

# *The* Happening

October 2025

## Mission of the Month

### *Volunteer Response Team (VRT)*

We are a dedicated group of Christian volunteers who contribute to community projects, assist with His Helpers, maintain our church, respond to disasters, and promote recycling. Please note that anyone can help, even if they are not a member of the VRT.

This summer, we had a successful experience helping Residing Hope for Youths by refinishing furniture, making several recycling runs, and cleaning the mural from the sidewalk.

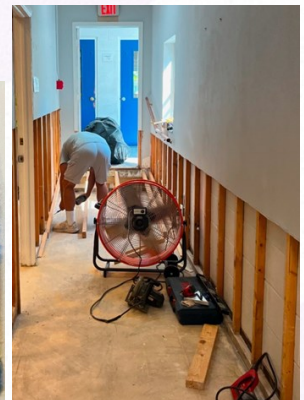
Our next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2025, in Room 19 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

The Volunteer Response Team (VRT) of Sun City Center is always in search of individuals with diverse skills to join our ranks. In addition to those skilled with tools, we also welcome cooks, organizers, administrators, and anyone willing to provide a caring Christian presence.

If you're interested in becoming an active member of our VRT, please consider attending our monthly meeting and signing up for our VRT email at [<http://eepurl.com/gew3MD>](<http://eepurl.com/gew3MD>).

#### **Opportunities to Serve:**

- Away Missions (3 to 5 days)
- Local Missions – FLUMC Team (1-day missions)
- On-Site Service at Our Church
- His Helpers (assisting individuals within our church or community)
- Recycling





## Pastor's Corner – Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems

Dear Friends,

Last week during our staff's worship planning meeting we found ourselves planning for October worship as well as the Unity in Prayer service and subsequent weekly prayer services during the month of October (every Thursday at 12 noon and 6 p.m. for 30 minutes, do come!). Our worship planning team includes the pastors and music leaders in our services. We brainstorm ideas for sermons, choose music, consider special prayers and other creative elements. It is always a deeply meaningful and energizing experience. But last week I found myself smiling from ear to ear as the planning came to a close. We had prepared some very special worship elements, considered many different ideas, confirmed the details and had a wonderful time of laughter, singing, seriousness and silliness as we worked. I left the session with a big smile because it felt as if the Lord had truly been present with us in our planning and in our fellowship.

Later in the week one of our church committees met. It is a group that does not meet regularly so we took the time to go around the room and introduce ourselves, sharing something special about the church or our relationship to it. Two different people shared a version of this: "I love Sundays. No matter what kind of week I am having, I always come away from worship with joy in my heart."

Friends, THIS is why we do what we do. This is why we take time to plan worship themes and special music and prayers. This is why we try to find creative ways to call us to prayer and reflect on scripture. Our hope is that when we worship together, we truly experience God. That when we worship together, we experience God's goodness, God's challenge and God's love. And, when we leave worship, we are filled with God's peace and joy. This is my hope for all of our in-person and online worshipers. We invite you to share with us your ideas for more meaningful worship as we increase our love and our joy! See you on Sunday!

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Cynthia Weems

### Welcome New Members!

Please welcome those who joined our church family in September! When you see them, give a warm welcome and take the time to get to know them. It is always a blessing to receive new members into our church family!

David & Misti Kai Gwynne

Mike & Janine Hulland

Keven & Lynn Hammonds



### Annual Charge Conference

**Thursday, October 23**

**2:30 p.m. in the LEC**

All are invited to attend the church's annual meeting where new leaders are approved and ministries of the church are lifted up. The Charge Conference is open to all, however only full members of UMC Sun City Center will be able to vote on voting matters.

