

CONNECT & CARE

Welcome Neighbors and Friends! Please take a moment to check-in using the online "Check-In For Worship" button at suntreeumc.org. For more information, contact Ulrike Gonzalez, Coordinator of Welcome & Lay Ministries, at the Church Office, 242-2585, or ulrikeg@suntreeumc.org. Feel free to ask us about our ministries, outreach opportunities, missions, membership, spiritual growth classes, and ways to serve.

Interested in Membership at Suntree UMC? We will be hosting an in-person, socially-distant information session on Sunday, Sept 20 from 3–4pm in the Dining Room. All who are interested in membership at Suntree UMC are invited to hear from Pastor Annette and Pastor Allee on how you can launch into extraordinary love. Children are welcome and registrations are required as space will be limited. Email Ulrike Gonzalez at ulrikeg@suntreeumc.org or call 242-2585 to register.

Open Prayer hours in the Sanctuary

The Sanctuary will be open for those that wish to spend time in prayer on Mondays from 8am-5:30pm and Thursdays from 8am-7pm.

Prayers from our Church Community

To add a name to the prayer list, please call
Congregational Care at 255-7378.

(Note: We cannot print a person's name without his, hers, or a family member's permission.)

Emmie Allen, Sy & Fran Baker, Millie Balint, Dorothy Darfus, Billie DeNoble, Donna Dossett, Barbara Ann Harvell, Dolores Harvell, Hub Hedgecock, Melissa Jackson, B.J. Kasten, Ann & Johnny McCandless, Chuck Mosser, Barbara Romesburg, Ann & Phil Sabelli, Anne Simons, Marti Smith, Frances Smith, Maggie van Dyk

All teachers & students in schools, especially those at Harbor City Elementary School and at Suntree United Methodist School (SUMS). Prayers for all our Missionaries and for our sister churches in Cuba: El Redentor and Ojo de Agua Our service people and their families.

Sanctuary Altar Flowers

Dedicated to the glory of God!

Altar Flower Ministry Needs Help – The beautiful Altar Flowers at our Traditional Worship service are divided and delivered to our parishioners who are homebound, in care facilities, or who need some cheer. Please support this important ministry by making a Flower Dedication and donation (typically \$25) to honor, memorialize, or celebrate someone or a life-event. These donations are imperative to fund the purchase of the Altar Flowers. Also, **volunteers are needed** to transport flowers to parishioners on Sunday afternoons or Mondays. Flowers are picked up at the church and then dropped off at a parishioner's front door or the door of a care facility. There is no contact with the people receiving the flowers. Contact Deana Massey-Dunlap in Congregational Care at 255-7378.

Congregational Care wants to support you! Whether you are hospitalized, have suffered a loss (passing of a loved one, loss of a job, etc.), experiencing a family crisis, faced with a difficult health diagnosis, would like prayer support, or any number of other things, we would love to walk with you in your journey. Due to privacy laws and other barriers, we are not able to provide support unless we have been informed of what is going on. Please contact Congregational Care at 255-7378 or one of our pastors at 242-2585 to let us know how we can help.

Have you or someone close to you experienced a life-changing loss such as the death of a loved one, divorce, a loved one's struggle with physical or emotional challenges, a serious diagnosis, a disability, loss of a job, or some other traumatic event? Then please join Dr. John & Diane Baggett for their online Journey book study, "Finding the Good In Grief; Rediscover Joy After a Life-Changing Loss," written by our own Dr. John Baggett. The class is free, and the book can be purchased on Amazon, other booksellers, or at the church office for \$10. Sign up now online at suntreeumc.org/journey or contact Rachel in the church office 321-242-2585 to register. Class started Sept. 9, but it is not too late if you want to sign up.

GROW

Pints & Parables meets virtually TODAY! We will study another Peter Rollins parable while we share our beverages of choice from a social distance. Interested in thought-provoking discussion and fellowship? The Zoom starts at 4pm. To receive the parable and the Zoom link, contact Pastor Allee at alleew@suntreeumc.org.

