

# COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Rev. Daniel Baker, Pastor*

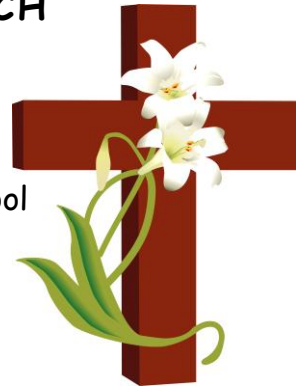
Sundays 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Chapel

Sundays 9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship in C L Hilson Hall

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Study/Sunday School

Sundays 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

***Community's March 2018 LINK***



## CELEBRATING LENT AND EASTER

Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Easter Season, also known as Eastertide or the Great Fifty Days, begins on Easter Day and ends on Pentecost. Focusing on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), Eastertide is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. We celebrate the good news that in Christ's death and resurrection, we, and all creation, are continually being made new by God's love and saving grace. (source - <http://www.umc.org/topics/topic-lent-and-easter>)



United Methodist Committee On Relief

**UMCOR SUNDAY IS MARCH 11.**

United Methodists celebrate UMCOR Sunday on the fourth Sunday in Lent. UMCOR (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. For over 75 years, UMCOR has helped people in crisis all over the world, reaching people in more than 50 countries, including the United States.

On UMCOR Sunday, we gather to celebrate and give generously to cover the relief agency's annual operational and administrative costs so that UMCOR may apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts. This is an incredible Sunday that reminds us of the importance of compassion and love in action.

Please mark your gift “UMCOR”. And to learn more, go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).



# Community United Methodist Church



**SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018**

**5:00 – 7:00 pm**



Spaghetti  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Beverage  
Dessert



Adults - \$9   Children 10 and under - \$3   Preschool – Free

*Take – Out Available*

**Fun - Food – Fellowship!**

**Bring a Friend!**



**WANTS YOU TO HOST A DINNER**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 3 at 5 pm for 10 College Students from**

**Borough of Manhattan Community College in the "College Challenge" Program**

Contact Patty Surface to serve on this mission. 464-8526 or [surfacep@msn.com](mailto:surfacep@msn.com).



**Saturday, March 17**  
**8:00 a.m. - Noon**

Furniture, Clothes, Toys, Music,  
Household Items, Tools,  
Baked Goods, Cookies, Coffee,  
Donuts, Hot Dogs, and Sodas

Items can be delivered to the Fellowship Hall  
beginning Sunday, March 11.

*Set-Up and Pricing: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.*

*Thursday, March 15 and Friday, March 16*

*Everyone Invited to Help!*

Proceeds will go for camp and summer activities  
for our children and youth.



*Call Patty Surface for more information. 464-8526*



**ATTENTION CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

grades 4 next year thru "just graduated seniors"  
who regularly worship at Community:

**WE WANT YOU TO GO TO CAMP THIS SUMMER.**

Please go online to [www.warrenwilliscamp.org/summercamp](http://www.warrenwilliscamp.org/summercamp). Select SCHOLARSHIPS. Print the SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION. Mark "Classic Camp". We don't know the week yet. Parents complete pages 1 and middle of 2. I will complete the top of page 2: "Church Endorsement". The child/youth completes the bottom of page 2. Also from the site, select REGISTER and print the "overnight camp paper application". Return both completed forms to Patty Surface by MARCH 25 to meet their deadline of APRIL 1. See Patty (464-8526) for more information. ☺



**SPRING  
AHEAD**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** Sunday, March 11. Remember to  
S-P-R-I-N-G your clocks forward 1 hour so you won't be late to Worship.



## 85+ BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Calling all friends 85 and over!** We want to honor you at our Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, March 18 at 11:45 a.m., after 10:30 Worship, in C. L. Hilson Fellowship Hall.

If you turn 85 in 2018, or are new and have never been honored at the 85+ Party, thank you for contacting the church office 461-2499 or Patty Surface 464-8526. Invite your family and friends.



