

The Journey

***This is the day that the
Lord has made. Let us
rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24***

Happy Thanksgiving

*The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center
November 2014*

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Our Cover this month is just a beautiful fall picture I found that seemed to say Happy Thanksgiving, and only a day that God could have made. Diane Hall

Message from the Communication Team
 By Diane Hall

November has arrived. Are we ready for the next two months of filling our calendars with all the holiday events, and shopping? It can be very hectic, if we let it. Sharing our smiles and love with family and friends is sometimes the best gift of all! Let’s take some quiet time and give thanks to God for all our blessings.

Don’t forget to pick up items for the Salvation Army stocking. The cost is small, but to the eyes of a child with nothing, it is huge.

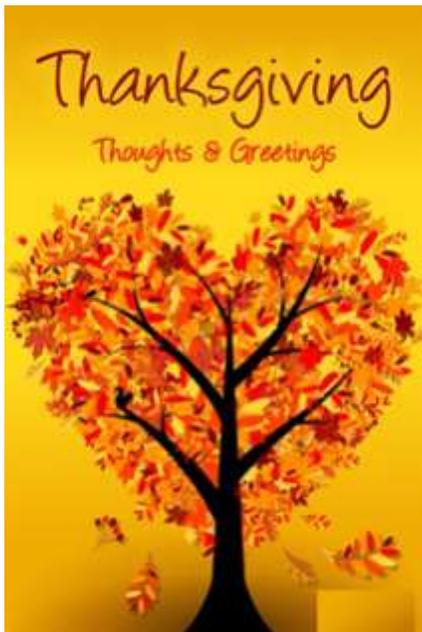
Please keep the website in mind when you want to double check on dates and times for upcoming events. Our wonderful webmaster is back from vacation (they had a great time), and has updated our site.

I did not hear from any of you last month regarding the changes made to *The Journey*. I sure hope it doesn’t mean you didn’t read your copy!

Our deadline for your articles, notices, events, changes, etc. is the 14th of each month. If you can send them in Microsoft Word format, or type them in your email, we would appreciate it. Send your items and pictures to Diane Hall at dhall2117@gmail.com. If you have an article or picture, but you might miss the deadline by a day or two, please call me at 813-633-2141.

If you like to write, The Communication Team could sure use you.

We hope you enjoy *The Journey* this month. The Communication Team would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy Thanksgiving.





Welcome

*Message from
Pastor Charlie*

In order to meet the deadline for the November *Journey*, I am writing my article for this month at the end of September. Hopefully, by the time you read this, Marcia and I will have returned from our *Journeys of Paul* cruise/tour with much inspiration and excitement. Hopefully, we will be able to again lead a tour like this in the next couple of years and take folks from UMCSCC!!!

As I look ahead to November, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 2nd. I would also like you to think about the question, "What does it take to make a Great Church?" That will be the theme of the sermons on November 9th and 16th. We will be looking at the Book of Acts and the using the early church as our model for a GREAT CHURCH. The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center is already a GREAT CHURCH, and I believe God is calling us and leading us to be even greater.

We will be receiving another class of new members into our church family on November 16th. Please let the church office know if you would like to be part

of this group of new members as we grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please make plans to attend the Prayer and Visioning Retreat held at the church on November 15th. This will be a time to dream dreams, and ask for God's vision to be upon us as we think about and pray for our future direction as a church in the coming year. This retreat is for anyone who attends UMCSCC, and I encourage everyone to come and be a part of it. I will be leading this retreat, and I promise that it will be fun and exciting, as well as a time for us to fellowship and dream God's dream for us.

This month we are also so vividly reminded of our many, many blessings as we celebrate Thanksgiving. God has been so gracious to us as a people, as a church and as a nation. How appropriate that we take this time to give God thanks and praise. And, before the month is over, we will have entered the Advent Season. Can you believe it??? Yes... Christmas is coming. It is time to get ready!

Future Opportunities to Travel with Dr.'s Charlie and Marcia Rentz And Educational Opportunities Tours

As you know, Pastor Charlie and Marcia recently returned from a *Journeys of Paul* Cruise. Over the years, Pastor Charlie has led numerous Educational Opportunities Tours. In the next 3 years several different new opportunities are in the early planning stages. These include an Alaskan Cruise, A Holy Land Trip (late 2015?), another *Journeys of Paul* Cruise (in 2-3 years), and a UMCSCC Church Retreat and Bible Study Cruise out of Tampa (winter of 2016), led by Pastor Charlie and Pastor Sam. Once these trips are approved by the AET, more information and specific dates will be available!





