

The Journey



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The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center
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The cover this month is by Linda Waters. She is a dental assistant in Sun City Center and loves nature and animals. Sea Turtles and horses are her favorites. She also loves the beach and taking pictures of the ocean, and doing crafts like quilting and sewing. This picture of Sea Turtles was taken at the Turtle Farm in the Grand Cayman Islands.

Message from the Communication Team

By Diane Hall

March is here and spring is right behind it. I feel so fortunate to live in sunny Florida, and sorry for those that have suffered through the nasty winter in our northern states.

The photographer that is sharing her photo on our cover this month is a lovely gal I met while at a local dentist. I was admiring the photos on the walls in the room and commented on how beautiful they were. That is when I discovered that she took all the photos. Of course I wanted to share one of them with you. This photo has not been photo-shopped in any way. It reminds me how beautiful nature is.

Our theme for April is, of course, Easter. If you have something special to share that is related to a theme and would like to share it with the church family, please send it to me by email.

Our due date never changes for your articles, notices, events, changes, etc., so mark the **14th** as the requested date for each month. Please send your information in Microsoft Word format, or type the information in your email and send it to dhall2117@gmail.com. If you have any questions you may call me at 813-633-2141.

If you like to write, The Communication Team could sure use you!

We hope you enjoy The Journey as much as our team enjoys providing it for you.

God Bless Us All,

Your Communication
Team





Welcome

Message from Pastor Charlie

You have heard the old saying, “March roaring in like a lion!” This is certainly the case here at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center! God has truly blessed us with an incredible “season” so far. Forty new members joined our church family on February 22nd. We continue to be in the midst of the “ALL ONE BODY WE” Capital Funds Campaign as we bring forth the “First Fruits” and celebrate God’s goodness.

During the month of March, we move through the season of Lent. As your pastor, I would invite you to ponder this question, “Do you want to change the world?” The obvious answer is, “Yes!” We all want to do our part to make our world a better place. Vision and commitment must be followed by action. On March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, I will be preaching a sermon series: “So You Want to Change the World?” The weekly titles will be: *Examining Your Priorities*, *Discovering God’s Priorities*, *Putting Everything on the Line*, and *How God Answers Prayer*. March 29th is Palm Sunday, and our chancel choir, bells and orchestra

will present “I Am The Lord of The Dance” – a Holy week Musical. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will offer services of contemplation.

I encourage everyone who ATTENDS the church to have your picture taken for the new Church Directory. I can’t begin to tell you how much this will help me put names with faces, and a wonderful asset for everyone who attends our church, so as we grow, we can all put names with faces.

I also invite you to share a Lenten Bible Study with me. Let us share *Final Words from the Cross* offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. for those who prefer an evening class, and also on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 A.M. for those who prefer a morning class. Both classes will be held in Room 19 in the Sanctuary Building.

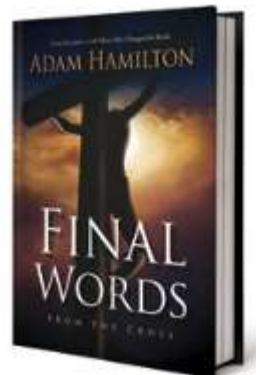
What an exciting time to be a part of God’s Kingdom here at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center! I am blessed to be your pastor.

Pastor’s Lenten Bible Study Continues

By Lina Whitt

Join Pastor Charlie as he begins a six weeks Lenten series based on Adam Hamilton’s *Final Words from the Cross*. This class will be given on Tuesdays, February 24th at 7:00 PM and again on Wednesdays, February 25th at 11:00 AM. Both classes will be in Room 19 (Sanctuary Building).

In this series, renowned author, Adam Hamilton provides fresh insight into Jesus’ final words at the cross through the perspective of those who witnessed the crucifixion. Hamilton moves beyond the cross to Jesus’ words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. In Pastor Charlie’s words, “This study will provide an in-depth look at the words which prove Christ’s love for us.” *Final Words* books are available in the Pages of Life Bookstore.



God is calling me to

Carol Stewart and Doris Graham
Executive Directors Campaign Steering Team

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

The “All One Body We” campaign reminds us that we are all individual and necessary parts of the body of Christ. Our financial tithes and offerings are needed, but so also are our unique gifts and graces.

God’s been preparing us all our lives for this time and this place. He’s been nurturing us for these special days. He’s encouraging us to answer the needs of our Church today, and to build the legacy for those who will come after us.

Is God calling you to work on the Fellowship Team, or help with the children? Is He preparing you to develop a young adult family ministry, or get involved in missions? Is your calling to support the church in prayer? Are you called to share your personal strengths with others, or serve by welcoming people to our church?

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God”, search your heart – how is God calling you?

Upcoming Campaign Events

We are nearing the end of the financial campaign that “kicked off” on Super Bowl Sunday, and are preparing for the victory on Celebration Sunday.

March 1st marks Faith Investment Sunday when we will gather all the investment cards.

March 8th will be Appreciation Sunday as we thank God for blessing our church in mighty ways, and we thank the congregation for all their gifts – both financial gifts and gifts of service.

