

Church of the Palms

Worship

January 16, 2011

“Equipping Disciples for the Service of Christ”



Need someone to talk to? A Stephen Minister can help, 924-1323

Need to hear a prayer or have someone pray for you?

Call the Prayer Line 924-9979

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9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Worship broadcast live on Comcast Channel 189.

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Welcome to Worship at Church of the Palms

Whether you are a member or affiliate member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor, we are glad you are here and invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship, growth, and service. If you would like to learn more about the church, are considering how you might be involved, or are ready to make a deeper commitment through membership, we invite you to contact Pastor Tim Reynolds, 924-1323. The next orientation is February 13, at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel Reception Room. Pre-registration is not required and you are welcome to attend.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are trained, caring Christians who know how to listen and support people in crisis. If either you or someone you know would like a Stephen Minister's help, contact Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

Sanctuary Worship Aids - For your convenience, there are large-print copies of the Order of Worship and hearing devices that may be helpful as well. Packets containing worship activities designed for children are also available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Campus Center. An usher can assist you with these needs.

Sermon Text - Copies of previous sermon text brochures are available in the Narthex in plastic tiered holders, the Campus Center, at the Welcome Center and in the Administration Building.

Televised Worship Service

On Sunday mornings our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast on Comcast Cable Channel 189. For those who do not have Comcast, a video copy of the sermon is uploaded to our website the following Monday before noon. There is also an archive of sermons available on the website. DVD's of the entire service are available for purchase by calling the Church office. You may also watch the live video stream of our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service on our website, www.churchofthepalms.org.

Sacrament of Baptism

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is Mason Clarke Davis, born on September 23, 2010, son of Dan and Kelly Davis, grandson of Fred and Kathy Chamberlain.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean P. Brenneman, by her husband Robert S. Brenneman.

The Garden @ Church of the Palms

Modern Worship – Ancient Truth – Spiritual Growth

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Around The Word

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

Greeting One Another

Proclaiming The Word

Scripture Reading

Prayers of Supplication & Intercession

Songs for Illumination

Proclamation

Philippians 1:12-30

Pastor Tim Reynolds

Responding To The Word

Songs of Affirmation

Invitation to Discipleship

Response of the People

The morning offering and gifts may be placed in the garden pail on your table or in the watering cans near the entrance. Canned goods for the food pantry are placed in the wheelbarrow up front. For more information about programs and activities at Church of the Palms there is a “5-Minute Window” at 8:55 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. in the Campus Center, or you may visit the “Welcome Center” just outside the doors. Following the service, Pastor Tim will be available in front of the stage for anyone with comments, questions or concerns.

Next Week: - Philippians 2:1-11

Worship Leadership

Leaders: Tim Reynolds (treynolds@churchofthepalms.org)

Program Director: Steve Lenz (steverlenz@gmail.com)

Technical Director: Mike Bassett (mbass66@verizon.net)

Worship Leader: Megan Mooney (megmooney@hotmail.com)

Worship in the Sanctuary

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(9:15 a.m.) Ethel Webb
(11:00 a.m.) Clayton Webb

God, we wait for you to hear our cries. We come from desperate situations and many moments of despair. Then, when you call us together, we are challenged to be and to do more than we have already faced. We have spent our strength. How can we do more? Will you renew us here? We feel that we have labored in vain. Will you help us make sense out of our failures? Come with your saving help. Amen.

PRELUDE

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

James Denton

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #356** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*SENTENCES OF PRAISE

INTROIT (9:15 a.m.)

“Friends Love One Another”
God’s Kids; Ann Jones, Director

Carol McClure

Friends love one another, friends love one another,
Friends love one another, friends love all the time.
Friends help one another, friends help one another,
Friends help one another, friends help all the time.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

We come back to you , O Holy One, to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (together)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the commu-
nion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting. Amen.

WE SHARE

WORDS OF GREETING

(Please sign and pass the red covered friendship pad at the end of the pew.)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:15 a.m.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” Fettke and Johnson
Chancel Choir

When I gaze into the night skies
And see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

But what is man that you are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,
And so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.
Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***HYMN #339** “Be Thou My Vision”

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:1-14 (Pew Bible O.T. p. 50)
Exodus 20:7 (Pew Bible O.T. p. 66)
Philippians 2:1-11 (Pew Bible N.T. 197)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Identity Theft” Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

WE GO

***HYMN #142** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (together)

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

POSTLUDE

*Congregation, please stand if able.

