

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Community's October, 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
Pastor Dan Baker

HURRICANES - Florida's Bishop Carter is asking us all to consider a special offering for hurricane relief. The Cabinet has established the Hurricane Irma Fund to help those impacted by Irma. You can aid victims of the other recent hurricanes through UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief. 100% of all donations go to relief work. Donations should be marked either Hurricane Irma or UMCOR, and specify hurricane. For more information visit www.umcor.org.

YOU ARE NEEDED
TO HOST
Community United Methodist Church's
Fall Festival for Children
Saturday, October 28
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bring your car with CANDY in the trunk!

NO CHOCOLATE PLEASE; IT MELTS.

Set-up begins at 10:00 a.m.

Hot Dog Lunch

Games Puppets *and* More!

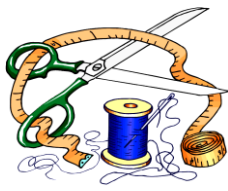
"Trunk 'n Treat"!

Bring a friend! Everything is free!

Call Patty at (772) 464-8526 for more information.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.





LADIES ON A MISSION



Thanks to preparations for Irma, we had to cancel our September 6 meeting. Thankfully, though, God was merciful and spared our community a devastating hit.

Our October meeting has been cancelled as well due to many members being unavailable. We will next meet on Wednesday, November 8, at 1 pm. At that meeting we will be continuing our work on mats, lap quilts for AbbieJean Russell and hygiene packs for the Fort Pierce Police Department. We are also working up some fidget quilts to be donated to Samuel Gaines Academy for some special needs children.

We do **NOT** need plastic bag donations at this time so please don't leave them by our closet in Hilson Hall. We are **NOT** collecting plastic caps anymore either. We **ARE** however still asking for donations of hygiene products - **especially toothpaste**. And Pew Bears are available for adoption if you or someone you know could use some extra TLC. We are always hoping for new faces! Your donations and prayers are greatly appreciated! Thank You and God Bless!

October Calendar of Youth Events

- 5 - Youth Group, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 12 - Youth Group, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 19 - Youth Group, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 26 - No Youth Group



Youth Group Time Expands!

Starting in October, the Youth Group will meet 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Youth can arrive as early at 6:00 pm for free time, games, and just hanging out. The change comes in response to the youth parent meeting we had last month; it was discovered that some students cannot arrive by 6:00 but could be there at 6:30. There was a need, so we made a change. Great things are happening with the youth and we will keep fine tuning things as we go along!

Your servant in Christ, *Mark Young*



GOSPEL GARDENER

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1*



Hurricane Irma roared in for a visit. Her powerful winds and rains cleaned out the Children's Garden. Not much serious damage. Our beautiful fire bushes are leafless and bare. I'm glad I have been calling your attention to them for months. Our amazing God is telling us to just relax and be patient and new growth is on its way.

Those Beach Daisies just smile and shout, "Just bring it on, we love the activity." Our flags are waving! The Garden art decorations have been put in the Garden Room until the coast is clear. Will be put back in the garden when we feel they will be safe.

Our Coral Honeysuckle put up a good fight with the wind. Some limbs made it through so hopefully it'll start some re-growth. Looks like many plants had a wild ride. The native Florida plants faired very well.

All the trimming that Lee Jr. and I did really paid off. I appreciate his help. Our new Hibiscus wasn't even bothered with the activity. It looks great. I appreciate Bob Young's help getting the debris to the trash bin.

The Vanda orchids are in full bloom and bringing joy to all. Thanks to Dottie and Dennis. The Sanctuary garden asked me, "Oh, was there a hurricane? It was safe and cozy in the Sanctuary garden."

Vicki Ridinger put some Autumn flags in the garden. Thanks for this. She says, "Welcome to Fall."

Once again our church family has opened their hearts and hands, and skills to the community during Hurricane Irma. It was so comforting to come to church and sing, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." Thank you Lord for being with us.

God Bless. *Jean Harvey*



Points to Ponder

To feel the lure of green things growing. That's gardening, and I'd rather be weary from working in a garden than at ease from anything else. Gertrude Jekyll



HANDS FOR THE LORD PUPPETS

"Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs." Psalm 66:4



The puppets and the puppeteers came through Hurricane Irma just fine. Singing praises to God for his love and protection.

