

50+ Group

Tuesday, May 23rd

Everyone is invited for dinner and conversation at 6:00 pm at Johnny's Italian Restaurant, 2907 S.R. 590 (Old Coachman Road) Clearwater, FL

Sign up on the bulletin board, reply to jpendley@gmail.com, or contact Jane Pendley at 303-921-7476 as it is nice to know the approximate number attending.

Tuesday, June 20th

Pastor Linda is planning to join us for the last time before she leaves for her new assignment. Please come join us at 6:00pm at Sunset Grill, 2328 Sunset Point Rd, Clearwater. Great food at reasonable prices and home of Zuki's famous, national award-winning pies!!

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!

AMP'D YOUTH

Our teens meet every Sunday night in Friendship Hall from 6:00-8:30pm. Check with Leslie Goodell at lesliealison1014@gmail.com if you are interested in going to Youth Camp June 5-10, on the Wilderness Trail trip June 9-16, or on the Mission Trip to Jacksonville the week of June 25th.

Prayer is the Key

Our church leaders invite you to pray diligently during these next couple of months as we live through this season of change. Join with us as we emphasize these daily themes:

Sunday – Pray for our guest speakers, worship leaders, and teachers of youth and children.

Monday – Pray for the persons in our congregation who need a touch from God.

Tuesday – Pray for the various committees who are responsible for leading us.

Wednesday – Pray for your friends, your neighbors, and the wider community.

Thursday – Pray for Pastor Linda that she will be rested, refreshed, and rejuvenated.

Friday – Pray for Pastor Jason, Jenny, and little Micah and Elijah.

Saturday – Pray for yourself that you will hear the voice of God and obey His leading.

Have a Prayer Request?

To be placed on our prayer list, please let Karen Kroeker know: kkroeker@tampabay.rr.com or 727 447 6736.

Open Hearts. Open Minds.

OPEN DOORS

May 7 to May 31 , 2017

Issue #146

Meet Our New Pastor



Cris Crisler, Chairman of our Staff Parish Relations Committee, is pleased to announce that Rev. Jason Knott has been appointed to be the next pastor of Dunedin First United Methodist Church. Jason grew up in the small town of Englewood, Florida, just south of Sarasota. He is married to Jenny, and they are about to celebrate their 7-year wedding anniversary this summer. They have two young boys – Micah (2 years old) and Elijah (4 months). Jason first heard the call into ministry during a mission trip in the Dominican Republic, and later had this call to ministry confirmed at the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at Florida State University.

Jason graduated from FSU with his Bachelor's in Religion, and is a diehard Seminole fan. If that offends anyone, he would like you to know that his wife is a Gator! He graduated from Duke Divinity School, and has been serving the past 3 years at Ortega UMC in Jacksonville, Florida. Jason and his family enjoy cooking, reading, gardening, and doing just about anything that involves being outdoors with good friends.

Jason has a passion for preaching and teaching, with a vision for leading the church in ways of mission and outreach. Jason and his family are very excited about this move and can't wait to meet everyone at First Dunedin in early July.

Pastor Linda's Plans

Please be praying for Pastor Linda Tice as she anticipates saying goodbye to our congregation and hello to her new assignment. On June 26th she will be moving to the east coast of Florida to the Sebastian area where she will become the new pastor of the Roseland United Methodist Church. For the next few weeks Pastor Linda will be gone on sabbatical, but she will return on June 15th. Be sure and mark your calendars and plan to join us for her farewell celebration on **Wednesday, June 21st**, at 6pm in Friendship Hall.

Dunedin
First United Methodist Church



Want to know more about the church?

Visit : www.dunedinfumc.org and sign up for Pastor

Linda's weekly email devotion and announcements

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

421 Main Street, Dunedin, FL 34698
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Keep this Open Doors handy! - There will only be ONE newsletter published this month.

MAIN STREET

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Here's the Wednesday night schedule for the next few weeks:

May 10 Regular KidzCLUB activities
 May 17 Craft Night at KidzCLUB
 May 24 LAST NIGHT Movie and Popcorn

Our volunteers will be taking a well-deserved break during June and July, but be watching for details of some extra-special events during the DAYTIME. KidzCLUB will begin again on August 16th.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN:

Sundays: 9:30am KidzGROUPS
 10:30am MainStreet Café
 11:00am KidzWORSHIP

Wednesdays: 6:30- 7:45pm KidzCLUB
 Saturdays at 7:15-8:30pm KidzREACH

Get Involved

We need lots of VBS workers! 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.

What Happens in a Fun Factory?

- * Where kids learn they were created by God and built for a purpose
 - * Lots of singing at Imagination Station
 - * Learning and worship at Bible Blueprints
 - * Inventions and crafts at Creators' Workshop
 - * Cartoons and experiments at Gadgets and Gizmos.
 - * Crazy fun at Games and Snacks Factory
- Plan now to attend Vacation Bible School 2017 - it's gonna be fun!



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

Preschool classes for 3 year olds and older and elementary classes for 5th grade grads and younger. Pick up a form at the Welcome Center or sign up online at www.dunedinfumc.org.

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! 😊

We also need packages of Oreo cookies, Chips Ahoy cookies, and Vanilla wafers, so pick up a couple at the grocery and leave them in the marked boxes. OR just place a check in the offering marked VBS and we will do your shopping for you!

Preaching Schedule for May and June

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

- 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

Women's Bible Study

Mondays 3:00pm
 Room 108 in the Fellowship Hall.
 Current study is the book Chase by Jennie Allen
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

Change is Exciting - AND Hard

The Rev. Ben Gosden is the senior pastor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Savannah. He shares these words of wisdom for pastors and churches who are experiencing transition: “I know it's hard and exciting all at once. Know that none of you are alone. And as John Wesley reminds us, “Best of all God is with us.”

Almighty God, You who called the universe into being, You who formed our inmost being and called us to be your people:

We give you thanks for your constant presence. Through seasons of constancy and even change, you are with us – calling us into deeper waters, calling us together in your spirit of unity, calling us out of ourselves into the world to serve others.

Grant that those pastors bring called into new waters might hold fast to unending love and mercy as a buoy – a love that promised to hold onto us even as we go where your Spirit leads us. May the churches that receive them be communities of mercy and grace.

May the churches experiencing loss and change hold fast to the promise that your mission is bigger than any single pastor, local church, or annual conference. Grant that such a promise would bring both comfort and discomfort – comfort in a season of change and discomfort as it drives us all to love you and each other more.

Strengthen us to be your Church in all times and seasons of life – a place where all are truly welcomed and embraced in your love (even new pastors and church members); a place where we find ways you are active among us and calling us to join in your saving work (even in communities that weren't our top choice to move to); a place where the story of your love and grace and mercy are embodied (even if it comes in shapes and sizes and languages that are new to us). We offer our prayers in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

United Methodist Women

Contact Betsy Kenas or Lorna Cummings about UMW events (book club, walking club, Mother and Father's Day plans).