

# COMMUNICATOR



September - October 2020

Church Office Hours Monday, Tuesday 9 – 3 Wednesday 9 – 3 Thursday 9 – 12 Friday – closed Community United Methodist Church 616 Harvey Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118 Phone (386) 252–3655 Fax (386) 252–4161 cumc616@bellsouth.net www.daytonacommunityumc.com

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

## FROM BIRTH TO GRAY!

## by Pastor Ken Zimmerman

These words were spoken from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah to the group of faithful followers called "the remnant." There had been struggles and exile. There had been uncertainties and concerns about the future. Listen to these words of God through the prophet to the remnant.

to the remnant.

Listen to me family of Jacob,

Everyone that's left out of the family of Israel.

I've been carrying you on my back

From the day you were born,

And I'll keep on carrying you when you're old.

I'll be there, bearing you when you're old and gray.

I've done it and will keep on doing it,

Carrying you on my back, saving you. Isaiah 46:3-4

Message Bible

Carrying you from birth to gray! From birth to gray God had been bearing the people's struggles and the promise...He would keep on doing it. From birth to gray! These are the words for you and me today! Reflect and Remember!

## Your own life journey.

God has been carrying you each new day, even when you didn't think He cared or you cared for Him. In all the joys and struggles He has always stayed from your birth to your gray.

## Your faith journey!

You may have grown up in the church. You may have recently given your life over to Jesus. You may have walked away but returned to Him. No matter your faith journey...God has and will keep carrying and loving you each new day. My personal faith journey in the ordained ministry! I can reflect and remember all along the way. God was with me each appointment along the way. I look back and can honestly say, "God has been carrying me each step of the way."

God has led and guided me to this very day...an important day...the day in which I share with you my

## RETIREMENT DAY!

I will be retiring, after 40 years of ordained ministry with the United Methodist Church, this coming June 30, 2021. This decision, after months of prayerful consideration, has had nothing to do with COVID-19, the General UMC scene nor my recent shoulder surgery. Again, this decision has been in the works for the past couple of years.

So why announce this retirement day 10 months ahead? Because of my care for you, the faithful, and this church. This will give us the time to pray, plan, discuss and pursue God's will for CUMC.

The answer to the "who, what when and where" questions is, "I don't know!"

However, what I do know is that God, who has been carrying and saving us, will keep on doing it. I am committed to do all I can as your pastor for the next 10 months to listen, discuss, discern and move forward in taking the next step for CUMC.

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 November - December 2020 *Communicator* will be 11/15. If you have information to share about recent or upcoming events of your church group, please send it via email to Iona Hughes at



cumc616@bellsouth.net, drop it off at the church office, or call lona at 386-252-3655.

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

## **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

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

## **COVID 19 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!!!

## TALES FROM THE CLOTHES CLOSET



The Clothes Closet Gang

as all tales begin, whoever thought we'd be dealing with COVID 19 and needing to close down the Clothes

Closet for several months? In May, we developed a protocol to protect ourselves and those coming to the Clothes Closet and reopened on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The hours of operation are from noon to 3:00 PM, only 3 people can enter the shop and, prior to entering, their temperature is taken and they are asked a series of questions. Additional protocols are in place inside the Clothes Closet to protect the volunteers and visitors to the best of our ability. We are averaging 50 visitors a week and thankful we are able to assist them in getting clothing and necessary hygiene items.

On a sad note, we lost another volunteer. Gordie Springer passed away on August 10<sup>th</sup>. He would come early on Wednesdays and meticulously set up the hygiene counter and the snack area. Gordie manned the front door of the Clothes Closet for over 8 years, identifying "first timers" and having them complete cards and managing the flow of people coming into the Clothes Closet. We loved him dearly, even with his quirks, and he will be missed by both the volunteers and community members.

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.

# BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE Carol Johnson, Coordinator

The current COVID-19 Protocol for the Food Pantry program in partnership with 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **FOOD PANTRY NUMBERS**

06-24-2020	161 families served
07-01-2020	116 families served
07-08-2020	141 families served
07-15-2020	138 families served
07-22-2020	138 families served
07-29-2020	133 families served
08-05-2020	154 families served
08-12-2020	159 families served

## **PROJECT ACCESS**

Stan Mitchell, Coordinator
Currently under COVID-19 protocol – canceled
until further notice

## **CUTS FOR CHRIST & HEAVENLY NAILS**

Vincent, Cuts for Christ Coordinator Kathy & Renee, Heavenly Nails Coordinator Currently under COVID-19 protocol – canceled until further notice

# 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 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 for calendar and activities until further notice - Sermon posted on Facebook at 10:00am every Sunday



CUMC Facebook picture →

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

## **CHOIR NOTES**

Sheri Myers, Choir Director Currently under COVID-19 protocol – canceled until further notice

## PRAYER GROUP

Currently under COVID-19 protocol – canceled until further notice

## **REFRESH!**



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You don't always have to tell your side of the story... Time will!