## Confirmation Class

*Thus saith the Lord : Ask the way of the good road, the Godly paths you walked before and you shall find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16*

We are preparing to become mature people, people that know God, love God and serve God by our actions, thoughts and deeds. We are studying God's Word and putting our new found knowledge to work. In addition to studying the Bible, we are learning to be good stewards of the earth. We are learning the Christian way of contacting our elected officials to make a difference in our community. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

God bless you all, *Cheryl Milam*



1Corinthians 13: 13

*And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these IS charity.*

The following is from an alumnus of the Children's Home: "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to live at the Children's Home. I have experienced many new things. My house parents and counselors were always there to show me love and help me make good choices. I have changed, not back to my old self. I am very grateful for the opportunity to grow and experience something new."

A day on campus has been scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>. The gates open at 9 am; lunch will be served at noon. If you wish to attend, call Trista Calvin at (386) 668-4774, ext. 2296. See the fruits of your love at work!

God bless you all, *Cheryl Milam*

## Learn to Read

*The good influence of Godly citizens causes a city to prosper. Proverbs 11:11a*

Classes are in full swing at Virginia College in Ft. Pierce. We are teaching English classes on Tuesday evenings. We have 17 students enrolled, representing 9 different Countries plus Puerto Rico. It is a blessing and humbling experience to teach these loving and receptive adults. Please keep these students in your prayers as they continue on their journey to citizenship.

God bless you all, *Cheryl Milam*



## LENT...SPRING...EASTER

Our EASTER EGG HUNT is Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> before Luncheon!



Donations of small, wrapped candy, NOT chocolate or peanut, are needed.

Also small toys or treats that will fit in a plastic egg.

(No plastic eggs are needed; we have plenty from last year.)

Donations can be placed in the narthex or church office by 1 pm on March 15.



**PALM SUNDAY IS March 25.**



Continue (Easter) Holy Week by walking where Jesus walked.

Come see a video of last year's musical drama

**"I WALKED TODAY WHERE JESUS WALKED"**

**"12 Scenes in Jesus' Life Come Alive".**

Sunday, March 25 at 3 pm



**GOOD FRIDAY is March 30.**

7 p.m. - Worship at Community UMC



**EASTER SCHEDULE - April 1.**

**7:00 a.m.** - Easter Sunrise Worship

Melody Lane Fountain area, Downtown Ft Pierce

Across from our "River Front" Library at 101 Melody Lane

*Hosted by Community, First, and White City United Methodist Churches*



**10:30 a.m.** - Worship in Community UMC's Sanctuary

This is a joint Worship combining our 8:30 and 10:30 times.

**Easter Lilies** to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Morning are available. The cost is \$8 each. Please complete the form in the bulletin or contact the church office to place your order in honor or memory of a loved one. Thank you for reserving your plant as soon as possible.





## GOSPEL GARDENER



Proverbs 25:11 Words spoken at the right time are like gold apples in a silver setting.

The garden is so interesting and colorful. First thing that catches your eye is the healthy Kalanchoe. Shirley Cunningham gave us some cuttings of this Kalanchoe about 10 years ago. It's bright red and it relocated itself several feet away to a more desirable location. It's thriving and I'm so proud of it.

The Flame Vine also sent it's vine from the mother plant all the way through the blue Plumbago bush a distance of 10 feet and has its bright orange flowers intermingled with the blue Plumbago.

Two Milkweed plants that the Caterpillars love are large, healthy and covered with blooms. I keep looking for something to eat. I do see many butterflies in the garden. Yesterday, I saw a ladybug and several bees. That makes me so happy because this wildlife is what God made these gardens for and also for us, for us to take time to enjoy the gardens, the color, the peace.

Remember our little Garden Patrol Mourning Doves? Those gentle visitors just love the garden. Nearly every time I visit the garden - one or two are wandering around just patrolling the area. David Ard was in the garden looking up after church and he told me the dove startled him and he startled the dove. He looked at it and said, "Hey little bird - are you okay?" He left and I was watering the two new tomato plants and I noticed the dove sitting on the Memorial Table at Ben Seay's Memorial area. The dove was so peaceful and relaxed and just enjoying the garden. You know me, I quietly went and got my cell phone and got some precious pictures of that dove.

