

November Birthdays

Bobby Brantley	11/2	Charlotte Corbin	11/10
Lamanda Jones	11/4	Stephanie Physer	11/10
Georgina Rosengrant	11/5	Vincent Harmon	11/14
Luella Schwab	11/7	Phillip Griner	11/16
Kedrick Eversole	11/8	David Cook II	11/17
Mark Hubbell	11/8	Ruth Mallery	11/20
Alisha Dubose	11/9	Ken Anderson	11/21
Ted Parks	11/9	Terry Giffen	11/23
Tom Van Ness	11/9	Chuck Fisher	11/24
Ilis Winfield	11/9	Constance Harmon	11/27

November Anniversaries

Bill and Josie Ridenour	11/2
Cleon and Hazel Chester	11/5

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Return Service Requested



Happy Thanksgiving

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 Telephone (863) 439-1268

NEVER FADE is coming back! Our favorite Bluegrass Gospel band will be performing on December 5, so mark your calendars. More information about this event will be forthcoming—watch your Bulletins.

TURKEY DINNER!

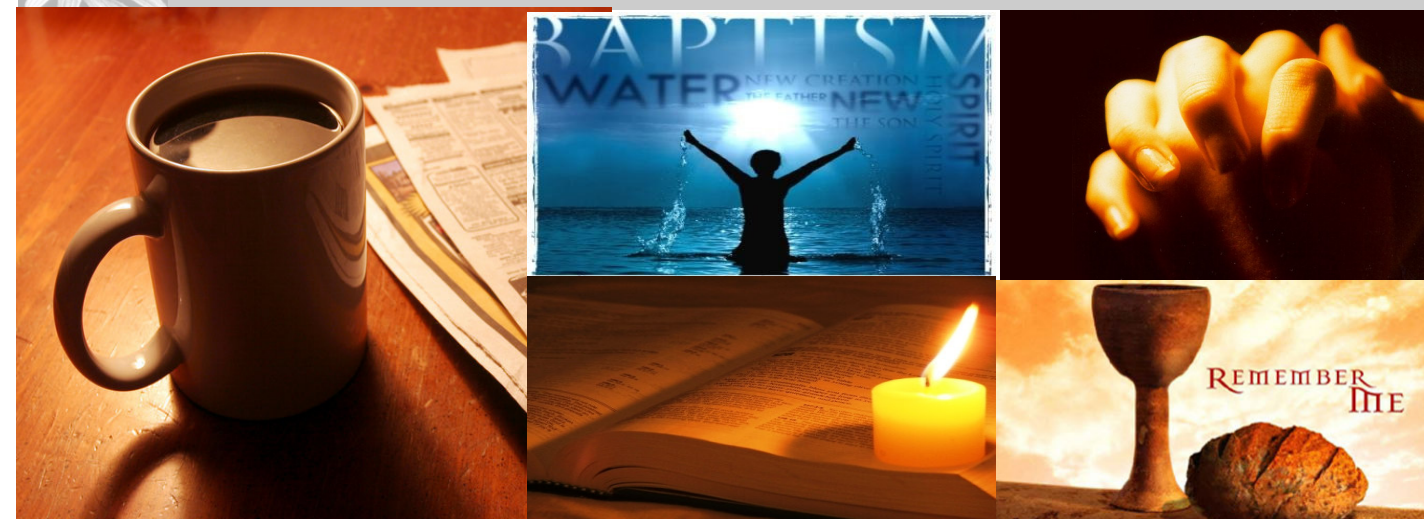
Don't forget the Turkey Dinner and Bazaar and Sweet Shoppe are on Saturday, November 7. Activities begin at 8:30 am and luncheon at 11:00. Tickets available at the door.

Charge Conference is on November 17 at 6:30 in Lakeland at Bartow Memorial United Methodist Church. We will carpool over together. Please contact Nancy Hicks in the office to let her know you are going.

Congratulations to Vincent Harmon and Katie on the birth of their daughter, Leila Claire Harmon. We wish the family well.

