



Alex



Kayralay



Allison

Confirmation

On Palm Sunday three of our youth made their commitment to Christ as they were confirmed into the church. Congratulations Kayralay Edwin, Allison Koch, Alex Lanni! We are so proud of each of them!

New Book Club

A new book club was recently formed and you are invited to be a part of it! The club plans to read non-fiction, best-selling fiction and a classic during the year. The first book was a controversial contemporary memoir by Ariel Levy entitled *The Rules Do Not Apply*. After lively guided discussion the Book Club will choose another book for the next meeting. So, no matter how lengthy the book you have 30 days to finish it and get ready for an interesting exchange.

This group meets at 1:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month although the group has expressed an interest in some night meetings to include those who cannot attend during the day. If you missed out on this fun and stimulating opportunity come join us. For more information call Jo Anderson at 727-815-9350.

MAY LUNCH CONCERT

On **May 17th** part of the Dunedin Concert band will be playing in our sanctuary in a concert open to the community. Bring your sandwich and a bottle of water and enjoy this musical interlude. The concert will start at noon. It is free although a donation basket will be available to support the musicians who are giving of their time. Tell your friends!

Teacher Appreciation

We are teaming up with Dunedin Highland Middle School to appreciate our teachers!! You can donate Walmart and Target gift cards this Sunday, April 22nd or April 29th to help with the purchase of various items. (*look for donation boxes in the lobbies or place them in the offering plate*) This is a great opportunity to bless teachers in our community who work hard throughout the year and make multiple sacrifices. For more information, talk with someone on our mission team or contact Laura at laura.ice@flumc.org. Thank you so much! We Appreciate YOU!!

Church Family News

Welcome to our newest member, Pam Shorey, who joined the church on Easter Sunday in the 11:00am service. Pam joined by reaffirmation of faith and is excited to be a part of this great church!

Thank you to Sandy Russell for sponsoring the butterflies for our Easter Butterfly release. This gift was made in memory of her husband Don who loved children and butterflies!

Dunedin
First United Methodist Church

Church Office Hours:
Monday —Thursday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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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From Pastor Linda

The announcement was made recently in church that I will be moving to a new church in July. Permission was received from the District Superintendent to give this announcement early. On April 30 in worship our Staff Parish Chairperson Cris Crisler will announce where I will be going and who the new Pastor here will be. Please know that the SPR committee had asked for me to return and I had asked to return, but the Cabinet had a need for me to go to a new position. Any type of transition is always difficult, but through my life I have seen God's fingerprints on the different chapters of my life and I know this will be no exception for me and for this great church. My time here has been such a blessing that I am very grateful for.

I will be taking some renewal time during the month of May until Annual Conference. I will return June 14th and preach the last two Sundays of June. Moving day will be June 27th when I will leave and your new pastor will arrive. Rev. Laura Ice and others on staff will be covering for me while I am on renewal leave. Please continue to let the office know if someone is in the hospital or you have other pastoral needs.

Blessings,
Linda

Youth Car Wash



Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Drive your dirty car to the parking lot by Friendship Hall and drive home with a clean car! Proceeds will be used to help youth go to summer camp in Leesburg. Thank you for your support!

50+ DINNER

Everyone 50+ is welcome to the monthly dinner out on **Tuesday, April 25th**. The dinner will be at The Catcher in the Rye Restaurant located at 11th Street, Palm Harbor. Sign up on the bulletin board or by calling Jane at 303-921-7476. See you then!

MAIN STREET

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

For the next few weeks kids will be concentrating on their Spiritual Goals and Guidelines as they work in their individual folders. Parents are encouraged to partner with us at home: refer to the color-coded bookmarks that were distributed last month and help your child especially with the Memory Challenges.

Kids get a prize from the Treasure Box when they accomplish a goal.

During class times we will be emphasizing the parables as kids dig deeper into what the Kingdom of God is like. Promotion Sunday this year will be on July 30th.

For more information about children's ministries, contact Carol at carolytaylor@gmail.com or 727-515-5557.

To Be or Not To Be - That is the Question!