If you look at the garden, you'll see the weeding and trimming is getting under control. The Fire Bush trees will need trimming soon, The Vanda Orchids are beautiful. God bless Dottie and Dennis for their care of the Orchids. God bless Vicki for garden flags and her love for the garden. Gail Godwin would love to be with me in the garden and she prays and checks the garden out. Thank you all who ask about the garden and those who take time to walk through it. God bless the preschoolers that get to notice the flowers and the stepping stones, and the garden art. I'm thankful for DS Lawn Service for keeping the outside looking perfect. The love we all have for God is so powerful. Thank you all. God Bless. *Jean Harvey*

### Points to Ponder



*Only God can make flowers and trees but He put me in charge of seeds and weeds.*

*Be sure to leave room in your garden for angels to dance.*

# Book Buddy Ministry

## A Ministry of Help



**"You're never alone when you're reading a book."** Susan Wiggs

Twenty-five Book Buddy letters were distributed to the Book Buddy Helpers who were present on Sunday February 4, 2018. Nine letters were mailed to those not present. Books will be due by March 2, 2018. Books should be left in the Book Buddy Bin (in the Narthex) or the Church Office. The Preschool Book Distribution will take place the second week of March. Thank you for your continued support.

### Helpers Are Needed

Helpers are ALWAYS needed for the Book Buddy Ministry which is an outreach program to provide the preschool children of our church with books for their classrooms and their homes...books that instill Godly values and nourish children spiritually. Helpers are responsible for providing four books during the school year. For more information, please contact me at (772) 461-1793. Thank you.

God Bless!!! Respectively, **Carole Ratliff**, Book Buddy Coordinator



**I would like to thank the CUMC family** for all the thoughts and prayers, e-mails, texts, phone calls, and cards that have been sent to me the last few months. They have been very much appreciated. Thank you also for the new bathroom scale to replace the one my cat fell on, breaking it into hundreds of little pieces of tempered glass. It has become important during my treatment.

I miss attending Sunday morning service and hope to be able to return in a couple months. Because of my compromised immune system and treatment side effects, I am staying at home as much as possible until the flu season winds down and it is safe to be out and about again.

Thank everyone again for all the expressions of care and support. **Cheryl Brady**

### March Youth Calendar

March 1	Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm
March 8	Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm
March 15	Church Yard Sale Help; Youth Pool Party at Surface's, 6:30-9:00 pm
March 16	Church Yard Sale Help
March 17	Church Yard Sale Help
March 22	Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm
March 29	No Youth, Holy Thursday



## You Are A Life Changer

The fish weren't biting that afternoon; I tried cast after cast into the lake that lay three feet below the wooden dock behind my grandmother's retirement community. The wood was greyed and splintered from years of sun and water. Several boats were rocking gently in their slips under the tin roof that protected them from the elements. My fourteen-year-old mind was deep into planning fishing strategy, trying to divine the location of the fish and what presentation would entice them to strike my lure, when I heard footsteps on the boards and looked up to see a gentleman from the community walking toward me.

"How is the fishing?" He asked. "Not going so good." I replied.

He walked around on the dock, surveying the water and listening to the birds. The breeze was tussling the grey hair on his head. I don't recall how it happened, but we started talking about God. After about five minutes he asked a question, "Do you know the name of God?"

I didn't. I just knew God as "God".

He gently informed me that the name of God was mentioned several times in the Bible.

He didn't stay long. He wished me well and strolled back toward the retirement community- without telling me what my mind wanted to know, the name of God.

I never saw him again. But he did ignite a spark in me that started a quest to learn the name of God. I had read the Bible before, but that day I started a cover to cover search for the name of God. I discovered the answer, and so much more, as I completed the page by page journey from Genesis to Revelation over the course of several years.

The gentleman on the dock never knew the impact he had with that one simple question. That question was the catalyst that started my journey into ministry.

You have the same power to impact the teenagers around you. A story, a question, a smile; they all make a greater impression than you may think.

At times teenagers may make you feel like you are being ignored. I encourage you to stay at the doorstep of their lives, letting them know they matter, and thanking God for the times when they open the door and let you in.

