



# The *Happening*

September 2022

## *Scripture of the Month*

*I can do all  
things  
through  
Christ who  
strengthens  
me.*

**Philippians 4:13**

## **Mission of the Month**

### *Alzheimer's*

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

One of three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia.  
More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's.  
Over 11 million people are serving as unpaid caregivers.  
More than 10 million American women are either living with Alzheimer's disease or caring for someone who has it.  
Dementia is one of the costliest conditions to society.  
The Alzheimer's Association is the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research.

**The Sun City Center Alzheimer's walk hosted by our church will  
be Saturday, October 15, 2022.**

We appreciate the support you have given to us in the past and we  
look forward to seeing everyone at this year's walk.

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





# SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

## SHOES THAT FIT



Childhood is supposed to be a magical, carefree time, but kids can suffer excruciating stigma, bullying, and ridicule... all for lack of decent shoes. That



reality is true right here in our community. The simple gift of new shoes can be a new lease on life for a child in need.

*"I love the smile that it puts on my students' faces. It gives my kids an equal opportunity to be able to have good shoes in gym and increases their confidence."* - A Teacher

Our church was able to purchase 30 pairs of shoes for children going back to school from our community. Many of the families said their children would not have had shoes if it was not for our church and help from the Matthew 25 Mission Team.



## BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



The Back to School Supply Drive was a huge success!!

The drive was held during the month of July and drop off locations included our church and the Emergency Squad of Sun City Center. Deputy Jeff Merry was able to fill a truck load of boxes filled with school supplies from your donations. Donations ranged from pens and pencils to hand sanitizer and backpacks. These supplies will go to children of the Boys and Girls Club of Wimauma.

Thank you for helping these children start their new school year with the tools needed to be successful!

## congregational **CARE**

We need your help! Please join us for our next monthly meeting held:  
**Thursday, September 22nd at 10:00AM.**

Come to this meeting if you are interested in knowing more about the Congregational Care Ministry. There is plenty of volunteer work needed with no obligation to join.

Serving our church family in their time of need is the purpose of this ministry. Our team is there for those with spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. There are times in life where we face sickness, loneliness, or grief, and our team is there to provide comfort and hope.

If you know of someone that is in need of this ministry do not hesitate to reach out. For more information call the church or reach out to Elaine Moore at 813-634-4550.





## Tuesday, September 20th

South Bay Genealogical Society will meet in the Life Enrichment Center (LEC). Beginning at 10:30 am is 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 Lori Coffey who will be presenting "The Women of 1620".

For reservations and meal choice, call Dianna Loudermilk at 864-607-1330. The cost of the meal is \$18.00. Make your check 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 September 8th.

*"Unfortunately, there is no lifeguard in the Gene Pool."*

### MENU OPTIONS

*Meals include salad, dessert & beverage.*

#### **Regular:**

Chicken Parmesan with  
Pasta & Vegetables

#### **Gluten Free:**

Chicken Breast with GF  
Pasta & Vegetables

#### **Vegetarian:**

Egg Salad on Green Salad,  
Cottage Cheese with  
Peaches & Potato Salad

## Have We Met?

### ***Victoria Sorensen - Director of Ministries***

These first few months have flown by after arriving in Florida on June 30<sup>th</sup>, experiencing new places and faces as David and I settled into our new home in Apollo Beach, and I began as your new Director of Ministry on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

I have had the opportunity to join in some of the many meetings to hear what this church community is doing in and around the local area. You can probably imagine my surprise to hear and see all the activity around the church campus. My goodness... all of you are a very busy and active group!

As I settle into my new role, each day I spend talking and walking with people is truly a blessing. I look forward to worshiping and working alongside with each of you as we grow in our faith journeys together and serve the people of this wonderful community. I know that, together, we are going to do wonderful and exciting things for God's Kingdom. If we have not met, please come up and say "Hi" on Sunday morning while I am out on the patio, or give me a call so we can get to know each other better.

Thank you for welcoming David and I into your family; we are very blessed to be here with you. Many Blessings and

Thank You for what you do!

