

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Daniel Baker, Pastor

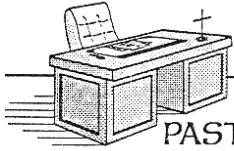
Sundays 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Chapel

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 February 2018 LINK



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

ACCEPTING HELP

(This article is from the Upper Room February 04, 2018.)

EXODUS 14:14

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.

One morning on vacation, I took a walk along the beach. I saw a small crab sidling quickly toward the water, but the tide was coming in, and for every inch the crab progressed, a wave would hit the shore, causing the crab to somersault further back along the sand. After each wave, the crab would right itself and resume its journey toward the water, undaunted. Soon, a small group had gathered to watch this crab. We all laughed sympathetically, knowing that the struggle was in vain - that eventually the crab would exhaust itself and be stranded on the beach, food for seagulls.

One man grabbed a stick, hoping the crab would latch on so that he could toss it into the sea. But to the crab the stick appeared threatening, and it immediately threw up its little pincers, ready to fight. The tiny crab looked so silly trying to fight this big man. Finally, a teen-aged boy dumped sand on the crab to stop its fighting, scooped it up in a big mound of sand, and placed it into the ocean.

How much like this crab I am! How I fight when God sends help! I seem almost determined to struggle, as if I know what's best. But when our efforts fail, we can remember to put our trust in God alone, who places us gently where we belong.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

God calls me to accept the
help others offer.

Prayer: Dear God, help us to recognize when we are relying solely on ourselves, and turn us back to You. Amen. *Pastor Dan Baker*



You are invited!
10th Annual



VALENTINE'S PARTY



Friday, Feb. 9



7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

C. L. Hilson Fellowship Hall

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Music, fun, food, and fellowship.

Invite Your Friends.

Hosted by 55+.

Confirmation classes have begun. We are meeting in the Garden, weather permitting, at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Pam Caimi is the teacher. Cheryl Milam in the co-teacher. We are looking forward to a journey into adulthood as directed by the Bible.

God bless you. *Cheryl Milam*





Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE SUPPER
All you can eat!
Tuesday, Feb 13, 5–7 pm

Adults: \$5; Age 7-12: \$3; 6 and under: Free!
Tickets from 55+ Friends or at the Door.

Pancakes

Sausage

Strawberries

Applesauce

Beverage

Hosted by 55+



Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Direct your children onto the right path and when they are older,
they will not leave. Proverbs 22:6

The following is a testimonial from an alumni. "I came to live at the Children's Home when I was only 13. Wow, how time flies. I now have two daughters of my own. It's true what was said, 'Once you leave the Home, a part of you stays.' I remained at the Home until I was 16, some of the most important years in a young man's life. I learned a lot from you, please give everyone my deepest love and tell them that I will never forget them."

Your love prayers and financial support of the Children's Home makes a difference! The love and appreciation are passed onto the next generation. YOU are making a difference in the future! God bless you all.

Cheryl Milam

Dear Church family,

Thank you for all your prayers and concerns for my family in the Philippines.

They survived the storm, landslide did not hit them, it went to the neighboring village where lots of people buried alive. They survived but people will start all over again with their lives. Road need to be fixed, it was totally damaged no transportation can come. Bridges broke down. Rice fields cannot be planted this year because irrigation was covered by mud.

Our President in Philippines, came in our town to show support and bring some relief, food and other things to help people who lost everything.

My sister said, life is hard this year but they are ok. God is good!

Thank you Lord for savings my family, and all your prayers.

In Christ Love,
Myrna Rohm



Learn to Read

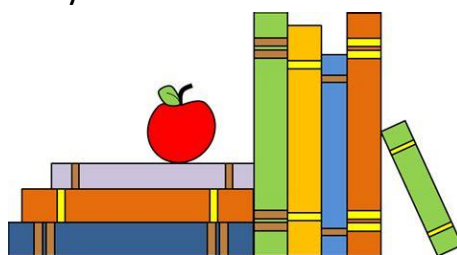
I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.

They are plans for good and not evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

We are starting a new class for the Learn to Read students. We will be meeting on Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Indian River State College. We will be conducting conversational classes to assist in the workplace and general society. This is an opportunity for the non-English speaker or the “little bit” English speaker to enhance their vocabulary, speech and reading skills. This class is open to all, no cost to the student.

If you are interested in this class or wish to participate in the class, please contact Luz Ma Camacho at Learn to Read (772) 464-2747 or Cheryl Milam (772) 370-0272. Cheryl Milam will be the teacher. Terry Milam will be the facilitator. Come on out for fun and learning.

Thank you.
Cheryl Milam



Back To School



GOSPEL GARDENER

A conversation between God and St. Francis



God: Francis, you know all about gardens/nature. What's going on down in the US? Where are all the dandelions, violets, thistles and other stuff. I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought, multiply with abandon. The nectar from blossoms attract butterflies, honey bees, songbirds. I thought there would be colorful gardens everywhere. All I see is green.

St F: Suburbanites moved in. They called your flowers "weeds" and they worked hard to kill them and replace them with grass.

God: Grass is so boring. No color. Doesn't attract butterflies, bees's or bird's, only grubs and sod worms.

St. F: No God, when grass grows a little, the suburbanites cut it, sometimes two times a week.

God: They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

St F: No Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

God: So they bag it. Do they sell it?

St F. No sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

God: Let me see. They fertilize it and make it grow. Then pay to throw it away.

St. F: Yes Sir.

God: These suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when I cut back the rain. Then grass doesn't grow fast.

St. F: Lord you won't believe this - when grass stops growing so fast. They drag out their hoses and pay money to water it and continue to mow it and pay to remove it.

