

The Happening

JANUARY 2022



MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Campaign Against Human Trafficking & Domestic Violence (CAHT)

CAHT's mission is to support the fight against Human Trafficking and related domestic violence issues by providing educational awareness and prevention activities to schools and the community at large. The eleven year old, all volunteer nonprofit works with multicultural groups in providing short-term housing and other basic needs to families as well as mentoring, scholarships, and referral services. We also donate needed funding and/or tangible items to at risk youth, law enforcement, regional anti-human trafficking nonprofits, and rehabilitation homes and centers.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- We work to keep vulnerable families, kids, teens, and seniors out of harm's way in becoming victims of predators and human traffickers
- Last year we had 74 referrals, including 4 human trafficking victims, 1 senior abuse case, 8 teens' cases, and 10 domestic abuse or abandoned moms and their kids
- CAHT partnered and/or supported over 46 area organizations, such as our area schools, social services groups, human trafficking nonprofits, churches, healthcare providers, and law enforcement agencies
- We awarded 13 scholarships to graduates who would have not been able to continue their education dreams – most were from our Hispanic community
- CAHT is the only nonprofit in our area that provides immediate, safe shelter to move traumatic families and women out of harm's way until next steps can be determined
- We offer our schools and other organizations a puppeteer show on anti-bullying
- We held our first of three mental health education series at UMCSCC this fall
- CAHT has formed a new multicultural/diversity committee made up of our Hispanic community leaders to help educate and support their continued growth needs and improve their community involvement

Scripture of the Month

So, my dear
brothers and
sisters, be strong
and immovable.

Always work
enthusiastically for
the Lord, for you
know that nothing
you do for the
Lord is ever
useless.

1 Corinthians 15:58

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD



South Bay Genealogy Society Meeting January 18th, 2022

On Tuesday, January 18th, 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 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 Karen Fortin, who will present "They Died of What?!- Understanding Historical Causes of Death." She will examine not only death certificates and understanding them, but will provide other sources that can be used and will assist us in dealing with the outdated terminology. 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 January 5th, 2022.

Menu:

REGULAR:

Salad, Hawaiian
Chicken, Rice, Carrots,
Dessert

GLUTEN FREE:

Salad, Hawaiian
Chicken, Rice, Carrots,
Dessert

VEGETARIAN

Baked Potato (broccoli,
cheese, sour cream)
carrots, dessert

Veterans Honored

On November 8, Kings Point Quilters honored 19 United States veterans for their service to our country by presenting each of them with a patriotic quilt, made by the members of the quilting group. Each Veteran was introduced and then spoke to the group briefly about their military service. They were then presented a quilt, all featuring the red, white and blue colors of the American flag. Pastor Sam and Pat Rorer were 2 of the recipients. They each spent a good portion of their life in the Air Force and served in many countries throughout the world. Our thanks to Pastor Sam and Pat. We appreciate you and your service to our country.



Sights & Sounds of Christmas

WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!



Special Thanks

LINDA WHITT & CAROL STEWART

with love & peace, the youth & children

“The Happenings” with the UTC Youth

Happy New Year!!! What a wonderful & joyous Christmas season we are coming out of! As we begin to settle into the new year & things are becoming more “normal” again, the UTC youth will resume our weekly meetings on Monday, January 10 from 6-8pm in Creason Hall.

We have been blessed to have the core members return post-pandemic, and are starting to see a few new faces scattered here and there. As these new faces make their way into regular attending members, the need for van drivers and monitors is increasing. We currently are running 1 van that makes 3 stops. I am confident that we will need to run a 2nd van with some additional stops 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 worship and fellowship. If you feel led to serve, please reach out to me via email at bturner@sccumc.com or by calling the church office, 813-634-2539 x:110.

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

Bill Turner

UTC Youth Director

Now that's TEAM WORK!

None of this happens without help!



