

Ola Palma Sola! Greetings Westminster!



November Ola!

Transitional Pastor, Dr. Ted Land

I think I told you last year that November is my favorite month of the year. Cooler weather, my birthday, Thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday, and most years the first Sunday in Advent.

My earliest memory to which I can attach a date is the first Tuesday in November, 1948. That was about ten days before my second birthday. I remember sitting in my highchair, in the breakfast room, of the house at 2360 Linden Avenue in Knoxville, Tennessee. I think it was oatmeal with brown sugar in my bowl. Aunt Bonnie came through the door with the morning newspaper. She exclaimed something about that blankety-blank Dewey

with his mustache didn't win after all and Harry Truman will still be President.

My Aunt Jo, the matriarch of the Land family, scolded her, saying, "Don't use language like that in front of the baby." I looked around the room to see where the baby was, before realizing it was me.

I think my family enjoyed being different, marching to their own drum, with their own fife, bugle, and trombone. In staunchly Republican East Tennessee, where "everybody" was Southern Baptist, the Lands were Democrats and Presbyterians. And though the Presbyterian Church on the next corner was

closer, we drove several blocks because it was a “Northern” Presbyterian Church and we were Southern Presbyterians.

Several years later, when Dwight David Eisenhower defeated a ticket that included family friend Estes Kefauver, I made some snide remark about “Ike”, and Aunt Jo took me to task for it. She said, “General Eisenhower is the President. Always speak respectfully of the President of the United States, whether you voted for him or not. He is the President. Whether you like it or not. Show respect for the office.”

Somewhere between 1956 and today, things have changed dramatically. Drastically. Civility and respect have vanished, and the bad language that Aunt Bonnie used in 1948 wouldn't cause a raised eyebrow today, much less a rebuke from her older sister.

Most of us have already voted, either by mail or early voting. Many counties in Florida are experiencing record turnout of early voters, and mailed in ballots. I don't know whether we will have long lines at our Fellowship Hall on Tuesday when it serves as a Polling Place, or whether everyone who is going to vote will already have cast their ballot. I lack the ability to predict that as much as I lack the ability to predict the outcome of the election, or the outcome of any football game, unless Alabama is playing.

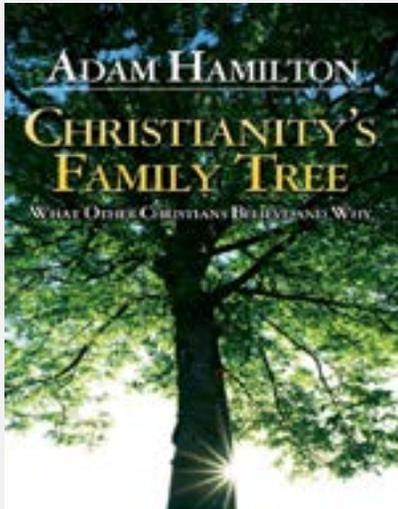
In the run-up to this year's election, I have seen bitterness, insults, harsh words, ridicule, accusations, at an unprecedented rate. And some of it done in the name of Christianity. I've read on Facebook that one of my dear friends doesn't see how any Christian can vote for the Republican candidate. Another dear friend doesn't understand how any Christian can vote for the Democratic Party's nominee. I love them both. I've been their pastor. I laid hands on them and ordained them as elders years ago. But they are both wrong. They are both sinful human beings. And so are all of the candidates for all of the political offices and so are all the voters who will vote. We are sinners. And while we were yet sinners, while we are yet sinning, Jesus Christ died for our sins. The Apostle Paul wrote those words. In Romans 5:8.

When you look at the face of that politician that you abhor, of that person that offends you, of that miserable wretch that you cannot stand, remember that you are looking into the face of a person whom God loved so much that God sent Jesus to die for that person's sins, as well as your own.

And remember that they will know we are Christians by our love not by the candidate for which we voted.

Christianity's Family Tree Class

NOVEMBER 4, 2020
Wednesdays | 2pm-3pm
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Have you ever wondered what other Christian denominations believe and why?

This eight-week participatory study will be led by Betty Bashaw and Marilyn Gillette, and will use a DVD curriculum by Adam Hamilton.

