

## Missions/Sister Churches



**Mission of the Month** **Colors of Hunger**

### Sister Churches of the Month

Other churches in our presbytery, please lift up prayers.

12/5 First Presbyterian, Debary  
12/12 First Presbyterian, Deland  
12/19 Westminster, Deland  
12/26 Presbyterian, Deltona

**Deacon of the month of November:**  
**Pam Graveling**

#### Staff:

Rev. George T. Head - Pastor  
Rev. Bill Chegwin - Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Bev Richardson - Parish Associate  
Gale Luttrell-Bowser - Office Manager  
Babs King - Choir Director  
Tim Murphy - Pianist  
Steve Looney - Sound Tech  
Bruce Wilson - Custodian  
Audrey Geer - Nursery Attendant  
Susan Stuckey - Librarian

## Elders/Deacons 2021

#### Elders 2021:

Bob Arfstrom  
Laurie Grizzard  
Peggy Imbert  
Marilyn Lindley  
Kim Long  
Roderick McPhail  
Rod Richardson  
Floris Rogers  
Buddy Stephens  
Barbara Stolz  
Bill Zei

#### Deacons 2021:

Sharon Bradshaw  
Leigh Chegwin  
Nancy Frame  
Pam Graveling  
Laurie Lee  
Henrietta McPhail  
Mary Martin  
Jill Migliara  
Linda Stephens  
Susan Stuckey  
Becky Weddle

## Prayer Ministry

Elder Marilyn Lindley is asking for people to pray weekly for those in need of prayer. During this time of need from the COVID-19 virus we are urging those that need prayer for themselves or their loved ones to please contact Marilyn Lindley @ 386-427-3531.

If you would like a card sent to the person we are praying for, please email the full name, address & brief reason for prayer/praise to:

[laurieblee@aol.com](mailto:laurieblee@aol.com)

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

#### BIRTHDAYS:

12/4 Patricia Stonebraker  
12/7 Ellenorr Osterhaus  
12/10 Wanda Ulewicz  
12/16 Mike Barringer  
12/17 Joy West  
12/18 Marsh Fenstermaker  
12/19 Mary Martin  
12/21 Wendell Henderly  
12/22 Carol Kurfis  
12/25 Megan Long  
12/27 Bruce Wilson

#### FLOWERS:

12/5 Flowers given by Sharon Bradshaw and Laurie Lee to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Chip and his sidekick Barkley.

12/12 Flowers given by Honeybee Chappell to the Glory of God and in honor of Budd and Honeybee's wedding anniversary.

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

12/7 Bud and Honeybee Chappell  
12/29 Kenny and Diane Foxx

12/19 Flowers given by the church family to the Glory of God and in honor of Rev. George Head's 4 years of service with "our family". We Thank You and look forward to many more years!

12/26 Poinsettias

#### DECEMBER



## In Our Prayers...for healing

#### Lift up in prayers:

Lea Codrington, Arlene Daley, Hazel Henderly, Ellen Kimbell, Jane McConnell, Faye Rhodes, Bobbie Schomer, Rev. Fred West and the Celebrate Recovery Members.



# GOOD NEWS

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2021

New Smyrna Beach, Fl. - 386-428-2397

My dear friends,

When Pope Julius I authorized December 25 to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus in A.D. 353, who would have ever thought that it would become what it is today. When Professor Charles Follen lit candles on the first Christmas tree in America in 1832, who would have ever thought that the decorations would become as elaborate as they are today.

It is a long time since 1832, longer still from 353, longer still from that dark night brightened by a special star in which Jesus the king was born. Yet, as we approach December 25 again, it gives us yet another opportunity to pause, and in the midst of all the excitement and elaborate decorations and expensive commercialization which surround Christmas today, to consider again the event of Christmas and the person whose birth we celebrate.

I am so proud of our church and how we have weathered the challenges of this year, and now, as we turn to the celebration of Jesus birth, we can all sing "Happy birthday" to you with whole hearts. As Christians, we KNOW who's birthday it is!

Pastor Clifford S. Stewart of Louisville, Kentucky, sent his parents a microwave oven one Christmas. Here's how he recalls the experience: "They were excited that now they, too, could be a part of the instant generation. When Dad unpacked the microwave and plugged it in, literally within seconds, the microwave transformed two smiles into frown! Even after reading the directions, they couldn't make it work. "Two days later, my mother was playing bridge with a friend and confessed her inability to get that microwave oven even to boil water. 'To get this darn thing to work,' she exclaimed, 'I really don't need better directions; I just needed my son to come along with the gift!'" When God gave the gift of salvation, he didn't send a booklet of complicated instructions for us to figure out; he sent his Son.

