

# NEWS FROM KANAPAHA

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Kanapaha Presbyterian Church

Gainesville, Florida



**11/06/11**

**LORD'S SUPPER**

JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25  
PSALM 78:1-7  
MATTHEW 25:1-13\*

**11/13/11**

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

PSALM 24  
ROMANS 15:25-29  
EZRA 3:3-7, NEH. 10:35-39\*

**11/20/11**

**CHRIST THE KING**

EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24  
PSALM 100  
EPHESIANS 1:15-23  
MATTHEW 25:46\*

**11/27/11**

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**REV. GARY WALLER**  
ISAIAH 64:1-9  
PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19  
MARK 13:24-37\*

**SERMON TEXT\***

## *From The Pastor . . . Eternal Investments*

Imagine for a moment, that you are alive at the end of the Civil War. You are living in the South, but your home is really in the North. While in the South you have accumulated a good amount of Confederate currency. Suppose you know that the North is going to win the war soon. What will you do with your Confederate money?

If you were smart, there is only one answer to the question. You would cash in your Confederate currency for US currency—the only money that will have value once the war is over. You would keep only enough Confederate currency to meet your basic needs for that short period until the war was over.

Jesus said, **“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.”** (Matthew 6:19-20) The currency of this world will be worthless at our death or at Christ's return, both of which are imminent. For us to accumulate vast earthly treasures in the face of the inevitable future is like stockpiling Confederate

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## *From the Pastor (Cont'd) . . .*

money. The only currency of value in heaven is our present service and generous giving to God's kingdom. Jim Elliot, the martyred missionary, said it this way, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

It all comes down to what you are willing to invest in, and what you invest in is determined by what you believe. Do you believe that God has been good to you and that you have been blessed to be a blessing? Do you believe that **"the earth is the Lord's and all that is in**

**it?"** (Psalm 24:1) Do you believe God's promise of abundant life through Jesus Christ that is available right here, right now, and in the next life? Do you believe that the church is God's provisional nature of heaven on earth placed here to proclaim the Good News, **"release the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,"** (Luke 4:18).

If so, then I would like to remind you of the biblical mandate to tithe, or give 10% of our income to God. If a tithe is beyond your reach, the important thing is to start someplace and strive to increase your giving each year. One of the key ways our character becomes conformed to Christ is by habitual giving. Someone once said, "Giving is not God's way of raising money; it is God's way of raising people into the likeness of His Son." Giving includes not only our finances, but the time and talent that God has entrusted to us. This is ordinary stewardship.

Additionally, there are the financial giving opportunities of extraordinary and legacy stewardship. Extraordinary stewardship is the opportunity to make a meaningful one-time gift because of a sudden increase in your net worth—say, through an inheritance or a skyrocketing stock. The last category is legacy stewardship, leaving 10% or some other portion of your estate to the church. Legacy giving is the branch of Stewardship the newly created "WE DIE" (Wills Emphasis, Deferred Income, Endowments) Stewardship sub-committee is currently overseeing. Even if you cannot increase your ordinary gift, it costs you nothing to make the church the beneficiary of 10% of your retirement fund, life insurance policy, or to name the church in some other way as a beneficiary in your will. Look at your weekly offering as a starting point, not as the fulfillment of your obligation to give financially to the church.

On Friday, November 11th from 7-9 p.m. we will gather together for our annual Stewardship/ Thanksgiving Dinner. During this evening, the members of the session will provide a brief explanation of the areas of ministry for which they are responsible and opportunities for you to join them in service. The 2012 asking budget will also be presented. Stewardship Commitment Sunday will take place on November 13th when we respond to God's Word by making our way to the front of the church and placing our pledge cards for the coming year in the offering plate.

In the bond of faith and the love of Christ,

*Pastor Dawn*



### Rev. Dr. Paul Hooker

On November 20, 2011, Executive Presbyter, Paul Hooker will be at KPC to talk about the new Form of Government, which was approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and ratified by a majority of presbyteries. He will also be discussing per capita, unified giving and will devote time to answering your questions.

A soup and sandwich luncheon will be provided for all who wish to stay for this presentation.



### Turn your Clocks Back

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 pm Sunday morning, November 6th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday night.

## *Stewardship Dinner . . .*

*Please join us Friday evening, November 11th at the annual Stewardship Dinner, at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.*

The main course will be provided, each member/family is asked to bring a side dish. Contact Dave Schafer, Administration & Stewardship Elder at (386)462-3349, or dschafer@windstream.net for more information on what to bring. After the dinner, the session will share their vision for 2012 and present the 2012 Asking Budget. You may bring your 2012 pledge of time, talent, and treasure to the dinner, to worship on November 13th, or mail it into the church office.



