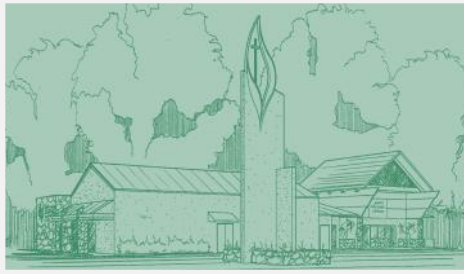


# The Connection



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## **A Way Forward**

**FROM THE DESK OF Pastor Gary**

As you may or may not be aware, for the past three to four decades there has been ongoing conversation within the United Methodist Church (and others) regarding the matter of human sexuality, how we as a denomination feel about it, and what our official stance is regarding the issue. Will we ordain homosexuals or perform marriage ceremonies for two persons of the same sex; how do we minister to persons of the LGBTQ community?

In recent years the conversation has come more and more to the forefront and has come to the point where there have been serious conversations about the possibility of a split in our denomination.

In an effort to prevent this schism from happening the General Church, at the urging of the Council of Bishops, at the 2016 General Conference, appointed the Commission on the Way Forward – a group of clergy and laity from different perspectives on the issue and from various conferences around the world – to develop a long-term plan that will provide a way for the Methodist Church to remain united while respecting the conferences and congregations with opposing opinions, and providing a way for our denomination to effectively continue our mission in the world.

In 2019 there will be a special General Conference held specifically for the purpose of reviewing the plans which the Commission has proposed and making a decision on which, if any, of the proposals will be accepted and implemented; and possibly whether the Church will remain United. The three plans which have been proposed are: The Traditionalist Plan, The One Church Plan, and the Connectional Conference Plan. The Council of Bishops has endorsed the One Church Plan.

If you would like more information regarding these plans or the issue in general you may contact me or go to either the Florida Annual Conference website [flumc.org](http://flumc.org) or the General Church website [umc.org](http://umc.org) and look for a link to the Commission on the Way Forward.

The purpose of writing this article is simply to keep you informed about an extremely important issue regarding the future of our denomination. Regardless of how you may feel personally about this issue, I believe that it is something which we should all be in continuous prayer about.

*Pastor Gary*



### Biblical Stewardship Principles

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil. But a wrong view of money can become a problem to us.

In 1 Timothy 6:9-10, scripture warns about the dangers of a determination to get rich: *“People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap, and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”*

When we have a consuming desire to get rich, when we are obsessed with money so that it becomes the focus of our time and attention, then we have made it the number one priority in our lives. In that spot, it replaces everything, including God. We begin to find our security in money, not in God and in God alone.

However, when our view of God is right and our view of money is right, we will realize that money cannot buy security; money cannot purchase happiness; money cannot guarantee peace or joy or contentment. God alone can provide these essentials as we *“... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.”*

In his book, *The Gift of Giving*, Wayne Watts wrote this: *“God always lovingly instructs us in the path that is in our best interest and which will bring us the greatest happiness in life. Therefore, for our good, God instructs us to put him first in all things, and this includes how we use our money.”*

How do you view money? Is it at the center of your life, thereby perhaps replacing God’s rightful role? And equally important, are you using the money God has given to you to advance his kingdom and his righteousness?



### UNITED METHODIST MEN UPDATED NEWS

It’s been some time since we have had any updated news on the United Methodist Men (UMM) in the Edgewater United Methodist Church (EUMC). First of all, I want to invite all men of the EUMC to join with the UMM for good times, the sharing of life experiences, and to help us fulfill our mission statement. Our mission statement is as follows: *“Making Men disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World”*. Now that is a lofty goal and we need all the help we can get to get this done.

Besides all of that, we need to have some fun and some good fellowship while we meet and do things together. So, how do we do all of this— First, we have a monthly meeting on the first Saturday of each month @ 0900 hours in the Choir Room of the EUMC. Along with that meeting, we have some coffee and donuts to help us get the day started. We follow up the meeting by having breakfast together once a week, on Thursday, at 0730 hours at one of the local diners—which now is at the Sandbar just over the Edgewater line in New Smyrna Beach on U.S. #1.

So there you have it, that is how we operate. Now, before we end this short note, I want to thank all of the men currently attending for all of the great help and the good times had by all. We know that we need more help, and that is why we need all of the Men in the Church to help us out. I know that you are all busy, and have a lot of “Stuff” to get done at home, but we need your help. Ending by saying, I want to thank all of the Men who put so much time and effort into our latest “outing” which was the ballgame in Daytona...if you missed that, you missed a lot of fun and fellowship!

Thank you, Bud Tilison  
President, United Methodist Men



The postal carriers brought us 429 plastic bags of groceries. I had about 37 of our people show up to help sort and pack. We ended up with 64 large

boxes. On Monday, 7 of us returned to the pantry and sorted the boxes that contained dry products and got them ready to store within the pantry. Thank you all for your help. This sounds like a lot of food and is a tremendous asset but will not last long.

Pat Tiffany



Food Pantry  
**CEREAL**



is needed for third SUNDAY donations.

