

The Journey

James Stevenson Dowell

August 10, 1915 – June 30, 2014

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Jim Dowell had planned on being our featured artist for the month of August in celebration of his 99th birthday. Unfortunately for us, Jim went to his eternal home before we could complete the arrangements for The Journey cover. In memory of his life and his love of life we are highlighting the collection of his watercolor paintings of birds. Many of you may have received birthday cards from him with these ‘birds’ on the cover. We hope this brings back the pleasant memories of his 20 plus years as a member of UMCSCC.

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Message from the Communication Team

By Diane Hall

I was told that August was the slowest month of the year for UMCSCC; however, we have so much to share that The Journey is 20 pages this month. It is so wonderful to be a part of such a vibrant and active church. We have been blessed with an enormous amount of energetic people that never stop sharing the love of our Lord.

Pastor Charlie is fast becoming a part of our ‘church family’ and probably wondering if he is ever going to remember the names of all the people he has met and those still to meet. We wish him and his family a fun and relaxing vacation in the Keys.

Our theme for September is not specific. Let’s see, the children will be back in school, the greeting card companies think we should celebrate Grandparents Day on September 7th, and UMCSCC will begin the next 3 year building fund drive. The rest of the country will be getting ready for fall (which begins on September 23rd), football season will start and it will still be very “Summer-like” here in Florida.

The Journey is more than information about the church. The Journey is also a place for you to participate. If there is something special you would like to share about your summer fun, or that is happening in your life, please let us know.

Our deadline for sumitting articles for The Journey is the 14th of each month. Please send your items and pictures to Diane Hall at dhall2117@gmail.com , and my phone number is 813-633-2141.

Also, we want to make sure all of you know about the new look of our website. For a whole year I have been saying “It’s coming”, well I am happy to say “It’s here”. Please check it out at umscsc.org and see the new look. The sermons are now online, the ministries are being updated and the calendar looks great. It is full of news you may not hear at a Sunday Service.

As always, we want to hear from you, your ideas and suggestions are important to us. Enjoy The Journey.

From all of us on the Communication Team, have a great August.





Welcome

Message from Pastor Charlie

I want to thank you so very much for the gracious welcome you have given to me and my family. We already feel so at home here. Our church is so friendly and welcoming and we are going to love being a part of this church family! My first few weeks have gone very well and I have begun to get to know many of you and look forward to getting to know all of you in the coming weeks and months.

My family and I will be on vacation from July 26-August 9. We are going on our annual fishing/lobstering trip to Marathon in the beautiful Keys. I have been making this yearly trek to the Keys my entire adult life. My children literally live for this precious family time together. Now the kids have reached the age where they are all going their separate ways, but we still try and make it a point to get together (best we can), at this time of year. I am a bit frustrated to be away from the church this soon after just beginning my ministry here. I know it seems like I just got here... and now I am gone. Please understand that we have not taken any vacation time since last summer at this time and this vacation was planned long before I knew I would be moving to a new congregation. We literally roll our deposit over, year after year, so we plan this trip a year in advance.

I also realize that "season" will be upon us before we know it and this time away to rest, relax and get out on the water is truly a time of renewal and rejuvenation - mentally, physically and even spiritually! Thank you again for your wonderful, warm welcome and allowing us this time away. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you while we are away and we look forward to the exciting things that God has planned for us as we move forward in our "New Beginning" together.

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This cruise is highlighting "Paul's 4th Missionary Journey" and is cruising from October 1 - 14, 2014. There is still some room available and you may contact Pastor Charlie at the church if you are interested in going. This 14 day cruise features: Barcelona, Rome, Naples and Pompeii, Athens and Corinth, Malta, Ephesus, Santorini and more! The guest lecturer is Dr. Jamie Jenkins, a United Methodist Minister for 41 years. Brochures are available at the church office, and Pastor Charlie's email is charlie@sccumc.com

Ministries

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Home Bound Visitation

By Nell Taze, Coordinator Facility Bound Visitation

When Doug and Elaine Moore retired and moved to Sun City Center, they became active at the United Methodist Church and volunteered for various activities. Of particular interest to them was the Congregational Care Ministry which was being restructured to be headed by church laity replacing what had been provided by a retiring assistant minister. The Moores began by actively visiting facility bound members. Within the year, they volunteered to establish a home bound ministry. Since then Doug created and now manages the current Parking Ministry and he and Elaine are Coaches for the Congregational Care Ministry which contains twelve individual ministries. Let's chat with Doug and Elaine about the Home Bound Ministry:

NELL: First, let me say a huge sincere thank you for all the work you two are doing. We can't begin to cover even a small percentage, so I'll try to limit my questions to the Home Bound Ministry. Is there any one item, person, event or situation that caused you to volunteer to create this vital ministry at our church?