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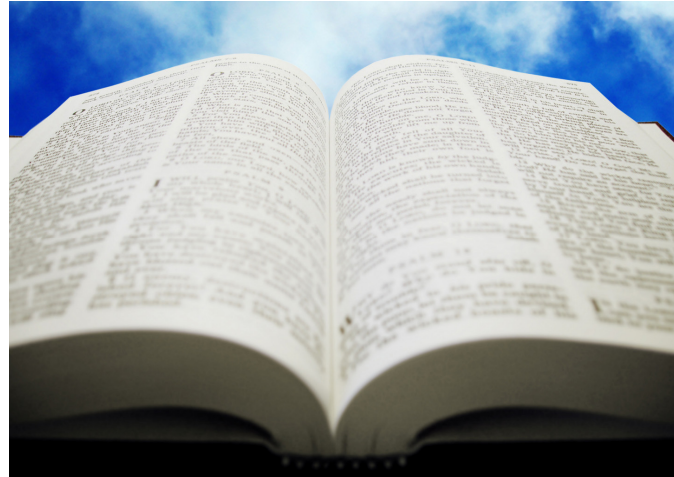
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Newsletter Team:
Pastor Mark, Nancy Hicks and Bob Burt

Our Mission: To provide a place and opportunity to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, worship God, mature spiritually, grow in fellowship as a Christian family, and serve our neighbor.

Our Vision: To transform lives and our community by sharing the love of God and empowering people to experience the fulfillment of the life offered by Jesus Christ for the growth of his kingdom, power, and glory.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: INVITE A FRIEND!



Most Christians long to know the God we worship. Fortunately, God wants a relationship with you! It is through Bible study that we come to know and experience God. Dundee UMC is excited to offer a new Bible study, *From Genesis to Revelation*. In this 22-week study, master teacher, Mickey Efird, and Pastor Mark will guide you through the entire Bible and help you understand the greatest story ever told, the story of God's love for us that spans from Creation to Heaven. Through short DVD lessons, Mickey Efird (who wrote the book we used in our study on Revelation) makes the Bible come alive and makes it easy to understand and apply to our everyday lives. After Efird's video lesson, Pastor Mark will expand on the teaching and

facilitate discussion. All participants will receive a wonderful workbook to help them follow the lessons, make notes, and keep a record of their learning for future reference.

Our first meeting was September 23rd, but there is still plenty of time to get involved. We meet on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm. This is a good opportunity to deepen your relationship with God, learn more about the Bible, and build lasting Christian friendships. You will be truly blessed by this warm, insightful, and sometimes humorous study of the Bible. For more information, call Pastor Mark at 318-1625.

Finally, our Wednesday night activities are back in full swing: we offer a church family meal on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm before Bible study, as well as children and youth programs that run at the same time as Bible study. The choir practices at 7:30pm and all who are interested in singing are welcomed and encouraged to attend. We hope to see everyone at these intentional discipleship ministries.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, October 13 at the church office. Our chief task was to develop a realistic church budget for next year.

Since our church receipts have suffered with the general economy, budget preparation was especially difficult this year. In what was probably a record-breaking session of almost three hours, the committee worked diligently to try to construct a budget within our income.

It wasn't easy. Reducing the size of a budget means cutting out many worthwhile activities.

The budget still forecasts a deficit next year. It was approved by the church council and the congregation, and now we will have to consider other measures to increase our income.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



"Yes, I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord,

I'll say what you want me to say, Dear Lord,

I'll say what you want me to say, Dear Lord.

But don't ask me to teach girls and boys, Dear Lord,

I'll do what you want me to do, Dear Lord.

I'll give you my nickels and dimes, Dear Lord.

Yes, I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord.

But, I'm busy now with myself, Dear Lord,

JOY CLASS

We have just started studying James Moore's book entitled, *If You're Going The Wrong Way... Turn Around*. In the first chapter we learned that in order to follow and carry out Christ's commission to reach out to all the needy that each one of us has special talents that we should use. According to Paul, no one talent is better than another, they all work for good, just like our body that is made up of many parts that make it whole. The chapter ended with the following poem. What a poor church we would have, if everyone thought this way.
Jenny Jacobs, Teacher

Real service is what I desire,

But, don't ask me to sing in the choir.

