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PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY



Sunday, Oct 8th, was Pastor Appreciation Day. Rev. Marianne was honored on this occasion. Her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ray & Laurie just happened to be visiting from Connecticut on this special Sunday!



WE'RE GETTING BUSY

November is upon us; the holidays are just around the corner and we are getting busy!

Some things to look forward to include:

Holy Communion will be Nov. 12th this month.

Poinsettia Forms will be distributed.

TTO Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Tuesday, Nov. 21st.

Thanksgiving dinner for the Congregation will be served on Thursday, Nov. 23. Reservations will be requested.

Pie Fellowship is Sunday, Nov. 26th.

Greening of the church will be Nov. 26th.

December 3rd is the 1st Sunday of Advent; Also, all Poinsettia forms need to be turned in.

December 3rd will be the lighting of the Christmas Holly tree in front of Douglas Hall.

December 20th, the Seniors will enjoy a nice meal at a restaurant—to be determined.

December 24th will not have a morning service or Fellowship; Christmas Eve service will be at 4:00pm and will include the Christmas Cantata. (Please note the announcement in the newsletter per children participating.) You may take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve Service.

December 31st Fellowship will be pork & sauerkraut to ring in the New Year.



"That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God."

Sunday, November 19th

The Harvest Table will be set up in the front of the Sanctuary. Please bring fresh produce for the Food Pantry to pass along to those who will need help feeding their families a Thanksgiving dinner.

A Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will be shared with the congregation on Thanksgiving Day.

If you would like to join us, please call Diana Harris for a reservation. 352-425-4351



TTO THANKSGIVING DINNER

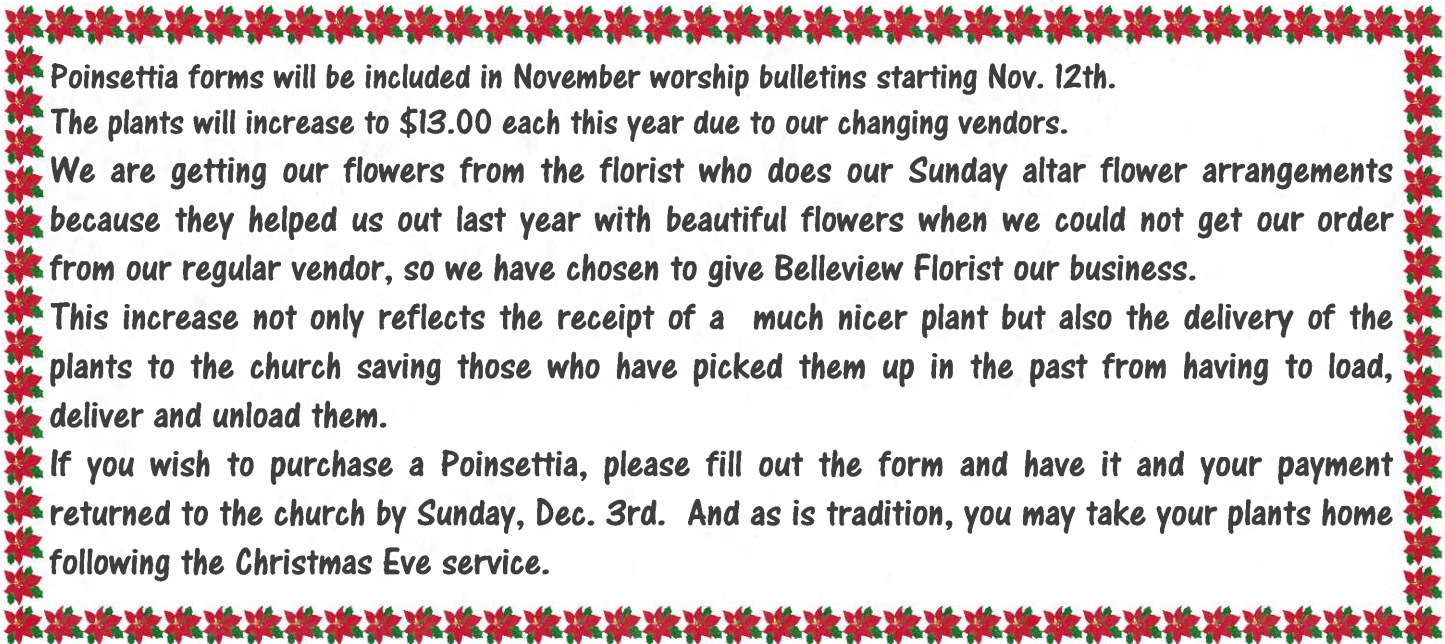
If you are really crazy about turkey and want more than just on Thanksgiving Day, then join the group for a TTO Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 21st. Come at 11:30; lunch is served at noon and for only \$7.00! Where else can you get a complete meal for that price during the holidays?!?



