The Tidings

"To intentionally share Christ's love and salvation as God Directs..."

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELAND — NOVEMBER, 2011

This nationally know Southern Gospel Group will present a concert on Saturday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the LEC Building to raise funds for the 2012 Mission Trip to Costa Rica. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door.

Mission Fund-Raising Concert

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the LEC

In Everything…give Thanks!

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
I Thessalonians 5:16-18

In a sermon at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Gary Wilburn said: "In 1636, amid the darkness of the Thirty Years' War, a German pastor, Martin Rinkart, is said to have buried five thousand of his parishioners in one year, an average of fifteen a day. His parish was ravaged by war, death, and economic disaster. In the heart of that darkness, with the cries of fear outside his window, he sat down and wrote this table grace for his children: 'Now thank we all our God / With heart and hands and voices;/ Who wondrous things had done,/ In whom His world rejoices. /Who, from our mother's arms,/ Hath led us on our way/ With countless gifts of love/ And still is ours today.'" This is one of the "Thanksgiving Hymns" in our Hymnal. Here was a man who knew thanksgiving comes from love of God, not from outward circumstances.

We live in a society that fails to realize the grace and beauty God has given us on a daily basis. We are too often like the lepers who were healed by Jesus, with only one returning to praise and give thanks. Our entitlement society has weakened us on the realities of God's love and grace. During this Thanksgiving Season, take time to see the gifts God has given you; the grace He has extended you; and the mercy that is ours everyday.

In his book FOLK PSALMS OF FAITH, Ray Stedman tells of an experience H.A. Ironside had in a crowded restaurant. Just as Ironside was about to begin his meal, a man approached and asked if he could join him. Ironside invited his to have a seat. Then, as was his custom, Ironside bowed his head in prayer. When he opened his eyes, the other man asked, "Do you have a headache?" Ironside replied, "No, I don't." The other man asked, "Well, is there something wrong with your food?" Ironside replied, "No, I was simply thanking God as I always do before I eat."

The man said, "Oh, you're one of those, are you? Well, I want you to know I never give thanks. I earn my money by the sweat of my brow and I don't have to give thanks to anybody when I eat. I just start right in!"

Ironside said, "Yes, you're just like my dog. That's what he does too!"

Let us give thanks in everything…!

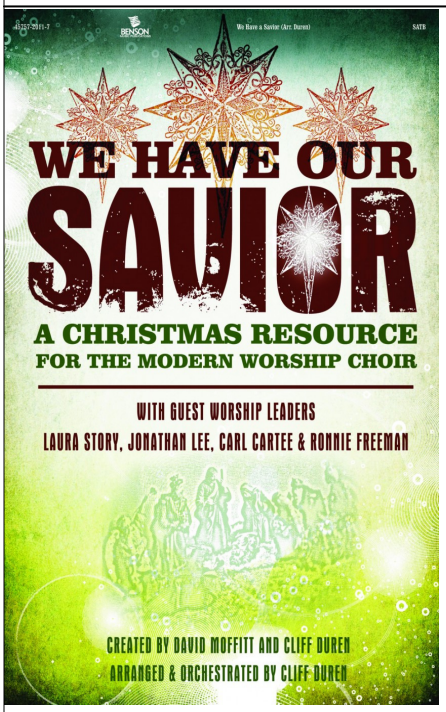
Your Pastor

Owen R. Stricklin

Owen Stricklin

Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting

A date has been set for the 2012 Costa Rica Mission Trip, July 21-July 28 2012. Anyone interested is welcome to attend a brief informative meeting Sunday November 13th at noon in the hallway of the Life Enrichment Center. This Mission Trip is open to any adults, youth 16 and older are welcome but must be accompanied by at least one parent. Contact Ken Dayton for any questions at 317-694-0159 or Kend78@hotmail.com .



Get Ready for Christmas!

