



The Happenings

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

TO SHARE THE LOVE OF GOD BY SERVING WITHIN OUR CHURCH,
COMMUNITY AND BEYOND;

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"A Midnight Clear"

Come...and bring your deepest hopes with you. Expect the solemn stillness to reveal the most amazing love.

5:30 pm

December 6th

Our Annual Christmas Dinner is Sun, Dec 6th, at 5:30pm. Ham, turkey, rolls and cranberry sauce will be provided. Sign up by using the tear off in the weekly bulletin, the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the west narthex, or the website. Please bring 1 to 2 side dishes or one side and a dessert, depending on the size of your group. If you have any questions, please contact a Member Care Elder: Michele Gates, Christine Karow, Peggy Nugent or Margaret Barlow. The special service, "A Midnight Clear", will follow the dinner. A nursery will be provided for children 2 years and under during the service.

Communion and Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

Dec 24

5:00pm & 7:30pm

Looking Ahead

- Retirees' Luncheon
Dec 4—11am
- Mostly Pops Concert:
Dec 5—7pm
- Christmas Dinner:
Dec 6 5:30pm
- Preschool Christmas Pageant: Dec 10 6:30pm
- Elementary Youth Cookie Exchange:
Dec 19, 1:30pm
- Services of Advent Music: Dec 13 8:30 & 11:00am
- SHARE Pick Up Day
Dec 19, 9am
- Youth go Caroling
Dec 20, 6:30pm
- Christmas Eve Services
Dec 24, 5 & 7:30pm

Elders

Judi Almand
Margaret Barlow
David Childs
David Dale
Shelby Dale
Nancy Donovan
Gil Evans
Michele Gates
Phoebe Drby
Christine Karow
Bonnie Laux
Mike McClelland
Jim McNeil
Everett Nolte
Peggy Nugent
Bill Ogden
Lori Lynen - Clerk
David Rogers
Jim Hockey

Rebekah's Remarks

Dear Fine People,

It has been remarkable how the past year has led us back to where we started... **Advent** is here again. Actually, it never left.

Stephen Montgomery, a Tennessee Presbyterian preacher, said in an article I saved: *"Hope comes, not from the emperor, the scribe, the master technocrat, or the high priest, but rather from the God who works in and through historical anguish. To believe in an **Advent hope** is not to deny the despair or ignore the fear. It is to expect and watch without illusion. The hope that is God's gift to faith is therefore precisely **hope**... not sight, not inevitability, not finality. It must be grasped by the community of faith and by all who, from whatever sources of longing, imagination, and common grace, glimpse possibilities for what is **new**. It must become hope in action."* (JP, Advent 2005,p.8)

Hope is an action word. Paul tells us in I Cor. 13:13 that *Faith, Hope and Love* are the top three action words in the Bible... and it is through Faith, Hope and Love that God's purposes work themselves out in and through our individual lives... and in our church's life together. Our world does not need an ideal; nor a nice concept; nor a moral theory to live for. Those are *wishes*... not the active breathing reality of power in Jesus. The real world isn't screaming for wishful thinking. The world is in need of faith, hope and love. I guess the bottom line is whether or not we actually have the faith and hope and love of God that brings the transformation necessary to redirect the brokenness.

Advent Hope is active and helps us to see the world as God sees it, and to then respond to the world, not with our limited understanding of human love, but with God's kind of love.

Advent enables us to put hope into action via the many ways our church reaches out to the world around us. We remember God's saving grace coming into the world through Jesus our Savior. We have the opportunity to extend that grace today. This is at the heart of our entire gift giving at Christmas. Gifts make a difference to who we are, **and** to those to whom we are privileged to give. This year, let our gift giving provide hope.

So, as we move into the season of Advent, let's recall the benediction from Paul's *Letter to the Romans*:

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him,*

*so that you may overflow with hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*

Remember that unchurched friends and neighbors are more likely to attend a church during Advent than just about any other time of the year. Invite them to join you for worship, or for any of the special events that the church is planning. Read this edition of the Happenings so that you can be better informed and deliberate in your discipleship. I'll see you in church. You are loved.

Rebekah



Christmas JOY Offering

Presbyterians have traditionally responded to the good news of Christmas by sharing our own gifts through the Christmas Joy Offering.

For many years this Offering has supported racial ethnic education helping students develop their gifts and find their calling. It also helps to support unmet needs of current and retired church workers by providing funds to help them through difficult times. As we celebrate the good news of great joy that the angel announces—God's love in human form is now among us—may our gifts bear joyful witness to that uncontainable love.

