

Thanksgiving morning!



Worship & Breakfast



Adults \$4
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Stewardship and Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Ronald R. Smith

I have long associated November with Stewardship. November—the month that focuses on pilgrims and Indians and the great beginning of Thanksgiving for how God had protected and provided for His people in a new land. Stewardship and gratitude go hand in hand. I think that is also true because at its core, stewardship is heart work. Jesus said as much in the Sermon on the Mount: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

This month in worship we will largely focus on the matter of the biggest barometer and the biggest barrier to spiritual growth—how a person approaches and handles his or her money. Three of our four messages will come from Proverbs. The subject of wealth—its value, its limitations, its need for appraisal as well as its temptations—are addressed time after time in this great Book of practical wisdom. If wisdom is the ability to live life skillfully, then how we approach and handle money is one of the most important things we can do to be wise, and thus live skillfully.

As we approach our annual celebration of giving thanks, I invite you to journey together with me in the book of Proverbs each week and learn from God’s word what is one of the most important things to really living “The Good Life.”

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100

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November 2010

About Us

In the Hospital ...

Our thoughts and prayers are with those recently in the hospital:

Judy Anderson	Joan Harrouff	Gloria Hatcher
Joe Miller	Glenda Morgan	Bill Murphrey
Bob Neff	Don Parsons	CeeJay Pedersen
Mary Tibbitts		

Christian Sympathy ...

Christian sympathy is extended to **Sue Steward** on the death of her husband **Skip**, on October 22; to **Louise Robertson** on the death of her husband, **Allan**, on October 1; to **Joe and Gladys Massett** on the death of their daughter, **Pamela Massett Peyton**, on September 27; and we mourn the passing of our friends **Judy Anderson** on October 19 at age 84 and **Hazel Rutherford** on September 11, 2010 at age 101.

Journeyman



Quartet

In concert at FPCM — November 14, 2010, 7 p.m.

In a day and time when "traditional" may not be viewed as the in thing, The Journeyman have been singing Southern Gospel Music for 53 years and have kept that standard.

From their beginnings gathered around a family piano in the fall of 1957, The Journeyman have watched in amazement as God grew their ministry, this solid traditional Southern Gospel Music style has formed the foundation of every song the group has chosen to sing and the audiences have loved it.

The Journeyman have never compromised their male quartet style or sound. When asked what has been the driving force behind their style of singing, they simply reply, "It's our commitment to God and the music we sing".

The Journeyman Quartet will be in concert in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Maitland on Sunday evening, November 14, 2010 at 7 p.m.. There is no admission charge. There will be an offering.

The next Blood Drive is December 5, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
All blood types are needed!

New Communion Service to Debut in November



As a gift to the church, Presbyterian Women has purchased a new communion set. A three-piece set was selected with input from Pastor Ron. The three pieces include: the flagon (tankard-style pitcher) which is decorated with a cross on the finial and a gracefully detailed handle; the chalice is tulip-shaped with a gold lined cup; and the paten (bread plate). All are in high-polished brass. Before they are put in service, there will be a dedication ceremony during the worship service on the first Sunday in November.

Clothing Drive

It's that time of year!

Clean out your closets and place your men's, women's, and children's clothing in separately marked bags.

Your donations will be distributed to the Christian Service Center, Salvation Army, and other charities in our committee.

Contact **Rick Davis, 407-928-8018**, if you have any questions.



