



The Grapevine



To-Do Lists

Reverend Edward Dunn

How do you keep up with things you are supposed, want, or hope to do? And by this time of the year I find myself wondering where the time has gone. It's November and I am amazed at how quickly the year has passed. I've discovered that the calendar reveals how I have used my time. It has been the place I go to measure the supposed to do's and the want to do's but it's harder to determine the "hoped to do's on a calendar.

Calendars are linear tools by design. They are created to measure days and weeks, months and the year. My Presbyterian Planning calendar helps me maintain the "decently and in order" our denomination is known for. Each season of the year becomes filled with activities, commemorations, and reminders of the good creation and the abundant grace we have received from God.

The months of September thru December become the busiest time of the year. Our to do lists are filled with educational programming resumes, mission and outreach programs, and in November, Stewardship takes center stage. Pretty soon, our attention will turn to Advent and at year's end the celebration of Christmas.

Despite the busy-ness of this season, let us pause to offer thanks to God for the blessings we have received; giving thanks for those who contribute to our well-being throughout the year through their gifts of time and talents; and for those who support our to do's through financial giving.

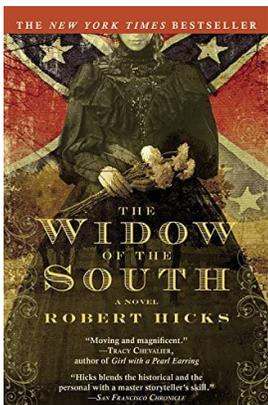
Mark your calendars to join us on November 13 for a time to respond to God's blessings. This will be the culmination of our Stewardship campaign Come Grow with Us, and a celebration of the "hope to do's" in our future. You will be receiving a letter, brochure, and commitment card soon asking you to make a financial pledge for 2023. Your response and gifts will help us fashion our congregation's to-do list; including our support of the community, maintaining our beautiful campus, and enabling us to gather for worship, learning, fellowship and service.

Please add a commitment to Come Grow with Us our stewardship campaign to your to-do list this month. Thank you for your continued support of our work together.

Blessings,
Reverend Edward Dunn



Palma Sola Book Club



NOV 14 | 12 - 1PM DEC 12 | 12 - 1PM

Join in any second Monday at 12pm in the library or on Zoom for fun conversation.

2022-2023 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 3 - Fellowship and breakfast | Poppi's Place restaurant

NOV 17 - Fellowship and a discussion about Christian Living | Fellowship Hall

Please contact Rich Wachinus rwachunis@tampabay.rr.com

Palma Sola Session Highlights

- Noted that the October Presbytery meetings, both the Committee on Ministry and the Presbytery itself, did not occur due to Hurricane Ian. Consequently there was no action taken on our joint merger request. Both Presbytery meetings have been rescheduled in November.
- Voted to match all October member contributions to the Presbyterian Disaster Agency from the Disaster Relief Fund of the church.
- Approved endorsement of Alyssanne Vella as an Inquirer in the process toward becoming a Candidate for the Ministry. She will now be guided in this process by the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
- The passing of Cal Schafer was noted.
- Approved scheduling a Longest Night Service for 5:00 pm on December 21st at the Palma Sola Botanical Park.
- Approved holding a single Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm.
- Approved rescheduling worship on Sunday, December 25th for 8:30 am.
- Approved allowing the Creative Arts Academy to use the Sanctuary on Friday evening December 16th for a Christmas Pageant.
- Approved a request to allow the Boy Scouts to sell poinsettias after worship, tentatively on December 4th and 11th.
- Endorsed a request by Property & Grounds to hold a Fall Spruce-up Day on Saturday, November 5th from 8 am to 12 noon.
- Formally established the church-wide Safety Team

Westminter Session Highlights

- Planning for the Kirkin service on October 30 is nearing completion.
- There will be a Memorial Service for Elder Ed Richter on Saturday, November 12 at 11a.m.
- There will be meeting of the congregation to elect Elders and a Nominating Committee member on Sunday, November 27
- The Session approved a motion to match the Outreach Offering contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance this month.
- The Session approved a motion to increase allowable budgeted expenditures up to \$200 without Session approval.