The JOY Offering will be received at both services on December 24.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Beginning Nov 29th through Dec 20th, before and after worship services, you can purchase a share of an animal in honor or memory of a friend or family member. A gift of your favorite Heifer animal goes to a needy family. Since 1944, Heifer International has helped millions of struggling families become more self-reliant. Each recipient promises to give the first female offspring to a neighboring family, building the economy and food supply not just for a single family, but for an entire village for generations to come.

*A Christmas gift that keeps
on giving!*



TOM'S TANGENTS

Dear Friends,

It's a bit of a shock to realize that Advent is already upon us. Rebekah and I were discussing how this could possibly be, and we still aren't sure. Life is full, and busy, and this is just the way it is. If it weren't for writing a newsletter article every other week, or trying to find those moments of pause, time would probably fly by even faster. This Advent we are again challenged to find moments for reflection amidst the busy chaos. It is a season set aside for expectation and anticipating God's entry into the world in human form. As this is truly a miracle, I invite and challenge you to attend the special Christmas Dinner on December 6th. After we eat together, we're going to see how amazing this really is. "A Midnight Clear" will be a brief time to experience the hope that breaks in to the world, especially this time of year.

I'm already aware that the season is here, even though I'm not quite ready for it. Christmas is certainly important, but it has become such a monumental part of our consumer culture, that I think we become desensitized to its significance. And there's a point at which I just *cannot* be in the Christmas spirit. . . like, say, anytime before Thanksgiving. When I was in the grocery line (that's right, Rebekah isn't the only one who goes grocery shopping) a few days into November, I heard the Christmas music playing on the speakers as I checked out. I said to the cashier, "How many days until Christmas?" She rolled her eyes, let out a big sigh and said, "I'm already tired of it."

It's a shame that such a wonderful occasion gets dulled by the overemphasis on shopping, gift giving, spending and making sure our long lists of chores get accomplished. There's party upon party, which is fine because the fellowship and celebrations are completely appropriate. But at what point do they even

lose their significance? Sorting through the season is not an easy thing to do. And then we have our rituals, which (for better or for worse), help us to get in that Christmas spirit. Traditions, decorating, putting up the tree, hanging lights, baking, cooking, sending the Christmas cards, taking the pictures of the family that will go on the Christmas cards. . . it's all quite a lot!!! And the price tag is quite hefty—even before Christmas Day.

I remember reading a wonderful book by John Grisham a few years ago, called "Skipping Christmas". The parents of a certain family decide that they won't spend any money on anything Christmas related, instead saving the money for a cruise. Their daughter surprises them by telling them she will be home for Christmas with her new husband, their neighbors pressure them into putting up the snowman on their roof (identical to every other snowman on the roofs of each house in their neighborhood), the office Christmas parties, the rituals, the routines are abandoned. And they start to see what is lost by not going through the motions of the season. If we abandon our rituals and our routines, we may forget as well the reason for this season. It doesn't mean every single detail has to remain the same, but the action of remembering the faith that we celebrate in this little child is something that moves us into a state of hope. . .and we need hope. . .especially this year.

I pray that as you start to go through the motions of the season this year that you don't forget to be aware of the joyful chaos around you, while focusing on the one unchanging truth of Christ's birth and all that this means to your life each and every moment.

Peace, Love, Hope and Joy,
Tim

Mostly Pops Concert

"Celebrate the Season"



Saturday, December 5
7:00 pm



In the Sanctuary

With special guest singers John and Mary K. Wilson.
Join us with your family and friends for an evening of holiday entertainment.

Preschool Christmas Pageant

Thursday, Dec 10 ↻ 6:30pm
In the Sanctuary


You are invited to celebrate our
Lord's birth with us

Come and rejoice!