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| <p>1 Monday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group
 7:00 p.m. - Praise Team</p> <p>2 Tuesday
 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. - Tuesdays with Labert
 6:00 p.m. - Chair Council
 7:00 p.m. - All Church Ministry Night</p> <p>3 Wednesday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 9:30 a.m. - Quilting Group
 1:30 p.m. - Bridge group
 5:00 p.m. - WNL/LOGOS
 6:00 p.m. - Adult Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir</p> <p>4 Thursday
 12:00 p.m. - Lunch with Labert
 1:30 p.m. - Senior Fellowship (table games & dessert)
 7:00 p.m. - MSO Rehearsal</p> <p>6 Saturday
 8:00 a.m. - Elder Training
 8:00 a.m. - Zumba Fitness Class</p> <p>7 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*
 12:00 p.m. - Memorial Service of Loved Ones
 5:30 p.m. - Voices of Cana
 6:30 p.m. - E26 (Middle & High School Youth)</p> <p>8 Monday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga Class
 7:00 p.m. - Praise Team</p> <p>9 Tuesday
 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. - Tuesdays with Labert
 6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry</p> <p>10 Wednesday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 9:00 a.m. - Yoga Class
 1:30 p.m. - Bridge group
 5:00 p.m. - WNL/LOGOS
 6:00 p.m. - Adult Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir</p> <p>11 Thursday
 1:30 p.m. - Senior Fellowship
 7:00 p.m. - MSO Rehearsal</p> <p>13 Saturday
 8:00 a.m. - Zumba Fitness Class
 7:00 p.m. - MSO Rehearsal</p> <p>14 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*
 2:00 p.m. - Yoga Class
 5:30 p.m. - Voices of Cana
 6:30 p.m. - E26 (Middle & High School Youth)
 7:00 p.m. - Journeyman Quartet Concert</p> <p>15 Monday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga Class
 7:00 p.m. - Praise Team
 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting</p> | <p>16 Tuesday
 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. - Tuesdays with Labert</p> <p>17 Wednesday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 9:00 a.m. - Yoga Class
 9:30 a.m. - Quilting Group
 1:30 p.m. - Bridge group
 5:00 p.m. - WNL/LOGOS
 6:00 p.m. - Adult Bell Choir
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir</p> <p>18 Thursday
 12:00 p.m. - Lunch with Labert
 1:30 p.m. - Senior Fellowship (table games & dessert)
 7:00 p.m. - MSO Rehearsal</p> <p>20 Saturday
 8:00 a.m. - Zumba Fitness Class</p> <p>21 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*
 12:00 p.m. - PW Council Meeting
 2:00 p.m. - Yoga Class
 5:30 p.m. - Voices of Cana
 6:30 p.m. - E26 (Middle & High School Youth)</p> <p>22 Monday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga Class
 7:00 p.m. - Praise Team</p> <p>23 Tuesday
 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. - Tuesdays with Labert</p> <p>24 Wednesday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 9:00 a.m. - Yoga Class
 10:00 a.m. - S.O.S.
 11:00 a.m. - CECE Thanksgiving Feast on the lawn
 1:30 p.m. - Bridge group
 6:00 p.m. - Adult Bell Choir
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir</p> <p>25 Thursday
 8:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Worship Service
 8:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving Breakfast in Family Life Center</p> <p>27 Saturday
 8:00 a.m. - Zumba Fitness Class</p> <p>28 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*
 2:00 p.m. - Yoga Class
 3:00 p.m. - "Hanging the Greens" Christmas Event
 5:30 p.m. - "Tree of Light" Ceremony—FPCM Lawn</p> <p>29 Monday
 7:00 a.m. - Adult Fitness
 8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group
 5:00 p.m. - Yoga Class
 7:00 p.m. - Praise Team</p> <p>30 Tuesday
 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
 10:30 a.m. - Tuesdays with Labert</p> |   |
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*8:00 a.m. Early Bird Traditional
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary
 11:00 a.m. Traditional

Church-wide Study Makes Time for God

Our congregation was recently blessed with the opportunity to have a dynamic personal relationship with the Creator of the universe through the study of prayer. Beginning September 12, Pastors Ron and Labert lead the congregation on Sunday mornings for six weeks with their sermons focusing on Bill Hybels' book, Prayer: Opening Your Heart to God. The series covered: The Privilege of Prayer, How to Pray Authentically, Dangerous Prayers, The Mystery of Unanswered Prayer, The Painfully Honest Prayers, and The Lord's Prayer. By the end of the study there was definitely a renewed spiritual life that developed among those participants that was deep, fruitful and profoundly real.

In addition to the sermons series, the church was encouraged to become involved in small groups. Prior to the study beginning, various church members gave testimonies regarding their personal experiences in small groups. A special thank you goes to **Colin Houk, Jeff Matthews, and Mary Louis Wells** for inspiring the congregation to find the joy and comfort of participating in small groups. Because of their testimonies many members were willing to venture into a small group for the very first time.

As the groups began forming, the response from the congregation was once again overwhelming! Within a short period of time, facilitators were in place and twenty small groups were formed. Thanks to the outstanding leadership, 180 adults participated in the small group study. The church is grateful for the willingness of the following people to serve as facilitators/contact people: **Debbie Horn, Sandy Bishop, Ron & Cheryl Smith, George MacKay, Judy Self, Jim and Doris Lowry, Tony Ortner, Vern Styron, Mary Scott and Ivor Singer, Joe McKinney, Bud & Anita Raike, Kathy McLain, Dena Anderton, Doug Child, Bev Reponen, and John & Marjie McDonough.**

In addition, our Youth Leader, **Mary Allen Singer**, brought this study of prayer to the youth of our church. Every Sunday evening during this time period she led the youth through the various messages on prayer. How wonderful that a total of thirty five youth joined the congregation in this powerful study. A special "thank you" goes to Mary Allen for leading these young people in this study on communicating with God.

