

Upcoming Events

- **March 19** - United Faiths Walk of Peace
- **March 24** - 50+ Dinner Out
- **March 26** - New Member Meeting
- **April 16** - Easter

Committee on Aging for City of Dunedin

The City of Dunedin, Committee on Aging is asking for your nominations for the Senior Hall of Fame. These people must be 75 or older, demonstrated the art of aging successfully, lived in Dunedin 10 years or more, donated time and abilities to activities serving the community. If you would like to recommend someone, nomination forms are in the church office.

Coming soon:

Handcrafted Peanut Butter and Chocolate Easter Eggs. This is a popular fund raiser for our United Methodist Women. Watch for order forms in the near future.

Thanks for Caring!!!

- Our last blood drive met our goal of 6 units which means 18 people benefitted from this blood donated. Look for our next drive in April.
- Dunedin Cares Food Pantry received 285 pounds of food donated by this church in February which benefitted many families. Don't forget to pick up food items or toilet paper on your next trip to the grocery store to place in the baskets outside of the worship centers. This is a wonderful way to show God's love to others in need.

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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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays

Men's Breakfast Group
Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:00pm Weekly Dinner
6:30pm Youth Activities
6:30pm KidzCLUB

Thursdays

Choir and Praise Band Practice

Saturdays

7:15pm Micronesian Worship
Micronesian Youth Activities
KidzREACH

Sundays

9:30am Traditional Service
KidzGROUPS
10:30am Thee Mariner's Class
MainStreet Café
11:00am Modern Service
KidzWORSHIP
Youth Bible Study
6:00pm Amp'd Youth Gathering

Open Hearts. Open Minds.

OPEN DOORS

March 5 - March 18, 2017

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Lent is HERE!

Lent is the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays) in which we turn away from sin and turn back to Jesus. This Lent you are invited to a 'Walk With Jesus' as we move toward the cross. Pastor Linda's sermons during Lent will reflect some of the difficulties we face in our daily walk.

March 5 – **Holy Walking**

March 12 – **First Steps**

March 19 – **Beware of Amaleks!**

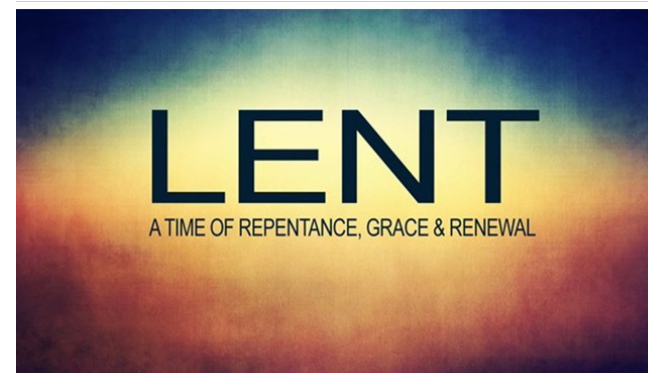
March 26 – **Walking With A Servant's Heart**

April 2 – **Walking Through Failure**

April 9 – 9:30 – **Cantata 'The Cross'**

11:00 – **Walking Further**

April 16 – **Surprise of Easter**



Lent Study

Pastor Linda will begin a weekly Lent study on Wednesday evenings beginning March 8th. The study will be *The Wesleyan Way – A Faith That Matters* by Scott Jones. Books are available now for \$11. Sign up on the bulletin board or by email at linda.tice@dunedinfumc.org or call Linda at 407-963-7048. Childcare will be available.

MAIN STREET

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Spiritual Goals and Guidelines

On **March 12th** some new learning activities will be added to all of our MainStreet programs in order that kids will have an even more solid foundation of



Biblical knowledge. We have assigned a different plan for every age group from Bible Pals through 5th grade. Each plan includes important Bible

concepts, facts, people, beliefs about prayer, the Bible, and worship, and some appropriate memory challenges. Teachers will use folders of materials to keep the children on track, and age-level bookmarks will be sent home with each child so parents can partner with us as their children grow and learn. If you would like a copy of the Spiritual Goals or want to know more about our process, feel free to contact Carol Taylor, Director of Children's Ministries.

Church Family News:

Our sympathy is shared with the family of Roberta Kern who died on March 3, 2017. The funeral service will be held in our sanctuary on Thursday, March 9th at 1:30 followed by a reception in the Friendship Hall.

Thank You

Our participation in the downtown Mardi Gras was a success as many people visited our strawberry shortcake booth and our sanctuary for the bathrooms. Many comments were shared by people pleased but surprised that the church was open to everyone that night. Conversations of faith were shared with visitors and Christian hospitality was shown to all. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help in some capacity whether preparing strawberries and cake, setting up the tent, selling Strawberry shortcake or being bathroom hosts. A special thank you to Cyndi Blevins, Mary Downing, Jane Pendley for their leadership of this great event. Approximately \$600 was raised for the church through shortcake sales, \$170 was raised for our sister church in Cuba through bathroom donations. Our youth also earned almost \$200 through their bottled water sale. It was a good night!



United Faiths Walk of Peace 2017

SAVE THE DATE



You are invited to join this powerful walk of peace on **Sunday, March 19th** from 2-5pm. The Walk will begin and end at First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin and proceed for 3.2 miles through the town. There will be gatherings along the route for reflections on peace by leaders from Jewish, Muslim, Taoist Tai Chi and Christian perspectives.

(Sponsored by *Masjid al Salaam*, Dunedin; *The Church of the Good Shepherd*, Dunedin, *The Taoist Society*, Dunedin; *Congregation Beth Shalom*; *First United Methodist Church of Dunedin*; *The First Presbyterian Church*, Dunedin)

50+ Extends Invitation to Snowbirds

On Friday, **March 24th** all 50+ are invited to gather at the Dunedin Country Club for their fish dinner at 6:00. (You may also order off the regular menu) The fish dinner is \$12.50. If you are a snowbird and would like to meet some people at the church a special invitation is made for you this evening. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or you can contact Jane at 303-921-7476.

BOOK BOX



Did you know we have a community book box on our campus? It is located by the HeadStart office door on Main Street. Everyone is welcome to bring book donations to keep it stocked. This book box also would welcome children's books in particular that families of HeadStart could use. Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests are received by the church and distributed to our prayer team and made available for each member to pick up and pray for as well. On occasion we will 'restart' the list. During early March we will purge the list. Please add names of those you wish to continue on your connect card or email to Pastor Linda at linda.tice@dunedinfumc.org. Please pick up a prayer list and be in prayer for these people who have requested our prayers.



Ready to Join the Church

Are you interested in joining the church? The next new member gathering with Pastor Linda will be on **Sunday, March 26th** at 4:00 in the Friendship Hall, room 109. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office (727-733-4139).

PECAN UPDATE:

We are sold out of everything except the Halves and we are on the last box of these. Don't delay! Get your pecans before they are all gone!