



## First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon

June 2018

### NEWSLETTER

#### **PASTOR EDDIE'S CORNER**

Reminder, June 1 through July 15 we are taking a mid-week hiatus for our Tuesday and Wednesday night services as well as administrative meetings. At this time, Barbara Keller will continue her amazing Bible study Tuesday mornings in the friendship hall and brother Steve Schlei will offer an evening Bible study at six in the friendship hall on Tuesdays as well.

We have a variety of ideas starting back in the mid-summer and into the Fall regarding reaching out to some of our younger families in the congregation and creative ideas regarding our administrative meetings. I will explain those more in depth in our next newsletter.

Please pray for our Annual Conference in Lakeland from June 7-9. Bonnie Russell will not be able to attend representing us because of the bad fall she experienced. Our delegates will be Carroll Meredith and Lloyd Fisk. I will also be attending from June 10-16 the Stephen Ministry Leader training in Orlando, Florida.

We have a special treat coming up in June on Father's Day where three of us at each of the worship services will be sharing a brief testimony about our earthly fathers comparing to our Godly father. I am excited to share in those services what the Lord has taught me regarding our Father in heaven.

We had memorial services in the month of May for Janet Small. Our Stephen ministers and others blessed her during her time here. Our prayers go out to Hernando United Methodist Church for their lay delegate to annual conference. He and his dear bride were killed in a car accident on Memorial Day weekend. In this fragile life, we never know when we will depart but I encourage you as we have done this last year to consider leaving a legacy of your life to the honor and glory of Christ through your church. As your pastor I want to remind everyone to prayerfully consider leaving your wonderful church in your will continuing to be an amazing steward of God's kingdom. We are building the kingdom in everything we do while we're here even when we enter Glory.

I want to express my appreciation for your patience as we continue to make our facility and our people here and especially our children more secure through our Agape Safety Ministry are still learning the ropes as we try to make sure we are as protective as possible without imposing on our dear family. May God always protect you, guide and lead us as we seek his will in ministry.

Celebrate women, this past month and our concert on May 19 was a tremendous success.

We continue to meet once a month in the evening for communion for our Men's Fellowship (Iron Men) that has grown out of our last men's retreat.

We are so excited for the baptism service this first weekend of June at the river where already five have signed up to experience this and afterwards the second grand opening of Second Life Thrift Shop. We are truly excited to be involved in so many areas of mission and ministry. May the blessings of Christ be with you all as we enter our summer months. Blessings

#### **KINGDOM BUILDER INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

**Did you know?** - There is a "Give It Twice" trust plan you can use in planned giving.

It is a plan to first give income to your children through a trust and then transfer the trust balance to charity in the future. If your estate has accumulated a significant amount, you have the ability to do something for both your family and your favorite charity.

Here is an example: June, a surviving spouse, had an estate valued at \$800,000 upon her husband Fred's death. Both had agreed they wanted to leave something to their four children and their favorite charity. June worked with a gift planner and shared her concern that, even though three of the children were financially sound, one of the children was not financially responsible and would spend down the distribution if received in a lump sum.

The gift planner shared how she could transfer \$400,000 from her IRA at death to the trust. Her children would each receive one-fourth of the income from the trust over 20 years. That would provide time for the one child to learn to save and invest. After that time, the trust balance would benefit their charity. In addition, by using her IRA, June could save on income tax because the special trust is tax-exempt.

At our May 9<sup>th</sup> event with Tom Wilkinson, our Stewardship Consultant from Florida United Methodist Foundation, shared several other planned giving options you might wish to consider. Please feel free to discuss with our Pastor, members of our KBIC committee or contact Tom Wilkinson at [twilkinson@fumf.org](mailto:twilkinson@fumf.org) for additional creative gift planning information.

#### **MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

Florida United Methodist Children's Home: provided a certificate for our church's contribution of \$4,391.25 for the year 2017.

Honduras: Bob Wood Jr. reported on the English school program. His daughters Elizabeth and Emily will be visiting Honduras in June to help with summer school activities. Bob also reported some problems with the donated pickup truck. His full report is on the Missions bulletin board.

PECDA/Kenya: James Githukah reports flooding conditions making life difficult for the PECDA families.

Michelle-O-Gram: Sherry Roberts reported that the Bunco-Babes donated \$18,400 to Michelle-O-Gram.

Habitat for Humanity: Elizabeth Chryst reported that Habitat obtained land in Dunnellon Heights to build two houses. Qualified Habitat families are being sought.

Hernando Homeless Ministry: Susie Phillips reported that she and Mike are still taking over-the-counter medications.

Happy Feet: Tom Tarkenton reported 258 pairs of shoes and socks were bought for the school year.

Rural Mission: Carol Stroup reported the trip to Hollywood, SC was a success with two houses being repaired.

The Mission highlight for June is Jesus Is. Ken Rowe made the presentation at all three services on May 27th.

Submitted by Rick DuCharme

## **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY**

Prayers and Squares members meet at Friendship Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

We now have blue bags with the Prayers and Squares logo on them to put prayer quilts in, thanks to the many financial contributions from those whom have received a prayer quilt. Thank you to Malinda Claffey, FUMC Office Staff, for this idea and follow through in ordering these.

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.

We would like to share this thank you note received from Glenda Pelton: Dear Charlotte and all who made my prayer quilt: Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the beautiful quilt – what a wonderful gift of love and prayers! I can’t tell you how much it means to me. May God bless you all in this fantastic ministry. Your prayers, and the prayers of many others reached the throne of God and He heard you all and saw fit to spare me. God bless you all and again; Thank you!

## **AGAPE SAFETY MINISTRY**

We have just completed 15 weeks of Monday night dinners for the United Way Strong Families program. Providing the dinners was a fundraiser for the Safety/Security team. We are planning on doing this again for their next class starting July 30th.

The May 19th concert, Paul Saik singer/piano man, was also a fundraiser for our team. Those who attended were treated to an outstanding evening. With the proceeds from these two fundraisers we are now able to move forward on continuing our training and certifications. We will also be acquiring some new equipment.

Besides these two Fundraisers we have been providing our services for many functions, Sunday services, Monday night programs, Tuesday night Bible study, Wednesday Night dinner & service, funerals, etc. If your group will be having a function and would like protection please contact a team member or the church office.

We are still looking for new members to take an active role in protecting our Church and congregation! Thank you everyone for your support, Your Safety Team

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> “Rolling River Rampage” is this year’s theme for our VBS. We want to lead kids on an action-packed VBS adventure! Rolling River Rampage invites children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God!

We Need Volunteers! We need donations! Please help anyway you can.