



# Good News

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## As I See It . . . Rev. Dan Parrish

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As we begin a new year at St. **John's United Methodist**, there are many ways that we can rejoice where we are seeing God moving amongst us and many new beginnings with our New Year. However, none of it will be possible to continue if we do not underwrite our budget for 2012.

As I See It, we enter the new year with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration slated for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Our committee has many exciting plans for this special day and throughout our year. We can look back with pride in what has been accomplished through this congregation over that period of time, but more importantly will be what we do in planning for our ministries for the next 50 years.

As I See It, God has opened many new doors of opportunity for us to consider – and they all depend on members of this congregation being willing to say, **“Here Am I,” to God's call on each of our lives.**

Our singles ministry groups are growing and expanding in their outreach to friends and neighbors of our community. Out of this exciting ministry has come the opportunity for men and women with talents and skills that we can make available to those around us that need eval-

uations or directions for their homes and cars. For instance, if we have a single mother with car concerns, we would like men of the church with mechanical skills to evaluate before they go to an auto mechanic, so they have an idea of what the problem is and how much is reasonable for such a repair. Another scenario would be if we have a single woman with electrical or carpentry problems, we would like to have some individuals from whom we can seek guidance and direction on how best to deal with this problem before this person has to call someone in for professional assistance. We might even call this our Helping Hands Ministry.

**Our children's ministry under the capable leadership of Ms. Sumer Rohrs is reaching out to many children in our community and in Eloise. Many of you have responded to her call for help, and we thank you for that.**

Our middle school-high school **“mid-high” ministry is growing** and Coach Mike has planned the first ever middle school retreat for January this year.

Also in January we will be launching our altar prayer ministry and a Monday night intercessory prayer group meeting from 5:45 – 6:45 pm starting on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

There are many other plans for ministries and special events in process as we seek to be a living witness to the community of Winter Haven during the upcoming year.

Each of you reading this article can be of assistance in two important ways. First, we need each of you to be praying for our staff and leaders and the ministries of our church and those in our community to be receptive to our invitations and opportunities this year.

Secondly, we need you to respond cheerfully to our commitment Sunday on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We read in 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 **7 Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.** (NIV) We are not asking you to make a commitment card or an estimated giving card this year, but instead, a Faith Promise card toward the ministries of our church.

As I See It, a Faith Promise is a covenant between you and God through the church to support the operations and ministries of His church. If your circumstances change during the year, just let Claudia know and nothing more will need to be done. The finance committee can perform their responsibilities when we each make our Faith Promise and turn them in on January 22<sup>nd</sup> during either of the worship services.

As I See It, a tithe is what God requires of each of us as an act of faith in His desire to meet all our needs as the verses above indicates. An offering is whatever we offer beyond our 10% giving to the church to joyously **support it's ministry. Toni and I have given** both our tithe and offering over the last 23+ years and watched in wondrous ways how God has supplied for our every need and given to us in bounteous ways as well.

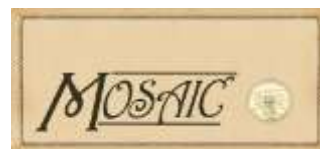
Our stewardship campaign will celebrate a special time on January 15<sup>th</sup>, as we share a Taste Of St. John during the Sunday School hour in the CLC with displays of the many varied ministries now being offered in our church and an opportunity for you to ask questions from our ministry representatives about what is planned for the New Year.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the end of each worship service, whether 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m., those attending will be given a time to bring their faith promise to the altar where they can commit themselves and their gifts to the work of God through **St. John's United Methodist. Then on January 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate by announcing how we as the body of Christ have responded to meeting the needs of our church for the ensuing year.

In this newsletter, you will find a copy of our proposed budget for 2012 and the many ways we can turn those dollars into changed lives for Jesus Christ. Please take the two steps to help us make 2012 a **year in which God's grace truly abounds amongst us** and to those around us.