Summer is one of the busiest times for families! Carol Taylor, the Director of Children's Ministries, reports that her task of finding a "good week" for Vacation Bible School has been even more difficult this year. "Our goal is to not be in competition with other major church activities, because we want kids to be able to take advantage of every possible moment of learning more about Jesus – and because we take over the entire church campus, we also have to work around other events such as weddings and already-reserved meetings."

For a while it looked like we might even have to cancel VBS this summer because of so many conflicts (youth camp, trail trip, youth retreat, 4th of July, etc, etc)

But GOOD NEWS! Vacation Bible School is definitely happening – we just tweaked the dates a little to make it work! **Keep on reading!**

HERE ARE THE DATES

VBS Preview - Father's Day, June 18th, during regular KidzWORSHIP time

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY
June 22-24, 9:00-11:30am

Sunday, June 25, 9:30am-Noon



Mark your calendars and plan now to invite your friends. This new format gives us even more opportunities to have a FABULOUS week of learning and FUN!

Registration for Kids

Kids can sign up online or at the Welcome Centers beginning **May 7th**. We will have preschool classes for 3 year olds and older and elementary classes for 5th grade grads and younger. Be watching for more details.

Get Involved

We need lots of workers! There's a place for you! Walk with a group of kids from station to station, plan a lesson, help with crafts, games, snacks, registration, decorating, nursery – one hour, one day, all week! Contact Carol Taylor for more information at carolytaylor@gmail.com or 727-515-5557. Only one planning meeting to attend: **Wednesday, June 14, 7:00pm** on MainStreet.

Student Leaders Needed

You can help at VBS if you are a 5th grade grad through high school senior AND if you complete the application process. Let Carol know you are interested and come to the meeting on **Wednesday, May 31st**, at 6:30pm on MainStreet. Free T-shirts to all teen volunteers!

Start Saving

We need the following items for all of our crazy experiments. Bring your contributions to church and leave them in the marked boxes at the worship center entrances – empty cereal boxes, empty gift-wrap tubes, empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes, boxes of cheap aluminum foil, ANY kind of silly little "gadget or gizmo" that you don't want anymore.

Blood Drive

April 30th from 9:45am – 12:30pm. Look for the Big Red Bus on Wood Street outside of the sanctuary. The gift for donating this month will be a free umbrella. Give the gift of life and help others!

Parking Update

In the parking lot beside the office building we have installed parking signs that are for church parking only. We invite you to use this lot when you are visiting the office or here for groups or meetings. If we are utilizing these parking places it will invite others to honor these spaces for church parking.

Preaching Schedule for May and June

Pastor Linda has invited some wonderful people to preach during her time away that will bless your worship.

April 30 – Pastor Linda

May 7 – Dr. John Powers (*retired district superintendent of Gulf Central District*)

May 14 – Rev. Jack Taylor (*former minister of this church*)

May 21 – Rev. Laura Ice (*Minister of Missions*)

May 28 – Rev. Jack Taylor

June 4 – Rev. Mike Oliver (*retired district superintendent of Atlantic Central district*)

June 11 – Chris Krampert (*our church Lay Leader*)

June 18 – Pastor Linda

June 25 – Pastor Linda

Wednesday Dinner

Our monthly Wednesday night dinner in May will be on **May 3rd** from 5:45pm – 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy a meatloaf dinner with potatoes, green beans and banana pudding. Sign-up on the bulletin board or by calling the church office to help us know how much to prepare.

Plan to stay for the program Ageless Grace. Ageless Grace is timeless fitness for the body and mind. It is designed for all ages and abilities, and specifically addresses concerns of an aging population such as balance, cognitive function, joint mobility, and spinal flexibility. All movements are designed to be done while seated in a chair, ten minutes a day for the rest of your life. Ageless Grace is fun, we laugh a lot, and enjoy being silly!

If this sounds interesting to you, please join us on **May 3rd** at 6:30pm, and tell your friends! Please wear loose clothing.

What's the Theme?

"Maker Fun Factory"

*Where kids learn they were created by God and built for a purpose

*Interesting Bible stories, praise singing, energetic games, yummy snacks

*Imagination Station where kids will learn scriptural truths from all kinds of amazing experiments, and fascinating gadgets and gizmos!