For six weeks, First Presbyterian Church of Maitland studied about prayer, the sermons were centered on prayer, and the conversations among the members were centered on prayer. And this time the youth joined the study on prayer! The power of prayer is amazing. Can't you feel the community of believers at FPCM getting stronger every day? We are truly blessed when we make time for God.



MEET OUR MISSIONARIES—**Mark Adams** is a mission co-worker with the Presbyterian Border Ministries in Agua Prieta, Mexico, where he has served since 1998. Our church continues as a long-time financial supporter of Mark in this ministry. As U.S. coordinator of the binational ministry, Frontera de Cristo, Mark is responsible, in partnership with the Reverend Angel Valencia of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, for the coordination of the six ministry areas of Frontera de Cristo: church development, health, family counseling, the New Hope Community Center, mission education and the Just Trade Center. In April, 2010, Mark received a **Distinguished Service Award, Pioneer in Mission** from the Columbia Theological Seminary Alumni Association. Realizing that employment and just wages are vital, Mark worked to create a sustainable small-scale coffee company named Café Justo.

Through Frontera de Cristo, Mark brings together people from both sides of the border, building relationships and understanding between them. "I help them reflect biblically and theologically about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ," writes Mark, "in light of our spiritual, social, political, and economic connected-ness."

Mark looks back at a mission experience in 1994 living in Piedras Negras, Mexico, serving as a mission volunteer at the border ministry site there, as foundational for his present ministry. "I was excited about developing close relationships with Mexican sisters and brothers. The way in which God worked in our lives to bind us together in real love amazed me. I had been proclaimed a child of the covenant at my baptism and was baptized into a community of believers....I experienced the power of Jesus Christ to break down barriers that we humans erect. Language did not define our relationships, nor did nationality, ethnicity, or social class, for we are hermanos y hermannas en Cristo."

Mark is married to **Miriam Maldonado Escobar**. Miriam is a member of the Presbyterian congregation "Lirio de los Valles" in Agua Prieta. She and Mark have been instrumental in the development of the ecumenical group called "Healing Our Borders/Sanando Nuestras Fronteras," a group in which Frontera de Cristo is active. Mark and Miriam have two daughters, **Cindy Yessenia** and **Anna Flor**.



Presbyterian Women

On October 3, Presbyterian Women (PW) celebrated Oktoberfest with a lunch of bratwurst, sauerkraut, apple strudel and more. **Denise Cobia** shared the history of the celebration which began as a royal wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria and Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen in 1810. What made the event unique was that the general public was invited to share in the festivities. Now almost 200 years later, Oktoberfest is an 18-day celebration that begins in mid-September and ends the first week in October, complete with amusements, rides, performers and many gastronomic delights. The group also learned the history of the pretzel. An alpine monk decided to make use of left over dough from baking bread by folding into a looped twist to represent the folded arms of children in prayer. However, the most important part of the PW event was the Thank Offering. Over 25 organizations throughout the globe are assisted by the funds raised by the collection. Contributions are still being collected through the second week of November. Please make checks payable to PW and make a notation for the Thank Offering.



In addition to the Thank Offering, this time of year provides many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others. PW will be creating gift baskets for *Meals on Wheels* for Christmas. There are about 60 baskets to be filled and everyone's help is needed. Please place your items in the boxes provided near the church office as soon as possible since filling and delivering the baskets will take place in early December.

Suggested items for women are:

large shampoo and conditioner; combs, brushes, emery boards, hair clips, writing paper, stickers and stamps.

For men suggested items are: playing cards, nonalcoholic shaving cream and lotion, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, handkerchiefs and socks.

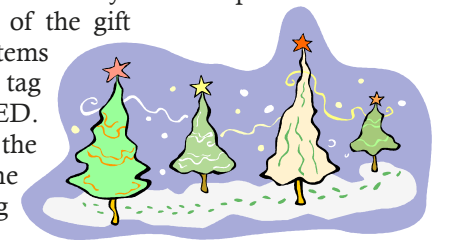
Individually wrapped, sugar free candy is good for all.



