

Point Washington

United Methodist Church

February 2012

**1290 N County Highway 395
Santa Rosa Beach FL 32459**

*Reverend A. Spencer Turnipseed,
Pastor*

Worship Services each Sunday:

8:50 AM in the Sanctuary

11:00 AM in the Family Life Center

Nursery available 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM each
Sunday & for special events

Sunday School 10:00 AM (all ages)

Children's Church for ages 4 thru 3rd grade
after the Children's Message

*The mission of the Point Washington United
Methodist Church is:*

*To Know Christ, To Love Christ, To
Make the Love of Christ Known.*



Pastor's Pen

As you can all tell from reading the page regarding our end-of-year financial report, the church came out amazingly strong for 2011! All of you are to be commended for such faithfulness, and God is to be highly praised for inspiring such response! We should all pause and rejoice, and then we should contemplate what this signifies about our capacity to expand our witness for Christ in many directions. Rather than seeing these results as an end-product, we should see them as a new beginning of service possibilities, as an exciting summons to go find out what God has in mind for us. In that spirit, let the page be turned and a new chapter begun!

It is fun and rewarding to have all our winter friends back with us in worship and other activities. Our crowds are reflecting this and the added strength it gives to us all is indeed a blessing. We encourage you who are here for this season to engage in the life of PWUMC in every way you can. Thank you for being in our family these months. We all appreciate you!

As you know, I have been in the process of selling my Montgomery house and transitioning myself and my family to other living arrangements. January has been the climax of this, and has necessitated my absence from our community for a large chunk of time. I am now back to more normal patterns of life here, but I want to thank you for your patience and love and tolerance exhibited during these stressful and long days. And to those who helped load us up in Montgomery (Matt Provow and his Sigma Nu buddies) and unload here (10 of the finest men you'd ever want to know from our congregation), a most special tip of my hat! Blessings upon each one in this church for your kindnesses.

As we open the month of February, we can sense Lent just ahead of us. I will say more about that in March, but let us prepare to deepen our relationships with God and others by attention to spiritual disciplines and acts of compassion during this high and holy season. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, with a worship service at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

I will see you there.

Love to all--
SpencerSpencer

POINT WASHINGTON UMC MISSIONS MINISTRY

Too often I forget what it TRULY means to be an 'American'. Lately I have been thinking of the great privilege and responsibility that comes with that label. I have been comparing the freedoms we take for granted with other countries, and as a Christian there are stark differences I want to share with you. Did you know that even in 2012 there are still countries where it is forbidden to worship our Lord and Savior? Many countries do not allow open worship of Jesus as we get to enjoy here in the U.S. whenever we want... (hopefully, not just on Sunday morning). There are countries that still persecute Christians like we read in the Bible! In light of this, I thought of how different our lives would be if we were subject to similar treatments for calling ourselves 'Christians'. As Americans we truly have been blessed by God to live in such a great country! My prayer is that you will include praying for our country and countries that continue to persecute Christians daily. Pray that God will continue to bless every Christian regardless of their location on this earth and give them the strength to overcome their obstacles to worship. I sometimes end our prayer at the Men's Bible Study by simply thanking God that we do live in a country where we can openly gather and worship Him. Thank a Veteran today for giving us this incredible privilege!!!

God bless, Nathan
Mission Committee Chair

Vision Committee Update

The Vision Committee met with Rev. Spencer Turnipseed and prepared an update on progress made. A revised document was provided to the Church Council at the November 2011 meeting and will be review at the February 12 Council meeting.

Music News

Hello Everyone!

As we enter February, Chancel Choir and Praise Band rehearsals continue. In the coming months we will begin our preparation for Holy Week and Easter. More information to come!

Please remember all rehearsals are open to anyone who wishes to make a joyful noise! Even if you are just spending the winter or spring months with us (snowbirds), we would still love to have you be a part of our choir family!

Chancel Choir:

Chancel Choir rehearses **Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.** and sing **Sunday mornings at the 8:50 a.m. service.**

Praise Band:

Praise Band rehearses **Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.** and sing **Sunday mornings at the 11:00 a.m. service.**

Children's Choir:

Children's Choir rehearses **Tuesdays 4:30-5:00 p.m.** & **Wednesdays 4:45-5:15 pm** with our Children's Director, Marri Helen Taylor.

