

Welcome to Suntree UMC

December 30, 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! If you haven't already done so, please fill out a YELLOW First Time Visitor Info card and bring it to the welcome table in the lobby. We would love to personally welcome you and give you a little gift. If you would like to know more about our ministries, outreach opportunities, missions, membership, spiritual growth classes, and ways to serve, **please join us for a free lunch at 12:15pm Sunday, Jan. 6, in the Dining Room.** You'll meet our pastors and learn more about Suntree United Methodist Church. 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, Linda Shaw, 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

Community Life

Today in worship we conclude our Advent/Christmas sermon series "It's a Wonderful Life". This film is a classic and enduring Christmas favorite because we can all relate to the story of despair and hope that it tells. Similarly, in Christmas, we are reminded that the light of Christ shines and therefore we have hope. Today we continue in the Christmas season by remembering Jesus's reception at the temple as a baby, and the wonder that Anna and Simeon had when they realized that it was the Christ child.

Winter Journey begins Jan. 23. Join us for dinner at 5:45pm, Evening Prayer at 6:30pm and a variety of classes at 6:45pm. Journey runs Wednesdays through Feb. 27. Dinner cost is \$7 per person and \$22 max per family. For more information and a list of classes, go online to www.suntreeumc.org or pick up a registration form at the back of the church or in the Church Office.

Oasis: Spiritual Refreshment for Women begins Jan. 24. Oasis offers a time for women to grow in community and spiritually recharge with one another. Join us at 9am for breakfast and devotions, and 9:30-11am for classes Thursdays through March 22. For more information and a list of classes, go online to www.suntreeumc.org or pick up a registration at the back of the church or in our Church Office.

Cuba Mission – Our Cuba mission team heads for our two sister churches in Cuba, El Redentor and Ojo de Agua, Jan. 15. Needed are OTC medicines such as pain relievers, allergy meds, first aid items, vitamins and fever reducers for children. No expired meds. Contact Marlene Couch at marlene.couch@gmail.com or 254-7338 or any Cuba Committee member for drop-off or pick-up arrangements.

Altar Flowers for 2019 - If you would like to dedicate our Sunday altar flowers to honor a loved one, remember someone who has passed away, or note a special event, all you need to do is sign-up. The sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board between the Sanctuary and the Choir Room as well as the bulletin board across from the Church office. Donation envelopes are posted with the sign-up sheets. During the six Sundays in Lent (March - April) the flowers will be displayed in the Narthex/Lobby area outside the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Jill Kibler in Congregational Care at 255-7378.

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 3-5:30pm 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 12/31

6:45pm Rm. 108 – Al-Anon Beginners Meeting

7:00pm Rm. 103/104 – AA

7:30pm Rm. 101/102 – Al-Anon

Tuesday 1/1 (New Year's Day – Facilities Closed)

Wednesday 1/2

Thursday 1/3

7:00am Rm. 109 – Men's Bible Study

6:00pm Rm. 406 – Glory Ringers Rehearsal

7:00pm Rm. 103/104 – AA

7:15pm Rm. 406 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday 1/4

7:00pm Rm. 103/104 – AA

7:30pm Rm. 108 – Al-Anon

Saturday 1/5

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. 103/104 – Faith & Fellowship

10:45am Rm. 109 – Acts 29

10:45am Rm. 221 – Student Sunday School (6th – 12th grade)



1/6 Newcomers Lunch, 12:15pm, Dining Room

1/23 Journey Begins

1/24 Oasis Begins

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. We collected \$303 for UMCOR - Florida hurricane relief in November.



Sanctuary Altar Flowers

Dedicated to the glory of God!



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 Kathy Westrip
- Chiming of the Hour
- Organ Prelude Kathy Westrip
- *Responsive Call to Worship Mike Mayes
- Opening Hymn #251
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
- *Affirmation of Faith #881
 Apostles' Creed
- *Gloria Patri #71
- Welcome & Announcements
- Pastoral & Offertory Prayer Rev. Steve Schantz
- Offertory 8 Kathy Westrip

Angels We Have Heard on High 9:30 & 11 #238
The First Noel #245
O Little Town of Bethlehem #230
- *Presentation of the Offering *Doxology* #95
- Message Rev. Allee Willcox
 It's A Wonderful Life: Seeing the Wonder
 Luke 2:22-38
- *Benediction
- **Postlude Kathy Westrip

**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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Youth & Children

LOFT for High School Students meets weekly at 5:30pm Mondays in the LOFT (Room 220). LOFT is on vacation 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). EDGE is on vacation until Jan. 23. For more information, contact the Student Ministry at 242-2585.

The Student Sunday School Class for grades 6-12 meets at 10:45am Sundays in Room 221. The class will not meet today or Dec.30. Next meeting is Jan. 6. For more information, contact the Student Ministry at 242-2585.

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.

SUMC Permanent Endowment Fund – The Undesignated Sub-fund of the Endowment provides annual income to award grants to all areas of ministry and mission in the church, giving great flexibility in meeting unexpected or short-term needs and in funding special projects. If broad-based support of church activities is your passion, consider donating today or including this part of the SUMC Endowment in your estate planning. For more information, 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... In 2018, Suntree UMC was able to open its doors to kids every Sunday and for two summer camps; two weekly gatherings for students; weekly Journey Bible study classes; dozens of Life Groups and seven adult Sunday School classes; Oasis, Dorcas, Lydia and Abide for women; three weekly Men's Groups; support groups for cancer and grief sufferers; support groups for two Sister Churches in Cuba and dozens of local missions and charities; Family Promise housing for the homeless and hundreds of volunteers who go into the community to do God's work.

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	WiFi Connection: Network: Suntree-Guest Password: SuntreeGuest
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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: 759

“The Gathering” Contemporary Worship 9:30

Rev. Joel Lusz

Message: It's A Wonderful Life: Believe It – Luke 1:26-38

Music: O Come All Ye Faithful, Noel, Hark! The Herald Sing / King Of Heaven, O Holy Night



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