"All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the LORD's; they are holy to the LORD." Leviticus 27:30. NRSV

Scripture talks about 10% (the tithe) being a standard of our giving. Perhaps you have tithed or exceeded the tithe in your giving and are well on your way to knowing the joy and freedom found in generosity. Perhaps the idea of giving a tenth of your income, time, and talent is new or seems financially impossible. The important thing is to start somewhere. Give what you can regularly and systematically and plan to grow in the spiritual discipline of giving by increasing your giving level annually. A tithe is a floor, not a ceiling, as we are transformed bit by bit into the image of Jesus Christ, we grow more and more like him and that means becoming more and more generous.

*The Spiritual Discipline of Giving . . .*APPROXIMATE WEEKLY COMMITMENT  
PROPORTIONATE TO INCOME

| Annual Income | 15%      | 10%      | 7%       | 6%       | 5%      | 4%      | 3%      |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| \$100,000     | \$288.00 | \$192.00 | \$135.00 | \$115.00 | \$96.00 | \$77.00 | \$58.00 |
| 75,000        | \$216.00 | \$144.00 | \$101.00 | \$87.00  | \$72.00 | \$58.00 | \$43.00 |
| 60,000        | \$173.00 | \$115.00 | \$81.00  | \$69.00  | \$58.00 | \$46.00 | \$35.00 |
| 50,000        | \$144.00 | \$96.00  | \$67.00  | \$58.00  | \$48.00 | \$38.00 | \$29.00 |
| 45,000        | \$130.00 | \$87.00  | \$61.00  | \$52.00  | \$43.00 | \$35.00 | \$26.00 |
| 40,000        | \$115.00 | \$77.00  | \$54.00  | \$46.00  | \$38.00 | \$31.00 | \$23.00 |
| 35,000        | \$101.00 | \$67.00  | \$47.00  | \$40.00  | \$34.00 | \$27.00 | \$20.00 |
| 30,000        | \$87.00  | \$58.00  | \$40.00  | \$35.00  | \$29.00 | \$23.00 | \$17.00 |
| 25,000        | \$72.00  | \$48.00  | \$34.00  | \$29.00  | \$24.00 | \$19.00 | \$14.00 |
| 20,000        | \$58.00  | \$38.00  | \$27.00  | \$23.00  | \$19.00 | \$15.00 | \$12.00 |
| 15,000        | \$43.00  | \$29.00  | \$20.00  | \$17.00  | \$14.00 | \$12.00 | \$9.00  |

**Will you grow one step this year?**

Once again, the session challenges the members of Kanapaha to grow a step in their giving patterns. The giving patterns below reflect tithes and gifts received January through September, 2011. This data includes both members and non-members who give regularly. Not reflected are those who have not been to KPC for most, if not all, of the year.

**A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF KPC CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS**

43 weeks, Jan. 2-Oct 23, 2011

3 Giving Units  
\$200-\$400+

4 Giving Units  
\$100-\$199

2 Giving Units  
\$80-\$99.99

2 Giving Units  
\$60-\$79.99

9 Giving Units  
\$40-\$59.99

10 Giving Units  
\$20-\$39.99

10 Giving Units  
\$10-\$19.99

6 Giving Units  
\$5-\$9.99

11 Giving Units  
\$1-\$4.99

9 Giving Units  
\$0

**Find where your weekly giving is on this chart.****Will you grow one step this year?**



## Adult Bible Study

### *Adult Sunday School . . .*

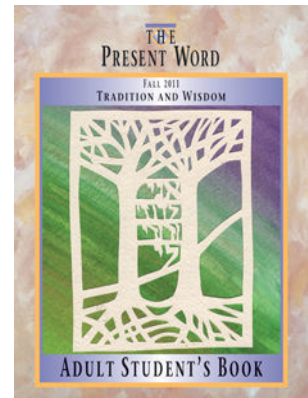
The adult Sunday School class began a new study on September 18th using the PC(USA) curriculum, *The Present Word*. *The Present Word* seeks to encourage mastery of Bible content, understanding the Bible in relation to life experiences, and expanding our knowledge of God's activity in the world.

This three month long study is a survey of Old Testament wisdom literature.

Wisdom literature is a genre of literature that seeks to teach about God and virtue. The books of the Bible that are classified as Wisdom literature include:

Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Psalms, Song of Solomon and the two apocryphal books: Wisdom of Solomon and Sirach. This study will include lessons from Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.

The Adult Sunday School class meets in the Memorial Hall on Sunday mornings from 9:55 to 10:40 am. Books for this study are still available and cost \$4.15. A book for each class member will be available whether purchased or not. The first leader of this study is Elder Mike Jamerson. Please come and join us. All are welcome and we always have a chair for one more!