December 2009

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| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|----------------------------------|--|-----|--|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 9am: Presbytery Clearwater 9:30am: Green Team 6pm: Preschool Board 7pm: Ministry Team Meetings | 4 11am: Re- tiree's Lunch | 5 9am: Worship Decorating Sanctuary 7pm: Mostly Pops Concert |
| 6 Communion 2nd Sun of Advent 5:30pm: Christmas Dinner | 7 | 8 11:30am: Women's Support Group | 9 | 10 6:30pm: Preschool Christmas Pageant | 11 10am: In His Name | 12 2pm: Choir Rehearsal 1:30pm: Elem. Youth Cookie Bake |
| 13 3rd Sun of Advent 8:30 & 11am: Service of Advent Music 5:30pm: Youth special Event | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 6:30pm: Coordinating Council 7pm: Session | 18 Preschool out thru Jan 4 | 19 9am: SHARE Pick Up |
| 20 4th Sun of Advent 3 Cents A Meal Blood Pressures Honduras Food Drive 6:30pm: Youth go caroling | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 5:00 & 7:30pm: Christmas Eve Services ←—church office closed —→ | 25  | 26 |
| 27 Name Tag Sunday SHARE Sign Up | 28 Church Office Closed | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

Weekly Activities:

Sundays:

7:30am: Praise Ensemble
 8:30am: Praise Service
 9:45am: Sunday School
 11am: Worship Service
 2pm: Korean Worship Service
 4pm: Elder Training (til 11/15)
 4:30pm: Sign Choir
 5:00pm: Chime Choir
 5:30pm: Youth, POTS, & POGS

Mondays: 6pm: I Am Hope Café
 and every 4th Friday

9:30am & 7pm: Beth Moore

Tuesdays:

7am: Sunrisers

Wednesdays:

9am: Meals on Wheels
 6:30pm: Handbell Practice
 6:45pm: Men's Room Study Group
 7pm: Women's Group
 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Thursdays:

10am: Crafters

Friday:

2nd & 4th: In His Name

Other Groups Using Facilities:

AA

Mon, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 8:15pm

Tues: 8pm

Fri: 7pm (women only)

NA Mon & Fri: 6pm

Tues & Thurs: 8pm

Nar Anon Thurs: 8pm

Alanon Mon: 8:15pm

Parkinson Support 4th Tues: 1pm

TOPS Tues: 6pm

CODA Sat: 10:30am

Women's Investment Group

3rd Mon of every month: 7pm

Widow(ers) Support 1st Fri: 1:00pm

Ohmbusdmen 2nd Fri: 9am

Stitchers Fridays: 7pm



Parish Nurse Ministry

Isaiah 9:6 promises

hope, wisdom, and

great news: *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace."*

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May your holiday season be blessed with fond new memories for the future and pleasant memories from the past. But be sure to enjoy each and every day, enjoy the sand and surf here in Florida, and reflect fondly on the snow our Northern friends enjoy this time of year. As for me, I will probably go to the beach and be grateful for the warmth of the sun.

We do have a few health issues here that the Northern visitors probably do not have. An article in the Tampa Tribune on Friday, November 13, 2009, caught my eye. The headline read, "Health officials caution about dengue in Key West." Dengue fever is not talked about too much in this country. However, the health officials in Key West reported that 41 percent of 240 local residents tested positive for antibodies associated with the disease. A study was done in Key West recently since there were three confirmed cases of dengue in Old Town Key West this past August. The health official, Bob Eadie, urged residents to protect themselves and their families from the spread of the fever, which is caused by a bite from an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, occurring in tropical urban areas in the United States and the Caribbean. He advised to drain all standing water near houses. In fact, according to CDC, the virus may be introduced into other areas by travelers who become inflected during visits to other tropical areas where dengue exists.

Symptoms of dengue fever are like flu symptoms-high fever, severe headache, severe pain behind the eyes, joint pain, muscle and bone pain, rash and mild bleeding from the nose or gums. Often, younger children have a milder illness than older children and adults. There is not a specific treatment for it. Use of pain relievers not containing aspirin, resting, drinking plenty of fluids, and consulting with a provider are very important.

It is estimated that there are over 100 million cases worldwide each year. In 2008, there were 33 cases with one in Hillsborough County. According to the Florida Department of Health, no vaccine is available against the infection. "Travelers to dengue-endemic countries should be warned of the risk of disease and instructed to avoid mosquito bites. Use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA-approved ingredients such as Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535. Avoid spending time outdoors during daytime hours when disease-carrying mosquitoes are most likely to be seeking a blood meal, and drain any standing water in containers around the home. Dress in long sleeves and long pants to protect your skin from mosquitoes. Also, try to remain in well-screened or air conditioned areas." Further information can be obtained from http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Disease_ctr/epi/Morbidity_Report/2008/diseases/Dengue.pdf <http://www.cdc.gov/denju/faQFacts/index.html> and http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/F/FL_KEY_WEST_DENGUE_FEVER_FLOL-?SITE=FLTAM&SECTION=US

Have a Blessed Holiday Season, Linda LaComb-Williams, Parish Nurse

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated in this year's ALMA auction.

