



## November Newsletter

### Grace Community Church

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#### Congregation Appreciation Month

“Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow.” Hebrews 13:17

You have been wonderful in the way that you have shown your appreciation to me as your Pastor and Patty as well. What a blessing you have been. I believe you all deserve a month of appreciation as well.

You absolutely give us reasons “to do this with joy.” You have been encouraging, welcoming, supportive and very generous. WE have felt truly loved. All of this has come from a love for God and a desire to learn more of His word.

You have no idea what a joy it is to serve a church family that is this healthy, this positive and always willing to step up and do what needs to be done.

God is at work among us and the coming season is going to be an exciting time of knowing His blessings in our lives.

So, again, let me say how much I appreciate you. Let us continue to serve the Lord together as we make Him known in our community. And all this month don't forget how much you mean to both Patty and me.

**Annual Meeting  
Sunday, November 4th  
immediately following  
Worship. All are  
invited to attend.**



**John Tuff and Friends Present  
“Great Country Classics”  
Friday, November 9th  
6:30 p.m.**

*Special Appearance by Shari Frink*  
**Englewood United Methodist Church Sanctuary  
700 East Dearborn Street, Englewood FL 34223  
An Offering will be taken for Foundations Early Education Center**

## SETTING AT THE GATE (THE ELDERS REPORT)

November!! Thanksgiving! Family time! North of middle Indiana Snow time! And our favorite sport of all---- Mid-term Elections!! Red-Blue or Polka dotted, Please Vote! My Opinion- Truly worth the time to properly do your research starting with Prayer and reviewing what the Bible says about what our Leaders Should be, more Prayer, deep thought, and Vote!!

Okay, no more politicking!!!

Just thinking of the good times! Do you know last month was Pastor's Appreciation Month and we were all so busy, including Pastor John and Wife Patty that we all ran out of time and had to celebrate with them in November at Landy's!! Great Fun, Friends, Food, Lot's of Love shared!! Wonderful Couple, Esteemed Pastor and Wife, John and Patty! GOD has Blessed us tremendously with you!

Did you know before we announced the Celebration on November 18th, that on November 22 Grace Community Church would be 20 years of age? First Sermon was held on November 22, 1998 at Tringali Community Center, East of Englewood on 776. In that first Congregation was Member Kitty Prevate and Husband Bill also; Member Barbara (Bobbie) Hawkins Husband Bob, the Pastor was David Melchior! What visionaries!!! As you see them before and after Services be sure and Congratulate them and offer them a big Thank you for their long and hard work over these past 20 years—well deserved!!

Then, yes this is incorrect Grammar; we're having a Potluck Sunday, Thanksgiving!! Oh My! What a feast it will be! We hope you will be there and bring your favorite dish to compliment the turkey and ham.

Until next time we will be setting at Gate awaiting HIS Return!!

### Join Us

John Tuff and Friends

Thursday November 15th

Beyond the Sea

The band will be playing from 6-8 pm



November 7th - A New Bible Study Begins.  
1st Thessalonians. 7:00 pm

November 11th - Communion

November 18th - Thanksgiving Potluck and  
20th Anniversary Celebration.

December 1 - Decorate the Church for Christmas. 9:00 am

*To help people develop a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ by serving God and serving others... This is the Mission of GCC.*

### We Need Your Help

This year when the ladies hold their cookie exchange, they will also be preparing gift bags for the homeless to be handed out Christmas Eve. This month, we are collecting items for the gift bags. If you are able, please consider donating the following: Chapstick, Feminine Products, Hand wipes/Hand sanitizers, shavers, shaving cream, socks, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, underwear, toilet paper, flashlight, sunscreen, rain ponchos, bug spray, (many of these items can be bought in multipacks on Amazon).

All items are needed by November 25th.

Thank you for your help in advance.

### 2 Holiday Events We Want You to Know About

Christmas Caroling - Come spread joy to the Seniors at Drury Lane. Patty is confirming the date and will share it soon.

December 15th, A Day of Remembrance. We will be helping to lay wreaths on Veterans grave sites.

Details coming in future articles.