

LENTEN SERIES CONTINUES
The pastor is leading a series of Wednesday “Table Talks” through April 17. Bring a bag lunch to Henderson Hall. Come prepared for thoughtful discussion. Drinks and cookies are provided.

PALM SUNDAY
Our 10am Service will be a celebration of Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem with palms. This is the start of Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
We’ll celebrate the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples on Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

EASTER SUNRISE
Asbury/Joining Hands is organizing the community Sunrise Easter Worship in the Park on Sunday, April 21, at dawn. We’ll be in the area near the water pad.

EASTER IN THE SANCTUARY
We’ll celebrate the resurrection and our hope of new life at 10am. Bring flowers from your garden for the flower cross. There will be flowers provided.

During April, the Wednesday Bible Study group will be continuing our study of Short Stories by Jesus, a new look at the parables. We have books and room for you to join us. At the beginning of May, we will start a new study called “What About Our Money?” This is one of the annual national mission study themes developed by United Methodist Women for the whole church. Contact Martie in the office if you would like to help plan or lead this study.

COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY



If you believe the Gift of Compassion is your mission, join us on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Conference Room. Karen S. Fox defines compassion as “the art of interacting with people suffering in ways that empowers, encourages, brings hope and lifts spirits.” If the Holy Spirit eggs you on to join this ministry, contact Alex Grimberg.



Message from the Pastor

On our Journey to Easter, the older children have been encouraged to memorize the Lord's Prayer. The lessons will focus on the Last Supper, Jesus in the Garden and Peter's Pretending. On April 14, Palm Sunday, the children will have an opportunity to welcome Jesus during our annual palm procession, marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Our verse this month is "I've seen the Lord." (John 30:18)

On Easter, we will celebrate our lesson "Jesus Lives" with an Easter egg hunt at the Memorial Garden following the service. Plastic eggs and candy donations may be placed in the narthex. Thank you for supporting our children's ministry!

See you in the Sunshine Room!

Miss Julie, Miss Jean Ann, Miss Joan and Miss Mary

I was at a Celebration of Life service for a friend of the congregation recently. After the service a young man came up to me afterwards, told me he was raised in this church, and was wondering how things were going.

That's really a good question. The church has been here a long time and has been through many ups and downs I'm sure. So how are we doing?

Financially, we're doing pretty well. We eliminated a youth position on staff a year ago but the budget is still unbalanced. We spent about \$40k more than we took in last year. The good news is that we have some reserves for now, and we are ahead so far this year!

Program-wise we are focusing our mission on outreach to the poor (Christ's ministry, Lk 4:18). Our Wednesday night Love Feast dinner has increased throughout the year to a steady average in the 70s. We are feeding more people at the Food Pantry and giving more food away to each individual or family. And there are more volunteers involved, both from our church and from cooperating groups.

Our study groups are few but faithful. We continue our children's ministry to kids, mostly brought by grandparents. The United Methodist Men have started a study. So we're doing OK on study, but not great.

Our worship attendance is probably our most important vital sign. This past summer we worshipped downstairs and experienced some fresh wind from the novelty of it. This winter attendance has been up somewhat with some new winter visitors finding our church.

All in all, we're doing pretty well. Not great, but OK. If we love Christ more, we'll do better. *Invite someone to church!*

Blessings with peace,

David Sanford



Children reenacting the Last Supper



The month of March was a busy time for expanding our concepts of mission here in New Port Richey and beyond. Our annual Rummage Sale on March 8 and 9 was a huge success! We made over \$3,000.00 which will go to support our Food Pantry and other local missions. The Annual “Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Offering” which was collected in the Café Corner came to \$47.00. Additionally, all our Circles sent boxes to the Parcel Post Auction in Willow, Alaska which raised over \$6,000.00 for the Community Food Pantry there. (Ask Mary Carefoot to explain how the Parcel Post Auction works and to tell you more about her sister’s missionary work in Willow!)

This month, our WPUMW unit meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, at 1:00 pm. Sharral Ruth will present a program on Korea. Circles will follow their usual monthly schedule as listed in the Church Calendar. Come join us!