GREENING THE CHURCH

Plan to stay a few extra minutes after the worship service on Nov. 26th and help decorate the church for Christmas.

It is a fun time to start getting in the spirit of the season with friends.

Poinsettia forms will be included in November worship bulletins starting Nov. 12th.

The plants will increase to \$13.00 each this year due to our changing vendors.

We are getting our flowers from the florist who does our Sunday altar flower arrangements because they helped us out last year with beautiful flowers when we could not get our order from our regular vendor, so we have chosen to give Belleview Florist our business.

This increase not only reflects the receipt of a much nicer plant but also the delivery of the plants to the church saving those who have picked them up in the past from having to load, deliver and unload them.

If you wish to purchase a Poinsettia, please fill out the form and have it and your payment returned to the church by Sunday, Dec. 3rd. And as is tradition, you may take your plants home following the Christmas Eve service.



Terry and Jeanette Molique invited Mindy Pappas, Dir. Of Operations of the Community of Gratitude, to speak to us about the needs of the Food Pantry. She shared her appreciation of our church's participation and said the need out there has increased to an overwhelming state. Our continued support is greatly valued. Terry and Jeanette spend every Saturday at the Food Pantry filling bags for those who come for help in feeding their families.

OUR MISSIONS

As the season progresses, please try to find it in your hearts to donate a few pairs of new shoes for the children at Stanton Weirsdale Elem. School.

Also, the food pantry is in constant need of your non-perishable food donations.

Finally, Love INC appreciates the what we do in contributing to the Gas Can Ministry.



**Clocks Back
2:00am
Sunday, Nov. 5th**

ALLIANCE STAMP MISSION

With the holidays quickly approaching, it is time to remind you to cut out the stamps on all of those envelopes of holiday cards and bring them to church for Diana McDonald to send to the Alliance Stamp Mission.

These stamps are donated and used to publish and buy Spanish curriculum books for the Sunday Schools in Latin America.

Place your cancelled stamps in the wooden box in the Narthex.



A holly/holiday tree has been planted in front of Douglas Hall with hopes of celebrating different holiday occasions throughout the year with lights and decorations.

Lights will go on it for Christmas and there will be a lighting ceremony the evening of Sunday, Dec. 3rd. More details to follow later this month.

Rides to and from will be offered for those not wanting to drive at night. If you are able to assist by picking someone up, let Jeanette know, please.

It is hoped that this addition will arouse more interest in our church around the community.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who brought food for the Stanton Weirsdale Teacher Appreciation Day—Oct. 11th. Your buffet of delicious dishes was very much enjoyed and totally consumed!



On Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, we will have our Choir perform

"Sing Christmas: A Christmas Contata"

Within this beautiful music, there are parts for children to sing.

If you have a little birdy who loves to sing and will be celebrating with you on Christmas Eve, we would love to have them join us. We will practice with them on Wednesday evening December 20th

Ages 6 to 16 please

Contact Helen at (404) 643-2201 if interested.



MANSE RENAISSANCE CAMPAIGN

The Manse Renaissance Capital Campaign has officially begun! We have targeted a goal of \$50,000 to be raised within the next 6 months to make needed improvements to the manse. We hope to make the beauty of the manse very enticing to attract a potential Called Pastor in the near future.