You are a life changer, *Mark*





## HANDS FOR THE LORD HANDS FOR THE LORD

John 10: 4-5 *"After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they recognize his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't recognize his voice."*

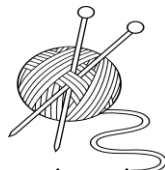
Thanks once again for your wonderful support of our Cuban Sandwich Fundraiser. We appreciate your support of our puppet team.

As we enter this season of Lent we are continuing to practice puppet songs and dowel rod routines to keep our skills sharp and our puppet arms strong. In our devotion time we are focusing on John 10: 4 - 5. I know His Voice. We are looking to God and listening for His direction for our puppet team. We want all our songs and performances to be for His Glory.

### CALENDAR

Sunday - March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday - March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday - March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday - March 25<sup>th</sup>

Puppet Practice 1:00 - 2:00  
Puppet Practice 1:00 - 2:00  
No Practice  
Puppet Practice 1:00 - 2:00



### Ladies on a Mission

The Ladies met on Wednesday, February 7, and welcomed 2 new faces! LouAnn and Dee joined us for fellowship, mission work and a snack! We were also delighted to have Nancy Calkin back with us. She has been missed!

We have made contact with Jennifer at Lawnwood Women's and Children's Services here in Fort Pierce. She is thrilled to have our donations of quilts, pillowcases, fleecy throws and stuffed animals for her patients. She services all ages from newborns to teenagers so we're happy to "keep it local". Dogs and bears were stuffed for the little ones and quilts were tied for residents at Abbiejean Russell.

We continue to welcome your donations of hygiene products - especially combs, socks, and toothpaste. New or gently used bears are needed to continue our Pew Bear Ministry. Maybe some Valentine leftovers could be repurposed. Remember that no experience of ANY kind is necessary to join us - we always have something you can do!

As always, we are grateful for your donations and your prayers.  
Thank You and God Bless!



## MARCH FLOWER MINISTERS

4 – Valerie Banks  
11 – Jean Harvey  
18 – Bruce Jones  
25 – Myrna Rohm



Flower Ministers: PLEASE e-mail or call Sylvia/Church Secretary a follow-up report for flower deliveries.

*Nancy Calkin*/Flower Ministry Coordinator

**RECYCLING:** The Church continues to collect aluminum. Nancy Calkin, with Rob Robinson assisting, deliver the aluminum to the recycling facility, on Tuesdays if there is a sufficient amount. Thank you. *Nancy*

## COMMUNITY's NEWSLETTER

Thanks for submitting items for the LINK by Wednesday, March 21 by emailing them to [surfacep@msn.com](mailto:surfacep@msn.com). Our folding date is Wednesday, March 28 at 10 a.m.

Thanks. Patty Surface (772) 464-8526.



## PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.  
Please join us.

## COFFEE HOUR

We are seeking people to host Coffee and Donuts on Sunday mornings. Contact Rick Surface at (772) 464-8526 or refer to the sign-up sheet in the kitchen window in the Fellowship Hall.



Call the OFFICE at 461-2499 if you would like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of someone. Cost is \$37.00.

## 55+ LUNCHEON WED, MARCH 14-NOON!

Our guest speaker will be Fort Pierce Utility Authority's Community Relations Manager Jann Widmayer. Come hear items that apply to us all, city or county. Bring a friend and a covered dish. ☺

## U M W Calls YOU to breakfast!

We will have our Annual Spring Unit Meeting on Friday, March 16 at 9 a.m. in Hilson Hall. The officers will provide breakfast. We'll plan for the 85+ Birthday Party on March 18. Remember your Pledge for Missions. INVITE A FRIEND! And please plan on staying to sort and price items for the Giant Yard Sale on March 17.



**Ladies** are invited to **Church Women United** on Friday, March 2 at Mt Olive Baptist Church, 800 Avenue C, Ft Pierce. Read Genesis 1:1-31. Come at 9:30 a.m. for our World Day of Prayer Celebration at 10 a.m. See Patty for details.

The next **Administrative Council Meeting** is Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6 pm. Chair people of all committees and Ministry Leaders are encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

## CHURCH NURSERY

The Nursery is open each Sunday from 10:00 to noon for children under 4.



Church Office Hours:  
Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Preschool  
Director: Mrs. Carol Hilson  
Weekdays 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Phone: (772) 465-3414

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