Christian Faith 101 Coming to SUMC in January 2021. This small-group adult study will explore how the doctrines and practices of Christianity emerged over the first several centuries of the Church. How did Christians come to believe in Christ's divinity, that his death atones for our sins, that God is a divine trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? The class will be offered by Drs. Brian and Therese Walden. Attendance is limited. Please contact Pastor Allee at alleew@suntreeumc.org for more information.

GIVE

Because of your generosity... we can continue to offer a livestream of Sunday morning worship to hundreds of folks who are not able to worship with us in person due to the risk of COVID-19. Our livestream worship also reaches many folks who do not live in the Melbourne area but can now worship with us online. Your generosity makes a difference! Thank you!

Benevolent Funds

Just a reminder that we have funds set aside to help those who are experiencing financial hardship because of this crisis and the loss of income. If you or someone you know could use assistance, please contact Pastors Annette or Allee. This assistance is always kept confidential. We are also working with our outreach mission partners to find other ways of assisting folks in the community who have special needs at this time. If you would like to give a gift to the benevolent fund, you may do so by writing a check to Suntree UMC with "Benevolent Fund" in the memo line.

SUMC Permanent Endowment Fund. Will the missions and ministries that capture your passion today continue on earth when you are in heaven? Consider a lasting gift from your estate to the Permanent Endowment Fund. For more information, see www.fumf.org or contact Richard Turner at 259-1646 or seastar5@cfl.rr.com, chair of the SUMC Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Ministry Committee.

SERVE

You may have noticed that our **Mission Boxes** are missing! Because of your generosity, we have been able to use mission offerings to pay in advance our Mission Box designations through the remainder of 2020. If you would like to continue to support our missional giving to replenish this fund, please designate "Missions" on your giving card. Our website has a list of 2020 Mission Box recipients under the "serve" tab.

Volunteers needed to serve at Mosaic UMC! On Sunday, Oct. 4, we will provide, cook, and serve brunch to this community. For more information or to sign up, contact Staci Plonsky at stacip@suntreeumc.org.

The Suntree Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to welcome Tanner Smith as our new Director of Communication and Media. Tanner is a graduate of Florida Southern College with a BA in graphic design and has spent the last 10 years working in communications and marketing for the Warren W. Willis United Methodist Camp and Conference Center. He is married to Hanna and they are the proud parents of 3-month-old Juliet. Tanner will be officially joining the Suntree staff on Sept. 17. Please join us in welcoming Tanner to our Suntree staff team!

THIS WEEK @ SUNTREE

Monday 9/14

7:00am Sanctuary – Open Prayer Hours
6:00pm Rm. 220 (Bldg. B) – LOFT (High School Students)
7:00pm Rm. 101/102 (Bldg. A) – Al-Anon Family Group
7:00pm Rm. 103/104 (Bldg. A) – AA

Tuesday 9/15

7:30am Zoom – Tuesday Morning Early Risers

Wednesday 9/16

6:00pm Rm. 220 (Bldg. B) – EDGE (Middle School Students)
6:30pm Zoom and Dining Room – Journey

Thursday 9/17

9:00am Zoom and Various Rooms – Oasis
7:00pm Rm. 103/104 (Bldg. A) – AA

Friday 9/18

7:00pm Rm. 103/104 (Bldg. A) – AA
7:30pm Rm. 108 (Bldg. A) – Al-Anon

Saturday 9/19

8:30am Community Garden Plot – Creation Care Ministry
6:00pm Rm. 103/104 (Bldg. A) – AA

Sunday School Classes

9:30am Zoom – Faith & Fellowship
10:45am Zoom – Student Sunday School (6th – 12th grade)

WORSHIP

Today in worship, we continue our new sermon series, "Teachable Moments: Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew." As we explore the lectionary texts from Matthew's Gospel, we will hear some of Jesus' toughest instructions to Christians about the way they should conduct themselves in the world. This week we dig deep into forgiveness. Again, and again we pray the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Why is forgiving one another so important? How can we forgive one another as we have been forgiven? Today in worship we will be exploring Matthew 18:21-35 and Jesus' clear and challenging words about the importance of forgiving one another.

