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Monthly Newsletter of Parrish United Methodist Church

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## A Word from Pastor Chris

Dear Members and Friends of Parrish United Methodist,

I have read that the key to good communication is brevity, which I'm aware is not always my strength. But in the interest of good communication, I say simply "Thank you!"

Thank you for the love you have shown me and my family this past month. Thank you for the kindness you have expressed to me through personal words, cards, and gifts. Thank you for being such a loving and supportive church.

I do not believe I can adequately communicate how truly grateful I am. At times I have even felt a little tongue tied in trying to put into words how blessed you have made me feel. So, where I have been at a loss for words, allow me to appropriate Paul's thoughts and make them mine,

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...*  
Philippians 1:3-5

In this season of gratitude, as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, know how thankful I am for you and that God has called me to serve as your Pastor. It is a blessing to be partnered with you in ministry, and I look forward to many more years of serving and growing together.

Yours in love,

*Chris*





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## Coming Events

- ✝ 11/02 M.O.P.S. 9:30 AM
- ✝ 11/03 Leadership Team Meeting 6PM
- ✝ 11/04 Family Fun Night Turkey Bowl 6:30 PM
- ✝ 11/05 Food Distribution Day 11AM  
..... Free Community Lunch
- ✝ 11/06 Blood Drive 8AM-12:30 PM
- ✝ 11/06 Night to Remember 6:00 PM
- ✝ 11/09 7 Habits of Highly Effective People 6:30 PM
- ✝ 11/10 Thrift Cottage Board Meeting 9:00 AM
- ✝ 11/10 Administrative Team Meeting 7PM
- ✝ 11/11 VETERAN'S DAY
- ✝ 11/13 O.C.C. Boxes Due
- ✝ 11/14 Church Conference 7PM
- ✝ 11/15 Stephen Minister's General Mtg. 6:30 PM
- ✝ 11/16 M.O.P.S. 9:30 AM
- ✝ 11/19 Food Distribution Day 11AM  
..... Free Community Lunch
- ✝ 11/20 Prayer Blanket Blessings
- ✝ 11/22 Stephen Minister's Training 6:30 PM
- ✝ 11/24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- ✝ 11/26 Living Nativity Set Construction
- ✝ 11/29 Stephen Minister's Training 6:30 PM





## Route 66 Youth

*...bringing Jesus Christ into the lives of teenagers through Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.*

Youth Leaders – Joe & Julie McNaughton

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his love endures forever” - Psalm 106:1*

We have jumped right into the fall holidays! The youth students are wrapping up a few *Scary, Gross and Weird Stories from the Bible* by exploring God’s power and mercy, along with how our choices can affect our consequences. There have been tooth brushing contests, videos, skits, games and discussion these past several Wednesdays. As we approach Thanksgiving, we will focus on God’s love, and the many ways we can be thankful. Actually, we are very thankful for these youth kids. Some of our youth are able to attend nearly every Wednesday night, and some not as often. Homework, projects, practice, and family scheduling can make it tough to get to the Youth Hall, so we are very thankful for the wonderful time we do get to spend with each and every one of these middle and high school students. We sincerely hope that they, and you, have a blessed Thanksgiving!

### 4th Annual Family Night Turkey Bowl

**Friday, November 4th**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**



#### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 4	Turkey Bowl
Nov. 16	“We Give Thanks”
Nov. 23	NO YOUTH GROUP
Dec. 7	Living Nativity Rehearsal
Dec. 9-10	Living Nativity

**Get ready for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Turkey Bowl,” complete with great food, games, and lots fun! Bring your family, prepared to support your favorite football team, and bring a dish to share according to your last name:**

**A - G Side Dish**

**H - R Appetizer**

**S - Z Dessert**

**Main Dish will be provided.**

6th–12th graders are always welcome to join us in the *Youth Hall* from 6:30-8:00 pm on Wednesdays. We mix in fellowship and games with our Bible lesson and would love to see you there! Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have at [mчнаughton@parrishumc.com](mailto:mчнаughton@parrishumc.com).

# Children's Ministry

Ethel Pawley

In the depths  
of who



I am, I rejoice  
in God my  
Savior.  
Luke 1:47

**November** – good food, football, family and friends are just a few of the thoughts that come to mind when we think about the celebration of Thanksgiving. As we know, the main focus is about being thankful for all that God has provided. During the month of November, the children will be learning about God's provision for the Israelites as they spent 40 years in the desert. There are many valuable life lessons that the children will learn as we explore the unique situations that the Israelites experienced. We will learn the importance of thankfulness and being thankful to God who provided for our greatest need, a Savior. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we can thank God for so many things and we can teach our children to have a thankful heart.



