

# Scripture of the Month

"But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always."

Hosea 12:6

### MISSION OF THE MONTH UTC Youth

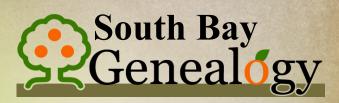
Thank you so much for your continued support of our youth ministry. With your support we look forward to being able to accomplish many great things in 2023 as we see what God has in store for us.

The communities around us continue to grow and so does our ability to spread the news of God's Love. Under The Cross (UTC) Youth provides a safe environment for youth in our community to grow in their faith.

On Sunday mornings and Monday nights, our youth are provided a much needed meal which is followed by a Bible lesson, group discussion, games, and fellowship, which allows our youth to understand the Bible while establishing a foundation of faith. There are also various outings and fundraisers to promote engagement and build a sense of community for our youth. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, our youth are surrounded with God's love.

One thing that the youth look forward to more than anything else each year is attending summer camp at Warren Willis United Methodist Camp in the Leesburg area. We leave on Monday morning and return on Saturday afternoon. They are already asking the questions, "What week are we going to camp this year?" and "When is camp this year?" The youth always come back "on fire" and re-energized for the Lord. They also experience a bond that is not able to be broken after camp. Your support helps to make this all possible.

Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy ministry for our March Mission of the Month and help us spread God's love to many more. If you would like to know more or to volunteer with our youth, please reach out to Bill Turner at <a href="mailto:bturner@sccumc.com">bturner@sccumc.com</a> or by calling the church office at (813) 634-2539 x:1003.



### Tuesday, March 21st

This month doors open at 9:30AM, so plan on arriving by 10:00AM to select your seat and enjoy your coffee/tea and breakfast snack.

At 10:30AM will be our first presentation with guest speaker Annette Burke Lytle presenting on "Following Ancestral Migrations: Three Case Studies." Lunch will be at 12:00PM followed by the second presentation, "Beyond the Records—Putting Flesh on the Bones of Your Civil War Ancestor." This months meeting will include several door prizes.

The cost is \$18.00 per person for the meal and the presentations. For reservations and meal choice, call Dianna at 864-607-1330. 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 March 9th.

### With Sharon Bennyhoff Tuesdays 9:30AM - 11:00AM



Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it's me Sharon Bennyhoff, your nursery coordinator.

What's new in The Tot Spot? We are talking about animals

that hibernate! We learned that bats are an animal that hibernate. They can go into a hibernation for up to one month! Bats use echolocation to find their food. What interesting qualities our creature has bestowed.

In The Tot Spot we learn all about God's creations through age appropriate fun, games, and music.

Our class meets every Tuesday from 9:30AM - 11:00AM in the nursery. Registration is required. For more information about this outreach, please contact Sharon at sharon@sccumc.com.





# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2023 SERVING FROM 11:30AM-1:30PM KINGS POINT VETERANS THEATRE

This is an opportunity to raise money to help provide food and services for some who are less fortunate in our community. 100% of proceeds stay local!

TICKETS \$20.00

With your donation you will receive a custom made bowl, a modest meal of soup, bread, & cookies.

-Silent Auction

For Ticket Information:
Shelly Brooks - 248-505-8237
Joanie Frantz - 248-990-2105
Tickets also sold at Kings Point box office

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Sponsored by: United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, Calvary Lutheran Church, Kings Point Pottery Club, & Kings Point/Vesta

### Center 4Life Learning

2023 Spring Semester is Now in Session! You can still sign up for a few classes:

- Chinese Brush/Sumi-E Workshop Led by: Renee Vickery Wednesdays, March 1st - 22nd 9:15AM - 11:45AM
- Living with ADHD
  Led by: Nancy Starewicz
  Monday, March 6th
  10:30AM 12:00PM
- U.S. Immigration Policy
   Led by: Frank Slesnick, Wiley Mangum & Rob Silverman
   Mondays, March 13th 27th
   1:00PM 2:30PM

### Come Learn and Be Entertained!!

Hop on the Bus and Have Some Fun! Seats are still available for a few trips:

- The Mikado
   Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
   March 9th
- Driving Miss Daisy
   Manatee Performing Arts Center

   April 5th
- Chihuly Collection Tour & Glass Blowing Demonstration
   Morean Arts Center
   April 26th
- Casserole (Play & Lunch Buffet)
   Early Bird Dinner Theatre
   May 11th
- Starlite Sapphire
   2.5 Hour Luncheon Cruise & Entertainment
   May 25th

Make your class and trip reservations on the Center 4Life Learning website at:
www.sccumc.com/4lifelearning OR at the Center's office.

