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The deadline for our next Centenary Messenger is Sunday, August 28th and it will be mailed out on August 31st. Please email your articles, prayer requests, or news to the church office by the deadline. Thanks!

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Sunday School *Intentional Faith Development*

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2: 42)

Summer will soon be coming to a close and with the school schedule starting up again, it is time for all of us to re-connect in new and exciting ways to the life of the church. On September 11th we will be celebrating Rally Day, a time to recognize those young people being promoted in Sunday school as well as a time for all church members to be intentional about their faith development. Bishop Robert Schnase in his book “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” writes:

The practice of learning in community gives disciples a network of support, encouragement, and direction as we seek to grow in Christ. As we consciously appropriate the stories of faith with others, we discover that our questions, doubts, temptations, and missteps are not unusual but are part of the journey. We are emboldened to new ways of thinking about God and to new ways of exercising our faith in daily life.

As I read these words, I am encouraged that Sunday school can give us the **“support, encouragement and direction to grow in Christ.”**

September 11th will be an exciting time in the life of our church. We will begin at 9:30am in the fellowship hall to gather and fellowship as well as celebrate the love of God in our lives through Christ Jesus our Lord. **This time, between 9:30 and 9:45am, is intended to build community and share in Christian fellowship. It is not designed to be a fifteen minute free time until classes begin. Sunday school begins at 9:30am.** We gather at 9:30am as brothers and sisters in Christ. When we fail to do so we fail as a community of faith. *“The disciples devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship”* (Acts 2: 42). Please make an intentional effort to join us on Sundays at 9:30am in the fellowship hall.

There is a Sunday school class for every age. On Sunday, September 11th, I will be leading a new class on “Christian Parenting.” This class is open to any and all adults with young children. Please register through the church office. The cost for the “Christian Parenting” class will be \$40.

Classes will end promptly at 10:30am in order for us to prepare for our morning worship. Please plan to join us on this very exciting Rally Day and be sure to bring a friend. This will be a blessed day!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jack

AUGUST EVENTS

Saturday, August 6

1-5pm – Greensboro Thrift Shop

Sunday, August 7 – 12

Over night Youth camp at Centenary Camp

Wednesday, August 10

6pm – CUMC provides dinner at Camp

Sunday, August 14

6pm – Youth concert (Christ Town)

Tuesday, August 16

7pm – Church Council

Thursday, August 18

11:45am – JOY Club luncheon

Sunday, August 21

3pm – SPAM party at Lake Talquin

Sunday, August 28

5pm – SPAM

Wednesday, August 31

7pm – Choir practice resumes

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Greetings all! Can you believe the summer is almost over? You know what that means: Choir starts again!!!

The first Chancel Choir rehearsal will be **August 31**. Bring your friends! Looking forward to another great year!

David Haas
Director of Music

JOY CLUB

Come for fellowship and a wonderful catered lunch (\$5) with your 55+ friends at JOY Club which meets on **Thursday, August 18** at 11:45 am. Call 627-9226 x 21 to RSVP.

UMW

Because the first Monday of September falls on Labor Day, the Executive Board will meet **Monday, August 29th at 10am** in the Pairs and Spares SS classroom. We look forward to another great year of developing creative supportive fellowship and expanding mission work in both our community and global ministries.

Dianne Bass
President

UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

Finding Peace Through

Spiritual Renewal

Ephesians 2:13-22

Sponsored by the FL Conference UMW

Rev. Cathy Felber, Guest Speaker

Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park
(Leesburg)

September 9-11, 2011

(scholarships available)

SPAM

(Students Participating Actively in Mission)

This group of young people are a great group! July went by fast, but we still had a good time.

In August, we will change back to our Sunday meeting at 5pm. A lot going on in August. There is a week of “spend the night camp” at Centenary Camp; youth concert at Christ Town; school starts back the 15th and 17th; and there will be a “Back to School Bash” at the home of Mickey & Kay Roach. We look forward to parents and youth enjoying the afternoon together. We hope by then we will also have a new youth director. I have to tell you all thank you so much for allowing me to be part of an up and moving group of young people.

- Aug. 7 – NO youth
- Aug. 10 – **6pm** - feed campers at Centenary Camp

- Aug. 14 – **6pm** – *Walk In the Light* Christian concert at Christ Town
- Aug. 21 – **3pm** - Back to School Bash (home of Mickey & Kay Roach) tubing/food/fun
- Aug. 28 – **5pm** - SPAM

Centenary Camp

For the first time in several years Centenary Camp is having a traditional “spend the night camp” for middle and high school students from Sunday, August 7 to Friday, August 12. CUMC will be providing dinner for the campers on **Wednesday, August 10 at 6pm**. At this time, there are 20 registered campers and our own Elly Tilk will be the counselor for girls. If you are interested in helping with this dinner, please contact me at 627-0780 or 445-0230. Thank you.

Ellen Watson
Youth Director
ellenwatson2@gmail.com

FL United Methodist Children’s Home

August is back to school time and thanks to your donations, the children of FUMC will be equipped with notebooks, pencils, crayons and everything else they need to start the school term. Each child will also be given brand new back-to-school clothes and shoes. If you remember your own childhood, you know how important these things are to children’s self esteem, especially vulnerable children from broken families. Your cash donations will help FUMCH cover these expenses and send the children back to school feeling confident and loved. **July 31** is 5th Sunday offering.

Lynne Greco
Children’s Home Rep.

AUGUST Birthday

- 3 John Bates, Sandra Gee
- 4 Doris Allen, Lisa Griffith, Don Porter
- 6 Elly Tilk
- 8 Ruth Deeney
- 11 Etoile Grantham
- 12 Phillip Suber, John Whitehead

- 13 Lillie Kay Cloud
- 14 Suzan Redmon
- 15 Carole Fletcher, Taylor Whiddon
- 16 Jack Tilk, Cindy Tilk
- 19 Lewis Gregory, Gloria Sammons, Heather Wells
- 21 Steve Griffith, Gary Renshaw
- 22 Roger Ben Griswold
- 23 Charles Stephens
- 24 Stanley Burns
- 27 Debora Williams
- 29 Tyler Chapman
- 30 Sarah Watson

AUGUST Anniversary

- 2 Rex & Renea Kever
- 10 Scott & Ellen Watson
- 23 Jason & Ranie Thompson
- 31 Billy & Janis Brinks

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sarah Adams, Mary Stuart Auman, Ruth Barnes, Gene Cost, Christina Gee, Jo Ann Hamilton, Marian Hurst, Mattie McMillan, Ralph & Rachel Perkins, Merle Shook, Joyce St. Bernard, Mildred Suber, Wayne Walker, Susie Winkler. Also, those men and women serving in our military overseas: Bruce Munger, Lt. Col. Michael Patronis

Women’s Bible Study “Living Beyond Yourself”

by Beth Moore

WHERE: Centenary UMC (Fellowship Hall)

FACILITATOR: Anita Burchnell

WHEN: September 8th - November 17th

TIME: 5:15-7:30 p.m.

COST: study book - \$15

NAME: _____

PHONE#: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please join us for this 11 week study as we explore the Fruit of the Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians. If you have any questions, please call Kay at the church office. If nursery is needed, please let us know. Thank you.