ELAINE: A number of years ago, my Mom was a resident at Sun Terrace Nursing Facility. At that time, our church (UMCSCC) had the Stephen Ministry and my mom was assigned someone who visited her on a regular basis. Doug and I lived in Latrobe, PA and I had to be a caregiver long distance. It was a great source of peace to me to know my Mom was being visited by someone from her church. I promised God that when I retired, I wanted to somehow serve folks who had no family or at least no family nearby.

DOUG: While we were still living in Latrobe and working full time, God didn't wait for us to retire to take us up on our offer. He opened the door for us to start visiting there, which gave us a head start, learning the "ins" and "outs" of visitation. After we retired and moved to SCC full time, we joined UMCSCC and immediately became involved in the CC ministry. After talking about the ministry's needs with Nell Taze, we concluded that we needed to establish a "Home Bound" ministry to work alongside the facility bound visitation program.

NELL: I know you started without a list of members who were not attending church regularly. Now, four years later, what is the size of the home bound ministry?

ELAINE: The number of folks we are visiting at the present time is 12 people. The number varies quite a bit since we have folks who need to be on the list indefinitely and those who are temporary for reasons such as rehab resulting from surgery or other illness. Sometimes we add someone to our list who is a caregiver full time and unable to attend church in order to care for their loved one. Currently we have 11 people trained and able to visit. This number also changes when our "snow birds" head north in the summer but return in the fall and join our forces again.

NELL: Basically, how did you go about creating this ministry? Where did you start or what did you do first?

ELAINE: We started with a list of 18 members who were unable to attend church for some reason. Doug and I visited each home to determine the reasons why.

Nell: Since we don't have room for the other fourteen questions I have, let's continue this next month. If anyone has questions you'd like me to ask, please drop them off at the Reception Desk.

If you know anyone who can no longer come to church, please let us know so we can add them to our visitation list. Also, if you would like to be involved in this important ministry, please contact Doug and Elaine Moore at 634-4550, daemoore@gmail.com.



Fellowship

A “Magical” Meal

By Kathy Straub

“Hocus pocus, abracadabra!” You are in for a special night of magic as the Fellowship Team presents your delightful dinner on Tuesday, August 12th. First, your mystical menu includes savory southern-style barbecue with coleslaw and rolls, a baked potato bar where you can create your own magic on your very own spud, followed by the grand finale of serve-yourself ice cream sundaes complete with all your favorite toppings. And now for a little more magic. Our guest performer for the evening is the amazing Ed Feder, who performs the most incredible “Mind Magic” you have ever seen. Ed will dazzle and astound you with magical tricks that will leave you spellbound! Tickets are \$10 and are on sale in the office or on the patio between Sunday services. Don’t miss this fabulous evening of delicious food and magical wonders. “Alakazam!”



Community Connections

4th of July Celebration

By Sue Montgomery

What a celebration we had on July 4th. The Old Fashioned 4th of July Picnic was a resounding success. Over 400 people were on our campus celebrating the 4th with food, games, face painting, and the talent show for groceries. We even had musicians playing on the patio. The Front Porch Pickers, Miguel Roble, the Joy Bells, and Herman Weston brought us some wonderful music and songs.

If you were one of the participants, you saw new faces, familiar faces, and lots of kids enjoying the games we had especially for them.

All age groups enjoyed our face painting. We had young and old celebrating the 4th with special stars, stripes, and other pictures on their faces. Doing a talent for groceries, playing dominos, and other board games was fun and allowed us to have fun inside with air-conditioning.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made this possible. This event was sponsored by the Community Connection Team with the help of the Hospitality Team, Spiritual Growth Team, office volunteers, the Fellowship Team, Pages of Life Bookstore and many, many others who stepped forward to make this event special. The co-coordinators were Melva Potvin and Shirley Walker.

Health

“Preview of Coming Attractions”

By Judy Horobec



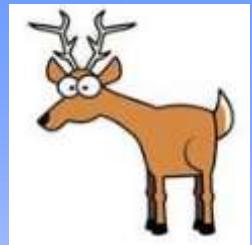
October 8th at 10 a.m. Medicare Updates: Every year October 15th through December 7th is Annual enrollment time when you can examine your current plan or change to another plan. It's a great time to help those turning 65 to understand the Medicare system. Join us to get the latest information and to get your questions answered.