We celebrate that this month through worship, singing, parties, all of it! May this be the happiest Christmas experience of your life!

Remember how much I love you and know I give thanks every day for the privilege of being your pastor. I am

Your pastor and friend.  
Rev. George T. Head

## SESSION NEWS

#### ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

2021: 544 (5 Sundays)  
2020: 308 (4 Sundays)

#### PER CAPITA FOR OCTOBER

2021: \$00.00/\$1,974.39 Yearly  
2020: \$00.00/\$1,679.25 Yearly

#### TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER YEAR-TO-DATE

##### 1/01/2021-10/31/2021 (10 months)

Income	\$ 29,776.39	264,284.61
Expenses	<u>17,215.27</u>	<u>232,256.46</u>
Difference	\$ +12,561.12	32,028.15

##### 1/01/2020-10/31/2020 (10 months)

Income	\$ 20,928.29	259,094.94
Expenses	<u>19,069.94</u>	<u>230,766.75</u>
Difference	\$ + 1,858.35	+28,328.19

Operation Christmas Child Delivery of 101 Boxes



Little Trivia for your holiday!

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

**EVERGREEN** - These trees, which keep their green leaves year-round, are symbolic of Christmas, eternal life and God's everlasting love. In the Bible, evergreen trees are called the "cedars of Lebanon," suggesting growth (Psalm 92:12), height (Amos 2:9), fragrance (Hosea 14:6) and steadfast faith.



Little Humor!





"Feeding the Homeless" Group









Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Sewing Group 10:00 am - Holy Spirit Bible Group in EH 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Newman's Building Open for Personal Projects & Bike Repair	<b>2</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman's Crewmen 9:00 am - 11:30 am - PB&J 7:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery	<b>3 Office Closed</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg	<b>4</b> 8:30 am - AA Mtg
<b>5 2nd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>10:00 am - WORSHIP</b> <b>CELEBRATION IN THE SANCTUARY</b>  <b>Gifts of Love Sunday</b>	<b>6</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 10:30 am - Al-Anon 6:00 pm - AA Mtg 6:30pm - Harmony Sounds Waves	<b>7</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - 11:30am - PB&J 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon	<b>8</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Sewing Group 10:00 am - Holy Spirit Bible Group in EH 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Newman's Building Open for Personal Projects & Bike Repair	<b>9</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman's Crewmen 9:00 am - 11:30 am - PB&J <b>4:30 pm - Session Meeting</b> 7:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery	<b>10 Office Closed</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg	<b>11</b> 8:30 am - AA Mtg
<b>12 3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>10:00 am - WORSHIP</b> <b>CELEBRATION IN THE SANCTUARY</b> Missions Sunday Presentation - "Missions" by Peggy Imbert 11:30 am - Caroling and Luncheon in Eubank Hall	<b>13</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 10:30 am - Al-Anon 6:00 pm - AA Mtg 6:30pm - Harmony Sounds Waves	<b>14</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - 11:30am - PB&J 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon	<b>15</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Sewing Group 10:00 am - Holy Spirit Bible Group in EH 11:00 am - AARP Tax Meeting/RM 2 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Newman's Building Open for Personal Projects & Bike Repair	<b>16</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman's Crewmen 9:00 am - 11:30 am - PB&J 7:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery	<b>17 Office Closed</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg	<b>18</b> 8:30 am - AA Mtg
<b>19 4th Sunday of Advent</b> <b>10:00 am - WORSHIP</b> <b>CELEBRATION IN THE SANCTUARY</b> <b>11:30 am "Pastor's Celebration Luncheon" in Eubank Hall</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 10:30 am - Al-Anon 6:00 pm - AA Mtg 6:30pm - Harmony Sounds Waves	<b>21</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - 11:30am - PB&J 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon	<b>22</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Sewing Group 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Newman's Building Open for Personal Projects & Bike Repair	<b>23</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman's Crewmen 9:00 am - 11:30 am - PB&J 7:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery	<b>24 Office Closed</b> 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Svcs.  	<b>25</b>  
<b>26</b> <b>10:00 am - WORSHIP</b> <b>CELEBRATION IN THE SANCTUARY</b>	<b>27 Office Closed</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 10:30 am - Al-Anon 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Colors of Hunger @ Christian Church 6:00 pm - AA Mtg 6:30pm - Harmony Sounds Waves	<b>28</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - 11:30am - PB&J 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon	<b>29</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Sewing Group 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Newman's Building Open for Personal Projects & Bike Repair	<b>30</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman's Crewmen 9:00 am - 11:30 am - PB&J 7:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery	<b>31 Office Closed</b> 7:30 am - AA Mtg	<b>1/01/2022</b>  