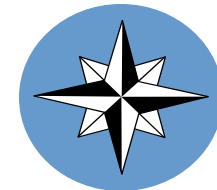




# TIDINGS



## Oceanview Financial Crisis

### Two Girls Empty Banks To Help

Learning during August 8th worship about Oceanview's financial crisis, two girls (right) emptied their piggy banks and 43 families stepped forward to help our church above and beyond their normal giving. Other families are still coming forward to help.

The response followed the Rev. Brette Sanford's invitation to join him in giving an above & beyond gift to help meet the crisis. The people who gave are very passionate, Administrative council co-chairs, Joe Millas and Mary Louise Johnson, reported.



Chris Scranton, Church Treasurer, explained on Aug. 8 that we have exhausted our cash reserves.

The Finance Committee examined the budget line by line and voted to:

1. defer until the end of the year our **apportionments** - a commitment all United Methodist Churches make to fund ministry and missionaries throughout the world,
2. reduce **personnel costs** by \$4,000 per month,
3. refinance our mortgage.

On Aug. 15, Oceanview's Administrative Council voted to continue the pianist/organist position

through the end of the year, to keep our family aware of the continuing crisis, and continue to request much needed funds.

Additional money was given to fund a professional Sound Technician on an occasional basis.

**We extend our heartfelt thank you to all those who have responded to this crisis!** Without your continuing financial help our ministries would be crippled and Christ's mission at Oceanview impaired.

We invite you to join the families who have given or pledged a gift above and beyond normal giving to bring us back into a healthy place, or to contact us for more information as well as to continue your prayers for the Ministry of Jesus Christ at Oceanview.

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#### Family Promise Update

by Kathy Perry

We are SOOO CLOSE to completing the remaining steps toward opening our Family Promise Network, receiving and serving guests. PLEASE keep Family Promise in your prayers each day!

The 16 twin portable beds have arrived. We will now collect twin sheets, blankets and pillows for the beds. Each congregation will keep its own 16 sets of bedding on site. The beds will travel. Watch October Tidings for more details.

We are interviewing for an Executive Director and hope to fill the position shortly. Training for the board of directors, the Executive Director and volunteers will begin next month.

**We are still searching for a Day Center. This is the most important component of our Network. We have had several good leads, but have been unable to get this area finalized. If you know of a space you feel might work, please contact us.** The Day Center provides guests with a mailing address and a base for

housing and employment searches. They will use the Day Center from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At the center a professional social worker will provide case management services.

Guests will pursue employment, tend to pre-school age children, shower and do laundry.

They will have computer access and work with the Director to find housing. Older children attend school each day, the school bus picking them up at the Day Center.

## Handling Stress at Oceanview



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"...the news about your faith in God has gone everywhere." (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:7)

As you probably know we are experiencing some financial challenges at Oceanview as our giving reflects a weak economy. And I have observed that when there is money involved people say things and act out and reveal things about themselves that we have never seen before. Have you ever noticed this, too? Money can bring out the worst in some people.

So let's look at 1 Thessalonians at a time when that congregation was stressed, too, and let's ask how Paul handled that situation. Paul mentions three things to remember in times of congregational stress:

1. Paul looks at their faith - their trust in God (1:7) and says that be-

cause of their imitation of Christ they have become examples to everyone in that area. And Paul applauds them for it. When we confront a problem, do we fall into a pagan despair that reflects no faith at all? Or do we display a continuing faith in God that He will help see us through our times of stress?

2. Paul looks at their love for one another and he congratulates them for this, too. (4:9) But it makes me think about the conversations we are having. Are we saying things that build up or tear down? (read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-6) As Paul points out, Christian love is not arrogant or rude and does not insist on its own way.

3. Third, Paul chastises the congregation at Thessalonica because they act like people who

have no hope! (4:13) And how can we claim to be people of hope when we treat the future with dread and gloom? How are we looking forward?

So here are three ways we can measure our responses to stress at Oceanview, and in our personal Christian walk, too. Do we reflect a trust in God that He is with us and will help us along the way? Are we showing love for one another reflected in the way we treat one another - with kindness and respect and building each other up in that way? Last, are we looking forward to the future with despair or with the hope of Christ? Apply these measures to your responses and then pray about it.

I pray that, as Christians, money might bring out the best in us. See you on the journey.