Spiritual Growth

MEN'S STAG NIGHT (Some Time with All the Guys)

By Bruce Kanoza

Sunday, September 14, 7:00p - LEC



Guys, it's time for another STAG night! Remember the last one where we laughed at the jokes and comedy of Ken Davis with this video, "I'm Not OK"? Well, another fun night is planned and perhaps you'll even learn something. This year we are going with a golf theme. And, no, you don't have to be a golfer to attend and have fun.

Marty Leahy, Golf Pro for both Scepter and Falcon Watch golf courses, will be our guest speaker. Marty is going to give us some tips good for beginners and experienced golfers alike. Then you'll be able to try your hand at hitting the ball (Wiffle, of course).

And remember the hilarious Tim Conway character, Dorf? Well, we have a couple of his videos so you know you'll be laughing!

Naturally, snacks and soft drinks will be available. And it's FREE! Call the church office to sign up. Any questions, call Bruce Kanoza at 813-298-7213.

Word and Prayer

By Cindy Davis

Would you like to make time to be in God's Word? Do you have a burden in your heart to pray for our Church, with others? Then please meet us on **Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in Room 9**, for The Word and Prayer.



We begin with a passage from the Bible, taking turns reading verses. Then we share about what God reveals to us! Next we pray for our Church, the Staff and ministries. We find this time of gathering together and sharing in this way to be inspiring! Every 6 weeks we have a Fellowship, with refreshments and sharing about how God is working in our lives. We exchange prayer partners, and find our spiritual batteries recharged! Hope to see you there, Cindy Davis [813-833-3585](tel:813-833-3585).

Scripture of the Month from the Ministry Executive Team

Let's put a new emphasis on Scripture in all ministries of our church in order to:

- Ground our ministries in Scripture
- Bathe our ministries in prayer
- Unify all ministries in spirit
- Go forth with the hearts of servants

We encourage you to include the Scripture of the month in your daily devotions and in all of your team meetings. Together, we serve to honor the vision and mission of our church.



Mission of the Month for August 2014

Pastor's Discretionary Fund



The United Methodist Church equips pastoral leadership for the best use of resources to provide confidential financial support to families and individuals in need. Often, this fund is identified as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Our pastors are authorized to distribute funds at their discretion and are not required to provide detailed information as to who receives funds.

Typical requests for Pastor's Discretionary assistance in our church include:

- restart of utilities
- mortgage or rent assistance for those facing evictions
- assistance with funds for medication
- food for families in need
- clothing for those in need, particularly diapers

Please hear the call of Jesus:

If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. Deuteronomy 15: 7-8.

Please give from your heart to support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund during the month of August for the Mission of the Month. In God's hands, gifts multiplied to all.

Visual Arts Team

Our featured artist for the month of August is Dottie Dahlgren. Dottie spent her formative years in Needham, Massachusetts, college in Maine, then moved to Connecticut with her parents. There she met and married Bo Dahlgren (her husband of 63 years.) They raised four children and moved 6 times before settling in Louisville, Kentucky for 30 years. In 1997 she and Bo bought in Kings Point and were snowbirds until they moved here permanently in 2005.

She began painting in 1962 with a friend dabbling in pencil drawing, pastels, oils and acrylics. She stopped painting in 1982 and worked in a woman's boutique until 1999. She resumed painting in 2005 when they moved here and is currently painting with Diane Simon. Please visit her display on the Visual Arts Wall in the LEC.



The Peru Mission Trip

By Jeff Jordan



"Amazing - Wonderful - Extraordinary - Transformational"... those are some of the words you'll hear our recently returned Peru Missionaries using to describe their mission experience on the Peruvian Amazon. Under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Tom Kelly (Sarasota cardiologist) and Tony Petree ("Toto"), twenty-seven folks left our church on a Saturday afternoon, arriving at their mission destination the following Sunday evening. We flew to Miami, on to Lima, and then to Iquitos (in northern Peru) and finally boarded a riverboat that would be our home for the next five days. This "Chosen Vessel II" was a fine home away from home with great accommodations and meals that were a welcome sight after a hard day's work in the heat, rain and mud!

The first pueblo that we visited was Panguena, a village of about 200 situated just off the [always muddy] banks of the Amazon. Our mission was quite varied - worship and evangelism, building a church, providing medical and dental care (including glasses and sunglasses), sharing something like a vacation Bible school with the children, distributing shoes, clothing, toys and other necessities (like machetes), and even opening a spa for the ladies of the village. Each day as the missionaries 'made land' Mike, the captain/owner of the ship and leader of the organization that brought us to the Amazon, sounded the shofar, an ancient biblical instrument made from a ram's horn. On the first day, we got up to the tent only to be greeted by a torrential and long-lasting rain (forest) storm. While holding down the huge tent and huddling together against the rain, we sang and worshiped together with several of the villagers responding to the salvation story and an altar call. The rain finally quit about mid-morning and we set about our tasks. By the end of the next day a beautiful church was finished, more than 150 folks had been examined and treated by the medical team, the children (and their mothers) had experienced two afternoons of VBS, much of the clothing and shoes and many other necessities (like machetes) were distributed and we shared a special church service/dedication as the sun went down. More significant than all of this, however, is the relationship that we established with these beautiful and loving Christian brothers and sisters. As painful as it was, we left Panguena and our new friends the next morning.

