



November Messenger

November Events

- Nov. 6th - All Saints Day/
Rev. Modesto Installation (11am)
- Nov. 12th - Peace River Presbytery Meeting
(9am-2pm)
- Nov. 19th - PW Christmas Bazaar (9am-1pm)
- Nov. 20th - Hanging of the Greens
(9am & 11am)
- Nov. 20th - Gulf Coast Harmonizers Concert
(2-4pm)
- Nov. 20th - CLPC Thanksgiving Dinner (4pm)
- Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- Nov. 27th - Dixieland Group Concert (4-6 pm)

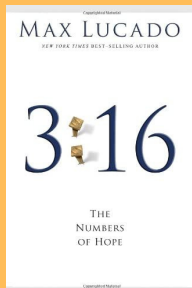


November 6th is
Daylight Saving Time.
Remember to Set your
Clock **BACK** 1 hour!



**Trunk or Treat
October 30th**

Thank you to All that
Attended and made the
night special!

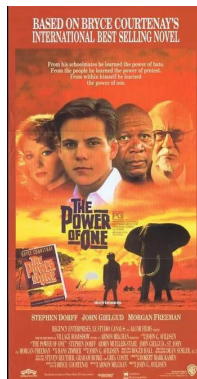


Pastor Eddie's Book Club

November 28th at 11 a.m.

Join in a great book study
on Max Lucado's book 3:16

**Reference the Fall
Packet for the ALL the
Events going on*



Theater & Theology

November 28th at 1 p.m.

It's the 1930s, and as the people he cares for die or leave his village, young South African P.K. bonds with much older Doc (Armin Mueller-Stahl). A foreigner, Doc is detained when World War II starts, but from his prison cell he encourages P.K. to learn boxing.

A Message from the Pastor

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. (Psalm 116:12-13)

As Carson finishes up his Monday evening and Thursday day course on the five senses, I am reminded something about my second favorite holiday. My favorite is Easter and celebrating the Resurrection, but my second favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. I enjoy the Thanksgiving experience with all its many accoutrements which primarily fills the senses with wonder and awe. The smell of turkey baking in the oven wafting through the home excites the nose in anticipation of the bounty to come. The sight of cornucopias and pilgrim hats remind us of our heritage, where people sacrificed much to come, explore, and settle in this land. We hear our children excited while watching for the Great Pumpkin to rise over Charlie Brown's pumpkin patch and hear football fans rooting on their favorite team. We taste oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie while sitting around the table. We touch uncles, aunts, cousins, grandmothers, and grandfathers through our hugs and holding hands around the table.

Contrast this special use of our senses with this year's Hurricane Ian, and this day is indeed important for us to remember the roots from which Thanksgiving spring. Let's reach back in our memories and take a quick glance at the first Thanksgiving. On December 21, 1620, the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Through the dead of winter, the colony struggled with poor and meager food, strenuous labor, a biting wind that chilled to the bone, and the ravages of disease. Nearly half the 102 Mayflower passengers did not live to see the spring season.

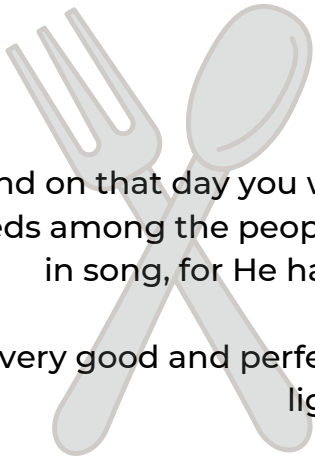
Their pain and struggles connect us with our own struggles following Hurricane Ian. God's power and promise of hope is seen in the response to those who struggle. The people of Israel often struggled with outside powers and internal forces that found redemption and remembrance of Thanksgiving. God sends God's people into our lives to be God's Work and Hands. The Red Cross teams, the linemen and women, the first responders, the neighbors helping neighbors are examples of hope that strings from our giving thanks. And God sends not who we would expect to see. Just take a moment and look at who God sent to the early settlers.

In their peril, God sent the natives – Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit – to help the English settlers learn to plant, hunt, and fish. The bountiful harvest that autumn led Governor Bradford to invite the Indians to celebrate God's goodness. Ninety tall braves accepted the invitation to join the Pilgrims in a feast of Thanksgiving to God for their blessings. The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's goodness and mercy. We too are reminded in Hurricane Ian's wake that what we have in life is transient. They knew to thank God amid the bitterness of winter past, and we would do well remembering to offer our thanks.