## CHRISTIANITY'S FAMILY TREE

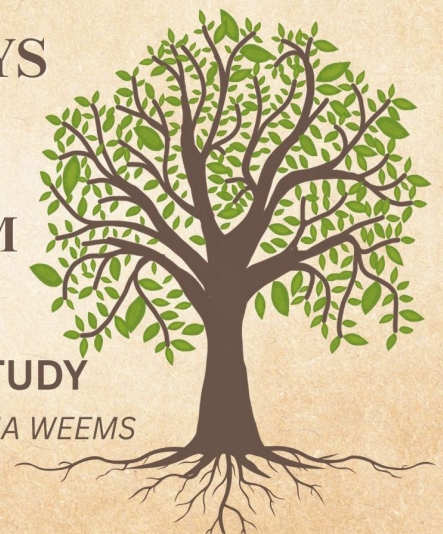
*Exploring our Roots, Trunk & Branches*

**WEDNESDAYS  
OCTOBER  
1, 8, & 15**

**AT 2PM & 6PM  
IN THE LEC**

**A THREE-WEEK STUDY**

*LED BY PASTOR CYNTHIA WEEMS*



No sign-up or study material required.  
Bibles available to purchase for \$15.



## Vivacious Ministries with Victoria Sorensen

“In the tapestry of life, October weaves the threads of change and gratitude.” – Unknown

Welcome to October! As the weather starts to cool down and the days get longer, it allows us to reflect on what we have accomplished this year and what is yet to come. I love how God brings us to an end of one chapter into another to keep us focused on what is tremendously important—Him! It is truly a gift that we bring to our neighbors and our surrounding community when we focus on what God is asking us to do for each other. Each Wednesday the Prayer Group focuses on praying for the needs of our congregation and those in our community that need healing, strength, comfort and, of course love through our many acts of kindness.

This year has continued the tradition of extending support to those who need it most. As we transition from our Back-to-School efforts, we remain committed to preparing our students for success by assisting their families, local schools, seniors, and our most vulnerable community members.

Over this past month we have focused our efforts on our Bare Necessities for All Mission by purchasing items to support individuals who need clothing, personal hygiene items, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other items to help them take care of their basic day-to-day needs. Thanks to our Community Foundation of Tampa Bay Grant of \$10K, we have been fortunate to help students, families, seniors, and others in our community. I was truly fortunate to visit with local school social workers to discuss the needs of the students and families they continue to assist, including those student families who are homeless. Hearing their words of how they continue to help students and families in need reinforced the need for our help through this mission as well as our seniors living in assisted living facilities with no family in the area to help them with their needs.

Shirley Walker and I took a trip to Palmetto to visit Anchor House and learn more about how they help dock workers and seafarers from around the world. Chaplain Jeff, Luke and a team of volunteers support these men with food, diddy bags, spending time in conversation, and sharing about the Gospel. Anchor House is dedicated to reaching out to, and serving, both international seafarers and the wider SeaPort Manatee community in Palmetto, through worship services, providing transportation to the store, or offering a welcoming place to rest; they are committed to supporting and enriching the SeaPort community. Encounters such as visiting schools, and places like Anchor House, allow us to stau involved with our community helping others along the way through our ministry and mission work, working hand-in hand to make lives better.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, we kicked off our Alzheimer's Walk for a Cure with the annual benefit concert on the campus. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the Billy “Elvis” Lindsay concert. Funds raised during this event benefit the Alzheimer's Association and help find a cure for those living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. I encourage all of you to join us on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Alzheimer's Walk hosted here on our campus. If you are interested in joining our team, or making a donation, please reach out to me. Additionally if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me for that as well, my email is: [victoria@seccumc.com](mailto:victoria@seccumc.com)

On Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a health clinic with BayCare Community Health from 10:00am until 2:00pm in the LEC Lobby. Screenings included A1C, Glucose, and Blood Pressure screenings in addition to Body Mass Index (BMI) screenings, and Flu vaccines were also administered to those in the community who participated. A “BIG” thank you to the BayCare Community Health team that made this event possible.

Thank you for your help and volunteer work you do to help through our different ministries and missions. **WE** could not do what we do in our community and abroad without your help and financial support. Thank you for answering God's call to love each other fully.

Much Love and Many Blessings to each of You!  
Victoria

## Celebrating all God's creatures! **Blessing of the Animals**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17  
8:30AM - 10:00AM**

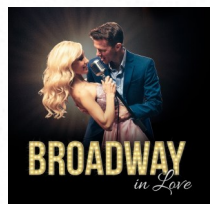
**In the fenced area  
near Creason Hall**





## Thank God It's Variety (T.G.I.V.) - Larry Hirschak

As we approach the end of the year, our concert series is beginning to pick up with some new and exciting artists! These artists are among the **best** in their genre of entertainment!