The meeting times of the Circles are as follows:

Wesleyan Guild (our night Circle)—Monday, April 1, at 7:00 pm in the parsonage (5843 Pennsylvania Avenue)

Dorcias—Tuesday, April 9, at 10:00 am in the Conference Room

Rebekah—Thursday, April 11, at 1:00 pm at Ruby Tuesday on Ridge Road near Little Road.

Lydia—Tuesday, April 16, at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.



One Community Now
HUNGER
WALK

Saturday, April 13, 2019

We hope you will join us at Gulf High School on Saturday from 8:30 AM —12:30 PM for a family friendly day of fun activities that includes games, prizes, food trucks, community vendors, raffles, relays, and entertainment for all ages. All proceeds from the walk go toward feeding children through the **One Community Now Pack A Sack 4 Kids** program to help address chronic hunger among school aged children.

Register Today!

onecommunitynowhungerwalk.org



GREEN TEAM

Thanks to all of you who participated in our Plant Exchange on March 17th! We made \$60 (\$20 for UMCOR and \$40 for future projects) and planted left-over Bromeliads and Aloe on the north side of the breezeway. Friends from our food programs took the last plants. Our herb of the month is horseradish which “is...one of the bitter Passover herbs.

It was used medicinally to help in digestion and to treat congestion...Its leaves or a bit of root make an invigorating bath. The Germans and Scandinavians were the first known to use it as a condiment.” (Herbs and Spices for Florida Gardens, by Brandies, page 179) Ask Sharral Ruth about the uses of Daikon Radish in Korea.

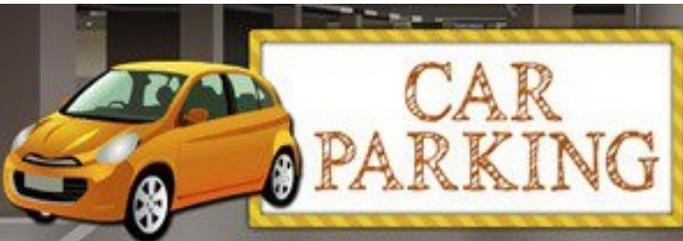


We have added something new to our monthly meetings. It will be named the “United Methodist Men’s Fellowship Bible Study. The study comes from a study book entitled “A Road to Discipleship.” My prayer is that this study will help us to learn to become better Disciples.

Blessings, Alex



Mary Ferraro, Mary Carefoot, Carolyn Arnold, Ralph Weaver and Dwight Smith all attended the Day on Campus at the United Methodist Children’s Home.



The Chasco Fiesta is providing the UMM with several fund raising opportunities parking cars.

Saturday, April 6 we’ll gather for our third parking event for the Boat Parade. Set up time is 10:00 am for the 1:00 pm event.

We need volunteers to take money, to pass out flyers for the church, and to get the cars to the right spots. If you are interested in helping show up at the given times. If you need information contact the church office.



On behalf of the **United Methodist Women**, I want to thank all of you who donated your unwanted treasures and baked goods to our **Rummage Sale**. Secondly, I want to thank all of you who helped us set up and then wait on our clients. Thirdly, I want to thank all of you who purchased goods from us. And lastly, the wonderful cleanup crew we had on Saturday. To date, we have collected nearly \$2500 from the Rummage Sale and nearly \$900 from the Coffee Shop. A special thanks to Jean Ann Lewis for her leadership in getting the Rummage Sale set up, Fran Lucas for running the best Coffee Shop ever and Vonnie and Bill Maytum for their many years of service to our United Methodist Women. This money will all be used to feed the needy in West Pasco. **THANK YOU AGAIN** and may God Bless you.



Jo Babcock, Special Events Chairperson.

I want to give the UMW and church ladies a big “shout out” for donating baked goods to **the Café**. Also, to our special couple, Bill & Vonnie, for making wonderful coffee, a variety of quiche, and serving as cashier. I especially want to thank my team who helped set up, serve, and made clean up a breeze. Additionally, the Café made a new goal in sales! Thank you all.

Fran Lucas

Many thanks for everyone’s support of our **Saint Patrick’s Day UMCOR Luncheon**. The food was delicious. Thank you Sue and Don Granner! Many thanks for the helping hands! Our servers, dishwashers and decorators were appreciated....Mark, Mary, Joan, Sharral, Julie and Patrick! Thank you!