Kids.com Music Group

**Kids.com** Music Group is growing and it is exciting that they will be participating in our Christmas Musical. Kids.com Music Group meets two times a week, Sunday mornings at 9:15 am and Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. If your child would like to participate in the Christmas Musical they can attend either practice time. The Christmas Musical will be performed Saturday and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information as the dates get closer and we will be busy practicing!

**MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers**, is continuing to grow as we meet from 9:30-11:30 am, in Room 125, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Children have their own MOPPETS group. During the month of November we will be exploring opportunities to enhance our relationships with friends and family. Our MOPS group has taken on their first service project of providing blankets to be distributed to children in a crisis need situation and children in foster care. Moms should bring scissors and a yard stick to the November meetings as we will be making "no sew" blankets. MOPS welcomes any mother of a child, from infant to kindergarten, to come and join our group.



**Family Night** is finally here! our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual PUMC Turkey Bowl is Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm. Come prepared to support your favorite college or professional football team for an evening of great food and fun! According to the first letter of your last name, please bring a dish to share:

A – G Side Dish H – R Appetizer S – Z Dessert.

Main Dish will be provided.

## Come Grow with Us:

Sunday Mornings 9:45 and 11:11 Kids' Hour  
 Sunday Mornings 9:15 and Wednesday Nights 6:30 Kids.com Music Group  
 Wednesday Nights November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 Kidz Nites  
 Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30 am MOPS & MOPPETS  
 Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm Family Night/Turkey Bowl  
 Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Kidz Nite Thanksgiving Celebration

The Living Nativity is a Parrish United Methodist tradition. This outreach provides our community with an opportunity to walk through various scenes assembled in the field behind the church with Biblical characters portrayed by our own church members. They will meet Isaiah, see shepherds, hear the choir of angels and watch the wise men travel seeking out the prophesied Savior. From the moment our guests are greeted upon entering the sanctuary, to the time they leave our building, our purpose is to share the story of Christ with them.



There are many ways to help make this church-wide outreach event a true gift to our community. We are looking for welcoming faces to guide our guests through the experience, helpful hands to assist children in making easy crafts, talented bakers to provide treats for the guests and cast, friendly faces to serve refreshments, and folks who enjoy dressing up in costume and are willing to speak words of truth to bring the outdoor drama to life. There are also many behind-the-scenes duties to be done if that is your specialty.

Thank you to all those who have helped in the past! We are seeking both returning and new volunteers to help fill the many roles that make this event happen.

You may sign up in the *Gathering Place* or by contacting Joe or Julie McNaughton at 723-9659 or the church office at 776-1539 or email us at [mnaughton@parrishumc.com](mailto:mnaughton@parrishumc.com).

Check the church website, [www.parrishumc.com](http://www.parrishumc.com) for updated information.

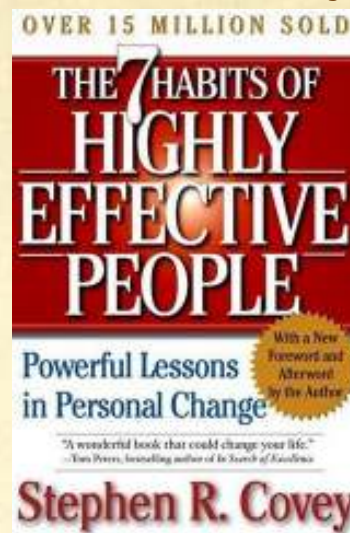
#### Living Nativity 2016 Preparation Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 26	Outdoor set construction
Sunday, Dec. 4	Costuming/Drama practice
Wednesday, Dec. 7	Dress Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 9	Living Nativity
Saturday, Dec. 10	Living Nativity
Sunday, Dec. 11	Set tear-down

## 7 Habits of Highly Effective People!

Personal Effectiveness Seminar based on Stephen Covey's, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People!*

God gives us 1,440 minutes each and every day! Are you getting the most out of that time? Join us on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, for "Increasing Personal Effectiveness." Greg and Debbie Schultz are certified facilitators in Stephen Covey's, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, and have put together a 2.5 hour seminar to help you to grow, change, and become more effective in every area of your life! Sign up in the *Gathering Place* or call the church office (941-776-1539).



