



Mission of the Month **Children's Ministry**

Our ministry strives to connect children to God by helping them cultivate a personal relationship with Jesus. The Children's Ministry edifies each participant's Christian walk by teaching Godly principles, modeling Christian values and offering Bible teachings to enhance faith formation. We reach children with relational, relevant and experiential opportunities and activities. We plan fun games, enticing lessons and facilitate Christian fellowship multiple times a week. On Sunday mornings, Kid's Club offers a specially designed, age appropriate worship experience during all church services. On Monday evenings, Kid's Club provides an afterschool fellowship to ages 3-11. On Tuesday nights Children's Ministry supports a Drama Club outreach ministry for school-agers. Children's Ministry also hosts several outreach ministries throughout the year such as:

Vacation Bible School as well as Fall, Christmas & Easter community events. We evangelize the Word with traveling Praise Parties and provide tangible support of area grade school students in need. In Luke 18:16 Jesus said

"Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for my kingdom in heaven belongs to such as these."

By providing supportive guidance to edify young Christians and help them grow their faith, we actively aspire to follow Jesus' commandment. Thank you for your generous and continued support.



Scripture of the Month

*He is not
here. For He
is risen.
Come see
the place
where the
Lord lay
and go
quickly and
tell His
disciples.*

Matthew 28:5-7



THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH

"Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a blessing from him."

Psalm 127:3

We are grateful for your generous support



*In Observation of Memorial Day our
Church office will be
CLOSED*

Monday, May 30th



On **Tuesday, May 17th**, the South Bay Genealogical Society will meet at the United Methodist Church in the Life Enrichment Center (LEC), 1210 W Del Webb Blvd, Sun City Center. Beginning at 10:30 am we have 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 will be Amy Lay, who will present "Fold 3: Command and Conquer." It can be very frustrating using Fold 3, which gives us valuable online military records. Amy will walk us through the basics and then give us additional information, tips, and shortcuts to find the records that are valuable for your genealogical research.

The cost is \$15.00 per person for the meal and the presentation. For reservations and meal choice, call Dianna Loudermilk at (864) 607-1330. Make your check payable to SBGS, and mail it to SBGS, P.O. Box 5202, Sun City Center, FL 33571. Your check must be received by *May 5th, 2022.*

Menu:

REGULAR:

Salad, Lasagna,
Vegetable, Brownie Ice
Cream Sundae

VEGETARIAN:

Salad, Vegetarian
Lasagna, Vegetable,
Brownie Ice Cream
Sundae

GLUTEN FREE:

Salad, GF Lasagna,
Vegetable, GF Brownie
Ice Cream Sundae

The Diaper Drive hosted by Friendship Circle during the month of March was a huge success!!

Friendship Circle thanks everyone who made donations!! Our church was able to help support the needs of many families in our surrounding neighborhoods.

*This is a need that sadly does not go away.
Friendship Circle will continue to accept
donations from anyone who wishes to
continue helping these families.*



Friendship Circle monthly meeting will be May 2nd at 1PM with guest visitor Teodora, our church's new organist.

Men's Breakfast

Thursday, May 19th
@ 8:00AM

The cost of breakfast is \$7.00

Plan on attending this month's Men's Breakfast. You are sure to have a great meal and a great time together. Perhaps you can invite a friend to accompany you!

Menu

French Toast Casserole
Bacon
Scrambled Eggs
Quiche
Fresh Fruit
Milk, Juice, & Coffee

*Please register in the
church office.*

813-634-2539



CONGREGATIONAL CARE IS NOW IN SERVICE.

If you know of someone who is in need of a visit from his/her church family, we are available. Please keep us informed when you know someone who is in the hospital, homebound, or in a facility. The only way we can serve our congregation is if you contact us and let us know about someone who is ill or recovering from sickness or an accident.

If you are interested in serving in this very rewarding ministry, please call Pastor Debbie Marion at the church at 813-634-2539 or Elaine Moore at 813-634-4550

There are many ways you can serve the Lord in Congregational Care for example: we need folks to make phone calls, send cards, sew walker bags, cross-body phone holders or key pockets, and sew quilts. Please pray for this ministry and ask the Lord to direct you on how you can serve our wonderful folks who are unable to attend church in person, such as sending cards, making phone calls, or reading to folks whose vision is no longer good enough to read for themselves. We hope to hear from you.



