



First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

REMINDER FROM PASTOR EDDIE:

Go to our Webpage <http://www.fumcdunnellon.org/> and see all the information available for you including this newsletter. Starting the month of June, we are 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is June 26 to June 30. The theme this year is "Down under the Sea". Bible School will be held from 9am to 12pm. Ages Pre-K (3 and 4 year old) through 6th grade are welcome. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, contact Jennifer Nemetch. 352-216-8574.

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

The Hernando Homeless Ministry is spreading their wings to cover additional needs for the homeless. We were given a beautiful gift of funds, above and beyond the "J" Dollars, and requested permission to look into supplying tents, etc. The Citrus County Family Resource Center, which is the organization Connections falls under, does not receive any government funding. They operate on faith and donations from the community.

After receiving permission, Mike and I made an appointment and met with Ginger West, Director of CCFRC, on April 21. We had a great meeting and she shared with us the most critical needs. We did some price shopping and on June 11 we purchased three kits – my terminology. Each kit contains 1 each: 7' x 7' tent - 8' x 10' tarp - lightweight sleeping bag - small ice chest with handle - insect repellent. During our meeting with Ginger she shared a sweet story of faith with us. A gentleman volunteer who stocks food for the needy came to her one day and said they didn't have enough of a certain product and she told him it would be alright and to just go back to work. During the next two weeks he came to her numerous times with the same concern regarding different items and always received the same response – "It will be

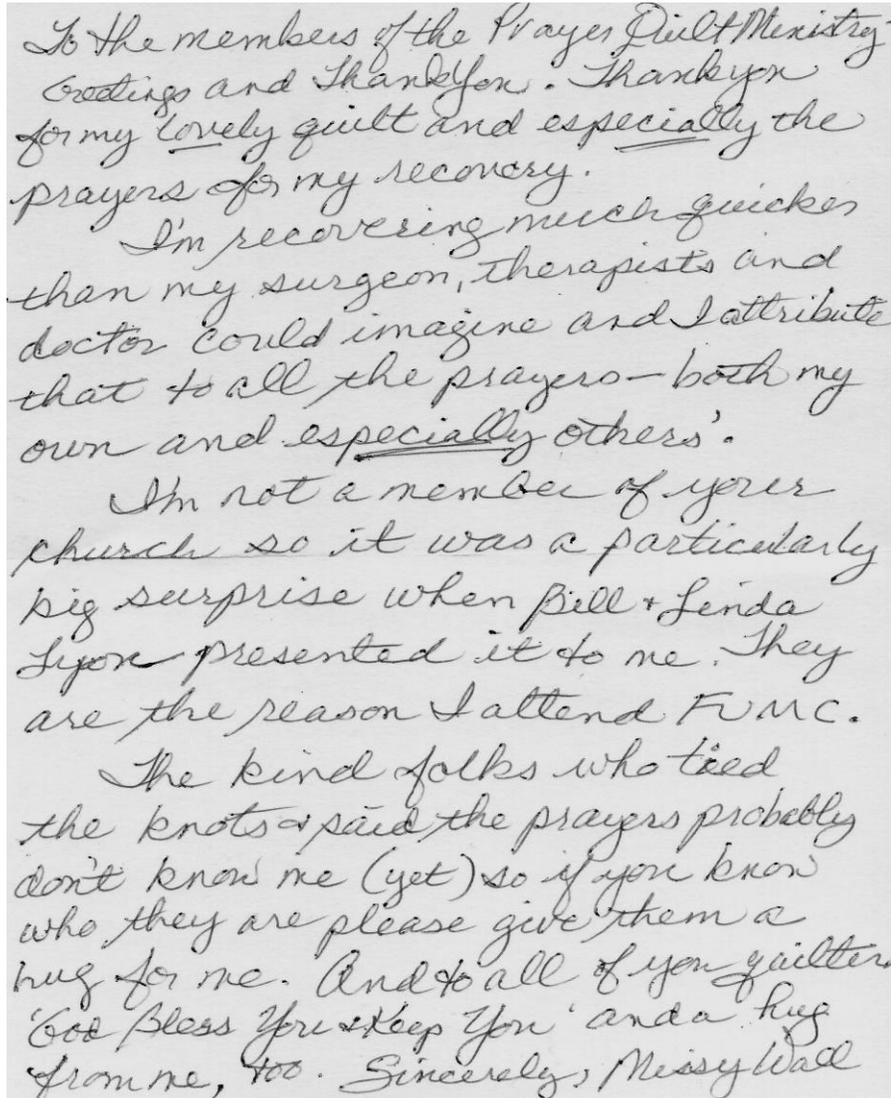
alright.” One day two trucks drove up loaded with food donations. The gentleman finally figured it out and went to her and said, “You can stop praying now.” Ginger is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Inverness and their church feeds the homeless on Thursday’s.

Again, thank you for helping feed God’s children through your “J” Dollars. Blessings, Mike and Susie Phillips

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

We wish to thank Ina Murdock for her 10 years of service as co-chair of the Prayer Quilt Ministry. Freddi Brown, Laura Rutkowski, and Donna White have volunteered as our new co-chairpersons. Prayers and Squares members meet at Friendship Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month (unless notified differently) from 9–11 a.m. New members are always welcome. Fabrics, batting, and patterns are available at the meeting. We will also cut out 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 ill or hospitalized person. 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. We receive many sincere thank you notes from recipients of prayer quilts from FUMC and will print them on this site from time to time. Thank you all for your continuing support of this ministry. As Pat Paradine used to say, “We are a praying church and prayer works.” Charlotte Eberhard, Chairperson.