Our Hurricane Ian experience reminds us that beneath the Norman Rockwell painting our world is not so pretty. Parents will go to bed hungry and listen to their children cry for want of food. Women will give birth and babies will die because of unsafe drinking water. Those imprisoned in their minds will tear themselves apart in their quest for one moment – just one – of peace and serenity. Since Hurricane Ian we know these realities truly exist close to our Cypress Lake and Chapel By the Sea Community.

So, I am glad Mark Gisse and the Kitchen Crew are committed to offering us a time to gather and remember to give thanks. Mark your calendars now to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 20, and join in a wonderful meal and lift together our prayers and expressions of thanks and love toward our most gracious and merciful God.

Shalom,
Edward Bellis, Pastor



Food for Thought...

May We Give Thanks for All God has Given Us.

Isaiah 12:4-5

And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

CLPC Concert Series

Starting November 27th, CLPC will be hosting a Series of Concerts with the first band being, the Dixieland Group featuring CLPC's very own, Jonathan Gil.

Come and enjoy a fun filled Sunday afternoon from 4-6pm

Tickets will be on Sale Starting November 6th.



Each November for the past 5 years, friends and neighbors have gathered to mass-package over 1000 boxes/year, and we will be packing 600 this Saturday, November 5 from 8-11 a.m. then another 600 the following Saturday, November 12 in our driveway, 14896 Crescent Cove Drive, Fort Myers, FL in Gulf Harbour.

This is a worthy cause, as these get shipped to needy children around the world (Cameroon, Central Republic of Africa, Philippines. Somalia, Rwanda most recently) through Billy Graham's organization, Samaritan's purse.

Food and beverages are provided and it feels good to brush shoulders and share the camaraderie. Thanx in advance, Tim and Linda



BE THANKFUL
BE GRATEFUL
BE BLESSED

Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, November 19th
9am - 1pm

Local Vendors will be in attendance with crafts, goodies and lots more to check out.

Located in the Fellowship Hall, Classrooms in the FH and Chapel. Come on out and support the PW Christmas Fundraiser.



Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday November 20th
4:00 pm-Fellowship Hall

Please come and join the church family as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Our chefs will again prepare a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and beverages.

They are asking that you help with the meal by preparing a dish to bring and share. Desserts and sides will be potluck. Names that end with A-M may bring a dessert and N-Z can bring a side dish. It should be a wonderful feast to celebrate our freedoms, unity and diversity!

Contact Mark Gisse with any questions.



Prayer Chain Ministry: WHAT IS THE PRAYER CHAIN?

Several church members are actively praying for anyone who desires prayer for themselves, family or friends living through life's twists and turns. In fact there are more than 70 members who receive email prayer requests and PRAY for each individual request.

The prayer chain was created several years ago when a phone prayer chain was used to communicate the prayer needs of members. Now CLPC emails prayer requests to members who have committed to pray. We are a supportive family!

HOW DO I JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY OR INITIATE A REQUEST?

You can be part of our Prayer Chain Ministry by contacting Pam Smith in person, by phone or email. I'll add you to our group.

You can ask for prayers by contacting Pam, the Pastor, or Katie, office manager. Contact Pam at pamsophie1943@yahoo.com or cell phone 239-878-6511
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Monday-Thursday 9:00-3:00P.M.

Editor's Note: Some articles may be edited for space.



Happy Birthday!

5th	Pat France
8th	Eleanor Goff-80th
8th	Beth Haidet-70th
8th	Ayelen Tovar
11th	Robert McFedries
13th	John Ernst
14th	Tom Gralton
18th	Chris Giesecke
22nd	Becky Harris
23rd	Wayne Auman
23rd	Donna Brown
24th	Jeff Basler
28th	Al Hornung-99th
29th	Jim Miller



Happy Anniversary

5th	Michael & Carolyn Hornung
7th	Larry & Darlene Harshbarger
14th	Larry & Christina Johnson
15th	James & Kathy Huffman
20th	Martin & Susan Chanofsky
21st	Harry & Becky Limons
22nd	Ron & Betsy Howlett
24th	Bill Adams & Linda Wightman
29th	Wayne & Elaine Auman