First Impressions Parking Ministry

By Nell Taze, Coordinator Facility Bound Visitation

Last month, we covered the “parking situation” with Doug Moore who is the Coach and founder of our current *parking ministry* which is rightfully named *First Impression*. We discussed the history, parking expansions, and current shortage. This month, we’d like for Doug to tell us Specifically Where to Park. I’d like to repeat one of last month’s questions as the beginning of this month’s article:

Nell: Would you please tell me where I should park if I am able to walk a short, or a longer, distance from my car to the Sanctuary.

Doug: Yes, we have the “GREEN” lot that is behind the professional building behind the hospital. We have a golf cart back there to give rides to the entrance door. We also are using the parking area on the other side of Haverford at the professional building.

Nell: If I use a walker or a cane, what should I, or my driver, do?

Doug: You drive up to the entrance, and we will have an attendant there who will help get the passenger from the car onto the apron of the patio. The driver then drives over to the “RED” zone, which is highlighted by bright red curbs.

Anyone who parks in that area will be picked up by the golf cart, if they so wish, and will be delivered back to the church entrance.

Nell: Is there a special area we should leave vacant for first time visitors?

Doug: There are three parking spaces dedicated to first-time visitors. These spaces have a sign to indicating they are for visitors. Anyone who parks in that area will be greeted and accompanied to the welcome desk.

Nell: What about specific groups like the choir, golf cart drivers, or any others? Are there special places for them to park?

Doug: We have a specific place near the

memorial garden for golf carts. Please do not take a parking place that a car could be using. Of course, I would appreciate any choir member who is able to park in a satellite lot to make room for visitors and handicapped people.

Nell: I understand the parking ministry went beyond all expectations at the musical, *Unforgettable*, on September 19th when the sanctuary was filled with over 700 who came out in the pouring rain. How did your parking staff handle this?

Doug: Unbelievable! We had seven working the lot and used both golf carts. One of our golf cart drivers, Heidi Evans, sent us a picture which she entitled, “What the well dressed church golf cart driver wears in the pouring rain.” She described her outfit: “Motorcycle rain gear...of course...the bright orange shirt...AND...the scarf of brilliant reflector yellow. Also, armed with push-button/pop open Umbrella!!!” She attached the picture below.

Nell: Any final instructions or words of wisdom?

Doug: Please cooperate with the parking attendants and remember we can move only so fast (we’re old), so don’t run us over.

Nell: Doug, again we offer our sincere appreciation to you and Elaine for all you do for our Congregational Care Ministry. We are truly blessed.

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 or daeamoore@gmail.com.



Fellowship

A Thanksgiving Feast

By Kathy Straub



It's hard to believe that the holidays are quickly approaching, and what better way to kick off this glorious time of year than with a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Our wonderful Fellowship Team has once again created a menu fit for a king. Start with some delicious roasted turkey breast complimented with perfectly seasoned dressing and rich gravy. Add the amazing side dishes including creamy cheesy potatoes, a masterful vegetable medley, and a beautiful cranberry salad. Of course, how could we forget the pumpkin pie? Sounds like a perfect holiday treat! Now add to the delight of the evening with everybody's favorite blue grass band. The Sun City Blue Grass will be pickin' and grinnin' the night away with some of your favorite folksy tunes. What a night it will be!

Tickets for this magnificent holiday treat will be on sale for only \$10 in the church office or on the patio between Sunday services. Deadline for ticket sales will be Sunday, November 9th, with the dinner on the following Tuesday, November 11th, at 5:30pm. Don't miss it!

Health

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease

Kim Schaub: Program Specialist, Alzheimer's Foundation



Your memory often changes as you grow older, but memory loss that disrupts daily life is not a typical part of aging. To discover the difference, the

Alzheimer's Association has created a list of warning signs.

On Wednesday, November 5th, @ 10:00 a.m. in the Life Enrichment Center, Kim Schaub, program specialist of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, will address these questions and hear your concerns in the informative program: **"10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's."** In recent years, doctors and researchers have made significant progress in characterizing early memory problems and their potential outcomes. Hear the latest information from an expert in the field. Health and wellness are a priority at The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center.

Please call the church at (813) 634-2539 to reserve your space for this program. Refreshments will be served. Contact Judy Horobec, Health Team Coach, at (813) 982-2222 for further information.

Prescription Drugs vs. Over the Counter Meds - Navigating the Maze

Have you often wondered why during your doctor's visit you are always asked, "List your medications including any 'over-the-counter' medications you are currently taking."

