



Ponte Vedra Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2021

Are You A Tipper or A Tither?

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food for my house. Test me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows (Malachi 3:10).

God has not changed He still calls us to tithe rather than to tip him sporadically. The tither gives in faith and obedience to God, ten percent or more. He/ she gives to God and others with an attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving. Always rejoicing while experiencing the blessings of tithing. What are these blessings?

*The benefits of a walk of obedience and trust.

*The financial discipline it creates in us.

*The experience of the joy that floods the heart when we release the money to God, knowing that the money does not have a hold on us, God does!

God invites us to test His promises. If we do, our obedience will be rewarded!

You will find your Commitment Card inside the newsletter. Please, prayerfully consider your financial commitment to God for 2022. **November 21** is our Commitment Sunday, please, bring the Commitment Card to church or mail it. Following the worship service, we will enjoy a delicious lunch together and celebrate the Victory Jesus already won for us!

Peace to you and yours,

Pastor Jacquie

Church Events

- Nov 1st - New Member Class Starts
- Nov 7th - Outdoor Service/All Saints Day
- Nov 10th - Youth Wreath Decorating
- Nov 11th - Lynn Genest Memorial Service
- Nov 13th - OCC Packing Party/Game Night
- Nov 17th - YCAM Rehearsal
- Nov 21st - Victory Sunday/Family Dinner
- Nov 28th - Hanging of the Greens

Family Ministry

Greetings Church Family

We thank God for the good things that happened in October. Our existing Life Learner Groups were re-launched, and a new group was started. This is an important ministry of our church and one I know God will continue to use to nurture us in our walk with Christ.

I ask that you continue to pray for us as we discern new ways to reach more people with the gospel. We are taking steps regarding some new community and specialized outreaches that I will soon share as more information is available.

Regardless of our circumstances, we can all find reasons to thank God for. If we take a quick inventory of all the blessings that God has given us, we will no doubt remember specific ways in which He has shown us His favor, love, grace, and care for us. Whether we are experiencing good times or not so good times, our God is a Good God. As we approach Thanksgiving, let us remember to "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever" (1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV).

I would like to also express my appreciation to all our veterans who have served this great nation. Happy Veterans Day!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Edwin

November Blessing

Hello November

Thank you for the reminder that change can be beautiful. God is in control. Angels have been assigned to our case. His miracle is coming! Do not worry and do not give up.

United Methodist

Children's Home

Oct. 31st was 5th Sunday. We collected a total of \$970 that Sunday for a total of \$995 for the month of October. Our next 5th Sunday for the Children's Home will be January 30th.

Outdoor Service

Please join us for our next outdoor worship service at 4pm on the 7th of November. Afterwards we will have fellowship with dinner and games. Feel free to bring your own chair or blanket.

Would You Like To Ring A Bell?

Seasonal Bell Choir is looking for a few ringers. If interested in joining us to ring some bells contact the church office or Scott Tinsley at media@pontevedra.church



All Saints Day

Sunday Nov. 7th during service we will remember those we have lost this past year.



Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful ministry!

Who? Anyone who has lost a loved one and feeling the pain

What? A support group of others who are also suffering with a teaching video from experts in the field

Where? Ponte Vedra Church, Room 209

When? For 13 weeks Every Thursday,
From 4:00pm - 5:30 p.m.



Please join us Sunday Nov 21st for Victory Sunday! We will be holding a joint service at 11am and afterwards we will all gather for a family meal. We ask that everyone bring a side or dessert and the church will provide the hams. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship with all of you.

Victory
Sunday

Hanging of the Greens



Sunday, November 28th @ 11am;

During our Traditional 11AM service, the Sanctuary will be readied for Advent and Christmas. YCAM will sing.

Youth, please wear your youth or YCAM shirt.

Missions



Upcoming Family Promise Events For November

Jaguar Tickets - Are you a Jacksonville Jaguar fan? Would you like to go to a game and support Family Promise at the same time? You can purchase Give & Go tickets for \$40, \$45 and \$50. If you are interested, please email their Development Director bethmixson@familypromisejax.org.