Victoria

### ***Kristina Malott - Receptionist***

We want to welcome our newest staff member to the church. Kristina Malott has joined the team as our new church receptionist. Kristina lives in Riverview with her husband, Kaleb and their four children as well her mother who recently moved from Minnesota. Kristina previously had an online clothing store called "She Feels Pretty." She comes with lots of enthusiasm and a bright smile on her face. We are thrilled she has joined our church family and can't wait for you to meet her. Take a minute and stop in and say hello. She would love to meet you!







## Friday Night at the Movies

**Friday,  
September 9th  
at 6:00PM**

A family learns important life lessons from their adorable, but naughty and neurotic dog. After their wedding, newspaper writers John and Jennifer Grogan move to Florida. In an attempt to stall Jennifer's "biological clock", John gives her a puppy. While the puppy Marley grows into a 100 pound dog, he loses none of his puppy energy or rambunctiousness. Meanwhile, Marley gains no self-discipline. Marley's antics give John rich material for his newspaper column. As the Grogans mature and have children of their own, Marley continues to test everyone's patience by acting like the world's most impulsive dog.

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



## South Shore Christian Women's Connection

*Please join us for a fun filled  
luncheon event!*

**Wednesday, Sept. 14th  
11:30AM-1:30PM**

**Special Feature:** *Jeff Merry* - Sun City Center  
Community Resource Dept.—Keeping Safe.

**Guest Speaker:** *Kay Newsom*  
"Renovation of the Heart."

When life grows dim, hope can shine!

RSVP to Amy Stoud at 317-414-9062 or  
sswcflorida@gmail.com by Sept. 9th  
Cost is \$19.00

Menu:

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Potato, Green  
Beans, Salad, Bread, & Dessert



**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15TH @ 8:00AM**

Welcome Back Men! Join us as we return for a new season with Men's Breakfast. Now being 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:**

**Scrambled Eggs, Fried Potatoes, Bacon,  
Sausage, Cheesy Grits, Pancakes, & Yogurt.**

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



**Wednesday,  
September 28th  
11:00AM-1:00PM**

We invite our local police force, fire and emergency squads and those serving our community on the front lines for a special appreciation luncheon to be held in their honor in our Life Enrichment Center Lobby. We warmly welcome all first responders, including our volunteer squads, and invite them to drive through our portico or stop in and let us say Thank You!!

Appreciation Gift Bags will be given for on-the-go refreshment and we hope our local heroes will stay for lunch, entertainment, and a walk through our Hugging (Fist Bump) Station.





**CENTER 4LIFE LEARNING**

**2022 FALL**

**SEMESTER**

**OCT.7-NOV.18**

**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**

**CLASSES OFFERED:**

- Android, Smartphone & Tablet Workshop
- Acrylic to Watercolor Painting
- Bistro Soleil Charcuterie Workshop
- Autumn Charcuterie Workshop
- Beginning Genealogy
- Beginning Coren Contract Bridge
- Chautauqua V
- Chinese Brush Painting/Sumi-E
- Conversational Spanish
- 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
- Understanding Jazz
- Wellness

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

Register at:  
[sccumc.com/4lifelearning](http://sccumc.com/4lifelearning)  
or visit us on campus  
Mon-Fri  
8:30AM - 12:30PM  
813-634-8607



# BELIEVERS at the Ballpark!

Children's Ministry News

September 2022



The Kid's Club and UTC Youth of Sun City Center United Methodist Church spent the day in fellowship at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg after church on Sunday, August 21st.

40 children/youth and 17 volunteers cheered the Rays to success! The Rays won against the Royals 3 -2. GO RAYS!

We would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to the *Pages of Life Gift Shop* for helping us to fund this endeavor, and to the 17 adults who made traveling safely with so many children and youth possible.