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March 15th is Celebration Sunday to mark the official end to our campaign. It’s the day we announce the totals from our Faith Investment Cards and look ahead to fulfilling the visions God has for our Church.

Growing Together in “Vision”

By Linda Whitt

As God continues to bless our church with growth and excitement for the work of Christ, the Prayer and Visioning Group moves ahead prayerfully to form new visions and plan the work to which we are called.

Priority visions for the future:

- Create a Task Force to study growth and accommodation issues at 12 month and 36 month increments.
- Intentional development of small groups focused on spiritual growth.
- Implement Outreach (Connection) strategies to introduce our church and its ministries to new, developing communities.

Please pray for the Prayer and Visioning Group that they may lead God’s vision for our church into the future.



Ministries

Congregational Care

Your Parking Team - Road from the Green Lot

By Doug Moore

Once we began to fill our main parking lot we realized we needed to ask people to park in the Green Lot behind the hospital. At first we had about eight or nine cars. Recently we had as many as 82! This is great but we then realized that we needed to find a quicker and safer way to do the transporting between the Green Lot and the church. So we explored the idea of cutting a cart path between the main lot and the Green Lot. We decided that the best place to do this would be next to the Timely Treasures building...



But as you can see it was a mess. God however took charge and we ended up with many groups participating that eventually helped make this become a reality. Here is what happened:

- The Disaster Response Team (DRT) dug a road bed and cleared out all of the dead brush
- Minto Communities provided over 5 yards of top soil for fill dirt and landscaping
- Earl Gall and Doug Moore loaded about 40 stones from a dumpster in KP and made a stone wall
- Then the DRT contributed over 4 yards of gravel for the road bed
- Ted Kulinna built a rugged ramp for the golf cart to drive over the curb
- Brenda Morrow and Heidi Evans began to research what plants would work best in the shade of the TT building. They have since purchased and planted the plants
- Our church neighbor in the first house North of the church contributed some discarded curbing

We noticed through all of this that there were numerous birds that lived in the area and even a friendly Raccoon. The trip from the Green Lot to our Sanctuary has become a very relaxing and enjoyable drive. There is even a small stream that we drive along. For those cold days, we have blankets ... that were made by church members, to help keep you warm. (And on days when we aren't real busy you may even get your windows washed.)



It is a great experience. You are picked up at your car door, driven by a friendly and cheerful tour guide to the patio of the church, all in a matter of a few minutes, plus you're passing through a beautiful garden on the way.

You will be blessed.

PS. Both Pastor Charlie and Pastor Sam park in the Green Lot Every Sunday, you will be in good company.



*See you on the
Road from the Green Lot!*



Fellowship

"3's Company" For Dinner

By Kathy Straub

It's that time again..... time for our fabulous traditional Irish feast on Tuesday March 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the LEC. In honor of St. Paddy's Day, our always incredible Fellowship Team will be serving a



meal fit for an Irish king. Starting off with "the wearin' o' the green" jello salad. The dinner includes tender and juicy corned beef with cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, bread and a yummy cake for dessert. AND, we're having Company for dinner...3's Company, that is. Your entertainment for the evening are those 3 delightful "singing sisters", Kathy Straub, Ellen Kleinschmidt, and Teri Council, bringing back their fantastic "3's Company" Show. Each of the ladies will be singing a couple of their favorite solos as well as joining their vocal talents in some terrific trios. They may not all be Irish, but you will be genuinely entertained by these 3 crazy ladies. Tickets are \$10 and are available in the church office or on the patio between services. Deadline for purchase is March 8th. Don't miss it!

Health



Where: United Methodist Church of Sun City Center

Sponsored By: Manatee Memorial Hospital

When: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

To ensure you receive the special \$10 package discount PLUS a matching \$10 donation to UMCSCC, you MUST pre-register through one of the exclusive Helping Hands sign-up methods:

- ◆ **PHONE 1-800-324-9458**
- ◆ **ONLINE at www.helpinghandsforhealth.com**
- ◆ **FAX to 1866-628-4857**

**Join the nearly 8 million people who have been screened. Appointments are limited, register today.
Pre-Registration is Required**

Community Connections

Meet and Greet

In November a new group was formed so women of various churches could meet one another. The first Meet and Greet was held at the United Community Church and was very successful.



In March women from all of the Houses of Worship in the Sun City Center area are invited to Meet and Greet:

Jewish Congregation of Sun City Center
1115 E Del Webb Blvd
Sun City Center

March 18th at 10:00 A.m.

Rabbi Carla Freedman will be the featured speaker.

Please Join Us!

THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY NEEDS YOU!!

Make Your Appointment Today for Your Church Directory Photo
(Every person who attends UMC is invited)

2 easy ways to make your appointment for your photo shoot for the new Church Directory:

Go to www.umcsc.org (church website) click on the photo session scheduler button, and follow the simple instructions.

The website will be closed for appointments from Saturday noon until Sunday noon.

Sign up at the Church Directory Table from 8:00 AM until 12:30 PM Sunday mornings only on the Patio.

