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The Peace of God

^{NKJ} Philippians 4:5 *Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Today Begins the Advent week of “peace.” This week invites us to embrace the biblical invitation: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (v 6). As we do this, we are assured that “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (v 7).

I like to remind people that Advent is not just about remembering Christ coming in the past, but it is also about Christ with us right now and that Christ will be coming in the future. I don’t know about you, but that gives me a lot of peace!

Because he is with us and he is coming for us, we can find in Jesus the “peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” (v. 7), literally a peace “which understanding cannot produce.” This peace signifies being right with God, others, and ourselves. We cannot create it through human agency and effort, but we can receive it when we draw near to the God who has drawn near to us. As we practice his presence in this world and anticipate being in his presence in the next, we experience that “peace” that His Spirit produces in our lives (Galatians 5:22).

New Sermon Series

As the year comes to a close, we are reminded of God’s unfailing presence in our lives. The Advent and Christmas season is a sacred time to pause, reflect, and celebrate the blessings God has given us, even in the midst of challenges. This year, we invite you to join us for a special 4-week sermon series titled “The Best Christmas Ever.” Together, we’ll explore the traditional Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love—gifts from our Savior that truly make every Christmas the best one yet. Let us draw closer to the heart of Jesus as we reflect on what is truly important.



If you would like a phone call or visit from Pastor Kerry, please let him or Susan Capelouto, the secretary, know.



Poinsettia Dedication Information
 Please look at the bulletin insert for the details. The contact person is Mary Alice Linzy.

Advent Bible Study

Enhance your Advent journey by joining our Advent Bible Study, which aligns with the sermon series, “The Best Christmas Ever.” These gatherings offer a time to dive deeper into God’s Word and experience the profound truths of the season.

Morning Class: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. (Multi-Purpose Building) Lite breakfast provided.

Evening Class: Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. (Pastor’s Parsonage) Potluck meal; bring a side dish to share. A main dish will be provided.

Zoom option available for those unable to attend in person.

Study Dates & Themes:

December 5, 2024 (Hope): Discover the eternal hope we have in Jesus and how we can share His light with others.

December 12, 2024 (Peace): Embrace the peace that surpasses all understanding, a precious gift from Christ.

December 19, 2024 (Joy): Reflect on the joy rooted in our relationship with Jesus.

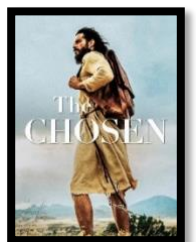
December 26, 2024 (Love): Celebrate God’s unconditional love, revealed through His Son, and learn to love others as He loves us.

Sign up on the information table or call the church office to receive materials and Zoom invitations.

Movies Under the Oaks

Every Friday starting @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring your field blankets and folding chairs. There is a complete schedule through April 11th on the information table. This event will be free to the community and food and refreshments will be provided: Hotdogs, soft pretzels, popcorn, lemonade, tea and hot chocolate on chilly nights. Movies will be projected on our 14 ft outdoor screen unless weather conditions do not allow for this and in that case, movies will be shown in multi-purpose sanctuary.



There is an UPDATED schedule of the movie dates and times on the information table.

Choir Christmas Cantata/Holiday Mixer

Date: December 15, 2024

Let’s rejoice together as our church choir brings Christmas cheer through music and fellowship.



Holiday Mixer: 5:00 p.m.

(Multipurpose Building)

Join us for Christmas goodies, a chocolate fountain, games, and an ugly sweater contest!

Christmas Cantata: 6:00 p.m.

(Historic Sanctuary)

Experience uplifting music and scripture that will prepare your heart for the coming of our Savior.

Finding Christ in Christmas Specials

Rudolph! Frosty! The Grinch! The most beloved Christmas characters of all time illustrate timeless truths in this interactive One-Man Show by Jason Korsiak!



Korsiak plays Scotch, an overworked elf trying to get on top of the Christmas rush, but each present he packs only reminds him of one of his favorite holiday movies -- and what they can teach us about such lessons as expectations, the gift of grace, being a good neighbor, and how your "red nose" makes you a valuable part of the Body of Christ!

Inspired by his book, *The Christmas Gospels*, "Finding Christ in Christmas Specials" is a festive treat for the whole family, featuring singing, games, and ample opportunity for audience participation!

Santa Clause is Coming to Chaires Methodist!

December 21st is going to be a busy day at Chaires Methodist Church. Not only will we be hosting a FREE community festive treat for the whole family with "Finding Christ in Christmas" but Santa Clause will be coming to our historic sanctuary to provide children and families with free photo opportunities with Santa along with some Christmas gifts to be handed out to all children who attend. Santa will be providing photos in the historic sanctuary from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**



Blue Christmas Service:

A Time for Healing and Hope

Date: Sunday, December 22, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Historic Sanctuary

For many of us, the holiday season can be a bittersweet time, filled with both cherished memories and heartfelt challenges. If you find yourself carrying grief, loss, or struggle this year, we invite you to our **Blue Christmas Service**—a sacred time to find peace, comfort, and hope.



This special evening is designed to be a gentle, reflective space where we can bring our hurts to God and experience the light of His presence. Through quiet worship, meaningful scripture, and heartfelt prayer, we'll remember that even in the darkest moments, Christ's love shines brightly for us all.



Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Now is the time to join if you would like to be a part of the music during Advent and Christmastide. For more info, contact: Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361 gerry Nielson@gmail.com)

Giving Through Our Website

Go to <https://chairesmethodist.church> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.

Parsonage Open House

Pastor Kerry and his wife Tiffany would like to invite you over to the church parsonage for a Christmas Eve Open house.

Date: December 24, 2024

Time: 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Stop by before the Candlelight Service and experience the joy of the season with your church family. on December 24th @ 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy Christmas treats, gifts, fellowship, decorations and lights. There is no sign up necessary...just show up.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with us on **December 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Historic Sanctuary. This year's theme, "The Gifts of Christmas," reminds us of the divine gifts of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace through Jesus Christ. Come for an unforgettable evening with a special children's sermon, the lighting of the Advent wreath, and an inspiring message about the treasures of God's love.



Members

Bobbie Harrison

Casey Friel

Friends and Family

Family of John Galbreath

Chad Craig

Two Palm Beach police officers who lost their lives in a crash. Another was seriously injured.

Family of Marilyn Remsberg

Larry & Karen Clark

Eli and his son

Family of Marilyn Remsberg

Jane Powell (cousin of Frances Chaires)

Betty Posey

Witmer Family

Nick Swickley

Cindy Waldron (Marion Lollie's sister-in-law)

Gretchen Pennington

Pastor Bill Petersen

Chris Taylor (daughter in law of Jeanette Wood)

Family of Kim Wilson

Vickie Matthews (co-worker of Sue Graham)

Mrs. Bobbie Adams (friend of Diane Matthews)

Michelle Rackley (sister-in-law of Diane & David Matthews)

Dirk Flachsmeier (friend of Ed Fannin)

Ed Fannin has bounced back, and Pete Peters is feeling much better. Maxwell Taylor is home from Shands recuperating nicely. Blessings all around!

December Birthdays

Hatcher, Terry 8

Hubbard, Edie 12

Boyette, Margaret 15

Surles, Peggy 21

Dec. Anniversaries

Michael & Mary Alice Linzy 3

Russell & Amy Clarke 6

Chaires Staff

Pastor	Rev. Kerry Foote
Secretary	Susan Capelouto
Music Director	Gerry Nielsen
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

12-08-2024

