

# THANKSGIVING AT COVENANT



The question is... "Why in the world would anyone cook all day on Thanksgiving, when they could go to Covenant and have dinner simply by taking their favorite dish to share with their church family?"

Again this year, approximately 50 people gathered to enjoy a feast comprised of the usual Thanksgiving fare.

Denise Anderson did an outstanding job of coordinating the event.

Members and friends of Covenant provided the "sumptuous dishes" enjoyed by all those in attendance.

Thanks? Indeed, we do give thanks, not only for an incredible meal, superb fellowship, great Florida weather and lots of love, but for all our needs which are being met on a daily basis. Thanks, God!

## KICKIN' OFF THE HOLIDAYS WITH

### *Song Of The Coast*

All set for the holidays, amidst the beauty of the poinsettias, with a backdrop of the beautiful stained glass window at Covenant, the Sweet Adelines *Song Of The Coast* chorus gave their first holiday performance of the season Sunday, November 30th. It was the first stormy day we have had in ages but the audience was wonderful...very responsive to 4-part harmony, barber-shop style. Kudos to the chorus and audience.

## SUNDAY FAITH BUILDING CLASSES

### 9:45am Sunday

- 201 New Member Class
- 205 Serving Jesus at Covenant
- 117 Celebration of Discipline
- 204 Bereans
- 202 Sitting At His Feet
- 105 Decision Making & The Will of God
- 106 Growing Kids God's Way
- 104 Understanding the Bible
- PO Financial Freedom
- 119 Middle School
- YW Sr. High School

### 11:00 am Sunday

- 119 Youth Confirmation Class

### 5:30 pm

- YW Youth Group

### 10:30 am Thursday

- 204 Pastors Bible Study



PO = Pastor's Office  
 YW = Youth Wing  
 ON = Old Narthex



WELCOMES

**COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

ATTENDEES and FRIENDS

To Beef "O" Brady's anytime...but especially

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**11:00 am to 10:00 pm**

**FOR LUNCH OR DINNER**

**Just say :**

**CREDIT COVENANT**

**and we will donate 15% to**

**COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

We are In the Shopping Center at the corner of  
 NOVA RD. at DUNLAWTON  
 PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA

## Small Groups Forming...

As you know an effort is currently underway to create Small Groups in connection with the launching of our sister church Venetian Bay Community Church. Small Group members will be those who are interested in being servers of the new church.

We are currently planning to launch 12 Small Groups starting in January of next year.

Following are some of the type of groups we are looking to launch:

- \* Bible Study Groups
- \* Children's Ministry Group
- \* Support Groups
- \* Recovery Groups
- \* Outreach Groups
- \* Mission Group
- \* Ministry Groups
- \* Prayer Groups
- \* Social Groups

This is just a sample. We are also looking at other types of interests. We believe the creation of Small Groups will help set the foundation of the launching of the new church next year.

We strongly believe that, with the LORDS' blessing we will make this a reality. For this to happen we need your help.

The joy of being a member of a small group has many benefits and blessings.

- *Your Faith will continue to grow with your relationship with other Christians in your Small Group.*
- *To become a support group to each other through prayer and council.*
- *A great way to get connected to your community as well as enjoying the subject of the Small Group you are in.*

This is just a few of the benefits, there are many more. Please give us a call if you are interested in being in a Small Group or have any questions. We can be reached on 386-756-9687.

God Bless You,  
 Ed and Helen Briones

## Mission Update:

We at Covenant have been very busy doing "hands on missions."

In October, on "Make A Difference Day," we stretched one day into two. (Sometimes you've got to stretch the rules). On Saturday a team went to Debarry to help with the clean-up from Hurricane Fay's flooding. We tore out the inside of a house that had been flooded so that rebuilding can be started. Also on Saturday, the Society of St. Andrews sent a group to go glean corn. They brought back about 75 plastic grocery bags of corn that were taken to the Homeless Coalition to serve for lunch on Monday.