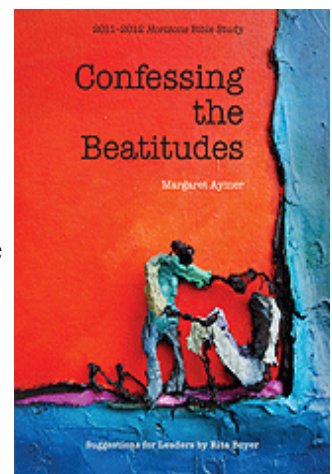


### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Thursday morning Bible Study resumed on September 15th with the PC (USA) Horizon's study, "*Confessing the Beatitudes*"

Classes meet from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month through February 2, 2012. We meet in Memorial Hall and all are welcome to fellowship and study with us. Books for this study are (\$8). A book for each participant will be available whether purchased or not. Leaders/Teachers for the study will be Pastor Dawn, Rev. Gary Waller, Rev. Fred Depenbrock, and Elder Pat Stump. Please join us and bring a friend, family member, or neighbor.

Come! Let us together confess the Beatitudes!



**Wednesday Night Advent Study and Soup  
11/30, 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21 in Memorial Hall.  
5:30 pm—Soup, Salad & Bread; 6—6:50 pm—Study**

### **“From Longing to Receiving”**

This study leads participants through the Old Testament and Gospel lectionary texts for four weeks, tracing important Advent themes of longing for God's help, anticipating God's presence among us, recognizing God's work among us, and receiving God's new gifts to us. This study will be led by Pastor Dawn.



***Session****by Clerk of Session, Joanna Long***STATED SESSION MEETING— TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011**

The Stated Session Meeting was opened with prayer at 7 pm by Moderator Dawn Conti in Memorial Hall.

Elders present were Bill Clark, Hoyt Childers, Molly Crosby, Mike Jamerson, and Dave Schafer. Excused were Paula Bedford and Joanna Long (Clerk of Session).

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.****OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**MSP** to approve the agenda as presented. **MSP** to approve minutes for the Stated Session Meeting on 6/21/2011. The **Lord's Supper** was served at the *Church & Café* Services on 6/26, 7/3, and 7/10. Communion was also served on 7/3 at the 11:00 am service. **MSP** to approve a U.S. Congregational Life Survey to be done at the end of worship; Dawn to choose the date. **MSP** to accept the Treasurer's May report as presented. **MSP** to move Deacons' Fund to savings or checking account.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building & Grounds:** Potential advertising for an assistant to help the B&G committee with building rentals was discussed. \$600 has been received for the historical marker and a location needs to be approved.

**Missions:**

**MSP** to have a minute for mission on 7/17 for the Jamaican Youth Trip, and on July 31<sup>st</sup> 5 minutes for Missions presentation. The organizational meeting for the Thanksgiving Dinner has been moved to Sunday, 7/17, after worship.

**New Member Development Ministry:**

New member classes will start soon. Alligator advertisement has expired and will be restarted to the full semester.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Schafer expressed an interest in being the moderator for the Nominating Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Next stated Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. The next newsletter deadline is August 18th.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed with prayer.



***Session (Cont'd) . . .******by Clerk of Session, Joanna Long*****CALLED SESSION MEETING—SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011**

The Called Session Meeting was opened with prayer at 10 am by Moderator Dawn Conti in Memorial Hall.

Elders present were Paula Bedford, Bill Clark, Hoyt Childers, Molly Crosby, Mike Jamerson, and Dave Schafer. Also present were Joanna Long (Clerk of Session), Colleen Harrell, Pat Stump

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.**

The purpose of this meeting was to develop a plan that will help us keep the kitchen clean in Memorial Hall and to vote on the Christian Education's committee's recommendation to have one service at 10 am (format of service to be at the discretion of the Worship committee) on Rally Day which (with session's approval) will be Sunday, September 11th.

After hearing many helpful suggestions from Colleen and Pat, **MSP** to form a kitchen committee to ensure the kitchen is kept clean and to adopt their recommendations. **MSP** to have one service on Rally Day (9/11/11) at 10 am with a hamburger/hot dog potluck after the worship service and to recommend wearing and decorating in red, white and blue in remembrance of the 10 year anniversary of 9/11.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 10:15 am.

**CALLED SESSION MEETING—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011**

The Called Session Meeting was opened with prayer at 7 pm by Moderator Dawn Conti in Memorial Hall.

Elders present were Bill Clark, Hoyt Childers, Molly Crosby, Mike Jamerson and Dave Schafer. Elders excused were Paula Bedford, and Joanna Long (Clerk of Session).

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.**

The purpose of this meeting was to decide on the location of the Historical Marker, approve a Peacemaking offering for this Sunday and designate the 25% of that offering to be used for local mission, and approve the minutes from the September stated session meeting..

