

# Good News

March 2020

## RUMMAGE SALE



**THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE  
OF THE WEST PASCO  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
WILL BE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020  
8:00 AM-2:00 PM &  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020  
8:00 AM-12:00 NOON**

 **VISIT OUR CAFÉ FEATURING COFFEE,  
BAKED GOODS AND QUICHE** 

**SET UP: TUESDAY, 3/3  
WEDNESDAY, 3/4  
& THURSDAY, 3/5  
9:00 AM—12:00 NOON**

**We want your unwanted treasures  
in good condition!**

**Small household items, small kitchen appliances,  
dishes, linens and bedding, curtains, knick-knacks,  
Christmas items, home and garden tools,  
toys, games and books**

**NO CLOTHES, SHOES, LARGE FURNITURE  
OR COMPUTER ITEMS, PLEASE!!**

**Bring items to Henderson Hall through March 3**

**Bill Lewis will pick up items again this year  
Call him at 727-807-3492 or 610-513-2489**

## upcoming EVENTS

3/1—Richey Band Concert, 2pm  
3/3,3/4—Rummage Sale set up,  
9am-noon  
3/6—Rummage Sale and Café,  
8am-2pm  
3/7—Rummage Sale and Café,  
8am-noon  
3/15—Potluck, after worship  
3/17—Trustees, 6pm; Ad. Coun-  
cil, 7pm

## LENT BROWN BAG LUNCH AND PRAYER



We are having our Wednesday Lenten Luncheons again this year. Bring a lunch of some kind. Drinks will be provided. As we eat we'll share reports on the joys and concerns we have regarding people we know and love. 3x5 cards will be provided so we can write them down and all pray for them during the week. We'll end each session with prayer. *It starts at noon on March 11* (the week after the rummage sale) and ends April 8.

# HUNGER WALK



Saturday, April 18, 8:00am-noon

Gulf High School

Join the FUMC Team to support the Pack-a-Sack program. The Hunger Walk is sponsored by One Community Now who gives us money each year for our food distribution to children at Marlowe Elementary. We get back more than we give! Call Carolyn Arnold for information—727-808-3162.

## United Methodist Men

We will be parking cars for the Chasco Parade on March 28, 2020. The parade starts at 1:00 pm. We will start setting up the parking lot at 9:00 am.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 22, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. This will give us time to plan for the parade and discussion on reorganizing the Fellowship. Your suggestions are welcome.

Lord be our guide in all we do.

Blessings, Alex Grimberg

## Wednesdays in the Word



For Lent, the Wednesday morning Bible Study group will be studying Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. The DVD format brings Peter's story to life very powerfully. Join us for study, discussion and intercessory prayer at 10:30 am in the Conference Room starting March 11.

## Message from the Pastor

We started our Lent observance on Ash Wednesday. Thanks to all who came. Thanks especially to the choir who provided some wonderful music.

Lent, like all the seasons of the Christian year, points to something that is essential to our spiritual life. For Lent the message is self-examination.

When the original "Methodist" societies met, the members always came expecting to answer the question, "*How is it with your soul?*" This question goes to the root of personal existence. It's not about what's happening to us. It's about how we are managing those things. What is our outlook, our attitude, and ultimately, our relationship with God.

A second question of the early Methodists was, "*Have you done all the good you could and avoided all the evil you could this week?*" This is about behavior and our choices. Imagine answering this question among a group of trusted people! That's protestant confession.

A third question was, "*Have you availed yourself of the means of grace?*" The meaning here is participating in the service of communion that John Wesley thought should be done every opportunity we have. What "means" do you take to receive God's grace?

Finally, they asked the question, "*How can we as a group pray and support you?*" We do that every Sunday morning, but do you take opportunities to ask the people you know and love this question in daily life?

May this season of self-examination be a blessing to you and those near you.

Grace and peace,





Our annual **Rummage Sale** will take place on March 6 and 7 in Henderson Hall. All proceeds will go to support the Food Pantry ministry here at First United Methodist. Help make the sale a success by donating items or baked goods, helping to sort, set-up and sell or buy things! See information on the front page, or check out the flyer in the narthex for complete information.

There will be no Unit Meeting this month. Circle meeting schedules can be found on the Calendar. This month, Circles will finish filling boxes to mail to Willow, Alaska, for the **Parcel Post Auction** which supports the Willow Community Food Pantry. This is a fun project with amazing results! Last year, over 80 boxes from all over the country and abroad were auctioned for a total of about \$6000! Boxes must be mailed in time to be received by March. Call Mary Carefoot at 731 394-0576 for details or more information about the work in Willow.



Crafts with Kim will **not** meet Thursday, March 5, at 10:00 am in Henderson Hall since the Hall will be set up for the Rummage Sale which starts the next day. We will meet next month on April 2 for our last session with Kim Darling before she heads back up north. We will be making two of our favorite crafts again, fabric stars and homemade cards and we will have a little send-off for Kim! Since she will be providing the craft supplies, it would be helpful for her to have a rough estimate of the number of participants, so reservations are encouraged but not required. Call the church at 727 842-7674 to reserve a spot. This group is open to everyone. Come join us and bring your ideas for future crafts for us to work on over the summer while Kim is away. (Also bring Tacky Glue, long tweezers and double-sided tape if you have some!)