On Saturday, October 28th, the puppet team will put on a cute show for the FALL FUN FESTIVAL at Community United Methodist Church. We will be performing some new songs, *"King of the Jungle"*, *"God's Love"*, and *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*. This will be a great day of fun for the children.

Oct. 1	Practice 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct. 8	Practice 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct. 15	Practice 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct. 22	Practice 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct. 28	Performance at the Fall Fun Festival – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	Practice 1:00 - 3:00 pm



Thank you for your support of our Cuban Sandwich Fund Raiser in September. We appreciate your prayers and support.

Book Buddy Ministry

*"A GOOD BOOK IS THE BEST OF FRIENDS,
THE SAME TODAY AND FOREVER."* Martin Farquhar Tupper



On Sunday, September 3 thirty-four Book Buddy letters were given to the volunteers who were present at the 10:30 church service. Letters were mailed out the same week to the ones who were not present. The deadline for turning in books was Friday, September 29, 2017. Books should be left in the Book Buddy Bin (in the Narthex) or the Church Office. The Preschool Book Distribution will take place the first week of October. Thank you for your continued support.

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





Are you thinking of **JOINING** Community United Methodist Church?
See Pastor Dan or call the Church Office – (772) 461-2499.

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We want everyone in our updated **DIRECTORY** with name, address, phone number, and email contact. A form will be in the bulletin and newsletter. Thank you for completing and returning it.



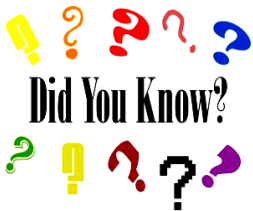
Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 8,
and all of October is Clergy Appreciation Month.
Let Pastor Dan know how much you care about him,
are inspired by his "Bible Teachings",
and admire his daily witness.



There will be a **GARAGE SALE** at our **Church Parsonage** on
Saturday, October 14 at 9 a.m. until noon. We are selling
FURNITURE ONLY. Thanks for helping set up at 8 a.m. The
parsonage is located at 1708 Arizona Av. in Ft. Pierce.
Call Patty or Rick for details. (772) 464-8526



Our **CHURCH CONFERENCE** is Sunday, October 15 at 2 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church in Vero Beach. FUMC is located at 1750 20th Street, also known as Highway 60, several blocks west of US Highway 1.



... Our own Janet Jones, retired from a career of nursing, spent Hurricane Irma at the Fenn Center, St. Lucie County's Special Needs Shelter. Janet was a nurse-on-call for 4 days. Thanks Janet. (Janet is also the official "lifeguard" at our youth pool parties.)



Thank God we have all weathered the storm. Now it is time to concentrate on the new school year. Thanks to your continued support and prayers, your generous giving has provided school supplies, new clothes, and shoes for the children of the Children's Home. The following is a testimonial from a child at the Home:

"In the short time I have been here, my grades have greatly improved. I have also learned to trust adults. I am very thankful for the Children's Home."

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God,
and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7

You exemplify LOVE. Thank you and God bless you all.

Cheryl Milam



OCTOBER FLOWER MINISTERS

- 1 – Valerie Banks
- 8 – Cleo & Rob Robinson
- 15 – Jean Harvey
- 22 – Carole Ratliff
- 29 – Bruce Jones

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 Wednesday, October 18 by emailing them to surfacep@msn.com. We'll fold it on Wednesday the 25th 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.



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**.

55+ MONTHLY LUNCHEON Noon, Wednesday, October 18

Invite a friend.

Bring a dish to share.

FOOD/FELLOWSHIP/FUN.



UMW will have a **Breakfast Meeting Friday, October 13 at 9 a.m.** at **Denny's** - 100 N. Kings Highway, Fort Pierce, in Flying J at the North East corner of Orange Avenue and Kings Highway. Come, bring a friend for a time of Christian fellowship.

Church Women United was postponed to Tuesday, October 3 at 10 a.m. at our Community UMC. See Patty for details.

The **Administrative Council** meets Monday, October 23 at 6 pm. Chair people, Ministry Leaders, all are welcome.

CHURCH NURSERY



Is available at 10 a.m. to Noon each Sunday for children under 4 years of age.



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

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