Christmas Season Schedule

Sunday, December 20
Sanctuary Grand Re-Opening and Chancel Choir Christmas Presentation: "The Songs of the Nativity"
Join us from 9:30-10:30am in Fellowship Hall for a celebration reception prior to the service at 10:30am.

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve - 3 Candlelight Services
6:00pm Celebration Service
Especially for children and families

8:00pm Classic Christmas Eve
Worship in the traditional style

11:00pm Carols, Candles, & Communion
A quiet time for reflection on God's greatest gift

Friday, December 25 Christmas Dinner
11:30-2:30pm / Dinner is FREE! All are invited!

ESTHER/DORCAS CIRCLE - CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Tuesday, December 15th 11:30am, Olde World Restaurant, North Port
All women are invited to join us. To RSVP, please call Dottie White at 625-8828 before December 11th.

CHURCH WORK DAY - DECEMBER 19
On Saturday, December 19th, the day before the re-opening of the sanctuary, we will have a church workday beginning at 9:00am for cleaning and reorganizing. Please come and bring with you some cleaning items like dust rags, vacuum cleaners, buckets, cleaning solutions, etc. - any items which might be helpful. Let's pitch in and everything ready for the 20th!

BETH MOORE STUDY - BEGINS JAN. 19
"Children of the Day" based on I & II Thessalonians
9:30am, 1:30pm and 6:30pm with childcare provided at the 9:30am session if needed. The cost will be $20. Please register by January 4th by contacting: "D" Fletcher: djfnrs@centurylink.net / 623-0642.

CHICK-FIL-A CALENDARS - STILL AVAILABLE
Order forms are available at the entrance to the Children's Hallway.
Makes a great last minute Christmas gift!

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2015
Checks or cash for 2015 contributions must be delivered to the church by December 31st in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for this year on your tax return. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2016 will not qualify for a 2015 deduction even if the check is dated in 2015 or was actually written in 2015. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2015 will be deductible in 2015 even though they may not be received by the church until 2016.

SAVE THE DATE
Our Wednesday Night Out dinners will resume January 13, 2016.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY, SUNDAY 12/13
9:30 AM Children's Sunday School/Children's Wing
9:30 AM Adult Study Options (current study topic):
Andy Stanley (video series): Conference Room
"The Call" *Yellow Room (Sowers),*
"Giving Bold Testimony"
Purple Room (Wesley Bible) New Room (Meth-o-Mates), and Choir Room (3 M's), "Salvation" Lounge (Bible Discovery)
10:30 AM Acts of Faith/Fellowship Hall
11:15 AM Kids' Worship/Port
2:00 PM Worship at Brookdale Port Charlotte

MONDAY 12/14
8:00 AM Men's Study/Conference Room
9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Walk
9:00 - 10:00 AM Exercise/Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM Clap, Tap & Jingle/Port
6:00 PM Finance Committee/Conference Room
7:00 PM Trustees/New Room

TUESDAY 12/15
9:30 AM Clap, Tap & Jingle/Port
9:30 AM Worship at Sandhill Gardens
11:30 AM Esther/Dorcas Circle Christmas Luncheon/Olde World

WEDNESDAY 12/16
8:00 AM Emmaus Men/Chick-fil-A
9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Walk
9:00 - 10:00 AM Exercise/Port
10:00 AM CWM Christmas Program/Fellowship Hall
6:00 - 8:15 PM Youth Ministry/Youth Room
6:00 PM Children's Ministry/Port
6:15 PM Choir/Sanctuary
6:30 - 7:30 PM Bible Study/New Room

THURSDAY 12/17
12:30 PM Mah Jongg/Lounge
3:00 PM Alzheimer's Caregiver Training/Conference Room
7:00 - 8:00 PM Bible Study/Lounge

FRIDAY 12/18
8:30 AM Bulletin Team
9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Walk
9:00 - 10:00 AM Exercise/Port
9:30 AM Happy Birthday Jesus Party/Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM Stephen Ministry/New Room
5:30 PM 3Ms Dinner/Olde World Restaurant, North Port

SATURDAY 12/19
9:00 AM Church Work Day

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm;
Friday 8:30am - Noon

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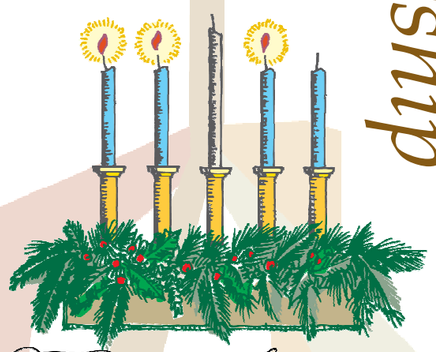

Third Sunday
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December 13, 2015