Worship Leaders in the Sanctuary Today

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell	Senior Pastor
Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth	Executive Pastor
Rev. Phil Bliss	Visitation Pastor
Rev. Fred Marsh	Visitation Pastor
John W. Ferreira, C.A.G.O.	Director of Music Ministries
Judy Lutes	Assistant Organist

Congregational Meeting Today, at noon in the Sanctuary

Plan now to attend the annual meeting of the congregation, set by the Session for today at noon in the Sanctuary. Normal business will be conducted, including the election of Elders and Deacons. In addition, we will hear reports from the Foundation as well as on other matters of special importance including the 2011 operating budget.

Call to Prayer

Would you get up early to pray for your pastors?
Join us Sunday mornings, 8:00-9:00 a.m. - Chapel Study (leave when you must)
Questions? Contact Margarete Bliss, (941) 359-6688

Sunday Mornings for Children - 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School Childcare

Nursery	Room 101
Toddlers & Two Year Olds	Room 103
Three Year Olds	Room 103B

Children in PreK and Kindergarten begin their day in the Chapel for music at 9:00 a.m. After music they will be brought to their class. Parents are to pick them up at 10:15 a.m. from their class.

Pre-K	Room 105
Kindergarten	Room 114

Faith Boosters – 1st through 5th Grades

Begin your day in the Chapel for “Gathering Time.” A light breakfast will be served. Today we continue our rotation entitled “The Covenant.” The 1st Graders learn about Worship and Communion. Parents of 1st and 2nd graders, please pick up your son/daughter immediately after your Church service in the Chapel.

1st Grade	Worship	Chapel
2nd Grade	Zoom	Room 206
3rd Grade	Excitement	Room 207
4th & 5th Grades	Cyber	Room 202

**Parents – See what your children are doing in class and find suggestions on what you can do at home to enrich your child’s learning experience. Go to www.churchofthepalms.org. Under “Families” click on “Children & Parents” go down the right hand side to “S’MORE GOD.” Click there to get to that page.

**Attention 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students. Our “Bible Booster” program continues today. Remember to bring your Bibles with you each and every Sunday. Find out more details during “Gathering Time.”

Nursery care available - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Room 101

Childcare for children age 2 - 7 available - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Room 108

Children’s Choirs

God’s Kids Choir - 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel - Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Kids of the Kingdom Choir - 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel - 1st - 5th Grades.

If you have questions about the children’s choirs, please contact Judy Lutes, 921-4330 or jlutes@churchofthepalms.org.

“Sunday Morning Sabbath” for Middle and High School Youth

9:00 a.m. - Get refreshed, refocused, and renewed in the Lord. High school students meet in Room 208/210 and middle school students meet in Room 209 for worship and interaction before separating into age appropriate Bible study and discussion.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Seeds of Faith - Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Room 211

Today we continue our study of “Christianity: The First Three Centuries” with a segment on “Apostles and Emperors.” We’ll learn more about the disciples - especially Peter and Paul, but also other early disciples of Christ. We’ll gain a better understanding of Rome, and the role that Roman emperors (such as Nero) played in the church’s early development. This fascinating study features well-known scholar, historian, and author Dr. Paul L. Maier. Next week, we’ll discuss “Persecutions and Bishops.” YOU are invited - please join us for a cup of coffee, interesting discussion, and caring fellowship!

Christians Under Construction - Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Room 209

With the New Year, we begin a study of the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Barbara Hohenshil leads the presentation and discussion based on “The Mystery of the Holy Spirit,” by R.C. Sproul, a leading Reformed theologian. Barbara also will draw on a work by Katherine Marshall, “The Helper.” In February, Tom Webber will lead a discussion of “Church and State - from Revolutionary times to the present.”

