

# Gray Weekly News



**Week Leading to Sunday, October 16th, 2022**

## **LAITY SUNDAY SPECIAL GUEST: MOLLY MCENTIRE**

This Sunday is Laity Sunday, a special Sunday defined by General Conference, “to celebrate the ministry of all Christians” (2016 *Book of Discipline*, ¶ 264.2). Laity Sunday is one way we express the deep conviction that *everyone* is called to participate in God’s mission and share abundant life in Jesus Christ. In the early days of American Methodism, the laity served congregations from week to week, between visits from the circuit riders. The importance of the laity has not diminished with time, and the various committees and boards within Methodism are intentionally comprised of both clergy and laity. Laity Sunday has been celebrated by the Methodist Church since at least 1929!

Our Special Guest for Laity Sunday is Molly McEntire. Molly is one of our elected Lay Delegates to General Conference. She will be attending the Jurisdictional Conference for the Southeast Jurisdiction in November and will also represent Florida at the next General Conference, re-scheduled from 2020 to 2024. Molly is employed as the FLUMC Mission Training and Volunteer Coordinator.



## **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

### **Laity Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104 or Psalm 19

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8



# News and Notes

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

Herb Yohner  
Abby's Mom  
Jenn's Mom  
Demarcus' grandmother, Geraldine Thomas  
Tracy Barton and family  
Nancy Gibbons, Pastor Beth's mother  
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](http://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  
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**HURRICANE IAN  
RESPONSE**

DONATE ONLINE AT:  
[FLUMC.ORG/IAN](http://FLUMC.ORG/IAN)

DISASTER RECOVERY  
CALL CENTER  
855-228-3862

ITEMS NEEDED  
TARPS  
CLEAN-UP KITS

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

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**THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE!**

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.

The pumpkin patch will be open from 12 noon- 6 pm Sundays-Fridays and 9am- 6pm on Saturdays. We are in need of volunteers to help run it. If you are interested in participating, please contact **Susan Hutchison** at 850-509-4496. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



**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.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**PUMPKIN PATCH** -- Open Daily!

Sunday- Friday: 12 noon- 6 pm

Saturday: 9am- 6pm

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 Special Guest: Molly McEntire
Wednesday, Oct. 19	7 pm	Bible Study with Todd Clark via Zoom
Thursday, Oct. 20	10 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, Oct. 23	11 am	Worship Service