

# Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, September 25, 2022

September  
**SHOE DRIVE**  
for Astoria Park Elementary



## LAST CALL! SHOE DRIVE FOR ASTORIA PARK ELEMENTARY

As you know, over the last year we've been working to build more partnerships with nearby elementary schools. We provided the staff at Ruediger Elementary with lunch twice and some of our members volunteered at their end of the year fun-day celebration. In an effort to broaden our impact, we reached out to Astoria Park Elementary and discovered that they have many students who need shoes.

**This September we are collecting new and gently used children's shoes in sizes 3.5-7. Terry Williams has graciously agreed to oversee the collection!** Everything we collect will be taken to Astoria Park in early October. These shoes will be put to good use. When children come to school without shoes, with worn out shoes, or shoes that don't fit, the school counselor will be able to provide them with a new pair. You can bring in donations as soon as possible and the **collection will continue through September 30.**



## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Psalm 100

Luke 15:1-10

**Rejoice!**

## News and Notes

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, September 25**

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

Nancy Gibbons, Pastor Beth's mother  
Norma and Sam  
Anita's friend Lori suffering from breast cancer  
Patsy and Betty  
Jack, Randy, Jim & Jane Workman  
Joyce and Bob  
Juan's sister Norma  
Donna West, having health issues  
Kim's friend going through tests

## **PASTOR BETH ON VACATION**

Pastor Beth will be on vacation 09/12 thru 09/22. She and Stephen are adventuring out to South Dakota and several other states. In the event you have an emergency while she is gone, do not hesitate to contact the church office. Pastor Beth has made arrangements with other pastors here in Tallahassee to handle any pastoral emergencies during her absence.

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## **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED US FOR JOHN RILEY WEEKEND!**



John Riley is a coach, a writer, and an observer of life who speaks with humor and seeks to inspire. John visited Gray Memorial last weekend and hosted an event on Saturday to meet some of our members. He was also our guest preacher in worship last Sunday, 09/18. Thank you to all who attended!



## THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

We are once again running a pumpkin patch during October. It is a way we raise funds for various missions of our church. Almost more importantly, though, it is a way for us to get to know and spend time

with folks in our community. The pumpkin patch itself seems like a service to our part of Tallahassee. **Our pumpkin delivery is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, October 8** (subject to change). Please invite all your friends, family, and neighbors to come help us unload. The patch is supposed to be open noon to dusk every day, and most of us have fun sitting under the tent with friends and selling pumpkins. When we get close to delivery of pumpkins, we'll have a work schedule and hope everybody will sign up to work when they can.

**Our Fall Festival will be Sunday afternoon October 23.** If you know any vendors interested in having a table to sell craft items (or if you are interested in one yourself) please have them call Susan Hutchison at 850-509-4496. Spots for vendors are \$25, and members of our congregation are given the opportunity to have spots for half price. We hope that congregation members will provide items for our bake sale and come out and help with pumpkin patch sales and other jobs at the Fall Festival. We plan to have a bounce house, face painting, and lunch that day. Please help us make it a fun day for Gray members and our community.

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## CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT



Thank you to everyone who attended the Charge Conference on 09/11. The District Superintendent emphasized the importance of staying in love with God. If we do that, it is easy to do all the good we can! We elected new leadership, and those changes will take effect on January 1, 2023. We also approved Pastor Beth's salary for 2023 and reviewed the report of the financial committee. If you weren't able to attend and would like a copy of the packet, please contact the church office.

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Wednesday, Sept. 21	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Sept. 22	10 am 5:30 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice
Sunday, Sept. 25	11 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, Sept. 27	7 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 28	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Sept. 29	10 am 5:30 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice
Sunday, October 2	11 am	Worship Service