Photo sessions beginning Tuesday, March 3 Noon-6:30 and Saturdays 10:00AM to 4:30PM.

Please contact Linda Whitt x214 or Pat Hill x209 with questions.



Spiritual Growth

NEW for WOMEN

THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH AGENDA

By Barbara Kanoza

Coming in April are two thought-provoking bible studies for women:

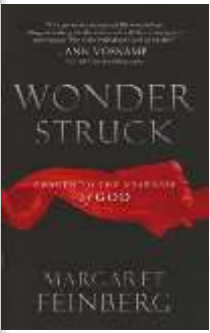
Discerning the Voice of God, How to Recognize When

God Speaks by Priscilla Shirer. This study will help you to recognize God's character, language, and tone of voice as you spend time in His Word and understand the role of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M., April 1st – May 13th.



Wonderstruck: Awaken to the Nearness of God

by Margaret Feinberg. Do you ever feel like you're going through the motions of faith? Sometimes we do and say the right things, but our hearts are far from God. We lose our sense of awe. This study will help you recognize the presence of God in the midst of your routine and discover joy in knowing you're wildly loved. Mondays at 6:30 P.M., April 6th – May 18th.



Call the church office to register. **Books will be available for purchase through the study leader.**

Coming in June:

Living Proof Live with Beth Moore at the USF Sun Dome!

We will putting a group together to attend this event. Look for details in the April Journey.



Scripture of the Month

But seek ye first
the kingdom of God,
and his *righteousness*
& all these things shall
be added unto you
Matthew 6:33

A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS WITH ESTRANGED ADULT CHILDREN

By Barbara Kanoza

There you were, crying with joy over the birth of your beautiful baby. And now, here you are, crying with sadness because that same beautiful baby, now an adult, has walked out of your life. Many times we don't even know why.



You are not alone. There are many parents facing this heartbreak. Sometimes the estranged child walks in and out of our lives, often they never return. Why did it happen? Can we ever connect again? How do we cope with the anguish?

On Saturday, March 21st, this topic will be addressed by Heather Newman-Trivus, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, BCD. We are not promising answers that will bring your child back. But you may gain insight into the WHY. And at the very least you will know that others share this same heartbreak.

The program will be held in the LEC, 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., and lunch will be provided. Tickets are \$15/each or 2/\$25, and are available at the church office. SEATING IS LIMITED so be sure to get your tickets early.

To enhance the program, we are looking for estranged adult children to share their stories with us. Did you ever walk out on your parent(s) for any length of time? We parents would like to hear what you have to say. You may confidentially contact Barbara Kanoza at 813-298-7209 to volunteer or ask questions. Your input would be invaluable to us!

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

ARE YOU PART OF A SMALL GROUP?

By Linda Whitt



Small Groups are a VITAL ministry in every church. They provide a way for us to live out our faith, focus prayer on the members, and provide a source of encouragement and accountability. Are you part of a Small Group? We would like to hear about your Group – how many members, how often do you meet, is there a permanent leader or do you take turns leading? Please contact Pat Hill at church office to record your Small Group.

Mission of the Month

Under The Cross Youth Group Summer Camp Scholarships

By Linda Whitt

The Youth of our church hope to go to camp at Warren W. Willis Methodist Camp this summer. Few of our families can provide the funds to make this dream happen. The vision: Each youth works in church fund raisers to earn money for camp and these funds are matched with money you will share in the March Mission of The Month.



The camping ministry of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church has a long tradition of Christ centered camping experiences that transform the lives of young people. The ministry is centered on the Warren W. Willis Camp facilities in Fruitland Park, Florida.

Campers experience:

- Welcoming, natural surroundings set apart for sacred retreat and community.
- Nurturing experiences in Christian faith, discipleship and leadership.
- A safe place to share fun and fellowship.
- Joining new friends in finding their place in Christ's plan for their lives.

Support our Youth – give generously to provide this once in a lifetime experience – lead them in their journey with Christ!

Through the Eyes of Love

By Kathy Straub

Love...it's what missions are all about. Missions are our way of reaching out to those in need, and our church has a deep capacity for touching the lives of so many, not just here but around the world. I have been aware of one mission that we support as a church but I never fully understood its importance until I recently did some research on it. There is a place dedicated to the love and care of children that we help support, the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. At first, I was under the mistaken impression that this was some kind of orphanage that we help support with a special offering on 5th Sundays a few times a year. But I have to tell you, this organization is so much more than I ever imagined. I'd like to share some of the information I learned in the hope that you will come to better understand this incredible facility as well.

The Children's Home was founded in 1908 by the Methodist Annual Conference in Enterprise, Florida, which is just a little north of Orlando. This is a home and shelter for children ages 5-18 who are unable to live in their natural home for various reasons – abuse, neglect, abandonment. Currently there are over 300 children in the care of their Residential Program, their Foster Care and Child Care Center. The children live in one of fourteen homes, each home providing for 8-10 boys or girls. They live two in a room and are responsible for keeping their rooms clean, doing various chores, homework, and managing day to day life in the cottage. They eat family style and enjoy the comfort of a loving home. Two sets of house parents ensure a stable, secure and home-like atmosphere. The average stay of a child is about 12 to 18 months, but some will remain for much longer depending upon the circumstances.

