

# THE COMMUNICATOR

January – February 2021

## Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday 9 – 3  
Wednesday 8:30 – 3  
Thursday 9 – 12  
Friday – closed

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## Wednesday Outreach

Food Pantry 8:30–3  
Clothes Closet 12 – 3  
Covid-19 Protocols in  
effect – see page 2

## A CLIMBING COMPANION GUIDE!

by Pastor Ken Zimmerman

Guidebooks are helpful to those who are willing to pick one up and read it and study it. They provide practical and local information of the area you are planning to visit. Guidebooks are written by those who have experienced what you are planning to experience. Guidebooks can enrich your journey by pointing out various points of interest. Guidebooks can also help you prevent making mistakes or adventuring down roads that will get you lost.

As we begin a new journey into 2021 I am inviting you to join me on a climbing adventure. Don't worry we are not going rock wall climbing. However, we are going to climb a mountain. It is a mountain that only committed climbing companions are willing to adventure. Our guide, Jesus. The mountain...the mountain where he delivered his Sermon on the Mount.

These are words that will guide us. They are words that will highlight points of interest in our lives...no matter how young or old we may be and no matter where we are in our journey through life. They are words that will direct us along the paths we are to walk that will keep us from getting lost.

For the first 12 weeks of this new adventure into 2021 we will commit ourselves to being "the committed" who climbed with Jesus up the mountain. Our journey will take us through Matthew 5, 6 and 7! All these words will come from Jesus, our Guide. They will be words to live by each new journey we take in our lives this year.

I want to challenge you to pick up the Guidebook, the Bible and begin reading through Matthew 5, 6 and 7. I look forward to climbing with you into this New Year!

Your committed climbing companion,

*Pastor Ken*



## FROM THE DESK OF...

Iona Hughes, Retired Administrative Assistant

Currently under COVID-19 protocol for all activities

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January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day  
and January 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin  
Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday  
Observance; and then on  
February 15<sup>h</sup> for President's Day.

- ✦ The **deadline** for the **March/April 2021 Communicator** will be **February 13<sup>th</sup>**.
- ✦ If you have **information to share about recent or upcoming events of your church group**, please send it via e-mail to [cumc616@bellsouth.net](mailto:cumc616@bellsouth.net), drop it off at the church office, or call the church office at **386-252-3655**.
- ✦ **REMINDER:** Because there were NO OUTREACH MINISTRIES on December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, Food Pantry & Clothes Closet activities will RESUME January 6, 2021.

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

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE CHURCH STAFF

We wish to offer you our heartfelt thanks for the gift from our members and friends that we have received. As a staff, we are honored and privileged to be the team that serves together in ministry here at Community United Methodist and we want to extend our appreciation to you for your gracious generosity at Christmas! Our 2021 prayer for you is to have PEACE & HOPE in your heart, JOY all year through, LOVE now and always, and God's BLESSINGS on you.

*Thank You !!*  
Pastor Ken Zimmerman, Dale Drew, Marc Jennetten,  
Sheri Myers, Samantha Davison,  
and Iona Hughes, who will be retired as we begin 2021.



# 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 be blessed by the neighbors we serve and by our volunteers. We are pleased that our weekly numbers continue to grow.

As we are acutely aware with the COVID our lives have been altered and we are unable to have our Rummage Sale. However, we have been blessed with a volunteer who took the initiative to start placing our "rummage sale" items on Marketplace. In less than one week, she has sold various items totaling close to \$500. To add to our blessings, another volunteer is monetarily matching the sales. We are so thankful for these two volunteers who go above and beyond.

We are also blessed with a couple who do not volunteer in the Clothes Closet, but graciously prepare snack bags for the homeless. We are able to provide them to our neighbors as they finish shopping. They are very appreciative and it's great to see all the smiles.

None of this would be possible without our faithful volunteers and our church members who continuously provide us with their time and/or donations.

Blessings to all in 2021!



Clothes Closet volunteers sharing Christmas items with local residents.

*"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*

## BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY PROTOCOL

### *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 #'S

11-05-2020	FP 214 served
11-11-2020	FP 213 served
11-18-2020	FP 222 served
12-02-2020	FP 287 served
12-09-2020	FP 139 served
12-16-2020	FP 243 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 almost 21,000 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...