Cardboard City 2021 is Ready to Build - The eleventh annual Cardboard City will be held **November 12-13** at **Lakewood United Methodist Church**. There will be both live and virtual components. Onsite participants can spend the night in a cardboard box, a tent, or even in a car to gain an understanding of the challenges of being homeless. Virtual participants will spend the night at home but not in their bed. They can sleep on the couch, on the floor, in the car or in a tent. For more information contact Beth Mixson at the above email address or visit <http://familypromisejax.org/cardboard-city/>.

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing!

Feel free to drop off your boxes in the sanctuary or church office. If you need someone to bring empty shoeboxes to you or to pick up your filled shoeboxes, please contact the church office at (904) 280-5141 or Rita Andreu at (904) 545-1422.



The final collection date is **Sunday, November 21, at 11:00am.**

*Don't forget to include a **personal note or card** and the **\$9 shipping/handling fee** per box.

If you would like **to track your shoebox**, you can pay the shipping fee (\$9) online, print out the tracking label, place it on your box, and bring your filled box to church by November 21. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>

No time to pack your own shoebox? **You can build one online** in less than 5 minutes. Please let Rita know or print your receipt and put it in an envelope for Rita so we can add your shoebox to the total count. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

Use this link or one of the brochures in the sanctuary to get ideas for your shoebox. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

Do you have leftover items that won't fit in the box? We can use them for our youth packing on November 13 at 6:00pm. Please mark your bags "OCC" and drop them off at the church office or call Rita Andreu for pick up (904) 545-1422.

Do you want to financially help with the cost of shipping the boxes the youth packs during our packing party? If so, please make your check out to Samaritan's Purse and put it in the offering plate or contact Rita Andreu with your donation.

Thank you for supporting this amazing mission and making the holidays brighter for children all over the world. God Bless You!

United Methodist Women To Serve Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner To Homeless

The United Methodist Women will prepare and serve a complete Thanksgiving Dinner to the homeless of St. John's County on Nov. 12th in St. Augustine. If you would like to prepare a dish to serve, please contact Jennie Dorsey at 304-629-9636. We will also be collecting new and gently used blankets for the homeless during the winter months. You can bring your donations to the church. The ladies will also be preparing side dishes for the church-wide cookout on Nov. 7th at 4pm. We are also looking forward to participating in the Victory Sunday Family Dinner where everyone is bringing a side dish and the church is providing the hams. We are looking forward to the fellowship with our family of faith.



The highlight of our October meeting was hearing from Margaret Farnsworth about her years of service in the mission field of Kenya. Her faithfulness to the call of our Lord was an inspiration to everyone. We also were blessed by Veronica Richiez introducing her husband Edwin and son Samuel to our ladies. We know God has truly blessed us with our new pastor and his family. Veronica will be

assisting Jo Miller in helping all members uncover the best life group in which to grow spiritually next year. If you are interested, please speak to Jo or Veronica.



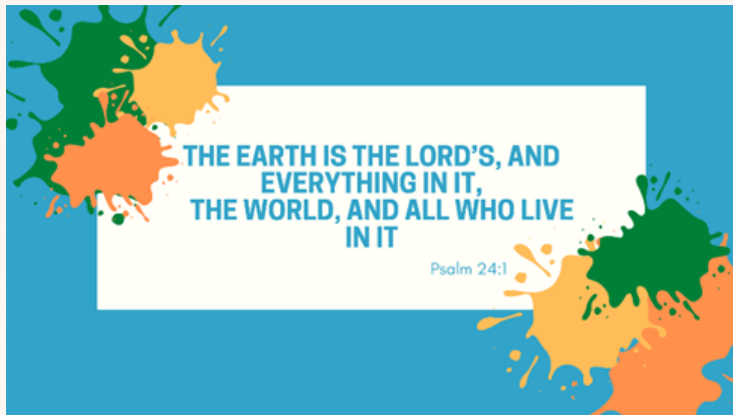
Corrine Garrison has again invited our women to celebrate our Christmas meeting in her home on Saturday Dec. 18th. More details will be available in the Dec newsletter. May God keep you safe and richly blessed during your Thanksgiving Celebration.



