

THE COMMUNICATOR



November – December 2020

Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday 9 – 3
Wednesday 9 – 3
Thursday 9 – 12
Friday – closed

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Wednesday Outreach

Food Pantry 8:30–3
Clothes Closet 12 – 3

THE CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE!

by Pastor Ken Zimmerman

Have you ever gone to a Christmas Exchange party? This is where you bring a gift to the Christmas office party, neighborhood gathering or a family get together. Each person draws a number to see who gets first pick from the pile of presents. Then the next person can either take a person's opened gift or choose from the remaining unopened gifts. Some gifts are great and others are not so great...in other words you want to exchange it before the gift exchange is over.

Since March we have been in a COVID-19 crisis! We all have wondered when will it be over. It is certainly not a gift of life we would want, much less have to hang on to. We have experienced **uncertainty** of wondering when will it end. We feel the **anxiety** of whether or not we will be exposed to the virus and contract it into our lives. We may feel a **depression** that overwhelms us to where we feel "Blah!" For many of us there has been a **disconnection** from family and friends...aka social distancing! This COVID-CRISIS is not a great Christmas gift.

During the Advent/Christmas season, through the Sunday messages, we will be looking at The Christmas Exchange. We will be looking to exchange the crisis gift of uncertainty for **hope**...anxiety for **peace**...depression for **joy**...disconnection for **love** and on Christmas Eve we will exchange the crisis for **God with us!**

I trust you will join us for this Christmas Exchange either in person worship on Sundays or via the livestream feed on the Church's Facebook page. My prayer is that we will come away from this

Christmas Exchange with a renewed sense of hope, peace, joy and love assured that God is with us!

Your friend in Jesus, *Pastor Ken*

FROM THE DESK OF...

Iona Hughes, Administrative Assistant

Currently under COVID-19 protocol for all activities

The deadline for the January – February 2021 *Communicator* will be 12/15. If you have information to share about recent or upcoming events of your church group, 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 website for scheduled meetings, events and activities or call the church office for more information.



**COVID
PROTOCOL –
NO MASK
NO ENTRY!**

Your **MASK** says you care about me. My **MASK** says I care about you. **MASKS** say we care about our community! **THANKS FOR CARING!!!**

“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, we continue to operate the Clothes Closet on a weekly basis and are having an increase in the number of community members we serve.

We recently had the opportunity to assist two families in need. We were able to provide a crib, stroller, highchair, clothes and diapers to a family expecting a baby. One family recently moved into an apartment but didn't have any kitchen items. We provided pots and pans, a coffee pot, dishes and silverware.

We have also been able to give some of our neighbors furniture, including two lovely couches. What a blessing that because of the generosity of others we are able to help others less fortunate.

A very special "THANK YOU" to the volunteers who stepped up to staff the Clothes Closet when our regular volunteers were high risk and unable to return. We couldn't have done it without you!!

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.

SNACK BAG VOLUNTEERS

Sandy and Art Graham, both who work full-time, volunteer with their family on a regular basis to purchase and pack items for snack bags to be distributed on request to our homeless folks through the Clothes Closet



and Food Pantry Outreach programs. Their generosity with the snack pack items they purchase and the time of assembling 100 - 200 bags bi-monthly are a gift to the church, the outreach programs, and especially to the homeless who need the help!

CUTS FOR CHRIST & HEAVENLY NAILS PROJECT ACCESS

Currently CANCELED per COVID-19 protocol

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Carol Johnson, Coordinator

The current COVID-19 Protocol for the Food Pantry program in partnership with 2nd Harvest Food Bank is currently active from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. which includes 8 volunteers. The process begins with Pastor Ken or an appointed volunteer meeting the client at the office door. One person at a time is admitted and proceeds to the prescribed area for the client to confirm eligibility with the computer information on file or to provide the necessary information to the computer volunteer to complete an application. There is no contact with a sign-in. The client is then instructed to proceed to the waiting pre-bagged groceries and meats for the number of family members. There are 4 volunteers to push carts for the clients. There is no produce for the client to pick or bakery items, but there is milk and sometimes bagged fruits or vegetables.

