

THE COMMUNICATOR



March – April, 2020

Church Office Hours

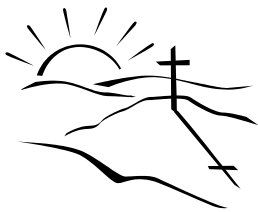
Monday, Tuesday 9 – 3
Wednesday 9 – 5
Thursday 9 – noon
Closed on Friday

Community United Methodist Church

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Wednesday Outreach

Food Pantry 1:30–3:30
Clothes Closet 2:00–4:00
Project Access 1:30–3:30
Cuts for Christ 1:30–3:30
Heavenly Nails 1:30–3:30



The message of Easter...

He Is Risen!
He Is Risen, Indeed!

THE NEXT STEP!

by **Pastor Ken Zimmerman**

Every journey begins with a single step.
Every journey continues with the next step!
You never fail your journey until you stop taking or refuse to take the next step. You will never go places in life if you are not willing to take that next step.

In life we often ask ourselves, "What's my next step?"

What is my next step in this time in my life?
What is my next step in my career?
What is the next step in my health care?
What is the next step in my relationships?

What is the next step? During the Lenten season and on into the Sunday after Resurrection Sunday we will be taking the next step. The next step out of imprisonment. The next step into the wilderness of temptation and testing. The next step to the watering hole of unexpected refreshment. The next step out the "no outlet."

The next step of the fear of the future. The next step of getting off the bandwagon. The next step into emptiness. And then the next step of risk.

What is your next step as you begin the journey of Lent and Resurrection Sunday? I hope it will be to be in worship. The next step is to prayerfully seek God and His Word daily.

Dr. Seuss, wrote the book, Oh, The Places You'll Go. The opening line, "Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to great places, you're off and away." We begin "The Next Step" journey March 1st.

Dr. Seuss concluded his book of adventure with these challenging words, "Kid you'll move mountains, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting so get on your way."

The Resurrection of Jesus calls us to take, The Next Step, to follow Him each new day. Our mountain awaits us. Will you take The Next Step beginning today?

Your friend in Jesus, *Pastor Ken*

FROM THE DESK OF...

Iona Hughes, Administrative Assistant

- ✦ The Church Office will be closed April 13th
- ✦ The deadline for the May/June *Communicator* is April 14th
- ✦ If you have information to share about recent or upcoming events of your church group or outreach ministry, please send it via e-mail to Iona Hughes at cumc616@bellsouth.net, drop it off at the church office, or call Iona at 386-252-3655.



Please refer to the weekly bulletin announcements for scheduled meetings, events and activities or call the church office for more information.

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

– John Wesley

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

See Jesus in others and may others see Jesus in you...

TALES FROM THE CLOTHES CLOSET



The Clothes Closet Gang

as all tales begin, during this holiday season we were abundantly blessed with the generosity of others. Our sock drive was very successful, receiving 121 pairs of socks and a \$50 donation to purchase additional socks.

At our annual "Caring and Sharing" brunch, we received an additional 241 pairs of socks and an additional 445 hygiene items as well as a \$20 donation.

A friend of our church donated the complete contents of a two-bedroom house to us. We have already been able to help a couple who recently moved into an apartment with a living room and bedroom set.

Once again, we had a very successful RUMMAGE SALE, raising over \$1,717.00 to enable us to continue to provide hygiene items to our neighbors. A million thanks to Sandy Calcagni for her great organizational skills in spear-heading the Rummage Sale and to the many awesome volunteers who worked before, during and after the sale,

We continue to need men's jeans (30, 32, 34), sneakers, sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets and hoodies. We are also in need of blankets, since many of our neighbors live in apartments without heat.

Our thanks to all of you who make it possible for us to serve the God we cannot see, by serving the neighbors we can.

CROSS NECKLACE MINISTRY!



The cross necklace sharing ministry has been such an encouragement to so many people. Each week we listen to how sharing a simple cross necklace has brought hope to others. To date we have shared the love of Jesus with over 20,722 people. Thanks to all who are so faithful in sharing Jesus with others through our cross necklace ministry.

PROJECT ACCESS

Stan Mitchell, Coordinator

Project Access assists clients with their applications for applying for Food Stamps and certified birth certificates as well as direct clients to other agencies in order to obtain assistance.

CUTS FOR CHRIST & HEAVENLY NAILS

Vincent, Cuts for Christ Coordinator

Kathy & Renee, Heavenly Nails Coordinator

Cuts for Christ: 10-12 haircuts a week

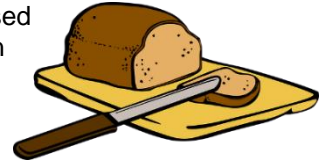
Heavenly Nails: 5-7 manicures a week

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Carol Johnson, Coordinator

Not much – but something!