Book Group - Today, 3:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

Are you ready for quality reading and enjoyable, faith-energizing discussion with inviting people? Our discussion book for January is The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. This is the historical fiction account of Dinah, based on Genesis 34 in the Bible. The story is told from Dinah’s perspective, even though in the Biblical account no actual words of hers were recorded. This Old Testament woman’s culture and trials, strength and wisdom, are vividly portrayed in ways that can enable people everywhere to better discover those vital aspects of life that we all share. In this new year, won’t you join us? You would be most welcome! We meet each month, choose in advance the faith-based books we’d like to read, and have wonderful, enlightening discussions. Questions? You are encouraged to contact Doris Kamphuis, 360-8474, rakamphuis@aol.com or Suzanne Butsch, 378-3412, rando250@verizon.net.

Men’s Study and Breakfast - Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. At the Dutch Heritage Restaurant on Bahia Vista Street; just east of Beneva Road. We begin with prayer for one another and others, followed by Bible study on the Gospel of John. Led by Dale Vollrath.

Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

Ladies Prayer Group - Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - Room 211

Ladies! Praying for adult children? Need encouragement? Join us for prayer. Questions? Contact Margarete Bliss, 359-6688.

C.S. Lewis Reading Group Led by Dr. McConnell

Tuesday, January 18, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

We will be discussing Chapter 6 of The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis. Newcomers are welcome.



Men's Bible Study - Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. - Chapel Reception Room

Join us in our study of the Gospel of Matthew. The Men's Bible Study has been a regular program since the formation of Church of the Palms in 1957. Led by Tom Webber and Rev. Fred Marsh.

Faith at Work - Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

Faith at Work has begun a new six-session investigation of the toughest objections to Christianity. This video-based series, "The Case for Faith," deals with those nagging questions and doubts that keep people from believing in Christ or fully committing themselves to him. How do we as believers grow in faith with our own lingering doubts at the same time? Join us in our study as we explore faith and reason. Moderators: Ben and Bernie Morgan.

Wednesday Dinner - January 19, 5:00 p.m. - Campus Center

Join us for food, fun and fellowship. This week we will enjoy turkey a-la-king over jasmine rice, soups, salad, dessert and beverages. Adults \$8.00; Youth \$4.00; Children \$3.00; Toddlers 2 and under - free. Fill out your reservation cards in the pew rack or call the Church office, 924-1323 or make your reservation online, www.churchofthepalms.org. Deadline: noon on Tuesdays.

Companions in Christ - Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Room 209

The Companions in Christ program is a small-group study that nurtures the progress of spiritual formation. In this study you will embrace spiritual formation as a journey, be introduced to several ways of meditation and praying with scripture, learn various forms and styles of prayer, discuss your call to service, and explore spiritual guidance. Registration for this class is now closed. Please watch for announcements of future opportunities being offered through Companions in Christ, or contact Fee Mercer, 371-8091 or pmercerc10@comcast.net for more information.

Friday Morning Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - Room 211

Pastor Tim Reynolds will lead a study of the minor prophets, beginning with an overview of prophets and then studying individual ones. The study ends on April 15 (just prior to Palm Sunday.) Bring your Bible and a desire to learn.

Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

Wednesdays @ 6:12 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Why 6:12 p.m.? Because Leviticus 6:12 says that the fire on the altar should never go out. These spiritual formation classes are designed to keep the fire in our hearts burning so that we go out into the world to serve in the name of Christ.

January/February – Dr. Steve McConnell is teaching a series on The Parables of Jesus that will continue up to the beginning of Lent. Jesus used stories to communicate the truth of God’s love, the reality of God’s Kingdom, and the demands of following him. These stories are still read, studied, and told today by those who follow Jesus because the depth and many facets they contain continue to inspire, equip, and instruct us, even over 2,000 years later. What makes these stories so special? So relevant? So timeless? Please join Dr. McConnell for this enlightening and informative look at Jesus’ parables as we continue to be inspired and instructed by them in the 21st century.

January 19 – Parables of “the moment” - Matthew 25 and Luke 12:16-21

January 26 – A parable of grace - Matthew 20: 1-16

February 2 – Parables of mystery - Luke 16

Music and the Arts Concerts in January

Andrew Lapp

Concert Pianist, Andrew Lapp will perform in the Sanctuary today at 3:00 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon filled with favorite classics, sacred and popular arrangements. A free-will love offering will be collected.