Lay Speaker Training Academy

"Ministry of the Laity" is taking place March 16-18 at Blue Lake. Contact Lane Rees for additional information 231-1735 or 830-7114 or email solutionhr@aol.com. You can also visit the website: <http://www.awfumc.org/events/detail/3188>.

Church Council Meets Sunday, February, 12 at 12:30PM

Welcome New Members

1/8/12 - Fred & Betty Head –
by transfer of full membership

After nine years of service as board chair of The Foundation for Evangelism trustees, Lane Rees has retired from the position. He will continue to serve on the board as a trustee. At the annual donor appreciation banquet, Rees was honored for his dedication and commitment to the board..

Welcome Communications Committee

The Communications Committee consists of MH Carr as chair, along with Greg Bahr, Robert McCullar, Lauren Justiss, Tiphonie Weiner, Jackie Ward and Robert Raymond. They had their first meeting December 13, 2011. Since then they've been getting the ball rolling on everything from new logos for Marketing, creating a concept for visitor welcome packets, updating the church's Internet presence, getting volunteers to help update the church email directory and much more.



PWUMC has joined the Walton County Chamber of Commerce. Robert McCullar will be representing PWUMC at the Power of Business Luncheon on February 8th in Sandestin. If any other members would like to represent PWUMC at this or future meetings please contact the church office.

The church website, pwumc.org, is being updated with the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, weekly youth news, United Methodist Men items, Preschool Announcements, and more. Check the church out on Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and our new YouTube channel. Lauren Justiss is updating Facebook and Twitter daily. If you have anything church related that you would like posted to any of these outlets, let us know.

Lastly, the Communications Committee needs your help, if you have any photos of happenings at the church, please email them to ptwumc@embarqmail.com so they can be posted to the website.

The Lay Leadership Committee List for 2012 is now available and can be seen on the bulletin board in the FLC outside the gym and on the bulletin board in the hall outside the Sanctuary. A copy can also be provided to you – just contact the office via email ptwumc@embarqmail.com or call 231-4928.

Please donate to the Society of Andrews

The United Methodist Men here at Point Washington UMC has supported "Society of Andrews" of Big Island, VA which is a national hunger-relief ministry that feeds people here in America. It's called "Meals for Millions". We are asking all church member to help by putting their loose change in the little cardboard boxes (white with red lettering) that are located thru-out the church.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Clancy Whatley (Emily Vandemark's son)

Craig Kumpf (family of Emily Vandemark's friend)

Roberta Carnithan

Carla Mathis

Linda LaDow

Carolyne Taylor (Rachel Strawbridge's sister)

Oliver Kingsley

The Provow Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO GOD THROUGH POINT WASHINGTON UMC!

Your gifts make a difference!

RECAP OF DECEMBER'S GIFTS

Gifts in December to support the mission & ministry of PWUMC: \$104,034.

Expenses in December: \$48,872.

Financial Assessment: 2011 was a great year for us financially! Because of your gifts to support the mission and ministry of PWUMC, we ended the year in the black! This is after paying 100% of our United Methodist Church apportionments which is the heart of our denomination-wide ministry, underwriting Christian mission and ministry locally and around the world. Apportionments strengthen our evangelism efforts, stimulate church growth, expand Bible studies and enrich spiritual commitment. Through apportionments, we help God's children everywhere to shape the lives of tomorrow's leaders and proclaim our Christian faith. (Pictures of how apportionments make a difference encircle this report). PWUMC was one of only a few of churches on the panhandle to pay 100% of our apportionments. Thank you for making this possible!

Now that we are beginning a new year, let's continue to offer our very best to God to support the mission and ministry of our great church and the United Methodist Church! Thank you!

Gifts in December to reduce the debt incurred to build our FLC: \$37,445.

Gifts in 2011 to reduce the debt incurred to build our FLC: \$293,228.

Remaining debt on the FLC as of December 31, 2011: \$1,326,355.

