

# COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *Community's LINK – AUGUST, 2021*

### **Sundays**

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

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

10:30 a.m. – Live at [www.facebook.com/CUMCFP](https://www.facebook.com/CUMCFP)

8:30 and 10:30 – 88.5 FM in our Parking Areas

**Teaching Tuesdays** - Noon on Facebook

*Pastor Andrea Byer-Thomas*

*God is doing a new thing (Isaiah 43:19)*



Dear Community UMC, Grace and peace to you.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the work that God is calling this congregation to! We are four weeks in on our walk together and God is with us! When we first arrived, my family and I were met with welcoming smiles and kind words for which we give God thanks. As we continue this journey and getting to know each other, I would love to have more conversations with you around a cup of tea. Please talk with our Administrative Assistant Cindy about scheduling time to come in.

While we ponder next steps, I urge us to let our response be shaped by the following wisdom:

- The Greatest Commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind’ and ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:36-40).
- Paul’s advice to the Philippians: “Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4).
- Wesley’s Three General Rules – “Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.”

To help us in pivoting, I am working diligently in shaping a discipleship process for our children and youth and have started a new teaching ministry on Tuesdays live on Facebook. I will also meet with the Mayor and other City of Ft. Pierce officials in the near future to learn how we can extend our reach further.

The COVID pandemic is shifting gears and uncertainty is rearing its head yet again. We urge each person to exercise care in all your dealings. Follow safety protocols as much as you are able as a sign of your love for God and for your neighbor. Many of you are unable to worship in person in the sanctuary due to the pandemic or perhaps because of health restrictions. We thank you for faithfully joining us online for our weekly broadcasts. We are thinking of ways to make this a more engaging experience for you. You are missed.

These are indeed challenging times. We may even experience growing pains as sometimes occur in organizations that go through transitions. These pains will ease with the evidence of our growth – individually and communally. In addition, I know that each of you has your own stories of frustration and grief due to the pandemic and other life events. However, you are also telling beautiful stories of hope. I am taking it all in and rooting for you.

Please know that God’s grace is still at work in our community. The vitality of our congregation is needed now more than ever. Therefore, together, let us get involved with the new things God is doing in our midst! My family and I are praying for all of you. We request your prayers for us as well.

For Christ, because of Christ, *Pastor Andrea*





# Book Buddy Ministry - A Ministry of Help

*"There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully  
as those we spent with a favorite book." Marcel Proust*

Look for your letter the first week of August for information about the next  
Preschool Book Distribution.

Below is a list of recommended books for children to read before the age of 5:

**BOOK:**

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?  
Frog and Toad Are Friends  
The Little Engine That Could  
The Kissing Hand  
The Rainbow Fish  
The Pokey Little Puppy  
Where the Wild Things Are  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

**AUTHOR:**

Bill Martin Jr & Eric Carle  
Arnold Lobel  
Watty Piper  
Audrey Penn  
Marcus Pfister  
Janette Sebring Lowrey  
Maurice Sendak  
Michael Rosen  
Eric Carle  
Laura Joffe Numeroff

*This list was provided by Books-A-Million located in Vero Beach.*

## *Helpers 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 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) 971-8483.

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



from PRESCHOOL.

Our VPK School year starts August 10<sup>th</sup>. We still have openings for VPK, part time FREE, or full time. We are planning our VPK Open House August 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, in the Church Social Hall.

Ms. Sophia is our new Preschool Office Manager, due to Ms. Dana leaving. Ms. Sophia is a wonderful addition to our Center, having come as a former Preschool Director/Office Manager of a large Preschool in PSL. We will miss Ms. Dana and send prayers to her future ventures.

We are all looking forward to a blessed and wonderful Preschool year!  
Carol & Staff

## LADIES ON A MISSION

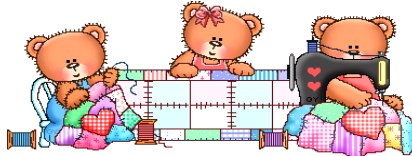
Another nice devotional reading and our meeting began. All were present with the exception of Gail. We're hoping and praying that she'll be able to join us soon.

Nancy had another mat completed (number 22) and a Care Can to be donated to GraceWay Village. Hygiene packs were also put together for GraceWay. We had good news that AbbieJean Russell (now Aidan Post-Acute and Rehabilitation Center) could once again accept our donations. 15 lap quilts were dropped off last week.

Work continues on quilts, cute fluffy throws and stuffed animals for Lawnwood Women and Children's Services. Pastor Andrea stopped by for a visit to see what we were all about. She led us in prayer for our ministry and hopes to join us in the future! What a wonderful surprise! Hygiene packs will also be given to Pastor Andrea for distribution. Hoping to reinstate the Pew Bears in the Sanctuary and Chapel as soon as is safe to do so.