On October the 17<sup>th</sup>, prepare to be swept off your feet by **Broadway in Love**, the concert experience that's been exhilarating audiences around the country. Discover the laughter, thrills and chills of Broadway's greatest songs as shared by real-life Broadway married couple, **Libby Servais** (Glinda from "Wicked") and **Stephan Stubbins** ("Mary Poppins"). With their undeniable chemistry, and award-winning talent, Libby and Stephan weave together an unforgettable experience of songs, laughter, stories and show-stopping moments. Featuring songs from... "Wicked", "Beautiful", "The Sound of Music", "Jersey Boys", "9 to 5", "My Fair Lady", "Frozen", "The Phantom of the Opera" and many more!

Their love story began in the vineyards of wine country where they met performing in **Broadway Under the Stars** together. After living on opposite coasts for six years they married in August of 2019 and have been singing together ever since. In addition to both individually performing on Broadway in NYC, side by side they've performed in Broadway concerts, 4th of July celebrations, city tree lightings, corporate events, with the Symphony POPS, and in concert with Kristin Chenoweth.

Applauded by critics as "dynamite" and "exceptionally gifted," Libby Servais was most recently seen on Broadway as Glinda in the hit show **Wicked**. Her crystal-clear voice, superb comedic timing, and endearingly sweet spirit are what have made her a favorite on Broadway, in concert, and in theaters across America.



**Lauren Talley** is one of Christian music's most dynamic talents and has inspired a generation of young people to serve the Lord. She will be in concert on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Born into a rich musical heritage, Lauren sang her first solo at age 2 when she toddled onto the stage, interrupted her family's concert and announced she wanted to "thing." Lauren went on to make her own mark on the gospel music world as a member of her family group, The Talleys, with whom she received numerous awards, including a 2015 Dove Award for their song, "Hidden Heroes." Lauren's lead vocals shine on eleven number one hits for the group.

She has recorded seven solo albums, including 2019's unprecedented release of two albums simultaneously, "Glorious God: Songs of Worship and Wonder," and "Loudest Praise: Hymns Of Mercy, Love and Grace." Her 2017 album, "The Gospel," reached the number one position on Billboard's southern gospel chart. She is also the author of "Songs In The Night," a companion devotional book to her 2010 album of the same title. Lauren performs solo concerts and is a featured singer and speaker for many women's conferences and special events across the country. She is frequently recognized for her appearances on numerous Gaither Homecoming videos and concerts, RFD-TV's "The Music City Show," and "In Touch" with Dr. Charles Stanley. In 2014 she was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in Worship Arts from John Wesley University.

When not traveling or recording her own music, Lauren often serves as studio background singer and producer for other recordings and works with emerging artists as a voice and performance coach.

There will be one more Rasmussen Artist Series recital on October 19th to complete the 2025 season, but the details are not complete at this time. Keep an eye out for this one!

Thank you for supporting this special outreach ministry of the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center!!

Larry Hirschak,

*Thank God It's Variety Concert Coordinator*





# DONATE BLOOD

*for Childhood Cancer Awareness!*

## Sun City Center United Methodist Church

### Sunday, October 5

### 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

All donors receive\*:

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

*Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.*



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code **15721**



~Donors receive~



~Plus~



~Plus~



**oneblood**   
Share your power.

## Missions Team Update

Because of the importance of our Mission Team activities, we have completed a reassessment of our structure, format, and purpose to more effectively carry out those mission opportunities.

Shirley Walker is our new Mission of the Month Coordinator. Her primary accountability will be to help decide the following year's Missions of the Month and to work closely with representatives of each mission to ensure effective communication with our congregation.

Sarah Taylor is our new International Mission Planning Team Coordinator. Her accountability will involve continuing to build on the existing relationships with our Cuba Sister Church, our India Sister Church, and Watoto, as well as establishing new international mission relationships in the future. This group has a goal of one international mission trip every two years.

