

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 April 2018 LINK



EASTER SCHEDULE - April 1.

7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Worship

Melody Lane Fountain area, Downtown Ft Pierce

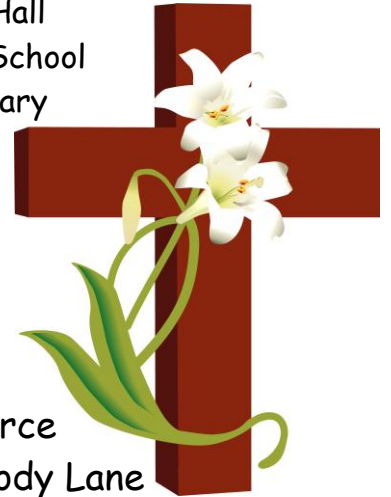
Across from our "River Front" Library at 101 Melody Lane

Hosted by Community, First, and White City United Methodist Churches



10:30 a.m. - Worship in Community UMC's Sanctuary

This is a joint Worship combining our 8:30 and 10:30 times.



Confirmation Class

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

...do not hide your commands from me. Psalm 119:18-19 NIV



The young people in our Confirmation Class are learning about spreading God's love to others. They are taking God's commands and learning to apply them to their lives.

We will celebrate their Confirmation at our monthly fellowship lunch in April.

Thank you. *Cheryl Milam*

Our two youth being confirmed are sisters Krystal Spatafora and Dulce DeJesus.

All are invited to recognize this occasion with an inspirational card for each girl.



Learn to Read

Cast all your anxiety on God, because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7 NRSV

Can you imagine the stress of living in a place where you didn't speak the language or read or write the language? I am sure it would be overwhelming. We have 14 students from 9 different Countries that work all day and come to English classes in the evening. Please keep these wonderful people in your prayers. Thank you.

God bless you all. *Cheryl Milam*

GOSPEL GARDENER

"HAPPY ARE THOSE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE LORD'S TEACHING...THEY ARE STRONG LIKE A TREE, LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE RIVER. EVERYTHING THEY DO WILL SUCCEED." Psalms 1:1-3

Plant the seeds and trust God for the harvest.

My grandson, Ethan, recently went on a "virtual tour" of the Children's Garden.

"GJ," he asked, "what is this place?"

"It's the JOHN ARD CHILDREN'S GARDEN."

"Who was John Ard?"

"He was a wonderful man who loved to keep our church in tip-top condition."

"What is tip-top?"

"Well, it means, if anything breaks around the church, like a drippy faucet or a broken door, he fixes it and then it's good as new, or tip-top. Mr. Ard loved the Preschool children so we made a garden just to remember him."

"GJ, look at the ALPHABET on those blocks and look - it's got an E on a block! GJ, where is John Ard?"

"Oh, he is in heaven with Jesus and he keeps an eye on the Children's Garden. He loves it."

"GJ, look at the little frog and the little angels sitting around. See that big tree, it has little white flowers on it."

"Ethan, here, smell the flower."

"It smells delicious! Look at those blue flowers!"

"Yes, they are called PLUMBAGO."

"Hey, I see a man sitting on a turtle and some pretty red flowers."

"They are called HIBISCUS."

"GJ, what are those?"

"They are WEEDS, not flowers, and they grow fast, just like lightning! And they take up all the space in the garden. Weeds don't share."

"GJ, who keeps the garden so pretty?"

"Well, Ethan, God makes the garden grow with all the different flowers - and then God sends some people to work in the garden. These people laugh, sing and work together. They pull up the weeds; that's fun to do! When a bush or a plant gets too big, they cut it back, like giving it a haircut."

"Hey GJ, what are those bushes with red lava on them?"

"Ethan, they are called FIREBUSH. They do look like they are on fire."

"Well, will they burn me?"

"No, they look hot, but they aren't."

"GJ, I see some lizards, and look at the butterflies."

"Ethan, what do you hear?"

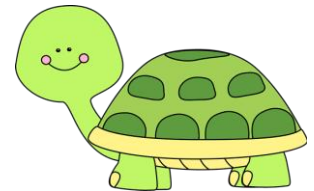
"I hear some birds singing!"

"Yes, the insects, and birds, and lizards love the garden!"

"GJ, when I get bigger, maybe I can help all of you in the garden. I love this garden!"

"Ethan, so do we!"

God bless you, Ethan & friends! I wrote this little visual tour a few years ago. This is my prayer to God that this garden can teach all of us about the beauty of the garden. *Jean Harvey*



HANDS FOR THE LORD APRIL 2018

Matthew 27:35-37 *After they nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there. A signboard was fastened to the cross above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."*

Where you There when they crucified my Lord? The Hands for the Lord puppet team has a new dowel rod routine to the song, "Where You There?". We are so thankful for our Lord and Savior loving us and giving His life so that we may live eternally. We will be in service at the Good Friday Worship, March 30, with "Where You There?" sung by Bob Young.

We say a Big Thank You to Rick and Patty Surface for presenting a very inspirational devotion at our puppet practice. We are continuing to grow and move in a direction of devotion to our Lord, using all our puppet skills to praise Him and to present His message to glorify Him.

Our congratulations go out to Dulce DeJesus and Krystal Spatafora for completing their confirmation lessons and becoming confirmed at CUMC on April 15th! We are so proud of these two young ladies for their dedication to our puppet team and for their constant love and caring attitude to our church family. God Bless You Dulce and Krystal!