With two days of 'mission time' left before we had to make the long journey back to Lima, the team voted to visit and minister to another pueblo. Mike sent part of his crew ahead to Yanayacu, a pueblo that was less than an hour from the first and by the time we got there, the community tent was already up and ready for us (Mike's mostly bi-lingual crew was terrific!). Though we didn't have the lumber to build another church, we did have the materials and resources to worship together (another twenty-five accepted Christ as Lord), present a VBS, examine and treat another 150 or so villagers, distribute what was left of our clothing, shoes and especially toys (which were a big hit!), play 'football', frisbee and volleyball with the kids., and the 'spa team' left many of the ladies of the village with beautiful nails and hair! The next day, we were blessed to spend the morning just visiting the families in their homes and at school. This proved to be, perhaps, the most meaningful time of sharing with these very poor but very happy people. As we left late that morning, most of the pueblo stood at the banks and waved until we were well out of sight, many beckoning for us to return. Needless to say, many tears were shed aboard the "Chosen Vessel II" as we headed back to Iquitos. Many on board that day have vowed to return and build a church in Yanayacu... plans are already underway!

On Friday evening after a short tour of Lima, the team shared a wonderful goodbye dinner at a restaurant overlooking the Pacific. The next day, some of our folks headed back to FL while all of the SCC missionaries stayed on at their own expense to experience the city of Cusco and the Inca ruins known as Machu Picchu. Our time of fellowship and learning during these few days was nothing short of amazing, and though the beauty of this 'wonder of the world' was breathtaking (literally as well due to the elevation), every missionary will tell you that the real 'mountain-top experience' happened there on the hot, muddy banks of the Amazon.

Thanks to all of our church family and friends for your powerful prayers and your generous support of this mission trip. I know of twenty-seven Christians that were profoundly impacted by this experience and more than three hundred villagers whose lives have been transformed by a love that can only come from the One who is Love. Thank you for helping us to bring that message to Peru!



Movie

42 The JACKIE ROBINSON Story will be shown on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. This movie is not only uplifting but inspiring. It is about an owner of a baseball team, Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford) taking a stand, against all odds, when he decides to sign the first black Major League player, Jackie Robinson (Chadwick Boseman.) Both Branch and Jackie would be forced to demonstrate great courage in letting Jackie prove his talent on the field and the honor of winning over fans and teammates – thus silencing his critics and forever changing the world of baseball.

The doors open at 6:00 p.m. to the smell of popcorn and coffee. Cookies, tea and other beverages are also served. The movie begins at 6:30 p.m. Come, see friends and neighbors, and catch up on the latest. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

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Friday, August 29th - 6:30 p.m. (\$5 at door)



Night of Worship

Friday, September 5th - 7 p.m. (Free)

Dear Members of United Methodist Church,
Thank you for a wonderful 4th of July.
The food delivery was very efficient.
The hamburgers were excellent.

We had a lot of fun at the "Lafont Show".
The lady in charge was great. More
fun learning two new games. The
ladies there were very friendly and
helpful.

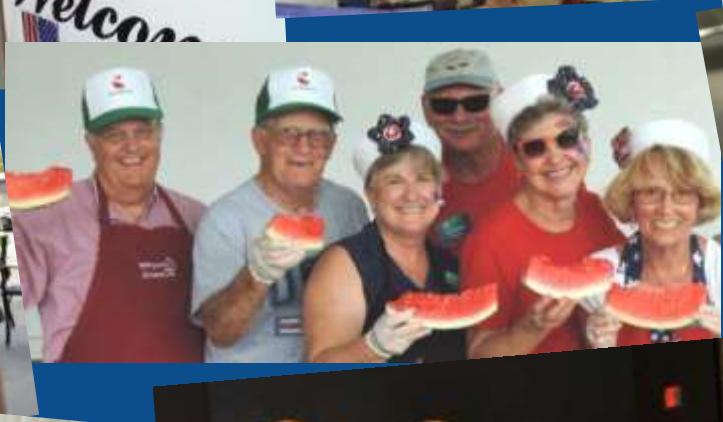
Every one was always smiling
and very kind. You have super
hard working members.

