



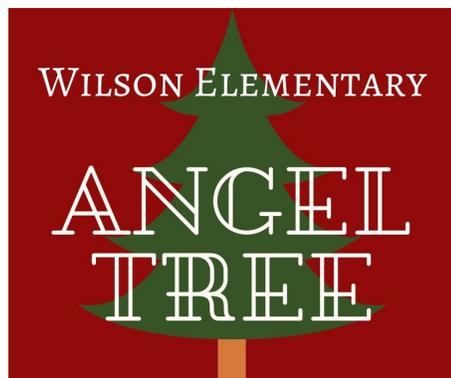
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# THE VINE

Week of: November 15 -  
 November 21, 2020



The annual Wilson Elementary Angel Trees are ready. We have 14 families with 38 children in need of toys, food and clothing. Each card has information and requests from one child. Each card also includes the code reference for siblings, if any.



Our church has taken on all the children of each family, not just the child/ren enrolled in school. This ensures no child is left out. Wilson elementary school truly appreciates your help with these impoverished families and you make a difference in the lives of the children with your gifts. Instructions are on the back of each card for preparing the gifts. The deadline to have gifts to the church office is Thursday, December 3. If you have any questions feel free to contact the church office.

*If you are worshipping online with us at this time, you can either come by the church at your convenience and pick up a card(s) or call the church office at (813) 754-3519.*

“Thank you again so much for helping us coordinate this... Regardless of what they receive, our families have expressed their gratitude for any support offered! The faculty and staff at Wilson ES are also so grateful to the FUMCPC community for continuing to support our students and their families...”  
 -Wilson Elementary Staff



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Sunday  
 Contemporary Service 9 AM  
*Children's Church - available*  
 Traditional Service 11 AM

Monday  
 Deadline to turn in content for The Vine 4 PM  
 Trustees Meeting 6 PM

Tuesday  
 Staff Meeting 1:30 PM  
 Boy Scouts 6 PM

Wednesday  
 The LOFT: Youth 5-7 PM  
 Worship Recording 6:30 PM

Thursday  
 Young At Heart 10 AM  
 Finance Council Meeting 5 PM

Friday  
Saturday

Dear Church,

I would like to express my appreciation to all who continue to connect with the church through either our online worship service or our in-person worship services.



Our Contemporary service is in the Wesley Centre at 9 AM. Our Traditional service is in our sanctuary at 11:00 AM. Our online service is posted at 9:00 AM each Sunday and can be viewed anytime at your convenience. You can view the service via the following:

Website: [www.firstchurchplantcity.com](http://www.firstchurchplantcity.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/firstchurchpc](http://www.facebook.com/firstchurchpc)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/firstchurchplantcity](http://www.instagram.com/firstchurchplantcity)  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/1stumcplantcityfl](http://www.youtube.com/1stumcplantcityfl)



If you have been hesitant to return to in-person worship, I understand. Each of us has to determine what is best for our individual situation during this pandemic. However, I wanted to remind you about what we have put in place to make coming to church as safe as possible.

Before each worship service we sanitize the entire worship space and restrooms with a fogging machine using a product called Sniper. Face coverings are required. We encourage social distancing among non family members. Offerings are collected at the doors in baskets.

Thank you for doing your best to remain in community with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Pastor Stephen

Awoken College Ministry is a group built up of 18 to 25 year olds who, like the majority of the world, are just trying to figure life out. We meet every 1st and 3rd Friday at 7:30 PM.



The location of our meeting will change from week to week so keep up with us via Instagram or text Emma for more details!! See you soon!