Yours in Christ's love,  
Pastor Dan

## Coming to St. John's!



Sunday,  
January 15, 2012  
Providing special music in our  
8:30 & 11:00 Services  
*and*  
Live in Concert at 6pm  
*Admission is free,  
a love offering will be taken*

## St. John's United Methodist Church

Headings and Account	Proposed Budget	Annual Budget
Revenues		
Contributions		
400100 - Pledges	455051.94	441,798.00
400150 - Gifts	246663.37	239,479.00
400200 - Loose Plate	16836.38	16,346.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>718551.69</b>	<b>697623.00</b>
Other Income		
400400 - Interest/Dividend Income	2800.00	2800.00
400500 - Misc. Income		1500.00
400505 - Room Use Fee/Wedding Fee	3500.00	3500.00
400874 - Rental Income *		38880.00
800265 - Missions/Wearhouse	50000.00	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>56300.00</b>	<b>46680.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>774851.69</b>	<b>744303.00</b>
Expenses		
Discipleship		
500180 - Youth		
500200 - Children	4300.00	4500.00
500300 - Adults	2500.00	5888.00
<b>Total Discipleship</b>	<b>6800.00</b>	<b>10388.00</b>
Trustees		
510850 - Telephone-Church	4500.00	4677.00
510855 - Internet Service-Church	1100.00	1100.00
510940 - Leases/Service Contracts	16500.00	16500.00
510950 - R&M Church	25000.00	33700.00
510960 - R&M Senior Parsonage	1200.00	1200.00
510965 - R & M Rental Houses *		5000.00
510970 - R&M Grounds-Church	16500.00	9000.00
510975 - R&M Grnds-Sr Parsonage	1200.00	1200.00
511030 - Insurance-Property/Casual	27500.00	27500.00
511040 - Taxes - Real Estate *	500.00	500.00
511050 - Electric-Church Grounds	72000.00	72000.00
511051 - Utilities-Sr Parsonage	6000.00	6000.00
511052 - Gas - Church	2400.00	2400.00
511055 - Water - Church	2000.00	1700.00
511060 - Garbage Removal-Church	4800.00	4800.00
511065 - Pest Control	1200.00	1200.00
511070 - Maintenance Cleaning Supplies	2400.00	2000.00
511091 - Fire Alarm System	2400.00	14600.00
530920 - Custodian/Maintenance	28600.00	7124.00
<b>Total Trustees</b>	<b>215800.00</b>	<b>212201.00</b>
Worship		
520310 - Altar Guild/Misc Worship	2150.00	2150.00
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>2150.00</b>	<b>2150.00</b>

Music		
520324 - Technology	3500.00	2000.00
520370 - Music Ministry Expense	6100.00	6100.00
520390-Children Choir (Praise Kids)	1000.00	0.00
520371 - Copyright Licenses	900.00	750.00
530565 - Prof Musicians	400.00	700.00
<b>Total Music</b>	<b>11900.00</b>	<b>9550.00</b>
Staff/Parish		
Staff Salaries	183203.00	174431.53
Staff Medical Reimbursements	9600.00	9600.00
Staff Prof Exp	3244.00	3504.00
Staff Pension	3908.80	4018.23
Workers' Compensation Ins	1500.00	1400.00
Nursery Coordinator	3200.00	0.00
Building Maintenance Exp.	0.00	10400.00
Stewardship Consult.	0.00	12000.00
531150 - Sr. Pastor Salary	69000.00	67210.00
531153 - Sr. Pastor's Pension	11040.00	10725.00
531170 - Sr. Pastors' Health Insurance	11568.00	10750.00
531180 - Sr. Pastor's Reimb Allow	2000.00	2000.00
531280 - Staff/Parish Expense	1000.00	1000.00
531300 - FICA Taxes - Church Part	11748.20	13400.00
531451 - Background Screening	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Staff/Parish</b>	<b>311112.00</b>	<b>320538.76</b>
Apportionments		
551005 - Clergy Support	7568.00	9454.00
551007 - World Service	10997.00	13911.00
551009 - Conference Benevolence	15256.00	17333.00
551010 - Conf Service/Admin Fund	4145.00	4835.00
551012 - New Church Starts	3217.00	3939.00
551015 - General Administration	1256.00	1518.00
551018 - Episcopal Fund	3350.00	3904.00
551021 - Interdenominational Coop	289.00	366.00
551027 - Ministerial Education	3649.00	4700.00
551030 - Black College Fund	1455.00	1875.00
551035 - Africa University	326.00	420.00
551040-Congregational Excellence	980.00	1239.00
551043 - Jurisdictional Admin	757.00	927.00
551065 - District Work Fund	4537.00	4537.00
551067 - New Church Development	2940.00	3716.00
551723-Cornerstone Family	980.00	1239.00
551725 - USF Wesley Foundation	980.00	1239.00
<b>Total Apportionments</b>	<b>62682.00</b>	<b>75152.00</b>
Outreach & New Ministry		
562070 - Advertising	1000.00	1000.00
562180 - Evangelism Expense	750.00	750.00
580325 - Anniversary Celebration (50th)	1480.00	0.00
800511 - Missions	50000.00	0.00
<b>Total Outreach &amp; New Ministry</b>	<b>53230.00</b>	<b>1750.00</b>