2020 has arrived! And along with the New Year we have new and increased number of clients in our Food Pantry. Several of other local pantries have closed and the result is our increased numbers. We have increased to an average of about 200 people a week. Along with the increase in clients, we have had new volunteers come to help.



As we grow, we are continually seeing the need in our community – Senior citizens, single parents, families, disabled, grandparents raising young children and so many more. We pray that through the coming year that these who are in need have improvement in their lives. We also pray that we as church members can continue to support the food pantry, show Jesus to those we serve, and give us the patience and caring and love to see Jesus in our clients.

A FOOD PANTRY TESTIMONY

Mary Shepherd

One Wednesday afternoon, I was walking across the parking lot when I heard, "Alabama, Alabama!" That is what this woman called me when I told her my mom came from Alabama, which was where she was from. She said she missed me now that I wasn't helping anymore. She said she loved me and that really touched my heart.

ONCE AGAIN OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP IN RECYCLING PLASTIC FOOD BAGS AND EGG CARTONS FOR THE PANTRY!

Please recycle your plastic bags and Styrofoam (plastic) or paperboard 12-count egg cartons for our Bread of Life Food Pantry. You may deposit your collections of bags and egg cartons in the HUM BOX near the elevator....**Thanks in advance for your bag donations and your "eggstra" special contribution!!**



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN OUTREACH MINISTRIES!

If you have some time to work in our outreach ministry areas, Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, Project Access, Cuts for Christ and Heavenly Nails, please sign up in the back of the Sanctuary or call the Church Office (386-252-3655). Be certain to include your phone number. Someone will contact you with more information.

Thanks in advance for volunteering!

"RICH" WISDOM

By Gary Rich, Parishioner

Greetings my friends in Jesus Christ. If you have attended a CUMC Sunday service, you will notice that Pastor Ken always encourages us to talk about our faith sharing experiences, be it with a cross necklace or other ways. So I thought it would be fun to share with you all some of my adventures at faith sharing on the "World's Most Famous Beach."

I use several different methods to get a conversation going with tourists and visitors on the beach. Wearing the CUMC cross shirt is one very effective way to share Jesus. I say that because just wearing the shirt will get people on the beach talking to me about the Christian faith. I also have a *Jesus Loves You* shirt that I wear, too. I carry with me cross necklaces and gospel tracts to give to people should they appear interested. One thing I have observed over the years I have been doing this is that people I am sharing Jesus with will respond much more positively if I talk with them with an attitude of love and grace.

Pastor Ken reminds us every Wednesday to "let people see Jesus in us." That will only happen if we display love and grace, not judgement. During college spring break every year I get to meet many students visiting here. I have found that just having a nice conversation with the kids will bring out a positive response, with many kids over the years taking home with them gospel tracts and the cross necklace. Yes, they are drinking beer, smoking drugs, etc. - but our job is not to throw fire and brimstone at them. But to show that God's love and grace is for them, too. Once they realize I am not going to judge them, a wonderful positive conversation

starts to happen, with many students quite interested in knowing about Jesus Christ and willing to listen to me talk. And the college kids like taking lots of the gospel tracks back to their schools to pass out to their friends on campus to use as book marks. Hey - cool way to share Jesus with people

I am always amazed at the number of foreign visitors we get here in Daytona. I have had the opportunity to talk with tourists from Europe, the Middle-East, China, Japan, and Russia, all who come here for vacation. Have had some wonderful talks with these visitors and usually have them returning to their countries with lots of gospel tracts and cross necklaces. One group of students from China once asked me to give them bunches of gospel tracts to take back to their country and pass them out to their parents, super awesome

I ride the Votran bus a lot, and many times people will tell me on the bus they know me from the CUMC Wednesday outreach. That has always led into a good talk about church and our Christian faith. And a good place to pass out the cross necklace. Which tells you that we always have to be ready to share God's love with anyone who asks. God will send you divine appointments when you least expect it, so you must always be ready to "let people see Jesus in you." We represent God on this earth, so many people need to hear the wonderful Good News of Jesus Christ. Will you be one of God's faithful servants to tell others his Good News? And the best part is you don't have to go very far. There are plenty of opportunities right here at CUMC, especially during the Wednesday outreach, to shine the love of Jesus with other people.