**OneBlood will be here
Sunday, May 8th: 8:30AM - 12:30PM**

**DONORS
RECEIVE**

- \$20 eGift Card
- OneBlood T-shirt
- **Wellness Checkup:** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now

And use sponsor code #15721



Start
your
child's
week off
right!

Believer Breakfast

A free continental
breakfast &
fellowship time
for all ages of
children &
youth.

FREE

9:00am-9:45am



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Sun City Center United Methodist Church 1210 Del Webb Blvd West

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Praise & Worship

9:45am-11:00am

Music, Movement Activities
and Prayer
Children ages 3-11

Contemporary Service
Youth ages 12-18

Bible Lessons & Faith Formation

11:00am-12:00pm
All ages Children & Youth

Register
Today



Night of Worship

Presented by *Broken Together*

Friday, May 20th
6:30PM

Broken Together will be sharing some Contemporary Christian classics by artists such as Crowder, Lauren Daigle, Jenn Johnson, Maverick City, Mac Powell, Ryan Stevenson, We the Kingdom, Matthew West and Zach Williams as well as a couple of 'surprises'. Don't miss this special night of life-changing music! The NIGHT OF WORSHIP is free and open to the public. For more information, please call Jeff Jordan at (813) 260-0153.



"Join the Celebration"

Retirement Reception for
Pastor Sam and Pat Rorer
Sunday, May 8th, 2022

After All Services
LEC Lobby

Cards are welcomed and appreciated.

Let's Make Mother's Day Even More Special This Year!

Sunday, May 8th

In honor of our mothers we are asking all the ladies to wear a hat (a Mother's Day 'bonnet'). If you're like most of us, you remember your mom wearing a hat or *fascinator* (and often gloves as well) to church EVERY Sunday. Thanks, and an early "Happy Mother's Day" to all the ladies in our church family...and everywhere!

Offering Update

We have been saying for awhile that "We Are Back!" Here is another sign of that: due to the easing of COVID restrictions, we will be resuming "passing the plate" during worship services beginning on Sunday, May 8th. Other methods of giving will, of course, be continued for your convenience.

Praise God, we are back!



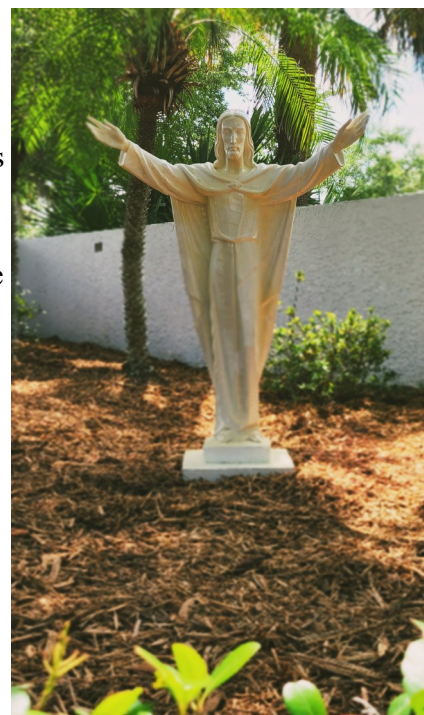
Something Old is New Again

Imagine the year is 1983 when Sun City Center was not nearly as large and sophisticated as it is today, Notwithstanding this, the Rev. Walter Creason has started a United Methodist Church, and a building has just been completed to house the new congregation.

Wanting to welcome this congregation into the local religious community, the Prince of Peace Catholic Church gave the new church a figure of Christ standing with outstretched arms as if to embrace them.

This figure stood for over 25 years in the portico of Creason Hall next to the water fountain. Ravages of time, weather and being handled roughly resulted in its deterioration. Both arms were broken as were several fingers. There were numerous cracks and rust was beginning to show through the finish. Ed Stewart saw the statue standing neglected in a corner and said, "I think I can restore this to its previous glory." He had restored antique furniture as a hobby business when they lived in St. Louis, and he put his patience and skill to work on the restoration .

Now, again after standing neglected for a few years and in consultation with Pastor Sam and Carol Stewart, Jesus has found a new home in the Memorial Garden, After a fresh coat of protective sealant, Jesus' open arms welcome all who will visit as he watches over our loved ones.