Approximately \$8,000 was raised for Cedarkirk Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. A lot of fun was had by those that joined the luncheon, live and silent auctions, and the cash sales room. It took many to help for this great success.

In gratitude to God for their contributions and talents, the Mission and Outreach committee thank the following: Jackie Hermenitt and Lynn Young (co-chairs); Dianne Pack (treasurer); Carrie Childs for leading the luncheon meal; Terrie Morrison and Judy Smolk for co-leading the cash room; John Nugent as auctioneer extraordinaire; John Barlow as photojournalist, writer, editor, director, and producer of the Cedarkirk video; Meghann Pabst for creating the tie-dye T-shirts for the volunteers; a host of volunteers that were always at the right place at the right time (alphabetically) - Judi Almand, Donna Bassett, Alison Beam and son Michael, Bev Cartee, Nate Childs, TJ Childs (including music), Randy and Toni Criss, Lillian Delvecchio, Brandi Hooper, Lynn Lianzo, Michael Lowndes, Brenda Nolte, Peggy Nugent, Billie Piche, Diana Pollard, Gina Robinson and Shawn Smolk (Judy Smolk's daughters), Bec Rodda, David Rogers, Perry and Diane Searcy, Erv and Sherry Skovgaard, Dawn Trattner, Allison Vartanian; Church staffs for administration and facility preparation; and Cedarkirk staffs for food preparation, presentation, music, and merchandising.

Wow! What a group! Please know if your name was left off the list, it was not intentional, but know your time and work is appreciated, as we all work for God's glory.

Thank you, David

THANK YOU to JoAnn Crawford for being our 11am service *Greeter Recruiter* this past year. She is ready to hang up her phone and we are looking for someone who would like to take on this ministry. She will be happy to share the necessary information. If you are interested, please call Michele Gates at 685-5218 or email to gator-gates@msn.com.

4th Quarter Retirees' Luncheon

Friday, December 4 - 11:00 am

“SUPPORT OUR TROOPS – HONOR OUR HERITAGE”

We invite all of our Retiree's and Seniors to join us for our 4th Quarter Luncheon on Fri, Dec 4th. Please note the earlier than usual start time --- 11:00 am.

Again this year we will honor our servicemen and women by packing holiday boxes that will be shipped overseas in support of the “anysoldier.com” program. We invite the entire congregation (even those who are not “seniors”) to join us in this effort by donating any of the following items for this worthy cause:

- Advil or Tylenol
- Magazines
- Black Socks
- DVD Movies
- Cash for mailing the boxes
- Playing Cards
- Hard wrapped candy
- Board Games
- Brown T-shirts (Army)
- Paperback Books
- International Phone Cards
- AA Batteries
- Green T-shirts (Marines)

A light lunch will be served (\$4 per person donation requested) followed by our featured speaker, Mr. Emanuel Leto, Program Outreach Coordinator from the Tampa Bay History Center. RSVP by calling the church office at 689-4597 by Dec 2. Donations may be brought to the luncheon or dropped off at the church office before Dec 4.

POINSETTIAS

The Worship Ministry Team will once again be adorning the sanctuary this Advent and Christmas with Poinsettias. To donate poinsettias, please submit a check for \$7.00 per plant to the church office, made payable to First Presbyterian Church, earmarked: Poinsettias. Include the following information:

Name of Family Contributing:

PH # _____

Circle one or more of the following

In Honor of: In Celebration of: In Memory of :

Complete this form, enclose \$7.00 per plant (make checks payable to the church earmarked “poinsettias”) and drop in the offering plate on Sun., leave at the church office during the week, sign up via our website. Deadline is Dec 14th. You may pick up your plant after the 7:30pm worship service on Dec 24th.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Elementary Youth Cookie Exchange (K - 5th graders) is Dec 12 from 1:30 – 3pm in Mauldin Hall. Bring 2 dozen homemade cookies. We will exchange with 18 of them and donate 6 to Meals on Wheels. After the exchange, we will bag the cookies and make Christmas cards for the Meals on Wheels recipients. To RSVP or for more information, contact Karyna Boettger at 671-3861 or karyna@tampabay.rr.com.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Beth El Farmworker Ministry Adoption has begun and will continue through Dec 13th. Pick up your “angel” after either service in the narthex. Wrap your present, attach a name tag, and place your angel tag somewhere on the present listing the contents and approximate value. Collection boxes will be in the west narthex. Don't like to shop? Pick up a gift card next time you're out and give it to Sherry Skovgaard. Questions, call Sherry at 654-2381. (We are in special need of 2 bicycles and a used computer).

