

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Community's July 2017 LINK

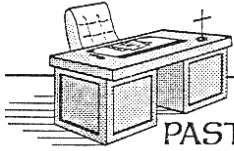
Sundays

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

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

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Bible Study

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



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor Dan Baker

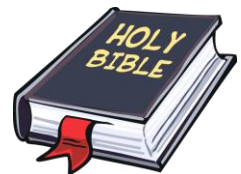
The Holy Spirit, Ministry Of The Kingdom Scripture: Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, (v.15) and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Holy Spirit, Ministry of the Kingdom. Jesus' ministry did not begin until He received His "anointing" as Messiah- the empowering that came through the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Him. Though conceived and born by the Spirit's power (Luke 1:35) and sinless His whole lifetime (John 8:46). He did not attempt ministry without the Spirit's power. He insisted John baptize Him, not for repentance, but because he knew the Holy Spirit would come upon Him at that time (Matthew 3:13-17). From that time, He is led of the Spirit and moves into ministry - declaring the presence of God's kingdom and wonders (Luke 4:14-15;4:23-25).

This pathway points each believer to the need for power, if kingdom ministry is to be advanced through us - His church. Like Him, we, too, are "born of the Spirit" (John 3:5-6). Though obviously, our spiritual birth is not as His biological Virgin Birth, the point remains. Spiritual rebirth saves, but spiritual enduement is needed for ministering in kingdom power. Similarly, our justification in Christ - being declared sinless (2 Cor. 5:21) - does not qualify for kingdom power in ministry. In His incarnation Jesus' person and perfection exceeded ours in every way, yet Jesus still acknowledged the need for His own receiving of the power of the Holy Spirit to pursue His ministry. What more needs to be said? Let each of us personally hear His command: "Receive the Holy Spirit!" (John 20:22).

Teaching taken from the New King James Bible.



Pastor Daniel Baker, Community U.M.C., Ft. Pierce, Florida

SAVE THE DATE



CHILI COOK-OFF!

DATE: **July 15, 2017**

TIME: **11 am – 6 pm**

LOCATION: **Havert L. Fenn Center**

ADDRESS: 2000 Virginia Avenue
Fort Pierce, Florida 34982

THEME: Board Games

COMMUNITY'S BOARD GAME:
"Scrabble, The Bible Edition"

Get ready! Set! Roll the dice and dice the chilis!

An official cook-off in July that draws a crowd of over 10,000. For over 34 years, Treasure Coast residents have come to know and love the great food, fun and live entertainment the Chili Cook-off has to offer. Each year there is a new and exciting theme and guests come to see up to 40 teams compete for awards based on best chili, team spirit and fundraising. A fun family atmosphere with free admission & free parking. We invite you to participate in this year's festivities.

The Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County is encouraging teams to gather donations of board games. For EVERY board game we will get a \$5 credit toward Community's total. A donation box is in the Narthex and will be there until Sunday, July 9th. Games may include card games! Examples: Go Fish, Old Maid, Cribbage, UNO, Memory, Phase 10, Skip-Bo. *Note: A deck of playing cards will not count.*

We'll also need donations of water, soda and chili to sell in our booth. If you can make chili in advance, please freeze it and let me know. I'll make arrangements to get it from you. Donations will also be accepted to purchase chili toppings (onions & cheese) and Frito Lay 'Scoops' chips and additional sodas (if needed).

Can you donate a couple of hours (even 1 hour will help)? We'll need volunteers to collect money and scoop chili & sell drinks...

A donation box for board games and sign-up sheets for the booth, drinks & chili are in the Narthex and will be there until Sunday, July 9th. This event is great exposure for Community UMC! Come out & support Community, we all have a great time! We'll also have a BIGGER BOOTH (20 X 30)...let's fill it up! Be sure to wear your CUMC shirts!!

Any questions, please call me. Cell phone: (772) 971-4496.

Thank you in advance.

Rebecca Shortridge, Chili Team Captain



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

*Sunday
July 16!*



Celebrate
*National
Ice Cream Day*

Did you know: "In 1984, President **Ronald Reagan** proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month. He also established National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday in the month. Ice cream is nutritious." (google.com) Did they forget DELICIOUS?!



**JULY 16TH COVERED DISH LUNCHEON IS AN INDOOR PICNIC
with ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT!**

The church will supply the hot dogs and hamburgers, and ice cream. This will celebrate National Ice Cream Day. All are asked to bring a SALAD, or an item on the sign-up sheets. No desserts please. There will be a sign-up for macaroni, potato, pea, tossed, and fruit salads. Baked beans and chips too. Lettuce and tomato also. Thanks for planning your side dish and coming to enjoy a summer picnic menu. **Donations welcome to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs and the Chili Cook-Off (Saturday, July 15, 2017).** Call Ginny for more information (772) 464-4175.



