



First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon

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NEWSLETTER

REMINDER FROM PASTOR EDDIE:

I will be offering a Pastors Religion 101 class for four Sunday evenings at 6 PM in the chapel, July 23rd, 30th, August 6th and 13th. These will be very basic classes, two weeks in the Old Testament and two weeks in the New Testament with plenty of time for questions. Also, each night will offer one of the topics for discussion in the United Methodist Discipline titled "Social Principles," such as the churches stance on abortion, the lottery, capital punishment etc.

Go to our webpage, <http://www.fumcdunnellon.org/> and see all the information available for you including this newsletter. In June, we started offering our weekly devotional topic on Tuesdays of each week. We will also be posting a video clip on the Pastor's Corner section of our Webpage <http://www.fumcdunnellon.org/pastors-corner-first-united-methodist-dunnellon.php> and encourage you to view that as you read this devotional topic. For those of you reading this on our "webpage", you are more than welcome to join one of our texting groups if you would like to be in a discussion about the Scripture topics each week. Just let the office know and we will connect you in that manner.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

The diabetic support group meets every second Wednesday of the month at 4pm in the Stephen ministry room located in the education building. Marilyn Holsipple assists with dietary and nutrition concerns. Linda Topper and Liz Martynowski discuss concerns with medical aspects of this disease. All are welcome whether you have diabetes or are a caregiver to someone with diabetes.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide one on one, lay Christian Care for someone who is hurting. Stephen ministers receive 50 hours of high quality distinctively Christian Care training, and continuing education throughout the year. They are equipped to walk beside those in need of a friend who will listen, care, pray, support, and encourage. This ministry is totally confidential, never revealing the identity of a care receiver, or anything they discuss. If you know someone who can benefit from this type of care, please contact the church office and they will refer you to one of our Steven leaders. If you feel called to become part of this Ministry, please contact Irene Brugh, 352-464-3133.

HERNANDO HOMELESS MINISTRY

VBS SUPPORT - We want to send a heartfelt thank you to Jennifer Nemetch and all the tireless volunteers that made VBS such a success this summer. The mission focus for VBS this year was the Hernando Homeless Ministry. The kids filled the treasure chest with soooooo many items for the homeless. The items donated were hygiene products, snacks, ice chests, insect repellents and plastic bags for the homeless to transport bottles of water back to their campsites. All the donations have been delivered to Hernando and they were very appreciative.

UMCOR - When Rick and Francene DuCharme went to Texas this summer to help pack boxes for UMCOR there were extra items that were divided between the participating churches. These boxes included ditty bags and hygiene products. Rick donated our church's allotment to the homeless and these items have also been delivered to Hernando.

GO FOR DONUTS - Bob and Norma Pennington, owners of Go For Donuts, are now donating two dozen fresh glazed donuts the first Friday of each month for the homeless. They have already made two donations. Mike and I find it irresistible to stop on our way to Sam's to pick up the donuts and not have one of their delicious apple fritters! Thank you, Bob and Norma, we appreciate your kindness!

"J" DOLLARS - Thanks everyone for the continued support with your "J" Dollars. This month we purchased some extra items - whole milk, butter, salad dressing and a large box of Lance's peanut butter crackers - multiple packets.

ALUMINUM POP TABS - The aluminum pop tabs keep coming in - about a bag a week. Thank you for thinking of Ronald McDonald's house and all the children and parents they help. Some folks know I frequent McDonald's, so I have no problem delivering the tabs to the restaurant.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Prayers and Squares members meet at Friendship Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month (unless notified differently) from 9 – 11 AM. New members are always welcome. Fabrics, batting, and patterns are available at the meeting. We will also do the cutting out of a pattern for you, layer a quilt, and assist new quilters.

Due to the size of our congregation it is impossible for us to automatically make a quilt for each person whom is ill or hospitalized. Prayer quilts are made on request. A black notebook with information sheets to request a quilt for a friend or loved one is located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. A prayer quilt may also be requested by calling Charlotte Eberhard at 352-465-7330 or Laura Rutkowski at 352-465-0527.

Prayer shawls and scarves are available for those whom have a new health issue and have already received a prayer quilt. FUMC Shepherds may take one to their lambs. These are in a tub marked "Prayer Shawls", on a shelf in the closet in Friendship Hall. Cards and bags are available to go with them. Please write the name of the person in the notebook provided. We need more people interested in making these shawls. Free patterns for crochet or knit shawls are available on the internet. One prays for the recipient as you knit or crochet. Contact Lorna Gillespie, 352-447-6143, or Charlotte Eberhard if interested in helping with this part of the ministry.