***Session (Cont'd)******by Clerk of Session, Joanna Long*****CALLED SESSION MEETING—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 (Continued)**

**MSP** to approve the minutes taken by Paula Bedford for the stated session meeting held on 9/13/2011 with one addition under New Business: There will be called meeting on 10/4/11 to work on the 2012 budget. **MSP** to authorize Bill Clark to meet with utilities representatives to determine where historical marker may be placed where it will be within 100 feet from the west side of the sanctuary building. Bill will email session members for their input on his suggested location of the marker. **MSP** to receive the Peacemaking Offering on Sunday, 10/2/11.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Conti at 7:20 p.m.

**CALLED SESSION MEETING— TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011**

The Called Session Meeting was opened with prayer at 7 pm by Moderator Dawn Conti in Memorial Hall.

The Elders present were Paula Bedford, Bill Clark, Hoyt Childers, Molly Crosby, Mike Jamerson, and Dave Schafer. Also present: Joanna Long (Clerk of Session), Leslie Depenbrock, and Evelyn Perry.

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.**

The purpose of this meeting was to approve placement of an historical marker, accept Bill Clark's letter of resignation, approve minutes of previous meetings, approve a memorial service for Loree Strickland, approve calendar changes, and discuss the annual budget.

**MSP** to approve placement of the historical marker as presented by Bill Clark. **MSP** to accept Bill Clark's Letter of Resignation. **MSP** to approved the minutes of the Called Session Meeting 9/27/2011. **MSP** to approve a Memorial Service for Loree Strickland at 5 pm on 10/14/2011. **MSP** to have one service on 12/11 at 10 am for the Christmas Cantata (motion from the Worship Committee). **MSP** one worship service at 11 am on Christmas Day, 12/25. **MSP** to change Pastor Dawn's continuing ed time from 11/11-18/2011 to 10/20-27/2011. **MSP** to have Stewardship dinner on 11/11 at 7 pm and Commitment Sunday on 11/13. Elders will offer rides to Stewardship Dinner.

The budget was discussed in detail and several questions were raised. These questions will be answered at the next session meeting before the budget is finalized.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:30 pm.





### NOVEMBER Birthdays

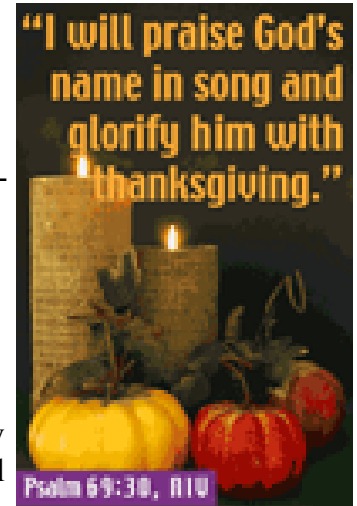
- 09 Richard Barratt
- 10 Gary Waller
- 12 Paula Bedford
- 12 Al Latini
- 13 Molly Rollins
- 13 Johann Otto
- 16 William Jamerson
- 25 Emma Rollins
- 28 Barbara Stewart
- 29 Barbara Rea

### Thanksgiving Dinner . . .

Kanapaha Church will again be hosting a community **Thanksgiving Dinner** on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm for all who would care to participate. In the spirit of the first thanksgiving, this will be a dinner open to the community and is of course, open to all friends and members of KPC. As a University town, there are often students who have no place to go on Thanksgiving. With the current economic situation, some may be financially unable to travel to be with family while others, have no family to be with at all and might otherwise spend the day alone. If you know of someone, please invite them to join us. This will be a dinner as close to Thanksgiving dinner at home as possible .

There are many ways to become involved in this ministry. We need disciples who are willing to come and eat that day and share the hospitality of Christ with friends not yet met. We need those willing to shop, prepare, serve, and clean up. Some may participate by making a donation to cover the cost of food (If so, make your check payable to KPC and mark the memo line "Thanksgiving".) We need many volunteers to help prepare and serve the food. We need **everyone to pray** for this ministry that it may be used by the Holy Spirit as a vehicle for sharing the love of Christ.

There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting for all who would like to help on Sunday, November 6, immediately following worship. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Crosby.



### Three Cheers . . .

- **JoAnna Thomas** along with **Linda Goshorn, Tom Jordan, Dave & Connie Sloane** for packing & delivering food to Idylwild for the Food4Kids Program. We are contributing food to 12 hungry families, which includes 30 children!
- To all who helped with the KPC Food Give Away on October 28th Including **Bill & Nancy Lee Christian, Molly Crosby, Colleen Harrell, Lynn King, Don & Evelyn Perry, Drew, Emma & Michael Rollins, Pat Stump, and JoAnna Thomas**. 80 grateful families went home with groceries.



## *Administration & Stewardship*

*by Moderator, Dave Schafer*

A church is a body of people who worship together and do God's work to make someone else's life better. The missions of the church depend on the generosity and the willingness of the congregation to offer time & talent to serve the needs of the community. We are challenged today to do a lot more with less. Currently, our pledge offerings have not been sufficient to support the missions of the church and we are drawing down our cash reserves. Please contact our treasurer, Evelyn Perry to see where you stand in your pledged giving. If you can make up any differences or give more, the church needs your help.

