



The Happening

October 2022



Scripture of the Month

“What shall we say
but such wonderful
things as these?
If God is for us,
who can ever be
against us?”

Romans 8:31

Mission of the Month

Disaster Response Team (DRT)


Our Disaster Response Team is a dedicated, hard working, compassionate group of volunteers. Members are involved in local, statewide and national mission trips to help others in their time of need after disasters.

Generous support from our church and local fundraisers allow us to train our members, maintain equipment and support our mission trips. Your Disaster Response Team has been doing different activities such as: mulching needed areas, tree trimming, construction, landscaping, painting, golf cart path work with railing install, and many more projects all on the church campus.

We supplied nearly 3 dozen tarps for use in the Fort Myers area for roof damage. We have purchased 25 cleaning/flood buckets and assembled these buckets with cleaning and safety articles for those in need.

Thank you for your continued support of our team through our Mission of the Month. Also your support of our aluminum can/scrap metal collection in the back parking lot trailers is appreciated.

If you have an interest in our team, we meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. You may also inquire at the church office.



Upcoming Bible Studies

Soul Café Starting Monday, October 3rd

Soul Café returns Monday Nights with great enthusiasm. Soul Café is an evening to come receive food for the soul as well as food for the body. Join us for an incredible dinner at 5:45PM. Tickets for the meal can be purchased prior to the night for \$8 in the church office. Following dinner the Bible Study will begin at 6:30PM. Study Groups include a Men's Group, Women's Group, as well as a Couple Group. An Early Afternoon Group is available at 4:30PM after which you can join for dinner if you wish.



This 8 week bible study will begin October 3rd and lead us right into Advent. The study book that will be used is "Characters of Creation," and is available in the Pages of Life Bookstore for \$10.

"We Saved You a Seat" Starting Tuesday, October 4th



We are happy to announce a Ladies Bible Study "We Saved You A Seat" about finding and keeping lasting relationships by Lisa-Jo Baker.

Every woman wants friends but many of us worry about being unfriended, misunderstood, hurt, judged, left out or taken for granted by those we call friends That's what this study is about. It's about not giving up on friendship when we're frustrated by it, tired of it, confused by it, or disappointed in it. This study will show you that there really is a seat at the table

for you and how to become the kind of woman who will always save a seat for the women around you.

How does this happen? Our ultimate friend, Jesus – the friend of the popular and unpopular, of the educated and uneducated, put it pretty plain and simple: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind AND Love Your Neighbor as Yourself!

While we might have defined friendship our whole lives by what others do to us, in the end, it's what we do for others that will define us as friends or not. Together we will unpack what that kind of friendship takes through seven practical ways to take Jesus up on His invitation to love other people.

This is a seven session study, beginning October 4. Friends will meet at 6:00PM on Tuesdays, in Room 30. You can register through the church office or contact study leader, Barbara Kanoza, at 813-298-7209. A study book is necessary for the study and will be available at the book store or wherever you buy your books.

Sunday, October 2nd
9:30AM in Room 19

Interest Meeting for starting a Young(er) Adults Small Group

This meeting is to gather information, gauge interest, and explore options for starting a small group for those interested.

This will be a brief gathering immediately following the 8:30AM Traditional Service.





Walk to End Alzheimer's® South Shore

October 15

Saturday | 9AM-11AM

United Methodist Church

Register TODAY!
alz.org/southshore



Register... Join... Donate

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE



Thursday, October 27th 11:00AM in the LEC

Please join us for a Health Ministry Event with a very informative presentation on:

Medicare Simplified.