God: Good thing they kept some trees. Tree's grow leaves in spring for beauty and shade in summer. In autumn leaves fall to ground and make a blanket to retain moisture in soil and protect trees and bushes. They become compost to enhance the soil. It's the circle of life.

St. F: Sit down Lord. When leaves fall, they rake them in piles and pay to have it hauled away.

God: What protects the soil in winter?

St. F: When they remove the leaves, they buy mulch. Take it home and spread it around in the yard.

God: Where do they get the mulch?

St F: They cut your trees down. Grind them up and make mulch.

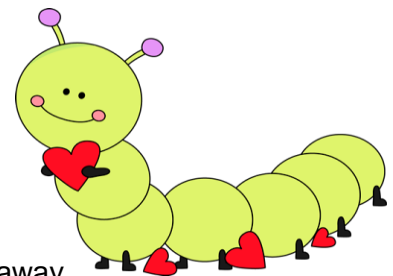
God: Enough. I don't want to think about this anymore. Let's watch a movie.

St. F: We have one called "Dumb and Dumber"

God: No thanks. I've just now seen that one.

This cute gardening tale was printed from Orange Peel Gazette 2008. All I can say is God bless us. We really need help. I know God loves our Colorful Children's Garden. It is a happy place for all.

Jean Harvey





Book Buddy Ministry

“Reading to children, even before they can understand words, teaches them to associate books with love and affection.”
(from someecards.com)



Book Buddy letters will be given to the volunteers on Sunday, February 4, 2018. 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.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers 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. Volunteers 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

February Youth Calendar

- 1- Youth Group, 6:30-8:00
- 8- Youth Group, 6:30-8:00
- 15- Parent Meeting & Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 22- Youth Group, 6:30-8:00



5 Churches, One Jesus

The vision of a multi-church community youth group continues to become reality! There are now five churches from the local community represented in the group. The fun and excitement continue to grow with each new member. We are united in following Jesus' example, serving others, and representing Christ in our churches and community.

Our youth group is open to all students grade 6-12. It doesn't matter what church they attend or if they are currently attending a church. Friends are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God is doing a great thing through your faithfulness! Blessings, *Mark*

Parent Meeting and Youth Group, Feb 15

Youth parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the quarterly parent meeting. The meeting will be Feb 15 at the church. We will eat together at 6:30 pm and start the meeting at 7:00. We will discuss upcoming retreats, service projects, mission trip, and the summer fun schedule. Please plan to attend.

HANDS FOR THE LORD

Don't forget to order your Cuban Sandwiches from the Hands for the Lord Puppet Ministry. The Cuban sandwich fund raiser is February 4th, Super Bowl Sunday. Sandwiches are \$5.00 each. The funds raised are used to purchase puppet materials, travel to puppet festivals and for other outreach performances. Thank you for your support of our Puppet Ministry.

Thank you so much to Jim Shortridge for bringing an inspirational devotion to our first puppet practice of the New Year! The devotion was very meaningful and appreciated by our puppet team. With this New 2018 Year we are focusing on bringing the team together to better glorify God. We are prayerfully recommitting ourselves to follow our mission statement and our puppet guidelines. Each month we are welcoming a guest speaker to present a devotion to our puppet team. Thank you to Rick and Patty for volunteering to have a devotion for us in February.

Sunday, February 4, Cuban Sandwich Fund Raiser & Puppet Practice

Sunday, February 11, Puppet Practice 1:00 - 2:00

Sunday, February 18, Puppet Practice 1:00 - 2:00

Sunday, February 25, NO Puppet Practice



Ladies on a Mission

Happy New Year! At our January 16th meeting, the ladies started off 2018 with renewed energy and purpose! A big "Thank You" to the 55+ members who donated hygiene items at their December meeting! Because of their generosity, we were able to put together 20 hygiene packs for Pastor Dan. These packs contained such basics as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, comb, socks, tissues, etc.

We will gladly accept new or gently used bears for our Pew Bear ministry. We are so happy that the bears are carrying God's word out into the world. Work continued on quilts and stuffed animals to be given to children at Shriner's Hospital in February. The children are always so appreciative! Eleanor completed another mat which will hopefully make someone's sleep a little more comfortable. Remember that no experience of ANY kind is necessary to join us-we always have something that you can do!

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



FEBRUARY FLOWER MINISTERS

4 – Valerie Banks
11 – Alma and Russell Cross
18 – Carole Ratliff
25 – Judy Eaton



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**.

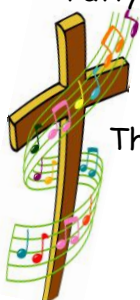
Flower Ministers: PLEASE e-mail or call Sylvia/Church Secretary a follow-up report for flower deliveries.

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, February 21 by emailing them to surfacep@msn.com. Our folding date is TUESDAY, Feb 27 at NOON. 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.

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55+ LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 at NOON! (New date; same time.)

Our guest speaker is Dona Alexander from "United Against Poverty". Come hear about their community programs and opportunities. Bring a covered dish and a friend.



ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY 55+

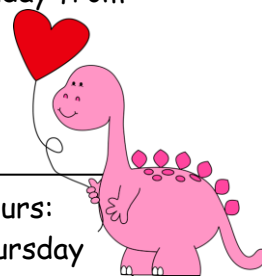
Friday, Feb 9 - Valentine's Party, 7 - 9 pm
Tuesday, Feb 13 - Pancake Supper, 5 - 7 pm

U M W are invited to Church Women United on Friday, Feb 2. We will have a brief meeting at 9:30 then a Human Rights Celebration at 10 a.m. We will be recognizing Police Officer Damien Spotts for his service to our community. The meeting is at 302 N. 23rd Street, Ft Pierce. See Patty for details.

The next **Administrative Council Meeting** is Monday, February 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