Thanks again for perfect day.

God bless,



4th of July



Celebration



Just want to thank The United Methodist Church for their 2014 Fourth of July Celebration. My friends and I were given some tickets that could not be used and we were very impressed by all of your members and how efficiently everything was done. Everyone made us feel welcome.

Thank you,



Children, Youth & Family

Fun in the Sun (city) at Kidz Kamp

Jenny Kim-Godfrey

"I want to be a teacher when I grow up! I want to be able to give children what Kidz Klub gave me, Ms. Jenny!"

I fought back my tears so very hard as I gave Emily a hug. As I have observed our children at Kidz Kamp thus far, I have noticed their hearts change little by little. They're starting to share, look out for one another, and wanting to know more and more about God's love

Their first field trip was to Crystal Springs Preserve where they learned about the "Awesome Aquifers" - In this simulation program, our kidz created a watershed model that represented their community, and once constructed, they saw what happens to all the run-off and watch as pollution from one part of the watershed affects the entire watershed.



This was a great lesson in water conservation and pollution, because they got to learn the history of the springs, from the time of the prehistoric animals to the present! They made a promise they will be good to the environment and plant a lot of trees when they grow up!

They've also had the opportunity to have a cartoon drawing lesson, took Tae-Kwon-Do lesson, visited Snoopy the Manatee at South Florida Museum, and got to meet all sorts of pigeons and learn about them from the Pigeon Man!



Needless to say, the kids are having a blast so far - but most importantly they have been saying how grateful they are to have a congregation that loves and supports them so they can take part in these, once in a lifetime, activities!

What was especially special to me, was how all of the Kidz remembered the lessons they learned at VBS from a few weeks ago - this gave me tremendous hope that they will take all of the bible lessons they learn at Kidz Klub, and go out into the real world and spread the love of Jesus Christ to everyone they know! The Kidz even took the time to make invitation cards to friends who do not currently attend church - and what a sweet and special gift that is for them to want to show their friends the love of God they've received from the UMC Sun City Center family!



In the upcoming last few weeks of Kidz Kamp they will get to go to Glazer Children's Museum in Tampa, get a visit from Fritzy Bros One Man Circus Act, and will be putting on their very own talent show!

So thank **YOU** all for the love and support you give our children, it means the world to them to know someone is looking out for them and praying for the best on their behalf. Special thanks to our wonderful Believer Bus drivers & monitors, our

kitchen crew and the Kidz Klub volunteers to have made all of this come together for our Kidz!

We are all on fire from the summer sun, the children's passion for Christ, and your love for us!

YOUTH

W. Warren Willis Methodist Camp

By Amy Bennyhoff

GROUP

Ten of us went to summer camp this year. My week at camp was very cool. You almost didn't have time to get homesick! I made a few friends and my small group leaders were very funny, but still got to the point. All in all a GOOD week and it was all possible because of your generosity. Thank you from all of us in the Youth Group.



UMCSCC Youth Group

View From the Pew Pulpit

By Kathy Straub

New Beginnings! It's been the theme of our church for the past few weeks because of the greatly anticipated arrival of our new Pastor, Dr. Charles Rentz, affectionately known as Pastor Charlie. I was so honored to interview him. We were anxious to get to know Pastor Charlie and during his wonderful first sermon, we learned some interesting facts about him. Most of us also read the impressive bio that preceded his arrival which explained his educational background, ministerial history, etc., but I wanted to know more about Charlie, the man.



What is your vision for this church? I want to see it continue to grow. I'd love for this to become a truly multi-generational congregation. Many churches have an inward focus and tend to deal with matters that concern only themselves. This church has already developed an outward focus; it is looking outside the church into the community. "The field is ripe for the harvest," and I see the possibilities of reaching out to everyone we can.

What is your most memorable moment in your ministry? I have many highlights. One is having the opportunity to study and preach in Korea. This was a church of 5,000 members. I learned a great deal about evangelism. Another highlight would be having Dr. Fred Craddock as my mentor and teacher at Emory University. He had a tremendous impact on my life. And then there are always "God moments" when God hits you on the head and says, "Hey, pay attention. This is amazing!" I've had a lot of those.

Tell me about your parents. My dad was born and raised in a Primitive Baptist Church in Georgia. After Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Just before he was to be deployed, a group from a small Methodist church nearby gave all the soldiers dinner and a small Bible to take with them. Later, he met my mom who had been a life-long Methodist and when they moved to Florida, they joined a Methodist church. Dad and Mom were very active in the church, the kind of people who were there every time the door opened. My dad was a barber his whole life, and my mom was a school administrator. She is still living and is 83 years old.

