

# Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, October 31, 2021

## WE WELCOME SPECIAL GUESTS ON SUNDAY!

**Lloyd and Melanie Monroe of Porch de Salomon (<https://porchdesalomon.org/>)**

This Sunday, we will be joined by special guests Lloyd and Melanie Monroe. They will lead us in a few songs and inspire us with stories about their ministry in Guatemala. If you like Southern Gospel music, you will love Lloyd and Melanie! If you aren't able to join us in person, be sure to watch the livestream on Facebook ([graymemorialumc.org/facebook](http://graymemorialumc.org/facebook)) or YouTube ([graymemorialumc.org/youtube](http://graymemorialumc.org/youtube)).

List of items for donating to Porch de Salomon: Children's multi-vitamins (generic is fine); Children, infant, and adult Acetaminofen (Tylenol or generic); Childrens cold medicine (generic is fine) Men and women's multivitamins; Toothbrushes (adult or kids) toothpaste; Skin lotion/moisturizer (hotel size are also fine); Antacids; Pepto Bismol; Diabetes test strips: One Touch Ultra One or Two, Accu-check Aviva, Accu-check compact plus, Bayer Contour ; Twin bed sheet sets (new or gently used, same for all clothing); Queen bed sheet sets (new or gently used, for Hotel California) ; Queen bedspreads (new or gently used); Boys underwear size 3, 4, 5,6; Girls underwear size 3,4,5,6,7,8; Ladies underwear size S, M, or L; Children's shoes (new or gently used); Hand or body towels, white (new or gently used); Walking canes; Wrist splints; Lice or Selsun Blue shampoo; Nitrile exam gloves (S or M).



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

**“Getting Close to the Kingdom of God”**

## News and Notes

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, October 31**

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](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.

### 2021 Church Financial Report

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

**Giving Amount as of 10/10/21           \$ 106,175**

**Amount Needed thru 12/31/21           \$ 46,225**

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!

### Ajmal & His Family, Afghan Refugees

On Sunday, as our Fall Festival was getting under way, we met a family that is new to the neighborhood. Ajmal and Karima Mohammad and their two sons Omar (age 7) and Amir (age 3), have been resettled here by the International Rescue Committee ([www.help.rescue.org](http://www.help.rescue.org)).

Ajmal worked at the US Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan and was evacuated at the last minute as the Taliban rose to power. Although Ajmal speaks English quite well, his wife and children speak only Persian. They were permitted only one suitcase for the entire family, causing them to leave virtually all of their belongings behind. Ajmal humbly asked if we could help with their most pressing needs—clothing for the children, clothing and shoes for his wife, and a television or something that would help them pass the time in their apartment.

We secured a donation of a television, DVD player, DVDs, clothing, and some toys and books. If you would like to help Ajmal and his family, they could use additional clothing for the boys and gift cards to places such as Publix, WalMart, and Target. We are working with Ajmal to better understand what the IRC's plans are and how we can be of assistance. We invite you to pray for this family as they adjust to a brand new life in a place that is completely foreign to them.

## **FALL FESTIVAL WAS HUGE SUCCESS!!**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fall Festival and especially to those who worked all afternoon to set up and take down. It was a joy to see all the families and little ones having such a great time. Thank you Stephen Demme for cooking all those terrific hot dogs! We sold out! We almost sold out on all the baked goods too ladies -- thank you for baking and bringing so many good treats! The hot dog and baked goods sale generated \$700 for the church; profits will go to Second Harvest Food Bank, ECHO Emergency Services and other missions we support.

### **Prayer Requests**

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

The Freeman family - Bob Freeman passed away this past week

Ben White - health problems

George, Donna, Dawn's parents and children

Pastor Beth's niece Crystal as she transitions to a sober living house and begins addiction recovery

**PRAISES** for the terrific support Gray Memorial has received this year in the pumpkin patch and the Fall Festival. I believe our community recognizes our "little" church as a warm and friendly place to come.

### **“What Does it Mean to “Love One Another?”**

God gives us the freedom to set our own priorities, Jesus made a point of defining certain ones of them for us: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ (Matt. 22:37-39).

Love, then, is not a gray area in the Scriptures. Jesus gave love priority over all other Christian virtues. Every thought, response, and act of goodwill must first pass through the fine filter of love, or it means nothing at all.

Remember this as you go about your daily lives. There are many less fortunate in our city, state, nation and the world. Even though we may not “like” everyone, we should strive to “love” them as Christ would.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DAILY THROUGH  
OCTOBER 31**

**12 noon to  
Dusk**

**Pumpkin Patch Open!**

Wednesday, Oct. 27

5:30 pm  
7:00 pm

Choir Practice  
Bible Study on Acts via Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 28

8:30 am  
10 am  
5:30 pm

Yoga Class  
Bible Study  
Yoga Class

Sunday, Oct. 31

9:45 am  
11 am

Dean Memorial Sunday School  
**Special Guests will be Lloyd & Melanie  
Monroe, Missionaries, Solomon's Porch,  
Guatemala**

Monday, Nov. 1

7 pm

**All Saints Day  
Citizens Climate Lobby Meets via Zoom**

Tuesday, Nov. 2

7 pm

**Finance Committee meets vis Zoom**

## YOGA EVERY THURSDAY!!!

Join us for one of the yoga classes led by Crystal Crowell, Town & Country neighbor. The class is for beginners and beyond. Cost is \$10/class. Classes are held every Thursday at 8:30 am and 5:30 pm. Bring a yoga mat and water; please wear a mask until you are seated on mat. If you have questions regarding the class, please email [crystaldawncrowell@yahoo.com](mailto:crystaldawncrowell@yahoo.com).