Suncoast Concert Band

Suncoast Concert Band will present “A Visit Across the Pond” at 3:00 p.m. next Sunday, January 23 in the Sanctuary. The band will perform musical selections representing various countries in Europe including “Irish Tune From County Derry,” “The British Grenadiers,” selections from “Gigi,” “Funiculi Funicula,” and “Radetsky March.” A special number on the program will be an Alphorn duet with band accompaniment, “Almglocken Polka.” Nathan Richards and Nancy Leipold will be the featured soloists. Admission to the concert is only \$5.00 at the door. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information please contact John Ferreira, 924-1323.

Palms' Men Kickoff 2011

Come join us next Saturday, January 22 at 8:00 a.m. in the Campus Center for the Men's Breakfast. After we enjoy breakfast, you'll get to hear from Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth as he shares his journey of faith and the path to Church of the Palms. We will also share more on upcoming men's programs in 2011 and specific opportunities. Tickets are \$6 per person or \$10 for 2 (so invite a guest/friend). If you've joined the church in the past 6 months, come join us. Breakfast is FREE for new church members! Look for the Palms' Men's table under the tree to signup and get more details. On Friday, February 25 we have a Friday Night Dinner and program. We'll have a special guest speaker and a great dinner. More details will be coming, but please hold the date. You won't want to miss it.

PALMS' MEN



Make Mission Expo 2011 your destination for this January. Meet missionaries, whose overseas missions we support, for brunch on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., January 29 in the Campus Center. On Sunday, January 30, meet our friends from overseas as well as our mission partners that we support here in Florida under the Big Tent (More than 30 missions!). Find out about all of the ways you can participate in mission. Don't know what your spiritual gifts or calling are? Don't worry. You can find out what you are all about at the S.H.A.P.E. table. Join us to learn more and do more in Christ's mission. You can read more about Mission Expo 2011 in the January 2011 edition of the Palm Fronds.

Women's Exercise - Firm Believers

Osteopenia: A significant decrease in bone mineral density.

Osteoporosis: Loss of bone mass that occurs throughout the skeleton, predisposing to fractures.

Exercise strengthens your bones! Side to side and forward/backward movement increases the benefit. Exercise improves general strength and stability while it decreases stress and lowers blood pressure. So...what are you waiting for? The women's exercise class meets in the Campus Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m., and Monday and Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. The cost is \$15 per month. Your instructor is Ethel Webb, Certified Senior Fitness Instructor, Retired RN. For more information, call Ethel at 924-2765 or just come observe or try the class.

God's Ten Point Plan for Abundant Living

Today in the Sanctuary, Dr. McConnell continues his series on the Ten Commandments. Today we look at Commandment #3 - "You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain."

Honduras VBS Mission Team Needs Your Help!

Plans are underway for the 2011 adult mission trip to Honduras – February 5-12. This will be the sixth year that we have traveled to Honduras to share the message of God's love with the children and their families. A few members of our team will be working in construction while others will be involved in the VBS program. We are especially excited to have Bruce Hedgepeth joining our team this year. We will be returning to Paujiles Norte and are looking forward to continuing to build our relationships with the children and adults that began last year. In addition to your prayers, which we covet, there are several ways to help us as we prepare to go. As part of our program this year we will be giving each child a Bible so they can begin reading God's Word. These children's Bibles in Spanish cost about \$5 each and we will be purchasing 100 Bibles to take with us. If you would like to become a donor of the Bibles for Paujiles project, please contact Maxine Perry. There are also supplies that we purchase to use with the children during our time there. In the past, at the end of the VBS we have donated the school supplies to the school, but we discovered last year that the children do not have so much as a crayon of their own at home, so this year we are planning to put together a large baggie for each child with their needed school supplies and allow them to take it with them on the last day of VBS. The team has compiled a list of some of our needs and they are listed below:

- Children's scissors (blunt)
- Stickers (Christian themes are great)
- Glue sticks
- Washable markers (both thin and broad)
- Boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count boxes only)
- Boxes of larger crayons (for kindergarteners)
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Colored pencils
- Colored ink pads and Christian stamps
- Sunglasses for children ages 6-14
- Packages of colored construction paper
- Pony beads
- Gallon Ziploc bags