Habitat For Humanity Work Day



Habitats to Save Wildlife Program



Hope Seeds Photos



PB&J Ministry



November Outreach Update

October was a very busy month. Thank you for making every event and collection successful. You are a blessing. November is a month of thankfulness, and we have so much to be thankful for. Please help to share your gifts with others.

Recap of October Events

- **Hope Seeds:** 30 people packed 2000 packs of swiss chard seeds that will be distributed all over the world to those in need. Way to go!
- You wrote **Pen Pal Letters** to 60 second graders at Palma Sola Elementary School.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Nine church members gathered with other community members to work on the Faith Build home in Palmetto. Volunteers transplanted plants, framed walls, and installed plywood for the roof. What a great time we had meeting the future homeowners and helping make their dreams of home ownership a reality.
- Folks volunteered every Friday at **Our Daily Bread**.
- **Holy Strollers** resumed walking at Robinson's Preserve on Fridays at 9 AM.
- **PB & J Sandwich Ministry:** We have made and delivered over 500 PB and J sandwiches to share with clients of Our Daily Bread.
- **Habitats for Saving Wildlife Program:** We had a nice turn out to learn about the Costa Rican Rainforest, native Florida plants, and how we can help each grow and thrive. The presentation provided much discussion and money was raised for vital rainforest preservation. A special thank you to Amy Pedon, Betty Beshaw, and Liz Brackmann for organizing and presenting such an interesting program.
- You donated to the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program**.
- Many bags of blankets and other warm wear, as well as a great assortment of wash cloths and towels were donated to **Turning Points as part of our October DOES IT**. Once again, you have answered the call to support those in our community when they need it most.
- We donated 1500 styrofoam cups to Our Daily Bread to supplement their drinking cups in the dining room. The cups were from PSPC and WPC stock that was no longer needed since we are using reusable items for our events.
- We purchased and donated 23 pairs of new sneakers to **Turning Points** in response to an urgent need after Hurricane Ian.
- You donated to the **3 Cents A Meal Program** on October 30th.

Opportunities to "Come Grow With Us" in November

- Our Outreach Offering for November will go to **Bible Mission USA**.
- **November DOES It** project will be filling shoe boxes to give to clients served by **Meals On Wheels**. A list of items to buy will be available.
- **Continue making PB and J sandwiches** following worship in the fellowship hall.

November Outreach Continued

- The Salvation Army Angel Tree collection will be held during November. Make your check out to either church and mark the memo section for Angel Tree.
- Donate to FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies).
- Enjoy some exercise, fresh air and fellowship on Friday mornings at 9AM at the north entrance to Robinson's Preserve with the Holy Strollers.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received. Remember "The greatest gift we receive is when we give to others." Happy Thanksgiving!

November Outreach Offering

Our Outreach Offering for November will go to **Bible Mission USA**. Founded by Dr. Paul Eckel, this ministry is dedicated to spreading God's Word by providing free Bibles and religious materials with all who are in need.

You may donate to Bible Mission USA:

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

November DOES It Stuffed Shoe Box Donations

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 10/30, fill it up and return it to the church by Sunday 11/27. 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 is sometimes the only gift a senior will receive.



FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Let's get together to spread God's word. Join the Fellowship & Worship Committee Today! Reach out to Gail Dickerson for more information at 941-224-1117

Holiday Events

Christmas Luncheon | December 4th following Sunday Service.

- Church will provide main meat.
- A thru N bring in side dishes to share enough for 18 people
- O thru Z bring in dessert to share enough for 18 people
- Sign up sheet will be in Narthex (RSVP + Guests)
- Help is needed to decorate Fellowship Hall the day before and help clean up after.