HAPPY RESURECTION SUNDAY! HE HAS RISEN!

April Calendar:

Sunday, April 1,	No Practice
Sunday, April 8,	Practice 1:00 - 2:00
Sunday, April 15,	Practice 1:00 - 2:00 (Confirmation Sunday)
Sunday, April 22,	Practice 1:00 - 2:00
Sunday, April 29,	Practice 1:00 - 2:00



The HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Dinner for Ten College Students, APRIL 3 at 5 pm has been postponed till another time. Keep the team in your prayers as they travel to do God's work.



ATTENTION CHILDREN AND YOUTH grades 4 next year thru "just graduated seniors" **WHO WANT TO GO TO CAMP THIS SUMMER:** See Patty (464-8526) for registration information and camp cost.



Our **YARD SALE** on March 17 netted about \$700. It was lots of fun and fellowship. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of our faithful sorters, we were ready Saturday morning. Several of our youth were there Thursday thru Saturday. Thank you to ALL who helped. We appreciate you. *Patty and Rick*

April Youth Calendar

April 5 - Youth Meet, 6:30-8:00 pm

April 12 - Youth Meet, 6:30-8:00 pm

April 19 - Youth Meet, 6:30-8:00 pm

April 26 - Youth Meet, 6:30-8:00 pm



Youth Stock Sale Coming Soon!

Stockholders of our youth program will receive an invitation to a special stockholder's dinner hosted by the youth, as well as a certificate suitable for framing. Shares will be offered at \$10 each with no limit on how many shares may be purchased. Shares may be bought by anyone who would like to support the youth program. The funds raised will be used to help the youth attend various activities such as summer camp, mission trips, and retreats.

More information is on the way! Feel free to contact Mark Young, 772-579-7576, with your questions.

Youth Supper Time

Do you like to cook? Would you love to have your cuisine admired by "starving" teenagers? Well, we have an opportunity for you! April 26, May 10, and May 24 are open for you to come and share your culinary expertise. Contact Mark Young for info or to sign up.

LADIES ON A MISSION



Wednesday, March 7, found the Ladies hard at work. Items were recently dropped off with Jennifer at Lawnwood Women's and Children's Services. She said that her patients would snuggle up under our quilts and fluffy throws and was sure that the stuffed dogs and bears would bring joy to the little ones.

Sheila at the Fort Pierce Police Department was happy to receive 2 mats and one of Nancy's famous "Comfort Cans". Sheila is always so very grateful for our contributions. She is in need of more hygiene packs and we will try to assemble some for her. Hygiene products that we always seem to need are combs, socks, washcloths, and toothpaste.

Our Pew Bear ministry continues to thrive as the little bears make their way out into our community and beyond! They are always ready and willing to spread God's TLC wherever needed. We are happy to take new or gently used bears and get them ready for adoption. 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!



Book Buddy Ministry - A Ministry of Help

**"If one cannot enjoy reading a book over and over again,
there is no use in reading it at all." Oscar Wilde**



During the month of March, ninety-one books and \$105.00 in monetary donations were received from the Book Buddy Helpers. On Friday, March 9th seventy-three books were left in Hilson Hall for the teachers to distribute to the preschool children. Nine books were donated to the classroom libraries. There were not enough books received for the Young Toddlers and the VPK children so thirty-one books were purchased tax free for \$118.84 at Books A Million in Vero Beach. \$13.84 from previous monetary donations was added to the \$105.00 to pay for the purchase.

Helpers Are 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) 461-1793. Thank you.

Thank You

A very special "THANK YOU" to all of the Book Buddy Helpers who donated books or money to the Book Buddy Ministry this month. Your participation in this program enables us not only to continue to give our young children at the Community United Methodist Preschool quality books that can be shared with their friends and family but also enables us to share in the joy of giving. From time to time thank you notes are received from parents who express how much their child enjoyed the book that he/she received.

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



Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:10 NRSV

The following is from an alumnus of the Children's Home. "When I was young, my mother surrendered my brother and me to the Children's Home. It was the first time I felt safe and secure and loved. My brother and I were surrounded by people who loved and cared for us. It was a healing time for us. Thank you."

Your prayers, financial support and love make a difference in the lives of children. Thank you for your continued support. God bless you all, *Cheryl Milam*

APRIL FLOWER MINISTERS

4/01 - Easter - no one designated
4/08 - Judy Eaton
4/15 - Dennis & Dottie Bowman
4/22 - Valerie Banks
4/29 - Bruce Jones



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

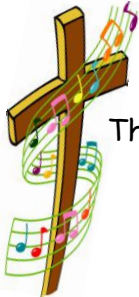
Nancy Calkin/Flower Ministry Coordinator

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, April 18 by emailing them to surfacep@msn.com. Our folding date is Wednesday, April 25 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.

Call the OFFICE at 461-2499 if you would like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of someone. Cost is \$37.00.

55+ LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 at NOON TIN ROOF RESTAURANT

5701 Orange Ave, Fort Pierce
SW Corner of Orange Av and Jenkins Rd
Come enjoy dining out and fellowship.
Bring a friend and a smile!

United Methodist Women Invites You!

Annual Ladies Salad Luncheon
Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m.
(formerly called Mother-Daughter)



Please bring a SALAD.
Desserts by Ellen, Alma, and Nancy.

At their March 16 meeting UMW decided to donate \$400 to Missions and another \$400 to Community's Summer Camp Fund.

The next **Administrative Council Meeting** is Monday, April 23, 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.
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