On Sunday of that 'extended day' there was a Crop Walk on the beach. A group of our people collected money to support their walk and the monies raised will be used to buy food for the less fortunate in our community.

Everyone can get involved, even on a small scale. Every Sunday, you can bring in packaged or canned foods, and put them on the shelves in the old narthex. They also need diapers-both children's and adult sized. We then take these items to Halifax Urban ministries for distribution.

On the second Monday of every month, we meet in the church parking lot (by the vans) at 8:50 am and leave at 9:00 am to go to serve at the Homeless Coalition on North Street. We clean vegetables, cook or serve food as needed. We return to the church around 2 PM. Last summer they were providing meals for about 225 people, but the number is now around 350. We can always use extra hands, so if you're interested, just show up!

Tuesday, December 16, we need a group of volunteers to go to the Children's Home to direct traffic during their Christmas Drive-thru. Call Charmaine (756-3762) or the church office if you are available. We will also be driving through to see the lights that week. The date will be announced in the bulletin.

Future plans include a trip to Door Miami, a good trip for beginning missionaries. We also plan to have a regular monthly trip on the first Saturday of each month to help rebuild some hurricane damaged homes in our area.

South Dakota and Red Bird, Kentucky are also in the planning stages. If any of these interest you, please let Lee Schneider or Kay Wingard know as soon as possible.



**REGULAR SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Faith Building Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Worship Service

**MONDAY**

9:00 am Quilters  
9:00 am Mothers' Day Out  
6:30 pm Al-Anon  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Youth Band

**TUESDAY**

6:15 am Men's Team Jesus  
10:00 am Disciple IV  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
6:45 pm Beth Moore: Daniel

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 am COA Respite  
9:00 am Homemakers  
9:30 am Do Drop In  
6:00 pm Adult Fellowship Soaking Prayer & Banner Ministry  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Midweek Worship

**THURSDAY**

10:30 am Pastors Bible Study  
6:15 pm GriefShare  
6:30 pm Praise Team  
6:30 pm Divorce Care  
6:30 pm Disciple I  
6:30 pm Gospel of John  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 477  
7:30 pm Choir Practice






**FRIDAY**

6:00 am Prayer Vigil begins

**SATURDAY**

6:00 am Prayer Vigil Ends

# CHURCH SCHEDULE DECEMBER COVENANT UMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:00 am Quilters 9:00 am Mothers' Day Out 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Al-Anon 6:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Staff Parish 6:30 pm Singles Bible Study	<b>2</b> 6:15 am Men's Team Jesus 10:00 am Disciple IV 2:30 pm CAFA 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Daniel 7:00 pm Stewardship	<b>3</b> 8:00 am COA Respite 9:00 am Homemakers 9:30 am Do Drop In 1:30 pm CAFA 6:00 pm Soaking Prayer & Banner Ministry 6:30 pm Cub Scout 7:00 pm Midweek Worship	<b>4</b> 10:30 am Pastors Bible Study 6:30 pm Classes, see listing 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 7:00pm <b>Miracle on Mainstreet (CAFA)</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm <b>Miracle on Mainstreet (CAFA)</b>
<b>7</b> H.U.M. Sunday 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Faith Building Classes 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Worship Service	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Homeless Coalition 9:00 am Quilters 9:00 am Mothers' Day Out 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Al-Anon 7:00 pm Leadership Council	<b>9</b> 6:15 am Men's Team Jesus 10:00 am Disciple IV 2:30 pm CAFA 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:00 pm Daniel	<b>10</b> 8:00 am COA Respite 9:00 am Homemakers 9:30 am Do Drop In Adult Fellowship 6:00 pm Soaking Prayer & Banner Ministry 7:00 pm Midweek Worship	<b>11</b> 10:30 am Pastors Bible Study 6:15 pm GriefShare 7:00 pm <b>NOEL , A Christmas Musical @ Covenant</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 am Prayer Vigil begins 9:00 am Leadership Council	<b>13</b> 6:00 am Prayer Vigil Ends 7:00 pm <b>NOEL , A Christmas Musical @ V-Bay</b>
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