Administration		
571860 - Office Supplies	7549.90	7330.00
571880 - Postage	3000.00	3000.00
571905 - Supplies (Misc.)	2200.00	2200.00
571916-Lay Delagate/Annual Conference	500.00	1000.00
580315 - Archives	150.00	0.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>13399.90</b>	<b>13530.00</b>
Finance		
571884 - Offering Envelopes	800.00	750.00
571906 - Bank Charges	500.00	600.00
580400 - Stewardship Campaign	300.00	5000.00
580403 - Endowment	2120.00	0.00
200350 - Mortgage	38000.00	36638.00
580699 - Interest	26000.00	42800.00
580770 - Outside Audit	2000.00	2000.00
<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>69720.00</b>	<b>87788.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>746793.90</b>	<b>733047.76</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>28057.79</b>	<b>11255.24</b>

## Mission Opportunities

### PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY

There are many hungry and needy families right here in Winter Haven, so your groceries are needed and well appreciated. Peanut Butter Sunday will be repeated this month on January 8th. THE PEANUT BUTTER TEAM



#### TOILETRIES

The Mission always needs toiletry items for shower and bathing needs. Please bring any toiletries to Room 105 and place in the red plastic tub. Soaps, Shampoos, Deodorants, Lotions, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shaving Cream, Laundry Detergents, etc. All are needed on a daily basis.

HEARTFELT THANKS

#### PLEASE SAVE THOSE STAMPS

With all of the extra mail during the Christmas Season, it is a great time to save the cancelled stamps. Cut them **from the front of the envelope with a 1/4" – 1/2" margin. Cut or torn stamps are unusable. Remember, we can't use "pre-sorted", "non-profit" or "bulk mail" stamps, so don't waste your time cutting them.** The collection box is in CLC 105. The profits earned support mission work of Nurses for Christ. This is a way you can help with no out-of-pocket cost.

#### POCKET CHANGE

Thank you SO MUCH for your love of children around the world, your generosity and your faithfulness. You know **who you are. Give yourself a big smile of gratitude, that's** what you give to hungry, sometimes starving children.

Our pocket change is sent to needy children in Alabama since the tornados took such a huge toll there, causing homelessness and loss of many services. UMCOR THE POCKET CHANGE TEAM

#### RECYCLING PILL BOTTLES

Prescription and non-prescription medication bottles for Talbot House in Lakeland. The bottles (minus any personal RX information please) are sterilized and re-used for medication distributed by the medical staff at Talbot House. They also accept prescription and OTC medication that you no longer need. There is a box for collection in the CLC, Room 105.

Thank you,  
Betty Soble



Good News



**It's coming back again!!**  
**"Taste of St. John's"** is coming Sunday, January 15, 2012. This is a great opportunity for you to see and **"taste"** all the wonderful ministries here at St. John's. Plan to attend during the Fellowship Hour, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the CLC.

**TASTE OF ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES**

On Sunday, January 15th, you are invited to **"A TASTE OF ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES"** which will be held in the Christian Life Center during the fellowship time. This event will give you 3 very special opportunities:

\*SEE for yourself all the ministries that we as a church are involved in

\*SEE how, and where you can participate and serve your Lord

\*TASTE many different and yummy goodies that will be available at each ministry display

**(Maybe this is what is meant in Psalm 34:8 "O, taste and see that the Lord is good.")!!**

Come see whether we truly are growing into **"Fully Devoted Disciples for Jesus Christ."** Whether you attend the early or late service, **PLAN NOW TO**

**ATTEND the Taste of St. John's Ministries displays** in the CLC during Hospitality time on January 15th! What great opportunities God is providing for you!!

Stewardship Committee

THANK YOU!!!