Have a blessed day in the Lord, Gary

NEWSLETTER

"The COMMUNICATOR" is published bimonthly and posted on the CUMC website, emailed upon request, available in hard copy at the back of the sanctuary and mailed to out-of-state friends and local shut-ins. Please let Iona Hughes know in what format you would like to receive your newsletter by completing the form below. Thanks! *Becky*

Lindhorst, Editor

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Please return to Iona Hughes one of the following ways:

Email her at: cumc616@bellsouth.net Call her at 386.252.3655 Fax form to (386) 252-4161

Mail form to: 616 Harvey Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 7:45 Prayer - Pastor's office
- 8:30 Back Porch Happy Hour
- 8:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:30 Choir rehearsal



MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY HAS BEEN SET FOR MARCH 1ST, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT!



On March 1st, the first Sunday of Lent, we welcomed three new members into the life and ministry of our church: Timothy Blanton, Belinda Eaton and Pete Stillion. Tim and Pete were also baptized.

2020 BIKE WEEK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Once again we all will have the opportunity for outreach ministry **Friday, March 6th through Sunday, March 15^h**. This fundraiser and outreach ministry relies **100% on volunteers**. We invite and encourage you to be a part of this very important event in the life of our church by **volunteering with parking, being a concession worker, providing food donations, working in helmet check or being Fellowship Hall hosts. Sign-up to volunteer on the schedules located at the entrance/exit to the Back Porch beginning next Sunday!** Even if for a day or two, your presence will be greatly appreciated.



CHOIR NOTES

Sheri Myers, Choir Director



All interested singers are invited and encouraged to share in the joy of serving through your talents as a part of the music ministry at Community UMC. For more information or to

join the choir, please contact me through the church office (386-252-3655).

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." – Dr. Seuss

REFRESH!

Each Wednesday at 11:30, we gather in the social hall for fellowship, lunch and a discussion about last week's sermon. Many of those who attend Refresh are not able to be in church on Sunday. This is such a fresh expression of bringing folks together like the early church. Keep Refresh in your prayers as we continue to bring the love of Jesus to others.

WALKING WITH CHRIST THROUGH HOLY WEEK 2020...

- Palm Sunday – April 5th
- Maundy Thursday – April 9th
- Good Friday – April 10th
- Resurrection Sunday – April 12th



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY - Worship on April 5th at 10 a.m.

You will receive a palm cross that has come from Africa. The sale of the crosses provides money for basic human needs in Tanzanian villages where Tanzanians earn wages to support their families by weaving palm crosses. These crosses are shipped to the United States where volunteers process, package and ship them to their destinations. The PALM CROSSES are a project of the Women of CUMC. For more information on African Palms USA visit www.africanpalmsusa.org.



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be joining our brothers and sisters of First United Methodist of Ormond Beach and other area UM churches for a joint Good Friday service, April 10, 6:30. The 7 last words of Jesus will be presented by various pastors. The service will be held in the sanctuary of 1st Ormond located at 336 S. Halifax Dr. Ormond Beach.

EASTER RESURRECTION SUNDAY Worship on April 12th at 10:00 a.m.



PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Group meets each Monday at 10 a.m. If you have a prayer request (for yourself or someone else), please call the Church Office (386-252-3655) with your request or come and join the group. Thanks to Marc Jennetten for compiling the prayer needs from the Sunday prayer request cards.



NEWS & NEEDS

YOUTH HOSTEL

Two different mission teams, one from Pennsylvania and one from Minnesota UMCs, have connected together to begin the construction of bunk beds and the renovation of the third floor of the south wing of the church building. This will eventually become a place where youth groups and others can come for a mission retreat or a time of restoration at the beach. The plan is to provide space for up to 35 youth. There will be an updated kitchen and common area. No completion date has been established.

ANGEL TEA & BAZAAR

Women of Community United Methodist Church

The 2019 Angel Tea was a huge success. We were able to give \$900 to each of six different charities. We are excited about the 2020 tea which will be held on November 14th. Sandy Calcagni will be chairing the event. Your continued support, love and commitment to our church and community is greatly appreciated.

NASCAR FOUNDATION

Once again our church has partnered with the NASCAR Foundation in raising funds for the children in local hospitals. CUMC receives 50% of the funds raised. We are thankful to all who give of their time in this great win-win effort! The total received this year was \$4,407.13!

AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE ON THE RISE!

During the month of January 2020 we experienced a rise of 5% in our AWA compared to January 2019. February 2020 saw a 10% increase from 96 to 110! Your faithful attendance in the worship services is making this wonderful increase! Thanks to all who make it a priority to be in worship on Sunday.

GIFTS, TITHES and OFFERINGS

Lois Hiles, Finance Chairperson



Your financial support to Community United Methodist church is greatly appreciated!