The Christmas Store

PW is again working with the **Farmworker Ministry** (also known as Hope Community Center) on their 30th Annual Christmas Store which serves the working poor in our community. Items will be collected through Sunday, December 5 and delivered to the Farmworker Ministry so the workers can purchase gift items at a reduced cost. Money generated from this effort goes towards educational programs for adults, children and families.

Kid's tastes and interests have changed from even a decade ago so families, small groups and circles may want to pool their resources to purchase some of the gift items suggested below. Items must be NEW with the price tag still on and UNWRAPPED. Please place your gifts in the boxes provided near the church office, beginning November 8.



Some items to consider are:

Balls—soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball, also, gloves, bats, etc., dolls over \$10 (especially ethnic dolls), games—electronic games or board games for middle school children, bicycles—all sizes, skate boards, scooters, helmets, tricycles, wagons, CD Players, portable radios, watches, cameras, arts and crafts kits and colorful reading books, perfume, make-up, jewelry and other items for young girls, educational games and books in English and Spanish, socks, underwear, play clothing for children, wrapping paper, tags, tape and ribbon, baby items—toys, clothing, diapers and blankets for babies and toddlers

Presbyterian Women is made up of seven Circles, whose purpose is to pray and study the Bible together; support the mission of the church; work for justice and peace; and build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. Circles meet September through May during the second week of the month at various locations. If you are interested in joining a Circle, please contact **Jill Cohen** at 407-620-2674.

**Deadline for your announcements
and articles for December's issue of
Good Tidings is Monday, November 15, 2010.**

Get Ready, Get Fit!

Sign up for Adult Fitness Classes at FPCM

Dates: November 15 – December 22, 2010

Time: 7 a.m.—8 a.m., Mon. & Wed. **Cost:** \$50.00 for six weeks

Kendra Hastings has been teaching fitness for almost ten years. She is a personal trainer, fitness class instructor and nutritional guidance counselor. Her classes are designed for all levels of fitness. **Joe McKinney** who has done her classes says: "Come join us for a fun filled hour of exercise. Kendra has developed a program that if followed is insured to provide results." To reserve your place on the road to fun and fitness sign up in the Family Life Center Gymnasium on November 15. If you can't make it on the 15th sign up is ongoing throughout the 6 weeks. Contact **MaryAnne LoSasso** at mlosasso@fpcmaitland.org or 407-644-3455, ext. 329 for information.



Zumba fitness is a fitness dance exercise program that keeps everyone motivated by creating a party like atmosphere. Our Zumba Instructor will take the participants through a combination of dance steps such as merengue, reggaetone and salsa. Zumba also incorporates fitness exercises such as bicep curls, knee lifts and squats. *Zumba fitness* is fun and exhilarating. Beginning November 06, 2010, classes will be held in the Family Life Center Gymnasium on:

Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The cost of a class is \$8.00. If you are looking for the latest in fitness experiences, come to the Family Life Center Gymnasium on November 6 at 8:45 a.m. to sign up for an hour of calorie burning fun!

Please contact MaryAnne LoSasso at mlosasso@fpcmaitland.org or 407-644-3455, ext. 329 if you have any questions.

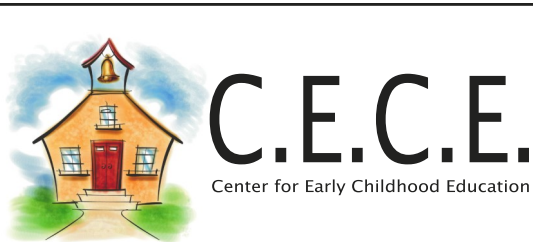
Yoga Classes will begin in November!

Why Yoga? Yoga has been clinically shown to lower blood pressure, increase circulation, build muscle tissue, increase flexibility, relieve stress and strengthen the respiratory system. Other benefits of yoga include counteracting osteoporosis, energizing the nervous system, balancing out the digestive system and bringing relief from headaches and lower back pain. You will feel more energized, powerful, peaceful and centered. **France Johnston**, certified yoga instructor, will be teaching yoga classes beginning November 8, 2010. in the Family Life Center on:

Mondays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and Sundays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The cost of a class is \$8.00. You are invited to participate in a complimentary class on Sunday, November 7, 2010 from 1:30 – 3:30 in the Family Life Center Gymnasium. Please bring a yoga mat. If you are interested in signing up for Yoga classes, or have any questions please contact **MaryAnne LoSasso** at mlosasso@fpcmaitland.org, or 407-644-3455, ext. 329.



