

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Daniel Baker, Pastor

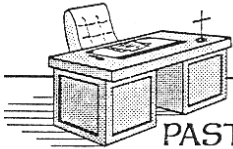
Sundays 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Chapel

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 January 2018 LINK



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

ANOTHER YEAR BEGINS

Article taken from Upper Room.

Read Psalm 139:7-18.

The Psalmist wrote, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are Your works." Psalm 139:14

It's that time again, and I am ready to begin another new year. I have the same hopes for this year as I did for the last one: Exercise more, get more sleep, eat healthier food, work more when needed and work less when I can.

Yes, this year will be the year that I make all these changes to improve my life!

But instead of jumping ahead too quickly, I have decided to take some time to look back on this past year and celebrate my accomplishments. I suffered some real hardships and disappointments, but I made it through another year and grew from my adversities. Of course I can always improve, and each year I make resolutions to be better. But I also know that I am a beloved child of God, who loves unconditionally. Nothing I can do will make God love me more or less.

So, as I look forward to the beginning of a new year, I am filled with new hope, expectation – and resolutions. And, as I look back on the past year, I celebrate my life and all that I have experienced, knowing that God has been with me through it all.

PRAYER: Dear God, help us to remember that we are your beloved children and that we can spread that love to all Your children. Amen.

Pastor Dan Baker

Did you know ???

We regularly donate canned and other non-perishable food and toiletry items to Mustard Seed Ministries. Our special collection day is the 3rd Sunday- our Covered Dish Dinner Day. Thanks for bringing items.

Pastor Dan provides "snack" and other items for visitors that stop by. Donations of cheese and peanut butter crackers, nuts, and other snack items are appreciated.



Florida United Methodist Children's Home

*We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him,
who have been called according to His purpose . Romans 8 : 28*

Such a joy-filled time of year! For the children at the Children's Home, this may be the first Christmas they are without their families. Even though they were in unsafe and unhealthy environments, that was all they knew.

This year they will receive the gift of security, the gift of safety, the gift of unconditional love in addition to gifts provided by Santa. The following is from an alumnus of the Children's Home : "When I first came here I was sad and scared. My House Mother made me feel safe. I finally had friends and got to go to school every day. I have lots of fun here. I love my new home!"

Your continued and faithful donations to the Noisy Bucket provide a loving and caring environment for these little ones. Thank you and God bless you abundantly in the new year. *Cheryl Milam*



Ladies on a Mission

Only 2 members were available for our December 6th meeting but that didn't stop them from working hard! Eleanor and Gail put together several hygiene packs for Pastor Dan to distribute. These will hopefully make lives a little brighter for several folks. Our Pew Bear ministry is picking up and many little bear ambassadors are going out into the community to spread God's Word! As the bears leave the Sanctuary, more must be readied for adoption and Eleanor and Gail were up to the task.

Our 10 fidget quilts were delivered to young students at Samuel Gaines Academy and according to Pastor Dan, the kids "loved them"! Those words were music to our ears! We will next meet on Wednesday, January 3rd, and will continue work on lap quilts and pillowcases for residents at AbbieJean Russell. Ladies will begin the New Year on a giving note as we pass the hat at our meetings to benefit Pastor Dan's Golden Heart Fund. We also hope to begin the New Year with some new faces as well as familiar faces who have been out of town much lately. 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. We are wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas shared with family and friends and a happy and healthy 2018! Thank You and God Bless! *Ladies on a Mission*



GOSPEL GARDENER



When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers - the moon and the stars you set in place - what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Psalm 8:3-4

God we thank you for this New Year. Help each of us to put you first in our heart, lives, time, commitment. A fresh new year welcoming new families to our church. Thank you for this opportunity to share our love with others.

So I went to the garden with a plan. One area really needed some weeding. That was my goal. That grass had such long tentacles growing around the mulch and holding on so tight. I got a gardening hoe with a pointed metal piece on the end. It does great if you are trying to get the grass out between the Alphabet Stones or loosening up the area of grass. I got this section done, put down some cardboard and mulch, then I moved on to another section.

The crotons are losing their leaves. So I raked them up. I used a smaller rake. It was fun. Noticed the Ixoria Bush was in need of a trim. Was able to get the trimming done while standing on the ground. I could reach all the top branches. Maybe I'm growing taller.

Moved on to Ben Seay's Memorial area. I trimmed ferns, cut some branches of crotons, pulled some weeds and cleaned the area up. Went to the Sanctuary Garden and topped off the podocarpus bushes. Orchids look great. They are so amazing. I placed the baby duck statue over by its Momma Duck.

Pulled some weeds by the plumbago and Beach Daisy plants. Trimmed overgrowth by the hen and baby chicks and the brown hen. Much of the things I did today, I noticed I did the same things last week! Swept the Alphabet Stones. Emptied the garden waste bins. Looked at the beauty of our garden. Loaded up my garden pail and took it to the car. Smiled and thought - good exercise, beautiful day, beautiful garden.