What do you consider to be your biggest achievement? I wasn't really a very serious student in high school. I played baseball and basketball, played intramurals in college. So I guess my biggest achievement, the thing I'm most proud of, is receiving my doctorate. My dad had only a 4th grade education but went back and got his GED. I was sad that he was not there to see me receive my PhD.

What's your favorite food? Lobster, oysters, any kind of seafood. **Favorite book?** "*The Greatest Miracle in the World*" by O.G. Mandino. **Favorite Movies?** "Field of Dreams," "Castaway," "Gone With the Wind." **Favorite place to visit?** Israel (been there 7 times), and the Florida Keys (have been every year since 1977 for wonderful family vacations).

Any pets? (a chuckle) Yes, we have quite a menagerie. 5 Retrievers, 1 Boston Terrier, 3 horses, 2 rabbits, a turtle, 3 snakes and a love bird. It's a busy place.

Do you have a hero? My dad was my biggest hero but there have been lots of people I have admired over the years: Tony Dungy, Arnold Palmer (my dad used to cut his hair whenever he was in Jacksonville), Sandy Koufax, my maternal grandmother, my professor, Dr. Craddock.

What excites you most about being the pastor of UMCSCC? I think this is an incredible opportunity that God has given me to minister here. I have known of UMCSCC for quite a while, and I'm so happy to be a part of it. There's no other place I'd rather be.

And there is no other pastor we would rather have lead us into the future. We welcome our new beginning with Pastor Charlie.

Financial Question of the Month

“Every Sunday I see a group from our Mission Team selling Gift Cards on the patio between the Sanctuary and the LEC. How does this program work and how does the church benefit?”

Yes, each Sunday you can purchase gift cards for hundreds of retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores, online marketplaces, gas stations and other establishments from a representative of one of our Mission Teams.

When you pay for a gift card, it is available for pickup on the next Sunday. The church does have Publix and Winn-Dixie gift cards in stock, and they are delivered to you immediately upon payment.

How does the church benefit and where are the profits spent?

The best way to explain how the church benefits from your purchases is to provide you with this example:

“You regularly dine at the local Bob Evans restaurant and you purchase a Bob Evans gift card for \$100. The church then purchases the gift card from United Scrip, Inc. at a discounted price of \$88. You receive the card the next week and can use the *full amount of \$100 at any Bob Evans Restaurant.*”

The church retains the \$12 difference and 100% of the profit is split among the Mission Teams that are contributing their time and energy to running the program. Several teams have benefited from this program, including: the Peru Mission Trip, Disaster Relief Team, and the Cuba Mission Team.

Every establishment has a different ‘discount percentage’ with restaurants, hotels and online marketplaces providing the highest percentage return, and grocery stores and gas stations offering the lowest percentages. A complete list of the percentages offered to the church is listed on the order sheet that you will use to enter your order. The lists are available in the Sanctuary Narthex, the LEC gathering area and at the Mission Sales table.

Do I have to pay with cash?

No, we also take checks, debit cards and credit cards. Please be aware that if you use a credit card to pay for your gift cards the church will lose some of the discount percentage due to credit card processing fees. It is helpful to the church Mission Teams if you use cash, checks or debit cards for the Publix, Wal-Mart, and Winn-Dixie cards since the discount percentage is very low. However, we will gladly accept credit cards for these vendors if that is your choice.

Gift Cards are a great idea to use for Christmas gifts!

Rather than ‘going shopping’ and shipping presents to distant relatives and friends, why not send them a gift card to their favorite establishment and let them choose how to spend the money? Most national stores are available and we encourage you to use this program, which will make life a little easier for you and at the same time provide financial support to our Mission Teams.

Participating establishments include: Publix, Amazon.com, Outback Restaurants, Longhorn Steakhouse, Ruby Tuesday, Barnes & Noble, Lowe’s, Home Depot, Carnival Cruise, AMC Theaters, Toys ‘R’ Us, Best Buy, Applebee’s, Denny’s, Starbucks, Subway, KFC, Hardee’s, Marshalls, Office Depot, Staples and many, many more! Check out the complete list this Sunday . . .

**Support our Mission Teams with
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Leaving Peru

By Celia Staples, Individual Volunteer in Mission

As I prepare to leave Peru, I am reflecting on this awe-inspiring, life-changing experience. When I came to Peru in December 2012, I knew I was coming on faith. I had no idea where I was to go or what I would do in Peru. Oh, I had an address and name, but little more. I could feel my Lord with me as I boarded the airplane. I settled into a calmness as I noticed the Latino women and used my limited Spanish for the first time. I have felt God's presence throughout this journey.

