

Welcome to Suntree UMC

December 2, 2018

Our *Mission* is to invite seekers to follow Jesus.

Our *Vision* is to be followers of Jesus who love God, love each other, and love our neighbors in extraordinary ways.

Our *Key Scripture* is Matthew 22:37-39 "The Great Commandment."
Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Welcome Visitors!

Welcome Neighbors and Friends! Please take a moment to fill out the YELLOW card located in the Welcome Book. Bring your completed card to the welcome table in the Lobby. We would like to say hi and give you a little gift. We would love to get to know you and tell you more about our ministries, outreach opportunities, missions, membership, spiritual growth classes, and ways to serve. The next Newcomers lunch with the Pastors will be at 12:15pm Jan. 6 in the Dining Room. For more information, contact Ulrike Gonzalez, Coordinator of Welcome & Lay Ministries, at the Church Office (242-2585) or ulrikeg@suntreeumc.org.

Prayers from our Church Community

To add a name to the prayer list, please call Congregational Care at 255-7378.
(Note: We cannot print a person's name without his, hers, or a family member's permission.)
A. Darius Allen, Kendall Anderson, Tyler Anderson, Emmie Allen, Anthony Assante, Monty Atwater, Sy Baker, Glennie Barnard, AJ Bovio, Marcia Bovio, Darrell Brown, Phyllis Brown, Tyler Brown, Erika Bryant, Ryan Campanaro, Laurie Carrea, Dot Crider, Ed Crone, Salli Donahue, Donna Dossett, Janet W. Eaton, Ruth Etherton, Edith Francis, Ruth Furlong, Kim Gabriel, Audrah George, Ben Gonzalez, Rodney Granroth, Floy Jean Hale, Valerie Hamby, Diana Hill, Robert Hoch, Gadiel Isaac, C.M. Isenberg, Melissa Jackson, Marsh Jenkins, Margery Johnston, Monty Lou Jones, Alice Kirk, Katie Lockhart, William Loftis, Edith Luscher, Rick Lynam, Jean Magnus, Susan Manderano, Brian Mason, Ryan Milligan, Chuck Mosser, Nat Natto, Karen Ogden, Peggy Olde, Jim Phillips, Sue Raper, Patricia Rex, Cheryl Rexrode, Connie Ross, Betty Schaab, Lavern Shaffer, Anne Simons, Patsy Skagseth, David Smith, Frances Smith, Marti Smith, Lois Stephens, Dottie Stoltenburg, Greg Swim, Bill Tallon, Diane Thomas, Alan Tripp, Evan Van Devender, John Weatherley, Doris Wright, Harbor City Elementary School Teachers & Students

Our Missionaries and El Redentor and Ojo de Agua, our sister churches in Cuba; our service people and their families, especially those deployed overseas: Michael Brunotte, Garrett Donihue, Gage Doyle, Joseph Houck, Jr., Will King, Joseph Lambert, Kendall Malone, Kyle Mimbs, Trent Maxwell, Luke Nimmo, Waylon Scheirer, Al Springer, Bruce Thomashunis

Sanctuary Altar Flowers

Dedicated to the glory of God!



In Loving Memory of:
Theda Heitmann

by her husband Al and her daughters Cindy & Tracy



In Honor of:

Kathryn Parker's, Kyra Garza's and Carol Linton's Birthdays

Community Life

Today in worship we begin our Advent sermon series "It's a Wonderful Life." The film is a classic and enduring Christmas favorite because we can all relate to the story of despair and hope. Similarly, in Advent (the season leading up to Christmas) we are reminded that in our darkness, despair, and longing, the light of Christ shines and therefore, we have hope. Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, we remember that Jesus promised to return again to us at the end of days. For now, we wait and watch in the tension of the in-between. As we wait for Christ's return, just like George Bailey, we "persevere in it" through all of life's challenges.

Red Stockings Envelopes – Through our Christmas Eve Miracle Offering, we hope to complete our support of the Connectional Giving of the United Methodist Church. In your Red Stocking Envelope, you will find information about the work done through Apportionments (sometimes called Connectional Giving Funds). Through your prayers and Apportionments giving, you make a difference in the lives of God's people throughout the world. Please return Red Stocking Envelopes on or before Christmas Eve.