Over the last several years we have averaged around 75 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This year you were challenged to significantly beat that and . . . YOU DID!!! This year 339 boxes were **dropped off from St. John's. I am so amazed at what God is doing in our church and can't wait to see what we do next!!!**

God bless,  
 Angela Burton



Angels Care Center of Eloise

WOW! We have been averaging 30 or more patients each Tuesday night, and also having a special Diabetes Clinic once a month!! Since we started seeing patients this past March, we have served over 650 patients! Praise God! We are planning to add 1 or 2 Thursday nights to our clinic schedule starting in January.

We still make first aid kits, toiletry kits and children's Jesus kits each month. We have added another outreach to the community with a food distribution, which we hope to continue every 4-6 weeks. We are especially thankful for the Community Thanksgiving Service that joined 7 of our churches together in worship and sharing---and we were blessed with the offering from that service.

Many more things are going on at Angels Care Center, and we so appreciate ALL of the support and help we continue to receive from St. John's UMC and its members.



**LOCATION: St John's United Methodist Church**  
 Winter Haven, Florida 33884

DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2012

MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT 800-449-2350  
 Wellness Package (No heart rhythm) \$129

5 basics: Stroke, Vascular, Heart Rhythm with Osteoporosis \$149

5 basics plus, if not previously screened, 6 For Life Screenings \$219

Various blood tests for \$45 each; thyroid, prostate, cardiovascular. Call for appointment and/or more information.

**800-449-2350**

# Children's Ministry

Well the holidays are over and we made it! Our first ever lock-in went exceptionally well having 37 children! We made a ton of contacts and planted many seeds while having a blast! I want to say thank you to all of our volunteers and help because we simply could not have done this without you! The children had their Christmas party in which they adopted a family for Christmas donating their own gently used or new gifts to the family as well as providing them with an entire Christmas meal! We also participated in Children of the City again this year and gave out toys, candy canes, and Action Bibles to each child explaining the true meaning of Christmas! We were also blessed with two Santa's which made for an amazing time! We cannot attempt to explain how large this event is and how many lives we have touched! Again, we could not have done this without our wonderfully supportive congregation who supplied us with over 2,000 candy canes! God is good! But just when you think about slowing down... We can't! We have so many new activities and fun stuff coming up, WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED! Expect in the month of January, new activity days (there will definitely be something for everyone here) we are blessed with an array of talent in this church and so many willing facilitators have stepped forward offering to share their unique talents and gifts with the children! All are welcome to stop by and check it out! Bring any children you'd like to participate! The more people involved the better!

Activity Days: 6pm-7pm located in Asbury Hall  
 Jan. 4th Cookie Day with Sumer Rohrs  
 Jan. 18th Friend Day with Judy Rohrs (DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FRIEND!)

Also, we have NEW After School Gym Days! Anything from basketball, to indoor soccer will be provided so kids can come and get some healthy exercise in a safe Christian environment! Kids invite your friends!!! After School Gym Days: 3:45pm-5:30pm located in CLC . Jan. 10 & 24. Feb. 7 & 21.

We will be having a FREAKY FRIDAY Nite for the children! This will be a pizza and movie night featuring Disney's "Freaky Friday" movie. Moms and Dads, enjoy a nice dinner or movie alone while we have your kids for the evening!  
 Jan. 13th (Fri. the 13th) 6pm-9pm located in CLC

## Additional programs:

Sunday:

Children's Church at both 8:30am and 11am services!

Sunday school at 10am

Praise Kids in Choir Room 5pm-6pm

Wednesday:

Wednesday Night Warriors Jan. 11th and 25th from 6pm-7pm located in Asbury Hall

\*We are growing and building exciting new things here at St. John's! Come be a part of it by checking us! Kids make sure you bring your friends and any adults that have any contact with children that would like to come they may be our guest!



Chancel Choir! **Wasn't all** the Christmas music wonderful! **We've been growing,** but we still need you to join us! Instrumentalists, you saw this past month, we can add

**you to a choir piece! Won't you come and join us! We** would love it if you would come and rehearse with us on Tues evenings from 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the choir room. The more the merrier! Come and worship with us during rehearsals and help to lead the 11:00 worship services. This group is open to high school youth and **adults. Feel free to "drop in" and give us a try, talk with** a choir member or e-mail me if you would like more info at [beth@sjum.org](mailto:beth@sjum.org).