I like to see things come to pass.

I'd rather stay in my class.

I'll yearn for the kingdom to thrive.

But, please don't ask me to tithe.

I'll say what you want me to say.

I'll help you...but, some other day.

BRISTOL / XYZ CLASS

THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS. We are continuing the study of Hebrews this month. This study has revealed that it is steeped in Old Testament passages and symbols. The writer's message is that we can know the truth about God because he has revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ, His Son. He presents Christ as our Great High Priest because Christ's sacrifice fully resolves the matter of sin. God does not want any to be lost.

This book includes words of encouragement and words of warning. We are witnesses to a long list of heroes in chapter 11, known as the Hall of Faith. The redemptive work of these heroes like Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham, staked their lives on their faith in God's promises. We are given encouragement and couldn't have come into faith without them. It is by trusting God that we begin to experience faith.

Teacher: Barbara Bateman

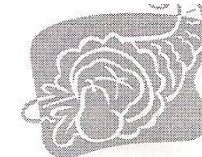


SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

CHURCH Dundee United Methodist Church

MONTH September 2009

INCOME	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
UNRESTRICTED	\$ 8,946.66	\$ 90,705.25
RESTRICTED	1,477.95	27,643.31
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,424.61	\$118,348.56
EXPENSES		
BENEVOLENCE (APPORTIONMENTS)	\$ 151.00	\$ 6,101.00
NOTES PAYABLE	200.00	1,800.00
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	5,972.00	55,492.00
LAY EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	2,035.00	18,231.00
MINISTRY AREA	-0-	1,506.00
OPERATING EXPENSES	2,067.00	26,118.00
DEBT RETIREMENTS	-0-	750.00
MISCELLANEOUS	-0-	-0-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,425.00	\$ 109,998.00
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT		
RESTRICTED	\$ 36,291.13	
UNRESTRICTED	- 11,724.39	
TOTAL		\$ 24,566.74
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK FOR BUDGET		\$ 2,970.90
AMOUNT UNRESTRICTED RECEIVED PER WEEK(4 Sundays)		\$ 2,236.67
AMOUNT OVER/SHORT PER WEEK		\$ - 734.23



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November, 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship/ Communion	2 6:00 pm A.A. 7:00 pm TOPS	3 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group 10:00 am Ingeborg Circle 5:30 pm Church Family Dinner— Sonny's H.C. 7:00 pm Trustees (Office)	4 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Children/Youth Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Practice	5	6	7 8:30 am Bazaar and Sweet Shoppe 11:00 am Turkey Dinner
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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

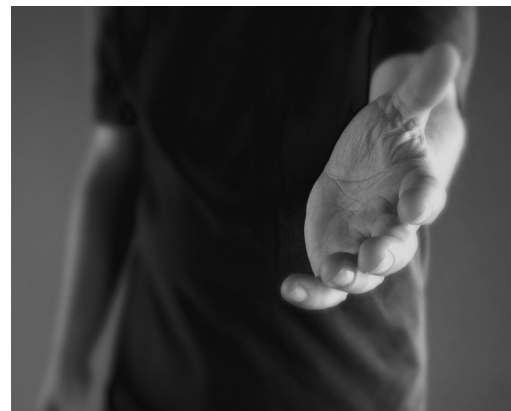


The Dundee United Methodist Women will be sponsoring their Fall Fest on Saturday, November 7, 2009. This event has been held nearly 40 years, and has been a highlight of the fall season in Dundee and Northeast Polk County. Several of the purposes for this event are mission projects for the community, global missions around the world, and helping women, youth & children. Some of the ministries the women have supported are adopting a girl & boy from India, sending youth to the Methodist Youth Camp, and supporting children at The Methodist Children's home located here in Florida.