Everyone who enjoys working with yarn is invited to join us on *the Second Thursday, March 12, at 10am in Henderson Hall for the first meeting of the Crochet Club.* Brenda Smeby will be sharing about the Prayer Shawl Ministry she participated in at her former church. She will show beautiful samples and patterns. Knitters and Crocheters, bring whatever you are working on to this meeting to share ideas for using our vast collections of yarns all bought on sale with no express purpose in mind! Next month, Sharral Ruth will demonstrate making a sleeping mat for the homeless out of Plarn (plastic yarn made of shopping bags)! What can you teach us?

“Thank you”



JOINING HANDS  
MISSION CHURCH  
CELEBRATING 10  
YEARS OF SERVING  
PASCO COUNTY

Joining Hands Mission Church invites you to join us for dinner to celebrate our 10th Anniversary!

It will take place on Sunday, March 15, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Asbury United Methodist Church located at 4204 Thys Road, New Port Richey, FL. Please RSVP to 727-264-1288 or info@joininghandsmission.org before March 10th.



RICHEY ROUND UP FESTIVAL

The Richey Round Up Festival will be held at Richey Elementary School on Thursday, March 12, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Our church will be running the Corn Hole to help the school raise money. If you have any questions, please call Heather Withers at 727-3326-5438 or email her at shorty459@yahoo.com.



Scout Sunday 

Thanks to Tim Kramer, Cub Scout Leader of Pack 8, his wife Brianna, the supporting leaders and all the kids who attended worship at 1st UMC for Scout Sunday. There are about 70 scouts in the program currently and are very active in promoting the scouting way of life. We're thankful for the mutual support we share with Pack 8!



Last year we averaged 85 people at our love feast. This year we are consistently getting nearly 100 people each week. There is a growing number of food insecure people in our area. We are fulfilling the law of Christ to love our neighbors as we offer our facility for this meal. Hope UMC cooks each week. Below you'll see 4 of their saints preparing food in the kitchen. Let's thank God for this opportunity to gather as a varied community for a meal. We're blessed.



**GREEN TEAM**

Greetings from the Green Team! The Loquat Festival will be on March 21, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Frances Avenue Park. The Green Team will sell loquat chutney and fair trade SERRV crafts and foods from around the world. Call Conny Cranford at 727 237-9692 to help cook the chutney beforehand or to help the day of the festival!



The Green Team planted the poinsettias left over from Christmas on the south side of the Sanctuary. They look beautiful and are thriving and add a lovely red color to the property. Thanks to the Green team for helping take care of our growing things!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3 Don Grammer	17 Beverly Meyer
10 Lenore Frontczak	21 Lourdes (Kitty) Brown
14 Steve Young	21 Glenn Davis
16 Heather Withers	21 Pam Dobies
16 Martie Grimberg	22 Beverly Alderdice

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
7 William & Susan Havee

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am Richey Band Concert at River Ridge High School—2:30p	<i>2</i> Food Pantry—9:30a Staff Parish Meeting in Conf. Room—6:30p	<i>3</i> START SET UP FOR RUMMAGE SALE AND CAFE	<i>4</i> SET UP FOR RUMMAGE SALE AND CAFE Bible Study in Choir Rm.—10:30a Love Feast in Pavilion across the street—5p Choir Practice—6:30p	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Office Closed 8:00 AM-2:00 PM RUMMAGE SALE & CAFE	<i>7</i> 8:00 AM-12 NOON RUMMAGE SALE & CAFE
<i>8</i> Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am	<i>9</i> Food Pantry—9:30a Wesleyan Guild at the Parsonage—7p	<i>10</i> Dorcas Circle in Conf. Rm—10a	<i>11</i> Bible Study in Conf. Rm.—10:30a Lenten Prayer Luncheon-12p Love Feast—5p Ministry Planning—5:45p Choir Practice—6:30p	<i>12</i> Crochet Club in Henderson Hall-10a (Knitters welcome also)	<i>13</i> Office Closed	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am UMM in Conf. Rm—6p	<i>16</i> Food Pantry—9:30a	<i>17</i> Lydia Circle in Conf. Rm—1p Trustee Mtg in Conf. Rm—6p Admin Council Mtg in Conf. Rm—7p	<i>18</i> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> Bible Study in Conf. Rm.—10:30a Lenten Prayer Luncheon-12p Love Feast—5p Ministry Planning—5:45p Choir Practice—6:30p	<i>19</i> Green Team in Conf. Room-10a Rebekah Circle in Henderson Hall—1p	<i>20</i> Office Closed	<i>21</i> Loquat Festival
<i>22</i> Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am	<i>23</i> Food Pantry—9:30a	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Bible Study in Conf. Rm.—10:30a Lenten Prayer Luncheon-12p Love Feast—5p Ministry Planning—5:45p Choir Practice—6:30p	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Office Closed	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> Sunday School—8:45am Soul Café—9am Worship—10am Kid's Church—10am	<i>30</i> Food Pantry—9:30a	<i>31</i> WPUMW Exec. Bd. Meeting in Conf. Room—1p				



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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	Adult Sunday School in Conf. Room
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Soul Cafe
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service (kids' church & nursery)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Food Pantry and Clothes Distribution
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Trustees (3rd Tuesday)
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Administrative Council (3rd. Tuesday)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Bible Study, Conference Room
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Love Feast, Henderson Hall
	<b>5:45pm</b>	Ministry Planning (3rd Wednesday)
<b>FRIDAY</b>		Office Closed

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