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OPEN DOORS

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Upcoming Events

- September 1- Chancel Choir Returns
- September 4 - NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN
- September 7 - New Wednesday Study on Matthew Starts
- September 11 - NEW Sunday Morning Gathering



NEW MEMBER MEETING

If you are interested in joining the church or finding out more about this church community, put **Sunday, September 11th** on your calendar. Pastor Linda will meet with everyone from 3:30 – 5:30 for ice cream and information. If you have questions or want to sign up you can contact Pastor Linda at linda.tice@dunedinfumc.org.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING

A new Sunday morning gathering will be forming before the Modern service beginning **September 11th** for anyone interested in going deeper in faith discussion and getting to know other people. All are invited. Watch for more information in the next Open Doors!

NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 4TH!

Mark your calendar for a change in worship times beginning in



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September. We will have ONE traditional service for both Union St. UMC and Dunedin UMC which will start at 9:30. The Modern Worship Service will move to 11:00 in the Friendship Hall. Help us spread the word to our church family who may have been gone for the summer. Pastor Rachel will preach as Pastor Linda leads us in communion. And we are happy to welcome back the choir from their summer break!



CHOIR NEWS

The Chancel choir will return from their summer break refreshed and ready to bless the traditional worship on September 4th. If you are interested in singing in the choir everyone is welcome! Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the choir room beginning **September 1st**. For more information contact director John Koch at john.koch@dunedinfumc.org.

JOURNEY THROUGH GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

During September everyone is invited to be a part of a journey through the Gospel of Matthew whether you are in worship or can't make it one Sunday. As a church we will all be reading a chapter a day of Matthew during September beginning on September 4th. By the end of the month you will have read the whole gospel! The sermons in September will also be from Matthew and correlate with your reading.

NEW OPEN DOOR FEATURE: Christ does not call us to just stay in one place but to always push forward in our faith. Starting TODAY, a new opportunity 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.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

This is the name of our new ministry dedicated to serving children with special needs and their families. We are committed, not just to serving these individuals, but to empowering them to become vital members of the body of Christ. Through our programs, we aim to be a church where anyone can come for acceptance, support, encouragement, and hope.

Our greatest need is for one-on-one buddies to be with kids on Sundays during the 2nd hour from 10:15-11:45am. If you would like more information about training and requirements, please contact carolytaylor@gmail.com or 727-515-5557.

MAIN STREET

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A WEEK ON MAINSTREET

Sundays at 9:00am:

KidzGROUPS for ages 2 through 5th grade are learning about the **MIRACLES OF JESUS** through Bible stories, games, and crafts. Our Baby Nursery is available for infants and toddlers.

Sundays at 10:30am:

During August **KidzWORSHIP** is featuring Bible knowledge as 1st through 5th graders enjoy friendly competition in our **SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS**. Three different teams can earn points by attending each week, bringing a Bible from home, bringing a friend, and completing a Study Sheet. Go for the Gold!

Two younger classes (as well as our Baby Nursery) are also available at this time – Bible Pals for 2-and-3-year-olds and Bible Buddies for 4s – kindergarten.

NOTE that beginning the first week in September these Sunday times will change to 9:30am and 11:00am but all of our activities will remain the same.

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:45pm:

This month at **KidzCLUB** Kindergartners through 5th graders have been playing games and enjoying activities about **CRAYONS**. The main lesson learned from reading *The Crayon Box That Talked* and *The Day the Crayons Quit* is that the Bible gives us the main rule for living: "Treat others the way you want to be treated" – that's the best way to start the new school year off right!

Little KidzCLUB for 2-thru-5-year-olds also meets at this time for a Bible story and playtime, and the Baby Nursery is open as usual.

Saturdays, 7:00-8:15pm:

Each week there is a special class just for our Micronesian children (ages 2 – 5th grade) called **KidzREACH**. Our August theme is **THE BIBLE TREASURE HUNT** as kids learn that the greatest treasure we can ever unearth is what comes from seeking God and his kingdom. Lots of music, games, snacks, and fun!

Church Family News

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

- Helen Roberts who died recently. Helen was a former active member of First Dunedin and Union St. UMC.
- Dorothy Boggs who was a member of Union St. UMC. Dorothy was 104 at her death.

Join Our TEAM

As you can well imagine, it takes dozens and dozens of adults to provide a relevant, exciting, and competent children's ministry – and YOU are invited to be a part of our leadership team. Contact Carol Taylor for details including ways to help behind the scenes as well as in classrooms once a week, once a month, or just one time for a special assignment. **Don't wait to call** – our ministry is growing, and God may be nudging you to do your part!

Wednesday Study During September

Terry Fitzgerald will be leading a class for Adults on Wednesday evenings in September on the gospel of Matthew. Everyone is invited to be a part of this learning experience beginning **September 7th at 6:30** following the Wednesday night dinner. Terry is the leader of the Lay Ministry courses for the conference. All are welcome each Wednesday! Bring your Bible!

We have a new Girl Scout troop (ages 4th – 5th grade) meeting at our church led by Christy Jones who attends our church. This troop will meet every other

Thursday **girl scouts**

beginning August 26th from 5:30 – 6:30.

For information or to enroll your daughter please contact Christy Jones at trop60948@gmail.com or 727-455-5950.



September Service Project

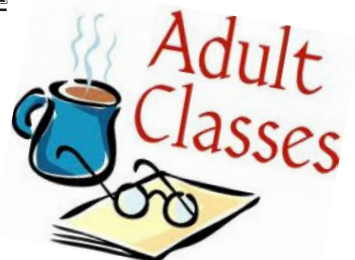


Feeding the Community

Our children and youth will be sponsoring our September outreach drive as we collect food for Dunedin Cares, the local food pantry. Look for bags to be distributed soon with a list of needed items.

MARINERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Mariners Adult Sunday school class meets following the traditional service in room 108 of the Friendship Hall. All are welcome!



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Want to know more about the church?

Visit : www.dunedinfumc.org and sign up for Pastor Linda's weekly email devotion and announcements

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