I would like to thank, with **deepest gratitude**, the WPUMW. Your prayers and best wishes and cards were a bright light in a very dark time. Not to forget the baked treats from the Café during the Rummage Sale. Surely this was a part of my quick recovery. A special thanks to Ms. Freida, Ms. Martie and Mr. Alex, Ms. Franny, Ms. Jean Ann, Ms. Jo Babcock, Ms. Charlotte and Pastor David and Mary. To My Mom and Dad, I couldn’t have done this without you!!! Mom, you are so strong—the Rock of our family! Thank you.



Cindy Maytum

Much fun was had providing **concessions for the movie night at Sims Park**. The families learned about our food pantry and the kids enjoyed placing their donations in the bucket.

We raised \$352 for our food pantry. Thank you Rob Marlowe, Steve Young, Pastor David, Mary Ferraro and Jean Ann Lewis.



Steve Young, Concessions

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 23 Pastor David & Mary Carefoot
- 28 Frank & Annette Cardente
- 30 Don & Sue Granner

April 2019

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Sue Davis
- 1 Sandra Buck
- 8 Gloria Van Galder
- 9 Vonnie Maytum
- 12 Mary-Anne Flowers
- 12 Carolyn Arnold
- 12 Lil Mahr
- 17 Catherine Phillips
- 17 Jeanine Hill
- 17 Maxine Petrovick
- 23 Sharral Ruth
- 24 Fredia Russell
- 25 John Buckman
- 25 Bill Lewis
- 29 Judy Simpson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Food Pantry—9:30a Wesleyan Guild at Parsonage—7:00 p	<i>2</i> WPUMW Unit Meeting in Henderson Hall— 1p	<i>3</i> Lenten Journey—Noon in Hen- derson Hall Bible Study in Conf. Rm.—10:30a Love Feast—5p Choir Practice—6:45p	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Office Closed	<i>6</i> UMM Park Cars for Chasco Parade—10 a
<i>7</i> Holy Communion Sunday Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am FYI Class—5p	<i>8</i> Food Pantry—9:30a Staff Parrish Mtg. in Library—6:30p	<i>9</i> Dorcas Circle in Conf. Room—10a Ministry Planning Meeting in Conf. Room—6:30p	<i>10</i> Lenten Journey—Noon in Hen- derson Hall Bible Study in Conf. Rm.—10:30a Love Feast—5p Choir Practice—6:45p	<i>11</i> Rebekah Circle at Ruby Tuesday on Ridge Rd. near Little Rd.—1p	<i>12</i> Office Closed	<i>13</i> Hunger Walk at Gulf High School 8:30 am-12:30 PM
<i>14 PALM SUNDAY</i> Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am FYI Class—5p	<i>15</i> Food Pantry—9:30a	<i>16</i> Lydia Circle in Conf. Rm. —1p Trustees Meeting in Conf. Room—6p Admin Meeting in Conf. Room—7p	<i>17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> Lenten Journey—Noon in Hen- derson Hall Bible Study in Conf. Rm.—10:30a Love Feast—5p Choir Practice—6:45p	<i>18</i> <i>Maundy Thursday Service—6p</i>	<i>19</i> Office Closed	<i>20</i>
<i>21 EASTER SUNDAY</i> Easter Sunrise Service at dawn in Sim's Park Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am	<i>22</i> Food Pantry—9:30a	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Bible Study in Conf. Rm.—10:30a Love Feast—5p Choir Practice—6:45p	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Office Closed	<i>27</i> 
<i>28</i> Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am UMM & Bible Study—6pm	<i>29</i> Food Pantry—9:30a	<i>30</i> WPUMW Executive Board Meeting in Conf. Room—1p				



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SUNDAY	8:45 am	Adult Sunday School in Conf. Room
	9:00 am	Soul Cafe
MONDAY	10:00 am	Worship Service (kids' church & nursery)
	9:30 am	Food Pantry
TUESDAY	6:00pm	Trustees (3rd Tuesday)
	6:30pm	Ministry Planning (2nd Tuesday)
	7:00pm	Administrative Council (3rd. Tuesday)
WEDNESDAY	10:30 am	Bible Study, Conference Room
	5:00 pm	Love Feast, Henderson Hall
	5:00 pm	Young Voices
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		Office Closed
	9:00 am	Green Team Meeting in Conf. Room

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