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Our Vision Statement:
“Every member a good neighbor.”

Notes from the Grove

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Senior Pastor’s Note

Making New Year Commitments

And he said to them all, If any person will come after me, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23

When missionary Dr. David Livingstone was working in Africa, a group of friends wrote him: "We would like to send other men to you. Have you found a good road into your area yet?" Dr. Livingstone sent this message in reply: "If you have men who will only come if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all."

There's a big difference between just being interested in doing something and actually making a commitment to doing it! Just being interested allows us the freedom to do a thing only when our circumstances permit. But making a commitment to do that thing means accepting no excuses and no reservations -- it means putting aside our fears and reservations moving forward till we see the end result! Dr. Livingstone was looking for results and this required men of commitment!

It's the start of a New Year so we all begin thinking towards those resolutions. Actually, I am not a big fan of them. I think that we generally don't follow them anyway. Instead of making New Year Resolutions why not make New Year Commitments? What commitments could we make to our Lord, our families, our jobs and our congregation?

Hopefully, the New Year will hold peace and happiness for you. But beyond that, I hope that 2022 is a year of spiritual growth for you. If you make the right commitments, 2022 can be a year in which you grow closer to God, spend more time reading His Word, and make prayer and reflection a part of your everyday routine. Those are lofty-sounding goals, but they're not out of reach with the right attitude, the right tools, and a bit of personal discipline. A good example to follow would be that of the church in the book of Acts: ***“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42)***

In closing: I do want to thank all of you for the commitments you accomplished in 2021! I thank my God for your commitment to the Mission and Ministry of MGUMC. Thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness!

Our Purpose Statement:
“Our Journey - Knowing, Loving, Serving, Sharing.”

Some Words from the Education Director

Thanks to Emy Bennett and her incredible volunteers - the Silver Patrol continues to visit approximately 33 seniors from our church family every month. They are working hard to insure that no one from our church family feels forgotten. The month of December they delivered Christmas gifts from the UMW and Banana Bread from the UMM for our widows and seniors! In December, we held our first Silver Patrol Christmas Brunch and Communion Service. We had 18 people participate this year. I am looking forward to adding to this event next year!

The next Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, January 15th at 9 am. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact me for more information. Usually the date is on the third Saturday of each month (during the school year) at 9:00 am. Nursery is available. I would also encourage you to invite your praying friends to participate regardless of whether or not they attend our church. Unity at a time like this is vital to our community.

The Wednesday night classes for the Fall term are over and we will resume again on Wednesday, January 12th with new classes. If you have suggestions for classes, let me know.

Since you are such a generous family, I can proudly say that you all made sure that all of the children, scouts and youth who were on the Angel Tree were selected and gifts were returned so that they can be distributed to the families. We helped 30 young people from the Angel Tree this year.

Thank you to the families that came forward to light the Advent Wreath this year. We featured multi-generational families in or church and you did not disappoint. Thank you to the Law/Sturm, Hogan/Marlow, Herndon/Harrington/Robbins, Boston/Barnhill and Saighman/Colyer/Sheffield/Perez families.

Our own Billy Jacobs from Pack 2 received a **national honor** from the Masons in December. He was bestowed the honor of the “Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award”. He was surrounded by the members of the Masonic Lodge and Troop 2 and Pack 2. We are so proud of you, Mr. Billy!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany Sunday - We will have a visit from some very special guests.

Sunday, January 9 - Baptism of our Lord Sunday - Watch out for John the Baptist!

Wednesday, January 12 - Wednesday Night Community classes begin again at 6 pm.

Saturday, January 15 - 9:00 am - Ladies’ Prayer Breakfast . (Nursery provided)

Sunday, January 16 - Human Relations Sunday (let me know what kinds of things you as an individual, family or group are doing in our community) & Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Sunday, January 23 - Week of Prayer - We will have a display in the Fellowship Hall.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin for other events and any calendar changes. Thank you for your volunteer spirit and prayers for our church programs! I also post things regularly on our website: **atthegrove.church** and **Myrtle Grove Neighborhood Scoop on Facebook**. Check it out!

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Sunday Activities

Sunday School 8:30 am
Worship 10:00 am
Prayer Team 4:00 pm

Worship
Service
Opportunities

Wednesday Activities

Youth Elevate - 6:00pm
Small Groups - 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal - 7:15pm

Addresses & Other Changes, New Members, Baptisms, Transfers, & Deaths

Address Change:

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1712 Kahuna Way
Cantonment, FL 32533

If you move, please let the office know your new address. Also, if your phone number has changed, please let the office know.

Reminder to All Sunday School Classes, Groups and Scouts

We ask that you be sure to clean up the room(s) that you use whenever you are here. There is a vacuum in the custodian’s closet (M5) for you to use. Please return the vacuum when you are finished. Thank you for helping to keep the church clean.