On November 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Life Enrichment Center, many of your prescription questions and concerns will be addressed by Sujith Idiculla, Pharmacy Manager at Walgreens. Sujith will provide medication updates and answer questions on this important topic. Attention will be given to certain conditions such as diabetes.

Please call the church office at (813) 634-2539 to reserve your space for this timely seminar.

Your Health Team - Information for Health and Life!



UMCSCC Bible Class Visits St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

By Letha Jones

The first Christian denomination discussed in Adam Hamilton's study, "Christianity's Family Tree," was Orthodoxy. We learned that Orthodoxy claims to be the one true church and the tradition that holds most closely to the tradition of the early church. The Orthodox Church bases its doctrine on Christ, the Scriptures, and the ecumenical councils that summarized the beliefs of the early church. Orthodox Christians place an emphasis on both Scripture and tradition. Orthodox worship is a mystical experience designed to help worshipers "see" divine reality.

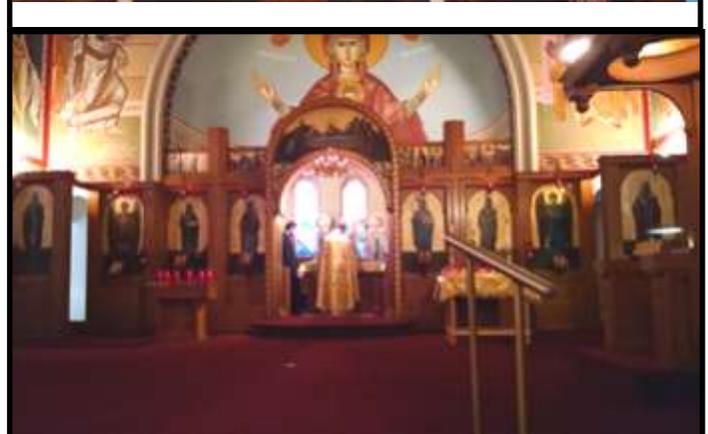
The dome in many Orthodox churches signifies the cosmos and reminds worshipers of the vastness of God's kingdom and God's presence, which continually surround us. Icons of saints and martyrs remind worshipers that they are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Each service includes the liturgy of the Word (reading from the Holy Scriptures) and the liturgy of the Eucharist, which includes remembering the cross, the tomb, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Second Coming – something yet to happen in earthly terms but already accomplished in mystical terms.

Many people in the study had never been to an Orthodox church. Pastor Julian told us about the friendliness of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Hyde Park. So the church was contacted and Charlie Hambros, Pastoral Assistant, was very excited to help arrange a visit for our group. A group of 14 climbed aboard the Believer Bus on Monday, September 29th. We were proud to witness a Divine Liturgy held in honor of St. Kyriakos the Anchorite – coincidentally the namesake of our host, Charlie. Rev. Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis, the parish priest, performed the Divine Liturgy, partly in Greek and partly in English. We were able to follow along with the pew books and were surprised to see many familiar prayers. Holy Communion was served; however, non-Orthodox Christians are not allowed to receive Holy Communion. At the end of the service, blessed bread called Antithoron (meaning "instead of the gifts," the gifts being Holy Communion) were offered to everyone by the priest.

Our study facilitator, Letha Jones, was well versed in Orthodoxy through her travels and studies. She had told the class about the Orthodox icons and the domed roofs. We were able to see those icons for ourselves. Although the roof of the church did not have a dome, the inside

ceiling was domed with a beautiful picture of Jesus. The entire inside of the church was covered with stunning artwork and elaborate chandeliers. Even Father Stavros' vestments were a work of art!

We were very happy to have had the opportunity to visit this beautiful Orthodox Church and look forward to another visit in the near future the Greek Festival on November 7, 8, 9!! Please see the church website for more information on St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church: www.greekorthodoxchurchtampa.com





Spiritual Growth

2 Peter 3:18

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory, both now and forever!
Amen”

In the past few weeks many men and women have grown in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through three different Bible studies.

On Wednesday mornings, several women are learning more about John, through Beth Moore’s study, “Beloved Disciple.” We are witnessing what is recorded in the Bible through John’s eyes – trying to look over his shoulder. And we are getting a rich, personal view, seeing things in a different way.