*Rev. Brette Sanford*

## Turning Points

*Read Matthew 4:1-11.* As life goes on, we collect losses until we come to resemble a barnacle-encrusted old sea turtle. Distresses and disappointments, disease and death become familiar companions.

Distress over life's limitations is only normal. There is always so much more one has to say, so much more to do. It is disappointing if we are not needed as before. Yet, can identity and self-esteem become tied too tightly to one's role in the family, career, or social circle?

No season of loss

lasts forever. There is a turning point. Light does return, weakly at first, but surely. There is staying power in the ability to love, to reach out through the loss to new energy. We learn we can trust the spiritual forces of turning, renewal, and resurrection. Indeed, we may be closer to holiness at these turning points than at any other time.

The story of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness is instructive. Jesus faced every human experience, but refused to test the divine powers that popular wisdom attributed to the

Messiah. He chose instead a path that is open to us - faith in the promises of God. He reached deeply into his memory of the Scripture and his experience of God's love. In the wilderness and again on the cross, Jesus reached through physical pain, betrayal, and despair to that level of unbroken light that is God. That light shines through his brokenness and through our own with its promise of eternal life.

*Rev. Betty Kniss*



## Come Worship With Us

**September 5, 2010** Theme - "Am I A Disciple?"  
*...we must grow up in to him who is the head, into Christ.* (Ephesians 4:15)

**Challenge** - Are you growing as a disciple?; communion

**September 12, 2010** Theme - "Inspired"  
*All scripture is inspired by God...* (2 Timothy 3:16) **Challenge** - Where do you find inspiration in your life?

**September 19, 2010** Theme - "In the Narrow Places" *Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path...* (Numbers 22-24) **Challenge** - How do you find God in the narrow places?

**September 26, 2010** Theme - "Always Be Makin' Your Peace" *Let us enjoy peace with God...* (Romans 5:1 Amplified) **Challenge** - How do you need to make your peace?

### Music Ministry Notes

**New Choirs Begin - Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

2:30-3:45p.m.—Adv. Handbell Choir

4:00-5:00 p.m. - Children's Choir - Choir Room

Children, ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

5:15-6:00 p.m. - Beginning Handbell Choir - Sanctuary

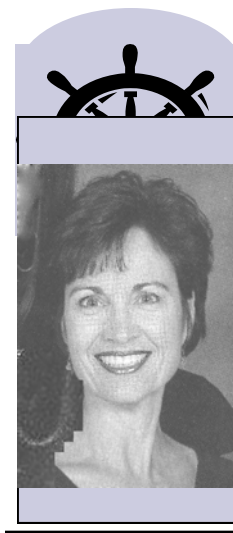
*Contact Linda Jordan if you have any questions - 626-2500.*

### Celebration Choir

*meets every Wednesday night from 7:15-9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and prepares for worship every Sunday morning from 10:30-10:45 a.m. Let's fill the choir loft!*

### Christmas Musical - December 11, 12

*Come sing with us in the Christmas Musical. Rehearsals begin Wed. Sept. 8 during Celebration Choir Rehearsal from 7:15-8:15 p.m.*



### Sunday Morning Worship for Kids Starts September 12

Children (4 yrs.- 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be dismissed from worship with their parents to the Kid's Church room after the Children's Message.

**In these Kid's Church Free Centers** supervised by adults, the children will have the opportunity to choose games, puzzles, books and create crafts with a

Bible story theme which changes monthly. The theme for September is Creation.

At 10:00 a.m. a combined Kid's Church convenes.

We begin with a Call to Worship, prayer requests, birthday celebrations, and a memory verse.

We have selected, humility, honesty, service, empathy, sacrifice, and forgiveness as the themes to emphasize.

This will help us provide a solid and engaging Christian curriculum that will better meet the needs of both our youngest and oldest participants. See more on p. 4.

#### Help With the Message!

If you have a specific scripture that has been especially important in your personal walk, please write a note about it, sign your name, and give it to Rev. Sanford as he prepares for a Sept. 12th message on that theme.

Thank you!

#### Did you know?

After receiving 115 responses to our worship survey we learned 80% of respondents say the message and 70% say the music is helpful always or most of the time.