Used CD players in good working condition for the classrooms are also welcome. If you have any questions concerning items to donate, please contact Maxine Perry, 349-3282. We are also working with the teachers to begin building a library for the school, so donations of children's books in Spanish are especially welcome. Gaye O'Brien is coordinating the collection of books and anyone interested in making a donation toward the library are invited to contact Gaye at obrieng1@aol.com or Maxine Perry at dperry3603@aol.com. These items can be placed in the box marked VBS Mission Trip at the Missions Table on Sunday or they can be taken to the Administration Building during the week. Thank you in advance for assisting us in sharing God's Love with these little ones. - 2011 VBS Mission Team

**Philippians:
Mastering Life's Deathly Hallows
A Garden Sermon Series**

The letter to the Philippians was a real letter written to real people dealing with real life. The Apostle Paul, writing from jail, instructs the little community of believers in Philippi on how to find confidence, joy, peace, contentment and true happiness in the midst of difficulty, adversity, hardship, worry and anxiety. These are lessons that still apply today. Join us in The Garden for a 9-week series entitled, "Philippians: Mastering Life's Deathly Hallows" and discover how to respond faithfully when life is happening all around you.

**Summer Camp 2011
Volunteer Opportunity**

Do you love to cook? Do you enjoy working with kids? If you answered yes to these questions, then summer camp is looking for you! Volunteers are needed to help teach our summer camp children how to cook delicious treats that they will sell in order to raise money for mission projects both here and around the world. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful volunteer opportunity with Summer Camp 2011 "Kids Making a Difference," then please contact Debby Wendell, 924-1323 or email dwendell@churchofthepalms.org.

Lost and Found

Throughout the year, we have gathered an assortment of glasses, jewelry, keys, and articles of clothing. Please stop by the Church office from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday to retrieve any of your lost items. We will donate any unclaimed items on January 31.

Back to Basics Tutoring

Volunteer for at least one hour per week to tutor one of the students on the waiting list and use your God given gifts of teaching, listening, encouraging and caring. Tutors are needed to tutor students in 1st to 12th grade in subjects ranging from elementary reading, math and writing to high school algebra, geometry, precalculus, chemistry, biology and Spanish. This one hour or more could be on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. or between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. and/or Thursday between 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Contact Ruby Dailey, 922-3294 or talk with her at the tutoring table under the fellowship for more information and to volunteer.

Resurrection House "Replacing Homelessness with Hopefulness"

The Mission Committee at COP was approached for a monetary gift for one-way bus tickets for those who needed emergency transportation. A



A \$1,000.00 donation was approved, by the committee, which purchased 1,334 one-way tickets. The staff at Resurrection House was very appreciative when presented with the tickets. The tickets will be distributed equally through out the year of 2011. You are continually being thanked by the clients at RH when they receive your donated items. Please continue to place your donated items in the Administration building, and thank you for caring. God Bless you.

The Palms Bridge Club

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Chapel Reception Room. We'd love to have you join us. Please contact Bam Justice, 343-0521 to make your reservation.



No cast, no crutches... nothing you can see... But he's still sick. His behavior is strange and unpredictable. Mental illness! Sometimes you worry he might hurt himself or someone else. The constant tension is hard to live with. The whole family suffers. You need someone to listen and to care, without judging or pushing. A Stephen Minister can provide such support to keep you going. And you can be sure that no one will ever know what you and your Stephen Minister discuss. To find out more about your Church of the Palms Stephen Ministry, you can use the pew-rack Stephen Ministry request folder - or contact Pastor Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's February Gathering will be held Friday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Campus Center. It will be a lunch and fashion show by Janet Carr. Please sign up under the Fellowship tree between services on January 23 and January 30.

Two Cents a Meal

Have you ever been really hungry? Are you aware of the growing number of those who have nothing on their plate at meal time? Please consider helping us to help them. On the fourth Sunday of each month you will find red baskets for your contribution to this vital church-wide mission program in the Narthex, Campus Center, Music and Arts Building and under the Fellowship tree. Presbyterian Women manage the program giving fifty percent to Church of the Palms Deacons' Food Pantry and twenty-five percent each to the Peace River Presbytery and PCUSA hunger programs. Remember, Jesus asks us to provide for those who are hungry. Thank you for your support of this program.