Sylvia Pomrenke is our new Local, State, and National Mission Coordinator with accountability of building our existing relationships with Inspira and Residing Hope Children's Home as well as effectively carrying out the missions activities of Matthew 25, our Food Pantry, and the Volunteer Response Team. Additionally, this group will seek opportunities with different non-profits helping those in need. This group has a goal of one hands-on mission trip each year.

Our new Mission of the Month Application Review Board will have primary accountability for deciding the following year's Missions of the Month after receiving the applications in September of each year.

Our new structure provides multiple advantages:

- Creates a much clearer, better organizational and reporting structure
- Creates clear new volunteer leadership position descriptions
- Offers the opportunity for even more volunteers from our congregation within the Mission Team
- Encourages building closer relationships with our existing mission entities
- Expands our missional opportunities locally, state wide, nationally, and internationally
- Provides avenues for our Mission Team to become even more transparent in providing mission information to our congregation

If you feel a calling to be a part of the missions activities of our church, please don't hesitate to reach out to Victoria Sorensen, Director of Ministries at [Victoria@sccumc.com](mailto:Victoria@sccumc.com)



# Congregational Care

As followers of Jesus, we are drawn to light, to the Light that shone before the sun was created. As John 8:12 describes, "when Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

As members of the Congregational Care team, we want to bring the light of Jesus to others. It's easy to forget that the sun is not our forever source of light; Jesus is. God has called us to be light in this world. "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light" Ephesians 5:8.

As we share the light with others, we invite you to join our Congregational Care team. If you would like to have a visit or a phone call, please contact the church at 813-634-2539.



# Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 19.

The program will be "Getting to Know You", so join us and share something no one knows about you. This will be a fun-filled time to spend in fellowship with the group. Look forward to seeing you there!



## South Shore Christian Women's Connection

*Please join us for a fun filled luncheon Event.*

**Wednesday, October 8th  
11:30AM-1:30PM**

Special Feature: **Rhonda Altman**, teacher & artist.  
"Play and Clay"

Guest Speaker: **June Bialicki** - "8 Precious Words that Changed My Life"

Life brought situations and June was caught in wrong choices, until she found the roadway to hope. Clear message of encouragement.

*RSVP: Nancy Decker 813-454-5509 or  
mndecker1971@yahoo.com*

Program Cost: \$22

All reservation and payment received by **October 2nd**.  
*Checks payable to Stonecroft Ministries.*

Mail to:

*Nancy Decker  
5203 Admiral Pointe Dr.  
Apollo Beach FL33572*

# Pages of Life Bookstore



## New Inventory:

The Hallelujah Girls have arrived at the Pages of Life Bookstore! Be sure to stop by and grab your very own, specially curated piece of jewelry for SCCUMC. This stunning item is sure to be a statement piece and a fantastic conversation starter!

**Store Hours:** Sunday: 9:30AM - 12:30PM  
Mon-Thur: 10AM - 2PM  
Fri & Sat: Closed

# New Church Notary

If you require notary services, please schedule an appointment with Aisling Turner, Director of Operations and Administration. Appointments can be scheduled during office hours.

You can make appointments by calling the office or send an email to [aturner@sccumc.com](mailto:aturner@sccumc.com)



# CENTER 4LIFE LEARNING

Step out, get inspired, have fun, be entertained! There is a wide variety of classes and day trips that will liven up your life.

**2025 Fall Semester  
Begins October 6th**

**Registration is Open**

Register Online, Visit the Office, or  
See Sue on the Patio

**Monday - Friday  
8:30AM - 12:30PM  
813-634-8607**

[www.sccumc.com/4lifelearning](http://www.sccumc.com/4lifelearning)

## CLASSES AVAILABLE:

### ART

- Beginning Calligraphy
- Modern Dot Art
- Intermediate Quilling

### FINANCE

- Investment, Estate, and Tax Planning

### HEALTH

- End-of-Life Planning for You and Your Family
- Plant-Powered Living: A Holistic Approach to Vibrant Health
- Therapeutic Writing for People in 12 Step Recovery

### TECHNOLOGY

- Android Smartphones & Tablets

### HISTORY

- Beginning Genealogy
- Film History of American War Movies
- The Constitutional Convention of 1787

### LANGUAGE

- Sign Language
- Beginners Conversational Spanish: Level II

### DISCUSSION

- Artificial Intelligence
- Chautauqua XI
- Rock, Reason & Resolution: Philosophy You Already Know
- UFOs
- Understanding Modern Art
- What in the World?



