

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
July, 2020 LINK Newsletter

Sundays

8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. - Live at www.facebook.com/CUMCFP

Pastor Dan Baker



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

from Robert Rosbury

Here are some things I would like for Community's members and friends to do.

Create a small group of fellow members or friends, at least 3-5. Collect each other's contact information. Have one person be the contact for your group. Submit your list to the church office. We at the church will make a list that you can call to get assistance. Yes, we'll send our list out to you. This will give us a network to contact your group, see if everyone is OK, and if they need anything during a crisis, any crisis.

If you cannot stay where you live, make a reservation with a hosting family. NOW is the time to do this. Keep your group leader informed.

I want to encourage everyone to make a plan of action. This plan would let us know your location during a storm/crisis.

SUPPLIES: This is a good time to stock up on items you will need: water, food supply, batteries, MEDICATIONS for the next few months, and let's not forget our pets.

The plan is, just get a little bit every time you do your shopping, and in a few weeks you will be set.

If you own a generator now is the time to verify that it will work. Get it serviced if needed.

Remember those **SHUTTERS**. Are they ready to go? Do they need repair? Do you have all the parts to install them? (screws, bolts, etc.) Do you need assistance for installation and removal? Let us know so we at the church can make a list of those who need this assistance.

Thanks for reading this. I know there are big lists out there, but what I mentioned above will give us all a head start, so we to can help others.

Remember as a church, you and me, WE can do great things together.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Rosbury, Disaster Coordinator for Community UMC



HANDS FOR THE LORD PUPPETS

Matthew 11:28-29 *Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, you will find rest for your souls."*

Greetings Puppeteers,

I hope you are enjoying your summer, even with social distancing. God is good, all the time. I have been praying for each of you and I look forward to the time when we can safely resume our puppet ministry. Take care and God Bless You All.

2 Chronicles 15:2^b *"The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you..."*



Congratulations to Our Graduates!

We are celebrating the graduation of two seniors in our youth program!



Jason Thomaselli graduated from
Port Saint Lucie High School.

Andrew Hisson graduated from
Saint Lucie West Centennial High School.

Jason is a member of Surfside Community Church and **Andrew** is a member of First United Methodist Church, Ft Pierce. Both are members of our youth program and outstanding members of our community.

Please pray for them and all our youth as they learn to hear God's voice and respond to His calling. Your servant in Christ, *Mark*



Dot and Karen wish to extend our many thanks for the prayers and cards on the passing of **Lou Costopoulos**, husband and father. To Bob Young, a big thank you for singing – "In the Garden" and "The Lord's Prayer", at grave side. A great thank you to Linda and Jeannie who hosted the luncheon. Lou always had a special place in his heart for the donut ladies. They always knew what donuts were his favorite and had them at the luncheon. A special thanks to Pastor Dan for his visitation and Communion and prayers for / with Lou. Lou is loved and will be greatly missed. Until we meet again. *Dot and Karen*



Flowers for Worship on July 5 are in memorial of our father, **Lou Costopoulos**, and to celebrate our parents 69th wedding anniversary. The colors in the altar arrangement reflect the important activities during his lifetime -- Dark Green - the Sheriff Department; Light Blue - the Coast Guard Aux; Dark Blue - his work uniform (Lou's Servicer); and yellow was his favorite color. *Love, Karen, Vicki, Michael, Anita*

Book Buddy Ministry - A Ministry of Help

“The simplest way to make sure that we raise literate children is to teach them to read, and to show them that reading is a pleasurable activity.” - Neil Gaim

During the third week of July books will be left in Hilson Hall for the preschool teachers to distribute to the preschool children. Again, Buddy helpers DO NOT need to donate books as books that have already been donated will be used. If there is a shortage of books for a particular age group or groups, the money received from monetary donations will be used to purchase the needed books. At this time, I still tentatively plan to distribute letters to helpers again on the first Sunday of September. Thank you again for your continued support.

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 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) 971-8483.



Wishing all a very Happy and Safe Summer!



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

Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Cast all your anxiety on God because He cares for you. 1Peter 5-7 NIV

In the midst of troubles, we as the family of God, must continue to support, uplift, and pray for the staff and residents of The Florida United Methodist Children's Home. They have produced a Youtube video sharing how their missions and ministries continue, after more than a century of service. Regardless of circumstances, the mission continues. We serve an awesome God!

Hopefully we will return to weekly services in the church, with our church family, soon. We hope to resume our Noisy Bucket Offering the end of each month. We will use extra BIG BUCKETS to hold all your saved change! If you would like to donate on line, visit the website at www.fumch.org and click the DONATE button. You may text "spark" to 50155 as well. Thank you. God bless you.

Pray for each other and our world.