Give Thanks
with a
grateful heart.



Children's Happenings



During the month of November

We will continue learning about the Fruit of the Spirit through this month. Come check out the fruits we have added to the wall each week! By the end of November we will be ready for a harvest.



Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat! It was a wonderful outreach for our community. We could NOT have done it without all of you!



On Saturday November 13th @ 6PM there will be a COMBINED CHILDREN & YOUTH SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

Operation Christmas Child! We will pack from 6-7, then close with a pizza dinner (there is no cost for this event).

Supplies will be on hand for shoeboxes; however if you would like to donate supplies or fill your own shoebox, suggested items can be found here: [Shoebox Gift Suggestions](#)

Youth Happenings



During the month of October

The youth made sandwich bags AND over 40 toiletry bags for the youth shelter Port in the Storm. Thank you to

And we still had time for games and cookie decorating!



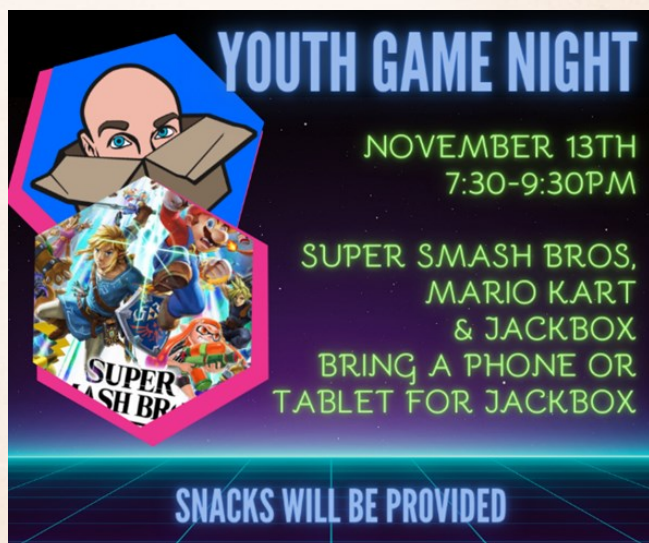
Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, November 10th (during youth group);

Decorate wreath for "Light the Way Home" the youth have selected the 24" champagne wreath to decorate (\$109.18). If you would like to make a donation to help pay for the wreath, please send in at our next youth meeting. proceeds support Port in the Storm youth shelter. Trees and wreaths will be on display from November 29th-December 2nd.



We were also very busy planning our holiday calendar! There are lots of exciting events for youth coming up, so be sure to contact Rachel Clements for details.



Game night
will be
upstairs
immediately
following
the shoebox
packing
party!

WEDNESDAY, NOV 17TH

@ 6:30PM

NO YOUTH; FULL
YCAM REHEARSAL



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Pledge Card

Date: _____

My 2022 Commitment to Honor God with my Giving

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

I will support the church with my Prayers, Presence, Spiritual Gifts and Tithe.

"I will give \$_____ weekly, or \$_____ monthly or \$_____ annually."

"Honor the Lord with your wealth." Prov. 3:9

November Birthdays

- 1st - Sandra Williamson
- 2nd - Mary Alice Sanders
- 3rd - Kathleen Loughran
- 5th - Nancy Goin, Andy Stevenson and Cara West
- 6th - Nancy Nelson
- 7th - Andrew Baltz, Denise Durden, Jeff Koch and Will Spence
- 9th - Mark Kuca
- 18th - Elaine Corley
- 19th - Cooper Gelb
- 21st - Jenna White and Laurel White
- 22nd - Jackie Pederson
- 25th - Chad Shank
- 26nd - Nancy Jordan and Taylor White
- 27th - Tod Phillips



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