This text message was received from Bobby Denney, Malinda Claffey's brother, which she asked to share with the church:

After taking the package out of his mailbox... "And I feel the weight of the package...Not determine what it is.... And I started to shake the box and I barely feel and could hear little tiny noises.... And I am not sure what it is! Till I open and read the note you wrote...feel my lips smile! And read the "What is a Prayer Quilt". It is really touching my heart.... I could feel all of those people... That they are true God Believers! And in the back, the poem title.... It's very warming, feeling so comfortable...My tension went soft and the mood went stable...Feeling Great and I do really thank God for those people show their love and care! And I took the quilt out and my heart melted! Cause its so BEAUTIFUL Quilt! I love homemade quilts since I was kid! I'd want to say Thank you and all to all those people at your church."

ARMED SERVICE BOARD IN FRIENDSHIP HALL

This board is a place to show our loved ones serving in the military, so everyone can keep them in their prayers. If you have someone serving in any branch of service or reserves, please let me know. Grace Burks

KINGDOM BUILDER INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

On January 26, 2016, the Administrative Board appointed an investment committee to assist in church when financial gifts are given to our church. Your church now has a Kingdom Building Investment Committee, which will provide advisory consulting for any of your planned giving legacies and suggest investment guidelines to the administrative board and committees when requested.

Since the beginning of this year, we have been working at putting in place the legal documents required to implement an endowment program in accordance with United Methodist Church Book of Discipline. This was presented and approved by our Church Conference on April 25, 2017.

Over the next year, our goal is to inform members and friends how they can leave an enduring gift to Dunnellon First United Methodist Church. This will be another way to give thanks to God for His blessings in this life and assure that future outreach ministries continue in the community through our church. Enduring gifts of any size or in any form is another way to further the great commission of making disciples and "Building the Kingdom" through a lasting legacy.

Thank you in advance for all for your support and prayers for this new church ministry. While our former school or favorite non-profit might have helped to mold us, or define us over the years, our church helps us to reach our God given potential. Why not consider helping the church do more in an effort to "Build the Kingdom in all that we do?" This new ministry can help you do just that!

More information may be obtained by calling the church office and ask for the KBI contact information.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Your building committee is close to wrapping up the final specs for the United Journey Center site plan to be submitted to the architect. We are excited about all that we have learned in order to build the UJC that it will solve and serve as many church needs as possible.

The Harmony Preschool subcommittee met with a Christian school consultant to identify all the needs for our school to relocate to the UJC, to grow the school and raise up the next generation of strong Christians...and maybe the next President of the United States!

The Culinary ministry headed by Bud Bowley is close to presenting to us their needs in order to build a top-notch kitchen to fill all of the kitchen projects we hope to establish in the UJC.

The Security Team, headed by Lee Whitston, has meet with security consultants and we expect them to be identifying their needs for the UJC in order for it to be a safe and secure center for the entire family as well as the school.

The Building Committee has also hired a capital campaign company out of Arkansas to help build awareness and raise funds prior to the breaking ground of the UJC hopefully yet this year. Horizon Stewardship held multiple meeting with members of our church in the month of July in order to assess our strengths, desire and enthusiasm for our expansion project. We look forward to hearing Pastor Dale's report in late summer.

This is a long way of saying we are getting close to designing the building, all the while prayerfully and hopefully taking into consideration as many church needs as possible. Thank you for all your time, talent, support and prayers.

Elizabeth B. Chryst
Chair-Building Committee

MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Honduras: Pastor Bob Woods will remain in Honduras. The council and Bishop of the Caribbean Methodist Church approved Bob's transfer to Belize and all the licensing of Lay Pastors to run the churches that he has been in charge of in Honduras. However, they do not have the resources to take care of this and the much-needed school. Therefore, the school would have to be closed and all the hard work put in the last couple of years, not only to educate these wonderful children but also to share the love of Jesus Christ, would have to fade away. Bob and Rosa fully knowing the dangers of the area, prayed and prayed and felt God would take care of them if they stay there and operated the school. Bob has moved to a safer location in Honduras with his wife Rosa, and their two little children, Sarah and Steven. Emily, his second oldest daughter has come to the states to study at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky in the medical field for future mission service.

The lay pastors will need the truck they have been using but the truck that the church has donated will still be needed. The problem is that it cannot be accepted in Honduras. Pastor Bob is trying to figure out a way to do this. We are encouraging our church to continue to support by prayers and gifts for his amazing ministry which the Lord has called him to be engaged in. As we are trying to expand our opportunities for education with our UJC center. We're encouraging the church to support the school that Bob and Rosa have invested so much in as well.