Debt Assessment: We continue to make significant inroads on the debt that was incurred to build our Family Life Center. Over two-thirds of the costs to build the FLC have been paid! Gifts over and above your gifts to support the mission and ministry of PWUMC are always welcome and appreciated. Every penny you give to the Building Fund reduces the principal on our mortgage and moves us forward toward God's preferred future for our church. Whenever you want to designate gifts to reduce the debt, simply indicate on your check how much goes to the Building Fund or write a separate check. Thank you for your support!

2011 was a great year in the life of PWUMC! Thank you!



United Methodist Men of PWUMC

Saturday, 11 Feb the UMM will be hosting its Monthly UMM Meeting

Breakfast/Devotion/Small Work Project around church at 8am in the Stephen Center.

Saturday 18 Feb., the UMM will be selling Pulled Pork by the pound for \$9 from 9 to 12 in the Stephens Center.

Join us for the Men's Bible Study each Thursday morning 6:30 AM in the Stephens Center. I know it's early but most of us find that's a great way to start the day. Hope and pray to see to there!

Point Washington United Methodist Church Men's Group 2012 Wild Game Dinner

When: Saturday 10 March 2012 at 6:00 PM

Where: Family Life Center at Point Washington UMC
1290 North County Highway 395
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Guest Speaker: TBA

Cost: \$20 per person

Take Care and God Bless!

Butch Phillips



United Methodist Women of PWUMC

With thanks to all my ladies, The Point Washington UMW once again received top honors for decoration the Dining Room at The Wesley Mansion in Eden Gardens. With over a thousand votes turned in by the visitors going through the Home from Thanksgiving to January 1, we received the most votes as the favorite room. Once again our prize we will be a couple of plants from the Eden Gardens cutting nursery which we will add to the Meditation Garden. I've included a few of the pictures of the Dining Room.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 9:30am, at my house, 340 Oak Ave., Santa Rosa Beach. After our meeting, which should take about an hour, Fred and Betty Head will have a presentation of their trip to The Holy Land they took last year. If anyone needs directions to my house, please call me, [231-2706](tel:231-2706). We live only a few miles from Church.

God bless our Church family,
Kathy Carpenter



Part-time Help Needed

We are looking for someone part-time to oversee facility after-hour use and to lock-up. This would be for 3-5 hours per week. Please contact the church office if you are interested or would like additional information.

February Birthdays

- 2- Dan Baker
- 3 – Kevin Stoddard
- 5 – Jody McCormach
Michelle Selph
- 7- Johnny Allan,
Doug Horne
- 10 – Jean Crews,
Kendall Moore,
- 12 – Grace Marse,
Virgie Thompson
- 13- Jane Bahr,
Martha Rester
- 14 – Jana Gritzmacker
- 15 – Terry Crews
- 17 – Bruce Paladini
- 18 - Anna Comer
- 20 – James White
- 24 - Brad Beauchamp
- 26 – Nicholas Hundley,
Howard Orr,
Catherine Frappier
- 28 – Susan Massey,
Ted Moore

Please submit your news, ideas, pictures, etc. for addition to the newsletter by the 19th of each month. Your input is always needed and appreciated!

Kid's Corner

February Events



Still
collecting
Pringle's
cans. The
more the
better!

MP kids K through 3rd
7th Easter program assignments
14th Valentine's Day Party.
21st Treasure tubs for Thailand
28th Treasure tubs for Thailand
MP kids 4th & 5th

8th Easter program assignments

14th 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join the party. Please let
MH know if your child will be riding the church van.

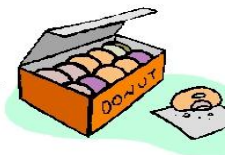
22nd Treasure tubs for Thailand
29th Finish Treasure tubs for Thailand.



Valentine's Week Events

14th 7 to 9 Sweethearts Breakfast
14th MP Kids Party.
(for all MP Kids k-5th)
17th Parents Night Out

Donut Certificates will be
sent home the
week of the 14th



Calling children of all ages for the Easter Program! We will be performing short skits. The program is Sunday, March 18th at 10am. We will need younger children for extras and the older children will recite a verse. MH will be checking with each child to find their perfect part!

Caring & Sharing

During 2011, Caring and Sharing answered 5,786 requests for assistance and distributed 10,703 bags of food. Furniture was supplied to 101 families with 5,693 pieces of furniture being given. Clothing was supplied to 238 families with 2,264 pieces of clothing being given. All of this is due to the generosity of the community and the significant support of our church!