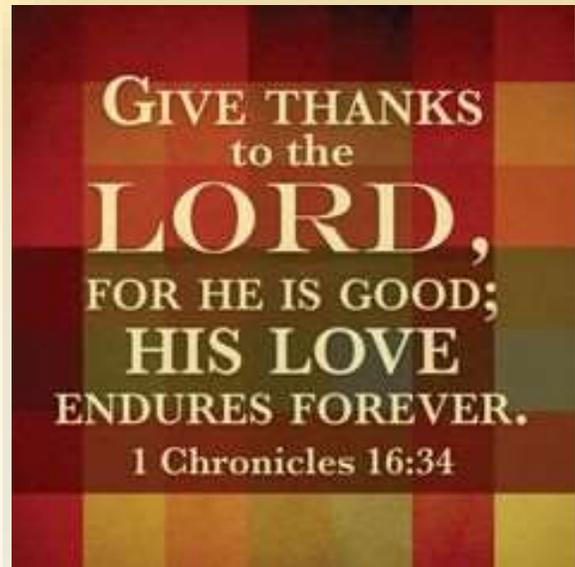
The Men’s Bible Study on Monday evenings just completed Adam Hamilton’s study, “When Christians Get It Wrong.” More and more young adults have opted out of Christianity and the church. Beginning Monday, November 3rd, they will be doing a 3 week program on Evangelism using the book of Acts. It’s never too late to join the Men’s Bible Study.

On Tuesday nights, we are studying “Christianity’s Family Tree.” This study is taking a look at Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. Almost 40 people are attending this study which includes a video, with Adam Hamilton giving a brief history and interviewing religious leaders from each tradition. Many questions and lively discussions have followed each video. The class is so popular that it will be repeated again in the winter!

Look for a wide variety of opportunities for you to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the coming year – and take advantage of what your church is offering you. (See page 19 for more details.)

Scripture of the Month from the
Ministry Executive Team

Let’s put a new emphasis on Scripture in all the ministries. 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 the church.



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Community Connection

2nd Annual Walk to Bethlehem: A Living Nativity

Mark your calendar now for the 2nd Annual Walk to Bethlehem: A Living Nativity. The date is Wednesday, December 17th, from 5 to 8:00 p.m., with the last group leaving around 7:50 p.m. Everyone must have a ticket.

If you are physically challenged and may need additional time for **the tour**, please ask for a "5 o'clock" ticket.

Starting December 1st, 600 free tickets will be distributed in the church office.

Everyone must have a ticket. Get yours soon – they go fast!

More animals will be in the scenes this year, and again, it will snow, snow, snow. The children in the Wednesday night Kidz Klub will go together as a group. Last year the snow was a big event for many of the children as they had never seen snow before.

You can make this evening even better if you volunteer to help with:

Helpers to set up scenes on Wednesday, December 17th, at 10:00 a.m.

Helpers to take down the scenes and pack items for storage on December 18th, at 10:00 a.m.

Helpers to set up the wooden Nativity scene on December 18th

Donate white Christmas tree lights

Donate artificial Christmas tree (any size)

Contact Sue Montgomery at suebee11@verizon.net, or Pat Hill at 813 634-2539.



2014 Alzheimer's Walk—GREAT NEWS!!!

By Sue Montgomery

The walk was held on Saturday, October 18th. Our UMCCSCC Team goal was \$6,000, and we raised (DRUM ROLL PLEASE) \$6,004. This does not include the Concert money.

You did it. I am so proud of you and all of your hard work. Kudos to you and everyone from the church who participated.

The Walk's goal: \$43,000 500 walkers

The Actual: \$70,000 700 walkers



Mission Trip Opportunities

By Judy Maynard

UGANDA January 17–28, 2015

A team will be returning to Gulu, Uganda to provide health care, education and a sharing of the gospel with the women of Watoto's Living Hope and the orphans in Laminadera Village. This will be the third trip to follow up with previous patients and to evaluate new patients. Needs include team members, medical supplies including HIV and malaria test kits, antibiotics, vitamins, and, most of all, prayer support.