Loving Stitches

The Loving Stitches knitting, crocheting, quilting, and sewing group meets the fourth Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Reception Room. We make baby quilts, quilts and lap robes for the Veterans Hospital, knit helmet liners for the soliders overseas, prayer shaws for the visiting ministers to distribute as they wish, knit or crochet baby blankets, hats, socks, booties, sew receiving blankets, burping pads, teddy bears for the Sarasota Police and Sheriff's Departments. We are always looking for new ideas, and folks to help with these projects. Contact Alberta Adams, 924-8464.

Middle School Mission Trip (Cedarkirk) Gathering

Don't miss the first gathering for students attending the summer mission trip to Cedarkirk on Wednesday, January 26 from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m.! The gathering will take place in conjunction with PULSE (see above). We have 9 spots left for rising 5th graders through rising 8th graders (and 2 adult leader positions) for this exciting and rewarding week (June 12 - 17) away from home with your friends. Students will do good work in support of the Beth-El farm worker mission during the day, while also enjoying all the fun outdoor activities back at Cedarkirk. Contact Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn to RSVP for the gathering or for more information.

Middle School Pulse

Middle school students and their friends are invited to join us for PULSE each Wednesday from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Come up to Room 208/210 for dinner, wacky games, and great conversations about things that truly matter. We are on an exciting journey together as we learn that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves! Bring a friend and \$5 for food.

Encourage The Elderly Service Project

This is your opportunity to play BINGO with bright, smiling elderly folks at Sunnyside Nursing Home! Join student ministry on Saturday, February 5 to spread joy and youthful energy as part of our ongoing Isaiah 58 service project. Contact Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn for more information.

High School Summer Trips (Montreat And Denver) Gathering

Don't miss the first gathering for students attending either the Montreat Youth Conference or the DOOR Denver Mission Trip next Sunday, January 23 from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.! We have 11 spots left for rising 9th graders through graduating seniors (and 4 adult leader positions) for Montreat and 14 student and 6 adult spots left for Denver. Montreat is a faith-building and awe-inspiring spiritual reflection and connection week with Presbyterian students from all over the U.S. The Denver trip interfaces with urban projects that serve the elderly, homeless, hungry, and daycare facilities. Contact Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn to RSVP for the gathering or for more information.

High School Student Ministry

Come find your place in student ministry with a small group. We are excited to unveil a transformation in student ministry as a few new small groups are launched for high school students and ThirtyThree becomes a monthly WOW event! The small groups will meet weekly for community building in Christ, Bible study, and discussions on a variety of topics relevant to student culture. Groups are starting now so contact Derek in the student ministry office to join a small group or for more information about this exciting ministry.

For more information or to RSVP for Student Ministry events, please contact Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn, 924-1323 or email dthompson@churchofthepalms.org and mdunn@churchofthepalms.org.

Family In-town Retreat

Don't miss the family in-town retreat on February 11-12 led by Family Builders facilitator, Tony Camp. The action-packed workshops will take place here at church on Friday night, and at the YMCA all day Saturday, including a wall-climbing/ropes course event. Tony will teach us the skills to keep parent-child communication open, fun, and loving! Children and student ministry is teaming up to bring families this exciting family bonding experience. Contact Debby Wendell, Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn, 924-1323 for more details and to sign up!

To Read to a Child.....

...can stir memories of those quiet, comfortable times spent with your children when they were small and you were their world. At least it does for me, and it is with great fondness that I think often about those times spent reading to my children-the awe in their eyes, the giggles of delight, their great anticipation as they couldn't wait for me to turn the page. I was blessed with the chance to relive those moments by reading to the children at our own preschool one hour a week. Now as I move out of the area the children are hoping that someone will step forward to read to them. -Jann Vasiloff

If you want to watch the wonder of a story through the eyes of a child and stir a memory of your own, then give yourself an enormous blessing and contact Debby Wendell, 924-1323 or email dwendell@churchofthepalms.org.

Parents' Night Out

On January 29, children from birth to 2nd grade are invited to come to Parents' Night Out from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Children will enjoy a light supper and time playing and doing crafts while parents enjoy an evening out. Registration forms, can be found online, under the tree, or in the office, and \$5 per child are due by January 24.

