



TIDINGS



Administrative Council Sets Goals for 2011

Having a strong Church Council that oversees Oceanview's ministries has made a huge difference this year in making spiritual decisions that have had a positive effect on our church. This means evaluating and aligning our ministries and budget with the refocusing goals that were established back in 2008, reported Mary Louise Johnson and Joe Millas, co-chairs of that Council.

Growing Spiritually is an intentional process for discipling people through small groups and activities. Some of our exciting

accomplishments this year included Vacation Bible School with 110 children and Music Camp with 74 campers. And even more exciting were the numbers of adult volunteers who stepped forward to make that happen! A goal for next year is to hire a part-time Youth Director through special funding as we have a strong group of rising teenagers.

Vital Worship means having a dynamic worship service for both a contemporary and traditional setting. The Last Supper Re-enactment on Maundy

Thursday, *Beyond the Cross* musical program at both Palm Sunday services, and the three services Easter morning brought the message of Christ to a combined total of 1,593 people! Our Music Ministry has become a critical port of entry for people to connect to God and experience Christ's love.

The goal of **Equipping People for Ministry** is where we encourage people to develop and use their gifts. Our Youth have taken to using their talents in a Worship

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Christmas Concert For Music Ministry

A program of holiday music and carols on Sat. night, Dec. 18 entertained an audience of 151 and received an offering of \$1728 for the music ministry. Kudos to Irwin Solomon & Linda Jordan (below) for a joyous event!



Christmas Welcomed At Oceanview

From the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday to the Christmas Musical on Dec. 12 and the Christmas Concert on Dec. 18 all pointing to the Christmas eve service and the celebration of Christ's birth parishioners and visitors alike are aglow with the spirit and meaning of Christmas!

Attendance at the two performances of Emanuel Has come was the highest in years with 238 on Sat. and 264 on Sunday.

\$ 1 6 8 3 was received for the music fund.



From the opening celebration by the Children's Handbell Choir to the final "Ring the Bells" featuring Bill Lewis & Kara Roelandts, the 90 minute



program offered a variety of music styles from traditional Christmas hymns to the Appalachian style, **What Did You Say Was the Baby's Name?** sung by Stephanie Sterling. The youth praise team offered **He is Born** with rollicking guitar accompaniment. Ed

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Coping with Seasonal Mixed Emotions



I don't know about you, but during the time from Thanksgiving to mid-January all kinds of emotions stir inside me. About the time carols and lights appear old memories laced with strong emotions sweep in and can make the season feel joyful one moment and unbearable the next!

You might be surprised to learn scripture says this is the way it was for Joseph and Mary, too! For example, Luke says that when the angel Gabriel tells Mary she is to be the favored one by God she is joyful (Luke 1:26), but Luke reports that Mary was also troubled by the visit (1:29). Fear! So the angel says, "Do not be afraid..." Joy and fear! A pregnant teenage bride

has to travel a long distance from her home in Nazareth to Bethlehem to accommodate Caesar Augustus' order to register for a census. Fear! And then she gives birth to Jesus! Joy! Scripture simply reflects the reality of life!

For many persons this time of year is a sweet and sour time where they wonder if they will live to enjoy the year to come, or they might be mourning a family member or friend who has died in the past year. I know some people who take a cruise or a plane trip just to distract themselves away from all the emotional ups and downs.

So how does our faith help us on this emotional roller coaster ride? Paul says he learned how to be at peace whatever emo-

tions came his way (see Philippians 4:11b), "...in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret."

What's the secret? Paul says that when we experience God's love coming alongside us in the form of a baby our fears are calmed and our joys amplified. Scripture says Jesus' coming heralds the day when violence will stop, tears will cease, hunger disappear, injustice be no more, and all mourning comforted. Scripture's prayer is that with God's reaching out to us through the birth of Jesus our fears can be vanquished and our Christmas joy will be the greater measure.

It was so for Joseph and Mary. May it be also for you.

Rev. Brette Sanford



What takes your mind and heart from normal attention to time or schedules and invites you to linger long after others have returned to their routines?

Think about it! Such moments of absorption do not come as much to us in our maturity as they do to children. But when they do, they often catch us by surprise and with delight. A day spent in a place of captivating beauty or with a good book, or alongside an endearing or intriguing person can pass by with little awareness of time.

Immersion is a difficult spiritual discipline whose chief hurdle may be allowing ourselves oppor-

tunities for it. Jesus' praying all night on a mountain might appear to be an unaffordable luxury. We're too busy to do such a thing these days. We have too many responsibilities. Our families couldn't do without us. We carry too much on our shoulders.