REHEARSALS SUNDAYS, 6:00 P.M.
FUMC GYM

FUMC DeLand is being joined by DeLand First Assembly and Lighthouse Church to bring the Christmas worship experience ***"We Have Our Savior"*** to our community. We are so excited for this opportunity, and could greatly use your help – and voice! Come make a joyful noise with us this holiday season!

Performances:
Sat & Sun, Dec. 17-18th 6pm,
at FUMC DeLand

Serving Our Service Members

Veterans Day-November 11th. Please thank a Veteran! When I heard Veterans Day mentioned, I used to think of all the great brave Men and Women before us who served our country. Now when I hear it mentioned, I probably think more about the brave Men and Women who are currently serving our country. Not that the pervious veterans do not deserve any less credit, they deserve the upmost respect. However, the brave souls currently serving now, will one day become Veterans themselves. The sacrifice that our current Service Members and their families are making is so huge that many of us probably cannot even fathom being in their shoes.

Every so often we get the pleasure of seeing a report on the news about Service Members making surprise visits home—always an awesome thing to see. How about after the surprise visit? Will they return overseas? Are they opting out of the Service Branch to which they have been giving their life for so many years? Many do not even know what to do next.

The stories of the Veterans trying to make their way back into civilization tug at my heart just as much as having the privilege of being allowed to see a great surprise return to the ones they love. No matter whether you see a young Veteran or an old veteran, please remember to thank them. You will make a positive difference in their day.

October 22nd was "Make a Difference" day. Did you miss it? Here's another chance. Why don't we use November 13th as "Make a Difference" Sunday by donating as many items as we can to fill our SOS boxes to overflowing! (Boxes located in both the Rosemary Room of the Sanctuary as well as the hallway of the Life Enrichment Center.) Pick up a list of the items they need at either box location.

The items we are short on the most:
mouthwash, eye drops, floss, liquid soap, hand sanitizer, small notebooks, hard candy, powdered drinks, along with a note from you. Personal Notes go into the mailbox located in the Life Enrichment Center hallway.

If you know of anyone who is currently serving our country overseas, please provide us with their name and address so we can send them a package to show our appreciation. Or, contact the church office or Leslie at openwheelfan@hotmail.com. Monetary donations for shipping are also greatly appreciated.

For all the Veterans and current Service Members reading this I would like to say, THANK YOU.

Have a happy safe Thanksgiving!

impact

wednesday nights at FUMC

Join us on Wednesday evenings in November for

impact.

Dinner begins at 5:30 pm with opportunities for everyone in the family following.

Adult Study: *Creation Health* with Rev. Art Bakewell

Young Adult Study: *Take It To The Limit* with Pastor Owen Stricklin

Adult Studies continue through Nov. 16. Impact will not meet on November 23 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. New studies begin November 30.

Youth: Will have their own study in the Well.

Children: Learn about Daniel, Jonah, Mary and the Disciples and how God fixed their very bad days.

KidZone

All **3-5 graders** join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship on November 2 in the Life Enrichment Center from 4:00-6:00 pm. Join us for some "Fall Fun"!

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, November 2 at 12:00 noon in the LEC

Program: ***"Great Expectations"***

Menu: Pot Roast with trimmings

Cost: $6 per person
Call the church office to make Reservations by Monday, Oct. 31

December *Lunch Bunch* will be on December 7.
The DeLand High School Choir will present a Christmas program.