During **November** the children and families of **CECE** collect non-perishable food items. When the collection boxes in their classrooms are filled the students bring the collected food to the food barrel located in the church narthex. Bringing the can goods to the narthex allows our students to see the special place in the church where donations are collected. It is our hope that in this small way the children will begin to understand that we all have a duty to help those in our community who are less fortunate.

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will be located in the church narthex during the week of **Monday, November 15th– Friday, November 19th**. We hope that you stop by during the week to see the wide array of books, that are offered for sale. If anyone is interested in purchasing books the fair will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please contact the **CECE** office for any question you might have.

As **Thanksgiving** draws near **CECE** begins planning for our annual **Thanksgiving Feast** to be held on **Wednesday, November 24th**. All of our classes participate in cooking and preparing food to be shared with parents, grandparents and family members who are all invited to attend. Every family brings a blanket and the entire school has a "feast" on the "Great Green Lawn!" It truly is a wonderful celebration for our students and their families.

CECE would like to wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving** filled with God's bounty! May each of you as you gather around the Thanksgiving table with your families give thanks for all we have and say a prayer for those who's blessings are far less.



Hospitality Ministry

Hanging of the Greens



On the first Sunday in Advent, November 28, we will celebrate as a congregation "The Hanging of the Greens." Beginning at 3 pm we will decorate the church, inside and out, with evergreens and light to symbolize the new and everlasting life brought through Jesus Christ. Then at 5 pm we will celebrate with a worship service in the sanctuary, culminating outdoors with the lighting of the new Christmas tree given to the congregation by the Youth. There will be crafts for children and adults in Fellowship Hall, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, decorating in the sanctuary and chapel and hanging lights outside. Sign-up sheets for different activities will be on the bulletin board in the lobby beginning the first Sunday in November. Advent, the Latin word for coming, heralds the season of anticipation and joy. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the afternoon and the service.

Operation Payback: Surprise!

Week after week the Hospitality Ministry Group exhibits their love for the church and for the youth. We've enjoyed their potlucks, fundraisers and homemade goodies and E26 decided it was time to do something special for them. Figuring fibbing wasn't all that bad if it was for the greater good, we invited the men and women of Hospitality to come to share about their ministry over a lasagna dinner on October 10.

Little did they know that the week before, the youth learned and practiced setting a formal table and serving others and dinner preparations began early in the afternoon of the 10th. Under the direction of Kitchen Manager, **Joan McCain**, both kitchens were full as thirty-three teenagers (and seventeen adult sous chefs) were busy chopping, sifting, stirring, sautéing, and plating the menu carefully selected by E26 from the church cookbook. No detail was too small for this group of special men and women as was evidenced by the china, linens, candle light and custom artwork and soft background music that transformed the dining room in the Family Life Center. Our evening began with Herb Roasted Crustini and **Beth Ruta's** meatballs as hand passed appetizers. Next came the citrus salad and warm crescent rolls, followed by the main course of Jarlberg citrus chicken, roasted vegetables, and **Debbie Horn's** asparagus. The choice of Scottish fruit crisp and pumpkin crunch cake and coffee ended the meal. Each guest had their personal E26 server and each course was artfully presented in a synchronized manner. After a game of manners trivia, the members of Hospitality left with a personalized apron that reads, "The Spirit of Maitland," and a homemade buckeye candies.

E26 had a great time. 1 Peter 4:0-10 tells us to: *Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

Week after week Hospitality continues to inspire us to live with a servants heart and Christ like love. It was an honor for all of E26 to serve (and spoil) the Hospitality Mission Group. Thank you!

The Christmas Pageant trip to Hudson, Florida is sold out. We are taking names for a waiting list, though, so please contact **Pat Douglas** or **Anita Raike** if you would like to be placed on the waiting list.

Soup this month is Great Northern Bean and Cheeseburger. We will be selling it from the kitchen window on November 21 for \$6 a quart. January will be the next month we are selling soup.



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| November 25 | Thanksgiving Service & Breakfast |
| November 28 | Hanging of the Greens – New!
Decorating & family activities from 3 -5, Service at 5 |
| December 4 | Presbyterian Women Christmas Brunch |
| December 5 | FPCM Christmas Concert |
| December 11 | Christmas Pageant Trip (sold out) |
| December 12 | Maitland Symphony Orchestra Concert |
| December 19 | Youth Christmas Party |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Services:
5:00 Family Service
7:00 Contemporary Service
9:00 Candlelight Service with Communion |



Holiday Calendar