If this rings true to you, then some experience of immersion may be precisely what you need. Immersion is not for those who have all the time in the world, who live lives of unlimited leisure. It is for those who carry the weight of the world, who wonder what could possibly come next, who cannot imagine squeezing in another task.

Jesus immersed himself in prayer when there was so much to be done and so little time to do it. Why? Time to nurture the spirit was not, and is not a secondary luxury to be attended to only after all the real work gets done. It precedes busyness and routine. Indeed, setting aside time to nurture the spirit can transform busyness and routine into opportunities for faithful living. The question is not whether you can afford to have such times of immersion and inspiration. The question is whether you can afford not to have them.

Rev. Betty Kniss

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Praise Band and took on leadership roles with various aspects of C.R.O.S. Ministries. Equipping people leads to **Impacting the Community** such as Oceanview opening its doors to over 180 people a week for various support groups like AA and NA. And the most exciting endeavor yet is our joint efforts with 12 interfaith congregations to launch Family Promise. We hope Oceanview will have a strong impact on children and families experiencing homelessness. You can "Plug-in" to these and the many other activities that extend the Body of Christ into our community.

Finally, having a balanced budget is a critical goal that your Church Council has established for 2011. This means the Council is asking you to prayerfully consider making and keeping a yearly pledge that will allow the Church to continue having a vital impact in the community. The Council had to make difficult decisions in trimming the budget which meant the keyboard/organist, sound technician and percussionist positions have to be funded outside of the Operational budget. So if you have the financial means and feel so led, please consider becoming a Music Angel to support these music positions or consider supporting our pursuit of a Part-time Youth Director which must also come from giving above and beyond our operational budget.

Being a strong church means having faith first, sharing in that love that lives in us, and doing God's work, knowing that He has equipped us to step out and be the Body of Christ!

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

All adults are invited!

In his book *Detective Stories From the Bible*, J. Ellsworth Kalas shows us that the Bible contains different kinds of detective stories.

Discussion will center on Christmas Women, Joseph the Dreamer, the Love Strategy, Time and

Time Again and the "Man of Opportunity."

Come find out about these mysteries and more in the group led by Ann Johnson in room 49, Sunday 10:00 to 10:45 A.M.

Watch for announcements of additional classes.



Ann Johnson

WORSHIP

January 2, 2011

Theme - "Jesus' Finger"
Bible Focus - ...he bent down and wrote on the ground. (John 8:8); Instead of condemning a sinful woman Jesus chose instead to forgive her? Why? What does he teach us with this?
Challenge - What would we do differently if we had the chance?

January 9, 2011

Theme - "Herod Undone"
Bible Focus - Herod... was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem... (Matthew 2:16); Does Herod still live today as long as children are used and abused? What are we called to do about it?
Challenge - How do we respond to Herod's threat to children?

January 16 Theme - "Making A Difference"

Biblical Focus - Jesus heals in the synagogue and all are amazed by his authority. Jesus' fame spreads. (Mark 1:21-28)

Challenge - How do we spread Jesus' fame? How do we make a difference? Nancy Edwards & the UMW host Rev. Pam Cahoon, Director of C.R.O.S. Ministries.

January 23 Theme - "The Danger of Being a Snoozing Servant"

Bible Focus - Keep awake...for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25:13); what do we need to do to keep our faith vital? What happens if we don't? Challenge - Are you awake or snoozing?

January 30 Theme - "Always in Debt"

Bible Focus - For I have an obligation to all... (Romans 1:14); Paul writes in his later years that he feels a sense of indebtedness to many he has met. Do you feel that way, too? In what sense are we indebted to others?

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 - find old Tidings, a VBS and Music Camp video there!

Youth News

Youth Activities

Youth Group Update

Youth Group will begin the New Year on Sunday, January 2, at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Everyone bring a finger food to share. We will re-group for the New Year and take a look at activities for the winter, spring and summer. We will put together food bags for the homeless and those who come by the church needing emergency food. Devotions and games will also be a part of our time together. A calendar for the new year will go out following this planning time.



Youth Sponsor Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 6.

Since 1990, on Super Bowl Sunday, ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary \$71 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

Oceanview has participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring 9 years and contributed \$4,534.00. All of the money raised by Oceanview youth has been contributed to C.R.O.S. Ministries for their food pantries.

