

Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, October 30th, 2022

OUR FALL FESTIVAL WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who joined us on the afternoon of Sunday, October 23rd for our annual Fall Festival. It was a fun day that gave us the opportunity to spend time with fellow Gray members and those of our community.

We appreciate all those who volunteered for the event and provided baked goods for our bake sale. We hope to see you again next year!



21st Sunday After Pentecost

5th Sunday

Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 119:137-144

2nd Thess 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

News and Notes

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 30th

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 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.

Prayer Requests

Herb Yohner
Abby's Mom
Jenn's Mom
Anita's friend, Lori
Those suffering from substance abuse
Travel mercies
Luana Collie
Nancy Gibbons, Pastor Beth's mother
Art and Betty Varnadore



**5TH SUNDAY HYMN SING—
TELL US YOUR FAVORITES!**



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

5th SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Special envelopes will be available this Sunday, 10/30, for contributions to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. The FUMCH was established in 1908, first as an orphanage and then as a place where abused, abandoned, or neglected children could come to experience a safer, better life. Children come to the either the Enterprise Campus or the Madison Youth Ranch because of sexual abuse, physical abuse, abandonment, or because there has been a breakdown in their family that makes normal family life impossible. Children live in a home with two house parents and eight to ten other children of the same age and gender. They eat meals together and those meals are supervised by a dietician to ensure the children receive a wholesome, nutritionally balanced diet. No more than two children share a room and they are each responsible for household chores, including cleaning their rooms. Religious life is vital to the program and the FLUMC appoints a full-time chaplain to serve the children.

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!



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*)

“Historically, the Church has confessed a belief in the "communion of the saints," which includes not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. When we celebrate Holy Communion, we experience the communion of saints, feasting with believers past, present and future. The author of Hebrews 12 reminds us that these saints, a “great cloud of witnesses,” surrounds us and cheers us on.

On All Saints Day, United Methodists publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, many congregations light candles, ring bells of remembrance, and call the names of those lost in the previous year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us.” (*resourceumc.org*)

Join us on November 6th for worship as we celebrate our history and tradition of the church!



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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

PUMPKIN PATCH -- Open Daily!

Sunday- Friday: 12 noon- 6 pm

Saturday: 9am- 6pm

Monday, Oct. 24	7 pm	Town & Country Neighborhood Association 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
Wednesday, Nov. 2	12 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Nov. 3	10 am	Bible Study
Sunday, Nov. 6	11 am	Worship Service