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IS 55:1 *“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.”*

You’ve seen the offers in the mail and on TV: “No money down and no payments for the first six months!” “Huge savings—up to 75% off!” “Lose 20 pounds in seven days!” “Apply now and start earning points today.” “Your money back, guaranteed!” And don’t forget how many times you’ve read or heard the word *free*: “Free financing!” “Free cash back bonus!” “Buy one and get a second absolutely free!”

As you skeptically sort through these “limited offers” and “special savings,” you don’t even open most of the envelopes. Others might get a quick glance before you tear them in half and drop them in the “circular file.” And the ones you do open you instinctively scour for the fine print. Why? You know that an offer that sounds too good to be true probably is.

If you were to receive the scripture from above (IS 55) in the mail, you might easily dismiss it too as junk, as too good to be true! In the opening lines God promises free food and drink. *What’s the catch?* you wonder. Then God pledges to “freely pardon” those who turn away from evil and turn toward him. Of course, that offer seems totally far-fetched, completely unbelievable. Cynically, you ask yourself, “Free pardon” . . . free for how long before the hidden charges kick in?

Yet though you search for the fine print in this offer, you won’t find any. God offers forgiveness as a gift. Though free to us, the price was enormous. God himself paid it through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ. Yes, God offers pardon to us free of charge. You can’t pay even if you want to. In fact, if you try to earn this offer from God, you can’t have it! All you have to do is accept it by sincerely accepting Jesus as your Savior and Lord!

Not only does God offer his forgiveness free of charge, but his pardon sets us free! When we accept his gift we experience peace, new life and a restored relationship with God. When God freely offers pardon and mercy, life, love and blessing, he really means it! Don’t even bother searching for the fine print.

Pastor Gary



Biblical Stewardship Principles

There are some wonderful principles in the Old Testament that apply to present-day Christians. One of these is in Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Stated in contemporary language, it says, “When you have eaten and are full, and when your cars, houses and bank accounts multiply, don’t forget where it came from: Remember the Lord your God.”

In truth, all that we have comes from God, whether it be money, houses, land, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. It all belongs to God in the first place, and he entrusts it to us. According to David’s prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, riches, honor, power, and wealth all come from God.

That’s why there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Oh, we have to do our part. God’s plan is not that we just sit around praying and reading the Bible all day long so that what we need to survive will miraculously drop into our hands. We’re not just to pray for our “daily bread,” but we’re also to get up each day and work for it! That’s why the Apostle Paul stated clearly, “*If a person will not work, they shall not eat.*” (2 THS 3:10)

In reality, the amount of money and wealth which we receive is determined by God. According to his divine will and knowledge, God entrusts to each of us the amount which he knows will be best for us.

What should be our reaction to our financial state? Some might pray, “Dear Lord, you must have made a mistake concerning me and my finances. Please give me more money.” Others might try to circumvent God’s design for their lives by trying to win the lottery or to obtain large sums of money through some other means. Mature Christians, however, will realize God’s infinite wisdom far surpasses their limited perspective. They will accept with a thankful spirit what God has entrusted to them and seek to honor God by their living and by their giving.

DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT “CHURCH of the FUTURE”

August 25—Indian River City UMC, Titusville
9:00AM-3:00PM

SPEAKERS

Dale Locke, Corky Calhoun & Michael Beck

Free Lunch Provided — Childcare Provided
THIS IS OPEN TO ALL CHURCH MEMBERS.

Please contact Buck Lawson or Arlene Tilison if you would like to attend or call the office.

Registration can be made on line: <https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/ACDistrictLeadershipTraining>



Thank you for your continued support of FLUMCH.

Believe it or not, a new school year is right around the corner. At the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home, that means providing school supplies for the nearly 500 children we serve each day. Thus, we are now entering our back to school supply drive for our children. This is a time when generous individuals, churches, and groups collect necessary school supplies for our students and staff. Our 2018 school needs list for our children can be found at the link below:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/9ee4573a001/66400d94-268e-445e-bfc1-79a15038bf77.pdf>

Contact: Charlene Giovannello

Bessie Macke Cross & Flame Tower



Would you like to see the flame lit again on our Cross and Flame Tower?

In conjunction with our Prayer Garden, we will begin accepting contributions to get the flame re-lit.

The cost is approximately \$3,500.00.

If you choose to make a donation, please mark your checks “Flame Tower”.

(These donations are considered as “extra” giving and should not be deducted from your regular giving).



THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

Oct. 5, 2018 — 4:00 PM



**Here at EUMC On October 28th at 10AM
Put It On Your Calendar – Pray About It –
Spread the Word**



**Back-to-Church
Sunday**

**November 4th
10AM**

**Put It on Your Calendar! Pray About It!
Who Will You Invite?**



**SAVE THE DATE
CHRISTMAS UNDER
THE PALMS**

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018



The Boys & Girls Club meets at Edgewater United Methodist Church 8AM-6PM during the summer break from school. They will be closed from Aug. 6th-Aug. 10th returning to hours of 2-6PM on Aug. 13th.

**Please do not
bring opened
drink containers
or food into the
sanctuary at any
time!**



PEANUT BUTTER

is needed for third SUNDAY donations.

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Thank you!

This helps more than you can imagine!



CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Boys & Girls Club Mon.-Fri. 8AM-6PM

CLOSED August 6th-August 10th

- Aug 2 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Aug 2 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)
- Aug 2 6:30 PM Choir Practice Resumes (Choir Room)
- Aug 4 9:00 AM United Methodist Men Mtg. (Choir Room)
- Aug 5 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service **(Communion)**
- Aug 7 8:30 AM T.O.P.S. (Choir Room 8:30-10:30AM)
- Aug 7 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Aug 9 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Aug 9 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)
- Aug 9 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Aug 11 1:00 PM Crafters 1-3PM (SS Rm. #1)
- Aug 12 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service
(Cookie Sunday & 80+ Birthday Celebration)
- Aug 14 8:30 AM T.O.P.S. (Choir Room 8:30-10:30AM)
- Aug 14 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Aug 16 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Aug 16 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)
- Aug 16 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Choir Room)
- Aug 16 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Aug 18 11:00 AM Betty Freymuth's Memorial Service &
Interment of Ashes into EUMC Pray Garden
- Aug 19 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service
- Aug 21 8:30 AM T.O.P.S. (Choir Room 8:30-10:30AM)
- Aug 21 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Aug 23 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Aug 23 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)
- Aug 23 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Aug 25 9:00 AM District Training Event (9-3 Titusville)
- Aug 25 9:00 AM T.O.P.S. District Meeting (Hardin Hall)
- Aug 26 10:00 AM Blended Worship Service
(COVERED DISH)
- Aug 28 8:30 AM T.O.P.S. (Choir Room 8:30-10:30AM)
- Aug 28 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Aug 30 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Aug 30 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Goodrich, Oak Hill)
- Aug 30 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 01—Paul Hager
- 02—Jim Clevenger +
- 05—Norma Cassada +
- 06—Sam Showers
- 08—Bob Gudis
- 09—Leona McCarthy
- 10—Fred Dean
- 15—Jeanette Aguayo
- 19—Iris Sefried +
- 22—Janice Tarleton
- 25—Bobbie Steinhoff
- 26—Virginia Bloomer
- + = 80 or above



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

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| Jerry Adams | Mike Hockett | Nell Morgan |
| Harry Bauman | Scott Jackson | Lorie Morris |
| Jack Bowkus | Phil Johnson & Family | Brandy & Duke Moseley |
| Greg Brice | Erin Juliano | Nancy |
| Thelma Buchard | Helen Karl | Tommie O'Donoghue |
| Tom Carrigan | Mason Joseph Kiep | Duane Plank |
| Leigh Clark | Hope Koenigs kneet | Maureen Powers |
| Jim & Shirley Clevenger | Joe Koenigs kneet | Mari Reed |
| Janet Cloyd | Brenda Kupris-Cary | Ivan Rua |
| JoEllen Curtis | Sandy Langlois | Carol & Dan Rutter |
| Gunnea Delevante | Lawson Family | Emily Sholley |
| Cathy Elledge | Judy Littorin | Arlene Tilison |
| Myrle Ewing | Micah Macnab | Jean Vickers |
| Gunna Fabre | Doug Marsh | Shirley Vickers |
| Tom Freymuth | Owen Martin | Jeannette Watson |
| Gail Gilchrist | Dwight McKinney | Erica Williams |
| Melinda Hamilton | Miles Gresham-Miller | George Wirsch |
| Claudia Hanson | Randy Miller | Christy Wood |
| Debbie Hockett | Rev. Bob Moffat | Grace Wood |



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 | Wilma Montgomery | Lois Ann Rector |
| Pat Chaney | Vivian Nunn | Marie Scudder |
| Jim & Shirley Clevenger | Ruth Pawlowski | Nettie Secrest |
| Meta Devlin | Martha Petersen | |
| Louise Mills | Bill Price | |



PRAYER MINISTRY: *EVERY TUESDAY* morning, at 9:30am in the sanctuary we meet 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. If you'd like more information, please contact Karin Smuts, Susie Anders, or Arlene Tilison, or just stop in between 9:30 & 10:30am on Tuesday morning.

If you aren't able to attend, consider setting this hour aside so that you can pray with us at home.