This year is no exception. You will see youth holding soup kettles outside the sanctuary in the breezeway on Sunday, February 6, collecting your donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring. This year we are shooting for \$1000.00 as the need is great. Help us meet our goal by contributing to the soup kettles. All proceeds go to the C.R.O.S. Food Pantries..

Youth Super Bowl Party



The youth will have their annual Super Bowl Party at the Jones's (176 N. River Dr. East, Jupiter) Sunday, February 6, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for a Super Bowl Party. All youth are invited to join us. Bring a snack food to share. We will watch the game, fellowship and eat of course. See you there. For more information

Youth Mission Trip To Children's Home Feb 18—20

The Oceanview youth annual trip to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise is February 18-20. We will leave from the church at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18. This trip is for youth, their families, and anyone in our church family interested in mission work at the Children's Home. We will stay at the Children's Home and do a fix-up, clean-up project on Saturday. We will be cooking our own meals and will have a time for games and fellowship on Saturday evening. We will spend Saturday night at the Children's Home, worship with them on Sunday morning and return home following lunch. If you wish to attend call the church office at 626-2500. For more information contact Pam Sayer or Rev. Betty.

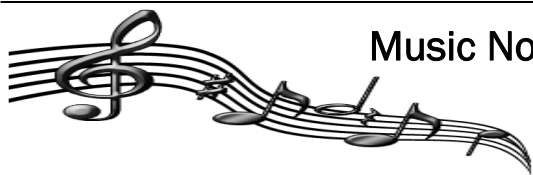


Kid's Free Center In January

The theme for **Kid's Church Free Center** time will be David and Goliath. The children are invited to the Kid's Church room following the Children's Message in each worship service to participate in adult supervised center time. The children will have the opportunity to choose games, puzzles, books, create crafts, and do plays.



The theme for **Kid's Church at 10:00** will be "My Life is Touched by Jesus." The children will focus on Jesus' life from the time of the Wise Men coming to the beginning of his ministry. The children will learn about how the Wise Men worshipped Jesus, Jesus' family escaping to Egypt, Jesus in the Temple, Jesus baptism, and the beginning of Jesus' ministry in both large and small group experiences. Kathy Perry and Ruddy Martinez will be Kid's Church at 10:00 leaders for the month.



Music Notes

Sonburst Children's Choir begins again on Sunday, January 9th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Music Room. (ages 4 thru 5th Grade)

Beginning Handbell Choir begins again on Sunday, January 9th from 5:15-6:00 p.m. following Sonburst Children's Choir in the Sanctuary. Participants are 2nd Graders thru adult.

Celebration Choir meets every Wednesday night from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in the Music Room beginning January 5th. The Celebration Choir sings every Sunday morning at the 11:00 a.m. Service. Come sing with us!

Come out and ring bells!

A newly formed adult handbell choir meets on Sunday afternoons from 2:30-3:45 p.m. beginning January 9th. Come ring with us as a beginner, intermediate or advanced handbell ringer.

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.

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

New Members Johnna & Sarah Weiss Welcomed



Johnna joined us by transfer from Madison UMC, Madison, West Virginia on November 28th. She lives with husband Bill and daughter Sarah in the Ibis community. Sarah is a 3rd grader at Benjamin School.

Johnna is a real estate agent with Platinum Properties in Jupiter. She has a degree in interior design, enjoys bicycling, crafts, and music, but Sarah is her main focus. Both are very involved in our Children's music ministry. Bill worships at a Roman Catholic Church.

End of Year Giving

As we end the year please remember your financial faithfulness!

Thank you!



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.

On Going Oceanview Events

Mon.	9:00 am Tai Chi. FH 6:30 pm Prayer Group, 56	Fri.	12:00 Al-Anon, 56
Tues.	2d Tues, OMT, 7pm, 49 3rd Tues, UMW, 7pm, 49 "Human Trafficking" Jeannette Hatzenbuhler is speaker. All Welcome.	Sat.	9-10 am AA, Upper Room 11-1:00 pm. Serve at St. George's Soup Kitchen
Wed.	6:00 pm Praise Band 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm Women's AA, 49	Sun.	2:30 pm—Handbells 4:00 pm Sonburst Choir 5:15 pm—Beginning Handbells 5:30 pm Youth Group, FH 7:30 pm AA, FH 7-8:00 pm Teen Al-Anon, 56
Thurs.	7:00 pm Men's AA Group, Room 49 4th Thurs. Operations, 56		



Estate Planner



Ann Desormier Cartwright

Estate Planning Seminar Jan. 23 at 5pm

Harold Marting is hosting an Estate Planning session with elder attorney Ann Desormier-Cartwright. Plan to bring a dish for a fellowship supper and stay for the session on Sunday, January 23rd at 5 pm at Oceanview

Elder Law Presentation by Ann Desormier-Cartwright
Areas to be covered include: Legal problems affecting the elderly are growing in number. What

are they? :Laws and regulations are becoming more complex. Actions taken by seniors with regard to a particular matter may have unintended legal effects Avoiding future estate planning issues; Awareness of personal and medical issues involved with being elders; Medicaid and Long Term Care Insurance. Protecting your assets.