The Children's Ministry is growing. We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to be involved with future family fun events, *Sunday School*, *Kid's Club*, *Drama Club @ the Center* or if God has blessed you with special talent, patience, or a heart for children's ministry and you feel you would like to help, please email Jennifer@sccumc.com



WHEN SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN



MANY THANKS to the AMAZING team of 36 Sun City Center United Methodist Church volunteers and youth who welcomed Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, a few elves and over 150 of Santa's guests for breakfast in the LEC Saturday, December 11th. From Red Velvet Pancakes and professional photography to playful reindeer games and creative arts there was something fun to do for children from 1 to 92!



Center 4Life Learning

Upcoming Dates:

Center 4Life Learning Spring Semester will begin the week of February 14, 2022.

Class registration will begin
January 4, 2022.

Come Learn and be Entertained

Center's Day Trips



Imagine Museum, St. Petersburg,
January 14, 2022, \$36

André Rieu Concert, Tampa,
March 14, 2022, \$112

**Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour and
Morse Museum Tour,**
April 5, 2022, \$49

**Early Bird Dinner Theater, Buffet, and
Show "The Long Weekend," Clearwater,**
May 12, 2022, \$66

**StarLite Sapphire 2.5 Hour Daytime
Luncheon Cruise with Entertainment,**
June 9, 2022, \$61

Sign up Today!

Center 4Life Learning

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center4life@sccumc.com

www.sccumc.com/4lifelearning

Office hours:

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



La Isla de Cuba!

Center 4Life Learning is hosting

"La Isla de Cuba"

with an authentic Cuban meal and exploration of "Cuba, an Island of Contradictions" at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 12:00 p.m. The afternoon will begin with tapas, beverages and a meet and greet with the center's instructors. Learn more about our classes and day trips. Lunch and "La Isla de Cuba" presentation will follow.

Well known speaker Rudy Fernandez will present the colorful history of Cuba from the Spanish Era to the present. Rudy has made trips to Cuba bringing medical supplies to the church where his great-grandmother was baptized.

There will be time for Q&A.

Ticket price: \$12. Tickets go on sale January 4, at the Center 4Life Learning office, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and on the Church patio, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Creason Hall Renovation Project

Our church has grown over the years. We were out of storage space for all the supplies needed to support our ministries. A decision was made to add closets around the interior walls within Creason Hall. Our church family have many talented members that volunteered to assist in the project that started on September 21, 2021 and was completed on December 2, 2021.

The project included adding closets in Creason Hall, moving a wall to add 2 classrooms, fixing the ceiling in the kitchen, and moving an office.

While not a complete list we wish to thank the following volunteers:

Debe Allen, Susan Dietman, Bill Dunlap, Tom Emigh, Mike Fox, Roger Garrett, David Gibbs, Bill & Carlyn Laurent, Linda McGovern, Nathan Miller, Tony Petree, Del Sanford, Larry Schafer, Diane Schmidt, Don Wolf, Karen Wolf.



New Sunday School Class



“Questions of Life”, a study by Nicky Gumbel of Alpha fame, facilitated by our own Gary Taylor.

Questions of Life is a step by step guide to the basics of our Christian faith. This study explores key themes, questions and objections to faith, leading us on an engaging personal journey of discovery. Class begins:

Sunday, January 9 at 8:30 – 9:30AM in Room 11.

All are welcome!

Disciples Class Resumes Sunday January 2nd

New Book Study: *Anxious for Nothing*
by Max Lucado:
Classes meet at 9:30AM in Room 30

*Stay Tuned for more
information on new and
upcoming Monday Night
Bible Studies!*

Men's Breakfast

**Thursday, January 20th
@ 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:

Scrambled Eggs

Homestyle Hash Brown Potatoes

Blueberry French Toast Casserole

Sausage Patties

Biscuits

Muffins

Fruit

Orange Juice

Coffee

Please register in the church office.



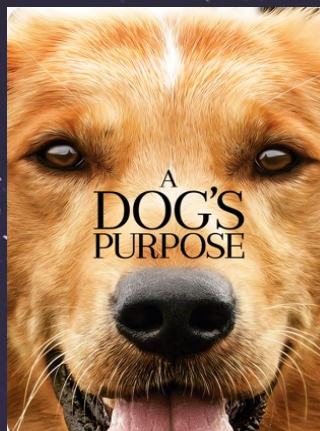
South Shore Christian Women's Connection

Please join us for a fun filled luncheon Event.