## Center 4Life Learning's upcoming trips and tours!



SunKicks, Lunch and Christmas Show  
Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater

**December 18, 2025**

Tour of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox  
Cathedral and explore Tarpon Spring

**January 14, 2026**



Once Upon a Mattress, Musical,  
Manatee Performing Arts Center

**January 22, 2026**

StarLite Sapphire Luncheon Cruise,  
South Pasadena

**February 12, 2026**



The Cemetery Club, Dramatic Comedy,  
Manatee Performing Arts Center

**February 25, 2026**

Bright Star, musical Production,  
Manatee Performing Arts Center

**March 5, 2026**



Miss Saigon: Lunch and Musical,  
Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater

**March 21, 2026**



And Then There Were None, Classic  
Mystery Drama, Manatee Performing  
Arts Center

**April 15, 2026**



**Reservations Fill Up Fast –  
Register Today!**

Contact the Center 4Life Learning office at  
813-634-8607

email at [center4life@sccumc.com](mailto:center4life@sccumc.com),  
or visit our website at [www.sccumc.com/4lifelearning](http://www.sccumc.com/4lifelearning)

## STAYING STRONG!! One-Day Wellness Class

Discover Your Health Journey: Join Our  
Empowering Class!

Where do you stand on your health ladder? The  
choices you make can significantly influence your  
well-being. Join our class to gain the tools necessary  
for navigating your own path to staying strong!

**Featured Speaker: Dean Walters**

Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach &  
Certified Senior Personal Trainer specializing in  
corrective exercise for older adults.

**Class Highlights:**

- Learn how the chemicals in common household  
and personal care products may be impacting  
your health and discover effective alternatives.
- Explore what activities you want to continue  
doing for years to come—whether it's walking,  
running, playing games, traveling, or lifting your  
grandchildren. Join us to learn how to enhance  
your healthy living.
- Empower yourself! Understand that you CAN  
REBUILD!
- Bring your questions!

**Event Details:**

- When: Saturday, October 18, from 11:00 AM -  
1:30 PM (Lunch included)
- Where: Room 30 (Sanctuary building, follow the  
hallway on the left to the back)
- Cost: \$10 (Payment to be made at the Center  
4Life Learning Office)
- Hosted By: Weiss Wellness and West Coast  
Health Leaders

RSVP: Jeannie Weiss at 305-496-7321 or  
[jeannie@healthgenie.life](mailto:jeannie@healthgenie.life)





## Coming Soon - Bible Study led by Sarah Taylor

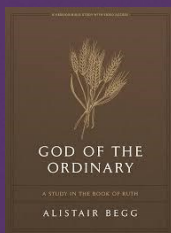


The book of Ruth is an unforgettable tale of purity, faithfulness, innocence, loyalty, duty, and love. Yet it is set in dark times. The final verse of the book of Judges, which precedes Ruth in the Bible, tells us that “in those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did

what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). The time was marked by apostate religion, lawlessness, invasions, and tribal war.

Against this backdrop of strife and chaos, Ruth is a story of ordinary people in Bethlehem making the most of their bad situation—and finding God in the midst of it.

Starting Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am, Sarah Taylor will be leading this 6-session Bible study by renowned pastor **Alistair Begg** reminding us that no matter how dark or dramatic our days may seem, God still protects His people and accomplishes His purposes.



Men and woman are welcome to participate. Study will take place in Room 30. Books will be available to purchase at the front office for \$20.



October has five Sundays and our fifth Sunday giving is always committed to Residing Hope. Residing Hope was established as an orphanage in 1908, 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 enables 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, Residing Hope 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.