We are entering a new Stewardship season and the session has been busy establishing the goals for the church for 2012 and with much thoughtfulness and prayer want to present a budget that will help achieve those goals. We hope that you will join us on the night of November 11<sup>th</sup> in Memorial Hall at 7:00 PM for a turkey dinner, fellowship with fellow church members & friends, and a presentation of what we have called our 2012 asking budget. The 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day and a school holiday making for a long weekend. We hope you throw down the apron or bypass the restaurant for that evening and join us for dinner and fellowship. With this budget we can do God's work for the coming year. Please mark your calendar for this evening, bring a dish to share with you. The main courses are supplied and we only need the sides and desserts. On Sunday a sign-up sheet will be circulated so we can see who will bring what side dish to insure we have enough of everything. Last year's Stewardship Dinner went well and everyone enjoyed the entertainment. The all knowing Carnac might make another surprise visit. Please make an effort to attend. We really appreciate this and we hope this year's dinner will be doubly blessed. Stewardship Sunday is November 13, on the same weekend as the dinner.

Here are two quotes that I hope inspire you to join us to make light work for all.

*Working for God on earth doesn't pay much.....but His retirement plan is out of this world !*

*I would rather be criticized for doing something than not doing anything at all!*

When you consider what you can do for the church body, Pastor Dawn has said that there are many ways to participate. Each of us as Christians are vessels of God's love and we have many ways we can show it. Please open your hearts and when asked to help, please say "YES". Each Yes translates into more hands to accomplish a mission. Your life will be richer for it and someone who is overworked will be lifted up.

Our potluck dinners and birthday celebrations continue to draw more people every month. Please mark your calendars and join us for a wonderfully prepared dinner. I have seen a lot of recipes flying around which is a sign that the food is noteworthy. On November 20 we are changing our habit because our Executive Presbyter, Paul Hooker will be at Kanapaha Presbyterian Church to talk on the new form of church government which he helped to author. We will provide a soup and sandwich luncheon for all who wish to stay for this presentation.

I wish to thank all of the unsung heroes who clean up the kitchen after the dinners. Thank you so much!



## *Our Prayers . . .*

Please keep the following members and friends **in your prayers**:

Shannon Anderson, Robert Beckett, Bill & Carol Berry, Phil & Sue Camp, James & Jeri Colbert, Evelyn & Earl Davidson, Pam Dugle, the family of Ralph England, Cindi Flaherty, Beverly Flinchum, the family of Gilbert Goshorn, Gerilynn Knowles, Larrienne Beckwith, Jim & Danielle Lehman, Brianna Lyles, Kerry Luke, Ron Marshall, Nancy Mason, Sarah Noble, Sarah Pregony, Jackie Pregony, Nancy Profit, Teddy & Moe Rancourt, Rosenberg Family, Diane Rowland, the family of Rita Schoof, Don Scott, Louise Steele, the family of Loree Strickland, Shirley & Al Underwood, Dick Wibbelsman, Susan Williams, and the Woolley Family.



## *KPC Book Group . . .*

Our November Book is *The Lake of Dreams*, by Kim Edwards, and we will meet to discuss the book on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at Leslie Depenbrock's Home (7240 SW 80<sup>th</sup> Ter.). All are welcome whether you've read the book or not.

In December the book group will meet at Joan Stout's home, 2126 West Univ. Ave. (377-0967) on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. The book choice is ***SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN*** by Lisa See, ISBN#0812968069, available from Amazon in paperback. Joan recommends reading "A Note About the Writing of the Book" found on pp 262-265 before reading the book. The focus of the book is Chinese women and their lives in the 1800's. Please join us.



*KPC Member Helen Hyatt on her recent trip to Transylvania County, Brevard, NC, on 10/9/11.*

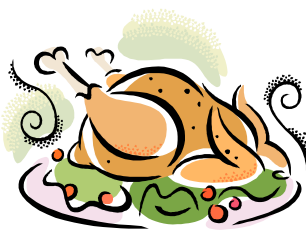
## *Mission*

*by Moderator, Molly Crosby*

November and December are very busy times in the life of our church and families. There are many ways for you to get involved with your church family to really get a feel for the holiday spirit!

### **Operation Shoe Box:**

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we will pack Shoeboxes to send to less fortunate children overseas and to our troops who will be away from home during the holidays. Bring items to church this day! Suggested items are small toys such as cars, dolls, jacks, balls, etc (no weapons). Toiletries are needed for our soldiers as well as candy (good way to get rid of the extra Halloween treats!), reading material, anything else that will fit in a shoebox!