#### Editor

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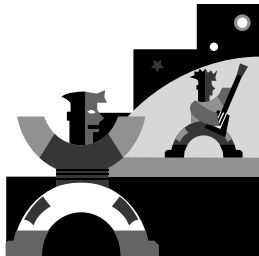
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## Youth News

### Youth to Attend Night of Joy September 11-12.

Youth and their adult sponsors will attend



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

We will leave from the church at 10:00 am Saturday, Sept. 11, attend Night of Joy, spend the night in Orlando, and return to the church following breakfast on Sunday.

The youth will receive more detailed information.

### Thank You

Thanks to everyone who purchased a Take-Out Box Lunch on Sunday, August 15. Over 70 lunches were made and packaged by the youth for a total of \$400.00+. This money will help the youth with their fall activities.

## Nursery Helper Leaves For College Paid Position Available

August 22 will be a sad day for the children at Oceanview. Madison Ciklin will be heading off to Flagler College in St. Augustine.

Who is going to play games, read books, make



crafts, and get all those hugs?

If that sounds like something you would like to do, stop by the

nursery on Sunday and speak with Susan De Matteis.

Paid positions are available for Sundays, Holidays and special events.

“Good luck Madison”



## Bibles 4th Grade

Sunday, Sept. 12, Each entering 4<sup>th</sup> grader this fall will receive a personal Bible in the worship service they normally attend.

Please call the church office at 626-2500 if you have a child entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade so we don't miss anyone.

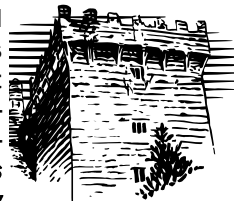
## Molly Pickens Unlocks Mysteries Of God's Love

In keeping with our goal to provide a solid and engaging Christian curriculum that will better meet the needs of both our youngest and oldest participants, we have selected *Molly Pickens and the Rainy Day Castle Unlock the Mysteries of God's Love*, to help us explore and understand the power of God's love.

Each week the children will take a closer look at various aspects of love,

including strength, faith, encouragement, humility, honesty, service, empathy, sacrifice, and forgiveness.

Our time will begin with a Call to Worship, prayer requests, birthday celebrations, a memory verse and corresponding Bible story. The lesson will include a ten-minute video that follows the Molly Pickens story line, as well as a large



group activity that corresponds to the lesson from the video. Children will then be divided into small groups (4 yrs. - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) which will provide an opportunity for everyone to participate in age-appropriate activities and discussions. If you would like to help with either Kid's Church Free Centers during worship services or Kid's Church at 10:00 a.m., please sign up on the poster in the sanctuary entryway. See more on p. 3.

## September Anniversaries

- |                          |                              |                             |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 David & Carol Pahl     | 10 David & Joyce Burgeson    | 22 Robert & Wilma Farley    |
| 3 Scott & Donna Campbell | 11 Pete & Melanie Jones      | 23 Jeffrey & Patricia Davis |
| 4 Larry & Linda Smith    | Russ & Kathy Perry           | David & Nancy Miller        |
| 7 Millis & Betty Peet    | 14 Michael & Katherine Kukie | 27 William & Mary White     |
| 9 Scott & Ethel Logan    | 15 Frank & Donna Phillips    |                             |

**ADULT CLASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00**

**With Pete Jones  
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.

**Devotions for All**

**All adults are invited!**

Led by Linda Jordan in the Choir room 10-10:30

**More Parables From the  
Back Side Room 49  
with Ann Johnson,**

August 29 Ann Johnson will begin a new study to help us look further into Jesus' parables. This book by J Ellsworth Kalas presents new insight into twelve of Jesus' parables.

During her most recent study she led us through the parables on a path less traveled. Some of the scenery was the same. But, when we studied about the farmer who sowed good seed, as the path turned we found we had to be on our toes not to be one of the weeds.

Even though we were all too familiar with the "Prodigal Son" we learned the "good son" did not know the father as well as he thought.

Join Ann in room 49 for new insights that aid in our pursuit of the joy that it is to live every day as a Christian.

Newcomers are welcome and will find it easy to join the conversation.



**New Disciple Classes Begin September 8**

**Disciple II** is a 32 week in depth Bible study that focuses on Genesis / Exodus and Luke / Acts. We begin **Monday, Sept 13, at 6:30 , room 49.** See Rev. Betty at least a week prior to get your study manual.