January Prayer List

Jan. 1

William & Joan Carter
Debra Casalina
Benny Casalina, Jr.
Bob Chapman
Joyce Childers
Elaine Clark
John & Connie Clark

Jan. 16-22

Diane Darville
Mark & Kristin Davis
Patsy Dean
Kay Dickey
Baleigh Dinkel
Andrea Domek

Jan. 2-8

Sheldon & Christine Clary, Elie, Amelia, Charlie
Dustin Cockrell
Melody Colyer, Hannah & Gracelyn
Deborah Cooper
Lavern Cooper
Colin Cornell
Michael & Sarah Corsair

Jan. 23-31

Nora DuBois
Samantha Dunbar, Joelín Williams, Trentis Ren’nez
Bill & Maureen Dunbar
Shirley Dunn
Gene & Cindy Eason
Cayla Ebbert, Karsyn, Jaxson Piechowiak

Jan. 9-15

Richard & Heather Cotita
Tom & Sharon Cotner
Eugene Coy
Beverly Cranston
Kevin Creeden
David & Jennifer Crisson, Lavryn & Evan
Tom & Linda Danks

Scout Department

We are looking forward to Scout Sunday in March. We have seen the scouts at several church services where they performed Flag Ceremonies for our veterans and First Responders and others. It will be exciting to see them in their uniforms take over the entire service (except the sermon-lol). We also look forward to honoring all of the scouts who completed the “God & Country” awards this past fall.

There will be another Cinnabon fundraiser for the Troop in January. They will take orders on Sundays, January 16 & 23. The Cinnabons will be delivered on Sunday, January 30. Come by and place an order in the Fellowship Hall.

Our own Billy Jacobs received a **national honor** from the Masons in December. He was bestowed the honor of the “Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award”. He was surrounded by the members of the Masonic Lodge and Troop 2 and Pack 2. We are so proud of you, Mr. Billy!

Abbigail Barnhill Coon was selected as Student of the Month at West Pensacola Elementary School. If your scout has anything they accomplished in scouts, school, sports, church, etc., please contact me and I will put them in the monthly newsletter.

If you would like information on a scouting program for your son or daughter (grandson/granddaughter) in grades K-12, please contact Janet at jlbpensmgumc@gmail.com or (850) 456-7463 x5 or on Facebook.

So proud to be the home to the oldest scout groups in the regional area!

Submitted by,

Janet Boston



May the year 2022 be healthy, happy, and prosperous for all of us!

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

The children had their annual Christmas presentation on December 19. They worked hard on their music and gave us quite a show! Thank you to Hannah Colyer for being our narrator and the Pastor for reading our Bible verses. We also entertained almost 50 kids and their family members during "Dinner with Santa". Thank you to Chef Jonathan Abbott and sous Chef Brianna Marlow. According to my granddaughter, Jonathan is the best cook ever! In addition, we had a Christmas Craft workshop this year for all of the families from scouts and the church. The Fellowship Hall was full of kids! Thank you to Sharon Hogan and Amanda Glass for that event.

A new month and a new year is here! We are looking forward to going to Elementary Winter Camp at Blue Lake. It is for 3rd – 5th graders and will be the weekend of February 4-6. Of course, we have to register very soon, so I need to know if your child wants to participate. We have 3 adults going so far. Come see me for more details.

We look forward to Epiphany Sunday and a visit from the wise men in our Sunday School classes on Sunday, January 2. We will also learn about baptism on Sunday, January 9. On Sunday, January 23 we will have special material on prayer.

A new class will be formed called the "Sunshine Class". We have several children in our church who are autistic and are finding it difficult to mainstream into the other classes. As a result, we will be having a special class just for them. I am excited about this new venture.

Abbigail Barnhill Coon was named Student of the Month at West Pensacola Elementary school. Cameron Broxson is playing on a select baseball team and is doing a great job. Genesis Barnhill had his art displayed during Gallery Night at his school Capstone Academy. If your child or grandchild has anything that they have accomplished, let me know and we will put their name and accomplishment in the newsletter and bulletin. This can certainly include school, scouts, athletic projects, etc.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming Children's Department events!

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Happy New Year Everyone!

Isn't it awesome to have a fresh start and new opportunity make new goals to better yourself and your life around you? I challenge you as you receive this to think of Peter. God used Peter in so many ways throughout the scriptures and was used not only as a sign of victory for His Kingdom but also humility in defeat. One particular moment sticks out to me is when Jesus told him to leave the boat. Peter stepped out and took his first step. Peter saw this and got scared and started to sink. Jesus grabs Peter's hand and says You have little faith and asks why Peter doubted. Everyone reads this and looks down on Peter for not having enough faith and trusting Jesus. I mean come on if we were given the chance we would surely trust Jesus completely, wouldn't we? I believe this is a missed opportunity to see the beauty in the attempt of putting ourselves out there. Because Peter technically did walk on water that day even if it was just a moment. But through Jesus he was able to do more than he even thought was possible if asked that morning. Hey Peter can you walk on water? Tell me what can't be done if you have Jesus with you. Nothing is too big or too small for Him. It's in Philippians you all should know it by now "I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me." I bet if you asked our Youth could they go 30 hours without eating or raise funds and needs for the homeless back in August. They may have looked at you like you had three heads. But they were able to because we did it together leaning on the example Christ gave us by loving our neighbor. I'm proud of where this group has come from since I took over in May and I'm praying and preparing for the blessing God has in store for the youth and this wonderful church in 2022! Things to be praying for coming up is our Winter Retreat this month at Blue Lake. We also will be starting Confirmation for all the Youth since they haven't gone through it yet. If you have any kids Youth age 6th grade to 12th grade, please consider having them join us. We have some great things in store for our Youth this year.

G.O.E - Jonathan

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance January 17, 2022



The church office will be closed.