Immediately following the 11 am service on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Thanksgiving Dinner meeting**. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. We need lots of help in many areas! Please lend us your time and talent for this feast. Even if you cannot attend the free dinner on Thanksgiving, there are so many ways to help out before hand. A light lunch will be available for those planners on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

During the Advent Season you have an opportunity to get a gift for someone less fortunate. Look for our **Angel tree** in Memorial Hall. We have children and adults to choose from and even unborn babies! We will help support Arbor House with our holiday gifts. Arbor House is a home in Gainesville for young unwed teenage mothers. This is a safe haven to help these girls carry their pregnancy through. What an incredible gift life is, and this is a small way we can make sure **life** happens!



If you have any questions about these mission projects or would like to help, please contact Molly at [Mollyrollins@yahoo.com](mailto:Mollyrollins@yahoo.com).

## *Nominating Committee*

*by Moderator, Dave Schafer*

A church needs leaders! Without leaders not much can be planned and implemented. As Nominating committee moderator, I wish to thank, Evelyn Perry, Al Latini, and Joanna Long for their efforts in contacting members willing to serve as ruling elders in our church. With their efforts, we have 3 members who are willing to serve on the session starting in 2012 as the class of 2014. This is after our congregational meeting to approve their selection by the nominating committee.

I offer up a challenge. If you know someone who really needs a church home and bring them with you to share in our love and fellowship, you will have accomplished a truly blessed thing. Let the light of our savior Jesus Christ shine through you and give someone hope.

Thanks be to God!  
Amen!

***Treasurer's Report, September 2011******by Evelyn Perry***

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Income                 |               |
| Grants                 | 1,981         |
| Interest Income        | 3             |
| Offering               | 9,141         |
| Other Income           | 550           |
| Youth Group            | <u>30</u>     |
| Total Income           | 11,705        |
| Expense                |               |
| Administration         | 815           |
| Buildings & Grounds    | 602           |
| Christian Education    | 3             |
| Congregational Care    | 490           |
| Missions               | 990           |
| Mortgage Reduction     | 1,190         |
| New Member Developm... | 20            |
| Personnel              | 8,626         |
| Worship                | 30            |
| Total Expense          | <u>12,766</u> |
| Net Income             | <u>-1,061</u> |

**INCOME:**

• Grants \$1,981: This is the first half of the two EFSP grants we received for Food4Kids and Thanksgiving Day Dinner. All grant funds must be spent by October 31, 2011.

• Offering \$9,141: \$7,604.65 was received for General Fund (\$5,993 pledged & \$1,611.65 unpledged). Designated funds were: \$390 Mortgage Reduction (\$315 pledged & \$75 unpledged); \$61.15 Study Books; \$490 Congregational Care; \$200 Historic Marker; \$395 Missions, which included designations of \$100 for Food4Kids, and \$295 undesignated missions.

**EXPENSES:**

• Mortgage \$1,190: Interest paid: \$329.36. Principal paid: \$860.64. After the September payment, the principal balance was \$78,184.86.

• If you would like to know where you stand on your pledge, or would like a further breakdown on income and expenses, or need additional information on church finances, please call Evelyn Perry at 371-2917 or e-mail ([evperry@aol.com](mailto:evperry@aol.com)).

• **Thank you very much for your continued support of Kanapaha church.**

***Worship Volunteers . . .*****November 2011***Liturgist:* Richard Barratt    *Ushers/Greeters:* TBD

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Nursery</u> | <u>Children's Church</u> | <u>Children's Message</u> | <u>Acolyte</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 11/6/11     | Diane Jones    | Kate & Emily Conti       | Dawn Conti                | Alex Ludwig    |
| 11/13/11    | Diane Jones    | Need a Volunteer         | TBD                       | Bella Scott    |
| 11/20/11    | Diane Jones    | Jo Thomas                | Dawn Conti                | Ethan Dixon    |
| 11/27/11    | Diane Jones    | Barbara Rea              | TBD                       | Emily Rollins  |

Church & Café Children's Message: 11/06, Amy Rosenberg, 11/13, Molly Crosby, 11/20, Amy Rosenberg, 11/27 Art Watson

## Worship

by Moderator, Hoyt Childers

### Advent 2011



**Christ the King Sunday Nov. 20** - This is the last Sunday in ordinary time before Advent. On Christ the King Sunday we recognize and reflect on the sovereignty of Christ as Lord and King of the universe and everything it contains.

**Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24** – This year, members and friends of Kanapaha once again have a unique opportunity to reach out to our community – perhaps to people we would not normally encounter – in Christ’s name with the community Thanksgiving Dinner. We now have at least one new member who first came to Kanapaha at the community Thanksgiving Dinner last year.

**Hanging of the Greens, Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.** – Please come and participate in this fine tradition, which helps prepare the church buildings and the hearts and minds of those who participate for the Advent and Christmas season.