Of course, these children have so many needs and the Children's Home does everything they can to see that they are met. They attend school, worship services on Sunday and Bible Studies during the week. A Chaplain oversees this comprehensive spiritual program and they even have a Music Coordinator who leads two choirs, offers piano lessons and provides a full music program. There are also professional clinical therapists on staff to help these children cope with the traumatic emotional events they have experienced.

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There are several ways that you can help support this amazing ministry of our church. Not only can you contribute something on those 5th Sundays, you can give directly to the Children's Home by sending your donation to 51 Children's Way, Enterprise, FL 32725 or online at www.allchildrenfirst.org.

Our coordinator for this wonderful mission is Barbara Lamneck and I'm sure she would be more than happy to give you more ideas on how you can reach out to this wonderful mission. Any way you choose, you will be helping to give these precious children a place where they can feel safe and loved. With our financial support, these kids can see the world through the eyes of love because you have helped to create hope for generations to come.

United Methodist Church Brings Hope - Uganda Mission Trip

By Judy and Rick Maynard

The Ugandan mission team returned January 29th after a 14-day medical mission trip to the village of Gulu in northern Uganda. Our team served the women of Watoto Living Hope, the orphans and staff at Watoto Laminadera Village, and the families who walked from the surrounding villages. The team was composed of a medical doctor and pharmacist from Seattle, a RN from Sarasota, and two therapists from Sun City Center.

Four hundred and seven people received medical treatment, medications, health education, evaluations for reading glasses, and testing for HIV, malaria, and diabetes. Many prayers and hugs, no less important, were shared.

The team was able to travel to Eastern Uganda to the mountain village of Kapchorwa, and tour the hospital there. The hospital is very underequipped and receives medications for their patients only once every other month. While we were touring we heard the first cry of a baby born at the hospital! We traveled to a nearby village and watched a presentation of "cycle beads", a

form of birth control that was funded by a member of a previous mission team.

When we returned to Kampala, the capital of Uganda, we had the opportunity to host Mamma Martha and the eight kids of the orphanage house in Bbira Village, our church sponsors, to a luncheon at a local restaurant. What a joy to see them once again and watch the youngest kids experience their first taste of ice cream!

The team would like to thank the Mission Team for their support (we were able to fund all the medication given out at the two sites), Pages of Life for the bibles and crosses, Sew-n-Sews and Good Samaritan Mission ladies for the 80 plus dresses given to the women and children of Living Hope, and the congregation for the 130 pairs of reading glasses and prayers of support and encouragement.



Children and Youth Ministry

CHRISTIAN JAMMING, PURITY and LOVE are what's happening with the Kidz Klub and UTC Youth!

By Jeff Collins

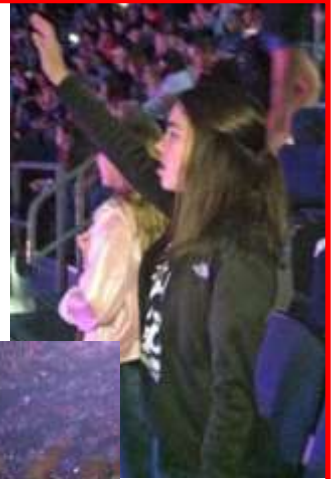
In January, the UTC Youth Group took a road trip downtown to the Amalie Arena for Winter Jam 2015! This was a 4-hour Christian concert with a variety of popular Christian artists. Our young people were not disappointed with groups, such as Building 429 and For King and Country, as well as individual performers Francesca Batistelli and Jeremy Camp. We all waited in line outside of the arena for approximately 2 hours, but it was well worth the wait! It was incredible to see all the young people raising their hands, worshipping together in such a massive crowd!

The UTC Youth also had the opportunity to attend the Silver Ring Thing Purity Conference held at the Ruskin campus of The Crossing Church. Our young people heard an incredible message encouraging abstinence and sexual purity. Many had the opportunity to make purity commitments by purchasing a silver ring to wear until they are married!

Valentine's Day . . . the day of love. Both the Kidz Klub and UTC Youth Group had a great Valentine meal and all received a special gift bag filled with treats and a special project to make. It was a special pre-Valentine celebration for all!

Ash Wednesday ... the beginning of Lent. A special service was given by Pastor Charlie at Creason Hall for all the children and youth.

