



**First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon**  
**October 2017**  
**NEWSLETTER**

**REMINDERS FROM PASTOR EDDIE:**

A reminder that we need to have everyone's cell phone/most current contact number updated in case of natural disasters like hurricanes.

We are hosting our Charge Conference this year that involves eight of our surrounding United Methodist Churches on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Approval for our 2018 leadership team and budget for all those churches will be approved by the district superintendent who will be with us that night.

On Tuesday nights we will continue with Dot Chadwick's Bible study from poetry and I lead the Bible study conversation following the readings. I will be leading the Study the following two weeks in October and our hope is to do a DVD series for the first three Tuesdays in November on evangelism and sharing your faith.

We have also started back our full schedule on Wednesdays and will continue through Christmas with our lay speakers and as we get into November and the December our topics will be about the different characters of the Christmas story. We would love for everyone to come and enjoy the fellowship dinner and the worship service that always ends in altar prayer.

Starting October 22<sup>nd</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Sunday focus will be on preparation for the UJC center. Our goal is to hold groundbreaking in 2018!

**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.

**DOG OBEDIENCE CLASS**

Continuing October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>...there are 5 weeks left! Class is held on church grounds, starting at 10:00am.

**HARMONY PRESCHOOL 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CRAFT AND YARD SALE**

Mark your calendars, Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Tables are available both inside and outside of Friendship Hall. See someone in Harmony Preschool for more information.

**MISSION COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Habitat for Humanity:** Habitat is opening a second re-store near Hwy 200 and 484, that will refer clothing donations to our Second Life Thrift Shop. Habitat working with Dunnellon officials to build homes in Dunnellon Heights, and Habitat is looking for qualified owners of future Habitat homes.

**Michelle-O-Gram:** Several Michelle-O-Gram events are planned for breast cancer awareness during October. A poker run with golf carts in The Villages, Painting with a Twist in Ocala, and Flamingo Flockings at various Ocala businesses. The Roberts family presented the October Mission Moment on Michelle-O-Gram at all three services last Sunday 9/24/17.

**PECDA-Kenya:** James Githukah reports that the water tank installation has been completed, and water sales have resulted in \$100 profit in the first month, while PECDA families received water without charge. James Githukah's health is still not good. So please keep him in your prayers.

**Cuba Sister Church:** On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Pastor Yabay received the \$4,000 for the roof construction of our sister church in Cieneguita, Cuba. There was no damage to our sister church from Hurricane Irma.

Pastor Yabay's return to seminary was postponed due to his wife's pregnancy.

This week (9/28/17) Elsa Kaye will carry two laptop computers and a dozen cell phones donated for Pastor Luis for pastors in his district who do not have computers or cell phones.

**Honduras:** The donated pickup truck is at sea enroute to Guatemala, PTL! Bob Wood, Jr. is expected to pick up the truck on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Bob's September Honduras Mission newsletter is posted on the Mission Board in Friendship Hall.

The highlights are: The need of \$5,000 for food for the feeding program; Emily Wood starting her path to the mission field at Asbury (Bob requested scholarship funds to help Emily); and the status of the El Pino Bilingual School (Neadwerx, a corporate sponsor will donate \$60,000 per year to support the Bilingual school).

**Family Hope Pregnancy Center:** Beverly Snyder reported 83 baby bottles were distributed for donations. So far, with 20 bottles returned, she has counted \$315.35. Also, to date, \$209 has been donated by check to Family Hope.

**Hernando Homeless Ministry:** Susie Phillips reported the center is serving 40-45 homeless persons per day. Several churches were unable to bring food on their scheduled days due to the hurricane disruption. Susie and Mike took 20 cases of water and extra food.

Offerings for the Hurricane Irma victims will be split between UMCOR and Crossroads Alliance (based in Ocala). Our church teamed up with Crossroads to donate storm relief items for storm victims.

## 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.

Thank you to the Country Quilters for the quilts and quilt tops they provided to this ministry during the months of August and September. 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 Adele Strasburger. "Prayer Quilt Ladies: Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt. I have touched those knots during my bouts of pain and have felt comfort in knowing people care and have sent their prayers. I never realized how much it could mean until I received one myself. It is a beautiful expression of caring. Thank you for this beautiful ministry. God Bless!"

## TRUNK OR TREAT

"Trunk or Treat" is Tuesday October 31, 2017, starting at 5:30pm. Anyone can be involved, you just have to decorate the trunk of your vehicle (nothing scary) and pass out candy to trick or treaters. ***We had about 500 kids last year!*** We need candy donations. You may drop off any candy donations in the bin in the Narthex. Our church provides free hotdogs and water to all of the trick or treaters until they run out, we have also done snow cones too! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to participate. If you have any questions you may contact Jennifer Nemetch 352-216-8574.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW recently awarded three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who have entered colleges/universities. These scholarships are given in memory of Ruby Walker, and have been awarded each June for 45 years. UMW is truly proud of this tradition and grateful to contribute towards education for the youth.

In addition to the Ruby Walker Scholarships, UMW provided Harmony Preschool three \$200 memorial awards. These monetary awards are in memory of Chaplin Dinkins, Juanita Meredith, and Ruth Riley. All three of these former members of FUMC answered the call to faithfully serve the Church.

As summer winds down, UMW begins preparation for the **Annual Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale**. This truly is one of the largest bargain shopping bonanzas eagerly anticipated each year by the public. Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 2:00pm, in Friendship Hall, is the huge event for all. Rain or shine! Baked Goods, clothing, tools, books, Christmas decor are just a few of the many items to be found for a bargain. Lunch can be purchased at the Flea Market. The proceeds are donated to Local and International Missions supported by the church, as well as to UMW special programs. **Come and find a Treasure!**

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM will be taking orders for **BBQ TO GO!** in the Narthex on Sundays, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. BBQ pickup dates are on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Please see a member of UMM for more information.