

A message from Pastor John

I still smile, though I've seen the movie four or five time: it's 'Grand Torino' starring Clint Eastwood. The scene; the reading of the will right after he sacrifices his life to free the neighborhood of gang violence and racism. Walt's family who gave little or no attention to him and considered him a bother in their busy lives eagerly await the reading of his will. They were surprised and angry when anything of value was left to his Asian neighbors.

As believers we have our inheritance promised and guaranteed!

Eph. 1:13-14 "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.



Did you know? God also has an inheritance – US! How overwhelming is the thought that God should consider Himself the richer because of our faith, our love and worship! Eph. 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."

We rejoice and are thankful for God's promise of the "riches of his glorious inheritance." Can you imagine – we are God's inheritance. Not only do we have an inheritance but we ARE an inheritance! We, the believing Church are Christ's inheritance. God's grace gift to all people, Jesus, reciprocates back to God as his portion (special treasure) the Church.

Remember these Three Important Points:

1. An inheritance is obtained through death i.e. God's inheritance is secured through the death of his son.
2. An inheritance denotes perpetuity i.e. to a person and their heirs "forever."
3. An inheritance is for possession, something to be entered into, lived upon and enjoyed.

God comes and dwells in the midst of His inheritance: Ps. 94:14 "For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance." Give a prayer of 'Thanksgiving' for your inheritance; God has given you His best. And be the best for God – you are His inheritance. From our home to your home, Barb and I wish you a wonderful time of "GIVING THANKS." As we continue to Have Faith, Love God and Enjoy Life,

Pastor John

Family Promise

Thanks to all who have chosen to be a part of the Family Promise Ministry. What a blessing it is to serve God's people this way; giving local families a leg up as they transition from homelessness to home stability.

Five of our families in the program have graduated out and are now fully employed and in their own homes thanks to your loyalty and dedication to this ministry. Well done, good and faithful servants! Our next Family Promise week is November 16-23! It takes many hands to make this week a success! Please consider getting on on board!

Imagine No Malaria - Change for a Change!

Imagine No Malaria is a global initiative of the United Methodist Church that is working to eradicate malaria in Africa. South Shore UMC is participating in this mission by collecting change for the purpose of purchasing malaria nets. Search under couch cushions, look in your car, encourage your children to do chores for change, Save up change, save a life! So far, together we have donated \$1,120. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

2014 Trunk or Treat Event

Now is the time for this family to come together to reach out to our community, giving children a safe place to Trick or Treat. Please register for a trunk or to volunteer for Trunk or Treat to be held on Friday, October 31. Visit the display table outside under the pavilion today to sign up or go to www.southshoreumc.com/specialevents.

Charge Conference October 26th

Today is our annual charge conference at 4:00pm. Come to hear leader's reports of the last year, sing some praise and worship music, listen to some testimonies and meet your District Superintendent. See you there!

Family Promise Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE for the Family Promise Fall Fundraiser on Thursday, November 6, 2014!! "Tee Off in Tuscany" will feature an INDOOR putt-putt golf tournament, as well as a wine and chocolate event at The Barn at Winthrop! There will be an awesome silent auction to go with it!! The event will take place from 7 - 10pm. Register at:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/tee-off-in-tuscany-tickets-13099818911?aff=efbe> to register your team!

Papa John's Donates to SSUMC

On Saturday, November 1st, Papa John's will donate 20% of all sales back to South Shore UMC. A good pizza and a donation to South Shore...what could be better? This offer is only good at the Papa John's on Big Bend and 301. Call 813-677-7272 and mention you are with South Shore, or order online (make sure to choose the Papa John's at Summerfield Crossings) and add "South Shore" to the comments field. So take it easy and enjoy some delicious pizza!!!

Alzheimer's Walk 2014

Thanks to all who walked, gave money, and supported our Alzheimer's walk team. Together we collected over \$2,000 for the cause! Stay tuned for the next opportunity as we put a team together for the Relay for Life!

Children's Disaster Services

Training will be held at the Red Cross in Sarasota on November 21-22. This is a 27 hour overnight shelter simulation where you will become a certified CDS caregiver! Register at www.childrensdisasterservices.org.

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday - 8am- noon

SOUTH SHORE YOUTH

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Sunday Night Live – Sundays from 5-7pm

SNL is our main, weekly program for 6th-12th grade students. This is a night filled with games, music, dinner and small groups.

High School Bible Study - Monday from 5-6pm

We offer High School bible study every week. This is a group focused on Inductive study of scripture. It's a chance for students to go deeper into scripture and learn interpretive skills to discern God's Word.



Gearing up for Winter Retreat

Last year's event was so exciting! We partnered with Heritage UMC over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend to get away and recenter on God. This year, we are planning to add several more churches to the mix. It will be a time of passionate worship, fun games and great fellowship. Registration will open soon!

For all the latest details visit: southshoreumc.com/youth

Hanging of the Greens

It's the most wonderful time of the year!
Or at least it will be!

To get ready for Advent and prepare to receive once again our Savior born, we will decorate our sanctuary with holly and garland.



Saturday morning, Nov 29th at 9 am, you are invited to gather together to hang the greenery around the sanctuary and decorate the stage for the advent season.

There will be donuts and coffee, who can pass that up? You're encouraged to bring any special holiday treats to share with others.

'Tis the season!



Children's Ministry News thinkORANGE

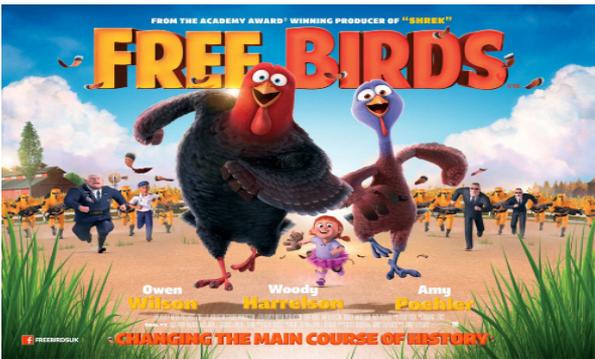
NOVEMBER'S LIFE APP: GRATITUDE

God wants to work in your life and the lives of your kids to tweak some things in your character. In a lot of ways, He's taking a time out and making adjustments to conform you to the image of His Son. In those times, it's like God is pulling us over to the side and reminding us when we need to recalibrate a few things.

And it makes sense, really. If God made us, He knows what we need to give attention to. That's why it's important to pay attention to His instruction manual and what He has to say about certain attitudes. Take the idea of GRATITUDE, for example. If we never take the time to acknowledge what God has done in our lives or how others have helped us, we may develop an unhealthy ego or a growing frustration at the people

around us. We might become bitter and complain about every little thing.

That's why GRATITUDE is a really big idea that God talks about so much. It affects more of your life than you probably have ever imagined. That's why we're taking this month to talk about what it means to show GRATITUDE: letting others know how they've helped you.



FREE MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 7th
6:30 PM IN
ROOM 114
FREE POPCORN
and DRINKS

10:00 am = FX in Room 114 for All Ages!!

(children under 3 must be accompanied by an adult)

11:15 am = Children's Small Groups:

*PreK (ages 3-5) meet in Room 116

*K - 1st Grade meet in Room 115

*2nd - 3rd & 4th - 5th meet in Room 114