Traditional 11

Traditional worship begins for many at the prelude. Please be sensitive to those around you preparing for worship.

Table with 3 columns: Service Item, Musician/Instrument, and Reference Number. Includes items like Pre-Service Music, Prelude, Chiming of the Hour, Welcome & Announcements, Introit, *Responsive Call to Worship, *Opening Hymn, Affirmation of Faith, Gloria Patri, Pastoral & Offertory Prayer, Offertory, *Presentation of the Offering, Message, *Closing Hymn, *Benediction, and **Postlude.

Dr. Robert E. Lamb, Director of Traditional Music | Tom Taylor, Principal Organist
*Please stand if you are able. **The congregation is invited to remain for the Postlude.

"The Gathering" Contemporary 9:30

Rev. Annette Stiles Pendergrass
Worship Leader: Mike Mayes
Message: Teachable Moments – The Forgiveness Factor; Matthew 18:21-35
Music: Great Things, Graves into Gardens, You Say, Reckless Love

YOUTH & CHILDREN

LOFT for high school students continues upstairs in the LOFT tomorrow, Monday from 6-7:30pm. Wear a mask and join us for the crazy fun as we kick off our New Theme of the year! Hope 2 C U then! *All students will need to fill out a new Medical and Release form. For more info and questions contact Michelle Garrett at michelleg@suntreeumc.org.

EDGE, for Middle School (6th-8th grade), EDGE is back! If you're a middle school student, be sure to join us on Wednesdays for an amazing time. EDGE is from 6:30-8pm. Wear a mask, practice social distancing, eat before you arrive (there will be no food served) and get ready for an awesome time studying God's Word (and more) together (although a little bit apart)! Don't miss it! Just wow. *All students will need to fill out a new Medical and Release form. For more info and questions contact Michelle Garrett at michelleg@suntreeumc.org.

Parents and Students be sure to check out our LATEST "Inside/Out Ministries News & Notes"! We have a WHOLE LOT MORE than just EDGE and LOFT happening! Also, check social media. You're going to be ecstatic! No, seriously. It's crazy what we have planned!

Nursery Ministry has started for both services. That's for ages birth to VPK. You will need to register your child, just as you register yourself as space is limited due to COVID guidelines. Please look for an email from SUMC Children's Ministry with all the details.

Elementary Ministry has started for both services. This is for Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will be meeting as one group in the large Suntree Kids space. Register your child, just as you register yourself, on our church webpage as space is limited due to COVID guidelines. Look for more info on our Facebook page and email.

Journey for Kids is on Wednesday nights will be held via ZOOM at 6pm. Journey for Kids is a fun, interactive program for children in Kindergarten- 5th grade. If your child would like to participate please email Lia at Liap@suntreeumc.org for the Zoom link.

PASTORS:

- Annette Stiles Pendergrass Senior Pastor
Allee Willcox Associate Pastor
Joel Lusz Pastor of Student and Family Ministries
Steve Schantz Visitation Pastor

In-Person and Live-Stream Services:
The Gathering 9:30 | Traditional 11

Want your announcement in the bulletin? To place an announcement of your committee, circle, event or other church meeting or activity in our Sunday bulletin, email the information to bulletin@suntreeumc.org. Information needs to be sent by noon Tuesdays, and announcements may be edited for space.

Office Hours: M – Th 9:00am – 4pm, Friday – Closed
Church building is open for all regular activities on Fridays
WiFi Connection: Network: Suntree-Guest Password: SuntreeGuest

After hours Pastor on Call – 272-7602 (for emergencies only)



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