Student books are not required, but will be ordered for anyone requesting one. Cost will be \$10.00 per book. Reading the chapter being studied each week enhances your learning and enables class members to keep up with the class on days they cannot attend.

**SIGN UP (REQUIRED)
DEADLINE- NOV 2ND**
Contact Betty Bashaw at
(863) 491-2156 or by email
bettybashaw10@gmail.com

WESTMINSETER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved a \$3,000 donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Agency from the Mission Fund.
- The Angel Tree donation program for both congregations is being coordinated by Joyce Johnson. Money is being solicited this year, rather than individual gifts, due to the pandemic.
- The Session is urgently looking for a member who would fill the vacant office of Clerk, for the remainder of the year, or possibly be elected to this position for 2021. Please contact Sandra, if you would be willing to fill this important position.
- The church has received a check for over \$3.5k from the auctioneer who disposed of unneeded items that would not be moved to Palma Sola.
- To provide for the secure handling and accounting for Sunday collections, Session approved the relocation of the Finance Office to the Palma Sola office area as soon as possible. The WPC Office will remain open at its present location on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while Sandra will work at Palma Sola on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Stewardship information and pledge cards will be mailed to WPC members and friends on October 25th. This is being done earlier than usual to avoid postal delay due to the expected large number of mail-in ballots. Dedication Sunday will be held on November 15th.

IT'S COMING!
November 15th



Palma Sola Session Highlights

- Approved an in-house test of live streaming of our worship service, using existing equipment, to evaluate its quality. We will determine if new equipment is needed and evaluate the process and time required to manage such a production.
- Approved a schedule of special services for the remainder of the year, including: Thanksgiving (November 25th), Blue Christmas (December 21st) and Christmas Eve (December 24th).
- Approved a donation of \$5k from the External Ministries account to support construction of the Immokolee Fair Housing Coalition residence project.
- Noted that the recent Garage Sale netted over \$1.4k for Mision Peniel and thanked Al Zimmer and all the many volunteers who both donated and helped him manage this event.
- Approved payment for a sanitizing fogger for cleaning our Sanctuary and Office areas.
- We are now pleased to be using the services of Scott Herdman as a full-time Building Superintendent through year-end. During this time we will be evaluating the time requirement and cost-effectiveness of staffing this position.
- As a recent up-tick in COVID-19 statistics for Manatee County are beginning to test the threshold set for reopening in-person worship, Session felt the need to alert the congregations to this increasing risk. Information will be sent out via existing channels. In-person worship will continue for the time being and the situation will be monitored.
- Approved a Facility Use Agreement for the Westminster use of campus facilities. It will be forwarded to them for review and agreement.

Outdoor Movie Night on November 7th East Parking Lot @ 7pm

Enjoy a night of fellowship and fun under the stars with a showing of the movie *Hidden Figures*, the inspirational story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

Bring your own chair and grab a socially distanced spot in the east parking lot at 7pm. Facemasks are required except when seated. Individually packaged snacks and drinks will be available or you may bring your own. The event is free and open to the community. **Hope to see you there!**



OUTREACH UPDATE

Your Outreach Team has been busy putting your contributions and service to work. Our focus is the same, but our delivery has been a bit different.

- Pen pal letters from the second grade students at Palma Sola Elementary school were written, quarantined for a few days, picked up, assigned through email and are in the process of being picked up by our congregation. They are due back Sunday November 15th. Drop them in the labeled box in the Narthex or bring them by the church office.
- A drive through collection for F.E.L.T. “Parking Lot Pocket Change for Feeding Empty Little Tummies” was held in August when we collected \$557. We continue to collect for F.E.L.T. by enclosing your change, cash, or check in an envelope marked for FELT in the offering basket or send to the church.
- Our outreach offering for September was Bible Mission USA. We collected \$600.
- Our outreach offering for October and November is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- In October we donated \$500 to Agape Flights to provide Thanksgiving meals for missionaries and \$500 for food for Matanzas Cuba seminary students.
- \$875 went to the Norton’s, our missionaries in Guatemala, towards rent on a children’s orphanage.
- \$5000 was contributed towards phase one construction for The Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance.
- Thanks to Al Zimmer and many volunteers the Garage Sale on October 16th and 17th raised close to \$1500 for Mision Peniel. Thank you for your donations.
- Our October drive through collection of warm wear for Turning Points was held Saturday October 24th. Thanks to those who participated.
- The November DOES IT (Do It Every Sunday) project will be picking up and filling shoe boxes with items for Meals On Wheels. Thanks to all those who donated empty shoe boxes.