PWUMC YOUTH

New Youth Leadership Program Begins This Month

Are you a teenager who is...

1. Committed to a deepening relationship with Jesus
2. Committed to the youth ministry at Point Washington UMC
3. Wanting to be a leader in your school and community?

If so, make sure to join us on February 3 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm for the first meeting of our monthly Youth Leadership Program. This program will be a time where students are challenged to live their lives in such a way that others will see Christ in them and want to follow Him because of their example. At each meeting there will be time for Bible study, personal introspective reflection, service to others, worship through music, and deep fellowship. This program is for students in 8th grade and up.

Believe Retreat for Middle School Students March 8-10---Sign Up Now

On the retreat we will spend 2 days at the Believe Conference and a day at Universal's Islands of Adventure Theme Park. The Believe Conference is the best middle school intentional Christian conference there is. Be sure to check it out at www.ci.y.com/believe and call Paul (461-4213) to register your child for the trip. Cost for the trip is \$129 if you sign up by February 6 and \$149 after that (if there is still room).

High School Ski Trip Details

Our High School Ski Trip is February 17-20. If you are signed up for the trip, make sure that you have paid the balance for your trip before we leave. Also, be sure to pick up your forms packet by February 12. We will meet at the church on the 17th at 8:00am to leave.

Wildside Youth Fellowship in February

February 5---Flag Football Super Bowl from 3:00 to 4:30
February 12---Wildside from 6:00 to 8:00
February 19---NO Wildside Meeting
February 26---Wildside from 6:00 to 8:00

Youth Open House in February

Open House will meet every Wednesday in February from 3:30 to 5:00.

Youth Small Groups in February

Youth Small Groups will meet on February 1, 8, 15, and 29. There will not be Small Groups on February 22, but youth are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm.

New Set-up for Youth Sunday School

During the Sunday School hour (10:00-11:00) instead of a Sunday School class, youth are getting plugged into many different ministries that serve the church. Currently we have youth that serve on the Praise Band, with the Children's Ministry, and in the A/V booth. And there are many more opportunities. This is a great chance for our youth to serve the church. If you're interested in getting involved, come any Sunday morning at 10:00am and Paul will get you plugged in.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2:30 – MP Kids (4 th -5 th) 3:30 – Youth Open House 5:00 – Wednesday Night Supper 6:00 – Youth Sm Groups 6:00 –Choir Practice 6:15 – Adult Bible Study 7:30 – PB Practice	2 6:30 – Men’s Bible Study 1:30 – Piecemakers Quilters 5:00 – Parenting Class 5:30 – Finance Committee Mtg	3 7:00 – Youth Leadership Program Meeting	4
5 Services: 8:50 – Sanctuary 11:00 – FLC 3:00 – Youth Flag Football Super Bowl 5:00 – Sign Language class	6 8:00 – Stained Glass Class 12:00 – Senior Art Class	7 9:15 – Parenting Class 9:30 UMW meeting 2:30 – MP Kids (K – 3 rd grades) 4:30 – PWUMC Staff Meeting 5:00 – SPRC mtg	8 2:30 – MP Kids (4 th -5 th) 3:30 – Youth Open House 5:00 – Wednesday Night Supper 6:00 – Youth Sm Groups 6:00 –Choir Practice 6:15 – Adult Bible Study 7:30 – PB Practice	9 6:30 – Men’s Bible Study 1:30 – Piecemakers Quilters 5:00 – Parenting Class	10 Children’s Winter Retreat @ Blue Lake Feb 10-12	11 8:00 – UMM monthly meeting
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26 Services: 10:00 – One Service Only – 5 th Sunday - FLC 5:00 – Sign Language Group 6:00 – Youth Wildside	28 8:00 – Stained Glass Class 12:00 – Senior Art Class	28 9:15 – Parenting Class 2:30 – MP Kids (K – 3 rd grades)	29 2:30 – MP Kids (4 th -5 th) 3:30 – Youth Open House 5:00 – Wednesday Night Supper 6:00 – Youth Sm Groups 6:00 –Choir Practice 6:15 – Adult Bible Study 7:30 – PB Practice			