Handbells! WOW, they are doing GREAT! They have **met all the challenges I've thrown at them in such a short** period of time. We are growing also, but could still use a few more people to fill out all 5 octaves of bells. Come join us on Tues evenings from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Handbell room (Rm. 224). This group is open **to high school youth and adults. If you can't make the** weekly commitment, we need substitutes. If you have any interest in either of these opportunities, please e-mail me at [beth@sjum.org](mailto:beth@sjum.org).

Handbells 101... **If you would like to learn how to play** handbells let me know. Upcoming class date and time TBA.

Instrumentalists if you would like to share your gift with the 11:00 service, please let me know and I will get you scheduled to play for a future service.

In His Service,

Beth Jurovcik

Organist/Pianist/Chancel Choir and Handbell Director

## Good News



Ladies!! Plan to "retreat" with us and visit "The Great Cardiologist" at the annual Women's Retreat. It will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at St. John's UMC, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Come get your "heart check up" and spend a special day with your sisters in Christ.

You have often heard God referred to as "The Great Physician"---well, for this special event, and for His special daughters--He is specializing in the condition of our hearts! So plan now to come spend the day with "The Great Cardiologist"--and with other daughters of God. The annual St. John's Women's Retreat is February 11, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is \$8.00 for the day, and that includes continental breakfast and lunch. It will be held at St. John's, where we will "retreat" from the world, and share much fellowship and inspiration as well as good fun and food. Signups will begin on Jan. 22nd, in the narthex and CLC both before and after morning services. Please feel free to invite other ladies to come share this day. God has much to say to us, and has great experience in "fixing" hearts!! This will be the BEST "doctor's appointment" you've ever been to! If you have any questions, please call Janey Powell at 324-5264.

**The "BearMakers" will take a break** from Dec. 19 until starting back on Jan 9.



Join us on Monday, Jan 9, at 10 a.m. in the Library and every Monday after that for making stuffed bears.

We just completed 100 bears for the Polk County Sheriff's Dept. and will be making more for Winter Haven Hospital and for the Angel Care Center. So come and join us!!

A big thank you to all the ladies who so diligently worked on the bears and donated their time, talents and materials. Thank you also to people of the congregation. By the way, we can still use some polyester fiberfill.

Contact person Marion Roberts 325-9030.

## Morning Circle

The Morning Circle will meet January 19th in the CLC Lounge at 9:30am.

Patsy Meyer will present our program. All women are invited to join us.

If you need more info or a ride call Rachel at 325-8316.



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Friendship Circle Annual Flea Market is coming in FEBRUARY!!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012.

7:00 AM - 12 Noon in the CLC.

More information will be coming about the renting of tables, etc.

This is the time to clean out closets and donate the items to the FLEA MARKET!!!

If you have questions, contact Kitty Walker (326-5523)

BEGIN SAVING THOSE TREASURES!!!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Library. We



welcome all to join us. In addition to prayer shawls and lap robes and prayer squares, our current projects include scarves for Special Olympics (specific colors), dark colored hats and scarves for men, colorful scarves and hats for women and children.

## South Central District 2012 Leadership Training Event



# Celebrating LifeTransformation

SC District Leadership Training | Jan. 28, 2012

First United Methodist Church of Brandon

201 N. Knights Avenue

Brandon, Florida 33510

813-689-4161

The day's schedule:

Registration Begins at 7:45am

Worship 8:30am-9:30am

Breakout 1 9:45am-11:00am

Break out 2 11:15am-12:30pm

**REGISTRATION ENDS TUESDAY, 1/24/2012**

<http://www.flumc2.org/events/detail/3756>

Fiscal Responsibilities and Management Policies for the Local Church PRESENTER - MICKEY WILSON, FLORIDA CONFERENCE TREASURER - Are you the church Financial Secretary, Treasurer, or member of the Committee on Finance? Then this class is an opportunity for you to learn about church finances and to ask all those questions you have been wondering **about and did not know whom to ask. Our Conference Treasurer will address the Conference's new Financial Controls, Policies and Procedures for the local Church.** This is a class for the entire local church finance team—staff and elected committee. This event is designed for any person handling church finances or on the finance team.

Disaster Recovery PAM GARRISON, MANAGER OF DISASTER RECOVERY - This overview of disaster ministry emphasizes **the importance of working within the emergency management process, developing partnerships and having a plan. You'll** learn where The United Methodist Church and other faith-based groups fit in the process, as well as how local churches and individuals can get involved. Plan now to minister effectively when disaster strikes in your community, your neighboring community or beyond. This training is designed for your Trustees team and Disaster Recovery representative.