## UPCOMING DATES:

Alzheimer's Walk 10/15, Fall Festival 10/29

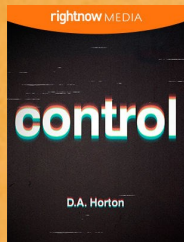


To find out more about programming or to volunteer with us, please email [jennifer@sccumc.com](mailto:jennifer@sccumc.com)



# UTC YOUTH “HAPPENINGS”

Hello UMCSCC family. As we anticipate events picking up at the church, the UTC Youth will be all around and involved with multiple events over the next few months. Stay tuned for more details on the “Who, What, Where, When and Why”. We finished our series by Tim Tebow and we will be starting a new video series by D.A. Horton titled ‘Control.’ Please see a brief description below:



*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 we should pay attention. We'll dig into the messy way that authority muscles its way 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [bturmer@sccumc.com](mailto:bturmer@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

## Caregivers Support Group



This is an outreach to all caregivers; whether it is caring for a spouse, parent, child, or friends... you are still a caregiver. We are there for you

and you are not alone on this journey. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 2PM.

You are important. We are here to help you by listening to your needs and the needs your special person may have. We don't have all the answers, but we are here to support you at the meeting and when needed.

If you have any questions, please call Kit Carson at 706-897-9526 or Sharon Carson at 706-897-9770. If you know of someone who might need this support group, please invite them to attend. They do not need to be a member of this church.

All are welcome!

September Meetings:

9/6 & 9/20

## Center 4Life Learning Trips

Seats are still available for these trips - *but hurry - trips sell out quickly!* Purchase online [sccumc.com/4lifelearning](http://sccumc.com/4lifelearning) or in our office  
Mon – Fri. 8:30-12:30

### Mount Dora Arts & Crafts Fair

October 22, 2022

**\$70**

### New Year's Concert Salute to Vienna w/ Pre-Show Party

December 31, 2022

**\$103**

### Columbia Restaurant & Show w/ Ybor City Historic District Tour

January 11, 2023

**\$71**

### Snook Haven Restaurant w/ Boat Tour on the Myakka River

February 22, 2023

**\$50**





# See You at the Concert! - Kevin Goodenow

**Wow!** Is it September already? That means its fall, right? Not to worry, though. We have more concerts coming your way, and we think you're gonna love them!

Mark Sept. 16 on your calendar. It's our annual Alzheimer's benefit concert. Elvis will be in the house that night! Yes, Billy "Elvis" Lindsey is back by popular demand! You can buy your tickets in the office, in the bookstore or online. We're making it easier than ever to get your tickets! Get them quickly, as we know everybody loves to support Alzheimer's research and, oh yea, almost everybody loves Elvis, too!



Mark 3:00pm Sunday, September 25 next. That is the day our own beloved organist, Teodora Mitze-Circiumaru will debut in her first concert here at UMCSCC! She has invited professional trumpeter Rolando Fernandez to join her for a great Organ/Trumpet concert. You

already know how talented Teodora is. Mr. Fernandez is a founding member of the Atlanta Chamber Brass, frequently performs with several professional ensembles, is in demand as a "clinician" and maintains a large private studio in the metro Atlanta area.

To end the month, we have a "make-up" date of September 30 for the Riverside Jukebox Swing Band. They're a new band in town that is set up like a traditional swing band with about 18 members, complete with trumpets, trombones & saxophones. Their bread and butter is music from the 40's...Glen Miller-type big band music and swing music.

This group is no one trick pony. They boast a repertoire that includes music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s as well, including songs from Artists such as the Beatles, Engelbert Humperdink, Barry Manilow, Blood Sweat and Tears, Billy Joel, and others. This concert will bring some entertaining music our way that Friday night!

So there you have it...Elvis, Organ & Trumpet and Swing Music. That's why we call our concert series Thank God Its Variety...TGIV. We mix it up pretty well. Three very different types of music that I hope will ensure that ....I'll see you at the concert!

"This is the day  
that the Lord has  
made. Let us rejoice  
and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24





**Be on the lookout for details on upcoming ministry events and bible studies starting in October.**

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the return of Soul Café on Monday Nights. Kicking off October 3rd and leading us right into Advent will be another incredible bible study with a variety of groups you are able to join. "Characters of Creation" is the study book and is available for \$10 in the church office or Pages of Life Gift Shop. Dinner starts at 5:45PM, then studies begin at 6:30PM. An afternoon study is available at 4:30PM if you wish to join earlier.



**Walk to End Alzheimer's**  
**Saturday, October 15**  
**9:00AM-11:00AM**  
Register @  
[alz.org/southshore](http://alz.org/southshore)



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