Poinsettias – Every Christmas, we honor our loved ones and remember those who have passed away through our Poinsettia Dedications. Each Sunday through Dec. 16, you will receive a special envelope in your bulletin for poinsettia dedications. The dedication brochure will be in your Christmas Eve bulletin. Poinsettias are \$12, and the deadline to turn in envelopes is Dec. 16. Any proceeds over the cost of the poinsettias will go to the funds which support the global ministries of the United Methodist Church.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10am Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the Conference Room (109). If you like to knit or crochet (or want to learn), this is the place for you to use your skills! Bring any shawls (regular sized or mini) that you have completed. Skeins of yarn, patterns, and other supplies will be available at the meeting. There are shawls available for members of the Suntree UMC community who are going through a difficult time and would be blessed by receiving one. For more information, contact Judy Conroy at 757-3610 or Jill Kibler in Congregational Care at 255-7378.

Prayer Hour - If you believe in prayer and believe God answers prayers, please consider joining our next monthly evening prayer hour. We meet 6-7pm, Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the Sanctuary Prayer Chapel (located to the right of the lobby). For more information or questions, call Marea Staples at 536-1521.

The Space Coast Lightfest, sponsored by Boy Scouts of America, will be open 6:30-10pm nightly through Jan. 1 in Wickham Park, weather permitting. The cost is \$15 per car, but anyone bringing an unwrapped toy for Toys for Kids will get a discount at the gate. Suntree UMC is the sponsor of Scout Troop 224, which will be at the gate at Wickham Park Dec. 7.

Blue Christmas Service – Not everyone is merry during the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the loss of a loved one or some other personal difficulty can be particularly challenging at Christmas. To meet the needs of people who are blue at Christmas, SUMC will have a reflective, comforting and hopeful service at 6pm Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the Sanctuary. The service will feature special music, scripture readings, prayer, a homily by Rev. Steve Schantz, and candle lighting. Light refreshments will be served in the Lobby after the service. For more information, contact Jill Kibler in Congregational Care at 255-7378.

Cancer Support Group - Instead of our regular meeting in December, we will have a festive social luncheon at the Suntree Country Club at 11am, Thursday, Dec. 13. Members, spouses and guests are invited to attend. In order to be able to accommodate everyone who wants to attend, please let us know if you are coming by Thursday, Dec. 6. Call Jill Kibler in Congregational Care at 255-7378.

Suntree UMC is once again a donation location for **Toys for Tots**. Bring any new unwrapped toy and drop it off in the bins outside the Church Office, Worship Center or Sanctuary any time before Dec. 15!

Congregational Caring Trees – You can sign up on the bulletin board near the Congregational Care Office to purchase Christmas gifts for children in the area! Each family has its own tree with an ornament for each child. Purchase one or two gifts appropriate for the gender and age of the child whose ornament you pick. Bring the wrapped gift(s) with the child's name on it to the Congregational Care Office by Sunday, Dec. 16. In order to be fair to each child, limit your spending to no more than \$30 per child. We are also spreading Christmas joy to several adults who are in need. For more information, check the bulletin board or contact Jill Kibler in Congregational Care at 255-7378.

Poinsettia Delivery Help! We have more than 30 members in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or who are homebound. We would love to deliver poinsettias to them to enjoy during the Christmas season, but we need delivery helpers! If you would be able to pick up a poinsettia from church on Sunday, Dec. 16, and deliver by Christmas Eve, call Jill Kibler in Congregational Care at 255-7378 or email her at jillk@suntreeumc.org. Help us with this wonderful way to bring cheer to our members!

Stephen Ministry Training - We will offer training for members of the SUMC community who are interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. The training will take place 3pm-5:30pm on Sundays beginning Jan. 6 and ending June 2 (no training on Easter or Mother's Day). The 50 hours of training equips and empowers Stephen Ministers to provide high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people experiencing a difficult time in their lives. This is a very rewarding ministry. For more information or to sign-up for the training, call Jill Kibler in Congregational Care at 255-7378.

