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Where Two Or More are Gathered...and agree!

As I was sitting down to write a devotional for the month of November these words of Jesus seemed to echo deep within my heart. God does that to me sometimes, He plants a seed, sparks an interest, and I can not help but to ponder upon His leading. Most of the time they lead me into a wonderful time of fellowship with the Lord in which He opens my mind and gives to me an understanding I never had before. It can be anything from a new way of thinking to a clearer vision of what He is doing or desires me to do. I find that it is these times of fellowship with God that become my moments of much needed strengthening to which I feel more alive and more at peace.

The more I thought about this the more I realized, this is what God desires for all of His children. This is why husbands and wives should pray together, this is why friends and family should gather in His name, and this is why we should gather here at Crossroads, to be strengthened and to experience His peace.

Over the years I have heard and read many sermons preached on these words of Jesus. In context, out of context, and often worse Everything from healing to the methodology of answered prayer. Truth is many have walked away disappointed simply because they did what it says and yet the outcome wasn't what was desired. Did God fail them? No, it wasn't God, it was us. We fail each other, why, because that's what we do best. Two or more gathered isn't about answered prayer or getting God to do something for us. It's about the journey, it's about doing life together, it's about sharing, and as Jesus said,

"It's about AGREEING" Agreeing about what? Worship!

As we enter into this season of "Thanksgiving" my prayer is that we begin to work together in understanding this thing we call "Worship".

May our hearts be led into a spirit of worship, Being thankful to God not only because of what we have been given, but Who has been given unto us in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (NIV)

Truly something to be thankful for.

Pastor Bob



United Methodist Women

OCTOBER NEWS:

"Sex Trafficking" Program Enlightening.

Elizabeth Fisher and **Joyce Raby** spoke on Oct. 25 to our group and visiting UMW members from St. Johns and First UMC. Florida ranks high in sex trafficking of girls and boys. To help rehabilitate those rescued from this abusive trade, they plan to open Selah Freedom House in 2012.

Ora Jean Henry Becomes Member of SW District Mission Team.

Our Crossroads UMW President for the past three years, Jean, was installed as a member of the 2012 SW District Mission Team of United Methodist Women at their Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 22. Jean will serve as its Education & Interpretation Coordinator.



Dr. Rinaldo "Rini" Hernandez, District Superintendent, and **Nelida Morales**, UMW Florida Conference President, took part in the installation. There was also time for fellowship, and a worship service with Conference President Morales speaking. **Rev. Jerry Van Dyken**, Christ UMC Senior Pastor, assisted by the District Spiritual Growth Coordinator, served communion.

Sookkyung Chae, Janet Leap, Eleanor Sandbach, and Bonnie Pentecost also attended and participated in the meeting, held at Venice Christ UMC.

Crossroads United Methodist Women November Opportunities

- Tues. 1st** 10:00—Library: Executive Bd. Workshop—Planning 2012
Tues. 8th 1:00—Sarah Circle at Sharron Schar's home-call 383-9830
Tues. 15th 11:30—General Meeting & lunch, Fellowship Hall. World Thank offering
Thurs. 17th 7:00—Esther Circle—Church Library- call 807-1020

December—Looking ahead

Mark your calendar for **Dec. 6, 11:30 Christmas lunch** at Barnacle Bill's with installation of 2012 Officers.

New Members and guests always welcome

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WANTED:

Musicians to play on the worship team. Do you have a special musical talent? Or do you like to vocalize? See Pastor Bob.



You can help support **CHRIST'S PANTRY at CROSSROADS** by saving your aluminum cans & copper.

We are accepting these items at church and will then take them to the recycle facility on Myrtle St.



Drop your things off at church.

Bob Fellows,
Project coordinator

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry's purpose is to provide food for those that come into the church office in need of food. This is to assist with the immediate needs the person (mostly those that are homeless) may have. The handouts include: soup, breakfast bars, canned goods, macaroni & cheese and other sundry items. All food donations are greatly appreciated. Check the bulletin for current food needs. For further information contact **Anne Snyder.**

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST

Do you need a special prayer? Do you have a special need? Would you like others to be surrounding you with prayer for strength and comfort? Would you like to pray for others?

Contact Carol in the Church Office or Crossroads Prayer Chain 355-7089.