## 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!!!**

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Due to the startling rise in the number of new COVID cases we have made the difficult decision to return to online worship. Each Sunday by 10:00a.m. Pastor Ken will post his message on the church's Facebook page. The Have Life SS class and the Backporch Bible Study will be posted on the Facebook page. Stay careful and prayerful!

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**

*"Kindness in words creates confidence.*

*Kindness in thinking creates  
profoundness.*

*Kindness in giving creates love."*

*– Lao Tzu*



## "RICH" WISDOM

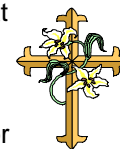
*By Gary Rich, Parishioner*

Greetings my friends in Jesus Christ. Happy New Year 2021 to you. We have just entered a brand new year, one full of hopes and dreams, life challenges and adventures, work to be done, house chores to complete and visions of our life that we have yet to fulfill. Like so many people, you probably have a long list of things you want to do in this new year, a bucket list as some would call it.

As Christian believers, I believe there is one very important New Year's adventure that awaits every follower of The King of Kings, the Messiah, Savior of the World - Jesus Christ. And that is: " Will you be the one to make an eternal difference in 2021 ? "

John 15:5 tells us, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* Verses 7-8 tells us, *"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."*

These scripture verses tell us plainly that we should use our earthly lives to bear much fruit, showing ourselves to be true followers and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are here to Glorify God and doing that by answering His call on our life .So here is the big question for you to think about in this new year of 2021: What is God calling you to do for Him? If you're not sure, I have a simple suggestion - ask Him. You see, before you were born, God planned out your life and what He wants you to do that has eternal value. Every Christian has certain spiritual gifts that God wants you to use that will bring Him Glory. Key word here is now, not next month or next year but now.



You may be one of many Christians who just has no clue as to what God has called you to do. I have a long list of suggestions, here are some for your consideration. Right here at CUMC there are many opportunities to serve, both in the Food Pantry and in the Clothes Closet. Every Wednesday many volunteers are needed to make this community outreach successful. If you are interested to sharing your Christian faith - pass out some cross necklaces in your daily travels. You can get them from the church office. Want to make a difference in a third world country? Try sponsoring a child thru Compassion International. You may not be able to go on a foreign mission trip, but you can support an overseas medical missionary thru the Methodist Church. Maybe God has called you to provide prayer support for someone in need, or mow their lawn, or drive a person without a car to their doctor appointment. As you can see the list is endless for how God can use you to make an eternal difference in this world. So what will you do in this new year? God is waiting for your answer!

Have a blessed day, *Gary*

# NEWS & NEEDS

## 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. Please keep the church, our D.S. and the cabinet as well as the SPR members in your prayers during this discerning process. There will be no announcement made of the next pastor till late March.

## IONA HAS RETIRED

After 13 years of faithful service to CUMC as the Administrative Assistant, Iona has submitted her retirement letter. Her final day was 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.

## NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are excited to welcome to our ministry team, **Paula Lindsey**, as our new Administrative Assistant. The Staff-Parish Ministry team unanimously approved of Paula following her interview. Paula's first day in the office will be Monday, January 4th. Send a note or give her a call and make her feel welcomed to our Community family.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

If you would like a copy of your 2020 Giving Statement, please call the church office (386-252-3655) and leave your name with your request.



## BIKEWEEK 2021???



We will anxiously await to see where we will be with the COVID VIRUS come March with the Bike Week event. The city of Daytona Beach will need to release permits and we will then make our plans accordingly. Be careful and prayerful!

## 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.daytonacomunityumc.com](http://www.daytonacomunityumc.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!**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

November Income:	\$ 10,068
November Expenses:	\$ 17,891
Year-to-Date Income:	\$215,891
Year-to-Date Expenses:	\$227,877



## 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.

## 100% APPORTIONMENTS PAID

Your faithful donations to our church have enabled us to pay 100% of our part to the connectional ministries of the Florida Conference and the overall General UMC. A word of thanks has been received from the Conference office of the bishop. Thanks!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Carol Johnson, Altar Guild Chairperson**



A Flower Calendar for 2021 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.