Thank you Jesus.

Points to Ponder: The day, water, sun, moon, night - I do not have to purchase these things with money. Plautus

May the bright spots in the old year; be but flickers in the dark when compared with what the new year will enkindle with its spark. Margaret Rorke

God Bless - *Jean Harvey*



Book Buddy Ministry

God Bless!!! May each of you have a very Healthy and Happy New Year!

Respectively, *Carole Ratliff*, Book Buddy Coordinator



HANDS FOR THE LORD

We the Hands for the Lord Puppeteers of Community UMC are dedicated to spreading the word of God and to helping the community and our church family. We pledge to tell others what the Lord means to us in the form of puppets.

What a glorious time it was for our puppet team to spend the Christmas Season spreading cheer with puppets. We were blessed to be able to perform our Christmas Musical ***“Follow the Star”*** twice on Saturday, Dec. 9th, once at Lynmoore Assisted Living and then in our sanctuary for the CUMC Preschool and families. A big thanks goes to our guest soloist and singers: Melanie Larsen, Melisa Triplett and Patty Surface. What a joy to have them share their talent with us. Thank you so much! And also thank you to those who donated cookies, sandwiches, and drinks for the refreshment time. We appreciate everyone’s help and support. Joy to the World!

We are excited about beginning this new year with a new dedication to our mission statement. We are going to focus on keeping our puppetry skills sharp as well as working on a rededication of our commitment to this ministry. We always begin each practice with a devotion time and now we are having some guest speakers to visit our rehearsal and share a devotion with our team. Thank you to Jim Shortridge who will be our first guest speaker in January.

It’s that time of the year for Cuban Sandwiches! February 4th, on Super Bowl Sunday, you may pick up your preordered Sandwiches after the 10:30 church service. Donations for Cuban sandwiches is \$5.00 each. Ordering information will be in the Sunday bulletins. Thank you for your support.



January Calendar

January 7	Puppet Practice	1:00 - 2:00
January 14	Puppet Party	1:00 - 4:00 - Young’s House
January 21	Puppet Practice	1:00 - 2:00
January 28	No Puppet Practice	



Happy New Year

From the Puppets!



Thank You Bigger Angels! Thanks to all who made a young person's Christmas more wonderful with that special something on their list. We had 16 children/youth who received gifts from a church friend.

We also gathered food and gifts for a Fairlawn Elementary School family of 4 children. Additionally, we received 7 new bicycles and many other presents to benefit our church/preschool family and beyond.

It has truly been a season of love and giving as we celebrate Jesus' Birth.

Youth Calendar

Jan 4 - Youth Meeting, 6:30-8:00

Jan 11 - Youth Meeting, 6:30-8:00

Jan 18 - Youth Meeting, 6:30-8:00

Jan 25 - Youth Meeting, 6:30-8:00



Hello Church Family,

1 Timothy 4:12 is the Bible verse for our youth ministry.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Our youth are not just the church of tomorrow; they are the church of today. I look forward to a year of continued growth in our students as they follow Jesus, serve others, and discover their God given gifts for ministry.

I hope you have a magnificent New Year. *Mark*



*Sounds
of the
Season*

We closed out 2017 with great Celebrations of Music. Each was a special blessing. Thank you all for sharing your talents with us in the true meaning of Christmas.

Our Hands for the Lord Puppets presented "Follow the Star", a Christmas Musical, for Lynmoore Assisted Living and our Congregation and Preschool. Wow!

14 caroled at Port St Lucie Restorative and Nursing Care, Lake Forest Park Assisted Living, and Laurel Pointe Health and Rehabilitation. Such a sweet time!

Then the Praise Team presented a "Special Holiday Concert". Wonderful!

Thanks

JANUARY FLOWER MINISTERS

7 – Valerie Banks
14 – Bennie Maxfield
21 – Valerie Banks & Nancy Calkin
28 – Nancy Calkin

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, January 17 by emailing them to surfacep@msn.com. Our folding date is Wednesday the 24th 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.

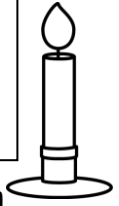


COFFEE HOUR

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+ MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 at NOON!

Our next meeting will celebrate the lives of members who passed in 2017. Contact Patty Surface to contribute to the program. Bring a covered dish and a friend. Please come.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY 55+

Friday, Feb 9 - Valentine's Party, 7 - 9 pm
Tuesday, Feb 13 - Pancake Supper, 5 - 7 pm
Wednesday, Feb 21 - 55+ Lunch at 11:30 am*

*This is a change of date and time. ☺



U M W's 2nd Annual Christmas Tea was so much fun. So many yummy cookies. CWU joined us. We brought gifts for Deveraux Foster Care, ate, sang carols, and visited. Thank you ladies for your generous gifts of love.

The next **Administrative Council Meeting** is Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6 pm. Chair people of all committees and Ministry Leaders are encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

CHURCH NURSERY

Remember we have nursery workers each Sunday from 10:00 to noon for children under 4.



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