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8:00 & 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MINISTRY MOMENT Terry Hixson

PRELUDE "Come, Lord Jesus" F. Schubert (soprano-baritone duet)
Linda Brown, soprano; David deSilva, baritone; R. Paul Urbanick, violin

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: The joy of the season is upon us. The time is almost here.
PEOPLE: WE HAVE COME TO PRAISE THE LORD!
Leader: We are here to sing praises to God, the Holy One, in whom we place our trust.
PEOPLE: GOD OPENS OUR EYES AND LIFTS US UP.
Leader: Let us praise God
PEOPLE: WHO REIGNS FOREVER.
Leader: We gather, O God, in this worship space mindful of your presence.
ALL PRAY: WE ARE HERE TO REJOICE AS WE WAIT TO SEE YOUR GLORY. HELP US PROCLAIM THE JOY YOU PROMISE. SHARE WITH US THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR WORD, BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THROUGH THE STORIES OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY AMONG US. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #196

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE The Setser/Bosserdet Family (8am)
Lyman & Rindi Welton (11am)
HYMN: "People Look East" (see screens)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11 AM)
All children are invited to come up to the altar for a special message. Afterwards, children in grades K-5 are invited to attend **Kids' Worship** at the Port.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER The Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS TO GOD
Offertory "Hark, the Glad Sound!" (C. Curry)
Doxology "Of the Father's Love Begotten," verse 3 #184

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:7-18

SERIES: SIMPLY CHRISTMAS "Simple Contentment" Pastor Brian

ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (see opposite page)

CLOSING HYMN** "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" (see insert)

BENEDICTION/SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE** Concerto in d-minor, 1st movement (Marcello, arr. Bach)

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**Please stand if you are comfortably able.

9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MINISTRY MOMENT
Terry Hixson

OPENING PRAISE
"Joy to the World"
"Just Believe"

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE
The Coccaro Family

OFFERING

MORNING PRAYER
"What Faith Can Do"

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:7-18

MESSAGE: "Simple Contentment"
Pastor Brian

CLOSING PRAISE
"Shine"

SENDING FORTH

ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
We are an Advent people, a people of hope, a people of waiting.
We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise-
the promise that we have been redeemed,
the promise that this world is broken, but we are not,
the promise that we cannot be defeated by darkness,
because the light has already come.
The Holy One has come and is coming again - all that was, is, and ever will be. In our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and praise. Believing that hoping hope, peace, joy, and love will reign, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST TIME VISITORS - WELCOME!

Accessible Seating: The front row in Fellowship Hall is available for worshipers with disabilities or those requiring such accommodation and their families.

Large Print/Audio: Large print hymnals and hearing enhancement devices are available from an usher.

Nursery: A professionally staffed Nursery (with pagers) for newborns to 4-year-olds is open from 8AM-12:15PM in the children's area. Changing tables are available in both the men's and women's restrooms.

Transportation to Sunday Service: Call the church office at 625-4356 (*by noon on Friday*) for information and reservations.

Our Sunshine Ministry visits those living in nursing homes, rehab or who are homebound. If you are aware of someone in need, please call the church office.

Prayer Chain: To request prayer, you may use the prayer card in the pew or call the church office 625-4356.

Stephen Ministry: Are you going through a difficult time? We have free confidential care available. Contact Pastor Brian, 625-4356.

Membership: The next membership class will be January 12th, 6-8pm. Contact the church office 625-4356 for more information/registration.

Today's 8am and 11am altar flowers are presented by Jacqueline Wint in memory of Nettie, Hugh & Henry Wint.

Today's 8:00 AM worship service, broadcast on WVIJ-FM (91.7), is sponsored by Fegers Health Foods, 3058 Tamiami Trail, PC, Phone: 625-5561.

Pray for Our Missionaries
Dominican Republic: Connie DiLeo
Palestine: Alex & Brenda Awad
Zambia: Delbert R. & Sandy R. Groves
At home: Neighbor to Neighbor Mission Project

We count people because people count!
Passionate Worship attendance 12/6/15: 445
8:00 AM: 105 9:30 AM: 73 11:00 AM: 237
Outside Worship (11/29-12/5): 30
Salty Service Participants (11/29-12/5): 47
Intentional Discipling (11/29-12/5): 231
Hospital/Homebound Visits (11/29-12/5): 23

Extravagant Generosity - Week Ending 11/28/15**:**

	Tithes/Offerings:	CWM Recoveries:	TOTALS:
Actual Weekly:	$7,409	$10,734	$16,143
Budget Weekly:	$11,379	$4,226	$15,605
Year-to-date Actual:	$519,389	$192,859	$712,248
Year-to-date Budget:	$534,813	$198,622	$733,435

For a full accounting of the church's finances, contact Nancy Bosserdet, Financial Secretary.