*"There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life."*

*- Sister Mary Rose McGeady*

# IMPORTANT DATES



CRAFT, Caryn	1/03
PEED, Anne	1/03
BOEBERT, Barbara	1/04
DAVIS, Shirley	1/04
WALL, Gail, Jr.	1/08
GIFFORD, Lynnda	1/08
POLLITZ, Jed	1/12
ERICKSON, John	1/14
TARUS, Ryan	1/15
KRAYEWSKY, Jill	1/21
BEEKMAN, Mary & Jeff	1/22
GARDNER, Linda	1/24
JENNETTEN, Marc	1/25
HUGHES, Iona	1/29
RICH, Gary	1/30
SHEPHERD, Michelle	1/30
LINDHORST, Becky	1/31
BANNAR, Betty	2/01
TARUS, Paul	2/01
ST JOHN, Judi	2/02
HENSLER, Sue	2/03
HILES, LoisAnn	2/03
STRAUSS, James	2/08
WILLIAMS, Brianna	2/09
RICHEY, Kelly	2/10
MARIASY, Shirley	2/11
MORAN, Herb	2/17
SCHWEIZER, James "Sonny"	2/18
TAMM, Jamie	2/18
BEEKMAN, Beth	2/25
MYERS, Chip	2/27
SHEHI, Karen	2/27
MAILHOT, Norma	2/28
O'BRIEN, Marie	2/28

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Peter & Martha Donnelly - 2/14/2012  
John & Linda Erickson - 2/25/95

*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!*



## WALKING WITH CHRIST - LOOKING AHEAD

*Currently under COVID-19 protocol for calendar and activities*

### The Church Office will be CLOSED:

<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	New Year's Day
<b>January 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observance
<b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b>	President's Day
<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Ministries resume
<b>February 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Communicator Deadline

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!



As we approach 2021, we face many changes in our church. Our beloved administrative assistant, Iona Hughes has retired and we are welcome her replacement, Paula Lindsey. Pastor Ken, will also be retiring in June. We do not yet know who our new leader will be. Hopefully, the pandemic will finally be under control and we will again be able to worship and work together.

We will also have a new editor for *The Communicator*. It has been with love that I served as your editor and I'm happy to hand over the reins to Paula! In the spirit of wishing all of you well in the new year, I researched a month's worth of messages that I hope you find inspirational.

Blessings,  
Becky Lindhorst, retired newsletter editor

1. "In our perfect ways. In the ways we are beautiful. In the ways we are human. We are here. Happy New Year's. Let's make it ours." —*Beyonce*
2. "Kindness, kindness, kindness. I want to make a new year's prayer, not a resolution. I'm praying for courage." —*Susan Sontag*
3. "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." —*Eleanor Roosevelt*
4. "This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change." —*Taylor Swift*
5. "For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." —*T.S. Eliot*
6. "It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves." —*William Shakespeare*
7. "The beginning is the most important part of the work." —*Plato*
8. "No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again." —*Jack Kornfield*
9. Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one! ~ *Brad Paisley*
10. Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right. ~ *Oprah Winfrey*
11. Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. ~ *George Bernard Shaw*
12. It's never too late - never too late to start over, never too late to be happy. ~ *Jane Fonda*
13. A new year. A fresh, clean start! It's like having a big white sheet of paper to draw on! A day full of possibilities! ~ *Bill Watterson*
14. Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start. ~ *Nido Qubein*
15. In the New Year, never forget to thank to your past years because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future! ~ *Mehmet Murat Ildan*
16. Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better person. ~ *Benjamin Franklin*
17. We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives, not looking for flaws, but for potential. ~ *Ellen Goodman*
18. Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." — *Harriet Tubman*
19. "We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them." — *Hillary DePiano*
20. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." — *Margaret Mead*
21. "Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." — *Dr. Seuss*
22. "Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account." — *Oscar Wilde*
23. "Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas." — *Charles Kettering*
24. "Each year's regrets are envelopes in which messages of hope are found for the new year." — *John R. Dallas Jr.*
25. "When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals; adjust the action steps." — *Confucius*
26. "There is no failure except no longer trying." — *Elbert Hubbard*
27. "You will never win if you never begin." — *Helen Rowland*
28. "New beginnings are in order, and you are bound to feel some level of excitement as new chances come your way." — *Auliq Ice*
29. "Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." — *Helen Keller*
30. "New year—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours." — *Alex Morritt*
31. "You've always had the power, my dear, you just had to learn it for yourself." — *The Wizard of Oz*