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It's not terribly uncommon to hear (the generic) someone say: "All they ever talk about in church is money," which is patently false. In fact, I've only preached one message this entire year talking about our financial stewardship.

A couple of months ago I mentioned briefly in my Connection article that our weekly worship attendance for the year was up (and it still is - thank you) but that our giving was down. Since then it has gotten even worse. This past Sunday, July 23rd, we had the lowest offering of the three-plus years I've been here. (See weekly and year-to-date report in bulletin.)

It's not uncommon in the summer months, when our snowbirds are away, for the giving to be down; but the economy is up and our attendance is up, so our giving should be better than it is. We ALL need to be in prayer about this - I have been and will be.

If you are one of those persons/families who has continued to give faithfully and generously, thank you! If for some reason you have gotten lax and fallen behind, please pray and contemplate about this matter.

I don't like having to write these kinds of articles, but we all need to be occasionally reminded of our calling as Christians and as United Methodists. Remember, we have pledged to support the church with our prayers, presence, GIFTS, and service.

May God richly bless you in many ways, and may we be a blessing to the Lord and his Church..... Pastor Gary



HURRICANE MATTHEW RECOVERY

It has been almost 10 months since Matthew came through our area and there are people still in need of repairs for their homes. You can see how our Disaster Recovery Ministry has been engaged to help. EUMC members, Lou & Charlene Giovanniello have both been employed to help with this ministry.

Charlene says:

This program covers Volusia, Flagler, St. Johns, and Putnam counties. There were approximately 16,000 people in Volusia county who registered with FEMA but didn't meet the criteria to receive funds. The UM Conference has taken a group of people that are over age 60 as our starting point, that is about 6,200 people. I am one of the 6 Case Managers working on the project and my duties include calling each of the people on my list to determine if they still need help with recovering from their damages. If they still have damages that need to be repaired, I assign them a case number and then meet with them to determine what needs to be done. In addition to helping with their rebuilding needs, I also try to help them with any other challenges that they are struggling with. For example, I have an 81 year old widow who is struggling to make her small income cover all of her bills. I found the local Food Pantry and helped her get registered there, and that church has helped her apply for food stamps. The next thing I need to do for her is to find someone who can clean her rain gutters that are full of debris from the hurricane.

www.flumc.org/DisasterRecovery

Lou has a different challenge. He is one of 3 Construction Coordinators. Their role involves assessing the damage on each home, estimating the materials required and the cost of those materials. If the job is small, the Construction Coordinators (CC) have been doing the repairs themselves. If it is a bigger job, we have to bring in volunteers, which is also one of the tasks of the CC. They have to find a place for the volunteers to stay where they can set up their "beds", take showers, and cook their meals. The CC also has to purchase all the materials that the volunteers will need to do the job, and arrange for it to be delivered to the site on the appropriate day. The CC provides the tools and safety equipment required, and makes sure all the tools are in good shape and ready to be used. On the day the volunteers arrive, the Case Manager and the CC for the case being worked on, meet the volunteers at the place where they are staying and talk about what will be needed at the home and provide the leaders of the volunteers with any other information that they will need. They will agree on a start time for the next morning, and then we will all meet at the home at the chosen time to introduce the volunteers to the homeowner and get them started on the job.

LAY SERVANT CLASSES at EUMC

Our church is hosting these classes that are being taught by Bill Messersmith, AC District Lay Leader and Mary Lou Rothfuss, AC District Director of Lay Servant Ministries and is open to everyone in the Atlantic Central District.

Friday, September 22, 2017 5PM-9PM
Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:30AM-4PM

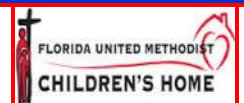
Please contact Buck Lawson or Susie Anders or call the office if you would like to attend (386) 428-6552.

Please mark your calendars for **December 16th at 7PM** for our Advent by Candlelight. **"Let There Be Light"** is the theme. A committee is working on details and more info will be coming soon. If you have questions, see Arlene Tilison, Chair of UMW.



The Boys & Girls Club meets at Edgewater United Methodist Church all day during the summer break from school. In August, the club will be closed from Aug. 7th-Aug. 11th returning to hours of 2-6PM on Aug. 14th.

Thank you for your continued support of the



Each month that has a fifth Sunday, the United Methodist Churches in the Florida Annual Conference are asked to receive an offering to support the ministry of the Children's Home. When you contribute to this offering, you allow us to carry on the life changing ministry of the Children's Home. The tradition of the Fifth Sunday Offering stretches back to our very beginning in 1908. It is our hope that each congregation will remember to lift up the Children's Home on each Fifth Sunday.

EUMC donation for July was \$239.00.



Peanut Butter

is needed for third **SUNDAY** donations.

Sunday, August 20, 2017

This helps more than you can imagine!

PANTRY NEWS

Due to the reduction in donations and a depleting inventory, the pantry has made the decision to go to every other week beginning August 19th through the end of September. At that time we will decide if it should be extended to the end of October. Several pantries in our area have been forced to close down completely. We see the need of the people and are very sad to make this decision. We are seeing more and more seniors applying for help. It is difficult for them making decisions as to where to apply their funding. Please keep the pantry in prayer. To donate to this mission, please indicate on your envelope **FOOD PANTRY**. Thank you,
Patricia Tiffany, Chairperson Caring Community
Connie Wildberger, Co-Chairperson



Crafters - meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month in class room #1 between 1PM & 3PM. We work on items to be sold at Christmas Under The Palms. The profits go to the needs of the church. This is a time of great fellowship.

We welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

UMW NEWS

The regular **UMW meeting** that was scheduled for August 23, 2017 at 10AM has been postponed until **Sept. 13, 2017 at 10AM in Hardin Hall.**

DORCAS CIRCLE: We will resume our monthly meeting on **Tues., Sept. 12th at 1PM at Joandel Jackson's home.**

NAOMI CIRCLE: We will resume our monthly meetings on **Tues., Sept. 19th, at 7PM in Sunday School Room #3.**

RUTH CIRCLE: Our Sept. Prayer Breakfast meeting is being changed to **Tues., Sept. 5, 2017 at 9AM at Joy Hughes home** instead of **Tues., Sept. 12th at the church.**

Please make the change to your calendar.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Boys & Girls Club CLOSED from August 7th– 11th

Aug 1	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Office)
Aug 2	9:00 AM	Summer Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
Aug 3	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Aug 3	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast (Jason's Corner NSB)
Aug 5	9:00 AM	UMM Meeting (Choir Room)
Aug 6	10:00 AM	Blended Worship Service (Communion)
Aug 8	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Office)
Aug 9	9:00 AM	Summer Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
Aug 10	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Aug 10	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast (Jason's Corner NSB)
Aug 12	1:00 PM	Crafters (1-3PM in SS Rm. #1)
Aug 13	10:00 AM	Blended Worship Service (Cookie Sunday ~ Celebrate 80+BD)
Aug 14	2:00 PM	B&G Club Return for 2PM-6PM
Aug 14	6:30 PM	Girl Scout Leaders (Hardin Hall)
Aug 15	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Office)
Aug 16	9:00 AM	Summer Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
Aug 17	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Aug 17	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast (Jason's Corner NSB)
Aug 17	9:30 AM	Card Ladies (Card Room)
Aug 17	7:00 PM	CUTP MEETING (HARDIN HALL)
Aug 20	10:00 AM	Blended Worship Service (Covered Dish)
Aug 22	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Office)
Aug 23	9:00 AM	Summer Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
Aug 24	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Aug 24	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast (Jason's Corner NSB)
Aug 27	10:00 AM	Blended Worship Service (Covered Dish)
Aug 29	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (Office)
Aug 30	9:00 AM	Summer Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
Aug 31	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Aug 31	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast (Jason's Corner NSB)

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

All women are invited to join us for breakfast. It is not necessary to belong to a circle. We will meet at Jason's Corner, 135 Canal St. in NSB each Thursday in August at 8:30 a.m.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 01—Paul Hager
- 05—Norma Cassada +
- 06—Sam Showers
- 08—Bob Gudis
- 09—Leona McCarthy
- 19—Iris Sefried +
- 22—Janice Tarleton
- 25—Bobbie Steinhoff
- 26—Virginia Bloomer
- 28—Agnes Tarleton +



+ = 80 or above



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 06—Paul & Marla Hager
- 11—Gary & Janice Tarleton
- 30—Doug & Gayle Marsh
- 31—Floyd & Susie Anders
- 31—John & Elke Thomas

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

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| Dolores Ace | Eva Goodrich | Mickey Reed |
| Gayle Allen | Bob Gudis | Megan Richardson |
| Dorothy Allwang | Harry Harris | Carol Rutter |
| Jonathan Baldini | Jack Haun | Suzanne Sammons |
| Greg Brice | Jeannie Haun | Buck Settle |
| Dana Bromely | Donald Hockett | Joann Schuler |
| Frank Bryant | Scott Jackson | Lynette Schwanke |
| Thelma Buchard | Erin Juliano | Jim Smith |
| Joanne Carroll | Mason Joseph Kiep | Malize Smuts |
| John Colgan | Matthew Kiep | Jennifer Snyder |
| Brandy Crisafulli | Sandy Langlois | Rev. Charles Ternet |
| Lou Cunningham | Judy Littorin | Betty Watson |
| JoEllen Curtis | Angel Lopez | Al Wiefing |
| Lynn Davis | Kathryn Merrow | Terri Wierz |
| Lindy DeLoe | Miles Gresham-Miller | John Williams |
| Kevin DeVault | Randy Miller | Rick Williams |
| Billy Doherty | Rev. Bob Moffat | Sharon Williams |
| Ozama Domokos | Lorie Morris | Mary Wolf |
| Jason Drymon | Guy Moseley | Christy Wood |
| Ruth Estella | Carol Nogle | Chris Wood |
| Jamie France | Ed Nunn | Bill Young |
| Tom Freymuth | Harvey Plourde | Mary Young |
| Eric Glass | Deborah Prata | Amy Zimmers & Family |

THANK YOU!

The Variety Show/Pasta Dinner was a huge success! What a great group of talent EUMC has to offer! Thank you to all who helped make this such a fun night!

Pumpkin Patch is coming

Friday, Oct. 6th @ 4:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars!
Please see Jim Townsend or Jeanie Ryan to see how you can be involved!

SAVE THE DATE!

CHRISTMAS UNDER THE PALMS

DECEMBER 9, 2017 9AM-4PM

We already have 20+ vendors who have reserved a space. Please join us at our organizational meeting **Thurs., Aug. 17th at 7PM in Hardin Hall!**

Please keep in prayer and make a point to call, visit or send a card to our shut ins:

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| Norma Cassada | Jean Genco | Wilma Montgomery | Lois Ann Rector |
| Pat Chaney | Tony Grand | Vivian Nunn | Marie Scudder |
| Meta Devlin | Betty Kormylo | Martha Petersen | Agnes Tarleton |
| Betty Freymuth | Louise Mills | Bill Price | |

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