I remember vividly the feeling I had as I watched the children in the school yard for the first time. I recall the beauty as I sat on a sacrificial stone slab with my Aymara guide. We were looking out from the mountain top at the highest lake in the world. It was there we sat and discussed the differences between my faith, the Catholic faith, and the faith of the Aymara people. I don't recall ever discussing my faith openly before that moment, except perhaps in a church class. There would be more discussions of faith along this journey with shop keepers, drivers, students, parents and others. There was the sharing of Christmas in Chile, the Christmas I had resigned myself to being all alone and not celebrating, before I left the states. There were many more instances where I could feel the Lord with me, protecting and guiding me on this journey. I understood at the start of my time in Peru that this service was a gift from God. I also understood, only after the fact that my 'me' travel before the start of my service, was my time in the desert. It was my preparation for the time I served at the school. The people I met along the way that guided me, the faith I had tested, and the soul searching I was able to do, all prepared me for this service in God's Name. I have clearly understood that I have not served alone. I have served with the Holy Spirit's help and blessing.

This year I have had the pleasure of teaching over 130 students in 18 classes each week. The grades ranged from 5th primary to 5th secondary. The classes were small, which allowed the upper grade students to participate in conversation. Topics included social media, religion and their beliefs, morals, world news, violence in the US vs. Peru, American authors and more. It is difficult to leave these students that have touched my heart to the core. The students have taught me more than I could teach them. They paid me in kisses each day as they left my class, or called my name on the playground and ran excitedly towards me. These same students now beg me to return soon to Peru. I had told Mr. Yoshikawa when I first arrived, "If I can touch the life of one child, I will leave Peru with a heavy heart." I leave Peru with found affection for the people of this country. ***I leave Peru with a very heavy heart.*** I leave Peru August 12th and will arrive later in August at UMCSCC. I do not see this as an end to service, but the beginning of a new chapter in service. I have made no plans. I do not know what the future holds. I left in faith. I return in faith. Grace be to all.

Ephesians 2: 8-10 For it is by Grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV Life Application Study Bible, Tyndale House Publishers)



Make a Joyful Noise

By Kathy Straub

If you've been attending the UMCSCC for any length of time, you are probably familiar with our amazing music ministry. From the Praise Team that blesses the Contemporary Services with their uplifting worship to the Chancel Choir that presents a marvelous anthem every Sunday at the Traditional Services, we have music that touches everyone. Add to that our incredibly talented organist, Valerie Southwell, our adorable new Worship Arts Assistant, Jenny Kim-Godfrey, and of course, the amazing man who puts it all together so beautifully, Worship Arts Director, Jeff Jordan. But there is another group that shines so brightly once or twice a month at our Traditional Services and that is our Handbell Choir. This ministry has grown tremendously in the past few years, so much so that we have added a second group under the direction of Nancy Harris while Jeff still conducts the first ensemble. These groups of bell-ringers bring such joyful and incredibly beautiful music to our worship that, as a congregation, we are truly blessed.



In addition to the bell choirs, there is also a group of 5 women who have formed their own little ensemble, affectionately calling themselves, "The Joy Belles". You will hear this happy troupe of bell ringers ringing merrily on the patio between services on the 3rd Sunday of each month. What a beautiful and welcoming sound they make as church goers are greeted at the door. Just recently, The Joy Belles made a special appearance as they serenaded the guests who attended our fabulous 4th of July celebration. Playing a collection of patriotic songs, the ringers added a delightful ring to the festivities. Members of this joyful group are Phyllis Butner, Nancy Harris, Linda Whitt, Kathy Straub and Mary Bushong, and serving as a permanent sub, Hollie Fox.

We are so blessed in our church to have the best music ministry in the South Shore area. Week after week, our happy music touches our hearts in a way nothing else can. We are truly praising God by "making a joyful noise!"



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Good Samaritan Mission— Back to School

August 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GSM has received a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay to fund the annual Back to School Outreach event. This is one of the major events that they do in support of our primary mission target, the local migrant farm worker community. Their goal for this event is to supply the children of the community with 500 backpacks, school supplies and toiletries to start the school year. The grant will also let them feed the families who show up to participate.

They have invited other agencies who do work in the community to join us for the day. They will have activities and information for the families. Our hope is that the whole family will have the resources they need to help the children have a successful school year. We still need more volunteers, as well as additional financing, to meet the needs of this event. Please call the office at **813-634-7136** if you would like to volunteer or contribute.



Invitation Still Stands

Join any of the Ministries listed below: Please contact Linda Whitt (4) or Pat Hill (5) for more information on joining one of these Teams.