Suzanne Cook is the chairperson for the event, and will be assisted by Jerry and Mary Lou Ganz, Dawn Johnson, Jenny Jacobs, Carolyn Moore and Evelyn Strong. A pizza sale will be new this year. Also new will be a Cornerstone Hospice display. Other items of interest will be cookbooks, and the sale of Rada knives and kitchen utensils.

Tickets may be purchased from the women or at the church office located on 208 Lake Ave. in Dundee. They can also be purchased from Suzanne Cook who can be reached at 439-4313 or Martha Lowe at 439-2656. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Everyone is invited to attend this annual event. The church is located one block off St. Rd. 7 North or East to Lake Wales. The church number is 863-439-1268. Tickets sell for \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Beverage and dessert are included. Carry outs are available.

OUTREACH



In October we reached out to the Children's Home, by bringing in school supplies, linens and clothing. These will be delivered in early November. We will soon be getting names of children from the Home in order to provide Christmas gifts for them.

Plans are being made to deliver 30 Thanksgiving baskets to families of needy children at Dundee and Sand Hill Elementary Schools. Your help is needed, so please fill the bags with needed food items or make out a check for Outreach. These will be handed out in early November and should be brought back by Sunday, November 15th. An announcement will be made asking for your help in putting these baskets together. Thank you for all you do in carrying out Jesus' message by making a difference in people's lives.

TRUSTEES



The October meeting was called to order by chairman Howard Spence at 7:30 pm. On October 6, 2009.

Members in attendance were: Glenn Bateman; Charles Cook; Gene Corton; ML Ganz; Phil Griner; Gene Ward; Tim Williamson. Pastor Mark Reynolds also attended.

Old business discussed included concerns about missing shingles on the rental house roof and the on-going high power bill for that house. Williams Roofing Co. has been difficult to contact regarding the leaking roof in the men's restroom near the sanctuary. Phil Griner offered to do follow-up with the roofer.

Landscaping issues were discussed regarding the maintenance of foundation plantings at the church and parsonage. This is work that needs to be done on a continual basis and several members do volunteer regularly. Tim Williamson agreed to work with Pastor Mark at the parsonage identifying weeds vs desirable plants.

New business addressed the request from the finance committee regarding the rental account funds. Your trustees voted to set a dollar limit on that fund in the amount of \$7,500. Accumulated funds over that amount will be available to the finance committee for bill paying.

A letter from our property insurer requesting a review of our property values was discussed. A building contractor may be contacted for a replacement cost estimate to possibly revise our insurance. The documents for requesting the use of church facilities is obsolete. Your trustees spent considerable time reviewing the usage costs and the need for revised minimum donations and refundable security deposits from members and non-members. Pastor Mark presented information about the need for replacing an outside door at the parsonage.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. ML Ganz, Secretary.

STAFF PARRISH RELATIONS

What are the Duties of Our Pastor?

The last quarter of the year is busy for the SPRC. In October reports must be prepared and submitted to the Conference. In preparation, the committee performed the annual assessment of the pastor's gifts and duties, as well as prioritization of his time spent on each.

The Florida Conference supplies a survey, which is the new method of pastoral evaluation. The survey lists the following pastoral duties; Administration, Availability, Beyond the Local Church, Counseling, Evangelism, Leadership, Ministry in the Church Community, Personal Study and Spiritual Formation, Sabbath and Rest, Teaching, Team Building, Vision Building, Visitation, and Worship Preparation and Participation.

While all areas are important, the survey determined that the most important areas for our Pastor to devote his time are 20% to Worship Preparation and another 20% to Leadership, Team Building and Vision Building grouped together.

The Pastoral Gifts were also assessed using forms supplied by the Conference and determined that Pastor Mark's primary gifts are Teaching, Mercy, and Leadership. The Staff Parish Relations Committee has compared the above pastoral duties with his spiritual gifts and the personality of our church. As a result the SPRC is encouraging Pastor Mark to focus his energy on teaching, leadership and counseling.