We will next meet on Wednesday, August 4. Please DO NOT leave plastic bags in the Narthex as we don't need them at this time. We are always in need of small bottles of hand sanitizer, deodorant, new socks, new washcloths and toothpaste. We once again welcome donations of new or gently used teddy bears. As always, we thank you for your prayers and your donations.

God Bless. *Vicki Ridinger*



### **WHAT IS FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME?**

**Empowering children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through (w)holistic care. We Help Children in Need!**

"The Florida United Methodist Children's Home, established in 1908, serves as a diverse ministry with two campuses that include residential, therapeutic group, foster and emergency shelter care. The Home also provides independent living assistance and a community child care center.

Everyone in our care is safe and loved and treated as a unique and special creation of God."

**Thank YOU Community United Methodist Church** for your Noisy Bucket and other offerings.

As the Children's Home residents go back to school, thank you for considering a special gift to provide school supplies, backpacks, school uniforms/clothes, shoes and socks, and other necessary items. Your gift can be made through Community UMC by marking your donation Children's Home.



The ALTAR FLOWERS on JULY 18 were given as a Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary to Lou and Dot Costopoulos, this past July 6th. Much love from Karen, Vicki, Mike and Anita.

The single red rose was in celebration of Karen's 69th birthday on July 21.



## GOSPEL GARDENER

I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard who lacks judgement; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will come to you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man. Proverbs 24:30-34 NIV

This poem by Rudyard Kipling has been my companion in the garden.

"Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees  
that half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees;  
so when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray  
for the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!"



Liberty Hyde Bailey says "Our garden is not to impress others. But it is designed to provide pleasure for the gardener. It must have the things a gardener loves."

Right now in the garden, in our Children's Garden, I need to bring in my weed eater and get the grass a little under control. Let it know we do have some rules. To walk through the garden and see the Monarch Butterflies and the Tiger Swallowtail feasting on the Firebush. So many treats for the hungry or tired. We have so many colors in the garden and I wonder if the visitors can see all the assortment we offer.

Reginald Arkell says "A garden should be rather small or you will have no fun at all." Our Children's Garden is a perfect size. Grace Berger wrote this. "The soil conditioner still unmatched is a simple spade with spouse attached." So spouses are welcome too. Weeders can be any age. Our weeds jump at the chance to escape.

Looking forward to a time of fellowship with others this summer. Fellowship and fun, learning and growing in the Lord. God Bless, *Jean Harvey*

Points to Ponder. Give a weed an inch and it will take a yard.

A conversation here. A conversation there. A meal. A trip. A visit. A problem faced. A struggle overcome. A success shared. Little by little, our friendship has grown. *Dianna Booher*

## YOUTH

- August 5 No Youth
- August 12 "Back to School Night", 6:30-8:00 pm
- August 19 "Welcome 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Night", 6:30-8:00 pm
- August 26 Youth Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm



### Welcome New 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

All students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the youth group. Come out for **Back to School Night** for games, food, and contests that will help you get set for the new school year. Come back the next Thursday for **Welcome 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Night**. This is a special night to celebrate you as a new member of the group! The youth program is open to all students grade 6-12. Friends are always welcome!

*Youth continues on next page...*

## Your Students Are In Good Hands

Your students are in good hands in our youth ministry. The leadership team has over 60 years of combined experience in youth ministry.

Mark has been leading youth programs since 1995. He has led several United Methodist youth groups, served as a United Methodist district youth coordinator in Jacksonville and Melbourne, and has taught youth lay ministry to Lay Speaking leaders from all around the United States.

Kiana served with TeamEffort as the leader for their mission camps, as well as serving as a youth minister in the United Methodist Church.

Abbey has college degrees in church ministry and missions. She has served as paid staff at the Mountain Top and ReCreation mission organizations. Abbey has been a youth minister in the United Methodist church and is the leader of a local American Heritage Girls troop.

Serena is the newest member of our leadership team. She graduated high school this summer and, as a dual enrolled student, completed several college level psychology courses.

Our combined youth program meets at Surfside Church, 2818 South US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982. The church is in Suite E 4. Contact Mark Young for more information. His phone number is (772) 579-7576.



### HANDS FOR THE LORD

Proverbs 22:6 NASB Version



Train up a child in the way he should go; Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

As the new school year starts, so does a new puppet year.

It's a great time to join the Hands for the Lord Puppet Team.

**Training Class for new puppeteers will be in the Puppet Room  
on Saturday, August 28, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm.**

**Lunch will be provided.**

If you are between the ages of 10 - 100 and you've been thinking about joining the Puppet Team, please contact Cindy Young or Ginny Rosbury.

