

# Gray Weekly News



**Week Leading to Sunday, October 23rd, 2022**

## **JOIN US FOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL!**

Please join us for our fall festival on the afternoon of October 23<sup>rd</sup>! This event is a fun way for Gray members to spend time with each other and our community. There will be face painting, a bounce house, games, craft vendors, and more!



**Sunday, October 23  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

We ask for members of our congregation to help us on this day by volunteering and providing items for our bake sale. Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 noon to 3 pm or brought Sunday morning before the festival begins.

Please contact Susan Hutchison at 850-509-4496 with any questions. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



## **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

## News and Notes

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Please join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you are unable to come in person, you can watch our livestream at [graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com](http://graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com) or [graymemorialumc.org/youtube](http://graymemorialumc.org/youtube), at 11 am or any time after that at [graymemorialumc.org/](http://graymemorialumc.org/)



If you have prayer requests, please contact Norma Adams, Jennifer Skinner or Gail Teems.

You may also call the church office at 850/385-6441 or send a text to 850/933-8469.

### Prayer Requests

Herb Yohner  
Abby's Mom  
Jenn's Mom  
Anita's friend, Lori  
Those suffering from substance abuse  
Demarcus' grandmother, Geraldine Thomas  
Tracy Barton and family  
Nancy Gibbons, Pastor Beth's mother  
Art and Betty Varnadore

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REV. WAYNE WIATT  
HAS INVITED ALL TO ATTEND “LIVING THE WESLEYAN WAY”  
ON OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> AT ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE IN  
DOWLING PARK!**



“For the Wesleys, the Christian life was a way of devotion. Living the Wesleyan way involves practices that

both heal and enable us to flourish in life. The spirituality we have inherited as Methodists is holistic, combining practices of piety and practices of mercy that shape us into a loving people. Love sets us off on our journey, sustains us along the way, and lies before us as our goal. In this day apart, intended for all who seek peace and joy, we will immerse ourselves in these means of grace, rest in God, and receive nourishment for our ongoing journey in Christ.”

The retreat will begin at 8:30 AM. **Registration is \$25 and ALL are welcome.**

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY HYMN SING— TELL US YOUR FAVORITES!

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a hymn sing for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Stop by the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and tell us your favorite hymns to have them included!

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## COAT DRIVE FOR ASTORIA PARK ELEMENTARY

Throughout the year, Gray Memorial has organized various donation drives in an effort to broaden our local impact. **This November, we will be collecting new and gently used coats** for Astoria Park Elementary School! We have been made aware that there are several students in need of coats for this season, and our donations will be put to good use. Stay tuned for more information!

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## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY -- NOVEMBER 6TH

“All Saints Day is one of those moments where we celebrate and remember the individuals who have made the journey or who have taken the next step. We remember them because they are still a part of us, shaping us, mentoring us – maybe not in a direct way, but in a real way.” ([UMCDiscipleship.org](http://UMCDiscipleship.org))

**Join us on November 6<sup>th</sup> for worship as we celebrate our history and tradition of the church!**

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## HELP US WITH OUR HARVEST TABLE!

The second Sunday in November we will create a HARVEST TABLE as part of our worship service. We hope to collect canned goods and bags of fruit (like apples and oranges) to help families have the best Thanksgiving possible. If you know of a family that could benefit from receiving the items collected as part of this special offering, please let Pastor Beth know. Everything collected will be distributed first to GMUMC families, then to Astoria Park Elementary and/or Ruediger Elementary, and any remaining items will be donated to Second Harvest food bank.

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## **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### **PUMPKIN PATCH -- Open Daily!**

Sunday- Friday: 12 noon- 6 pm

Saturday: 9am- 6pm

Tuesday, Oct. 18	7 pm	Parkside HOA Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 19	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Oct. 20	10 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, Oct. 23	11 am 1 pm - 5 pm	Worship Service FALL FESTIVAL
Monday, Oct. 24	7 pm	Town & Country Neighborhood Association Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 25	7 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 26	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Oct. 27	10 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, Oct. 30	11 am	Worship Service