**First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27** – With only four Sundays left before Christmas Day, we light the first purple candle in the Advent wreath, the **Candle of Hope**.

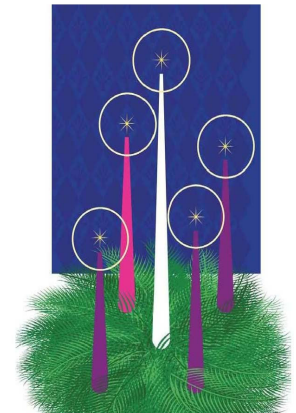
**Second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 4** – With three Sundays left before Christmas Day, we light the second purple candle, the **Candle of Preparation**, and we celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

**Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 11** – We anticipate the anniversary of the birth of our Lord with the Christmas Cantata. Kanapaha will celebrate this day with one service at 10 a.m. with lunch afterwards, so that our whole Christian community can come together in worship and fellowship. With two Sundays left before Christmas Day, we light the pink candle, the **Candle of Joy**.

**Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 18** – On this last Sunday of Advent before Christmas, we light the fourth candle – the remaining purple candle – the **Candle of Love**.

**Christmas Eve Service, Saturday, Dec. 24** – We celebrate the birth of our Lord in a candlelight service. We light the final candle in the Advent wreath, the **Christ Candle**, and we celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

**Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25** – We celebrate the birth of our Lord with one service, the 11 a.m. service in the Kanapaha Sanctuary.



## Mr. Movie

by Kevin Conti

*Mr. Movie...Time to dip into the Netflix vault...*

*“The Girl in the Café”* first appeared on HBO in 2005 with the tagline *“Love can't change what's wrong in the world. But it's a start.”* There is indeed a May-December romance between the crusty British civil servant Lawrence, played by Bill Nighy (*Davy Jones from Pirates of the Caribbean*) & the much younger Gina, played by Kelly MacDonald (*No Country for Old Men; Nanny McPhee; Boardwalk Empire.*) They meet in a café, and somehow Lawrence awkwardly invites Gina to accompany him to the G8 Summit in Iceland, where world leaders will be discussing how to reduce the extreme poverty throughout the world. She has nothing better to do, so she accepts the invitation.



*“I don't believe one grows older. I think that what happens early on in life is that at a certain age one stands still and stagnates.” - T. S. Eliot*

Lawrence struggles to explain the complex political issues involved with reducing global poverty, and Gina quickly processes this information and offers her opinions to anyone willing to listen, much to the dismay of Lawrence's boss and the other world leaders. There is plenty of not-so-subtle propaganda about “well-crafted compromises” and ignoring the poor, and you can sense the relationship being tested with every encounter. At a formal dinner party, Gina gives an impassioned plea for these leaders to “be great instead of being ashamed”, dramatically snapping her fingers every 3 seconds to indicate another death due to poverty. It's a haunting sound that is echoed in the closing credits. The ending will also leave you wondering.

*My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" - Psalm 42:3*

*"Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation." - Nelson Mandela, 2005*

*“For Roseanna”, or “Roseanna's Grave “ (1997) also deals with a serious subject – death – but in a very light-hearted manner. Roseanna, played by Mercedes Ruehl (*Lost in Yonkers; Big*) is dying and wants to be buried next to her daughter, but the cemetery is filling up quickly. Her husband, Marcello, played by Jean Reno (*Bezu Fache in The DaVinci Code*), is determined to keep everyone in their Italian village alive, but this proves to be a challenge. His role of watchdog soon involves finding hiding places for the recently deceased, with comical Corsican consequences. As Roseanna says, “Who wouldn't want to be Italian?”*

*“A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road.” - Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman and lecturer*

And then there is another comedic take on a serious subject – the death of both parents and the guardianship of the surviving child – with the 2010 film *“Life As We Know It”*, starring one of the current queens of romantic comedy, Katherine Heigl (*Grey's Anatomy; 27 Dresses*) as Holly, and “Mr. Fergie” Josh Duhamel (*Transformers; Las Vegas*) as Mercer. Of course, they hate each other due to a very bad blind date, but they must now share a house and care for a cute infant, so you can expect some hilarious hijinks sprinkled around the edges of borderline child abuse. It's a fluffy bit of reality.

*Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. - Luke 18:17*

## *Presbytery News . . .*



# *Presbyterian Women*

**PRESBYTERY OF ST. AUGUSTINE**  
***Presbyterian Women 2012 Annual Gathering***  
**January 28, 2012**

## ***Fishers of Women*** ***Blessings by the Sea***

To be held at:  
First Presbyterian Church  
9 North Sixth St.  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

***The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine will hold its Annual Gathering January 28, 2012 in beautiful Fernandina Beach. We'll have worship, fellowship, workshops, and the annual business meeting with installations of officers***

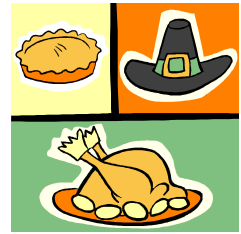
Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of more than 300,000 women. The programming and resource options for the organization offer a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community.

