

Oceanview United Methodist Church



Jonathan and Amy Haigh Join Oceanview

Jonathan and Amy Haigh joined Oceanview's family on August 14th.

Jonathan transfers to us from First Presbyterian in Nashville and Amy from First Christian in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. He is an engineer with Kimley-Horn. Amy is a software editor with Boson Software.

They enjoy sci-fi, their two dogs, volunteering with Boxer Rescue and at the library, music, reading and rock and roll. Yes,



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Oceanview Welcomes Family Promise Guests

Sun, Aug. 21, Oceanview welcomed our first Family Promise guests. The families were thrilled with the three lovely rooms prepared for them.

"We have the honor of being the 1st host congregation in the 166 affiliate-Family Promise North/Central Palm Beach County," explained Kathy Perry, the coordinator for our region.

Kathy explained,

they are related to Dori and Steve Haigh. Welcome them!

Our membership now stands at 524.

"Oceanview is one of 5,000 congregations with 135,000 volunteers helping some 350,000 homeless families find their way back to sustaining their family independence."

Families will have breakfast and dinner as well as sleep at Oceanview for one week before moving to the next congregational host site in our area.

During the day, the families will spend time at the Day Center where they can do laundry, improve skills and work on job hunting while children

attend school.

Thanks to Sean Mc Gee and Harold Marting for finishing with the renovations work at the Day Center and to George Sousa, Vicki Gerard, Stephanie Sterling, Brian & Barbara Buckley, Kathy & Russ Perry for preparing the rooms.



Confronting Herod

"...take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt...Herod gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem." (Matthew 2:13,16)



If you read the Christmas story and other passages in the gospels carefully you can see that Jesus was the target of a long standing animosity between Herod the Great's family and his own. Herod's way of staying in power was to eliminate any potential threat, so he murdered his wife Mariamne, his mother Alexandra and his sons, Antipater, Alexander and Aristobulus. A gospel outside our Bible, the *Gospel of James* says that Herod commands Zechariah the priest, the father of John the Baptist (Jesus' cousin), to give up his son. But he will not so Herod has Zechariah killed. Since reports informed him that a new baby-Messiah was about to be born he also set his sights on Jesus. But Jesus slipped through his fingers because Mary, Joseph and the baby heard what Herod planned to do and fled to Egypt before he could kill Jesus.

After Herod the Great's death, his son, Herod Antipas who ruled Galilee area, does get hold of John the Baptist and executes him. He then tries to accomplish what his father never could, the death of Jesus (Luke 9:9). It's interesting that at Jesus' crucifixion trial Herod

Antipas is present to oversee this bit of his father's unfinished business, the death of Jesus.

In Christian tradition Herod the Great symbolizes a great evil that spans all time, geography and economic levels. For Herod human life was just a means by which to acquire and keep personal power. For him life was a tool, a thing to be used and thrown away when it no longer suited his needs. This is the definition of evil and the view of a child abuser.

In his time Jesus sur-

vived his childhood because God led faithful people to provide a safe place during a crisis that protected him. In Family Promise we are promising to do the same for homeless children here in Palm Beach County. Our faith is calling us to provide a safe place for families in crisis and help get them back on their feet. What a witness to our faith in God through Jesus! We are confronting Herod right now and right here!

See you on the journey,
Rev. Brette Sanford

WORSHIP

September 4, 2011 Theme "Why?" Sermon Series (Why can't I see God's will?) Bible Focus *We haven't stopped praying for...God's will.* (Colossians 1:9) Challenge – What do you see?

September 11, 2011 Theme "Why?" Sermon Series concludes (Why God's love prevails.) Bible Focus *Nothing...can separate us from God's love.* (Romans 8:35) Challenge – Does this change things for you?

September 18, 2011 Theme "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?

September 25, 2011 Theme "Is Faith Magic?" Bible Focus *Simon...offered them money, saying, 'Give me also this power...'* (Acts 8:18f) Are magic and faith the same? Can we buy faith? Can we purchase favor from God? Challenge – How are faith and magic different?

The Transforming Power of Loss

We don't like to lose what we believe is ours. Yet loss transforms our life journey. Loss is inevitable. Yet we want to avoid it; we pray that loss will not be part of our lives. For a while, we hold on to the belief that everything will be as it always has been. But eventually, this delusion fades away and leaves the blunt reality that life will not be as we want it to be.

We feel life has been unfair to us. We feel robbed of the destiny we

thought was our, and we feel powerless to make it different. Anger and resentment flow through us. We question the purpose of God and of human life. We challenge God and experience the vacuum of silence.