Winter Jam 2015



Silver Ring Thing Purity Conference The Crossing Church



Happy Valentine's Day



Ash Wednesday



View from the ~~Pew~~ Office

By Kathy Straub

I love my job! Once again, I have had the opportunity to interview one of our amazing staff members, Pat Hill. When I asked Pat to allow me to write about her for this month's Journey, she laughed and said she was such a boring person, I wouldn't have much to write about. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Pat grew up in Toronto, Canada. She was active in her church where her parents led the youth group. Pat taught a Sunday School class at the age of 13 and she sang in the Junior Choir. When she was 18, her dad's job moved her parents to Georgia but Pat stayed behind to attend college in Montreal. There she earned a degree in business and soon landed her first "dream job" as the assistant to the heir of the Seagram's family corporation. She describes her workplace as the most opulent, glamorous, luxurious office suite you could possibly imagine. But Pat decided that she wanted to see more of the world than just the view from the 18th floor of the Seagram's building, so at the age of 25 she took off to go backpacking across Europe. She had saved enough money to buy a used VW, carried a pup tent, cooked over an open fire, and covered at least 8 countries in about 6 months. It was an awesome experience but she decided it was time to come back home to Toronto. There she got a job in public relations for a large advertising agency...her second "dream job". This is when she met her husband, Les, who worked for another advertising firm in Toronto. Pat left her advertising job and began a new career teaching business and English in a private college. During this time, she had her two children, Ashley and Cameron.

Now you're probably asking yourself, how in the world did Pat end up in Florida? That was my next question. Les was transferred to Boca Raton, Florida in 1980 and here's where things got really interesting. Since both Les and Pat had experience with advertising, they decided to open their own agency. This soon became a highly lucrative business when they acquired a 13 million dollar account with Nutrisystem. This was a time in Pat's life

that she recalls with mixed emotions. She told me, "We had it all...the big house, a boat, a housekeeper, I traveled all over the world. BUT, I lost sight of God and suddenly, we lost it all." It happened when the US entered the Gulf War which had a profound effect on the Nutrisystem business. They were losing money and Pat and Les could no longer afford to maintain the five offices they had built across the country. Before they had to declare bankruptcy, they let the business go and Pat went to work for a non-profit organization called Food for the Poor. She relates that this was a very scary time for her as she had lost her house, all the material things that had become a big part of her life. She feared "they might end up living under a bridge." But God had different plans for the Hill's. They started attending a Methodist Church in Boca Raton and one Sunday, she was sitting there and heard God speak to her just as clear as a bell. It was one of those "God moments" that Pastor Charlie talks about. She said that God told her to go to the front of the church and get down on her knees

and He said to her, "Pat, trust me. Don't you know I will never let anything happen to you and your family?" And do you know who the pastor of that church was? None other than Warren Langer. Warren hired Pat as the Christian Education Director and she loved her new life. I guess this was her next "dream job". Over the course of the next 15 years, Pat served with Warren in churches in Jacksonville and Orlando. She said, "Every time he moved, he would call and say 'We have an opening' and I would move." She laughed and said, "We used to joke about who's stalking who!"

Of course, when Warren was our pastor, he quickly found a spot for Pat on his staff as the Director of Ministries. She has served in that capacity for almost 5 years. She has done so much to improve our church and has been instrumental in developing many of our new ministries. Pat just smiles and says, "I am so blessed to be here. I've worked in a lot of churches but this one is by far the best. We have such incredible pastors and our volunteers keep us going. I've thought about moving but Les and I ask each other how we could possibly leave this church and all our friends here. **This** is where God wants me to be!" Hopefully, her last "dream job".



Music & Arts at UMCSCC

Last Generation Gospel

Sunday, March 1st, 3:00 P.M. (\$5 at the door)

Alberto Lodoletti—virtuoso pianist

Sunday, March 15th, 7:00 P.M. (\$10 at the door)

The Nashville Hall of Fame Concert Tour

Friday, March 20th, 7:00 P.M.

(\$10 adv./\$15 at the door)

Southshore Concert Band - Spring Concert

Monday, March 23rd, 7:00 P.M. (\$5 at the door)

The Toast of Tampa Ladies Barbershop Sprint Concert

Friday, March 27th, 7:00 P.M. (\$10 at the door)

Pages of Life Book Store

- and Gift Shop 813-633-8595 -

Open Mon., Wed., Fri. - 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Many shoppers stopped by for their heart valentine scarfs, specialty cards and jewelry sets for their Sweetheart holiday giving.

Thank You for your continued patronage.



Movie of the Month

Mom's Night Out

MARCH 13th the church will be showing "MOM'S NIGHT OUT" as its monthly Friday night movie.

"Mom's Night Out" starts when several mothers of the church, being stressed out, decide to have a night out while the dads watch the children. They wanted to dress up, kick up their heels with a quiet dinner that doesn't come out of bags and no kids interrupting or demanding their every moment. They just wanted an adult evening where they could enjoy grown-up talk for one evening. What a joyful thought; but will all their dreams be fulfilled? All I can say is come to the LEC building March 13, 2015 and see the movie. The doors open at 6:00 giving you time to enjoy yummy snacks and drinks that are being served before the lights are turned down low and the movie begins at 6:30.



1ST ANNUAL ART AUCTION

By Melva Potvin

PLEASE ATTEND...

The Gala Charity Benefit Event of the year on Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 P.M.



Artist from our community are donating their specialty creations for the benefit of the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center "2016 India Mission Trip". It will be an elegant evening with a Live Auction and a Silent Auction. Meet the artists, and be served canapés and punch by "Da Men".

Artist Donations - Please call Pat Sluder 813-642-8037 or Melva Potvin 813-634-6648 to enter your item(s) in the Auction. Artists you are invited to attend with your art donation!