When you have a chance you may want to visit the Memorial Garden and spend some time in its serene and comforting setting.

Potters Bowl For Memory Care

On Monday, March 7, 2022, 400 residents from the Greater Sun City Center area gathered at Kings Point's, Veterans Theater for an afternoon of education, fundraising and friendship. This event was called **Potters Bowl For Memory Care**, a vision of Joanie Frantz, Shelly Brooks, and Diane Cantwell. It was co-sponsored by Kings Point Potters Club, the Vesta Property Management and the Sun City Center United Methodist Church. The goal of this event was to raise funds to support BREAKAWAY, a program that offers a day of purpose for seniors with memory issues and respite for the caregivers. Also ear-marked to benefit from funds raised was Samaritan Alzheimer's Auxiliary.

The event raised \$11,000.

The event, which cost \$15.00 to attend, began with perusing the 80 donated auction items including arts and crafts from many of the Kings Point Clubs, as well as the numerous donated gift baskets from individuals and community businesses.



Shown in the photo taken at Samaritans Alzheimer's Auxiliary are Connie Faison, Assistant Coordinator, Jim Butner, Coordinator, and Facilitator's, Shelly Brooks, Diane Cantwell, and Joanie Frantz.



The keynote Speaker was Jennifer O'Brien, PhD. from the University of South Florida Department of Psychology. She educated us in ways to prevent dementia and Alzheimer's with Cognitive Training (PACT). Also speaking were Debbie Caneen, Director of Sun Towers and Marianne Wexler, caregiver extraordinaire, advising us about ways to deal with the disease and help caregivers.

All participants in the event left with a hand crafted pottery bowl, bundles of information from our numerous resource tables, and a better understanding of the effects Alzheimer's has on the individual and their caregivers.



Shown in photo taken at Breakaway from left to right: Renee Tisdale, Shelly Brooks, Diane Cantwell, Pat Hill, (Tia) and Joanie Frantz

Soul Café Continues

Due to popular demand, we
will be continuing our
Monday evening "Soul Café"
beginning this

Monday, April 25 at 5:45

Chef Jenn will prepare us a
delicious dinner (\$5.00) and
then we will trot off to our
classes which will be a
continuation of our
"Characters of Easter".

Pastor Richard leads Couples class,
Becky Layton leads Women's class,
Tom Emigh leads Men's class,
Letha Jones leads Mixed class.
(Class at 4:30PM)

*Menu will be Bruschetta
Chicken (a crowd favorite),
Rice Pilaf and Broccoli.*

Tickets are available in the
church office or you can pay
at the door.



Center 4Life Learning



*Interested in being part of our
school?*

WANTED:

**Instructors for the following
courses:**

**Spanish, French, Italian, Bridge,
Mahjong, and Apple iPhone/iPad**

Fall Semester Begins October 10, 2022

Upcoming Trips

*Life's an adventure.
Hop on the Bus.*



*StarLite Sapphire 2.5 Hour Daytime
Luncheon Cruise with Entertainment*
June 9 - \$61 - Clearwater

*Just For Laughs Dinner Theater,
Buffet and Show "The Decorator"*
July 21 - \$61 - Largo

*Daytime Music Cruise, Anna Maria Princess Paddle
Wheel, Bradenton Beach, and Lunch on Your Own
& Shopping at Der Dutchman*
September 13 - \$70 - Sarasota

Sponge Capital of the World
August 11 - \$42 - Tarpon Springs

Mt. Dora High Tea & Shopping
October 11 - \$56 - Mt. Dora

Marina Jack II Sunset Dinner Cruise
November 10 - \$89 - Sarasota

Signup Today!

Center 4Life Learning

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Children's Ministry News, May 2022

An "Egg"cellent "Egg"stravaganza

On April 9th the Youth and Children's Ministries hosted an Easter community outreach event called The Easter "Egg"stravaganza. Not only was it a lot of fun, it was a huge success. More than 75 area families came to celebrate with us.

Our Biblical Peep Diorama Contest uncovered artists hidden in our midst. Let my "Peeple go" a depiction of Moses parting the red sea created out of Peeps, came in 1st place. So many volunteers gave of their time and resources to make this event special and seamless.