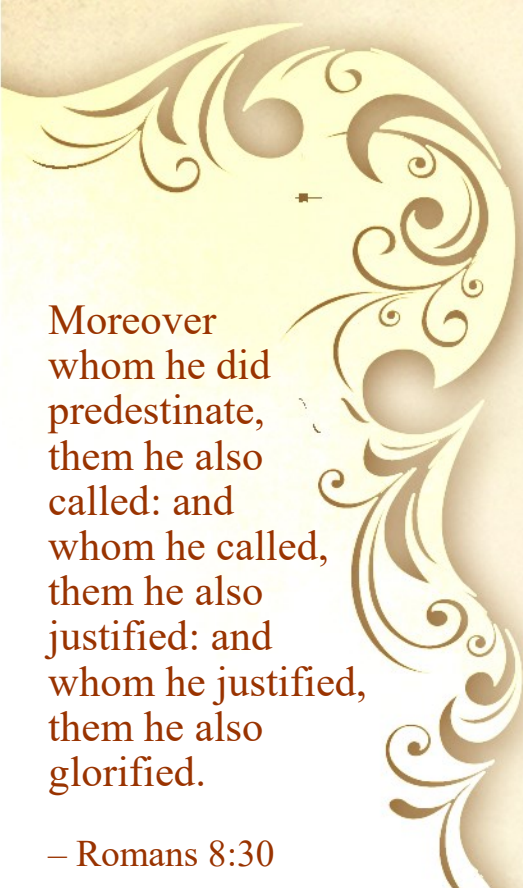
Ms. Marcie Maisonet is a licensed and certified health insurance agent who has been helping our

community with their health insurance needs for over 15 years. She will bring her Medicare expertise to inform us of updates and changes to Medicare as well as answer any questions you may have regarding your insurance needs.

This is a free event for our church and community.

Please sign up with in our church office at 813-634-2539.





Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

– Romans 8:30

The “Happenings” with UTC Youth



Hello UMCSCC family. Things seem to be back in full swing at the church, and the UTC Youth are becoming more involved. If you attended our Contemporary service on Sunday, September 25th you got to see and hear it firsthand, as 2 of our UTC members, Patience Lujan and Uvaldo Rendon, were on the platform singing with our praise team and even led one of the songs prior to the sermon.

Starting on Monday, October 3rd we will begin our new video series by D.A. Horton titled ‘Control’, please see a brief description below:

Control

D.A. HORTON

Teenagers stand at the top of the list of those who dislike authority. But from the very first pages of the Bible, God has a lot to say about the topic. He made humanity to submit to His authority. But He also gifted us with the authority to rule our world. Sin corrupted that structure, and ever since, humans and authority don't get along. Those who have authority lord it over those who don't. And those who don't have authority hate those who do. In the lives of teenagers, authority becomes a particularly pungent problem. From parents to teachers to government institutions, youth of all generations have challenged the right of their superiors to tell them what to do.

This 4-part youth series gets it all out into the open. We'll look at biblical teaching on the nature of authority—where did it come from and why should we pay attention? We'll dig into the messy way that authority muscles into the lives of youth: God, parents, teachers, the government, and in their own roles as leaders. Not all authority is good—and we'll paint a picture of what it looks like to resist authority in a godly way. In the end we'll see that authority under God is a good thing. We find our most fulfilling life when we live in obedience to God, because He said so.

We are always in desperate need of van drivers and monitors. We are currently running 2 vans that make 8 stops in total. We are preparing to run a 3rd route, but it is almost impossible with drivers and monitors in very short supply. Please prayerfully consider becoming a van driver and/or monitor to ensure that our youth and children have a way to make it to church on Sunday and Monday for fellowship. If you feel led to serve, please reach out to me via email at bturner@sccumc.com or by calling the church office at 813-634-2539.

Thank you all so much for your continued support of our youth program. We love you all.

Bill Turner - UTC Youth Director



Children's Ministry Happenings



SUNDAY SCHOOL &
BELIEVER BREAKFAST
(AGES 3-11)

SUNDAYS 9:00am-12:00pm

KIDS CLUB (AGES 4-11)

MONDAYS 5:45pm-7:45pm

TOT-SPOT (18MOS-36MOS)

starting Oct. 18th

TUESDAYS 9:30am-11:00am

DRAMA CLUB @ THE CENTER
(4TH-8TH GRADES)

TUESDAYS 5:00pm-7:15pm

ALL ARE WELCOME. Programs require registration.
For more information or if you'd like to volunteer
please email jennifer@sccumc.com

Oct. Newsletter



Learning through
**PLAY &
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**

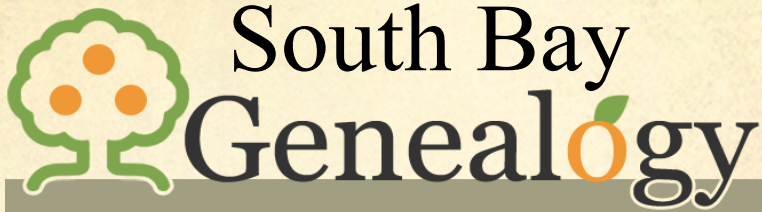


UPCOMING DATES:

- OCT 15 Walk for Alzheimer's Awareness
- OCT 30 Fall Festival 9am-2pm
- NOV 21 NO KIDS CLUB
- NOV 26 UTC fundraiser & Craft Fair
- DEC 3 Breakfast with Santa 9am - 12pm



In Sunday School & Kid's Club our children are working through the Bible starting in Genesis. Pictured you see object lessons & games related to Creation, The Fall of Man & The Tower of Babel.