## **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

"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

## "RICH" WISDOM

## By Gary Rich, Parishioner

Greetings my friends in Jesus Christ. Did you know that in the last two chapters in the Book of Revelation, there is an amazing and exciting description of what our eternal home in heaven, The New Jerusalem, will look like. Chapters 21 - 22 speak of a city made of pure gold, pure as glass, walls made of precious stones, 12 city gates made of pearls, the main street of this city made of pure gold like transparent glass. There is no sun or moon to light the city because the glory of God shines over it always.

In this great heavenly city there is a river of the water of life, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of this river stands the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit every month. The brilliance of The New Jerusalem shines with God's glory, like that of a very precious jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. On the city gates are written the 12 tribes of Israel. And this heavenly city is huge, about the size of half of America, wide and tall. That's one very big city that all Christian believers in Jesus Christ will live in for all of eternity.

God describes Himself as the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. In this heavenly city God will live with us, and us with Him. He will wipe every tear from our eyes, there will be no more death or mourning, or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Sure sounds like a wonderful place to live forever. Eternal life thru Jesus Christ is very real. The gift of salvation that Jesus offers is just that, a free gift of love and grace. And Jesus offers this gift of eternal life to all who will believe in Him

This is exciting news for Christians, but what about everyone else who do not know Jesus as their Savior? Like our friends, neighbors, the clerk at the grocery store who rings up the food you buy, the bank teller who helps you out, the post office employees who brings your mail and so on. The bible tells us we have a responsibility to share this Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone we can. Ask God to give you a heart for people who do not know Jesus, and a boldness to be willing to talk about Him to people you come into contact with on a daily basis. You can get cross necklaces from the church office to pass out to people. A wonderful way to tells others of the gospel message. Think creatively in how and where you can be a bold witness for Jesus Christ. The world needs to hear the salvation message that Jesus offers, and He is counting on us to be the ones to deliver that Good News. Will you be the one to help change someone's life for eternity? God is waiting for your answer!

Have a blessed day in the Lord, *Gary* 

## **NEWS & NEEDS**

## REENTRY TO WORSHIP!

At a recent leadership meeting it was agreed upon to re-enter the sanctuary for worship on Sunday, September 20th at 10:00!!!

It will not be the same as before. 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 place in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop your offering into.

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 reentry 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.

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

## **BIKETOBERFEST ACTIVITIES CANCELED!**

The leadership team agreed we would not have any Biketoberfest activities at the church property, including parking, this year.

## **GUEST VIRTUAL PREACHER**

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dionne Hammond, will be our guest preacher, August 30th on the Church's Facebook page. Her message will be posted at 10:00 that day. I want to encourage you to tune in as she shares her message, "Living Like Jesus: 'Plain Talk' During a Pandemic." The scripture passage she has chosen will be Matthew 16:21-28; Romans 12:9-12. Dionne is a gifted preacher and I pray you will tune in and

take in the message she will have for us that day.

## 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!

## **FACEBOOK MESSAGES!**

It is hard to fathom that we have been safe distancing from worship for over 15 weeks!!! It has been a new ministry to post Pastor Ken's messages on social media via Facebook. The church's Facebook page has also been the source of contact for the Back Porch Bible Study and the Have Life Sunday School class lessons. We have also enjoyed music provided by our music staff. Stay in touch via Facebook until we re-enter our worship together in the sanctuary.

## NORMAL OFFICE HOURS TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

The office hours will return to normal hours beginning Monday, Sept. 21st. The hours will be:

> Monday & Tuesday 9 - 3Wednesday 9 - 3Thursday 9 - 12Friday closed

## TREA\$URER'\$ REPORT

July Income: \$ 12,425 July Expenses: \$ 20.196 Year-to-Date Income: \$152,972 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$158,366

## 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.

## ANGEL TEA & BAZAAR

Sandy Calcagni

The Angel Tea & Bazaar will held. Covid-19 permitting, November 21, 2020. So save the date, wash your hands, keep your distance, and keep the faith. God Bless



## 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) 673with your Iona request/dedication to be placed in the bulletin for the Sunday you choose. The cost is \$35 per arrangement.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**



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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Michael & Lynn Krayewsky 10/4/1975 Chip & Sheri Myers 10/24/1985

Apologies are extended to any whose anniversaries or birthdays have been omitted. Please call lona 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 Sandy Martin who passed away July 24<sup>th</sup> and Gordie Springer who passed away August 10<sup>th</sup>

## **WALKING WITH CHRIST - LOOKING AHEAD**

# Currently under COVID-19 protocol for calendar and activities

**September 20**<sup>th</sup> Church Services Resume in the Sanctuary under Covid-19 protocol

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

## All Biketoberfest church activities canceled

November 21st Angel Tea and Bazaar