Monday - Friday, 8:30AM - 12:30PM. Phone: 813-634-8607 Email: center4life@sccumc.com



### DISCIPLES CLASS SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:45AM - 10:45AM

Did you know there is an adult Sunday School Class? The class meets on Sunday mornings immediately following the 8:30AM Traditional Worship service in Room 30. It meets at 9:45AM and we are currently studying "Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses," a book written by Rev.

James W. Moore. It is a great way to study God's Word as well as getting to know some friends within the church. Study books are available in the classroom.

Do you want more information? Call Elaine Moore 813-634-4550





### WELLNESS ON THE GO!

This 2 hour session offered on March 11, 2023, is designed for advocates of victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, abuse, crime, and other traumas. Whether we are recovering or helping others recover, we often feel like we are too busy to take time out for ourselves. This course was actually created to help community service providers who suddenly found themselves needing help after a major crisis impacted them as well as their clients. Attendees often want to share this simple approach with their families and friends.

Note: This is an orientation only. Attendees seeking certification must complete the 16 hour *Developing Your Own Wellness Recovery Action Plan*® curriculum that is also offered at no cost as part of this VOCA K05404 Award.

Participants will learn how to apply a WRAP® (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) to improve any part of their lives. **Course topics include:** 

- 5 Key Concepts of Recovery to apply to everyday life
- The science of goal-setting and tips for better results
- Hidden causes of Health and Eating Disorders

#### **Includes:**

WRAP® On the Go plan (pocket guide)

- How to create a pocket sized Wellness Plan
- How to create a portable Wellness Tool Box
- Tips to move toward Healthy Eating Habits

**March 11, 2023** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church 1971 Haverford Ave Room 30 Sun City Center, Florida, 33573 \*\*NO COST\*\*

This project is supported by Award No. K05404 through the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs. Sponsored by St. Petersburg College, Center for Public Safety Innovation (CPSI) and the State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General.





Instructor **Lisa Ullven** formed *Guided Results* in 2011 to empower individuals with the top tips to survive and thrive. As a partner and founding Board Member for Peace4Tarpon, Lisa saw first-hand how crimes, abuse, human trafficking, domestic violence, crisis and other traumas affect service providers and victims. Lisa shares the WRAP® Wellness Tools to move onward along with Wraparound® and other best practices to move upward.

A professor in college saw Lisa's passion to help victims and advocates and advised, "If you really want to help people, learn about systems." Lisa majored in Systems and got certified to coach others in best practices (Lean, SS Black Belt in Process Improvement, Wraparound, PMP, CHDD, CHDM, ITIL, WRAP®, CRPS-Family and MBA). She is following her passion to bring best practices to community, state and national organizations via easy tips to strengthen families & communities.

Registration: https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/34710

For Registration assistance: Brown. Kathi@spcollege.edu 727-344-8027

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### 10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association



### Wednesday, March 15 | 10 a.m.

What is normal aging? Join us to learn about: how to recognize common warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, how to approach someone about memory concerns, the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis, and the possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process. Bring your questions and join us!

Presenter: Bernice J. Pelea, MPH, MS, RN, Program Manager for Care & Support

Call the Church Office at 813-634-2539 to reserve your spot.

United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, LEC Building 1971 Haverford Avenue, Sun City Center, FL 33573







### THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH AT 8:00AM

Join us for 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 for getting to know other men from your church family. We are always happy to welcome new faces and voices to this group!

This Month's Menu:

Scrambled Eggs, Fried Eggs, Grits, Breakfast Potatoes, Thick Cut Hickory Smoked Bacon, Sausage Links, Assorted Muffins, Fresh Seasonal Fruit

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



# Friday Might at the Movies FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 6:00PM



Twelve-year-old Milton Adams (William Ainscough) feels his world is in crisis. With his parents stressing about their careers and finances, and the neighborhood bully tormenting him, he is constantly anxious.

When Milton's optimistic grandfather (Donald Sutherland) comes to visit, he learns the secret to finding true happiness from a

man who has seen the world and who has committed to living life in the present.

This is a free event for our church and community.

Light refreshments are available.

Doors open at 5:30PM.



### THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 10:00AM

Ladies please join us for a bite to eat, fun, and fellowship in the Life Enrichment Center (LEC). We look forward to seeing you this month at our St. Patrick celebration!! Please sign up by March 19th.

### This Month's Menu: Bangers and Mash

Green Peas and Pearl Onions Mixed Green Salad

Living In Faith Everyday, Ladies' Brunch is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Cost is \$10.00.

Sign up in the LEC Lobby.

### 'BREAKAWAY' with Breakaway



For 4 hours, twice a week, with the help of volunteers, our Church's Breakaway Respite Ministry provides an exciting and

safe environment for those with dementia. Those with dementia get a break from home-life and their caregivers get a break from what is often full-time caring. Six members of our Breakaway Respite Ministry attended a 3 day conference in Montgomery, Alabama to learn what can be done to improve our care of those dealing with dementia. We hope what we share about that conference will *encourage you to join us* in our



efforts to improve the lives of those who have been impacted with dementia (including Alzheimer's).

### Part of a National Movement

Teams of people from seven different states, including

California, came together under the Respite For All Foundation to share, learn, and be encouraged in serving the needs of all in our community struggling with dementia.



With the Respite for All Foundation, we are part of a national coordinated movement of faith based ministries creating together how best to serve our neighbors.

Joy The theme of the conference was "reclaiming joy together." The strange thing is, the term "joy" was not even mentioned during the conference. The pathway to joy however, was the essence of the conference.

People with dementia are different, in some ways strange to us. At first, we don't know what to expect from these strangers and we don't necessarily know how to respond. This is unsettling and frightening. A great deal of the conference was focused on encouraging and equipping us to get closer to our friends, to listen to them, to hear



their stories, to discover what brings them happiness, and to understand their fears. When we do this, our fears dissolve into compassion, our compassion

brings forth love, and love for the least and lost brings us joy. A number of us in Breakaway have experienced this joy.

The Conference In a Nutshell

A major focus of the conference was to help us develop personal, close, loving, and caring relationships with our FRIENDS dealing with dementia. All of our activities (singing, dancing, building, painting, crafting, accomplishing challenging tasks, etc.) are extremely important because they serve as a pathway to this end.

People with dementia have experienced extreme loss (as have their care-partners) but they haven't lost the need to be connected and engaged, to be useful and helpful, and to love and be loved. To help us travel along this pathway, the conference leaders taught us to watch the words we use, and to translate those words into more helpful concepts and possibilities. For example, "Attention Seeker" might become "Connection Seeker" and "Aggressive" might become "Needs Something."

They taught us about non-verbal communication and the need to simplify and carefully sequence what we say. We learned to validate



feelings and offer encouragement rather than present or suggest solutions to problems. We learned to listen, to provide undivided attention (90 seconds), and to hear our FRIENDS' stories.

The other main component of the conference was learning about the activities and projects we can use during our time with FRIENDS. We chose activities which reinforce the needs and interests that our FREIND'S have not lost. The activities and resources for those activities and projects must be meaningful, purposeful, and engaging. We were both delighted and amazed at the creative and meaningful ideas that were presented at the conference. We are anxious to use and adapt those activities and to share what we have developed with others.

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<u>Two Bishops and a Minister</u> Two Methodists Bishops and a Methodist minister wanted us to understand that in doing our respite work we are being disciples or followers of Jesus. We are setting ourselves aside to care for and love our neighbors who are lost and struggling.

We are Not Alone We know that an unidentified person in our congregation supported our attendance at this conference. We are so thankful for that support and the support of our church. Support for this conference has allowed us to expand our network with others. We are not alone. We are working, with the help of others, to share our knowledge, solve problems, and create together. The Respite For All Foundation, which organized our conference, is making the conference outcomes available online for all to view.



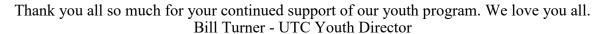
### **UTC Youth Happenings**

(Under the Cross) - Bill Turner

Hello UMCSCC family. Under The Cross Youth is back in full swing. Our annual Super Bowl party and Golf Cart/Car Wash Fundraiser were both successful and provided some fun time and fellowship time.

We will be away at our Spring Retreat from Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish. We have been looking forward to some much needed time away to make our bond stronger.

We are at the point in our ministry where we are in dire need of van drivers and monitors. The time has come where we must add a 3<sup>rd</sup> route to ensure all of our children and youth are able to be present and fellowship with each other. It is almost impossible for all of our children and youth to make it here 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 <a href="mailto:bturner@sccumc.com">bturner@sccumc.com</a> or by calling the church office at (813) 634-2539 x:1003.