1st Annual

ART AUCTION

A Charity Benefit for the 2016 India Mission Trip



- Photography
- Water Color Art
- Pottery
- Stained Glass
- Jewelry
- Oil Portraits
- Handmade Accessories
- Floral Arrangements

Artist Donations will be auctioned off by a Live Action Auction and a Silent Auction

6:30 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015 6:30 PM

Please come join us for an evening of elegance and culture!

The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center

1210 Del Webb Blvd. West

Sun City Center FL 33573

813-634-2539

Hors d'oeuvre and Refreshments will be served by our Men's Choral Ensemble "Da Men!"

Ladies Gospel Cruise a SUCCESS!

By Barbara Kanoza

On Monday, February 11th, eleven women met at Denny's at 5:30 a.m. to embark on our bus trip to Fort Lauderdale where we would board the Celebrity Constellation for a 5-day Caribbean Cruise. Was the weather sunny and beautiful? No – it was cool and occasionally rainy. But that didn't dampen our spirits. We spent the week with 182 other women from around the country who had gathered to praise God through music, prayer, workshops, testimonies and love.

Each day began and ended with a time of worship and music. Worship was led in turn by 3 beautiful and talented women: Babbie Mason, Jessica LaGrone and Melissa Spoelstra. And we were treated to Babbie Mason's beautiful music as she led us in song every day.

In addition, we had the opportunity to attend workshops on "Hearing God through Music, Worship and Songwriting" (and even those of us who had never attempted to write a song ended up with a song we proudly sang), "Creative Journaling and Writing", and "Three Guidelines You Should Know Before Opening God's Book".

Several of us had the opportunity to get to know the leaders a little better when we shared a lunch or dinner with them. What an inspiration they were!

Friday evening's worship ended on an emotional note as almost 200 women held hands in complete silence for several minutes reflecting on what they experienced during the week. Many tears and hugs were shared at the end of the reflection.

A day in Cozumel and a day in Key West rounded out our trip. This was the first cruise of its type arranged by Abingdon Press in conjunction with Educational Opportunities (EO) and it was so successful that the second one is already scheduled for January 2016. Plus EO has hinted that they may be putting together a ladies land tour. You will be kept informed!



Mission Team News

By Earl Gall

1. Disaster Response Team

Scrap metal recycling helps fund UMCSCC's Disaster Response Team. To donate your aluminum cans, place them in the trailer near the back of the parking lot. There is also a second trailer near the back of the lot for "any and all" kinds of metals you wish to discard. Anything with a power cord or a motor is also needed.

2. Timely Treasures Team

The Timely Treasures Team requests your cooperation with the following:

- a. We can no longer accept furnishings constructed from particle board.
- b. Large entertainment centers will no longer be accepted due to the difficulty (weight) in moving them.
- c. We can no longer accept old-style televisions sets. We will help you to dispose of your old set for a pickup and disposal fee of \$20 (for delivery to a waste disposal location.)
- d. We will deliver furniture purchased from our Timely Treasures sale to its new destination in Sun City Center for a Delivery Charge of \$25.

3. Scrip Cards/Gift Cards Program

The Scrip Card/Gift Card Program helps fund UMCSCC Missions programs. We offer more than 600 cards that you can use at restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, filling stations, and many other businesses. The ever-increasing problems with credit card fraud makes shopping with Scrip Cards much safer and just as easy. You can place your order on Sunday and pay by using cash, check, credit card or debit card. Your cards will be ready for you to pick up the following Sunday. Publix and Winn Dixie shopping cards are always in stock for your immediate purchase. All cards purchased will list the percentage of that card's value that will be donated to the UMCSCC Mission Team fund. The card is not devalued because of the amount given to our mission programs.

4. Dining to Donate Program

Dining at specific local restaurants also benefits UMCSCC Missions teams. A Dining to Donate display board in the LEC explains the process. Some restaurants, at check out, require you to submit a flyer (available on the board); other restaurants require that you give UMC a copy of your receipt (these may be placed in the designated Receipt Pocket on the board) for us to turn in to them before we receive the benefit.

Please help the Missions Team by supporting one or more of the above listed programs.

The Journeys of Paul ***13 day cruise - November 7-19th***

By Letha Jones

This Educational Opportunities cruise vacation will be focused on Paul's journeys as recorded in Acts. Ports of call include: Crete, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Miletus, Rhodes, Malta and Sardinia. Talks by Waite Willis, professor from



Florida Southern, will enhance our understanding of Paul & his relationship to the ports visited. Join Bishop Ken Carter & United Methodists from throughout Florida as the Bible comes alive in visits to these classic & very special places. The price includes air fare, cruise on the Rhapsody of the Seas, most shore excursions, meals, fees & taxes. A two day pre-tour to Rome & a one day post-tour to Barcelona are also available.

Brochures are available in the Sanctuary narthex, LEC lobby and church office. On Thursday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m., in room 19 there will be an hour get together meeting for anyone interested in this beautiful cruise. Contact Letha Jones, 813-260-3673 with questions or for more information.