This Week @ Suntree

Monday 12/3

12:00pm Dining – Lydia Circle
5:30pm Rm. 220 – LOFT (High School Students) Christmas Party
6:45pm Rm. 108 – Al-Anon Beginners Meeting
7:00pm Rm. 103/104 – AA
7:30pm Rm. 101/102 – Al-Anon

Tuesday 12/4

7:30am Rm. 109 – Tuesday Morning Early Risers
6:00pm Rm. 404 – Prayer Hour
7:00pm Rm. 101/102 – Hymnstirs

Wednesday 12/5

6:00pm Rm220 – EDGE (Middle School Students) Christmas Party

Thursday 12/6

7:00am Rm. 109 – Men's Bible Study
6:00pm Sanctuary – Glory Ringer Rehearsal
7:00pm Rm. 103/104 – AA
7:15pm Rm. 406 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday 12/7

7:00pm Rm. 103/104 – AA
7:30pm Rm. 108 – Al-Anon

Saturday 12/8

8:00am Mall – LOFT Shopping Trip
8:30am Community Garden Plot – Community Garden Volunteer Day
6:00pm Rm. 103/104 – AA

Sunday School Classes

9:15am Rm. 101/102 – SOKS
9:30am Dining Room – Empty Nest
10:45am Rm. 101/102 – Marriage Matters
10:45am Rm. 223 – Spiritual Gifts
10:45am Rm. 103/104 – Faith & Fellowship
10:45am Rm. 109 – Acts 29
10:45am Rm. 221 – Student Sunday School (6th – 12th grade)



12/12 Blue Christmas Service, 6pm, Sanctuary
12/16 Cantata, 9:30am & 11am, Sanctuary
12/16 Children's Play "Jingle Bell Beach", 9:30am, Worship Center
12/21 Movie on the Lawn "The Star", 6pm, Church Campus
12/24 Christmas Eve Services: Contemporary, 4pm & 6pm, Worship Center
Traditional, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm, Sanctuary
12/29 Fun Family Event: Illusionist, John Michael Hinton, 6:30pm, Worship Center

Traditional Worship 8, 9:30, & 11

*Traditional worship begins for many at the prelude
Please be sensitive to those around you preparing for worship*

Pre-Service Music Jay Barnhart Jr.
Chiming of the Hour
Prelude *The Heavens are Telling* Organ/Piano Duet:
by Franz Joseph Haydn Tom Taylor &
Jay Barnhart Jr.

Choral Introit Men’s Quartet: Bill Larson
O Come, O Come Emmanuel & Bob Niebanck, tenors
arr. Donald Campfield Robert Lamb & Boyd Lease,
basses

*Responsive Call to Worship 8 Robert Lamb
9:30 & 11 JoAnn Tutt

*Processional Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* #203

Welcome & Announcements
Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

“Peter Bailey” Boyd Lease

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Rev. Augie Allen

Advent Candle Chorus *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* #204

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer Rev. Augie Allen

Offertory *Did Mary Know* 8 Tom Taylor
arr. Tom Taylor
Ave, Ave, the Angel Sang 9:30 & 11 Robert Lamb &
by Robert Lau Chancel Choir

*Presentation of the Offering *Doxology* #95

Message Rev. Annette Stiles Pendergrass
It’s A Wonderful Life – Persevere In It
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

Holy Communion *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Men's Quartet:
arr. by Donald Campfield Bill Larson &
Bob Niebanck, tenors
Robert Lamb &
Boyd Lease, basses

*Closing Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196

*Benediction

**Postlude *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* Tom Taylor
Improvisation
Acolytes
9:30 Lily King 11 Nicholas Craycroft

**Please stand if you are able.*

***The congregation is invited to remain for the Postlude.*

Dr. Robert E. Lamb Director of Traditional Music	Tom Taylor Principal Organist
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“The Gathering” Contemporary Worship 9:30

Rev. Joel Lusz
Worship Leader: Mike Mayes

Message: It’s A Wonderful Life - Persevere In It: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

Music: Angels We Have Heard On High, Noel, Peace Has Come, O Holy Night,
God With Us

Youth & Children

LOFT for High School Students meets weekly at 5:30pm Mondays in the LOFT (Room 220). The LOFT Christmas Party will be tomorrow, Dec. 3. Dress Christmassy and bring a \$10 wrapped gift for a gift exchange game. No more LOFT meetings until Jan. 14. For more information, contact the Student Ministry at 242-2585.