## MARCH NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 2023







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### What's Happening in Works -Jeff Jordan



Welcome to, arguably, the busiest month of our year – March. But before we go there, I'd like to apologize for having to postpone the piano recital that Teodora and I were to have played on the 19th of February. At this point, we've postponed it to Sunday, May 21st, long after the 'busy season' is over! Please plan to join us that afternoon at 3:00PM for some beautiful music.

First, I'd like to thank all the staff members who submitted devotions for our Lenten devotion booklet (and especially Aisling for putting it all together so beautifully!). I don't know about you, but I'm using it daily AND I'm getting an inside 'glimpse' of my fellow staff members in the process.

All our musical ensembles are diligently preparing for the Easter season throughout the month of March. Additionally, our three full handbell ensembles along with our new Bell Tree Guru, Larry Hirchak, will be presenting a concert on Sunday, March 19th at 3PM for a donation of just \$5 at the door.

As you may know, the Sun City Women's Chorus makes it's home here at the church. They will be performing a fun concert entitled You Must Remember This: The Women's Chorus Goes to the Movies at 2:00PM on Saturday March 25th. Selections include songs from Top Hat (1935), Casablanca (1942), Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) all the way to films like Nine to Five (1980), Beaches (1988), and Titanic (1997) The Chorus will again be joined by one of the many Turner 'brothers'. This time, infamous Italian film director and critic Signore Guglielmo Tornitone will be on hand to 'liven up' the show as only he can do!

Finally, here's my monthly shout-out to everyone who makes our Worship Arts Ministry the very best in the world! May God continue to bless each one of you and our ministry

### **Disaster Response Team (D.R.T.)**

The Disaster Response Team (DRT) is planning mini classes immediately following the monthly meetings (which begin at 1:00PM in Room 19) in March and April. The DRT meets on the second Wednesday of each month (September through May). On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the mini class will focus on being the Team Recorder/Listener. On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the mini class will focus on being the Equipment Maintenance Manager. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Debe Allen at debeallen@icloud.com

Part of the funding for the DRT comes from recycling aluminum cans and other metals. You can deposit aluminum cans in the trailer at the back of the church as well as deposit metals in the other trailer. Thank you in advance for contributing.

Local missions: In February, Earl Gall put together teams to power wash the church and sidewalks and power wash the LEC chairs. Bless you Earl.

The DRT is a group of caring, friendly, talented Christian volunteers from our church and surrounding areas. The DRT also assists others within our local community and church with minor repairs and maintenance. We need people with many different skills on our team. Besides workers with tool skills, we always need cooks, organizers, administrators, and people to lend a caring presence.

If you are interested in becoming an active member of our DRT, please register on our DRT email database at:



### **Vivacious Ministries** with Victoria Sorensen

Hello Everyone!

February was quite a productive month both spiritually and ministry wise. So many things went on this past month and here are some of the highlights of what our ministries and Servant Ministers have been up to.

Our Community Connection Servant Ministers continue to be busy hosting our monthly Friday Night at the Movies! We love seeing all of you and hope you will attend this month to see "Milton's Secret." This month's movie will be on the third Friday, March 17th, so make sure to mark your calendars. Remember, doors open at 5:30PM so come and enjoy fresh popcorn, fellowship and a great movie night with us every month!

Our Health Ministry Servant Ministers hosted the Mission Smiles Mobile Dental Clinic on our campus February 18th, and we were able to help over twentyfive individuals with dental care. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful event. This month they will host another lecture, 10 Warning Sign of Alzheimer's on March 15th, from 10:00AM-11:00PM and another event with Tampa General Hospital on March 29th, 2023, from 8:00AM-4:00PM in the Life Enrichment Center (LEC). AngioScreen® is a 10-minute, on-site screening that requires no preparation or bloodwork. The testing is mobile, noninvasive, involves no radiation, no needles and is very cost effective! Visit link to schedule your AngioScreen® appointment - https://tghangioscreenscc.simplybook.me/ I look forward to seeing you at these important events helping you stay healthy and active.