Birthdays

(1) Bob Kennedy
(2) Jan Benedix, Teena Roberson
(3) Michael Adams
(4) Randy Ridgely
(5) Jennifer Weidemiller, Quentin Prior
(6) Jeff Kroeger
(7) Terry Shelly, Betty Tipton, Judy West
(8) Calvin Durham, Clayton Taylor, Andy Ferrari
(9) Joshua Fanning, Ann Farabee, Betty Saville, Jean Enhus
(10) Erin Wagner
(11) Kyle Heine, Cheryl Johnson, Jeffrey Spoeri, Billie Jo Prior
(12) June Bower-Marks, Howard Fisher, Steve Woodard
(13) John Wittich, Toni Goldthwait
(14) Cheri Martin
(15) Susan Cannington, Michael Soliday, Claire Puertas, Connor Davis
(16) Sarah Dougherty, Brenda Jones, Jim DeShazo
(17) Heather Sutton,, Teddy Welch
(18) Roger Ballentine, John Puertas, Betty Jo Sahler, Judy Wendler
(20) Avery Tyler, Charlene Girard
(22) Barbara Baker, Randy Raiman, Karen Hoffer
(23) Bobby Kestory, Mitchell Seville
(24) Brandi Cook, Leah Mull, Amy Duffy, LeAnne Galliher, Bill Elder
(25) James Hartsfield, Joyce Walloch, Wendy Coe, Forrest Norton
(26) Clair Gotwalt, Caroline Hodges, Jessie Luftig, Charles Ridings, Tracy Blinn
(27) Brooke Palmer, Glenna Roof, Ed Edwards
(28) Andrew Kustodowicz, Don Llewellyn, Jennifer Peets, Pamela Rintz
(29) Chance Blinn, Jessica Hartwell, Ken Hines, Lawson McClure, Deysia Roberson
(30) John Vick, Nickie Smith

Anniversaries

(4) Mike & Sandra Hunnell
(7) Robert & Susan Adams
(8) Jack & Betty Ammon
(11) Al & Vikki Botulinski, Bo & Meredith Duell
(16) Robert & Betty Turner
(18) Todd & Kerry Teixeira
(22) Hank & Janice Babin, Dick & Kathy Rogaliner
(26) Chris & Kaleia Corbin
(27) Barry & Shirley Olson, Chuck & Betty Jo Sahler
(29) Bob & Sandy Kennedy, Charles & Laura Ridings

IF YOU HAVE AN NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY AND YOUR NAME IS NOT HERE, CALL THE OFFICE, 734-5113.

Please come join us on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary for our prayer time. We are lifted up as we pray for our country, state, community, church, and each other. God is faithful and not only hears, but answers our prayers on behalf of others. Remember the first Wednesday is our special healing service.

Prayer Shepherds - If you would like someone to pray with you after any of our Sunday services , the altar is open and a Prayer Shepherd is available to pray with you and for you.

Prayer Chain - Join the Prayer chain today. Email: johnsuewatson@hotmail.com to be added to the list. To be added to the Telephone Prayer chain, contact Teeter Mauldin at 386-738-3884.

Line Dancing
meets at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Join us in the LEC Gym for great exercise and a lot of fun!

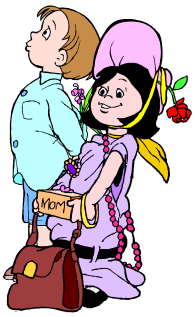
November Trips - Watch the bulletin for the latest trip plans for Nov. and Dec.

New Member Class

SUNDAY, DEC. 4
2:00 P.M. LEC PARLOR

If you are thinking about becoming a member of First UMC or would just like more information, you are invited to attend this special class. Reservations can be made on the tear-off in the weekly bulletin or by calling the church office, 734-5113.

A BIG thank you to all who helped make this year's pumpkin patch a great success. We were able to have the best year ever. I know the preschool will use the proceeds wisely. I other news, our school is planning their annual Thanksgiving Feast for the end of the month and all is going well. Our school is still having chapel each Wednesday and if you would like to help with this we would love some of you to participate.



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LADIES BIBLE STUDY

MEETS ON TUESDAYS AT 7 P.M. IN THE LEC
NEW STUDY BEGINS NOV. 1.
ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

Angel Tree

Angel Tree is an annual ministry to children of prisoners. Each year, we receive the names of children in our area that have a parent in prison. All of the children are in Deland this year. Your help with this ministry would be a great blessing to the parents and the children. I need volunteers to help hand out "Angel" tags at each service on November 27 and December 4. We will also host a Christmas party for the children on December 18 from 2-4PM and I need volunteers that day to bake cookies, greet the families, and help with handing out presents. If you can help with anything, please contact Sue Watson at 386-738-0821, or 386-956-3734. My email address is: johnsuewatson@hotmail.com.