## A Port in the Storm

Pastor Travis Taylor

From 2013-2016, I left church ministry for a season to serve families in crisis. I took a position as a Family Consultant for a Christian non-profit working with families whose children had been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Children were placed in foster homes or, in more severe cases, residential care. I quickly learned through that experience that even though abuse and neglect had left its mark on these children, *removal* was often the most traumatic experience most would face. In the midst of such turbulence, I learned that what these children needed most was a port in the storm. They needed safe people and stable homes where they could heal. Residing Hope is such a port.

On Sunday, September 14th, I and 12 other missionaries made the 2-hour trek to Enterprise Florida to serve children in crisis. Over 50 pieces of bedroom furniture were sanded down and resurfaced to provide every child with a fresh new start. In the evenings, the group divided and prepared dinner for 4 cottages (approximately 35 children and house parents). They were able to interact, play games, and even watch impromptu dance performances by some of the children.

I personally want to thank all who gave their time and energy to go and shine a little light in dark places.

Looking forward to serving with you again!





**Friday Night at the Movies  
Presents:**

Bring a Friend,  
Make a Friend,  
Everything is Better  
with Sprinkles

**ICE  
Cream**

**Social**

**PARTY**

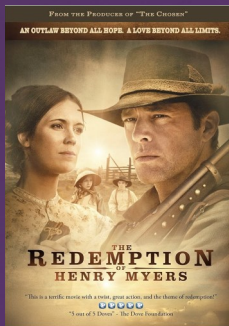
**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 10  
4:30-5:30 pm**

**In the LEC Lobby**



**Friday Night  
at the Movies**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT 6:00PM**



**The Redemption of Henry Myers:** is a raw, gritty tale of second chances in a world where every decision could mean life or death. Henry's journey isn't just about escaping his past; it's about finding redemption in a place where hope is as scarce as water. Can Henry find a way out of the life he's lived, or is he

doomed to repeat his mistakes? With a relentless drive for survival and a mounting sense of urgency, Henry's struggle to overcome his past becomes a fight for his very soul.

This is a free event for our community and church. Donations are gladly accepted for light refreshments. Doors open at 5:30PM.



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 8:00AM**

Please plan to join this month's Men's Breakfast. It'll be a good time with good guys, so don't be afraid to bring a buddy with you. Whether you're a regular attendee or a first-timer, this event promises a warm welcome and lots of laughter. So mark your calendars, and don't miss out on this chance to connect and recharge. We can't wait to see you there!

Men's Breakfast is the third Thursday of each month. Cost is \$10.00. Please sign up by October 12th.



**FALL LADIES BRUNCH**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025  
10:00 AM**

Come and join us for a morning of fun, fashion, and entertainment.

We will begin with a quirky little fashion show, followed by brunch, and ending with a delightful performance by some Pelican Players, titled,

Samantha & Josiah: "A Allegory on Wimmen's Rights" by Marietta Holley

Our menu will include a variety of wraps, pasta salad, chips and cookies. The cost is \$12.00 and must be paid on or before Sunday, October 19. As before, we are limiting seating to 100, so sign up early. This will be a brunch you won't want to miss!





## Break Away with 'Breakaway' - Renee Tisdale



We've had another amazing month at Breakaway!! After missing the final week of August, I returned to find that Jennilyn, who was in charge, put the Bad Boys in jail! I don't know what they did and didn't question because some of them sure look happy to be there!



Since we don't get the same fall beauty as up north, we've been creating our own and decorating Creason Hall. Stop by some time and check out our trees that we painted with Q-Tip's, our leaves that we painted using magnets and paperclips, and our latest sun-catchers!



We made leaf shaped clay trinket dishes one day. After letting them dry for several days we painted and sealed them. Everyone has took theirs home and some people have asked if they will be available for sale at *Breakaway Creations*... maybe!! Speaking of our store, have you seen our latest items? Halloween and Fall items are beginning to appear just like in the real stores, Christmas will be out soon!



We were treated to a performance by Starlight Entertainment and the Kings Point Hula Honeys! We had a great time learning about the origins of the dance and, of course, watching the show. It's no secret that we love to dance every afternoon, so I wasn't surprised when I saw one or two of our friends attempting to hula themselves!