Our Hospitality Servant Ministers have been extremely busy this month. Between Lunches-to Go on Tuesday they have also been busy selling the delicious soups from the Kitchen on Monday's and Thursday's from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Make sure you stop by and check out our soup selections because we all know "Soup Does a Body Good!" Servant Ministers also hosted the Annual Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) for the Youth Leaders Seminar which had over 75 young leaders in attendance to help our youth grow into their leadership potential! Additionally, they were busy serving our monthly groups, Galaxy Bridge, Genealogy, and South Shore Women's Connection in addition to the Soul Café and Children and UTC Youth ministries. Keep up the magnificent work!

Our Ladies' Living in Faith Everyday (L.I.F.E.) Brunch was another enormous success in February as we celebrated Mardi Gras. Thank you to everyone who attended, and we look forward to seeing you this month at our St Patrick celebration on March 22nd at 10:00AM.

In closing, you may have noticed my reference to our Servant Ministers. Over the past few months it has become clearer that all of you who give of your time to serve this church community and the community around us are more than merely "Volunteers." Every one of you that give of your time to this church and the community are placing God and others before yourself. In the world today, we find many who focus on self-fulfillment rather than making it a priority to serve God and others and this is not consistent with Scripture.

We know that the focus of a Christian should be on knowing and loving God, and from that relationship, we serve others according to the example Jesus set for us. After speaking with Pastor Charlie, from this month forward, instead of being merely known as "Volunteers" we will be known as "Servant Ministers" fulfilling the gifts and talents that God has given us, to serve God and others. I am reminded of these Scriptures when we speak about Servant Ministers:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty pride, but in humility consider others more important than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

### Philippians 2:3-4 BSB

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another If any one speaks, he should speak as one conveying the words of God. If anyone serves, he should serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the power forever and ever."

#### - 1 Peter 4:10-11 BSB

If you are looking for an opportunity to get involved with one of our ministries, please reach out to me so we can find a place for you as a Servant Minister, where you can make a difference in someone's life and grow in faith with others.

As always, I look forward to seeing you on the Patio on Sunday mornings!

Much Love and Blessings to All!

Victoria

### **Upcoming Events**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Calling All Decorators!

We are starting a decorating committee to help us make the church beautiful during our holiday seasons. If you are interested in helping us beautify the church, please attend our decorating meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at 11:00AM in the Ministry Office at Creason Hall.

### 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Lecture

The Health Ministry team is hosting a lecture on the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's on March 15th, 2023, from 10:00AM-11:00AM in the Life Enrichment Center (LEC). The lecture is presented by Bernice Pelea, MPH, MS, RN Program Manager for the Florida Gulf Coast Alzheimer's Association. Doors open at 9:30AM.

### **Servant Minister Recognition**

March 19th, 2023, is Servant Minister Recognition Sunday! Please join us as we recognize our Servant Ministers who serve our church, our congregation, and our local community by being the hand and feet of Christ.

Recognition will be during our Traditional and Contemporary services.

#### **Angio Screen**

The Health Ministry team is hosting Tampa General Hospital on March 29th, 2023, from 8:00AM-4:00PM in the Life Enrichment Center (LEC). AngioScreen® is a 10-minute, on-site screening that requires no preparation or bloodwork. The testing is mobile, noninvasive, involves no radiation and no needles and is very cost effective! Visit link to schedule your AngioScreen® appointment https://tghangioscreenscc.simplybook.me/

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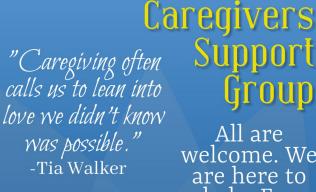
### Congregational Care NEEDS YOU!!

Have you ever wondered what congregational care is or what we do in this ministry? Plan on attending our monthly meeting. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 2:00PM in room 19.

We need folks (of all ages) to bring "sunshine" to some church members who can no longer attend church in person. Sound interesting? There is such a great experience awaiting those who want to brighten one of our homebound church members day. These folks are home most of the time because they are limited in their ability to travel outside their homes.

When visiting we have gifts that you can bring to brighten a person's day, such as walker bags, cell phone carriers, clothes protectors, Afghans, prayer cards, scripture cards, etc., just little reminders that they are loved. We also have an opportunity to bring communion to our friends. There is also a group of folks who take "joy" to the assisted living facilities with their songs and smiles. Please pray about how you can help in this ministry. We would really enjoy meeting you and sharing our ministry in person. If you have any questions or if you know someone who needs a visit, call Elaine Moore at 813-634-4550.