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

Happy January Birthday



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| 1 Travis Satterfield | 18 Wendy Mitchell |
| 4 Kristin Jones | 20 Audrey Cassidy |
| 5 Ione Thompson | 21 T.J. Watterson |
| 7 Megan Albertz | 26 Sarah Flowers |
| 10 Jo-Jo Brockman | 27 Erin Wasik |
| 11 Glen Sudnick | 28 Chris Scranton |
| 13 Betty Peet - | 28 Carolyn Tisko |
| 14 Jeffrey Davis | 29 Susan Smith |
| Tom Rehnberg | 30 Jackie Bensinger |
| 16 Lebyby Dyer | 31 Sue Millas |
| Marya White | |
| 17 John Nolan | |

Grief Support Group

is taking a break and will not be meeting until future notice.

Ladies Stitching Group
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

in Room 49. Bring your own project and join the fellowship.

ThanksforGiving

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

Mother Teresa

Our Oceanview family has certainly proven this quote from Mother Teresa to be true this past year. Service Ministry THANKS all of you for supporting the St. George Soup Kitchen, North County Home Delivered Meals, SHARE, It Takes a Village, El Sol/Corn Maya Community Ministry, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day Dinner and most recently the addition of our Family Promise Network (working to provide love, support and assistance to homeless children and their families in our community - EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HOME!

Our participation in these various ministries would not be possible without volunteers, financial support, and prayers.

Family PROMISE

As you make your preparations for the upcoming holiday season, PLEASE remember to pray for Family Promise that there will be room in the IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) I received this email from our Coordinator and thought it was so appropriate to pass along. When we first began our involvement with Family Promise, it was under the umbrella of IHN and still is, but the Family Promise name is used by most of the newer Networks in case that is confusing.

We are STILL visiting, following up leads, pursu-

ing our Day Center. We are finding many "possible" sites that may need some alterations to bring them up to our needs but at present we have not found that site. Many of you have called with prospects/leads, please continue to do so as well as continuing to TALK UP Family Promise to friends and co-workers. We are still looking for more Host Congregations. In preparation for our move into a Day Center, please keep these items in mind in case you and someone you know might be willing to make donations.

We still need computers/laptops (less than 3 yrs. old) and a washer and dryer.

PLEASE, continue to pray for Family Promise!
Kathy Perry



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Rev. Brette to Lead Study on John's Letters Feb 19

What does it mean to love God? Rev. Brette Sanford will help us understand what John wrote and why there is controversy on the text, Saturday, Feb. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend this event in Oceanview's Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch. United Methodist Women from three churches, Oceanview, Trinity Palm Beach Gardens and Trinity, West Palm Beach are sponsoring the study..

We will examine the scriptures and learn from

Rev. Brette Sanford and our interaction together about the background of John's letters, Gnosticism, spiritual aristocracy and dissension in the fellowship.

We will consider the purpose of community and look at the liaison between God and human-kind. There will also be an explanation of the antichrist, and a consideration of hospitality and ethical action as an outgrowth of God's love in the world.

Two case studies will help with the discussion.

The first will be a consideration of the Gainesville, Florida pastor who decided to burn the Koran as a protest against Islam.

The second will be an examination of the Family Promise ministry for homeless children and their families. Kathy Perry, Family Promise director will present the goals of the ministry and small groups will examine how that ministry may or may not exemplify what John means by living out our faith.



Christmas Welcomed (cont. from Page 1)

Murphy and Joe Millas (below) had solos in **The Kings Came Calling** while Pat Davis and Asia Geeslin had solos in **Peace on Earth**. The talents of our

key board artist, Irwin Solomon, and choir director/soloist Linda Jordan were evident throughout. Linda and daughter, Kara Roelandts, offered an in-

spiring **More Than Wonderful** near the end of the program. The witness of the Celebration choir, the Children's Choir, the soloists and instrumentalists was inspiring! Thanks to all who helped with the program.



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