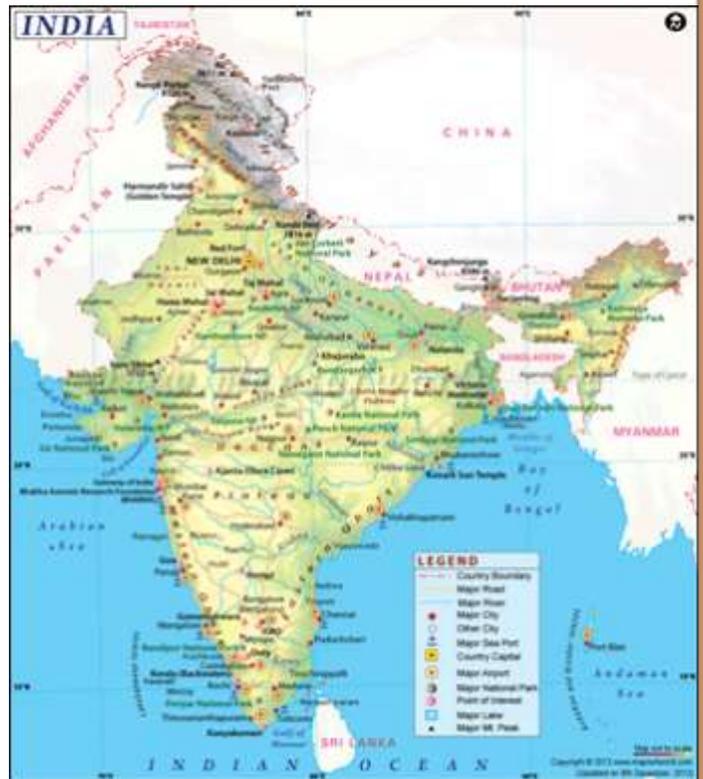
UMCSCC has supported the Watoto organization since 2010, including sponsorship of an orphanage house in Bbira Village. This Christian organization has made amazing progress in saving the orphans of Uganda, developing future leaders for their country, and empowering women to be self-supporting.



INDIA January 2016

Partnering with Hearts Afire, a UMCSCC mission team is being formed to travel to India in 2016 to provide healing, prayer, teaching, and dedication of a church to be built in 2015. Hearts Afire is a medically oriented mission organization based in Sarasota and founded by two local physicians.

An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, December 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. in the LEC with Vilma Vega MD, who will be leading the team. She traveled to India in April of this year and is an inspirational and exciting speaker. Anyone with an interest in supporting or being a part of this mission opportunity is encouraged to attend.



“During our trip in early April of this year we medically treated more than 800 patients and we saw more than 600 people accept Christ. In the last few days of our mission, we saw 125 pastors receive a message of Revival through Unity in the body of Christ, and, boy, was it received.” Vilma Vega MD.

For more information about these mission trips contact Judy or Rick Maynard at 813-634-8127. Please pray that God's love and compassion will be shared with his people in Uganda and India as a result of these trips.

Disaster Response Team

November Mission of the Month

November's Mission of the Month is the UMCSCC Disaster Response Team. Some of the activities this year are as follows:

1. Many team members have been on numerous trips to Pahokee in southeastern Florida. We have painted (food pantry and residences), replaced rotten flooring and a wall, repaired/rebuilt roofing, power washed church walls, weeded a church garden, put up dry wall, etc. We were also able to take to the food pantry many pounds of food donated by our church members.
2. We helped church/community members with various projects.
3. We responded to a need at the Seminole Baptist Church which serves the poor and homeless through Mission Tampa. They also run the Cook's Hat Food Pantry. The food pantry had a need for shelving and our team was able to build about 75 feet of shelving. We also trimmed bushes, bagged food in baggies from bulk (1,000 bags), painted, cleaned, dry walled, and stocked new shelving. In addition, we took about 550 pounds of food donated by church members. The Food Pantry was also presented a check for \$350 which represents donations from church members and the Disaster Response Team.
4. We had one team member join Plant City UMC on a mission trip to Alabama to do storm cleanup.
5. We also were able to help some of our team members with various projects.
6. Forty individuals took the Basic 101 training, which is the first of two training classes needed to become certified for this team. This training was held at UMCSCC in the spring.

7. Six people received ERT training, which is the second portion of the necessary training.

We are going to be helping the TiAnViCa Riding Academy near Bartow with many projects. This academy has 16 horses, which they have received for a variety of reasons, including abuse. The academy is for children with disabilities, at-risk youth, Wounded Warriors, and military veterans. A need for a refrigerator has been filled due to the generosity of a church member.



We will also be doing more in-state activities as the need arises. We may get involved at Pensacola when long-term recovery teams are needed.

Thanks for your participation in the aluminum can project and metal recycling, Dining to Donate at area

restaurants, Scrip (gift and shopping card purchases), purchases of Crosses from Nails gifts and purchases of UMCSCC ornaments. Your generous giving to help fund our mission trips is greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for new members interested in helping our brothers and sisters in need. If interested in more information about becoming a member of the Disaster Response Team, please contact the church office (634-2539).



8/29/14

Cook's Hat is grateful to the Sun City United Methodist Church for the bountiful blessing.



YTD:
2,000+ Total Served
700+ Children
60+ Prayed to Receive Christ

Replaced Refrig
Riding Academy



Inside barn at
Riding Academy



Horses pens need fill
dirt & pressure washing
at Riding Academy



Wheelchair loading Ramp
Riding Academy

Our Vision for Our Growing Children and Youth Ministries

By Jeff and Susie Collins



As we come with gratitude in our hearts to serve the Children/Youth Ministries of our church, we are looking to the future as these programs grow in numbers and the children/youth grow in their relationship with Christ. This is our vision for the future:

To share the love of Jesus with each child and to earn their trust.