South Bay Genealogy

“Unfortunately, there is no lifeguard in the Gene Pool.”

On Tuesday, October 18th, the South Bay Genealogical Society will meet beginning at 10:30 am with an optional Round Table Discussion, followed by a sit-down luncheon at noon, and then the presentation by our Guest Speaker at 1:00 pm.

Our speaker and topic is still TBD at this time.

The cost is \$18.00 per person for the meal and the presentation. For reservations and meal choice, call Dianna Loudermilk at 864-607-1330. Make your checks payable to SBGS, and mail it to South Bay Genealogical Society, PO Box 5202, Sun City Center, FL 33571. Your check must be received by October 7th (please enclose a phone number).

congregational **CARE**

**Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 20th
10AM in Creason**

Congregational Care is up and running! We do still need a few more folks who are willing to join this very powerful ministry. Serving our church family in their time of need is the purpose of this ministry. Our ministry team will make home visits to church members who are unable to attend church. The blessings you receive from these visits will be much more than you could ever give!

If you have any questions or are curious about the services we provide with this ministry please reach out to Elaine Moore at 813-634-4550.

If you happen to know a someone that would benefit from one of our visits, be sure to let the church office know.



Our fifth Sunday giving is always committed to The Florida United Methodist Children's Home. The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was established as an orphanage in 1908 by Florida Methodists, and by the 1950's had changed its major emphasis to caring for abused, abandoned, neglected or dependent children. SCCUMC is one of the largest supporters for this ministry. Strong church support enable the program of the Home to maintain its ministry as a significant Christian outreach committed to the well-being of children, youth and their families. Throughout it's long and evolved history FUMCH has been a haven of peace and a merciful blessing to all that have come into her care. Thank you for your continued support of this much needed ministry.

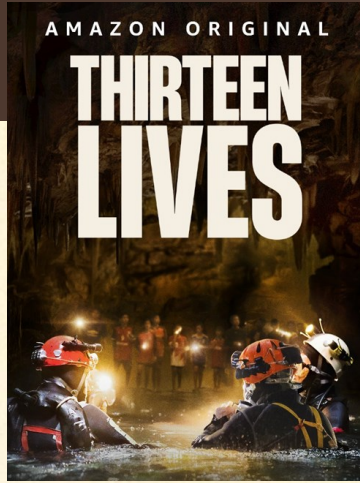


GRIEF SHARE

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Save the Date!! Sunday, November 13th

We know the holidays can be especially difficult for some of our church family. Pastor Josh will lead a "Surviving the Holiday" GreifShare group. Be on the lookout for more information.



Friday Night at the Movies

Friday,
October 14th
at 6:00PM

Thirteen Lives is a 2022 American biographical survival film based on the Tham Luang cave rescue directed and produced by Ron Howard. Thirteen Lives

recounts the incredible true story of the tremendous global effort to rescue a Thai soccer team who become trapped in the Tham Luang cave during an unexpected rainstorm. Faced with insurmountable odds, a team of the world's most skilled and experienced divers -- uniquely able to navigate the maze of flooded, narrow cave tunnels -- join with Thai forces and more than 10,000 volunteers to attempt a harrowing rescue of the twelve boys and their coach. With impossibly high stakes and the entire world watching, the group embarks on their most challenging dive yet, showcasing the limitlessness of the human spirit in the process.

This is a free event for our church and community. Light refreshments are available. Doors open at 5:30PM.



**THURSDAY,
October 20th @ 8:00AM**

Join us as we return for a new season with Men's Breakfast. Led by Pastor Josh, come be encouraged and challenged through God's word and enjoy a delicious meal together! This is a great opportunity to invite a friend!

This Month's Menu:

Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Fried Apples, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pumpkin Muffins, Scones, & Fruit.

Men's Breakfast is the third Thursday of each month. Cost is \$8.00. Sign up in the LEC Lobby.