Without your generous gifts of tithes and special gifts to the outreach ministries, we could not continue our ministry here. You may give weekly and monthly or you may choose to give "electronically" through your bank.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

If you would like a copy of your 2019 Giving Statement, please call the church office (386-252-3655) and leave your name with your request.

TREASURER'S REPORT

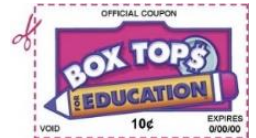
January 2020/YTD Income	\$25,893
January 2020/YTD Expenses	\$17,789

PRODUCT COUPONS and

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Mary Shepherd, Coordinator

Thank you for continuing to clip coupons for our veterans and their families. *Box Tops for Education* are collected to buy computers for McCurdy School. **Product Coupons and Box Tops for Education can be placed the box on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!**



FAMILY RENEW

Mary Shepherd, Coordinator

Exciting things have been happening at Family Renew Community. A teen mom who was homeless and unemployed when left high school without a diploma, became a certified nursing assistant and moved into a two-bedroom house with her toddler. A kindergartner who hadn't been able to focus well while living in a minivan with his dad, mom and five siblings started talking about becoming a scientist when he grows up. A stay-at-home mother of three whose breadwinning partner took off was able to keep a roof over her children's heads while she found a job. Reports shows that 96 percent of families remain stable when housed.

SERMON MANUSCRIPTS

You can access Pastor Ken's entire sermon manuscripts each week!



The message is available on the church website each Monday following the Sunday presented. There is also an archive of Pastor Ken's messages on the website at: www.daytonacommunitymc.com

2 @ 2 ON TUESDAY

Every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., pray for 2 minutes!

Pray for whatever God tells your heart about the life and ministry of our church. You can pray for lives to come to Jesus, people to be faithful in coming to worship, financial provision, outreach ministries resources and volunteers, unity in our community and/or connectional ministries with other United Methodist churches in our area. Who knows what ripple effect this prayer will have on our church, community and our own lives. **God does!**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Carol Johnson, Altar Guild Chairperson

A Flower Calendar for 2020 for those wishing to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one during the upcoming year, will be available in January at the back of the Sanctuary. Contact Carol (386.673.4648) or Iona with your request/dedication to be placed in the bulletin for the Sunday you choose. The cost is \$35 per arrangement.



IMPORTANT DATES



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

David & Sally Landress - 3/6/2010
 Norm & Gwen Stuart - 4/11/63
 Jim & Pat Clapp – 4/30/1988

Apologies are extended to any whose anniversaries or birthdays have been omitted. Please call Iona at the church office (386-252-3655) to contribute or update information!

Please refer to the weekly bulletin for announcements about meetings and events.

WALKING WITH CHRIST - LOOKING AHEAD

March 6th -15th BIKE WEEK



Be sure to sign up!

- March 8th** Remember to Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time begins.
- April 5th** Palm Sunday service at 10:00 am
- April 10th** Good Friday Service - joint congregation at First United Methodist Church of Ormond Beach at 6:30 pm
- April 12th** Easter Resurrection Sunday service at 10:00 am
- April 13th** Church office is closed
- April 14th** Deadline for the May/June Communicator articles



EDWARDS, Ian	3/06
MYERS, Kirsten	3/08
SAIN, Lavada	3/08
LYONS, Don	3/13
CHRISTENSEN, Peggy	3/10
DAMICO, Nicole	3/11
BAHRET, Sandy	3/15
HOLLAND, Kim	3/15
GAVANDITTI, Karen	3/18
BABINEAU, Shayne	3/22
EDWARDS, Val	3/22
BASSETT, Caleb Jay	3/23
MADISON, Daniel	3/23
SHEPHERD, Mary	3/27
CHRISTENSEN, Dick	3/30
GIFFORD, Jerry	4/01
HOWELL, Eileen	4/05
CASE, John	4/09
BISHOP, Carol	4/10
JOSEPH, Lori	4/11
SINKA, Evelyn	4/11
ZIMMERMAN, Loreen	4/11
HATCH, James	4/15
PARKER, Linda "Katie"	4/16
ASHLEY, Brandy	4/20
STUART, Gwen	4/20
PEARSON, Jan	4/21
SHEHI, Phil	4/21
STRAUSS, Alice	4/22
HARDEN, John	4/23
MASSIE, Linda	4/24
SANTIAGO, Jessie	4/24
CLARK, Brandon	4/26
SIMMONS, Sunny	4/26
VICKERS, Fielding "Hal"	4/26
BAYLEY, Theresa	4/27
STUART, Cory	4/27
MANISCALCO, Katie	4/28
DREW, Dale	4/28