To begin a youth service in Creason Hall, complete with audio-visuals, lighting and worship.

To organize and train a Youth Worship Team.

To produce a quarterly newsletter written and published by the youth.

To foster a spirit of unity and connectedness within the Children/Youth Ministries.

To disciple and train our young people to become strong examples of Christ.

To provide outreach opportunities within the community.

To expose our young people to the arts in the Tampa Bay area.

To organize fundraisers that help to develop a sense of responsibility and appreciation within our young people.

To help provide a continued phenomenal VBS for the children of South Hillsborough County.

To obtain a CDL (Jeff only) so that we have the ability to drive the Believer Bus to transport children/youth to Summer Youth Camp.

To instill an insatiable hunger and thirst in our young people for the things of Christ.





For the past several years, Beanie's has generously donated hundreds of Thanksgiving dinners to local churches – AT NO CHARGE! Our church is blessed to be one of the recipients. Again this year turkeys and all the trimmings will be delivered to the LEC on Thanksgiving morning.

Once again we will be serving meals in the LEC and delivering free Thanksgiving dinners, on the following schedule:

Pick-ups and Deliveries of Dinners: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Dinner served in LEC: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! Please call the church office to reserve your dinner and let us know whether you will be eating in, picking up, or having your dinner delivered.



In the meantime, we need volunteers to put dinners together, make deliveries, and help with clean-up. Contact the church office (813-634-2539) to volunteer.

Dessert donations are welcome and should be delivered to the LEC before 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Remember to thank Beanie's the next time you are there for dinner!

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings are here!

Pick up one or two of these stockings as you exit church on Sunday. Remember, this may be the only gift the child gets for Christmas.

Mark the stockings for ages 2 – 14, Boy or Girl, then fill with fun stuff! Books, games, toothbrushes, hair accessories, stretchy socks, mittens, hats, crayons, coloring books, play dough, water colors, children's play jewelry, dolls, trucks, cars, etc... You Pick!

Please, NO CANDY, foodstuffs or wrapped things.

Please return the filled stockings anytime in November. If you find you cannot fill the stocking for some reason, please bring it back and someone else may fill it.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Questions, call Barb Smith 813-642-8906



View from the Pew Pulpit

By Kathy Straub

You know how preachers like to do sermon series? They find a great topic and they set aside several weeks to thoroughly analyze and develop their theme. Well, I have decided that I am going to begin a series of articles on the men and women who are truly the heart and soul of our church...our wonderful pastors and staff. I began in August introducing you to our fabulous new minister, Pastor Charlie, and this month, I would like to give you a closer look at our amazing associate pastor, Pastor Sam Rorer.

Pastor Sam came from humble beginnings in a small town outside of Atlantic City, NJ. He and his two brothers were raised in a small, loving home where hard work and education was emphasized. In order to help his family financially, Sam started a paper route at the age of 10, drove a taxi cab while in high school, and then joined the Air Force after graduation.

While stationed in New Jersey, he worked as a jet mechanic. Toward the end of his military career Sam says, "God got hold of me"; he felt God calling him and he "knew this was going to be my life's work." On the GI Bill, Sam attended Nyack Missionary College in New York. Later, he attended the Methodist Theological Seminary

in Ohio, where he worked as a student pastor for three country churches in the area. Sam recalls, "The folks who attended my churches were all farmers and here I was, this city boy trying so hard. But they were so patient and kind to me. I loved it there." Eventually, he served seven country churches in Ohio. When the Gulf War broke out, Sam wanted to pay back the Air Force for his education. He re-joined, this time as a chaplain, and held this position for over 20 years.

I don't think I realized how difficult and often dangerous it is to be a military chaplain. Not only did he have to provide spiritual support and comfort to service men and women, he traveled extensively to bases in the Panama Canal Zone, Okinawa, Japan, (his favorite), as well as five deployments to hostile zones in the Middle East and Africa. He saw much death and suffering during those years, but these were experiences that he treasures. He told me, "The kind

We Give Thanks

of people that are serving our country are the best people I have ever known. When you're a chaplain, you carry no weapon; your life is literally in their hands. They took that job so seriously." Sam then served at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio while taking a year of studies. He ministered to soldiers who had been badly burned in combat. He said, "This was so hard, but helping them prepare for death was really a sacred privilege for me."

