- Chris Wasik

## On Going Oceanview Events

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| <p><b>Mon.</b> 9:00 am Tai Chi, FH<br/>6:30 pm Disciple 2, 49<br/>6:30 pm Prayer Group, 56<br/>7:30 pm NA, FH</p> <p><b>Tues.</b> 3rd Tues. at 2:00 pm<br/>U. M. Women, 49</p> <p><b>Wed.</b> 9:30a Jesus study, 49<br/>Noon Alanon, FH<br/>1:30 pm Grief Group<br/>5:45 pm Praise Team<br/>7:15 pm Choir rehearsal<br/>7:00 pm Women's AA, 49</p> | <p><b>Thurs.</b> 10:30a Stitching, 56<br/>7p Men's AA, FH<br/>2nd Thurs, SPR, 56<br/>4th Thurs, Operations, 49</p> <p><b>Fri.</b> Noon, Alanon, FH<br/>7 pm Mixed AA, Upper Room<br/>Men's Softball, JCP</p> <p><b>Sat.</b> 9-10 am AA, Upper Room<br/>1st/5th Sat 11 am. St.<br/>George's Soup Kitchen</p> <p><b>Sun.</b> 2:30 Adult/Youth Handbells<br/>4 pm Sonburst Children's Choir<br/>5:15 pm Beginning Handbells<br/>5:30 pm Youth Group, FH<br/>7:30 pm AA, FH<br/>7 pm Teen Al-Anon, 56</p> |
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*You are invited to an  
Open House at  
564 Riverside Dr.  
Palm Beach  
Gardens, on Sunday,  
October 17  
from 3:00- 6:00  
p.m.  
on the occasion of  
Rev. Betty's  
60th birthday.  
Everyone come for  
food and fellowship.  
Come prepared for  
swimming if you  
wish.  
Hope to see everyone.  
Please no gifts.*

### United Methodist Women Meet Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

The Oceanview chapter of United Methodist Women, a global organization, meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month. All women are invited to attend and to bring a friend or neighbor to any UMW event.

### THANKSFORGIVING

Time is ticking by so quickly that before we realize it we will be planning our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner for 2010.

Service Ministry would give a BIG THANK YOU in advance to Melanie Jones and Family for assuming the duties of this annual ministry. It takes MANY volunteers and hours of preparation but this is such an amaz-

The next two meetings will be 2:00 to 4:30 pm in Room 57. The October meeting focuses on the story in Mark of the woman who anoints Jesus. We will consider her fears and her feelings along with God's call to all Christians to focus on social change. Ethel Logan leads.



ing community ministry that touches many lives. Melanie is getting organized and planning. If you would like to help, please call Melanie at 746-8573 or email: melaniejones0901@comcast.net

**Ladies Stitching Group**  
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.  
in Room 49. Bring your own project and join the fellowship.

#### 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

#### Grief Support Group

**Wednesdays at 1:30pm**  
Rev. Betty's office. If you are experiencing sadness from a loss and need the support of others, this is for you.

***I thank my God for you... (Philippians 1:3)***

GOD IS GREAT and so is the Oceanview family! 60 families have either given or have promised \$ 65,085 in special financial gifts since August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Among these was an anonymous challenge gift, which was matched, along with other small and large contributions.

With God's blessings and the prayerful generosity of you who have responded faithfully to the recent financial shortfall, our bills are almost up to date.

In addition, the mortgage refinancing is completed. This reduces our monthly expense. It does,

however, lengthen the duration of our mortgage. Everyone is urged to keep pledges current so our church can come to the end of the year with all accounts up to date.

Thank you again for hearing and responding to Oceanview's need.

***Frankie Sprague  
and Rev. Brette Sanford***

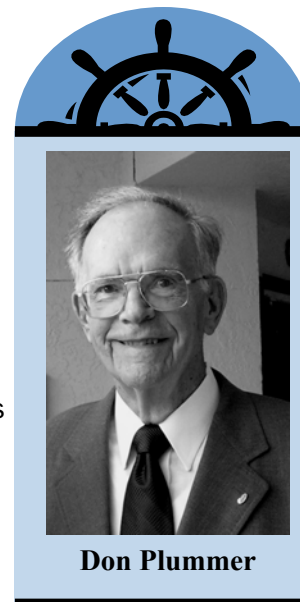
**Plummer Scholar Kristin Jones Writes**

To explain the excitement I felt upon receiving the Don Plummer



Scholarship wouldn't be possible, but I can say that it meant so very much! To know that my church family is helping me along the way with my school tuition is so amazing! I only wish that I could thank Mr. Plummer himself for the support. Room and board, books, and many

other expenses for college are extremely pricey, and of course, our economic situation right now does not help at all. This scholarship was truly a blessing to both my family and me, and to know that this scholarship is a connection to my church makes it even more special! Thank you church family!



**Don Plummer**

**Keeping Oceanview "Ship Shape!"**

Operations Committee has closed an agreement refinancing our mortgage with the Florida United Methodist Foundation. While extending payments to 20 years it will cut our monthly mortgage payment by approximately \$3,000 a month! Gary Straughan has repaired the two west entrance Fellowship Hall doors and repainted them. They look great! Bob Willoughby is doing

small upkeep tasks around the building.

Operations thanks everyone who has given to our special gifts campaign for our operating shortfall. Over 60 families have responded thus far. Without you many ministries would have been impaired. We are in the process of setting the 2011 budget to prevent similar future difficulties. Several parking lot pole lights need repair or replacement and we are looking

into those. FPL has just completed audits on the parsonage and church facilities to help us further reduce costs.

Keep praying and keep giving! Help us keep Oceanview "Ship Shape!"

***The Operations  
Committee,  
Millie Phillips,  
Chair***

***"Remember the church  
in your will."***

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*Oceanview has been in Juno Beach since 1988. Our distinctive tower is a beacon for the community of which we are an integral part. We are here to serve you with ministries for teens, children, adults, and seniors. We host many AA groups. We sponsor the Blood Mobile, collect shoes for Haiti, work with Christians Reaching Out to Society, hunger, gleaning, and after school programs. But, most importantly we provide a place to develop your spiritual life and learning, to be in community with others and to nurture your*

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## Kid's Free Church Theme Is Jonah and the Big Fish

Jonah and the Big Fish is the theme for October in Kid's Church Free Center. The children are invited to the Kid's Church room following the Children's Message in each worship service.



Under adult supervision the children will choose games, puzzles, books, create crafts, do puppet shows or plays centered on the Jonah and the Big Fish theme.

Each session includes singing, a Call to Worship, sharing of prayer requests, birthday celebrations, a memory verse and corresponding Bible story. An activity dividing the children into smaller age appropriate groups ends each session.

We need your help to provide these opportunities for our children. Please sign the poster in the sanctuary

entryway with the date and time you can help supervise. Thanks to all who have been involved thus far.