**Sunday, June 17, 2018**

**Thank you!**

**This helps more than**

**You can imagine!**



### PRAYER GARDEN NEWS

**Cremation Burial in EUMC Prayer Garden will begin in October 2018. Please contact the office or speak with Jeanie Ryan or Jim Townsend for details.**



**2018 Florida Annual Conference Offering**

**June 7-9, 2018**

The Bishop's Offering for Annual Conference 2018 will be divided evenly between ZOE Ministries and funding for training laity and clergy in innovative forms of evangelism.

**PRAYER MINISTRY**



Beginning TUESDAY, June 12th, our newly formed prayer team will be meeting weekly at 9:30am in the sanctuary for a brief time of worship followed by a focused time of prayer. We will pray for our sick and shut-ins, our church, community, nation and world; and whatever other concerns may arise.

We invite and encourage anyone who would like to participate, to come and join us on the 12th. Or if you'd like more information please contact Karin Smuts, Susie Anders, or Arlene Tilison (in church directory or call church office).

In time this ministry will also be doing visitation with our sick and shut-ins.

**CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Boys & Girls Club Mon.-Fri. 8AM-5PM**

**CLOSED June 1st-10th**

- June 2 9:00 AM United Methodist Men Mtg. (Choir Room)
- June 3 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service (Communion)
- June 5 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)
- June 7 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- June 7 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)
- June 7th-9th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
- June 9 1:00 PM Crafters 1-3PM (SS Rm. #1)
- June 10 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service  
**(Cookie Sunday & 80+ Birthday Celebration)**
- June 12 9:30 AM Prayer Group (Sanctuary, ALL welcome)**
- June 14 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- June 14 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)



**FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

- June 17 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service
- June 19 10:00 AM Child Protection Class (Choir Room)
- June 21 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- June 21 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)
- June 21 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Choir Room)
- June 23 PANTRY SIGN-UPS (Hardin Hall)
- June 24 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service  
**(COVERED DISH)**
- June 28 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- June 28 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)
- June 30 PANTRY SIGN-UPS (Hardin Hall)



**THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!**

**Oct. 5, 2018**

**4:00 PM**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**CHRISTMAS UNDER**  
**THE PALMS**

**Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018**

**9AM-4PM**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01—Mary Jane Scowden +

06—Leon Merrow, Jr.

09—Bill Price

13—Charlene Giovannello

14—Ed Brown +

14—Bob Moffat +

15—Kathy Oliver

16—Betty Kormylo +

17—Charlene Flaitz

17—Maddox Williams

24—Esther Stake +

26—Doug Marsh

27—Bud Tilison +



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

11—Mike & Patsy Fry

11—Arden & Patti Sulzbach

12—Chuck & Linda Rutty

14—Jim & Linda McGinnis

19—Rich & Estelle Smith

+ = 80 & over



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

Dolores Ace

Jerry Adams

Gayle Allen

Don Antonelli

Colleen Band

Jack Bowkus

Greg Brice

JoAnn Brock

Thelma Buchard

Tom Carrigan

Vera Catledge

Leigh Clark

Jim & Shirley Clevenger

Brandy Crisafulli

JoEllen Curtis

DeLoe Family

Kevin DeVault

Cathy Elledge

Steve Ellis

Myrle Ewing

John Fienning

Theresa Flaitz

Dee Foster

Tom Freymuth

Randy Gilchrist

Eric Glass

Mike Hockett

George Hoffman

Joy Hughes

Ruth Humphrey

Donna Jackson

Scott Jackson

Phil Johnson

Erin Juliano

Mason Joseph Kiep

Brenda Kupris-Cary

Debi Laibe

Sandy Langlois

Judy Littorin

Annette Merritt

Miles Gresham-Miller

Randy Miller

Rev. Bob Moffat

Al Moore

Lorie Morris

Brandy & Duke Moseley

Tommie O'Donoghue

Maureen Powers

Nicholas Presutti

Merridith Richardson

Ivan Rua

Carol & Dan Rutter

Nettie Secrest

Alan Storm

David Sullivan

Dora Wilkinson

Erica Williams

Joy Williams

Christy Wood

Renee Zummo

**THANK YOU!**

To all who called & sent cards and gifts for my birthday! I feel truly blessed! Dot Myers

**HANDICAP PARKING**

We have a number of persons in our congregation who have legal handicap parking tags, and quite a few elderly persons who probably should have one. We have six marked handicap parking spaces on the south side of the sanctuary / Hardin Hall and three more behind Hardin Hall on the east side.

It has been brought to my attention on numerous occasions that there are people using those spaces who have no need to be doing so.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would show respect to those who are less mobile by not parking in those spaces.

In the very near future we will be upgrading these spaces with fresh paint and new signs if necessary. Also, please, we ask you not to park in the "first time visitors" spaces or in front of the Hardin Hall doors.

Thank you for your courtesy. Pastor Gary



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

Norma Cassada

Pat Chaney

Jim Clevenger

Meta Devlin

Betty Kormylo

Louise Mills

Wilma Montgomery

Vivian Nunn

Ruth Pawlowski

Martha Petersen

Bill Price

Lois Ann Rector

Marie Scudder

If you need an address or phone number please call the office:

(386)-428-6552



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 great time of fellowship.

We welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Come and share your ideas and talents!