During the holidays,
Remember the poor and needy
by praying and giving towards
the creation of a new ministry…

MERCY HOUR

Coming in 2012.

Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tues, Nov 8, 3:30 – 4:30 pm
LEC Parlor

OR

Sun, Nov 13, 11:00 – 11:30 am
LEC Parlor

PRAY & GIVE THIS DECEMBER

Towels, shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, toothpaste, toothbrush, combs, coats, pocket Bibles, snacks, art supplies, and other ideas.

Sympathy

… to Jim & Sharon Weaver in the death of her brother Ed Fournier.

Baptisms

Kennedy Caroline Coody
Daughter of Bill & Kristi Coody.
Baptized on October 9, 2011

New Members in October

Robert & Vicki Dolan
David & Tammi Collins

Christmas Poinsettias!
Cost is $5.25 each.

Order forms are in the bulletin or you may complete the form below and send it to the church office with your check made payable to *First UMC*. Please write "Poinsettia" on the Memo Line. Deadline is Dec. 4!

Your name _____

Memory/Honor of _____

_____

Amount Enclosed _____

_____ Cash _____ Check #

_____ Pick up after 9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

_____ Deliver to Shut-ins

_____ I will help deliver poinsettias to our shut-ins.

United Methodist Men

Fall is here! Please help when and where you can. Any questions see Don West at the Gift/Cash card table. We are now located in the Rosemary Room (about 5 steps to the north of where we were) in the sanctuary.

In Oct. we gave $50 worth of gift cards to the Harvest Festival. We were also a stop for the Bike Rally for Jeff's grandson. In November, we will be helping with the Methodist Children's Home Bike Rally for Nov. 12. And then, get busy making a float for the December 3rd DeLand Parade and lining up help for the food stand. If you can help with any of these activities, please stop by the Gift/Cash card table.

Our regular UMM meeting day for Nov. would be on Thanksgiving. So, we may be meeting on Nov. 17. We also hope the Gift/Cash card program picks up with all of you getting your holiday gift cards and cards for your Christmas purchases.
Helpers are needed throughout the month:

United Methodist Women Circles Meet
Monday, November 14

9:30 a.m. Circle

Lena Sisco Circle Individual homes
Leaders: Ann Farabee (736-4370)
Lois Fritch (738-4323)

1:30 p.m. Circle

Hettie Austin Circle LEC Parlor
Leaders: Marilyn Wise (736-7040)
Barbara Honadle (738-3851)

7:00 p.m. Circle

Sara Vaser Circle Individual homes
Leaders: Diana Bitler (749-2104)

Mission Team **10:00 a.m., LEC Parlor Monday, November 28**

Mission Luncheon **noon in the LEC Gym Monday, November 28**

PECANS GO ON SALE NOVEMBER 6!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST STUDENT MINISTRY

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Pumpkin Patch is going great after a slow start the first part of the month because of the stormy weather. The Daytona News-Journal even asked us to be a part of their Homeshow at the Ocean Center. This is a huge fundraiser for the youth and we really appreciate all that have helped out and/or purchased from the patch, thanks so much for your support!

As we wind down the year the youth still have several activities going on. We have begun doing monthly service projects within our community. We will have one in November and again in December. The one in November will be at the United Methodist Children's Home in Deltona/Enterprise on November 19th. We encourage all students to participate, to be out in the community and serving others. It not only helps us grow, but we are also able to help others. If you have any service project ideas that I can add to our list please let me know.

The youth have a progressive dinner on Friday December 16th. This is one of the greatest events of the year. We go to three or four different houses to have a meal (the food is amazing!). One house might be appetizers, the next would be a dinner and then the last one is dessert. Also, at the last house we get together and have a white elephant gift exchange. Each person brings a wrapped gift of $5 or less to exchange. Watching them plan and strategize to get the gift they want is hilarious.