Yet this darkness cannot quench the imperceptible hunger that forces us to look again. In each loss there is a truth about limited capacity and about the boundaries of creation. Though we pray that God will change the loss that

reveals our limits, God in grace will change our vision of who we are and who God is.

So how do our eyes come to see this new vision? When our souls are open to the truth, we will begin to see that God lives within us and around us, waiting for our worship, praise, and intimate conversation. Then we can respond to the tug of the Spirit and see God's eternal love and care for us.

Rev. Betty Kniss



"Why?" - Two More Sessions

On August 21st Rev. Brette began a 4-week sermon series entitled, *Why*. "Why do the innocent suffer? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why can't I see God's will for my life?" and "Why God's love prevails." This series was inspired and informed by Adam Hamilton's book, *Why*. The study concludes on September 11.

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.

If you would consider being involved in this kind of ministry, please fill out the sign-up sheet that is in the bulletin and leave it in the offering plate. For more information please contact Rev. Betty at 626-2500.

Operations Committee Note

Harold Marting has graciously agreed to oversee the restoration work required to make repairs in the narthex and Music Rooms below made necessary by a water pipe break in the Sanctuary entrance.

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.

Money Matters



July Income **\$47,091**

July Expense **43,780**

Thank You!

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Water Bash

Sunday, August 21, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. children, youth and their families enjoyed an afternoon of water fun just before heading back to school. Since this was the day we also received our first Family Promise families they were able to join in the fun.



Night of Joy

September 10-11 twenty-two youth and their adult sponsors will be attending Night of Joy at Disney World Magic Kingdom in Orlando.

Night of Joy is an evening of concerts by top contemporary Christian rock and pop bands and riding the rides in the Magic Kingdom.

We will leave from the church at 10:00 am Saturday, September 10, attend Night of Joy, spend the night in Orlando, and return to the church following breakfast on Sunday, September 11. The youth attending will receive more detailed information.



Youth Collect School Supplies

It all started when two large boxes of school supplies were collected over the week of VBS. As the weeks progress many people from the congregation added to the collection.

On August 14 the youth had their School Supplies Scavenger Hunt to collect supplies for children in need. Finally everyone was encouraged

to bring school supplies for entrance into the Back to School Water Bash.

We ended with a "mountain" of supplies. (See photo across).

Thanks to everyone who contributed. The children at West Riviera and Palmetto Elementary Schools will benefit from all your generosity. (see photo page 5)

Oceanview Youth

Touch the Water / Taste the Bread

"Touch the Water" is the theme for Kid's Church at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday for September. Our focus is on Communion and Baptism.

The children will become familiar with the story of Jesus' baptism, recall the stories of their own baptism, gain understanding of the meaning of baptism, become familiar with the story of the Last Supper, begin to understand the symbolism of the bread and

the juice.

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.

On Going Events

Each Monday

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

Each Wednesday

12 noon Al-Anon F. Hall
6:00 pm Praise Team
7:00 pm Women AA, UR
9:00 pm AA, F. Hall

Each Thursday

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

Each Friday

12 noon AlAnon F. Hall
7:00 pm AA, Upper Room

Each Sunday

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

Each Tuesday/Saturday

9-10 am Children's Art, R 49
10-12 noon Adult Art, Room 49

Please Note: Music rehearsals are listed on page 7



Bibles To Be Given to 4th Graders This Month

This month we will give a Bible to each Oceanview child entering 4th grade. The children will receive their Bible in the worship service they normally attend. Please call the church office at 626-2500 if you have a child entering 4th grade so we don't miss anyone.



Casey & Coral help collect a "mountain" of school supplies.

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.

You could help during the week by arranging centers for

the Free Center time. Please contact Rev. Betty at 626-2500 or sign up on the board in the Sanctuary entryway.



Fall Classes Begin Sept. 14

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.

starting September 14
Invitation to Genesis

...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.
starting September 14

...Disciple IV... We begin a study of the books of the New Testament known as

the Writings of John and Revelation.

September 19 and following Mondays at 6:30pm

Jesus in the Gospels

Our Focus is on the Jesus found in the four Gospels. We will look at the way each Gospel writer presents events and teachings and consider the picture of Jesus that emerges in each of the Gospels.



Sunday at 10:00 AM

Seeing God at Work In the World-

Because there is God, there is goodness. God is at work in our world. So J. Ellsworth Kalas has written *Life From the Upside*.