WELCOME

Welcome to those who recently met with the session and have now joined our community of faith.

† **Ruth Andres** resides at 265 Tahoe Circle, Valrico, FL 33594 (727-542-1394). She joins us by letter of transfer from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Seminole, FL.

† **Bob Dick** and wife, Margaret, reside at 1203 Lorie Circle in Brandon, FL 33510 (653-3247). Bob enjoys boating, RV camping, and reading. He works for Schwarz Partners Packaging as a controller. Margaret joined in September and Bob joins through reaffirmation of faith.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Friends of the Congregation

| | |
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| Tom & Chris LeFevre (Tom LeFevre's parents) | Marie Platts (Stowers' friend) |
| Michael Beddow (Gregos' grandson) | Bob & Deb Hanson (Christine Orlosky's friend) |
| Dick & Jane Wood (Jane Owens' friends) | Michael Chenoweth (Don Zegel's brother-in-law) |
| Jeff & Donna Dixon (Mary Ellen Dixon) | Judy Brown (Ogden's friend) |
| Jeff Crompton (Winnie Wilk's son) | Gene Waters (Fran Gregos' father) |
| Gladys Spakes (Janice Poindexter's sister) | Smith Family (McClellan's friends) |
| Charlene Canady (Suzanne Odomisi's friend) | Jill Jordan Ernst (Gil & Marianne Evans' niece) |
| Anitra Ruth (Suzanne Odomisi's friend) | Virginia Whitlatch (Friend of the congregation) |
| Spring Smiley (Merle Wooten's daughter) | Robin (Heather McClellan's sister) |
| Rosa Boeres (Merle Wooten's sister-in-law) | Bob Hutton (Laura Hogg's father) |
| Billy Vinson (Darrell Vinson's father) | Dennis Streng (Bj Herig's nephew) |
| Bonnie Moore (Randy Poindexter's sister) | Mitchell Dryer (Alicia Braddock's relative) |
| Wesley Henry (Crenshaw's grandson) | Betty Cromwick (Dan & Ruth Craft's friend) |
| Sharalyn Hogan (Laura Hogg's sister) | Karyn Miles (Mike & Linda Miles' daughter) |
| Bill Robinson (Carol Coopriders' brother-in-law) | Kelly Izzard (Sondra Cone's niece) |
| Amanda Hawkes (Garrison's granddaughter) | Mary Anne Hill (Amanda Trauger's cousin) |
| Brenda Chapman (Friend of the Congregation) | John & Peggy Nugent's grandsons in Iraq |
| Shane Long (Shelley Grable's cousin) | Tyler Kemp (Coldwell's grandson) |
| Sherry Daugherty (Lisa Paterson's mother) | Jesse Heath (Dave & Sondra Cone's grandson) |
| Dianne, Doug & Sara Seelbach (Sofarelli's relatives) | Keven Hamlet (Jackie William's friend) |
| Lucy Sahr (Sondra Cone's sister) | Marci Smith (Earl & Judy Smith's daughter-in-law) |
| Peter & Colleen Giamanco (DeVecchio's family) | Jason Conley (Sherry Skovgaard's nephew) |
| Margaret Miles (Mike Miles' mother) | Tim Slinkosky (Jean Emery's friend) |
| Edna Davies (Henrietta Zahrobsky's sister) | Marguerite Barnes (Marge Hubbard's friend) |
| Janice Bishop (David Bishop's stepmother) | Cali Moody (Priscilla Babas' friend) |
| Leonard Schregardus (Orthea VanVoorst's brother-in-law) | Keith Browning (Marcia Wiles' friend) |
| Gregory Johnston (Darwin & Pat Johnston's son) | Corey Robinson (Jackie Williams' grandson) |
| Kathy Welch (Sherry Skovgaard's cousin) | Sharon Walker (Jean Hayhurst's friend) |
| Sarah Hart (Amanda Trauger's grandmother) | Carol Jaegar (Suzanne Odomisi's daughter) |
| Jesse Scott (Jane Scott's grandson) | Laura Almand (Almand's niece) |

Please remove this page and incorporate it with your daily prayers. If you have a special request for family and friends to be added to this prayer list, contact the church office. We also look forward to hearing from you regarding your joys from answered prayer. The Covenant of Prayer list for church members can be found in the weekly bulletin.