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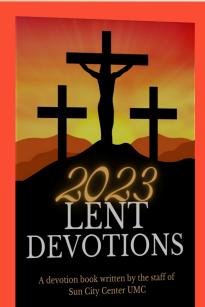
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Be Sure to Pick Up Your Lent Devotion Book written by your

Church Staff. Ask for it in the church office!



### See You at the Concert! - Kevin Goodenow



We have quite a line-up of concerts in March! Right out of the gates we have the Annual Nashville Hall of Fame Tour concert on Friday, March 3rd at 7:00PM. That will feature Hee Haw's own Charlie McCoy, as well as Gospel great Rich Kiser and the great pianist Jason Coleman, grandson of legendary pianist Floyd Cramer. Get your tickets early for this one, as they always draw a big crowd.

We host Pigeon Forge star Kenny Evans bringing his famed Brooks & Dunn Tribute concert on March 10th at 7:00PM. Usually that would be movie night (the 2nd Friday of the month), but because Kenny Evans' schedule is so full

due to the high demand for his Brooks & Dunn tribute, this was the only night he was available as far back as a year ago! So again, get your tickets early for this one!

Our own handbell choirs will be ringing beautiful music at 3:00PM Sunday, March 19th. A \$5 donation at the door to hear all 3 of our 5 octave handbell choirs, plus Larry Hirchak on the bell tree. Come support our music ministry and hear great music directed by Nancy Harris and Jeff Jordan.



The very talented actress/singer Terri Dixon will be joining us on Friday, March 24th at 7:00PM for another great Patsy Cline tribute concert. Terri is actually on the road, as I write this, acting in a national, live stage production tour of "Menopause, the Musical". She is a credentialled, "Hollywood actress" who happens to be a great singer. She has portrayed Patsy Cline many times in stage productions, and is returning to UMCSCC to recreate her tribute to, and share the legacy of, Patsy Cline. She always sells out, so... yep, you know... get your tickets early!

On Saturday, March 25 at 2:00PM, Jeff Jordan will be directing the Women's Chorus spring concert in our Sanctuary. The theme of their concert is film/movie music. The Women's Chorus is celebrating their 60th diamond anniversary and will bring you movie music from 1935's classic, *Top Hat* to 1997's *Titanic*. With Jeff directing, you KNOW it will be good, and of course you just don't know what surprises to expect!

On Sunday, March 26 at 3:00PM, yours truly will be directing the Sun City Center Men's Chorus with their spring concert with the theme of *Americana, Our Nation's Heritage*. The Men's Chorus enjoyed the wonderful reception they received for their 2021 Christmas concert, and wanted to come back to share this show that celebrates our God, our country and the legacy that we all share as Americans. On a personal note, this will be my last season conducting these wonderful men of the Chorus, due to Peg's and my planned move to Italy in July. I'd love to share my last effort with the Men's Chorus with you.

Last, but certainly not least, we will wrap up March on the 31st at 7:00PM with a richly talented and charismatic pianist named Bobby van Deusen who will perform a piano concert to benefit the local Rotary Club. It will actually benefit the local area, as the Rotary Club performs tremendous community service to the South Shore area and is a real asset to the community. This show, too has advance tickets. So, if you love hearing great piano, buy a ticket and come hear a great concert. Even if you can't attend, buy a ticket anyway and support the great cause of Rotary as they are so generous to the community with their resources.

There you go. We will host 7 amazing concerts here in March. There will certainly be at least 1 or 2 that will be "right up your alley". So whether you love country music, handbell music, piano music or the wonderful harmonies produced by men's and women's voices in choruses.... I'll see YOU at the concert!

### From the Ledger - Dana Wallace

In January we received \$200,840 in income to offset \$226,855 in expenses. This leaves \$26,014 in expenses over income. Our budget anticipated \$240,870 in income or a shortfall to budget of \$40,029. We anticipated in our planning that we would break even for the year.

After a very busy and productive year for our missions and ministries last year, the pace in January continues at an unabated pace as we continue to serve our communities. We kicked off a very well attended and successful Ladies' Brunch, Continued growing the Men's Breakfast, The Soul Café dinner and Bible study with multiple classes continues to attract a wide audience and our children's programs are very active as well. The new season for Center 4Life Learning also began. I am optimistic for a successful year financially despite a disappointing start in January and look forward to a growing support base as the year moves forward. As always, we thank you for your stewardship and support of the amazing and numerous ministries of this congregation. I wish you a meaningful and Blessed Lenten Season and a Happy Easter. Blessings!