 : @awokencollegeministry    Emma: (813) 763-0713

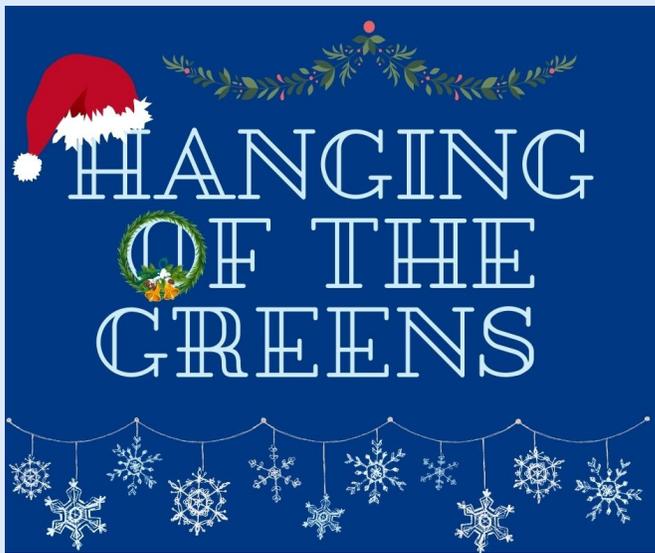
**JERICO ROAD FUND**

Supporting our church community  
in their time of need.



The church is here during difficult times for its church members. If you find yourself in need of help **or** if you are able to donate to this fund, please contact

Pastor Stephen Hartsfield at him at [pastorstephen@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pastorstephen@tampabay.rr.com) or (386) 848-6392



The LOFT: Student Ministries has stepped up to take over the Hanging of the Greens this year! Saturday, December 5, at 10 AM, meet Emma and some fellow adult volunteers to assist the Youth Group in decorating our church for Christmas!

We need YOUR help! There is a need for a few adults that have experience with power tools and heavy lifting to help us put up a truly gorgeous wooden Christmas Tree; really, a piece of art! As well as many other beautiful items. Email [jenn.m.kramer@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.m.kramer@gmail.com) or [fumcpcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fumcpcyouth@gmail.com) to coordinate. Tools provided!

THANK YOU to everyone from our church that came out to support our youth group by working the pumpkin patch or donating to the cause. We cannot raise this money alone, and having a supportive congregation is key to any young discipleship. Thank you for helping teach the lessons of Christ to our young people!



As Fall is upon us and we move closer to Christmas, we are happy to share with you that our annual Christmas gift card drive will again take place for the children at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. This drive gives us, as a connectional

ministry, an opportunity to show God's love through gifts. We ask that you again consider purchasing gift cards to be distributed across our ministry to give to the children we serve.

We would be most grateful for the purchase of gift cards in increments of \$10-\$100 to major chain stores and restaurants (larger increments preferred, if possible). Especially useful and flexible cards for our children include Amazon, Visa, Walmart, Kohl's, and Gamestop gift cards. Popular restaurants our houseparents like to treat the children to over Christmas break include Darden Brands and Papa John's Pizza.

We also strive to make Christmas morning special by giving each child a stocking made by friends of the Children's Home. In order to prepare our campus for Christmas, we ask that your gift cards arrive before December 4th, if possible.

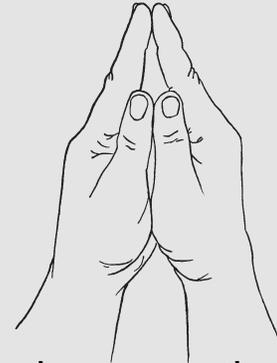
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Prayer warriors may add their names to the prayer chain in one of three ways, according to how you would like to contact us and how you would like to be contacted:

- Shirley Robertson at 813-389-7174
- Nita Shaw by email [alinitarose@gmail.com](mailto:alinitarose@gmail.com)
- Audrey Montella by text 813-966-5698 or email [audreymontella40@gmail.com](mailto:audreymontella40@gmail.com)



When anyone hears of a prayer request or need we pass the information along to the others. Mighty and fervent prayers will be sent up to the Lord from the whole group.

## **November is Diabetes Awareness Month**

The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County has been busy with the COVID-19 response, but our team's priority remains improving the health of everyone in Hillsborough County.

Diabetes rates in Hillsborough County are higher than the state average. The Florida Department of Health is combating these outcomes by teaching individuals the tools they need to take control of their diabetes and boost their health with our

Diabetes Self-Management Education Program.

<http://hillsborough.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/diabetes/diabetes-self-management/index.html>