July 6	Youth Meeting, 6:00 pm- 7:30pm
July 13	Youth Meeting, 6:00 pm- 7:30pm
July 17-21	VBS @ Community UMC
July 24-29	Community UMC Youth to Camp

Youth Update: Chairs, Ducks, Banana's, & Jesus!

Chair relays, describe the duck, and banana art are just a few of the things the youth have experienced in the past three weeks of the new multi-church youth ministry. "Describe the duck" was followed by a great discussion about describing Jesus to friends. The group also served lunch to a student mission team from the World Changers organization and was a guest in their small group devotion time. What's next?

We will be helping with summer faith camp at Surfside Church and Vacation Bible School at Community United Methodist Church. We will wrap up the summer with a youth week, including a Met's baseball game and a youth banquet!

We meet Thursday's 6:00-7:30 pm at Community United Methodist Church. All youth and friends are invited- doesn't matter if or what church they attend.

I am currently looking for people who would like to provide a dinner for the youth on Thursday night and for those who would like to join the leadership team. You can contact me at markayoung@bellsouth.net or (772) 579-7576.

Your Servant in Christ, *Mark*





MONDAY THRU FRIDAY JULY 17 - 21

5 pm Family Dinner Nightly - 6 pm to 8 pm VBS Activities
for children ages 4 through 11 or VPK through grade 6 (next fall)!

HELPERS NEEDED:

Crew Leaders Dramatists Puppeteers Kitchen Crew Crafters
Assembly Leaders AV Staff Activity Organizers Prayer Warriors
Registration Staff Assistants "Where Needed"

Worker Sign-Up Sheets and VBS Registration Forms are in the foyer.

Call Patty Surface (464-8526) for more information!



There will be a **PLANNING MEETING** for all **VBS helpers** on Wednesday, July 5 at 6:00 pm at the Surface's house. Come enjoy a light dinner together, gather information about "Studio Go!", share ideas, collect new materials, and let Patty and Rick know how they can assist you as you prepare for VBS. RSVP to Patty or Rick at (772) 464-8526 or surfacep@msn.com. The Surfaces live at 1108 South 8th Street in Ft. Pierce.



*Cora Dawson Jacob Krystal Maddie Mary
Murly Rich Youdanca Youlanda You-One*

*Are ready for United Methodist Church Camp
in Fruitland Park/Leesburg area!*

Monday thru Saturday - July 24 – July 29

Uline Daniel, mother of Murly and Rich, is going as a volunteer. Ginny and Robert, Sharon, and Patty and Rick will be their transportation.

Please keep them in your prayers as they travel for an intense week of learning more about Jesus, God, and themselves...and FUN.



LADIES ON A MISSION



Our group met on Wednesday, June 7, for fellowship, snacks and of course mission work! We put together 10 hygiene packs for Pastor Dan. He had stated that he sometimes has folks stop by his office who are in need of such hygiene basics. He will let us know when he needs additional packs. 17 filled purses were dropped off with Patsy Roberts at the Fort Pierce Police Department. Patsy will see that the purses find their way to women in need at SafeSpace. More Pew Bears were readied for their debut into the Sanctuary. Please take a Pew Bear home if you or someone you know needs a little reminder of God's loving presence. We continue to work on items for the Shriner's Children's Hospital. Bears, dogs, fleece throws and small quilts will put smiles on little faces! Winn Dixie now has blue bags! We think this is pretty exciting as the blue bags make very colorful additions to our mats for the homeless. More mats are almost finished and should be ready for delivery shortly. We are always hopeful for new additions to our group. Just a reminder that we will be meeting only the first Wednesday during the months of July and August.

Thank you and God Bless!



Book Buddy Ministry

"Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words." Betty Smith

On June 13th the \$50.00 cash donations that were received in February were used to help purchase twenty books from Books-A-Million in Vero Beach. **On Monday June 19th sixty books were distributed to the preschool children and two books were donated to the Children's Library in Hilson Hall.** Letters will be given to volunteers the first Sunday in September and each volunteer will have the whole month of September to purchase and donate two books. Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless!!! May each of you have a very Healthy and Happy Summer!

Respectively, Carole Ratliff, Book Buddy Coordinator



Many thanks for the Birthday cards, flowers, and gifts.

God Bless You and Keep You. Ellen Hessert



Sign up for Vacation Bible School NOW.
Registrations for CHILDREN and HELPERS available.



GOSPEL GARDENER

***See if I will not open the windows of heaven for you
and pour down for you overflowing blessings. Malachi 3:10^b***



It's July. Right in the middle of summer. Getting ready for Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School for the youth. I'm so happy to announce our vegetable garden is flourishing. So many plants and I can see the green beans hanging on the plants. It's so exciting. This truly is a wonderful spot for the veggie garden. Thank you Lord for sending rain for these hardy plants.