Our last event of the calendar year is the high school ski trip. We are going to Lake Junaluska, NC this year and staying at the United Methodist Retreat Center in Maggie Valley (which has some of the best scenic views that you will ever see!). From there we will go skiing two days at Wolf Ridge Mountain. The trip will be December 29th – January 1st. A lot of the High Schoolers really look forward to this event and getting the chance to experience the different seasons. Encourage any high schooler that you know to go on this trip — it truly is a great experience. Cost is $260 if signed up by November 6th and $275 after.

DIAPER REPORT

Thank you for the all the packages of diapers donated this month for the Foster Care Program of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home! Our next Diaper Sunday is November 13!

BROWN BAG SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 27!

Bring canned goods, paper goods (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels) & staple food items for various food pantries in the DeLand area on the 4th Sunday and place them in the Brown Bag boxes in the Sanctuary or Life Enrichment Center. The food is taken to families in need and the local Food Pantries.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE & VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

TRUSTEES MEETING	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	7:00 PM
LUNCH BUNCH	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	NOON
CHARGE CONFERENCE	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6	2:00 PM
KIDZONE	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6	4:00 PM
MERCY HOUR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	3:30 PM
FINANCE COMMITTEE	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10	7:00 PM
DIAPER SUNDAY	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13	
MERCY HOUR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13	11:00 AM
UMW CIRCLES	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14	
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15	7:00 PM
NO IMPACT	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23	
OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24-25	
BROWN BAG SUNDAY	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27	
UMW MISSION TEAM & LUNCHEON	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28	10:30 AM

Ushers

8:15 am Sandy & Jim Benner
Carol Kustodowicz, C.I. Miller
11 am Jack Ammon, Ellie Freund
Shirley Olson, Robert Owens

8:15 am **Greeters**

11-6 Harley & Pat Burger
11-13 Jim & Marcia Applebee
11-20 Harley & Pat Burger
11-27 Jim & Marcia Applebee

11 am

11-6 John & Sue Watson
11-13 Nancy Schauer, Jackie Humston
11-20 Ed & Vi Fogarty
11-27 Cricket Obrecht, Roberta Smith

Bus Drivers

11-7 Mark Bitner 11-13 Ryan Gorman
11-20 Pat Spivey 11-27 Steve Crump

Liturgists

	8:15 am	11:00 am
11-6	Doan Moorman	Peggy Mault
11-13	Lois Fritch	Ann Farabee
11-20	Steve Mauldin	Rosemary Nupp
11-27	Phil Goldthwait	Connie Schroyer

Altar Guild - Joyce Rupp

Bread Delivery

11-6 Lois Fritch
11-13 Donna Braddock
11-20 Toni & Phil Goldthwait
11-27 Sonia Larrabee

Hospitality

11-6 Mary Jane Stauffer
11-13 Ken Dayton, Leslie Anderson
11-20 Bobbi Whitacre
11-27 Rosemary Nupp

Contemporary Ushers

11-6 Mark & Debby Hayward, Judy Good, Ken & Teena Roberson
11-13 Mark & Candy Soucek, Scott & Wendy Highland
11-20 George & Nancy Marshall, Joe & Sue Turnbull, Cristyl McClure
11-27 Kelly & Karen Craft, Tracy Gorman, Toni Goldthwait

Contemporary Greeters

11-6 Betty Alban
11-13 Richard & Tanya Clifton
11-20 Mary Marks, Charlotte Palmer
11-27 Kathy Rogaliner, Tracy Blinn

Contemporary Set-Up

11-6 Steve & Kelly Crump, Steve & Susan Woodard
11-13 Doug Neuenschwander, Kent Meckley
11-20 Kevin Smith & Ron Soliday
11-27 Ryan Cahill, Chris Hemmerle

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