## Church Conference

Our annual church conference is scheduled for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the *Sanctuary*. You are invited and encouraged to attend. The new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis, will be presiding.

## New District Superintendent

The Installation Celebration for our new District Superintendent Candace Lewis is Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at Palm Harbor United Methodist Church 1551 Belcher Rd Palm Harbor. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.



## Prayer Blanket Ministry

Would you like to participate in the prayer blanket ministry? We welcome quilters, knitters, and crocheters. There are no size requirements. We need blankets and quilts of all sizes and colors. The blankets are tagged either with a note about a "precious little one", that are appropriate for newborns or young children, or with a tag for others who are dealing with a variety of issues. The periodic donations of money and yarn are gratefully appreciated. Please contact Alma Woolbert, (941) 981-5101, if you have any questions.

Be with us for the next blessing on November 20<sup>th</sup> when the prayer blanket ministry celebrates its three year anniversary.





## IT'S TIME TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOXES!

ALL BOXES MUST BE RETURNED TO CHURCH BY

**NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

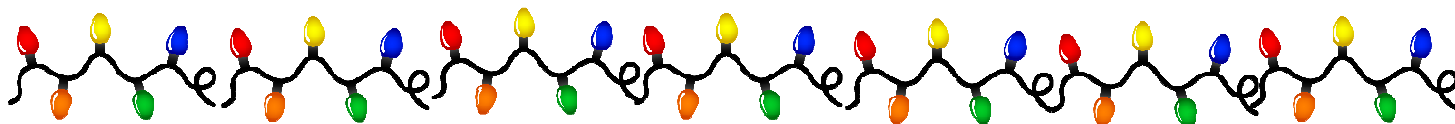


1. Get a shoebox
2. Choose a boy or girl
3. Choose an age group
4. Buy age and gender appropriate gifts
5. Fill your box
6. Write a note and include your picture
7. PRAY FOR THIS CHILD
8. Bring your box to church by November 6th

Look for more ideas on the bulletin board in the *Gathering Place*.



*Jesus  
Loves  
the  
Little  
Children  
Of the  
World*



**THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU**

We all just want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your support these first six months of our new year round ministry for Operation Christmas Child. Our strategy wasn't perfect but we have so much more to send these children than ever before! We always remember the children behind the gate that could not receive a box because there were not enough. YOU are making a difference! We thank you and the children thank you. God bless you all!

The Operation Christmas Child Team



## *Volunteer Opportunity*

The Thrift Cottage is looking for volunteers. We are open Monday thru Saturday, 10am—4pm. If you have a few hours to spare we could certainly use you. Thrift Cottage (941-776-3161) Come join us for fun and fellowship.

## *Gathering Place Goodies*

We are in need of a few volunteers to help with Sunday mornings *Gathering Place* goodies. We specifically need help with set up and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the *Gathering Place*.

# Christmas

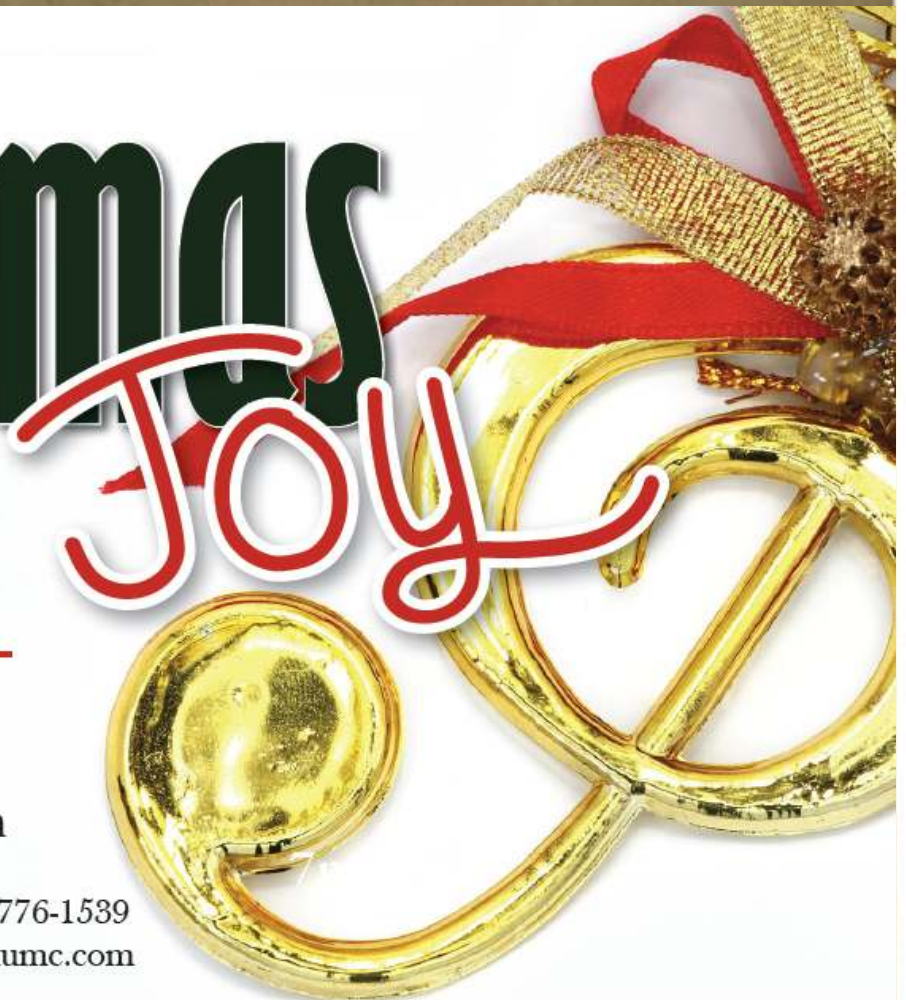
Saturday, Dec. 17th: 7pm  
Sunday, Dec. 18th:  
8:15am & 11:11am services