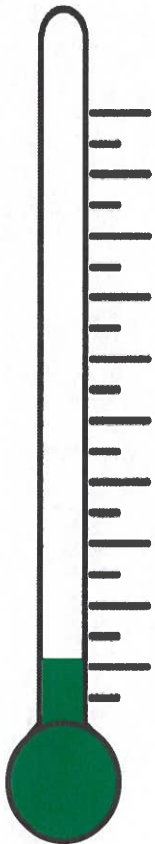
The improvements include a new roof, interior and exterior painting and new flooring.

You should have received a notice, which included a pledge card and envelope, in your mailbox about this important fundraiser. There are also extra pledge cards and envelopes in the church Narthex.

This is a separate pledge than the upcoming annual Stewardship Pledge drive. To assist our tracking, please return your pledge card and/or your check as soon as possible.

Your pledge card gives you the opportunity to pledge into 2024. Please note that if you want to donate in 2024, hold your check until the new year. We cannot deposit checks designated for 2024 in the year 2023.

If you have other questions, please contact Elder Linda Spence at 352-653-8835.



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\$10,000

\$5,000

HARVEST HAPPENINGS 2024 IS REVVING UP AND MAKING PLANS

The Crafting Group met on October 16th and decided to hold our biennial Arts & Crafts Fair on Friday and Saturday, 11th & 12th of October, 2024.

We will meet 1st and 3rd Mondays beginning November 6th, 2023. Everyone is welcome. Come when you can; leave when you have to. We usually start at 9:30am and work until lunch time. Many of us stay and share a meal before heading home.

There were lots of ideas for new and exciting projects. We have an immediate need for supplies. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Our wish list includes:

Hats

Rope

Grass skirts

Work gloves

Old pillows

Plastic grocery bags

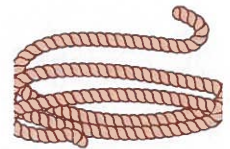
10-12" plastic pumpkins

Artificial sunflowers

Wreath forms

Holiday ribbon (wired)

Old flannel shirts



Questions? Call Priscilla Olson
352-805-9804



We had a great time at our Potluck Weiner Roast for Fellowship. A hot dog station offered the best hot dogs with a large variety of condiments.

Fall has arrived and that means a big fire in the fire pit for S'mores!

And there were plenty of baked beans and salads and desserts to top it all off!

Everyone agreed that it will have to be an annual event!!



Welcome back, Robbie!



Deacon's
Corner

God, when I lose hope, help me to remember that your love is greater than my disappointments and plans for my life are better than my dreams.



Sadly, Ron Everman passed peacefully on Wednesday, October 11th and is now with the Lord. His service will be February 18, 2024, right after the church service. Please keep Carol and the family in your prayers.

PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please contact Barbara West.

734-558-1878

Email: barbwest26@yahoo.com



NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher: TBD
Liturgist: Barb West
Communion Setup: Priscilla Olson
Lock-up: Linda Spatta



As always, if you cannot serve as listed, PLEASE find a substitute.

And thank you for your willingness to serve our church!

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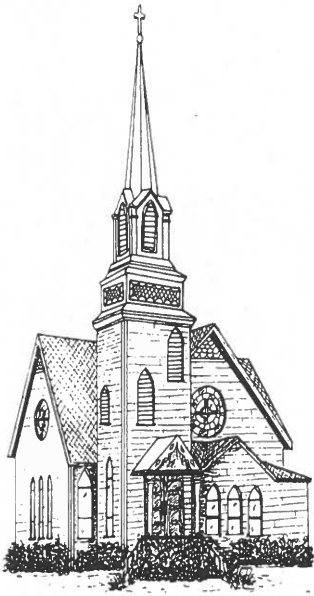
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Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship



Weirsdale Presbyterian Church
Worship at 10:30AM
Fellowship at 11:30AM