Retreat at Sea

By Pastor Charlie

Pastor Charlie and Marcia and Pastor Sam and Pat will be hosting a "Retreat at Sea" in January of 2016. The dates are

January 11-16 2016, Monday-Saturday aboard the Royal Caribbean Brilliance of the Seas out of Tampa. Please reserve these dates if you are interested in being a part of this cruise with our United Methodist Church of Sun City Center family.

Because we will be going as a large group, prices for this cruise will be quite reasonable (starting at \$349 plus \$91 in taxes). Full color brochures will be available in the office and narthex in the next couple of weeks. We plan to have morning devotionals, worship times and Bible Study offered during the cruise. Ports of call are Cozumel and Grand Cayman. Jeff and Amanda Jordan are planning on leading the music!

This trip is being planned through Educational Opportunities. Pastor Charlie has led this type of "Retreat at Sea" in the past and is looking forward to a great time together next January.

Educational Opportunities ***Tour to the Holy Land***

By Pastor Charlie

Pastor Charlie and Marcia are planning an Educational Opportunities Tour to the Holy Land for the Fall of 2016. The dates will be September 16-26, 2016. This will be Pastor Charlie's 8th trip to the Holy Land. Brochures will be available in the office and the narthex in a couple of weeks with pricing out of Tampa. Pastor Charlie will hold some informational meetings in the near future and is available to answer any questions you might have if you are interested in making this trip.



GOLF TOURNAMENT TO SUPPORT ***INDIA MISSION PROJECT***

By Judy Maynard

A golf tournament will be held on April 11th at Freedom Fairways to help raise funds for the India

Mission project. Partnering with Hearts Afire, a mission team is being formed to travel to India in January 2016 to provide healing, prayer, teaching, and dedication of a church to be built in 2015. Hearts Afire is a medically-oriented mission organization based in Sarasota that was founded by two local physicians. The team will be based in Andresh Pradesh region of India with plans to travel to three villages there.

India is a large country with a population of 1.22 billion people, many living in poverty, but hungry for food and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

According to Dr. Vilma Vega MD, who will be leading the team, "During our trip in early April of this year (2014) we medically treated more than 800 patients and we saw more than 600 people accept Christ. In the last few days of our mission, we saw 125 pastors receive a message of Revival through Unity in the body of Christ, and boy was it received. I am here to tell you that the India Revival is here and growing. Here we were in April 2014 and not only had the church tripled since 2009 but there is now a Christian church every few blocks. While driving to our second clinic, I even got the privilege of watching a Christian crusade in the streets with all the participants marching with large crosses in hand."

The India Mission Team is looking for persons to help with planning, organizing, and/or working the golf tournament, and of course golfers on April 11th.

If you are interested in helping with the tournament or if you would like more information about the trip, please call Rick or Judy Maynard at 634-8127.



New Members / Visitors

By Diane Hall, Communications Team Leader

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center. Over the past several months we have welcomed into our church family over 200 new members and many, many visitors. Our church body is made up of friendly, God fearing, Jesus loving Christians. We are a busy church, serving our Lord and community. Please take the time to tour our campus.



We have many opportunities to serve, and we welcome your questions. In the back of this issue of The Journey, on page 18 is a list of our ministries and when they meet. We invite you to join or visit any of these ministries. Or, if we can answer any questions you may have, please contact Barbara Kanoza 813-298-7209, or any of the Ministry Coaches (Contact person listed by the individual ministries).

Along with these ministries is also several Bible classes, studies, and special interest events given by the various ministries. Peruse through The Journey for more insight into who we are and what is available to you.

Come, join us, the best way to make friends is to get involved.



Holy Week Choral Cantata

Palm Sunday

I am the Lord of the Dance

By Joel Raney

March 29th

8:30 AM in Sanctuary

9:45 AM in Sanctuary

11:00 AM in Sanctuary



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

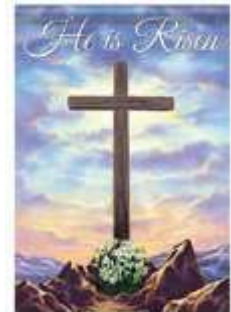
Communion Service Drama

April 2nd, 7:30 PM in Sanctuary

Good Friday

Candlelight Service Drama

April 3rd, 7:30 PM in Sanctuary



Easter Sunday Service

April 5th

7:00 AM Son Rise Service in

Green Parking Lot

8:30 AM in Sanctuary

9:45 AM in Sanctuary

11:00 AM in Sanctuary

Classifieds / Notices

Numbers will appear within each ad denoting the contact person

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"Ladies Breakfast"

By Judy Boyer

Our first Ladies Breakfast was such a wonderful success. 145 ladies attended to enjoy each others company and listen to Pat Rorer, a retired officer of the U.S Air Force.



The next Ladies Breakfast will be at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 31st in the LEC. The menu is egg casseroles; fruit, muffins; juice and coffee. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The theme is "In Your Easter Bonnets". Tickets can be purchased at the church office or on the patio between services. For more information, please call Judy Boyer at 813-938-3187.



Timely Treasures News

By Dick Babbits

Thanks to all the "helpers" who will work for the sale on March 6th and 7th!

