



The Grapevine



Choose Peace Instead of Worry

Reverend Edward Dunn

The Peace of the Wild Things by Wendell Berry, 2012

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus addresses the very human condition of worry. He asks “Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” and “can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?” Instead he advises that we should “strive for the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness.” Then in what I consider one of those “wink” moments, he adds, “tomorrow will bring about worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

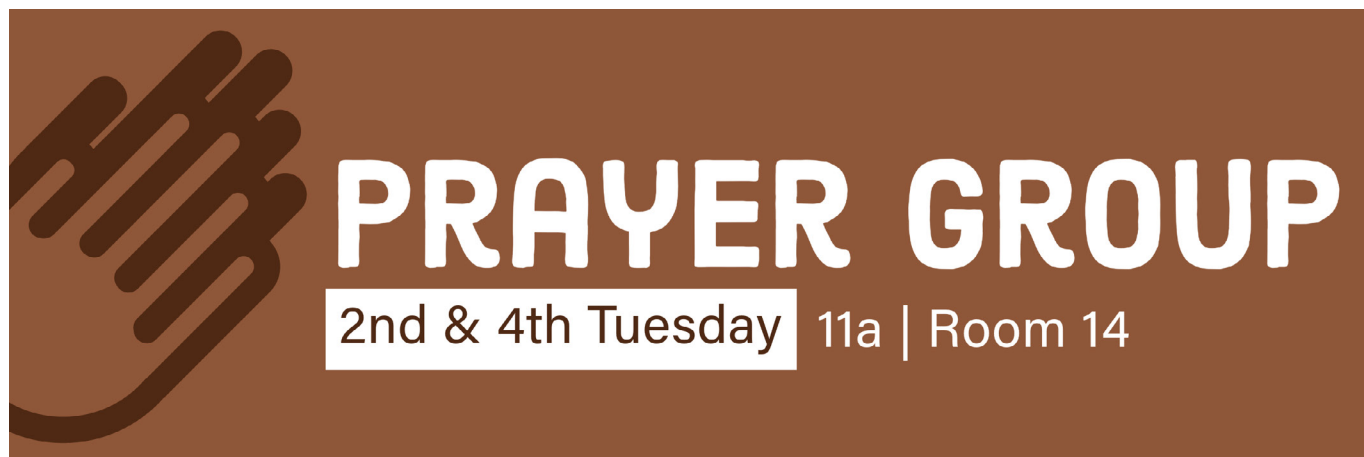
I wonder if Jesus’ words were the inspiration for Wendell Berry’s poem.

It’s not entirely surprising that much of what we worry about are things out of our control; at least our direct control. There are numerous events – conflicts abroad, senseless violence in our own community, poverty and hunger and homelessness – that we cannot bring to an end. There are steps we can take to address these issues but we, alone, cannot eradicate them.

Jesus does not grant us a “pass” on conflict, hunger, or violence. While we are encouraged to be prayerful, there are actions we can take. Feeding the hungry at Our Daily Bread, preparing PB&J sandwiches, and supporting the 3 Cents a Meal offering are important ways we can work to alleviate hunger. Communicating with elected officials and decision makers on issues related to violence in our community is another. Praying for those who are entrusted with negotiating peaceful end to war is important too. And, as Berry suggests, taking time to find peace, to set aside our worries and trusting in God who knows our worries and upon whom we can rely.

May you not be overwhelmed by worries out of your control. May you, instead, find work that can be peace giving and living.

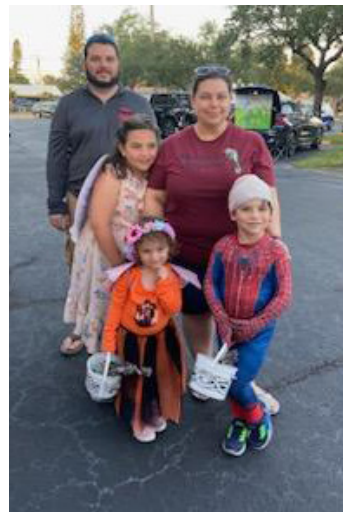
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Trunk or Treat Photobook



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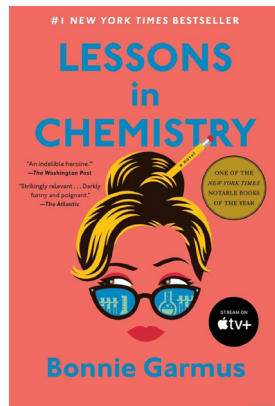
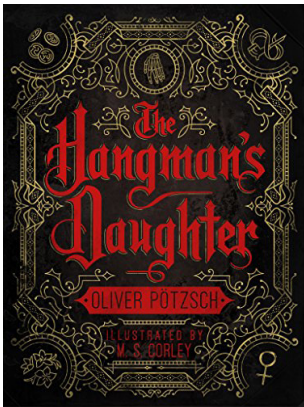
Palma Sola Session Highlights

- Approved Pastor Dunn's absence during the December 25th – December 31st period.
- Endorsed plans for a Celebratory Luncheon following the joint congregational meeting on December 10th establishing the United Presbyterian Church.
- Noted that the tree planted on Earth Day honoring the union of Westminster and Palma Sola churches is being replaced.
- Noted that the replacement of two air conditioners with new high-efficiency units has nicely reduced our wattage consumption and electricity cost.
- Approved the plans and materials for this year's Stewardship Campaign.
- Approved an updated Wedding Policy for the church.