"Gladness is Nearer Than You Think" and "The Gains in Our Losses" are themes of the chapters which feature key Bible Scripture. Meet with Ann Johnson in room 49 Sun-



Ann Johnson

Happy Birthday

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| 1 Joe Millas | 20 Robert Farley |
| 3 Aaron Goldberg Tom Sayer | 21 Mike Buckley Sylvia Sharpe Debbie Ternlund |
| 5 Don Schlabach | 22 MacKenzie Liebeher |
| 6 Jonathan Haigh Janet Neumann | 23 Kathy DeBoskey-Doptis Kate Flowers |
| 7 Carolyn Stalter | 25 Marie Eltz Meagan Harrell Tom Virden |
| 9 Linda Smith Barb Buckley | 27 Nellie Zeiders |
| 10 Joyce Burgeson | 28 Dan Smith Ethel Logan |
| 14 Carol Ann Rheingans Jeanne Taylor | 29 Mary Louise Johnson Gayle Moore |
| 15 Bob Willoughby | |
| 17 Melissa S. Adams | |
| 18 Jill Ann Esposito Charlotte Hodges | |

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



Happy Anniversary

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| 2 David & Carol Pahl |
| 3 Scott & Donna Campbell |
| 4 Larry & Linda Smith |
| 7 Millis & Betty Peet |
| 9 Scott & Ethel Logan |
| 10 David & Joyce Burgeson |
| 11 Pete & Melanie Jones Russ & Kathy Perry |
| 15 Frank & Donna Philips |
| 22 Robert & Wilma Farley |
| 23 Jeffery & Patricia Davis David & Nancy Miller |
| 27 William & Marya White |

Creating “Hues” at Oceanview

What’s it like to study art at age 7 or 87? LeighAnne says “Its scary putting paint on the canvass. I started with no experience whatsoever and I left after two hours with something emerging, even almost done.”

When you arrive there’s a painting to copy. Teacher, Bill Lewis, talks about the artist who created it, the colors used, the mood it conveys, the shapes that dominate.

Everybody starts to put the major shapes, ovals, oblongs, squares on the canvas. Then, thinking of mood, the aspiring artists begin to paint the background.

Says student, Linda Jordan, “We now look at things differently: the way the water sprays out of a fountain, how a palm tree really looks, that an owl’s eyes don’t move.”

Some work quickly, others take more time. Betty Cupery says, “Bill has the imagination to see what we might be doing. He walks around the class affirming what he sees and making suggestions of directions the work might take. He suggests ways to use a brush stroke or a different brush to show movement of wind or light or texture in the painting,” she explains.

By the end of the session some have completed the work, others

Music Ministry Notes

Choirs Begin on Sunday, September 10th

Sonburst Children's Choir
Sunday afternoons - 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Beginning Sunday, September 10th
 Children, ages 4 thru 5th Grade

Handbell Choir for Children, Youth and Adults
Sunday afternoons - 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Beginning Sunday, September 10th
 2nd Graders thru adult

Adult Handbell Choir
 Will begin soon...please watch the bulletin for more information

Celebration Choir
Wednesday nights - 7:15-9:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Soon we'll be working on the Christmas Musical, December 10, 11

If you have an interest in participating in Oceanview's Music Ministry, please contact Linda Jordan at 626-2500 for more information.

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.

are only half through, but everyone is having a good time. And Bill makes sure all know what materials (size of canvas, colors, etc.) they will need for the next time.

Bill has been a private tutor for 10 years. He teaches at Juno Beach Prep school in Seminole Plaza and has a space in Gallery Square on Te-

questa Drive. He regards his work as a “ministry at Oceanview and for the community as well.”

He continues, “It’s exciting for me, although we are all painting the same thing each person’s personality comes through and every one is different.”

Photos of the class and some of their work



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.

exhibited the second Sunday in August appear on Page 8.

Children meet from 9 a.m. -10. Adult classes follow immediately and are in session until 12 noon. Call Linda Jordan at 626-2500 to enroll and get a supply list. The initial outlay for supplies can range from \$25 -\$50 depending on the number of paints, brushes and canvases you buy. Bill’s fee for each two hour session is \$15.

Oceanview Artists At Work

You May Join The Art Classes At Any Time. We meet Tues. & Sat. from 10 - 12 am. See the story "Creating Hues" on page 7.

Artists in col. 1 are Barbara Hewko & Lorine Moran. In col. 2 is Melanie Jones, Col. 3 Linda Jordan & LeighAnne Robbins paint. In col. 4, teacher, Bill Lewis works with 2 students. Below them Elizabeth Mojzjes and Barbara Hewko



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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