Forty-two "helpers" turned out on Thursday, Feb 12th to choose the department in which they wanted to work - BUT THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS - if you would like to help.

Please call Dick Babbits at 813-633-0584.

Sale dates:

Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th

Invitation Still Stands

Join any of the Ministries listed below: Please contact Barbara Kanoza (3) or Pat Hill (4) for more information on joining one of these Teams.

Ministry Executive Team – 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00p.m. , Room 19 . Contact(3)

Children/Youth/Family Team - 1st Thursday of each month at 4:15p.m., Room 19 . Contact(14)

Congregational Care Team – last Wednesday of every month at 2:00p.m., LEC. Also, on the **even months only** we have a luncheon on the 2nd Friday, from 12 – 1:30p.m., LEC. Contact(12)

Health Team – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:15p.m., Room 12. Contact (13)

Community Connections Team – 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00p.m., Room 9.

Fellowship Team – 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00p.m., Room 11. Contact (7,8)

Mission Team - 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00p.m., Room TBD, Contact (5)

Spiritual Growth Team – 1st Monday of each month at 11:00a.m., Room 11. Contact (3)

Worship Team & The Arts – 1st Thursday of each month at 9:30a.m., Room 12. Contact (10)



Events

The New Year has begun - Remember to use your Offering Envelopes

The Counting Team is noticing that many in our congregation are not using the Offering Envelopes the church provides. This means it is taking the Counting Team longer to “do our job”. The church is providing these envelopes, which are not being fully utilized and are costly. Thank you from your Counting Team

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CALENDAR - February

Highlight your calendars now for the programs that interest you!

FEBRUARY-APRIL

Bible Study (All): Christianity’s Family Tree, Adam Hamilton - Due to the popularity of the program, it is being offered again during the day. Eight weeks on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., from 2/3 – 3/24, room 19. Facilitator: Letha Jones. Features videos as well as discussion around the beliefs and practices of each of the eight faith communities. A book that will deepen your knowledge will be available at the first session. Call office to register. The following is the schedule:

February 3 - Orthodoxy	February 10 - Catholicism	February 17 - Lutheranism	February 24 - Presbyterianism
March 3 - Anglicanism	March 10 - Baptists	March 17 - Pentecostalism	March 24 - Methodism

Estranged Adult Children - ½ Day Program, Including Lunch: Saturday, March 21st. See article on Page 8. Facilitator: Dr. Heather B. Newman-Trivus, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, BCD

Grief Share Support Group: Thursdays, January 22nd - April 16th, 10:30 a.m., room 19. A 13 week video-based support program for those who are dealing with loss of a loved one through death or life changes. Led by Pastor Sam Rorer. Call church office to register.

Bible Studies

Men’s Monday Night Bible Study— Men’s Bible study. Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in LEC

Women’s Interdenominational Bible Study—meets in the LEC every Monday morning 9:30– 11:00 a.m. An ongoing, in-depth Bible study, with singing, prayer requests and thanksgiving to our precious Lord! Sweet Christian fellowship is part of the meeting, which brings a blessing for each one of you.

Hispanic Ministries—Each Wednesday there will be a Women’s Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. and a Family Bible Study at 8:00 p.m. in the LEC. Each Monday at 7:00 p.m. prayer meetings are held at private homes in the area.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, led by Rev. Sam Rorer, meets in the LEC on the third Thursday, March 19th, at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$7.00—please RSVP to the church office no later than Tuesday, March 17th.

Friendship Circle - Our group consists of 20-25 ladies who participate in a regular monthly meeting from October through May, on the first Monday evening at 7:00 P.M., in room 19. We have devotions and a program followed by refreshments that knit the group together. For more information, contact Eleanor Toomey at 813-634-4990.





Sunday Services

8:30 AM Contemporary Service
9:30 AM Traditional Service
10:00 AM Contemporary Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service
4:00 PM Hispanic Service



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Sunday School Classes — All are Welcome

8:30—9:30 AM Son Catchers meet in Room 12, facilitated by Luke and Jeanne Lloyd.

9:30—10:30 AM Good News Class meet in Room 11, facilitated by Ken Barringer. “A Basic Review of the Core History and Beliefs of our Christian Faith”. First we will study the Book of John, and then the Book of Acts.

10:45—11:45 AM Agape Class meet in Room 12, studying the book of Galatians.

11:00—12:00 PM Disciples Class meet in Room 19, facilitated by Elaine Moore and Jackie Parker. Beginning January 4th, a 7 to 8 week class will begin called *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* by Max Lucado.

11:00—12:00 PM Oasis Class meets in Room 11, facilitated by Tom Montgomery. Studying the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) and are currently in Exodus.

Sunday Morning Programs for Children

Sunday Morning Kidz (Breakfast and Bible Stories ages 4-11) - 9:30-11:15 AM in Creason Children's Center.

Under the Cross Youth Bible Study (ages 12-17) - 9:00-10:00 AM in Room 30.

Under the Cross Youth Fellowship (ages 12-17) - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Room 30.

Nursery is available for all worship services.