

Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, October 9th, 2022



SEPTEMBER SHOE DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who brought in a pair of new or gently used children's shoes. We collected 47 pairs of shoes! These will be delivered to Astoria Park Elementary School this week and distributed by the guidance counselor on an as-needed basis.

Jesus tells us that when we do something for another person, especially someone in need, it is as if we are doing it to him and for him (Matthew 25:40). That's true with these shoes. These are a tangible sign of our love and care for the children in our community. We love our neighbor because we love God and because God's love flows through us.

In November, we will collect coats and jackets for the Astoria Park. We look forward to this opportunity to put our love in action.



18th Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

News and Notes

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 9th

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
Jen's Mom
Nancy Gibbons, Pastor Beth's mother
Mike Floyd
Dawn's children and grandchildren
Kevin Austin
Derrick and Zariah—praying for a home
Demarcus
Ahmed Maamah—recent visitor who requested prayer
Art and Betty Varnadore

HURRICANE IAN RESPONSE – FROM THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE

“Dear Friends,

As you have seen by now, Hurricane Ian made landfall on Florida's Gulf Coast with category 4 winds and storm surges causing significant flooding and devastating the southwest area of the state and beyond. We have received damage reports of varying levels from at least 150 churches in our conference and we are still assessing the full impact of the storm.”

HERE ARE FIVE WAYS YOU CAN HELP AS WE BEGIN TO REBUILD.

- **Pray.** Continue to lift the impacted in prayer.
- **Give online at FLUMC.ORG/IAN.** 100% of gifts will be used to support the mission of local churches most directly affected by the storm, and will be distributed by the cabinet under the supervision of the Conference Committee on Finance & Administration.
- **Collect cleaning kits.** Visit online for a list of supplies and instructions on how to assemble a cleaning kit. Please be prepared to hold on to the kits until further notice from the Disaster Recovery Ministry.
- **Call the Disaster Recovery call center.** Dial 855-CAT-FUMC to volunteer or share post-storm community needs.
- **Share this information with your community.**

The Florida Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**HURRICANE IAN
RESPONSE**

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DISASTER RECOVERY
CALL CENTER

855-228-3862

ITEMS NEEDED
TARPS
CLEAN-UP KITS

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.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REV. WAYNE WIATT HAS INVITED ALL TO ATTEND “*LIVING THE WESLEYAN WAY*” ON OCTOBER 21st 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.**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Oct. 5	12 noon	Wonderful Wednesday
	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Oct. 6	10 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, Oct. 8	4 pm (Subject to change)	Pumpkin Delivery
Sunday, Oct. 9	11 am	Worship Service
Tuesday, Oct. 11	2 pm	United Methodist Women
	7 pm	Church Council Meets via Zoom
Wednesday, Oct. 12	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Oct. 13	10 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, Oct. 16	11 am	Worship Service