Seven years after marriage to his sweet wife, Pat, who also served for 26 years in the Air Force, Sam decided it was time to retire. He was stationed at McDill AFB, and Pat's mother was living in Orlando. Of course, they wanted to be close to her so they decided to make



Florida their permanent home. Somewhere along the way, he met a pastor named Warren Langer, who asked Sam if he might help out with hospital visits one day a week at the UMCCSC. It wasn't long before Sam's caring manner, his phenomenal speaking ability, and vast theological experience gained him the position of associate pastor of our church. In this position, Sam has a number of important responsibilities including overseeing

administrative areas, serving as the staff liaison for finances, budgeting, and working with the trustees. He also conducts the Grief Sharing ministry, the Men's Monthly Breakfast, a Men's weekly Bible study, and wonderful sermons when Pastor Charlie is away. And his latest endeavor? Pastor Sam is working on a doctoral degree to become a Doctor of Divinity. He has only three more classes to complete, followed by the dreaded dissertation. He is very excited about this new challenge though, and it won't be long before we are referring to him as Dr. Pastor Sam!

In closing, I asked Sam how he feels about this church. He smiled and said, "This church truly embodies the spirit of Christ's love through its outreach to the elderly, the poor, and to our children. That's what we do so wonderfully here." We are so incredibly blessed to have this kind, unassuming, loving man as a part of the heart of this church.

Music & Arts at UMCSCC

“In Their Own Write” an Evening of Storytelling

Friday, November 7th, 6:30 PM (\$5 at door)

2,4,8 - Hand Piano Recital

Sunday, November 9th, 3:00 PM (free)

Irish & Broadway Concert to benefit Hospice House

Wednesday, November 19th, 7:00 PM (\$10 donation)

Laugh Out Loud Christian Comedy

Friday, November 21st, 6:30 PM (\$5 at door)

South Shore Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert

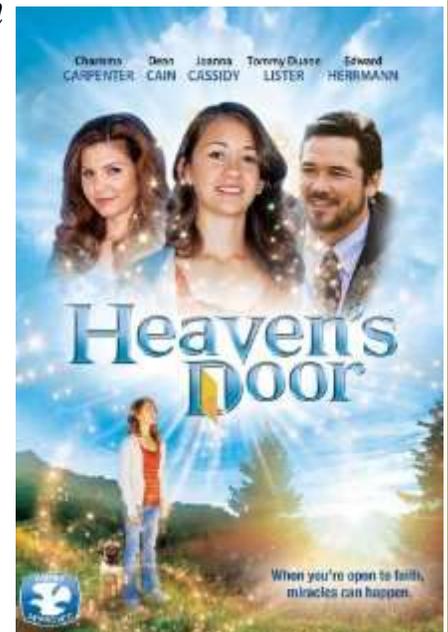
Wednesday, December 10th, 7:00 PM (\$15 donation)

Heaven's Door - November Movie of the Month

“HEAVEN’S DOOR” will be The Friday Night movie on Nov. 14th in the LEC building. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with cookies, popcorn, coffee, tea, and lemonade. Enjoy visits with friends and neighbors for a relaxing and lovely evening. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This movie is about Riley, a young girl in a small town. She discovers a miraculous doorway to heaven while reliving a moment that she and her much loved grandfather shared just before he passed away while playing soccer.

After her discovery, she was given a gift of healing. She tries to hide her gift at first as her parents were having a struggle within their marriage. However, like most secrets, they have ways of getting out. Will she lose her family when she is faced with the ultimate sacrifice? Will it bring her family back together? Come to find out. Hope to see you there.



Financial Question of the Month

I would like to make some contributions to the church before the end of the year. How can I do this to not only benefit the church, but provide me with some measure of tax relief?

As we come to the end of the calendar year, this is a great question as there are several ways to financially support the church and perhaps provide you with some tax benefits. Any choice you make should be made in consultation with your tax and financial advisors to insure that the best outcome for you and the church is accomplished.

Cash Gifts

If you desire, you might consider contributing the amount needed to complete your pledge during December if you would benefit from an increased contribution deduction on your 2014 income taxes. Remember, in order to take a deduction for a contribution you must be able to itemize deductions on your tax return.

Gifts of Stock

Our church has the ability to accept gifts of stock as a charitable contribution. There are two scenarios that you should be aware of when considering a gift of stock:

First, if your stock holding has **increased** in value since you acquired it, it would be to your benefit to transfer the stock to the church through your brokerage firm. The church will accept the stock transfer and immediately sell it for the current market value. You will receive a full deduction for the value of the stock and you will not have to pay capital gains tax.