Extravagant Generosity REV. DAVID MCENTIRE, FIRST LAKELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Being generous is first of all the response of a grateful heart. "We love because he first loved us," we read in 1 John 4:19. Giving for the Christian is not an obligation, bill or due to be paid, it is a response of gratitude. We will look at the biblical and practical standards of Extravagant Generosity. This training is designed for your Stewardship team and any other leaders or team members seeking to explore Extravagant Generosity.

Why Retreats will Change Your Church REV. MELISSA COOPER, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER From the early days of the Methodist camp meeting, camp and retreat ministries have been a vital part of healthy families and congregations. So many in ministry receive their calling at camp. Kids and adults alike come home from retreat throughout the Florida Conference.

Hospitality Ministry REV. RON HUBBARD, KEENEY CHAPEL UMC AND KAREN PEEL, VAN DYKE UMC - In this workshop, **we'll discuss how to create a welcoming experience for all who come to your church. You will hear about a small church hospitality ministry as well as a large church ministry; what they share in common and the differences. Learn reasons why a hospitality ministry is very important to people hearing the pastor's message and to closing your back door.**

SPR and Completing the Clergy Assessment Process REV. DAVID DODGE, EXEC. DIRECTOR OF CLERGY EXCELLENCE an in depth review of the clergy assessment process. This training is designed for SPRC Chairpersons and members.

Worship - Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing PATINA RIPKEY, WORSHIP DIRECTOR AT TEMPLE TERRACE UMC - The session will begin by reflecting on the power of authentic worship. It will then move into an interactive group session where a facilitated discussion between participants about their concerns, passions, failures and successes in the ministry of worship will take place.

Radical Hospitality - **Who Are Your Church's Neighbors & 6 Ways to Reach Them** REV. MONT DUNCAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT - This class will help every church discover and learn who the people are in its ministry area and 6 specific ways to reach them. The methods to reach people are specific for each church, based upon the makeup of the people in its ministry area. This is designed for pastors, laity who are interested in reaching their **church's mission field and evangelism/outreach chairs.**

Trustees Nuts and Bolts BOB DOUGLAS, DISTRICT PROPERTY MANAGER AND GUESTS - As our facilities get older and our resources change, maintaining and improving the property entrusted to us as congregations can be a challenge and a blessing. This session will explore lessons learned and updates on caring for the stewardship of your church facility.

Effective Communication for Ministry JOHN BAROLO, DIRECTOR OF ADULT EDUCATION AND MINDY SCHILLER, FIRST UMC LAND O' LAKES CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR - Explore new forms of communication and ways to make old techniques work better today. This session relates to all ministry areas in small, medium and large churches. Walk away with practical tips and tools to help make an immediate difference in your church's ministry.

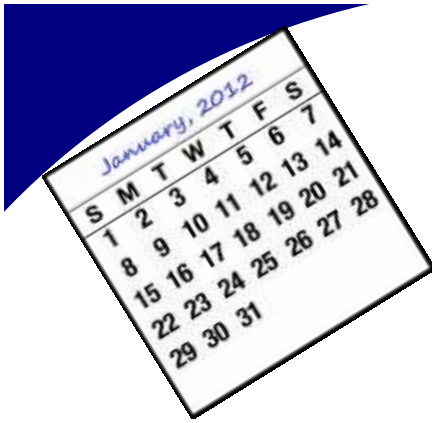
Discipleship - Putting together an Intentional Discipling Process REV. JEFF STIGGINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL EXCELLENCE - In the Great Commission in Matthew 28: 18-20, Jesus sends his church out on a mission of making disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to "obey everything I have commanded you." Many congregations do a good job of teaching them to know about his teachings but obedience is different. Obedience implies that we are becoming more like Jesus in our actions, attitudes and thoughts. How does a congregation help people to become more like Jesus, as opposed to just knowing more about Jesus? This workshop offers church leaders a series of practical next steps to becoming more effective in fulfilling Jesus' last wishes.

Leading for Effective Ministry - The Role of the Church Council REV. BETH FOGLE-MILLER, CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES - The Administrative Council is the organizational body which leads our churches in organizing for ministry and moves us forward toward our vision. This workshop, designed especially for Administrative Council Chairs and Committee members, deals with the significance of this committee and how it is called to envision, plan, implement, and evaluate the mission and ministry of the local church.