Ministry Executive Team – 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00p.m. , Room 19 . Contact(4)

Children/Youth/Family Team - 1st Thursday of each month at 9:00a.m., Room 19 . Contact(5)

Congregational Care Team – last Wednesday of every month at 2:00p.m., LEC. Also, on the **even months only** we have a luncheon on the 2nd Friday, from 12 – 1:30p.m, LEC. Contact(12)

Health Team – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:15p.m., Room 12. Contact (13)

Community Connections Team – 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00p.m., Room 9. Contact (10)

Fellowship Team – 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00p.m., Room 11. Contact (7)

Spiritual Growth Team – 1st Monday of each month at 11:00a.m., Room 11. Contact (3)

Worship Team & The Arts – 1st Thursday of each month at 9:30a.m., Room 12. Contact (9)



Annual Operating Fund (AOF) Income and Expenses through June 2014

	June 2014 Actual	June 2014 Budgeted	Year-to-Date (3 Months) Actuals	Year-to-Date (3 Months) Budgeted
Income	\$ 93,693	\$ 80,151	\$ 244,303	\$ 241,535
Expenses	(\$ 88,362)	(\$ 92,959)	(\$ 248,186)	(\$266,978)
Excess (Deficit)	\$ 5,331	(\$ 12,808)	(\$ 3,883)	(\$ 25,443)

Events



The 2014 Alzheimer's Walk is coming on October 18th

The walk originates at UMC and goes to Freedom Plaza and returns again to the church. While the Walk is fun, let's not forget about the disease that affects so many in our area. The money we collect goes for research to slow down or maybe even end Alzheimer's. We need walkers to sign up and get people to support them. Let's lead the walk with our contributions. Donations of more than \$50, makes you eligible for a free T-Shirt.

Remember the following dates: August 17th for signing up to walk and gather pledges. October 14th is pre-registration day at the church where you will be able to pick up your 2014 shirt. October 18th is the date of the walk and continental breakfast will be served. Cold water will be available all morning.



Our team coordinator for this event is Shelia Thurston.

Signing up on the patio will begin on August 17th. Join our Community Connections Team in making this the best year ever. Contact Sue Montgomery for more information: 813-416-3756

Bible Studies

Men's Monday Night Bible Study— The next men's Bible study will begin on Monday, August 11th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the LEC. The new class is 8 weeks on Colossians and Philemon

Women's Interdenominational Bible Study—meets in LEC every Monday morning 9:30– 11:00 a.m. An ongoing, in-depth Bible study, with singing, prayer requests and thanksgiving to our precious Lord! Sweet Christian Fellowship is part of the meeting, which brings blessing for each one of you.

GriefShare will not meet during the month of August.

Hispanic Ministries—Each Wednesday there will be a Women's Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. and a Family Bible Study at 8:00 p.m.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, led by Rev. Sam Rorer, meets in LEC on the third Thursday, August 21st, at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$7.00—please RSVP to the church office no later than Tuesday, August 19th.

Ladies: *The Beloved Disciple: Following John to the Heart of John*, by Beth Moore. The class is 10 weeks from Sept 10th-Nov 12th, on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m.

EVERYONE: *Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. This is an 8 week class on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning on Sept 15th thru Nov 3rd. The traditions included in this study are Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism and Methodism. For each group Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs and describes things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith. Hamilton interviews a religious leader from each tradition.



Sunday Services

8:30 AM Contemporary Service
9:30 AM Traditional Service
10:00 AM Contemporary Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service
4:00 PM Hispanic Service

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Sunday School Classes— All are Welcome

8:30—9:30 AM Son Catchers meets in Room 12 and facilitated by Luke and Jeanne Lloyd. A new study begins on June 15th, “I Love Growing Older but I’ll never Grow Old” by J. Ellsworth Kalas. A 12 week series of discussions.

9:30—10:30 AM Good News Class meets in Room 11 and facilitated by Ken Barringer. Studying from the series Genesis to Revelation.

10:45—11:45 AM Agape Class meets in Room 12 and facilitated by Ann McMullen. Studying the book of Matthew.

10:45—11:45 AM Disciples Class meets in Room 19 and facilitated by Elaine Moore and Jackie Parker. A new study begins on July 20th, “Jesus Parables about Priorities” by James W. Moore.

11:00—12:00 PM Oasis Class meets in Room 11 and facilitated by Tom Montgomery. Studying the Book of Revelation.

Sunday Morning Programs for Children

Sunday Morning Kidz (Breakfast and Bible Stories ages 4-11) - 9:30-11:15 AM in Creason Children’s Center.

Under the Cross Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) - 9:00-10:00 AM in Room 30.

Under the Cross Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12) - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Room 30.

Nursery is available for all worship services.