**Disciple III** is a 32 week study that focuses on the Prophets in the Old Testament and Paul's letters in the New Testament. This study begins **Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00**

**p.m.** in Room 49. See Rev. Betty for your study manual at least a week prior.

**Jesus in the Gospels** focuses on the portraits of Jesus found in the four Gospels. This study looks at the way each Gospel writer presents events and teachings and at the picture of Jesus that emerges in each Gospel. We will read all four Gospels and considerable amounts of Scriptures

from other parts of the Bible. This is a 30 week in depth Bible study. This study will meet **Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 49. Orientation will be September 8.**

**Please fill out the form in the bulletin, at the display in the entryway of the sanctuary, or by calling Rev. Betty at 626-2500. Hope to see you in Bible study.**

**September Birthdays**

- |                    |                         |                          |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Joe Millas       | 11 Katherine Bloodworth | 22 MacKenzie Lieberher   |
| 3 Aaron Goldberg   | 12 Michael Kukie        | 23 Kathy DeBoskey-Doptis |
| Tom Sayer          | 14 Chris Myers          | 25 Marie Eitz            |
| 5 Donald Schlabach | Carol Ann Rheingans     | Meagan Harrell           |
| 6 Jacky Desantis   | Jeannie Taylor          | Thomas Virden            |
| Janet Neumann      | 16 Betty Kidder         | 27 Nellie Zeiders        |
| 7 Isabel Grace     | 17 Melissa S. Adams     | 28 Ethel Logan           |
| Carolyn Slater     | 20 Robert Farley        | 29 Mary Louise Johnson   |
| 9 Linda Smith      | 21 Sylvia Shape         | Gayle Moore              |
| 10 Joyce Burgeson  | Debbie Ternlund         |                          |





*Sea Glass is made from broken bits polished by the sand and tides until it becomes glowing and beautiful.*

*Tidings invites each Oceanview member to share how bits of your life have become "sea glass" as you have struggled to serve God and others.*

*Please share your joys and/or sorrows and how God, your friends, a stranger or Oceanview have helped you on this journey.*

*Mail your submission with name & phone to Tidings at the church or directly to the editor. bj\_wildcat@bellsouth.net*

## Sea Glass

My earliest memories are of turmoil and violence. The impact of growing up in the inner city is deeply tattooed into the deepest layers of my being. For now the very best I can do is apply deep layers of makeup to mask those embarrassing traits. As we all know even the best makeup tends to fade and wash away when it gets too hot.

The desire to help others and do good was ingrained in me at a young age. I remember the love and ever present smiles of Sister Francesca and Sister Helen Louise from the convent in our neighborhood. Their teaching and illustrations of Jesus' love made it clear that everyone else in my life had it wrong.

I grew up in an environment where fighting was the safest means of survival and a typical school assignment might be to write a paper on

the knife fight we witnessed the day before outside our classroom window. The good sisters had their work cut out for them.

Even today I find my brain telling me one thing and some basic instinct, driven by fear and distrust, reacting in another way.

Recently I found myself taking a break from the sweltering heat, at the Juno Beach McDonalds. While sipping my iced tea in the air conditioning I witnessed a young adult walk in and put his head under the public soda fountain, push a lever and take a drink. My instinct took over and I shouted "you can't do that!" He stood up and starred at me, with beverage dripping off his face.

I proceeded to instruct - "you have to ask for a cup if you want a drink!". His reply, "I am not waiting on line for a cup", as he bent for a second dip. My

instinct was to grab his throat, and show him the door. Luckily my brain kicked in and I asked for a cup for the young man.

I left the store with disgust and began to think the situation through. When the young man left McDonalds (cup in hand) I approached him and apologized for my outburst. I explained that I was aware of the extreme heat, and that I was certain asking for a cup was a better way to obtain a beverage. I was so disappointed in myself for not being able to handle it better from the beginning.

Many of us are unpolished Christians, but please don't turn up your nose and discard us with disgust. Rather, gently place us back into the surf where God can continue his work. Maybe one day we may be polished enough to be part of the greatest collection of all.

*Name withheld by request*

### On Going Oceanview Events

**Grief Support Group Wednesdays at 1:30 pm Rev. Betty's office**

If you are experiencing sadness from a loss and need the support of others, this is for you.

**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.

**Ladies Stitching Group Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. - Room 49**

Bring your own project and join the fellowship.