Kids' Night Out

On January 29, kids in grades 3-5 are invited to come to Kids' Night



Out from 5:00-8:00

p.m. They will help to prepare meals which will be frozen and distributed at a later date to families served by our Food Pantry. Thanks for your help kids! Registration forms, can be found online, under the tree, or in the office, and \$5 per child are due by January 24.

Family Fun Night

GO TEAM GO! Get ready for a football themed Family Fun Night in the Campus Center on January 21 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, kids, and neighbors come join us for a night of football themed activities and a movie. Bring your family team spirit!

For more information or to RSVP for children's events, please contact Debby Wendell, 924-1323 or email dwendell@churchofthepalms.org.

A Prayer For Your Week

O Father in Heaven,
Your name is Holy, Our Lord and God.

Too often, we hear your blessed name wrongfully used –
in the popular media, television, and movies, in written word,
sports, and in moments of anger, fear, and distress.

There are times when people promote causes “in your name”
when they are really motivated by personal profit or professional gain.
This offense is also in violation of your commandment
that we not take the Lord’s name in vain.

May God be in my heart, my mind, my motives, and especially in
my speech that I will ever praise Him with my words and witness,
showing others His love and glory. Hear this, my prayer, Amen.

Remember in Prayer

A newly revised weekly list of prayer requests is available on the literature racks, at the doors in the Sanctuary, the Campus Center, and the office. It contains people for whom there is a special concern as well as those who are serving in the military from Church of the Palms and a list of our supported worldwide and local mission projects and missionaries that appreciate our prayers. Our particular prayer request this week is to lift up our new Prayer Anchor efforts for the country of Nigeria as we partner in prayer with Wycliffe Bible Translators and our Wycliffe mission partners, Dale and Carole Hoskins, who work with 24 of the 231 Bible-less people groups in Nigeria.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Sunday, January 16, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
9:00 a.m.	God’s Kids Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	See Page 8
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 8
9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:00 a.m.	High School Sabbath	Room 208-210
9:00 a.m.	Middle School Sabbath	Room 209
9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

Today, Sunday, January 16, 2011 (continued)

9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal	Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 108
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Honduras Mission Team	East Meeting Room
3:00 p.m.	Andrew Lapp in Concert	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	Book Group	Chapel Reception Room
4:30 p.m.	Praise and Glory Singers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

Monday, January 17, 2011

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office, ECC and Food Pantry Closed

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Men's Study and Breakfast	Off Campus
1:00 p.m.	Sunrise Service Committee	Chapel Reception Room
3:45 p.m.	Ladies' Prayer Group	Room 211
5:30 p.m.	Creative Signers	Music and Arts Building
6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Coordinating Team	Room 209
6:00 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Reading Group	Chapel Reception Room
6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University	Room 208-210

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
8:25 a.m.	Women's Exercise	Campus Center
9:45 a.m.	Women's Exercise	Campus Center
4:00 p.m.	Faith at Work	Chapel Reception Room
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	Pulse (Middle School)	Room 208-210
6:12 p.m.	Wednesdays @ 6:12	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 20, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
2:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Team	East Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.	Companions in Christ	Room 209
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Rehearsal	Campus Center
7:00 p.m.	Sophomore Girls' Small Group	Off Campus
7:00 p.m.	High School Boys' Small Group	Off Campus
7:00 p.m.	The Palms Bridge Club	Chapel Reception Room
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

Friday, January 21, 2011

8:25 a.m.	Women's Exercise	Campus Center
9:30 a.m.	Friday Morning Bible Study	Room 209
6:00 p.m.	Family Fun Night	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher Enrichment	Room 205-207

Saturday, January 22, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
8:00 a.m.	Palms' Men's Breakfast	Campus Center
8:45 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training	Room 209

Sunday, January 23, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
9:00 a.m.	God's Kids Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	See Page 8
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 8
9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:00 a.m.	High School Sabbath	Room 208-210
9:00 a.m.	Middle School Sabbath	Room 209
9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal	Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 108
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 208-210
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Honduras Mission Team	East Meeting Room
3:00 p.m.	Suncoast Concert Band	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Praise and Glory Singers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
5:30 p.m.	Cry Out for Justice (Student Ministry)	Room 208-210
7:00 p.m.	High School Summer Trip Gathering	Room 208-210