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Cookie Walk

Some of the many members of the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Chiefland, 707 N. Main St. (U.S. Highway 19), stand behind a table that is part of a long

line of tables that have cookies on top of them in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Saturday (Nov. 4). Seen here (from left) are Alice St. John, Katie Granger, Marcia Pollock, Junie Burr and Nancy Dean. Among the many other female congregation members helping at the event in various fashions were Velma Christian, Ann Tummond, Vickie Menasco, Gerry Jesk and Kay Putchaven. Other females and male members of the congregation helped through various methods as well.

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This annual event is a fundraiser by the Sunshine Disciples, one of the ministry



groups at this church. There was also a craft sale on the church property on Saturday, and that is part of this same fundraiser. The people of the United Methodist Church have a slogan that says 'Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.' This means that literally everyone is welcome to church at First United Methodist Church of Chiefland, whether it is to buy cookies to fund missions, or during Sunday school classes, or during the regular Sunday worship service, or during the rest of the week as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, or members of any other groups that might use the various parts of the church facilities on the grounds, including the C. Doyle McCall Pavilion that is located in the field adjacent to U.S. Alt. 27 east of U.S. Highway 19. First United Methodist Church of Chiefland is 'a church without walls, connecting people with God

and each other as we follow Jesus Christ on the path of discipleship. Our vision is to engage diverse people in diverse ways to come to know God and follow Jesus Christ through our witness of God's love in our community.' Everyone is invited, too, for instance, to join Pastor Alex Christian on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. starting Nov. 21 in the Fellowship Hall (which is in the basement) for an Advent study and discussion on the true gifts of Christmas. To contact the church, call 352-493-4627. Or visit the church's website at <http://www.fumcchiefland.com/>, and then click on the words "Contact Us," which is below the main bar that says "Home, About Us, Fresh Expressions, Growth Groups, Ministries, School Partnerships, Worship."

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