CLOTHES CLOSET & FOOD PANTRY #'S

09-02-2020	CC 48	FP 209	served
09-09-2020	CC 47	FP 152	served
09-16-2020	CC 47	FP 214	served
09-23-2020	CC 46	FP 169	served
09-30-2020	CC 54	FP 177	served
10-07-2020	CC 52	FP 215	served
10-14-2020	CC 61	FP 182	served
10-21-2020	CC 40	FP 209	served

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 20,450 people. Thanks to all who are so faithful in sharing Jesus with others through our cross necklace ministry.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN OUTREACH MINISTRIES!

If you have some time to work in our outreach ministry areas, Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, please call the Church Office (386-252-3655). Be certain to include your phone number. Someone will contact you with more information once the COVID 19 restrictions are lifted.

Thanks in advance for considering volunteering!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Covid-19 Style...

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Currently under COVID-19 protocol

8:45 Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon posted on Facebook at 10:00am every Sunday

LIVE WORSHIP COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we resume worship in the sanctuary.

- ✚ You will be REQUIRED to PROPERLY wear a mask at ALL times. You must be temperature checked before entering the building. You will also be asked to sanitize your hands.
- ✚ There will be no singing at this time. We will have a couple of hymns to speak the words or hear them spoken while the song is being played.
- ✚ There will be no offering taken through the pews. Two offering boxes will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for you to place your offering.
- ✚ Every other pew will be roped off. You will be asked to sit 6 feet apart and staggered seating unless you are a couple or family unit.
- ✚ After the service is over you will be dismissed by rows to allow social distancing. A volunteer will monitor the elevator to allow only one person or family unit at a time. The elevator will be sanitized after each trip.
- ✚ Pastor Ken will be posting guideline videos on the church's Facebook page periodically leading up to the re-entry into the sanctuary.
- ✚ It was also decided that during this time if the COVID-19 number begin to spike and increase we will discontinue the services.

If you are uncomfortable coming to the in person service you can join us live via the livestream video on the church's Facebook page. Also a reminder that Pastor Ken's message manuscript is posted on the church's website each Monday morning. Stay connected in worship!

CUMC Facebook picture →



FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/Community-United-Methodist-Church-of-Daytona-Beach-Florida-101274834851033/>

PRAYER GROUP

Currently under COVID-19 protocol – canceled

Prayer does not have to be a formal affair!



“RICH” WISDOM

By Gary Rich, Parishioner

Greetings my friends in Jesus Christ. The state of Florida, as well as the rest of America, is going thru a time of waiting right now. Waiting to see when the virus pandemic will come to an end. Waiting to see how long we will have to wear face masks, social distance, virtually school learn at home, and attend church services by computer or in-person. When will life as we once knew it return to normal? Good question, but while no one really knows, we are learning to adapt to this new normal.

There are many bible scriptures that talk about waiting on God for deliverance, for His salvation, for God to work on our behalf and to keep His promises. God is trustworthy - Isaiah 49:23 tells us, "You will know that I am the Lord, for you shall not be ashamed when you wait for Me." As Christians, we show our trust in God when we wait for Him. Waiting requires patience, being confident that He is at work in our lives, and that His timing is perfect. James 5:7 says "See how the farmer waits for the good fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it."

Throughout the bible, there are many stories of people who waited on the Lord to help them in their time of need. God promises to come thru for us, but waiting is usually required when asking God for help. God's timing in answering our prayer requests can be a big divine mystery at times. We may not always understand why God does what He does, but we know we can trust Him. Isaiah 30:18 reminds us that, "Blessed are all those who wait upon the Lord."

Our Lord loves you so much, He wants to be gracious to you so He does wait at times to come thru for us until the timing is just right. You may be right now in that waiting room, praying for the Lord to answer your prayer requests. Don't give up, keep your eyes focused on our Savior Jesus Christ. He knows what you are going through. If you're in the valley seeing no way out, trust God - He knows how to rescue you. Stay positive, stay strong - and watch the Lord work on your behalf.

