

Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, November 21, 2021

Advent Decorating - Nov. 22 - 9 AM

Join us Monday morning at 9 am to help decorate the church for Advent. Those of you who have helped before know what a huge job this is, so please plan to come help if you can!

Everyone Who Belongs

Christ the King Sunday is a marker for the end of the liturgical year. It is a way of saying we wrap up a year's worth of worship by claiming again whose we are. We reiterate our mission – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The emphasis this week is in the middle – “of Jesus Christ.” That is the kind of disciple that we are. We aren't disciples of our own wisdom; we aren't disciples following the winds of this world. We are disciples of Jesus Christ.

What the John text tells us is that Jesus is a leader like no other. The rules by which other leaders lead don't apply to Jesus. To follow Jesus is to learn to be like him. And in this story, it means being willing to embrace a complicated truth over a comfortable lie.

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Christ the King Sunday



2nd Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12

Revelations 1:4b-8

John 18:33-38

“Christ Our King”

News and Notes

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 21

Please join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you don't feel comfortable coming in person, you can watch our livestream at graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com or graymemorialumc.org/youtube, at 11 am or any time after that at 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.

2021 Church Financial Report

Budgeted Amount thru 12/31/21 \$ 151,400

Giving Amount as of 11/14/21 \$ 116,523

Amount Needed thru 12/31/21 \$ 34,877

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE : For your convenience, we have established online giving through the church management program, Breeze. Here is the link:

<https://gmumc.Breezechms.com/give/online>

If you prefer, you can **text a contribution to 850/695-3434**. If you have questions regarding this, please call Anita Durham at the church on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. You can mail a check to 2201 Old Bainbridge Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Betty Hair, still in rehab recovering from recent fall

Sam Adams - continued recovery

Family of Brenna MacKinlay, 17 yr old with leukemia - family members with health issues

Bella Gray-Helene West & the Maxwell's young niece, has been released from the hospital; prayers are still needed and appreciated

Prayers for Rev. Alyce Parmer and family-her husband Bud died this past week after long illness (Rev. Parmer was involved in Big Bend Front Porch & Wisdom's Wellspring)

Chris, Sarah, Rose, Nancy and George

Joyce Brady - ongoing health issues

Our nation and its churches-that God will send people to Gray Memorial

Pray for all those who are suffering from accidents, illnesses and surgery

Pray for those out of work and looking for full time employment or better jobs

Thank you to God for his love, protection and guidance in our lives

Praises for all our wonderful members at Gray Memorial UMC

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Our worship on this Sunday should be about the elevation of Jesus the Christ. There should be praises sung; there should be allegiance declared; there should be confession about divided loyalty admitted. But even in the face of confession of sin, there is above it all a joy that is almost indescribable.

We are who we are because of the one we call the Son of God. We are made into a loving and serving community because of the Christ who loved and served the world. We are told the truth about who we are because he is the truth made flesh before us. Let this Sunday, this time of worship, be a true celebration of hope and of joy and the recognition that we can live a life that matters.

Killearn UMC Book and DVD GiveAway

Killearn United Methodist Church is holding a community-wide books and DVD open house on Saturday, November 20 from 9 am to 3 pm. The church is reorganizing its library to create a Discipleship Resource Center, so they are providing an opportunity for other churches and individuals to come look and take whatever you would like. There is no charge for the items, but donations will be accepted.

McKinsey's Closet Open Again

Calvary United Methodist Church on Pensacola Street is open again and has reopened McKinsey's Closet, the free used clothing shop. They are in desperate need of the following items:

Men's clothing, especially smaller sizes 32-36 waist size.

Men and women's winter coats, all sizes.

Men's shoes, especially tennis shoes

Men and women's underwear, all sizes

Donations are accepted on Monday from 8:30 to 11 am or other dates and times by appointment. Contact Bob McSmith at 850/576-4066 or Pastor Bill Petersen at 850/510-7759 to set a time for drop off.

There is a large box of shoes leftover from the Big Give, that Anita will take to them next week. Please bring your donated items with you to church and place in the bins in the narthex. The 4 bins on the far right marked Big Bend Front Porch can be used first and then overflow into the others if needed. You can also bring donations by on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before 12 noon.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 17	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Choir Practice Bible Study on Acts via Zoom
Thursday, Nov. 18	8:30 am 10 am 5:30 pm	Yoga Class Bible Study Yoga Class
Sunday, Nov. 21	11 am	Worship Service
Monday, Nov. 22	9 am	Decorate Church for Advent
Tuesday, Nov. 23	7 pm	Board of Trustees Meet via Zoom

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - No choir practice or Bible study this week

Thursday, Nov. 25

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Church is closed