A thank you note from Prayer Quilt recipient Missy Wall:



To the members of the Prayer Quilt Ministry
Greetings and Thankyou. Thankyou
for my lovely quilt and especially the
prayers for my recovery.
I'm recovering much quicker
than my surgeon, therapists and
doctor could imagine and I attribute
that to all the prayers—both my
own and especially others'.
I'm not a member of your
church so it was a particularly
big surprise when Bill + Linda
Lyon presented it to me. They
are the reason I attend FUMC.
The kind folks who tied
the knots & said the prayers probably
don't know me (yet) so if you know
who they are please give them a
hug for me. And to all of you quilters
'God Bless You & Keep You' and a hug
from me, too. Sincerely, Missy Wall

ALUMINUM POP CAN TABS

During the past six months or so people have been leaving zip lock bags of aluminum pop tabs at the Welcome Center for distribution. Someone told me McDonald's restaurants collect them. I spoke to management in the Dunnellon restaurant and they do collect the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses! The Pop Tab Program began in 1996. Food is delivered to the stores twice a week and the tabs are picked up at that time. They are taken to a recycling center and exchanged for dollars which supports the children and families they serve at their RMH's. There are several homes in Florida from Tallahassee through Central Florida down to Miami.

I have spoken to Al Martinez, Recycling Drive, and he does not take the pop tabs to the recycling center he visits. Someone thought Harmony Preschool collected the tabs, but I spoke to Crystal and they do not collect them.

This week I made another delivery of four full bags (one was a gallon zip lock bag) to McDonald's. I told the manager they were donations from the First United Methodist Church in Dunnellon and she was so appreciative. She told me two of their employees had given birth to premature babies and the Ronald McDonald House program was very dear to their hearts.

This is just another way we can help care for God's children (kids and parents). Drop off your bags of pop tabs at the Welcome Center in the narthex and I'll make sure they get to McDonald's. If you have any questions, please call Susie Phillips at 352-422-5910.

FORGET ME NOT ELDER CARE MINISTRY

The purpose of our ministry is to provide respite care for full time caregivers and provide a safe place for them to leave their loved ones. We also welcome the lonely and frail to join us for a time of friendly conversation and games. We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 to 4:30 PM in the Friendship Hall. The only time we cancel is the week of Christmas, New Year, High School testing in May and the week of VBS, which this year is the week of June 26. The Tuesday date is June 27th. We have had over 100 from the community take advantage of our ministry. What has made our program work so well is the compassion, love and patience of each of our volunteers. We have the satisfaction of serving God and making a difference in our community.

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

CULINARY MINISTRY TEAM

We now have 14 volunteers but more are surely welcome. The team is still in its organizational phase and has several things in mind to work on once fully established. We have a couple of members working with the Building Committee on a proposed design for the new kitchen. We also established an account with Cheney Brothers Food Distributors to allow us to plan better meals and take advantage of wholesale pricing. We are looking for a Mission Group to volunteer to host the 5th Wednesday night dinner. Currently the 1st Wednesday is hosted by Pearl Murphy, 2nd by Harmony Preschool, 3rd by UMM and the 4th by UMW. To help fund a better-quality menu, we have started to place a Donation Basket on the table on Wednesday nights. The Culinary Ministry Team hosted its first function on May 6th, supporting UMM's Memorial luncheon for Joe Long. Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome, all KUDOS are always appreciated by the volunteers!

MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

By Rick DuCharme, Mission Committee Chairman



Pastor Bob Woods and Family

Honduras: Bob Wood will move to Belize during the first week of July. A pickup truck has been donated to our church, and our church has transferred the title to Bob Wood. The truck will be shipped to Belize with the target date of arriving in Belize during the first week of July. Also, funds have been received to help pay off the teacher's salaries before the end of the school year.

Kenya: James Githukah had back surgery on May 15. He is weak, but recovering. He returned home from the hospital May 22. Funds have been sent for the construction of two structures for the four water tanks that

have been purchased. Even before the tanks are installed, clean drinking water is now flowing from the city of Naivasha through installed meters to our PECDA families in the villages of Kihoto and Manera.

Sister Church, Cieneguita, Cuba: Pastor Yabay moved the church activities into the home that was purchased adjacent to the old church. The old church has been demolished and the new church home construction is underway. We sent \$5,300 with District Superintendent Pastor Luis Alberto Vazquez for the Cieneguita construction. On Wednesday, May 10, Pastor Luis attended our Mission Committee Meeting, spoke at the Wednesday worship service and attended the COM meeting. He also visited our Second Life Thrift Shop and was able to carry a suitcase full of children's clothing back to Cuba for his church members.

Rural Mission: From April 22-29, a team of five from our church joined 11 missionaries from Maine and New Hampshire to refurbish two homes in Hollywood, South Carolina.

Hernando Homeless Ministry: Is expanding from feeding homeless folks one day per week to buying additional needed supplies such as tents, grills, and bug repellent. Also, a basket has been placed in the Narthex to collect toiletries for the homeless ministry.

Prison Ministry: Bill Lyon is corresponding with a number of inmates.

Our Mission emphasis for May was Honduras. Our Mission emphasis for June is Jesus Is.