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## **Christmas Eve Services**

December 24th:  
4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 8:00pm

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# PUMC Birthday Calendar


## November 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Jeb King</i>	2 <i>Eloise Miyamoto</i>	3 <i>Haley Roberts</i>	4 <i>Annette Davis Bonny Whidden</i>	5 <i>Christy McIlwaine</i>
6 <i>Patricia Hamilton David Minnich Emme Moore Andy Olynyk</i>	7 <i>Jake Massena Doreen Van Minsel Nick Wade Deanna &amp; Dick Soldner Barbara Thomas Kelsey Earrest</i>	8 <i>Debbie Hampton Michael Klenkosky</i>	9 <i>Chloe Culhane Coral Culhane Autumn White Joyce Coligan</i>	10 <i>Gail Abbas Jill Campbell Debbie Chase</i>	11 <i>Emily Overstreet Sue Bush</i>	12 <i>Bob Lorrh Chad McIlwaine Katie Sheffer</i>
13 <i>Ryan Ansbro Mya Gaines</i>	14 <i>Megan DeLaurier</i>	15 <i>John Dockery</i>	16 <i>John Carrigan</i>	17 <i>Tyler Ansbro</i>	18 <i>Jill Goldsmith Greg Schultz</i>	19 <i>Andy Anderson Wyatt McNaughton Stacy Philipp Jim Racky Owen Schuller</i>
20 <i>Min Vandenberg Faye Waters</i>	21 <i>Shirley Kennedy Chris Irving</i>	22 <i>Alta Peekstok Carol Porter Bobbi Jayne Vitale</i>	23 <i>Floyd Mason Kristy Skuitz</i>	24 <i>Reese Fagan</i>	25 <i>Ethel Pawley Cecil Peel Patricia Wenzel</i>	26 <i>Steve Briggs Hannah Goldsmith</i>
27 <i>Ed Goldsmith</i>	28 <i>Garrett Gregory</i>	29 <i>Marsha Ballard Diane Boneham April Ranceful</i>	30 <i>Hilde Benedict</i>			

# PUMC Activity Calendar

## November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>EACH SUNDAY:</b>  <b>Traditional Worship 8:15 AM</b>  <b>Contemporary Worship 9:45</b>  <b>Blended Worship 11:11 AM</b>  <b>Sunday School for All ages at 9:45 AM</b></p>						
<b>6</b> 8:00 AM Blood Drive 6:00 PM Night to Remember	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM Worship Design 10:00AM Bible Study 4:00 PM GriefShare 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 5:30 PM Youth Band Practice 6:30 PM Youth Ministry 6:30 PM Kidz Night 6:30 PM 7 <i>Habits of Highly Effective People</i>	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Thrift Cottage Mtg 6:30 PM Small Group Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Admin. Team 8:30 PM CrossLight Practice	<b>11</b> VETERAN'S DAY	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM Food Distribution 11:00 AM Community Luncheon
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