**Mon.** 9: 00 am Tai Chi. FH  
6:30 pm Prayer Group, 56  
7:30 NA/FH

**Tues.** 17th Church Council

**Wed.** Noon Al-Anon/FH  
1:30 pm Grief Group  
5:45 pm Praise Band  
7:15 pm Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm Women's AA, 49  
8th Operations at 7p, 56

**Thurs** 7:00 pm Men's AA Group,

**Thur** 9th SPR at 7p

**Fri.** 12:00 Al-Anon, 56  
7p Mixed AA, Upper Room

**Sat.** 9-10 am AA, Upper Room  
11am-1:00 pm. Serve at St. George's Soup Kitchen

**Sun.** 2:30-3:45 Adv. Handbells  
4:30 pm Children's Choir  
5:15-6:00 Beg. Handbells  
5:30 pm Youth Group, FH  
7:00 pm AA, FH  
7-8:00 pm Teen Al-Anon, 56

## More Don Plummer Scholarships Awarded

### Sarah Langdon Has Sites on Med School

The Don Plummer Scholarship will help me continue my quest to attend Medical School and become a doctor.

It is a great addition to my finances which allows me to focus more on my classes instead of hav-

ing to worry about getting a Job. Without a job I also have more free time to spend helping out the community volunteering in places such as Shands Hospital and doing research of freshwater fish.



### Community Recipient, Richkard Saint Louis Writes

This note of thanks just can't convey the gratitude that's sent my way. But may these words somehow express

thanks for your care and thoughtfulness. The simple things, the small things can be the most meaningful things. Thank

you very much. (Richkard is not affiliated with our church but one of those from the community that received the scholarship.)



Don Plummer

## Keeping Oceanview "Ship Shape!"

Operations Committee is close to refinancing our mortgage with the Florida United Methodist Foundation. The final papers are expected for review any day. It will cut our monthly mortgage payment approximately \$3,000!

Major air conditioning repairs were made to the Fellowship Hall blower motor so that is now back in action.

Gary Straughan has repaired severe rust damage to the nursery room door and window frames, along with having a work day when caulking was done on the outside windows. His next big job is to repair the fellowship hall west doors.

Bob Willoughby, a new attendee, has of-

fered to do small upkeep tasks around the building.

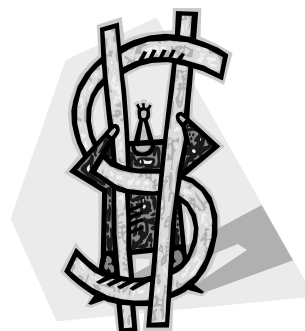
Operations thanks everyone who has given to our special gifts campaign for our operating shortfall. 54 families have responded thus far. Without you many ministries would have been impaired.

The Endowment Fund Committee has selected Brian Williams with Ameriprise to invest the Don Plummer Scholarship Fund money and has transferred the money to Ameriprise.

Sixteen scholarships from that fund have already been distributed according to the Scholarship Committee. Praise God and remember Don Plummer.

Keep praying and keep giving! Help us keep Oceanview "Ship Shape!" *The Operations Committee, Millie Phillips, Chair.*

*"Remember the church in your will."*



### Money Matters

#### July Giving

Income \$ 32,528

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## Youth Purchase School Supplies For Others and Enjoy Back to School Water Bash

By Dylan DeMatteis

Oceanview Youth, using money we have raised throughout the year for special activities and mission projects, went shopping Aug. 1 for school supplies for kids who cannot afford their own school supplies.

We shopped at Walmart, Staples, and similar stores. We could not have done this without our drivers, Rev Betty, Mrs. Melanie Jones, and many other helpers.

Our youth helpers were Vincent Borello, Tripp Jones, Drew Tanabe, Lindsey Hammond, Dylan DeMatteis, Zoe Ford, Samantha Lovely, Kimberly Hysell, Gene Weiner, and Jena Flowers.

At the end we went to Dairy Queen, Rev. Betty's treat. The Jones' family knew the best kinds of blizzards!



Sunday August 15 children of all ages celebrated the end of an awesome summer vacation, with a wet and wild "Back to School Water Bash"



**Editors note: The supplies collected by the youth & the congregation will be divided among: West Riviera Elementary, Palmetto Elementary and Jupiter Elementary school where the children served by Cornmaya will benefit. Teachers from each school will gather the supplies from Oceanview.**