In God's love, *Cheryl Milam*



LADIES ON A MISSION

Summer already and the Ladies are still distancing themselves while staying busy. We have stayed in touch with each other and continue to work on our various projects. Several mats are ready for delivery to GraceWay Village as soon as they are able to accept donations. Nancy's famous Care Cans are ready to go too! Nurse Jennifer at Lawnwood is hopeful that they too will be able to accept donations in the near future. She says that her "kids" are missing our blankets, quilts and "stuffies" as she calls them. Our items for AbbieJean Russell are on hold as well. So our spare rooms are full and just waiting until we can once again share our projects with the community. We're hopeful that our July meeting will be able to take place but we'll just have to wait and see. Meanwhile we hope that our church friends are staying safe and well.

As always, we are grateful for your donations and your prayers.



In partnership with the City of Fort Pierce, GraceWay Village is yet again expanding their Meals Program! Please email info@gracewayvillage.com or give them a call (772) 925-3074 if you are available to help ... or need help!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Deborah Baker
2 - Anthony Franceschini
9 - Julie Smith
11 - Layton Chandler
12 - Madelynn Rosbury
16 - Laura Bowman
16 - Dawnika Cunningham
16 - Coni Harrison
17 - Michael Rosbury
20 - Shea Young
21 - Karen Costopoulos
21 - Barbara Paxton

22 - Pansy Davey-Duffus
23 - John Young
27 - Dawson Kiernan
30 - Shanel Solomon

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

12 - Robert & Debra Becker
21 - Paul & Jan Onori





GOSPEL GARDENER

GOD'S ACCURACY

This article was given to me in 2015 and I think it belongs in our Gospel Gardener. God is creating miracles every day in our Church Gardens and in our lives every day.



When GOD solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities.

When GOD doesn't solve our problems, HE has faith in our abilities. Naveen Sundarkar

One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs ... Those of the canary in 14 days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days; the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. All these are divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!

See God's wisdom in the making of an elephant ... The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body - too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground on its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation! Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. Each orange has an even number of rows. Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains. All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks. Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, a great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory that contained the right kind of soil, moisture, and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will entrust Him with our lives. He made our brains and hearts and can successfully guide them to a profitable end. Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point. God created us in His perfect plan.

God bless you all. *Jean Harvey*

Point to Ponder. Plant seeds of KINDNESS and grow a GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP.



Warren Willis United Methodist Church Camp has been cancelled for this summer. We look forward to activities there in the future. Thank you for your support and donations. We plan to use them as soon as possible.



Join Bishop Ken Carter for *Summer in the Scriptures* through the Gospels!

It began with the book of Matthew. July 1 reading is Mark 3. Join the "Summer in the Scriptures" Facebook group to share your insights and gain inspiration with others from across the Florida Conference. Or you can read it "on your own". Connect at facebook.com/groups/GospelSummer for video content, podcasts and daily support for deepening in the mind, heart and life of Jesus.

The "Daily Reading Plan" and checklist is online. See below.

<https://www.flumc.org/files/content/summer+in+the+scriptures+checklist.pdf>



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE through ProPay and Center State Bank. This allows donations to be deposited directly into Community's account, using a computer, tablet, or mobile phone.

ProPay expands the ways to give with an "electronic transfer of funds". This can be done using a credit card, debit card, or "ACH".

There is a charge for using a card.

MasterCard, VISA, Discover, and American Express have a 2.95% fee.

A debit card has a "flat fee" of \$4.95. This is more cost effective on a large donation.

There is NO charge for an ACH. (ACH stands for Automated Clearing House for money transfers. It moves money between banks without using paper checks.)

To set up online giving go to:

<https://communityunitedmethodistchurch.epay-centerstatebank.com>

If you have any questions, please call Patty Surface. If she doesn't know, she will contact the bank and discover the answer. (772) 464-8526



Dottie Bowman has a new phone number. (772) 979-2711
Why not give Dottie a call.



Independence Day in the United States celebrates our Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.



In 1984, President Reagan decreed the third Sunday in July National Ice Cream Day, July 19, 2020. A day for ice cream actually glorified the dairy industry in America.

Flowers are not ordered at this time.
Nancy Calkin, Flower Ministry Coordinator

RECYCLING: The Church continues to collect aluminum CANS – NO PANS. 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, July 22 by emailing them to surfacep@msn.com. We'll fold it on Wednesday the 29th at 10 a.m. Thanks. Patty Surface (772) 464-8526.



**FREE BREAKFAST and
"COFFEE HOUR"
WILL RETURN
SOON.**

Church Women United
General Meeting
Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30/10
First UMC, Ft Pierce.

United Methodist Women
will plan a fall gathering
as soon as possible.

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Church Website: www.communityumfp.com
Pastor's Email: bannerdan01@comcast.net
Pastor's Cell: (772) 882-8134

Please call the **CHURCH OFFICE** at **461-2499** if you would like to donate flowers (\$40) in honor or memory of a special person(s) or event.

Administrative Council Meetings are postponed for now. Church business will be through email and text.

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE
See Robert Rosbury.

55+ LUNCHEONS

will resume in the fall.
Stay safe. Be happy

Community's Preschool
opened May 26. Students are practicing social distancing and doing great.

Public Schools K-12
Plan on re-opening
Monday, August 10, 2020.

CHURCH NURSERY
will return
as soon as possible.

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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