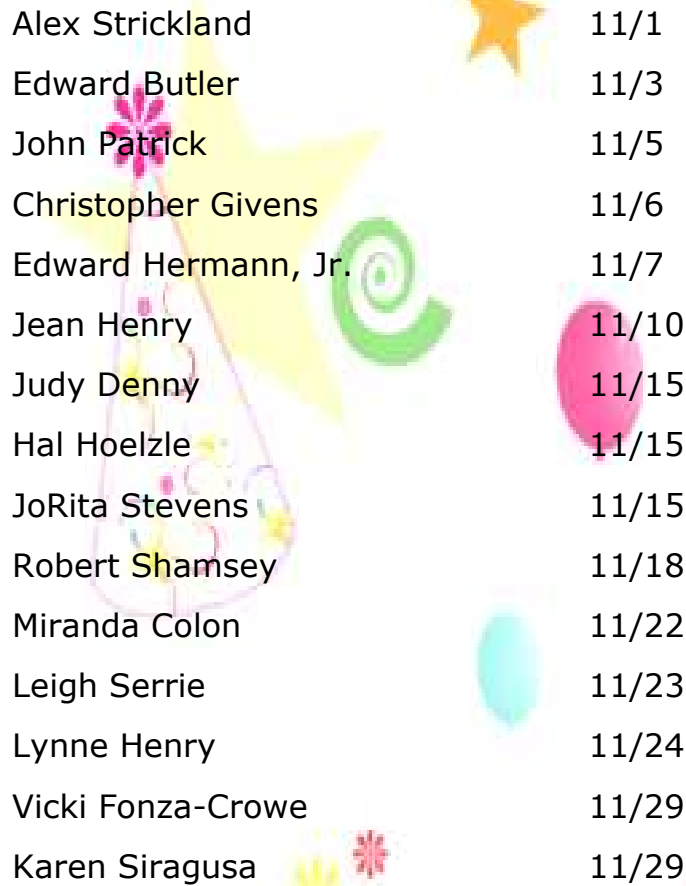
Keep saving CAMPBELL SOUP labels (UPC codes only,) PEPPERIDGE FARM labels and BOX TOPS for Education.

There are zip lock bags to collect these on the bulletin board in the lobby and in the kitchen. Also save used printer cartridges and give these to Becky or Bob Doll, who turn them over to Bradenton Christian School. Thank You.



The **BAG LADIES** - Toiletries are needed to be put in each sleeping bag. These include socks, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, washcloths, hand towels, soap and any devotional booklets (i.e.) Guidepost or Upper Room (doesn't have to be current.) If you want good fellowship and like any phase of sewing join us at 12:30 Monday afternoons in Room 8. You will find it very rewarding.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Alex Strickland	11/1
Edward Butler	11/3
John Patrick	11/5
Christopher Givens	11/6
Edward Hermann, Jr.	11/7
Jean Henry	11/10
Judy Denny	11/15
Hal Hoelzle	11/15
JoRita Stevens	11/15
Robert Shamsey	11/18
Miranda Colon	11/22
Leigh Serrie	11/23
Lynne Henry	11/24
Vicki Fonza-Crowe	11/29
Karen Siragusa	11/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Earl and Connie Buell 11/30 48 years

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

November 19th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations: S—Sanctuary FH—Fellowship Hall LB—Library YB—Youth Building		<i>1</i> 10:00 UMW Exec.—LB 7:00 Choir—S	<i>2</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<i>3</i> 7:00 Praise Band—S	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 8:30 Al-Anon—FH
<i>6</i> Daylight Savings Time ends 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<i>7</i> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<i>8</i> 1:00 Sarah Circle Sharron Schar's home 7:00 Choir—S 7:00 Bayou Oaks NA—FH	<i>9</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<i>10</i> 7:00 Potter's Wheel—LB 7:00 Praise Band—S	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 8:00 Al-Anon—FH
<i>13</i> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<i>14</i> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<i>15</i> 11:30 UMW General—FH 7:00 Choir—S	<i>16</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<i>17</i> 7:00 Praise Band—S 7:00 Esther Circle—LB	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<i>21</i> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8 7:00 WSLR—YB	<i>22</i> 7:00 Choir—S	<i>23</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<i>24</i> Thanksgiving Office and CCC Closed	<i>25</i> Office and CCC Closed	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<i>28</i> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<i>29</i> 7:00 Choir—S	<i>30</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	Crossroads A United Methodist Church of the 21st Century 4726 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34234 PHONE: (941) 355-5485 FAX: (941) 351-3837		



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Worship Times

Sunday

10:30 am

Bible studies

Wednesday 10:00 am (Women's Bible Study)

Sunday 9:30 am

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