Your money and hands at work to provide blessings to so many in need.

THANK YOU!

November Outreach Offering



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently responding to Hurricane Laura, Western Wildfires, Iowa Derecho, and Beirut Explosion, plus other recent disasters. Learn more on the [PDA website](http://www.pcusa.org/pda).

The need is great. Offerings may be made:

- **During the worship in the sanctuary (bring your own envelope and pen)**
- **By mailing a check to the PSPC church office (with PDA in the memo line)**
- **Through [Online Giving](#)**

Palma Sola DOES It! Meals on Wheels Christmas Shoe Boxes



Our Palma Sola DOES It (Done On Every Sunday) 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 11/1, fill it up and return it to the church by **Sunday 11/29**. 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 through the holidays, and is sometimes the only gift a senior will receive.



Supporting the Angel Tree project has been part of Westminster Presbyterian Church's Mission - Outreach program for a number of years.

We have provided gifts for 30 - 50 children each year. Members usually choose an "angel" and shop for gifts to be given at Christmas.

This year in the midst of the pandemic many members are not eager to get out in stores to shop. This Christmas with the approval of Westminster's session, we are asking the members of Westminster and Palma Sola members who would like to join us, to provide monetary donations so that The Salvation Army can provide gifts to those Manatee County "angels" whose tags don't get chosen from a tree.

Donations can be made with a check made out to WPC or PSPC with "Angel Tree" in the memo line. Donations will be accepted **during the worship in the sanctuary (bring your own envelope and pen)** or at either church office from now until **November 22nd**.

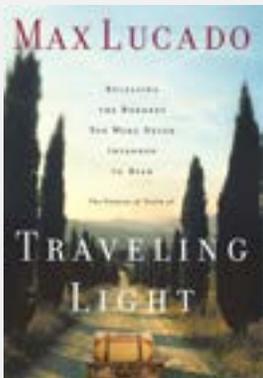
If you have any questions please call Joyce Johnson at 941-792-2393

Warm Wear Drive Thru Collection

Our October drive through collection of warm wear for Turning Points was held Saturday October 24th. Thank you to all who participated.



Men's Group



NOVEMBER 2020
Join us via ZOOM every
1st & 3rd Thurs at 8AM

Traveling Light by Max Lucado

How Psalm 23 helps you
release burdens you were
never intended to bear.

NOVEMBER 5 | LESSON 13

When Mourning Comes: The Burden of
Grief

NOVEMBER 19 | LESSON 14

From Panic to Peace: The Burden of Fear

Men from Westminster are invited to join!

**Call Ron Dickerson for a Zoom invitation
(941) 792-9104**

Palma Sola Book Club

**LOVE A GOOD BOOK? LOVE TO TALK ABOUT
GOOD BOOKS?**



NOVEMBER 9TH | 12 PM via ZOOM

Meets second Monday to laugh, share,
and learn. Open to both congregations
and their guests.

[View 2020 book list here](#)

INTERESTED?

**Contact Vicki Schooley:
(941)792-5672 | VLSchooley@gmail.com**

November Couch Reach *Christmas Cards for the Troops*

If you have extra time on your hands these days and a desire to help others, join our “Couch Reach” Team!

This month’s volunteer opportunity that can be done from the comfort of your own home is writing Christmas cards for our military troops. Pick up a packet of Christmas cards from the church (or provide your own) and write a personal note of Christmas cheer to those who serve our country. Cards will be collected and distributed in packages being sent all over the world by Manatee Operation Troop Support.

Deadline is December 6th.