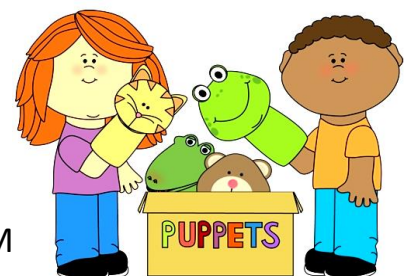
We are always happy to receive new puppeteers on our team!

Get Ready for our Cuban Sandwich Fund Raiser on September 5. You can pre-order your sandwiches or just get some after church. They go great at your Labor Day Picnic Party!

### August Calendar

Sunday, August 1,  
Sunday, August 8,  
Sunday, August 15,  
Sunday, August 22,  
Saturday, August 28,  
Sunday, August 29,

Puppet zoom 6:30 PM  
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Puppet zoom 6:30 PM  
Puppet Training 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
Puppet Practice 1:00 - 3:00 PM





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/1 Dottie Bowman  
8/1 Liam Chandler  
8/3 Jeremiah Smith  
8/5 Sandy Armstrong  
8/6 Reggie Brittian  
8/8 Michael Collins  
8/10 Cale Loveridge  
8/10 Dru Hilson  
8/10 Kara Odom

8/11 Jean Harvey  
8/12 Myrna Rohm  
8/18 Lisa Michaud  
8/20 Chris Hester  
8/20 Wilkens Michaud  
8/20 Gladys Thompson  
8/22 Maurice Horton Jr.  
8/22 Ethan Verdadero  
8/23 Shirley Cunningham

8/23 Annette Triplett  
8/24 Orin keys  
8/26 Gail Godwin  
8/27 John (David) Hall  
8/27 Robert Rhoat  
8/16 Rick & Cindy Smith  
8/24 Dan & Kathy Harrell

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



**CALLING ALL MEN – IT'S FREE!**  
Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 9  
Community UMC Fellowship Hall  
Monthly Dates will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays.  
Please join us for food and fellowship.



Please Join Us!

**UMW LADIES LUNCH**  
Friday, August 27 at 11:30  
Denny's at Flying J Travel Center  
100 N. Kings Highway and Orange Ave

## Mission Serve



"Dear Community United Methodist,

Thank you so much for serving alongside us this week and providing lunches for our participants! We appreciate your commitment in serving this community and we look forward to working with you in the future! Serving together, Mission Serve Staff"

Many thanks go to Vicki Ridinger and Ladies on a Mission, Mark Young and Youth, Cindy Young with Larry and Beth Simmons, Pastor Andrea and Rick with Wayne and Cheryl Brandt donating pizzas, and Preschool Chef Sandy, preparing sandwiches and hot dogs.

The Team came from states north of us, ready to work for the Lord. They were a special group of youth that blessed us all. Thank you Mission Serve for making Ft Pierce better.

Patty Surface, Community UMC Mission Chair



## AUGUST FLOWER MINISTERS

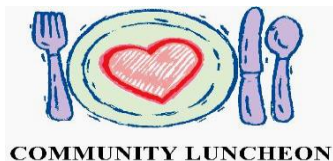
When altar flowers are donated, you are invited to deliver them to someone special. Please call the Church Office to share your delivery with Cindy. Thanks. *Nancy*



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 **\$40**.

**RECYCLING:** The Church continues to collect aluminum CANS – NO PANS. Thank you. *Nancy*

**Church Women United**  
Meet Next on September 21.



**55+ WILL  
RESUME  
SOON!**

**Have a wonderful August.  
Stay cool, safe, healthy, and happy.**



***Please remember the  
GOLDEN HEART FUND.***

***This allows Pastor Andrea to help  
others in cases of emergency.***

**Worship at 88.5 FM** is available in the parking areas of Community UMC each Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:30. Come and tune in for a new way to worship.

## COMMUNITY'S NEWSLETTER

Please submit items by Wed, August 18 by emailing to [surfacep@msn.com](mailto:surfacep@msn.com).

We will fold on Wed, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

Call Patty to help. 464-8526



**FIGHTING FOOD  
INSECURITY  
IN FLORIDA  
CONTINUES.**

Help replenish **OUR FOOD PANTRY** with non-perishable items. Some great suggestions are cereal, powdered milk, snack and fruit bars, juice boxes, dried fruit, snap top food cans, crackers such as Saltines and Ritz, individual bags of chips, dried meats such as Jerky, canned meats other than tuna, bottled water, and other foods that do not require refrigeration. Please do not donate items such as dried beans, peas, lentils, pasta, cake mixes, or items that need cooked or baked. **Thanks for delivering items to the office or leaving them in the church narthex.**


**CHURCH NURSERY**  
is coming again soon.

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