Cookie Exchange on December 11th

- Asking for donations of 1 dozen cookies
- Christmas Tins are \$5.00 and proceeds to go to Turning Points & Our Daily Bread

Scouts Poinsettia Sale | December 4th and 11th after Church Service

Decorating the Church for Christmas

- We would love your help to decorate the Sanctuary after Church service on November 20th. Please See Janice Fritzmeier for more details.

Christmas Musical Service | 12/18

Longest Night Service | Botanical Gardens - 5pm | 12/21

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service - 7pm | 12/24

Christmas Morning Service (30 min service) - 8:30am | 12/25

Salvation Army Angel Tree Donations

We have supported this program for several years. Every child deserves the experience the Joy of 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 qualification for participation in the program so we can be sure the gifts are going to children who are in need.

We will be accepting monetary donations for the Angel Tree through the month of November. Please make your checks payable to the church with Angel Tree in the MEMO line. Palma Sola may also use the on-line giving program.



Safety Meeting (Update!)

Members of both congregations have come together to form a Safety Committee.

It has met September 14, October 4 and October 18. Future meetings will most likely just be monthly.

The members are Nancy Shimandle, Dennis Schooley, Burt Tupper, Al Zimmer, John Progar, Rich Wachunis, Jan Jarrell, Janice Fritzmeier and Ron Dickerson as moderator. Pastor Dunn as counsel.

In the first two meetings the committee identified 24 areas to work on. The entrance doors to the Narthex are being looked at to add glass to two panels on each door. This would allow visitors to be seen after the doors are locked. It also adds a welcoming view of our sanctuary. A door locking plan is being worked on too.

Also a land-line phone is being looked into for contacting the sheriff, fire, or EMS.

Discussions are underway for an intruder plan, fire plan, AED defibrillator use and upkeep and first aid kit purchases and restocking.

Over a dozen safety improvements identified are being referred to property maintenance people.

Those willing to attend and add in your ideas or expertise at future Safety Committee meetings should phone or text Ron Dickerson at 309-531-3842 mobile.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOV 3	Susan Lance	Georgina Townsend
NOV 7	Chris Lance	NOV 18 John James
NOV 13	Jack Slocum	NOV 21 Roberta Maloney
	Mark & Chris Wolf	NOV 22 Mary Jane Handlin
NOV 16	Janice Fritzmeier	Linda Martin
NOV 17	Bev Danley	NOV 25 Mary Montano
	Marilyn Hilton	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)



PRAYER GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesday 11a | Room 14

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November

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		1 <i>Outreach / 3p</i>	2 Bell Choir 6p Chancel 7p	3 MEN'S GROUP 8:30a <i>Renewal</i> <i>6:30p</i>	4 HOLY STROLLERS 9a	5 FALL SPRUCE-UP DAY 8a
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS Worship Service 10a Communion	7	8 ELECTION DAY! Deacons 6:30p	9 Endowment & Finance Mtg 3p <i>Finance / 3:30p</i> Ernest Wilson Memorial Service 7p	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> HOLY STROLLERS 9a	12 Ed Richter Memorial Service 11a
13 Consecration Sunday Worship Service 10a Fellowship	14 <i>Palma Sola</i> <i>Book Club 12p</i>	15 AMERICA RECYCLES DAY	16 Bell Choir 6p Chancel 7p	17 MEN'S GROUP 8:30a Stewardship 2:30p	18 HOLY STROLLERS 9a	19
20 Worship Service 10a Fellowship	21 WPC SESSION 1p PSPC SESSION 6:30p	22	23 Bell Choir 6p Chancel 7p	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! OFFICE CLOSED	25 HOLY STROLLERS 9a DEC/JAN NL DEADLINE 5p OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 First Sunday of Advent Worship Service 10a Fellowship	28	29	30 Bell Choir 6p Chancel 7p			

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](#).