CENTER 4LIFE LEARNING

2022 FALL

SEMESTER

OCT.7-NOV.18

**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

CLASSES OFFERED:

**Step Out!
Get Inspired!
Have Fun!
Be Entertained!**

**For Class Information or
to Register Visit Our
Website @:
sccumc.com/4lifelearning
or Visit Us on Campus
Mon-Fri
8:30AM - 12:30PM
813-634-8607**

- Acrylic to Watercolor Painting
- Bistro Soleil Charcuterie Workshop
- Autumn Charcuterie Workshop
- Beginning Genealogy
- Beginning Goren Contract Bridge
- Chautauqua V
- Chinese Brush Painting/Sumi-E
- Cut the Cord
- Diabetes Self-Management Education
- Friendship Rocks
- Fundamentals of Economics & Investing
- International Travel
- Managing Life Transitions & Estate Planning
- Music Medicine
- Perspective
- Preparing for Life Changing Events
- Sign Language
- Six Landmark Episodes from World History
- Social Security
- Tea Party Workshop
- The Fifties
- Wellness

JOIN IN THE FUN

REGISTER
NOW



THE
TOT
SPOT



FREE

Designed to meet the needs of toddlers 18-36 mos

Tot Spot is a collaborative “sing and play class” & caregiver social group which meets Tuesdays 9:30am-11:00am

Space is limited & registration is required
for more information

please contact sharon@sccumc.com

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUN CITY CENTER
1971 Haverford Ave. Sun City Center, FL 33573
Creason Hall (Building #3)



**FREE
ENTRY**

Fall Festival



Food Trucks- Bounce Houses
Live Music-Games-Contests- Prizes
Face Painting- Storytelling-Fun Maze



OCT **29**
Saturday
9am-2pm

The United Methodist
Church of Sun City Center
1971 Haverford Ave.
Sun City Center, FL 33573

Fall Fun For The Whole Family

See You at the Concert! - Kevin Goodenow

Now that we had over 400 people in attendance for the “Elvis” Alzheimer Benefit concert, maybe that’s a sign that our northern friends are beginning to trickle back from their summer homes. That’s great news, because we have some show-stopping concerts coming up in October...3 of them!!!!

We will start on Sunday, October 16 at 3:00pm in the 1st Rasmussen Artist Series concert of the new season. We will have the very talented and accomplished local concert pianist, Haig Yaghoobian playing alongside his guest performer, 10 year old violin and piano prodigy Leo Chen from Sarasota. Because that weekend is “Children’s Sabbath” on our UMC church calendar, the entire concert is centered around that theme. Pastor Josh will be on hand to give us an intro to the idea of Children’s Sabbath. We will ask adults to pay a \$10 donation at the door. All kids will enter free that day! We are hoping for a large audience of kids from the local area to attend to enjoy the amazing artistic talents and expressions of both Mr. Yaghoobian and Master Chen. Bring your kids & grandkids!

Friday night, October 21 will find the very unique and talented vocalist Eva Adams performing a concert. Ms. Adams speaks 5 languages fluently, and may give us a taste of that by performing some international favorites and hits, although her bread and butter will be music from the 50’s, 60’s & 70’s. You will really like this lovely lady and her beautiful voice. Then to round out the month, guess who’s coming back? The great barbershop acapella choruses from Tampa, the Toast of Tampa & Heralds of Harmony! You might remember last year, on December 19 we had 650 here to experience their Christmas concert, and it was an awesome concert! This concert will be different, as it will not be Christmas-themed. Tickets are already on sale in the bookstore and on line. You will want to buy your tickets early, as we know there were at least 50-100 people that wanted tickets to the December 19 concert, but got “locked out” due to a sellout. These two groups are both international award winning groups! Whichever concerts you decide to attend, I’ll see you at the concert!



From the Ledger - Dana Wallace

In August we received \$170,420 in income to offset \$236,976 in expenses. This leaves \$66,556 in expenses over income. Our year-to-date income of \$1,588,589 and our year-to-date expenses are \$1,941,849 which leaves us with \$353,259 in expenses over income this year to date. We had anticipated in our planning that we would have \$185 in income over expenses.

Our current mortgage balance is \$1,862,559 down from \$1,987,503 on January 1st. As the fall approaches, we are looking forward to our snowbirds return and with that a return to increased participation.