If your stock holding has **decreased** in value since you acquired it, it would be to your benefit to sell the stock and give cash to the church. In this manner, you will receive a deduction for the cash contributed and generate a capital gains loss that may reduce your taxable income.

Any consideration of stock sales and transfers should be discussed with your personal financial advisor and tax consultant. If you would like to complete a stock transfer please contact our church accountant, Bill Hancock, at the church office (813) 634-2539 for further information.

Gifts from Your IRA (Individual Retirement Account)

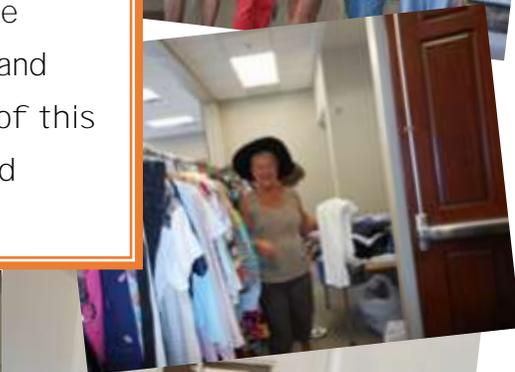
If you are 70 ½ years old or older you are required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your traditional IRA, you may roll over up to \$100,000 to the church or other qualified charity if you so choose. You will not have to recognize the income on your tax return but you **must** instruct your IRA Trustee to send the funds *directly to the church*.

It is important to note that any contribution you wish to make in the calendar year 2014 must be delivered to the church or postmarked by December 31st. Contributions received in January of 2015 cannot be backdated to December under any circumstances. Thank you for remembering the church with your time, talents and gifts.



The Timely Treasure Team
"...and a great time was had by all!"

On Friday, October 24th, the Timely Treasure's One Day Sale provided fun, fellowship, (and work) for 64 servants of Christ and hundreds of happy shoppers! Proceeds from this sale benefit all the ministries of the church. The One Day Sale netted in excess of \$5,600. Timely Treasures will be gearing up for our annual sale on March 5th and 6th, 2015. Mark your calendar to be a part of this wonderful opportunity for fun, fellowship and service.



Classifieds / Notices

Numbers will appear within each ad denoting the contact person

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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)



Visual Arts Team

Our featured artist for the month of November is Pauline Bowers. Pauline is retired from the United States Air Force and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Pauline loves to travel and take pictures from her many travels. Pictures on the art wall are from trips taken to Russia, Peru, Mexico, the Caribbean, Alaska, and a River Cruise on the Blue Danube (Budapest to Prague).



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

	September 2014 Actual	September 2014 Budgeted	Year-to-Date (6 Months) Actual	Year-to-Date (6 Months) Budgeted
Income	\$ 83,475	\$ 88,683	\$ 477,932	\$ 485,363
Expenses	\$ 77,569	\$ 86,022	\$ 478,193	\$ 527,678
Excess (Deficit)	\$ 5,906	\$ 2,661	(\$ 261)	(\$ 42,315)

Events



New Member Sunday—November 16th



New Members
are Joining

Sixty-five people have recently inquired about becoming members of UMCSCC

Open Doors—Open Hearts at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center

We are excited to welcome our new members at all services on Sunday, November 16th.

Bible Studies

Men's Monday Night Bible Study— Men's Bible study is on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the LEC. Beginning Monday November 3rd, we will be doing a 3 week program on Evangelism using the book of Acts. Following the conclusion of these 3 weeks, we will be taking a break until January 2015.

Women's Interdenominational Bible Study—meets in the 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 a blessing for each one of you.

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. in the LEC.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, led by Rev. Sam Rorer, meets in the LEC on the third Thursday, November 20th, at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$7.00—please RSVP to the church office no later than Tuesday, November 18th.

Ladies: Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John, by Beth Moore. The class is 10 weeks long 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 study starting on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. in room 11.



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, facilitated by Luke and Jeanne Lloyd. In October we will study “Moments that Take Your Breath Away” by James Moore. On November 30th we begin “Christmas Gifts that Won’t Break” by James Moore

9:30—10:30 AM Good News Class meets in Room 11, facilitated by Ken Barringer. “Experience Christ Together”, “will bring you face to face with Jesus as you enjoy an enriched life in Him.”

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

11:00—12:00 PM Disciples Class meets in Room 19, facilitated by Elaine Moore and Jackie Parker. A NEW 12 week Study “Experiencing Prayer with Jesus” by Henry and Norman Blackaby begins August 31st.

11:00—12:00 PM Oasis Class meets in Room 11, facilitated by Tom Montgomery. Studying the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) and are currently in Genesis.

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.