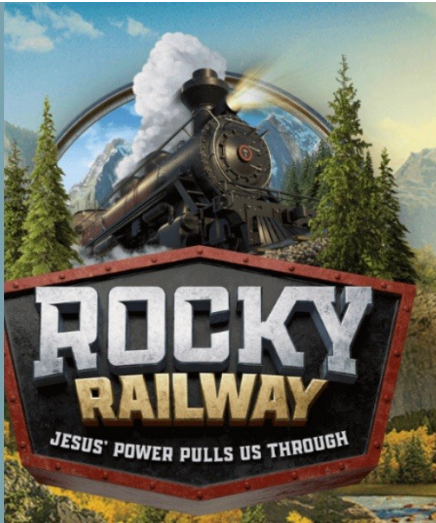
The "Cake Walk" was a HUGE success. We owe it all the the baking talents of the wonderful parishioners at Sun City Center UMC. Thank you!!



Best selling author, Linda Winwood came to speak to the Children and Youth. Her unique take on retelling the Easter story with plastic eggs was a delight.

Important Dates....

- May 21st Drama Club Play
- VBS set up June 7th-10th
- VBS June 13th-17th



YOU'RE INVITED TO VBS

JUNE 13th-17th

9am-12pm

www.SCCUMC.com

FREE

Volunteers are still needed in all areas for VBS. Areas of special need include van drivers and monitors, crew leaders, decorators and more! There is a need for anyone who has it in their heart to help.

Be on the lookout for dates and times the VBS Planning Committee is meeting and come join



UTC Youth "Happenings"

Confirmation classes will begin on Monday, May 2 and run through Monday, May 23 during our regularly scheduled time for youth on Monday evenings, which is from 6pm-8pm in Creason. We would like to thank the following sponsors/mentors for graciously volunteering their time and helping our youth form a solid foundation of faith: Bob Bartosh, Grace & Ray Bibisi, Jenn Dunlap, Joy Dunn, Kay & Tom Emigh, Bill Fleck, Mike Fox, Jeff Jordan, Bill Laurent, Lewis Marion, John McEneaney, Connie Ream, Marcia Rentz, Mike Schoonover, Shirley Walker, and Linda & Mike Whitt.

We are still in desperate need of van drivers and monitors. We are currently running 2 vans that make 5 stops in total. I am confident that we will need to run a 3rd route in the very near future. Please prayerfully consider becoming a van driver 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 ext. 110.

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

Bill Turner



Updated Office Hours

Beginning in May, the church office will no longer be open on Fridays.

Office Hours:

Sunday: 8:00AM-12:00PM

Monday-Thursday: 8:30AM-4:00PM



A Note from Mary Petro:

“ ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me....’ ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you ... or needing clothes and clothe you. When did we see you sick ... and go visit you?’ The King will reply. ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ ”

In the early 2000s, Mary Petro saw a need in the Sun City Center area. Many of her neighbors were living month to month, week to week, even day to day. Sometimes people were forced to choose between buying food and medicine for themselves or for their pets. Mary Petro decided to do something about it!. When she died in 2009 at age 96, she left her estate to establish a fund that would help her former neighbors in Sun City Center and Kings Point who need assistance with food and medicine.

The Mary Petro Food and Medicine Fund generates more than \$100,000 a year that is distributed to those in need who live in Sun City Center or the

Kings Point retirement community. The program is administered for the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay by the Sun City Center United Methodist Church.

Times have been tough for everyone lately, but times are even tougher for those who depend on the Mary Petro Fund to get through the week or the month. Now, the benefits only pay for about 90% of what they paid for a few months ago. For many of us, the ten per cent inflation is something we just have to budget for and work around. For those who depend on their Mary Petro Fund payments, it can literally be a matter of life and death.

The Mary Petro Fund needs you. Can you spare a few hours a week?

Please become a volunteer. The experience will leave you feeling better about things. There are many tasks you can do that will still leave you with plenty of spare time. Do you have an extra dollar or five? Make a donation to the Mary Petro Fund. See Pat Hill for details on how you can help. Remember what Jesus said:

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00AM - 2:00PM

813-634-8306

Friday Night at the Movies

May 13th, 2022 @ 6PM



Tortured for Christ, the Nazi years, is the true story of how God's love transformed ambitious, atheistic, hedonists into one of the greatest Christian couples of the 20th century.