December Birthdays

- 1 David Cone, Andrew Fonfara, Gary Rose
- 2 Erika Witt, Jon Scobie
- 4 Sally Terrell, Hayden Parker, Mackenzie Nolte
- 5 Leia DiChiara
- 6 Rose Stolarcek, John Almand, Dave Johnston
- 7 Gary Braddock, Hunter Bassett
- 8 Carol Jones, Bob Bolt
- 10 Bob Lee
- 11 JoAnn Crawford, Donald Freiermuth, Olivia Reiter
- 12 Debi Hayden, Nate Childs
- 13 Ryan Vartanian, Gail Lindow
- 14 Autumn Smallwood
- 15 Barbara Herig, Frances Mauldin, Brad Lanigan, Daniel Epps
- 17 Doug Vartanian, John Whyte, Tim McCarthy, Zack Rodgers
- 18 Ann Darland, Susan Emmons, Erin Warner, Tristen Parrish
- 19 Sandy Reynolds
- 20 Cheryl Rogers
- 21 Ryland Coggins
- 23 Okwen Okwen, Marvin Fassett
- 24 Minna Tickner, Christopher Hadley

- 25 Nicholas Randall, Nicolina Lasher
- 26 Don Lamont, Ruth Andres
- 28 Allison Vartanian, Arlene Strehlau
- 29 Flo Young, Alexander Fonfara
- 30 Daniel Williams, Dave Moore
- 31 Martin Andersen

December Anniversaries

- 4 John & Carolyn Lemanski
- 5 Michael & Kelly Poirson
- 7 Steve & Marian Stuart
- 12 Gary & Donna Rose
- 16 David & Peggy Bishop
- 18 Ben & Lynn Pabst and Hal & Kathryn Wade
- 19 Ed & Elizabeth McNair
- 23 John & Karen Fleming
- 24 Mac & Diane Kahle
- 27 Don & Nannette Amaden and Bill & Elizabeth Head
- 28 Bill & Heather McClellan and Tom & Dawn Trattner
- 29 David & Karin Dale and Darrin & Harmony Gates

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WORSHIP:

9:45am - Sunday School for all ages
8:30 & 11:00am - Worship Services

Church Office Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm

THANK YOU

❖... to all who participated at our Fall Work Day on Nov 7. We had 17 hard workers and much was accomplished. A special thank you to Nathan at A Cut Above Landscaping and Tree Service. He unexpectedly showed up with is commercial tree chipper and it was a big help. — David Rogers.

❖... for the generous food supplies from FPC of Brandon and several other individuals in the presbytery, a box of approximately 300 pounds of food stuff, was sent November 5 via container ship to the church, Pena de Horeb, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The food will be distributed via the pastors in the Honduran presbytery. Thank you for your prayerful giving.

❖... to those who contributed to the 3 Cents A Meal Offering last month. Both, Beth El Farmworker Ministry and Brandon Outreach Clinic, greatly appreciate your generosity and support. We continue to help those community who are need through your gifts.

❖... to those who helped with the last edition of The Happenings: *Billie Piché, Mary Ellen Dixon, Suzanne Ondomisi, Jane Scott, and Rose Stolarcek.*

Please keep the coupons coming! Continue to donate unwanted coupons from your Sunday newspapers. Your coupons are saving money for the ministries we all support! The coupon basket is located by the double doors that lead into the church office from the narthex. Please contact David or Carrie Childs if you have any questions at 899-9677.

Women's Support Group
Tues, Dec 8
11:30am
Della's Delectables

Pastor
Rebekah A. Maul
Associate Pastor
Timothy J. Black
Director of Music and Organist
Mark A. Prater
Director of Praise Service
Bradley S. Turner
Director of Youth Ministries
Lynn Pabst
Director of the Preschool
Kathy Kranendonk
Facilities Manager
Brad Turner
Financial Manager
Marianne Evans
Administrative Assistant
Joyce Allen
Church Secretary
Kathy Kranendonk
Bookkeeper
Sue Scott
Custodian/Kitchen Coordinator
Debbie Billmaier
Nursery Coordinator
Brandi Hooper