When I arrived at the garden Saturday morning, the Garden Patrol doves welcomed me. There were three of them and they seemed so excited to see me. The garden is so colorful. The plants are loving the rain. I saw the little Moss Rose over by the garden closet. It seems very happy in its little corner.

I trimmed back some of the Yellow Beach Daisy. What a lovely hearty plant. It brings so much color to the garden. Our little crotons that we trimmed back presenting out new sprouts and looking very promising. We have been able to give them a new outlook on life.

Today I found the little ceramic turtle's head. I've been looking for it for several weeks. So I'm getting it glued back together and will put it back in the garden. It is fun to place it in different areas of the garden. Keep your eye out for it.

One of the preschool classes created a little garden area right outside their class room. They planted some seeds and are anxiously watching and watering this garden. What a thrill when it begins to grown.

I thank God for this garden. The Firebushes are covered with red flowers. It's easy to see why it's called Firebush. We're getting the weeding under control. But as I dump the debris in the dumpster, the weeds yell out "We'll be back!". Come and look at our gardens. You are welcome. God Bless, **Jean Harvey**



Points to Ponder - If you give a weed an inch, it will take over a yard.

LEARN TO READ

In order to have true riches, the motive of your heart must be to bless others and establish God's covenant. (God's Creative Power by Charles Capp.)

Nothing outlives the gifts we give to others. LEARN TO READ is a loving, giving ministry. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. **Cheryl Milam**



FLORIDA UM CHILDREN'S HOME

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart. Col 3:15^a

In a world that seems to have gone crazy, it is refreshing to know that our Noisy Bucket Coins the last Sunday of each month is making a difference, allowing children to feel safe and loved. The following is from an alumnus of the Children's Home: "I lived in the Children's Home as a teen. This was the best group home I had ever lived in. My house parents were the best. Between my time spent on Campus and the friends I made, my teen years ended up being wonderful. Thank you for turning my dark, lonely life into a bright light in my heart." Wow, what a testimony to the power of God. Thank you all for your continued support of this ministry. **Cheryl Milam**

HANDS FOR THE LORD PUPPETS

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice. John 10: 4-5



Hurry and sign up for Vacation Bible School "Studio Go!" The Hands for the Lord Puppet team is excited to bring puppets to Bible School every night. You are going to meet the cutest little dog named "Cooper" and many friends. The lessons learned will all be reinforced with a skit and song performed by Hands for the Lord:



Monday	Go Lead	"I Want to be a Sheep"
Tuesday	Go Risk	"Stand"
Wednesday	Go Tell	"Stop and Let me Tell You"
Thursday	Go Obey	"It's a Jungle Out There"
Friday	Go Serve	"Taking Care of Others"

We also have a special song for our Church Kids to send them off to Leesburg Camp. On Sunday, July 23, we will perform "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah."

I know you're gonna have a great time joining us for "Studio Go!" Vacation Bible School! See you there!

July 2	Puppet Practice	1:00 - 3:00
July 9	Puppet Practice	1:00 - 3:00
July 16	Performance	8:30 & 10:30; Practice 1:00 - 3:00
July 17- 21	VBS Performance	6:00 - 8:00 (Monday – Friday)
July 23	Performance	8:30 & 10:30; Practice 1:00 - 3:00
July 30	Puppet Practice	1:00 - 3:00



On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event. *Look online or in local newspapers for patriotic ways to celebrate this freedom.*

JULY FLOWER MINISTERS

July 2 – Jean Harvey
July 9 – Carole Ratliff
July 16 – Rob & Cleo Robinson
July 23 – Nancy Calkin
July 30 – Bruce Jones



Please call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at **461-2499** if you would like to donate flowers in honor or memory of a special person(s) or event. The cost is **\$37.00**.

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

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 Monday, July 17 by emailing them to surfacep@msn.com. We'll fold it on Wednesday the 26th at 10 a.m. Thanks. Patty Surface (772) 464-8526.



PRACTICE

Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.
Please join us.

COFFEE HOUR

We are seeking additional 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.



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55+ Monthly Luncheons

We'll gather again in October. Check the LINK for the date and time. Have a safe and happy summer.

UMW and **CWU** will meet again in September. Details in the Link.

The next **Administrative Council Meeting** is Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6 pm. Chair people, Ministry Leaders, all are welcome.



CHURCH NURSERY

Remember our nursery each Sunday from 10:00 to noon for children under 4.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Fridays through the summer months. Thanks for leaving a phone message or email. It will be returned ASAP.

VBS Theme Bible Verse

"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9



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

Preschool
Director: Mrs. Carol Hilson
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