**Wednesday January 12th
11:30AM-1:30PM**

Special Feature: Ann Gilbert from *Shapes*
"Let's all get in shape for the New Year with help from Ann."

Guest Speaker: Erv Smith
Former nightclub musician overcame failure and found a new lease on life.



Friday Night Movies

**January 14th
at 6PM**

Join us for this incredibly heartwarming movie. A devoted dog (Josh Gad) discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan (Bryce Gheisar). As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self.

This is a free gift to our community and our church Doors will open at 5:30PM. There will be light refreshments

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Come and enjoy an hour of visiting with friends and finding new ones!

Monday, January 3rd at 1PM

Our theme will be

"loving God and loving each other"

See you there!



See You at the Concert! - Kevin Goodenow

Wow! We have all been hoping and praying for a “return to normal”, or an even “better” normal than what we once knew, right? I think that has probably happened. For almost 2 years, we had concert and church attendance that was a far cry from the numbers we once saw here. But in December that has changed dramatically, with 4 events prior to Christmas that saw between 500-625 people each! It seemed to happen overnight. Maybe the Christmas season has brought out the yearning in people’s hearts to be connected to others celebrating the wonder and majesty that IS Christmas. Whatever the reason, it’s wonderful to see.

Our 2022 concert season will hit the ground running right away. On January 7 we will host Nashville Duo Dave & Daphne. They are a country/pop/gospel/patriotic duo. Dave Salyer is one of the best guitarists on the planet according to Roy Clark, and Daphne is an award-winning vocalist with Country & Gospel roots. Together they bring a terrific, Vegas-style show with something for everyone.

We will host an organist from Michigan for our Sunday, January 16 *Rasmussen Artist Series* concert. You’ll get to hear him play in the Sunday service that Sunday and on January 9 as well. I believe what you hear will convince you to come hear his concert. He is an excellent organist, and was no stranger to Keith Rasmussen. The two knew each other fairly well, and Dale has been here before, both in concert and to practice on our magnificent organ at

On January 21, we have a Neil Diamond tribute show by Branson, Missouri’s own “Neil Diamond”, Keith Allyn. The entertainer Tony Orlando once said, “If they ever make a movie about Neil Diamond, they need to cast Keith Allyn as Neil”. Tickets are already on sale for this sure sell-out. You can get your ticket in the office, or online by visiting our church website and clicking on events, and then follow the prompts for the show and buying tickets. And I always recommend buying tickets ahead to save money.

To close out the month, we will host Chris Golden on Friday, January 28. Have you ever seen a picture of the Oak Ridge Boys? There’s a guy in the pictures with a long, white or grey beard. That’s Chris’ dad, Lee Golden. He’s an original from The Oak Ridge Boys, and still sings with them. The apple doesn’t fall from the tree, as they say. Chris is a star in his own right. He has played with The Oak Ridge Boys, Alabama and Restless Heart, three of the top country acts of the last 30-40 years. He has his own style, and he is a performer you are sure to enjoy.

So there you have it. January could start the most successful concert year we’ve ever had. If the last month is any indication, I certainly wouldn’t bet against it! Thank you for all your support over the years. I am so excited about what God is doing with our church and with our concert series. He has really blessed us. And as always, see you at the concert!

Update: Some of our concert tickets are available for purchase online. Please note that the address on your bank statement will be from San Francisco, CA.

From the Ledger

In November we received \$ 212,415 in income to offset \$ 184,719 in expenses. This leaves \$27,696 in income over expenses. Our year-to-date income is \$2,185,540 and our year-to-date expenses are \$2,148,855 which leaves us with \$36,685 in income over expenses. We would normally have \$105,094 in expenses over income covered by our savings.

Our current mortgage balance is \$ 1,988,170 down from \$2,170,030 on January 1st, 2021.