Westminster Session Highlights

- Westminster did not meet quorum this month. No highlights to report.

Palma Sola Book Club



NOV 13 | 1 - 2:30PM DEC 11 | 1 - 2:30PM

Join in any second Monday at 1pm in the Media Center & Zoom for fun conversation.

2023 READING LIST

For more information, call Vicki Schooley at (941) 518-2315.

Men's Group



MEN'S GROUP

You're invited to attend the Morning Men's Group. Get to know the men you see in church. Share your story. Enjoy fellowship.

MEETINGS START AT 8:30A

NOV 2 - Fellowship and breakfast | Poppi's Place restaurant

NOV 16 - Fellowship & a discussion about Christian Living | Fellowship Hall

Please contact Rich Wachunis
rwachunis@tampabay.rr.com



Salvation Army Angel Tree Donations

We have supported this program for several years. Every child deserves to enjoy the experience of joy on Christmas morning. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year. The Salvation Army collects information to determine qualifications to participate in the program to assure gifts are going to children who are in need.

We will be accepting monetary donations for the Angel Tree to bless local children throughout the month of November. Use the envelopes in the pews or mail a check to the church office with “Angel Tree” in the memo line. Palma Sola may also use the [online giving program](#).

A Little Help From Many United Makes A Difference

On **November 4th at 8am** (if you come later that is fine), the combined churches are asked to come together and help cleanup the sanctuary front outside gardens. We mostly need pruning and weeding done.

We also need people to help with the cleanup of the trimmings. There are small jobs for all ages. Your work gloves, pruners and rakes are welcomed but the church has some tools.

Let's start off the holidays making our church appealing and doing so UNITED.



Let's get together to spread God's word.
Join the Fellowship & Worship Committee Today!

Contact Gail Dickerson at 941-224-1117 or
gaild.pspc@gmail.com for more information

Here are our current areas of need for volunteers:

USHERS NEEDED

Be a great welcomer to the house of God & get to know your congregation



Ushers: A great way to meet everyone and make them feel comfortable

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Sunday Fellowship to keep it brewing

One Sunday A Month!
Set Up
Host
Clean Up

We will show you how!

NEW SINGERS NEEDED

Interested in joining the Chancel Choir? We need singers! Rehearsals are set for Wednesdays at 7 after Bell Choir Rehearsals conclude.

Stewardship Updates

Small Group Gatherings will begin November 6, 2023 through November 9, 2023. Please RSVP from your invitation this week. If did not receive an invitation please Contact Gregg Pead's cell 941-348-0773 or by email peedethree@gmail.com.

Consecration Sunday will be November 12, 2023.
Please Save the Date.

NEWS FLASH

The Stewardship Pack has been distributed on Thursday October 26, 2023.

If you did not receive by November 3, 2023 please Contact Gregg Pead's cell 941-348-0773 or email peedethree@gmail.com.

Please let me know either to bring a Stewardship Pack to November 5, 2023 Worship, mail a copy or email a copy.

November Outreach Update

October Outreach Highlights:

- You assembled 4000 packets of seeds during our fall Hope Seeds packing event. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun while helping to fight hunger all over the world.
- You donated many, many bags of warm wear items to help keep those served by Turning Points warm this winter.
- You generously gave monetary contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

November collections will be added to this to make an even bigger impact.

- Folks volunteered every Friday at Our Daily Bread.
 - You reached out to families and young people in our neighborhood by hosting a fun-filled Trunk or Treat night for Halloween. Many people enjoyed hot dogs, chili, chips and CANDY as they strolled through our parking lot full of festively decorated cars. A good time was had by all!
 - You made an additional 500 PB & J sandwiches that were delivered to clients in need at our Daily Bread for an even 6000 sandwiches since beginning this ministry.
- You continued blessing local organizations through contributions to our 3 Cents a Meal collection.
- You helped spread cheer to farmworkers and their families through the donation of \$600 towards the Mision Peniel Christmas Joy Drive. Over 500 children aged birth to 10 years will receive a new toy for Christmas through your support of this program.
 - You sent donations of \$200 each to help offset day-to-day expenses at Our Daily Bread, Salvation Army, Mision Peniel, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center, and Christian Care Alliance. These extra gifts go a long way to provide assistance to those served by these wonderful organizations.