EDGE for Middle School Students meets weekly at 6pm Wednesdays in the LOFT (Room 220). The EDGE Christmas Party will be Wednesday, Dec. 5. Dress Christmassy and bring a \$10 wrapped gift for a gift exchange game. No more EDGE meetings until Jan. 23. For more information, contact the Student Ministry at 242-2585.

The Student Sunday School Class Christmas Party will be 11am-2pm Sunday, Dec. 16, in the LOFT (Room 220). The class will not meet Dec. 23 or 30.

Parents Night Out is 5:30-8pm Friday, Dec. 14. Parents can enjoy time together eating dinner, running errands or gathering with other parents for a fun activity knowing their children are being loved and cared for in a safe, fun environment. Kids will enjoy games, crafts, snacks and fun! This event is FREE but registration is required! Please go to suntreeunitedmethodist.org and click on the link under EVENTS.

Christmas Play rehearsals are every Sunday from 10:45am to 11:45am in Room 320. The Christmas Play is Dec. 16. For more information, contact Lia Page at liap@suntreeumc.org or Mary Allen at marya@suntreeumc.org.

Sundays are for Suntree Kids! Nursery is available for all services. Preschoolers have their own class at the 9:30am service time. Suntree Kids Elementary programming is for children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 9:30am and 11am worship services. For more information, contact Lia Page at Liap@suntreeumc.org.

Mission Moments

The Mission Boxes for December are for His Place Cold Night Shelter at 1824 South Harbor City Boulevard in Melbourne (corner of US 1 and Strawbridge Ave.). Each night that the temperature drops below 45 degrees, South Brevard’s only Cold Night Shelter opens for the homeless and turns the Fellowship Hall into a bed and breakfast. The doors open at 8pm. A hot meal is served, a warm place to sleep is provided, and God’s love is extended in a variety of ways. Breakfast is served each morning before 7am.

SUMC Permanent Endowment Fund – The Youth Ministries Sub-fund of the Endowment provides annual income to support our highly varied ministry to students in middle and high school. If this area is your passion, consider donating today or including this part of the SUMC Endowment in your estate planning. For more information, see www.fumf.org or contact Richard Turner, Chair of the SUMC Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Ministry Committee, at 431-5764 or seastar5@cfl.rr.com.

Because you give... 85 people were able to enjoy a Family Thanksgiving Day Dinner here at Suntree UMC and give thanks – because we have a facility supported by a loving congregation of givers.	
Financial Status 11/30/18	
Total Expenses: \$1,451,603 (Including mortgage expense)	
Total Income: \$1,358,007	
Mortgage Loan Balance: \$2,498,536	
Office Hours: M – Th 9:00am – 4pm, Friday – Closed Church building is open for all regular activities on Fridays.	WiFi Connection: Network: Suntree-Guest Password: SuntreeGuest
After hours Pastor on Call – 272-7602 (for emergencies only)	
Want your announcement in the bulletin? To place an announcement of your committee, circle, event or other church meeting or activity in our Sunday bulletin, email the information to bulletin@suntreeumc.org . Information needs to be sent by noon Tuesdays, and announcements may be edited for space.	

Pastors:
Annette Stiles Pendergrass Senior Pastor
Allee Willcox Associate Pastor
Joel Lusz Pastor of Student and Family Ministries
Steve Schantz Visitation Pastor
Augie Allen Pastor of Outreach

Regular Services:
Traditional 8, 9:30 & 11
The Gathering 9:30

Last Week’s Attendance: 619



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*Communion Sunday &
First Day in Advent*