November Sermon Schedule

Led by Transitional Pastor: Dr. Ted Land

NOV. 1

Communion Sunday
HUMBLED AND
EXALTED

NOV. 8

REDHEADED ANGELS

NOV. 15

AMERICA’S MOST
TALENTED

NOV. 22

KING JESUS

NOV. 25

Thanksgiving Service
AN ATTITUDE OF
GRATITUDE

NOV. 29

THE FIRST ANGEL OF
ADVENT

Worship Services are posted on YouTube every Sunday. Links to the Worship Service is available in the Sunday Message and on the [PSPC website](#)

DEAD SEA SCROLLS CLASS

Al Zimmer will lead this class on Sundays at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall beginning **November 1**.

Discovered in a cave in 1947, the Dead Sea Scrolls cover the period between 250 BC and 68 AD. They include the complete book of Isaiah and manuscripts that reflect on early Christian thinking.

Social distancing will be practiced, and facemasks will be worn by participants.

NOVEMBER 1	Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls
NOVEMBER 8	Stats on Scroll Manuscripts and Fragments
NOVEMBER 15	History: Jewish Up to Jesus
NOVEMBER 22	Content of the Dead Sea Scrolls
NOVEMBER 29	Summary, and Have They Changed Thinking



SPECIAL MESSAGES

Flower Calendar 2021



The Flower calendar for 2021 will be in the Palma Sola office by 1 November. Please call the church office to sign up.

- Daphne-Anne Haynes

Rise Against Hunger Thank You Note



I wanted to connect with you and say thank you so much for the donation that Palma Sola has gifted Rise Against Hunger. It was such a surprise to open my PO Box and see the donation you all made. We are forever grateful.

- Tony Cornicello

SET BACK YOUR CLOCKS SUN NOV. 1



On Sunday, November 1, at 2 am, daylight saving time ends. We'll set our clocks back one hour, heralding the end of Day Light Savings.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOV 2	Roberta Maloney
NOV 3	Bill Twome Susan Lance (WPC)
NOV 4	Bill & Evelyn Nelson
NOV 6	Juanita Starkweather (WPC)
NOV 7	Chris Lance (WPC)
NOV 8	Johna Darling (WPC)
NOV 9	Norman & Shirley Schexnayder
NOV 13	Jack Slocum Mark & Chris Wolf
NOV 14	Ted Land Paul Harripersaud
NOV 16	Janice Fritzmeier
NOV 17	Bev Danley
NOV 18	Bob & Mary Ann Jones John James (WPC) Georgina Townsend (WPC)
NOV 20	Sam & Martha Johnson
NOV 22	Mary Jane Handlin Shelly Harripersaud Linda Martin
NOV 23	Joyce Richter (WPC)
NOV 25	Mary Montano
NOV 26	Jeanine Shimandle
NOV 30	Faraja Keyes

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Hi! NOVEMBER

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

01

Dead Sea Scrolls
Class - 9am

**Communion
Sunday**

Worship Service
10am

PSPC Annual Meeting PNC - 6:45PM

02

03

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MEN'S GROUP
8am on Zoom

Stewardship Team
2:30pm
Renewal Team
6:30p

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07

Outdoor
Movie Night



08

Dead Sea Scrolls
Class - 9am
Worship Service
10am

09



Palma Sola
Book Club
12p

PNC - 6:45PM

10



11

Communications
Team - 12:30p

Endowment
Team - 2p

FINANCE TEAM
3:30P

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15

Dead Sea Scrolls
Class - 9am

**Consecration
Sunday**

Worship Service
10am

16

WPC
SESSION
1pm

PNC - 6:45PM

17

WPC @
Our Daily Bread

PSPC
SESSION
6:30pm

18



MEN'S GROUP
8am on Zoom

Stewardship Team
2:30pm

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PSPC @
Our Daily Bread

NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE

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Dead Sea Scrolls
Class - 9am

**Christ The King
Sunday**

Worship Service
10am

WPC Annual Meeting PNC - 6:45PM

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Thanksgiving
Service



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Dead Sea Scrolls
Class - 9am

Worship Service
10am

PNC - 6:45PM

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**The Church Office is Open
Monday - Thursday | 9am-1pm**

Please email palmasolachurch@verizon.net or call
941-792-3141

For more information, please visit pspchurch.org. Click here to view past and present [Bible Study](#) and [Worship Service](#) recordings, and the online [Calendar](#)