I've mentioned before that we are willing to try just about anything at least once because sometimes it's a hit. Working with clay for example, it's a hit! Painting with home-made puffy paint, not so much! We had fun trying to create ice cream cones, but sensory issues are real and not everyone cared for the texture while another thought it



was *real* ice cream. The game Left, Right, Center was a semi hit, just like our giant beach ball. We'll try again with modifications!

Coming up, we have many new projects to try and some tried and true ones as well! Look for us Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Walk to End Alzheimer's. We'll have some of our items from *Breakaway Creations* for sale. On Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> some of us will be bringing our Literal Fashion Show to the Ladies Brunch and in between we'll be spreading joy around the campus with some of our creations! Look for pictures and videos on our Breakaway Respite Ministry Facebook Page.

If you're looking for a way to serve Jesus, those living with dementia and have fun while you're doing it, we could use a few more volunteers! We also need lunch on Wednesdays. If interested in either, please stop by Breakaway or contact me at 634-2539 ext. 1011



THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S  
STARTS WITH *you.*

Join  
The  
Walk



**Saturday, October 4th**  
8:30: Ceremony | 8:45 Promise Garden | 9:00 WALK

Register Today



*I'm so blessed, hallelujah, I'm blessed! I'm so blessed, hallelujah, I'm blessed!*

That intro from the song of the same name by the contemporary Christian group Cain really sums up how I feel right now... BLESSED! I love my family, our church family, my music ministry, the Men's Bible Study that I facilitate [a GREAT bunch of guys!], participating in the Congregational Care ministries, this special 'sunny' community, and the lovely lady with whom I get to share life. Yes, I am very blessed. I'd once again like to thank the Staff-Parrish Relations Team for recognizing the breadth of my ministry here and allowing that to be reflected in my official title.

And I think I'm the happiest when I'm the busiest, and that's a natural segue into the events of October when things really 'heat up' around here. One important event that I'd like to highlight is the *Listening Session & Resource Fair* hosted by the Disability Awareness Ministry Team on Sunday afternoon, October 12 that 3PM. The goal of the *Fair* is to help our church and our community be as inclusive as possible, both physically and spiritually, to those who are differently-abled. Jennilyn Crawford and I will be facilitating, and it's free and open to the public.

If you attended the *Unity in Prayer* service at the end of last month, you probably have a sense of how important it is for us to come together as Believers to bring unity to our community and our country in a time where there isn't much to be found. To that end, the Pastors have decided to begin short, prayer-focused, mid-week services that will continue this much-needed activity. PLEASE consider being a part of these weekly gatherings of Christian brothers and sisters!

Finally, a reminder that we are ALWAYS looking for singers for the Chancel Choir and ringers for one of our three handbells ensembles, and please remember that there are NO auditions, just open arms. Simply come see Jeff, Teo, or Nancy and we'll get you started. Also, there's still room for more *Christmas Cantata* singers [rehearsals at 1:45PM on Thursday afternoons] and *Madrigal Dinner* singers [rehearsals start on December 1<sup>st</sup>]. Don't forget to check out the *Alzheimer's Walk*, the *Falltoberfest*, the *Blessing of the Animals*, and all of the fine concerts this month [thanks Larry for these!]

Blessings, church family, and as always, *Soli Deo Gloria*

Jeff

## UNITY IN PRAYER Services

**THURSDAYS**  
**12:00PM &**  
**6:00PM**

We have set aside October as a dedicated Month of Prayer. Join us each Thursday for 30 minutes services starting October 2<sup>nd</sup> at either noon or 6PM. Our time together will be focused in prayer, scripture and listening for God's voice. We invite you to come and invite others who seek a prayerful response to today's divisions.

Disabilities Awareness  
Ministry Team



## Listening Session & Resource Fair

**Sunday, October 12, 2025**  
**at 3:00 pm in the LEC**

This event is open to everyone. Whether you deal with a disability yourself, have someone you know with a disability, or are someone who wants to help our churches be as inclusive as possible to people who are differently-abled, please come and participate in our listening session.



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