Prison / Jail Ministries (offered in session #1) MERRY KENDALL FROM ALOMA UMC AND THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE JAIL/PRISON MINISTRY TASK TEAM MEMBER - Exciting and increasing momentum has been happening regarding Jail and Prison Ministry! This session will inform you how the FL Conference Jail/Prison Ministry Task Team has been making headway connecting churches, educating congregations, researching reentry programs, resourcing outside agencies, and advocating for criminal justice reform.. You will be given tips for being a more effective volunteer in jail/prison ministry along and additional ideas for involvement.

Children's Home Local Church Representative Training (offered in session #2) REV. STEPHEN HARTSFIELD, DIRECTOR OF CHURCH RELATIONS, FLORIDA UM CHILDREN'S HOME - We will explore the important role the Local Church Representative has as an advocate for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in their local church. Topics will include a job description, printed materials and other tools available for your use, update about the current state and needs of the Children's Home and a time for questions and answers. Come and learn how to be an effective Local Church Representative for the Children's Home.

COKESBURY REPRESENTATIVE ON SITE LIONEL TRUJILLO JR., COKESBURY SALES REPRESENTATIVE - Cokesbury will have a wide variety of items on display for review and purchase. He will also be available to discuss Cokesbury programs and your needs.



# Weekly Calendar

Full Monthly Church Calendar can be accessed on the web site ([www.sjum.org](http://www.sjum.org)), just click "Calendar"

Sunday		Wednesday	
Contemporary Service	8:30 AM Sanctuary	Wearhouse	9 AM - NOON Thrift Store
Hospitality	9:45 AM CLC Gym	Testament Practice	3:30 PM Wesley Hall
Sunday School	10:00 AM	Intentional Dining	5:00 PM CLC Gym
Traditional Service	11:00 AM Sanctuary	Wee Praize	5:30 PM Asbury Hall
Praize Kidz	5:00 PM Choir Room	Wednesday Night Warriors	6:00 PM Asbury Hall
ReaLife Church	6:30 PM Wesley Hall	Wonderful Wed. Worship	6:00 PM Sanctuary
Singles Ministry	6:30 PM Rec Lounge	Celebration Singers	7:00 PM Choir Room
		ReaLife Bible Study	7:00 PM Room 212
Monday		Thursday	
Bears	10:00 AM Library	Tai Chi	6:30 PM CLC Gym
Bridge	1:00 PM Rec Lounge		
Intercessory Prayer	5:45 PM Room 204	Friday	
Disciple I	7:00 PM Room 205	Wearhouse	9 AM - NOON Thrift Store
		Saturday	
UMM Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM CLC Gym	Wearhouse	9 AM - 3 PM Thrift Store
Exercise with MJ	9:00 AM CLC Gym	12 Steps (Men & Women)	NOON Rec Lounge
Handbells	5:30 PM Room 224		
12 Steps (Men Only)	6:00 PM Rec Lounge		
Volleyball	6:00 PM CLC Gym		
Chancel Choir	6:45 PM Choir Room		



## Youth Activities

REALife Sunday Service: Join us for a time of fellowship, worship and a word from God! This is a contemporary service intended to encourage, equip, strengthen and empower all who join us! Everyone is welcome! Nursery provided. Hope to see you there Sunday nights at 6:30 PM!

**ReaLife High School and College Bible Study Fellowship: Wednesday Nights at 7:00 in the 'Upper Room'**

*Food, Fellowship and way too much fun.*

**The Study: "Who really has the last word?" The Book of Revelation – Led by Pastor (Coach) Mike**



## Middle School Winter Retreat

Heading out to Lake Louisa for our FIRST EVER Middle School Winter Retreat from January 13 –15. Cost will be \$45. Lake Louisa is a beautiful camp area with great cabins, **beaches and hiking trails. The theme of the weekend will be “Friendship” so bring a friend!!!** Call Coach Mike to reserve your spot. For more information (407) 625-2850.

*Come and Worship with Us!*

Sundays

(Nursery will be provided)

8:30 Contemporary Service

9:30 Hospitality

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Service

6:30 ReaLife

Wednesdays

6:00 Wonderful Wed. Worship

### Good News Deadline

To place an article in the February newsletter please e-mail your article to [home@sjum.org](mailto:home@sjum.org) by January 15th.

### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 AM- 5:00 PM  
Friday 8:00 AM– Noon  
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