November Outreach Opportunities:

- Our DOES It (Done On Every Sunday) project for November is collecting stuffed shoe boxes to give to clients served by Meals on Wheels PLUS this Christmas. Pick up a Christmas wrapped shoe box and wish list in the Narthex or Church Office starting on 11/5, fill it up and return it to the church by Sunday 11/26. Items can include lotion, lip balm, books, slipper socks, holiday themed items and more. Full instructions are included in each box. Filled boxes will be delivered to seniors throughout the holidays and are sometimes the only gift a senior will receive.
- Our church family will once again be supporting the Salvation Army Angel Tree. During the month of November we will be accepting monetary donations so that the Salvation Army can provide gifts to those Manatee County “angels” whose tags don’t get chosen from a tree. To donate, use the offering envelopes during worship or mail a check to the church office by 11/26 with “Angel Tree” in the memo line.

November Outreach Update Continued

Ongoing Opportunities:

- Servers for Our Daily Bread on Fridays are always needed. Contact Dorothy Simes if you would like to volunteer.
- We continue to collect non-perishable food items in the cart in the Narthex to donate to Our Daily Bread of Bradenton. They are always in need of shelf stable items to stock the Loaves & Fishes food pantry.
- Please keep in mind our Blessing Box by the east parking lot. The Blessing Box serves as a mini food pantry for our local neighborhood, and you are welcome to add to it or take from it as needed.
- Contributions of loose change, soft money, and checks for FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies) are always welcome. To donate, use the envelopes in the pews or mail a check to the church office with "FELT" in the memo line.
- Join your church family in Fellowship Hall after worship each week to make PB & J sandwiches to share with the clients of Our Daily Bread. Thank you to all who have been bringing in supplies, making sandwiches, and helping SPREAD the love of Christ to your neighbors in need!
- The Holy Strollers walking group meets every Friday at 9 am at the north entrance of Robinson Preserve. You are invited to gather for exercise, conversation, and a short devotional in the great outdoors.



November Outreach Offering

Our Outreach Offering for November will continue to go to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church USA. PDA is on the ground when a disaster or crisis begins and remains active through the entire recovery process, accompanying their partners in the area to determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience

You may donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

- during the worship service, in your offering envelope,
- by mailing a check to the church office with "PDA" in the memo line, or
- Palma Sola members may also contribute through [online giving](#)

Scottish Sunday Photobook



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOV 3 Susan Lance

NOV 7 Chris Lance

NOV 13 Jack Slocum

Mark & Chris Wolf

NOV 16 Janice Fritzmeier

NOV 17 Bev Danley

Marilyn Hilton

Georgina Townsend

NOV 18 John James

NOV 21 Roberta Maloney

NOV 22 Mary Jane Handlin

NOV 25 Mary Montano

NOV 30 Faraja Keyes



**CHANCEL CHOIR
REHEARSALS**
WEDNESDAYS AT 7P IN THE SANCTUARY

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS
WEDNESDAYS AT 6P IN THE SANCTUARY



**HOLY STROLLERS
WALKING GROUP**

**JOIN US ON A WEEKLY STROLL
TO GET SOME FRESH AIR**

EVERY FRIDAY | 9AM

**ROBINSON PRESERVE
(NORTH ENTRANCE)**

**Palma Sola & Westminter Presbyterian Churches
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November

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			1	2 MEN'S GROUP 8:30a STEWARDSHIP @ 2:30P <i>Renewal 6:30p</i>	3 HOLY STROLLERS 9a Our Daily Bread 9:30a	4 GROUNDS SPRUCE UP 8A
5 Present Word 8:45a Worship Service 10a Communion Fellowship @ 11	6	7 Election Day <i>Outreach / 3p</i>	8 Bell Choir 6p Chancel Choir 7p	9	10 HOLY STROLLERS 9a Our Daily Bread 9:30a	11
12 CONSECRATION SUNDAY Present Word 8:45a Worship Service 10a Fellowship	13 <i>Palma Sola Book Club / 12p</i>	14 PRAYER GROUP 11A	15 <i>Endowment & Finance / 3p</i> Bell Choir 6p Chancel Choir 7p	16 MEN'S GROUP 8:30a STEWARDSHIP @ 2:30P	17 HOLY STROLLERS 9a Our Daily Bread 9:30a	18
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26 Christ The King Sunday Present Word 8:45a Worship Service 10a Fellowship	27	28 PRAYER GROUP 11A	29 Bell Choir 6p Chancel Choir 7p	30		

Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday | 9am - 4pm

View the online church [Calendar](#) for latest information about Sunday worship services, Bible study, outreach and other events. Livestreamed and recorded worship services may be viewed at [Online Worship](#).