Have a blessed day in the Lord, *Gary*

NEWS & NEEDS

ALL SAINTS DAY

The following members of our Community of Faith who have passed in the last year were remembered and celebrated during our All Saints Day Service on November 1st, 2020...



- Norm Stuart – April 12th
- Don Lyons – April 15th
- Mick Gillespie – April 19th
- Mike Massie – May 26th
- Sandy Martin – July 24th
- Gordie Springer – August 10th
- Jerry R. Ford – September 18th
- Elizabeth "Betty" Blazer – September 24th
- Arvillia "Turtle" Montgomery – October 15th

ANGEL TEA & BAZAAR CANCELED

Sandy Calcagni

The **Angel Tea & Bazaar** will **NOT** be held this November. We hope to reschedule it in 2021. God Bless



PASTOR KEN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 40 years of ordained ministry in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, Pastor Ken will be retiring. His retirement date is June 30, 2021. Our District Superintendent, Dionne Hammond, has met with the Staff-Parish Relations Ministry Team to begin the process of looking for the pastor who will serve CUMC. Prayer discernment is where we all need to be. Please keep the church, our D.S. and the cabinet as well as the SPR members in this discerning process. There will be no announcement made of the next pastor till late March.

IONA TO RETIRE

After 13 years of faithful service to CUMC as the Administrative Assistant, Iona has submitted her retirement letter. Her final day will be Dec. 30, 2020. She has been a great asset to so many areas of ministry at CUMC. She plans to travel to see family. She will remain active at CUMC in worship and other service ministries.

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.daytonacommunityumc.com

BIKETOBERFEST ACTIVITIES CANCELED

Because the City of Daytona was not issuing permits for parking this year we were not able to engage our parking lot as a fundraiser. On average the church realizes over \$10,000 in the four days for the budget.



If you are able to contribute over and above your regular giving to the church it will be greatly appreciated. Thanks so much for your continued financial support of CUMC.

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!**

TREASURER'S REPORT

September Income:	\$ 14,391
September Expenses:	\$ 16,872
Year-to-Date Income:	\$185,202
Year-to-Date Expenses:	\$192,120

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.



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.

Wash your hands and say your prayers because germs and Jesus are everywhere!

IMPORTANT DATES



TYMOSCHUK, Greg	11/01
NORMAN, Ruth	11/03
CRONIN, Thomas	11/06
STEWART, Willow	11/09
CHANDLER, Drake	11/10
BARTHOLOMEW, Carolene	11/12
McGEE, Peggy	11/15
BELL, Jason	11/17
ROSENBAUM, JR., Harold	11/17
WOOD, Angela	11/17
MIZELL, Don	11/18
RIOS, Jenny	11/18
WALL, Gail, Sr.	11/18
DRURY, Doris	11/20
LANDRESS, Sally	11/21
OWENS, Billie	11/21
FITZPATRICK, David	11/23
HALL, Angelica	11/24
HARDEN, Faye	11/26
MAILHOT, John	11/26
JACKSON, Randy Lee	11/27
HECKMAN, Frank	11/30
BOEBERT, Susan	12/07
GORDON, Marilyn	12/08
BRACHELLI, Christine	12/13
TAMM, Maryalyce	12/13
TAMM, Brenda	12/13
BALATBAT-LIGHT, Maria	12/15
PLATT, Patricia (Patti)	12/15
CRANDALL, Shawn	12/19
MAXWELL, Rob	12/21
WILLIFORD, Gladys	12/24
HOWARD, Josh	12/26
TAMM, Jack	12/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

John/Faye Harden - 11/5/2004
 Phil/Karen Shehi - 12/26/65
 Buddy/Mary Johnson - 12/22/91

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!



I AM THE RESURECTION AND THE LIFE!

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families and friends of
 Jerry R. Ford who passed away
 September 18, 2020
 Betty Blazer who passed away
 September 24, 2020
 and
 Arvillia "Turtle" Montgomery who passed away
 October 15, 2020

WALKING WITH CHRIST - LOOKING AHEAD

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 Scheduled for 11/21/2020
 has been CANCELED**

