

Open Hearts. Open Minds.

OPEN DOORS

September 11, 2016 to September 24, 2016

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Upcoming Events



- **September 11** - NEW Sunday Morning Gathering
- **September 18** - Blood Drive
- **September 24** - Church Workday
- **October 28** - Trunk or Treat
- **Nov. 13** - Herolds of Harmony Concert (*tickets available soon*)
- **Nov. 15** - Charge Conference
- **Nov. 19** - Artists Attic Craft Show
- **December 18** - Choir Contata
- **December 18** - Children's Christmas Store
- **January 15** - Bethune Cookman Concert

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study on Matthew each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to go deeper into understanding the Gospel of Matthew, be a part of a Wednesday study group during the month. Come one week or every Wednesday to Room 108 in the Friendship Hall. Bring your Bible!



THANK YOU FOR THE FLOOD BUCKETS!

Bishop Carter extended an invitation for all churches in Florida Conference to fill one flood bucket. These buckets full of cleaning supplies to help families whose homes have been flooded will be sent through UMCOR to Louisiana to help the over 60,000 homes under water. Thank you for rising to the occasion and on short notice filling three buckets! At least one more bucket is being filled that Rev. Laura Ice will give to the flood ministry in Pasco County as a result of the recent Hurricane flooding where over 2,000 homes were flooded.

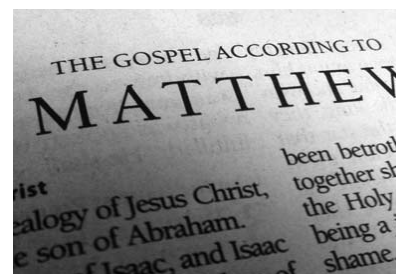


If you have an interest in being part of a work team to go to Pasco County to help with flood relief please let Pastor Linda know at linda.tice@flumc.org. We will be working with Laura's ministry of recovery there.

Read Mathew This Month!

Everyone is encouraged to read a chapter of Matthew each day. By the end of the month you will have read the whole Gospel! Here is the suggested reading schedule:

- Sept 4 week: Matthew 1-7
- Sept 11 week: Matthew 8-15
- Sept 18 week: Matthew 16-22
- Sept 25 week: Matthew 23-28



September Sermons:

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| 9/4 – Matthew 5:43-48 | Loving Like God Loves |
| 9/11 – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 | Why Doesn't God Do Something? |
| 9/18 – Matthew 19:1-9 | Dangers of Divorce |
| 9/25 – Matthew 22:34-40;23 | Love and Woes |



Everyone is invited to help clean up the outside of the church grounds. We will meet at 8:30a.m. on Saturday, September 24th. Bring your favorite yard tools and gloves as we trim bushes, pull weeds and clearing out areas. If you have questions, contact Dave McKinney at 727-637-3683 or davidmckinney@rocketmail.com.

BODY OF CHRIST AT WORK: *Christ does not call us to just stay in one place but to always push forward in our faith. Opportunities to be involved in the life of the church or to serve others will be shared in this section. These opportunities will be shared to encourage each of us to be the hands of God's kingdom.*



Are you comfortable with computers? Do you enjoy worship? People are needed to help with the PowerPoint during worship in both services. The power point is already made and loaded, all you need to do is put power point up during the service. Training is available. It is easy! If you are interested in helping at either the 9:30 a.m. traditional service or 11:00 a.m. modern service let the pastors, John Koch or Chris Wolf know. Thank you!

MAIN STREET

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our September theme is Spend S'MORE Time with Jesus! Kids will enjoy graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate bars as we resume our Godly Play routine during KidzWORSHIP. Each Sunday kids "get ready to be with God" all by themselves and then we sing together, light the Christ candle, and look at the Church Calendar. Children hear the Bible story and ask "wondering questions". Then the most important time of the day - RESPOND. Each child chooses an activity or two, and while they are working, they are listening - because we know that God talks to kids - and "today just might be the day that He has something very important to say to you!"

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN

Sundays:	9:30am	KidzGROUPS
	10:30am	MainStreet Café
	11:00am	KidzWORSHIP
Wednesdays at	6:30pm	KidzCLUB
Saturdays at	7:00pm	KidzREACH

For more info, contact carolytaylor@gmail.com or 727-515-5557.

55+ Group

If you are around 55+ there is a group for you! Once a month a fun group of people get together to eat or watch baseball or other activities. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun. The September 55+ gathering will be eating out at The Honu restaurant at 516 Grant St. in Dunedin on Saturday, September 24. We will be in a separate room in back. Sign up on the bulletin board in the courtyard or by calling the church office so we know how many seats to save. Invite a friend!!

Visitation Ministry

Pastor Rachel is starting a new visitation team and is looking forward to having members join her for this new ministry. The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 4th** at 6:30pm in Friendship Hall. She is excited about this new campus ministry and would love to see a good turn out.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Big Red Bus is here September 18th! The bus will be available 10:00am - 12:30pm. Each donation is used within three days because blood supplies are low and can save up to three lives. Thank you for taking the time to give the gift of life.



Character Trait of the Month

During the month of September, kids are concentrating on RESPECT. Follow the Golden Rule. Use good manners, not bad language. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone. Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.

CHRISTMAS STORE IS COMING!

Kids will get to shop for gifts for their families. We need LOTS of new or gently-used items for men, women, teens, and children. Start cleaning your closets and bring your contributions to the church office (Please mark Christmas Store).

September Service Opportunity

During the month of September the youth of the church will be sponsoring a food collection to benefit the Dunedin Cares Food Pantry. Pick up a grocery bag with a suggested list of food items, fill your bag and bring back by the end of the month. Thank you youth for your enthusiasm to help others!



Feeding the Community



We're bringing back the Sunday morning meet-up and tackling the second part of the Great Commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Join us for the Art of Neighboring at 10am this Sunday, Sept 11th, at Sandpiper Cafe on Douglas Street. (If it's raining, we'll meet in the back of the Friendship Hall.)

You don't need to read or even buy the book yet, come see if you like it and want to join. We won't just be doing a study, we'll be putting our faith into action. "Love your neighbor" is a clear directive, straight from Jesus (Matthew 22:37-40). What if He meant love your actual neighbor?

The book, "The Art of Neighboring" by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon is available via Amazon and the website www.ArtOfNeighboring.com. Hope to see you Sunday!

Church Family News

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

Bobbie Purdy who died on August 28th. Her memorial service will be Saturday, September 24th at 1:00pm in the church sanctuary.

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Want to know more about the church?

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