The film opens with Sabina Wurmbrand risking her life to show Christ's love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. Why? Why would a Jewish Christian risk her life to help her enemies...members of the army that killed her entire family.

Experience the amazing true story that has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the world.

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



Kings Point Veterans Theater

Show times: Thursday, May 5th at 7:00PM
Friday, May 6th at 7:00PM

Tickets: \$10.00 and a can of cat food

This version of the musical is written for high school students and is produced by a group of home-schooled youth ages 10 – 19. They are also a Christian group that are amazingly talented in voice, dance, and putting on an unforgettable show. The tickets can be purchased at the Kings Point box office...just tell the security at the gate you are there to buy tickets. The seating is cabaret style, so you can bring drinks and snacks.

The Collins children are involved in this production (who were at one time part of our UMC family). It is also a "Feline Folks" fundraiser, so we welcome a can of cat food when you come for the play.



South Shore Christian Women's Connection

Please join us for a fun filled luncheon Event.
Wednesday, May 11th / 11:30AM-1:30PM

"Bee All that you Can Be"

Special Feature: *Jan Allen*, from Pat's Apiaries, to tell us about the importance of bees, raising bees and benefits of honey.

Guest Speaker: *Penny Zee*

"The different kinds of love and the Love that Makes a Difference."

RSVP to Rocky Heniken 602-620-1785 or
sswcflorida@gmail.com by May 6th

SEE YOU AT THE CONCERT - Kevin Goodenow

The biggest stretch of our annual concert season is over, and most of our northern friends have returned to their somewhat cooler states for the summer. What a season it has been, though! Over the last 4 months we have had 4 concerts with over 600 in attendance, and 2 more with 500, and even a couple more with 300 or over. That's a fantastic result on what I will call the "back end" of our 2 year odyssey otherwise known as "the pandemic". Although you only see our STARS, AVL folks and me on Friday nights, it takes a lot more than that for our concert series to operate smoothly. It takes our receptionist who sells tickets, our UMCSCC webpage gal, our accounting department specialist who issues checks to the performers, and even other "behind the scenes" people to make it all happen. So my hats off and heartfelt thanks to all of those that do their jobs so well, and with such enthusiasm!

Now that we have made it through our busiest few months, it's time to take a break, so we will not be hosting any concerts during the month of May. We will come back in June, however, as we have Alan Curtis Tripp scheduled for a Friday night concert on June 17th. Alan is an amazingly talented pianist who plays almost all styles and genres of music, making them all sound as if he wrote them. He is funny, quirky, insightful, faithful and a joy to hear when he is playing. If you have seen him before, you know what I am talking about. If you haven't seen him before, treat yourself to his concert. You will not be sorry, I promise! His concert will begin at 7:00pm Friday night, June 17th, and we will ask for a \$10 donation at the door. Alan has toured many countries, and has also accompanied many gospel greats, such as Larry Ford, the famous baritone from the Gaither group. Tripp once performed here with Scott Griffin in a "dueling pianos" type of act called "Kaptivating Keyboards". They received several standing ovations.



Alan Curtis Tripp

Since there are no concerts coming up in May, let me take a moment to tell you we have received a commitment from the Ditchfields to return for another Christmas concert this year. They will be here December 2nd at 7:00pm. They presented a "standing ovation" type of Christmas concert here last year. They loved our venue and crowd, and were delighted to be invited back. Reserve that date on your calendar! It may well be the best Christmas concert within 50 miles of UMCSCC this year. They are an incredibly gifted family vocal group.

Thank you for your support of our TGIV Concert series, both on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons.
As always, see you at the concert!

FROM THE LEDGER

In March we received \$ 214,416 in income to offset \$ 247,232 in expenses. This leaves \$32,816 in expenses over income. Our year-to-date income is \$648,505 and our year-to-date expenses are \$686,472 which leaves us with \$37,967 in expenses over income this year to date. We would normally have \$1,660 in expenses over income to be covered by our savings. This includes \$18,000 in A/C, AVL, and B&G unanticipated repairs and improvements.

Our current mortgage balance is \$ 1,940,854 down from \$1,987,503 on January 1st.