Women's groups in the Presbyterian Church have a powerful history. Since the early 1800s Presbyterian women have organized themselves to support mission and combat social injustices nationally and internationally. While the levels of involvement and recognition from the denominations has varied, women's dedication to living out God's call through women's organizations has remained steady.

**For more information please contact:**

**Presbytery of St. Augustine**  
**1937 University Blvd. W**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32217**  
**[Www.staugpres.org](http://www.staugpres.org)**

## November Notes



- 11/2 Chancel Training Choir, 6-7 pm, Praise Band 8 pm
- 11/3 Thursday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 am, Pastor Dawn leading
- 11/4 –5 Elder Training at MPCC
- 11/6 Daylight Saving Time Ends, Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting after 11:00,
- 11/11 Stewardship Dinner, 7 pm in Memorial Hall
- 11/13 Stewardship Sunday, Operation Shoebox
- 11/14 Book Club, 1:30 at Leslie Depenbrocks, 7240 SW 80th Terrace
- 11/15 Stated Session Meeting, 7 pm
- 11/16 Staff Meeting, 10 am
- 11/17 Thursday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 am, Parish Assoc., Rev. Gary Waller leading
- 11/20 Christ the King Sunday, Rev. Dr. Paul Hooker to speak after 11:00 worship, Lunch Provided
- 11/21 Newsletter Deadline
- 11/23 No Chancel Choir Practice
- 11/24-27 Pastor Dawn on Leave, Rev. Gary Waller preaching
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Dinner, 2:00-4:00 pm in Memorial Hall
- 11/26 Hanging of the Greens, 10:00 am.
- 11/27 First Sunday of Advent, Rev. Gary Waller, Preaching, Birthday Sunday (No Potluck), Magic Penny
- 11/30 Advent Soup & Study, McCormick Hall, 5:30—6:50 pm



| Sun   | Mon                  | Tue                                  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                              | Sat  |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|--|
|                  |                      | 1                                    | 2<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 AA<br>8:00 Praise Band                                   | 3<br>10:30 Bible Stdy<br>Food4Kids                                      | 4<br>Elder Training<br>MPCC 4 &5 | 5<br>Change Clocks<br>Daylight Saving<br>Time 2:00 am<br>on 11/6 |
| 6<br>8:30 Chrch & Cafe<br>9:50 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship                                       | 7                    | 8                                    | 9<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 AA<br>8:00 Praise Band                                   | 10<br>Food4Kids   | 11<br>7pm Stewardship<br>Dinner  | 12   |
| 13<br>8:30 Chrch & Cafe<br>9:50 Sunday Schl.<br>11:00 Worship<br>Stewardship Sunda                  | 14<br>1:30 Book Club | 15<br>7 pm Stated<br>Session Meeting | 16<br>10 am Staff Mtg<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 AA<br>8:00 Praise Band               | 17<br>10:30 Bible Stdy<br>Food4Kids                                     | 18                               | 19   |
| 20 Christ the King<br>8:30 Chrch & C<br>9:50 Sunday Schl.<br>11:00 Worship<br>Rev. Paul Hooker      | 21                   | 22                                   | 23<br>No Choir<br>7:30 AA  | 24<br>* * * Pastor Dawn on Leave * * *<br>Thanksgiving<br>Dinner 2-4 pm | 25                               | 26<br>Hanging of the<br>Green                                    |
| 27 1st of Advent<br>8:30 Chrch & Cafe<br>9:50 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br>Birthday<br>* * * * | 28                   | 29                                   | 30<br>5:30 Soup<br>6:00 Advent Stdy<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 AA<br>8:00 Praise Band |   |                                  |  |



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(352) 378-9080

#### **The Session**

Rev. Dawn Conti, Moderator  
Joanna Long, Clerk of Session

#### **Session Members**

##### **Class of 2011**

Hoyt Childers  
Dave Schafer

##### **Class of 2012**

Mike Jamerson

##### **Class of 2013**

Paula Bedford  
Bill Clark  
Molly Crosby

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| Rev. Dawn Conti, Pastor                  | 331-8874 |
| Rev. Dr. Leslie Depenbrock, Parish Asso. | 378-8460 |
| Rev. Gary Waller, Parish Associate       | 505-6445 |
| Evelyn Perry, Treasurer                  | 371-2917 |
| Joan Stout, Pianist/Choir Director       | 377-0967 |
| Lynn King, Administrative Asst.          | 378-9080 |

**Church Office Hours: M-Th 9:00 am. -1:00 pm**

#### ***KPC Mission Statement:***

***“Glorifying God through  
learning, living, and sharing  
the Good News of Jesus Christ.”***