

NEWS & VIEWS

TUSKAWILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Word From Our Pastor



A New Happening

Kimberly, Naomi and I are excited about the privilege to join with the people of God at Tuskawilla United Methodist Church. We look forward to shaking the hands and hugging the shoulders of a new and wonderful people, in a new church, in a new city, awaiting new opportunities, and pondering new possibilities as we worship and serve as one people, the Triad God of New Happenings.

Are you anxious about the new or do you find yourself awakened by God with a new hope? Are you uncomfortable about the new or do you find yourself exhibiting an unmovable faith in the God who creates a new path? I must confess, there have been times in my life when I was uneasy about a new task or uncomfortable with a new way and my conversation and attitude reflected that of Huck Finn who said, "She put me in them new clothes again, and I couldn't do nothing but sweat and sweat, and feel all cramped up" (AOHF, p. 3). However, when we find ourselves, as people of faith, at the intersection of discomfort and anxiety we must remember "*God is making all things new*" (UMH, p. 383).

God is a God of New Happenings! As we scan the New Testament we find that the word **new** is used throughout its pages. We find the church in conversation about a new heaven and a new earth, a new city, the new wine, the new song, the new tongues, the new commandment, the new name; and as members of God's contrast society we are a new people, we experience a new birth, we are new creatures and, thus, we are a new humanity in and through Jesus the Messiah. Let me encourage us all to embrace the new and anticipate with faith-filled enthusiasm the in-breaking future of the God of New Happenings. For as our Methodist heritage reminds us, "*In faith we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new*" (UMH, p. 383)

Walking With Jesus,

Dwayne Craig, Pastor

JULY 2008

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PASTOR CRAIG, Kimberly & Naomi: TUMC WELCOMES YOU

Welcome to you Pastor Craig, Kimberly and Naomi. We at TUMC are excited about the opportunity to share and entwine our lives with yours. We look forward to continued growth in our faith walk as we turn to you, our new Pastor, to guide us along that path. TUMC has a history of being a church that survives on love and we extend hands of love and friendship to you and your family. May God give you the strength to persevere, the knowledge to educate, and a heart filled with love and compassion as you become our new shepherd. With loving hearts, we welcome you to your new home church.

ECWP- Early Childhood Weekday Program

ECWP - Early Childhood Weekday Programs is a ministry at Tuskawilla UMC for its members and the community. We are committed to provide not only a positive social and educational experience for your child but also to spread the message of Christianity to God's children.

SUMMER CAMP

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Groups: ages 2 years - 7 years

June 30 - July 3 ... Celebrate the USA

July 7 - July 10 ... Safari Adventure

July 14 - July 17 ... Splish, Splash

July 21 - July 24 ... My 5 Senses Blast

ECWP Fall Registration continues daily. There are still available slots for the next school year. ECWP also offers VPK classes. Call the school at 407-699-6012 for more information regarding this and other activities at the school.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The United Methodist Women are very excited to be working on and building up the TUMC Food Pantry. Through the selfless giving of the Mary Martha group and so many of our wonderful church members, we are working very hard to grow this most important outreach program. Remember, the first Sunday of the month- Communion Sunday - is also collection Sunday for the Food Pantry.

In addition to the Food Pantry, we are working very hard on getting our church library underway. In the near future we will be working on some fundraisers, and asking for book donations. Not Yet - but soon. This too is a very valuable and important mission for both our church and our neighborhood.

Finally, we encourage you to please email us with names and addresses of people, friends who need encouragement. Our greeting card ministry is an important program. Our email address is umw@tumcfl.org. Our wonderful ladies of TUMC would really love to increase in number. Please join us the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. We normally meet in room 26, and any changes to that are in the Sunday bulletin or announced. So please join us as all women are welcome. We are still a young group hungry for new ideas and faces.

SUPER SENIORS

Please join the Super Seniors on July 3 for their monthly time of fun and fellowship! Please bring your favorite dish to share at noon in the Fellowship Hall. For information about the group you may contact Larry VanOre at 407-695-7602. The guest speaker this month will be Karen Precord who is the Director of Operations at Senior Partner Care Services of Central Florida. Senior Services offers in - home care and companionship for seniors. The company is locally owned and operated and licensed by the state of Florida. Please come with questions on Long term care and other elder care options.



J[#]A[#]M[#]N MINISTRY

The Children's Ministries of Tuskawilla United Methodist

Power Lab - a time of experiments and learning new things; watching things go "poof". It was a time to make new friends and sharing with teachers and others. Over a hundred youngsters gathered in the Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary and the Education building for five days for Vacation Bible School. Wow! What a wonderful way it was to learn about God's love and the beautiful world he made for us.

Thanks to Kelli O'Reilly, Cheryl Whetzel, the Youth helpers and all the wonderful volunteers who spent many hours in preparing and then facilitating this week for our children. Great job everyone, we thank you for investing in our children.

On Sunday, June 29, the VBS attendees will give a delightful insight to the congregation about some of the things they experienced during VBS. We look forward to this time of sharing.

In other news:

Please remember that Cherub & TYM Choirs are off during the summer.

"Talk it Out" Bible Study will be held on Mondays from 4 to 6 pm.

CLASS OF 2008- DISCIPLE I

I am so excited to share with the congregation about our AWESOME Disciple I class.

It has been my privilege to be involved in leading several Disciple groups over the years. However, I have to tell you that the commitment, the love, the very deep desire to understand God's word and to incorporate it into the everyday lives of each of the members of our Disciple group has been awe-inspiring. What a wonderful reflection on not only TUMC but what a Disciple truly is.

A 34 week commitment is not an easy thing - especially in today's world. As for me well, these have been some of the best months of my entire life and I am truly grateful for the opportunity.

This is the "Class of 2008 - Disciple I"

Dawn Corton

Judith Hemingway

Mindy Moretz

Linda O'Reilly

Deborah Parrott

Nita Seng

Charlie Senn

Jim Silas

Susan Sneiderman

I included my own name because I am part of this group, and each time you have the opportunity to be involved in Disciple Bible Study you learn more about Him. What a phenomenal experience and more than that ~ a Blessing.

Prayerfully, *Mindy Moretz*

YOUTH AT TUMC

Middle School Mission Trip is Fruitful!

Did you know that the deaf are one of the least-reached people groups to know about the Good News? Did you know that our church family is a part of reaching the deaf in the name of Jesus Christ?

During the week of June 15-21, through the TEAMeffort Youth Mission Camp, a 26-member mission team from Tuskawilla UMC, made up primarily of middle school youth, served at Harvest Deaf School in Ringgold, GA. Their assignments were to lead crafts with the children in the summer school program, move a large mound of clay across a 200 yard campus to begin laying a foundation for a new building, and develop relationships with the deaf community and other youth groups at camp.

Our tasks were not without obstacles: the communication struggles between deaf and hearing people (not all of us knew fluent sign language [ASL]); and the clay was dense and heavy and the sun was HOT. However, God equipped us with the strength we needed to accomplish our assignment. We learned that Scripture is truth as in Philippians 4:17, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Thank you to our church family for your prayerful and financial support. Through your sustenance you became a part of our mission team! Well done, good and faithful servants!

**Tuskawilla U.M. Youth with friends from
Harvest Deaf School**



Our "mound" we moved



Our finished foundation



HOLY HUMOR

OCCUPATIONS FAVORITE HYMNS

Dentist - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Weatherman - "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"
Contractor - "The Church's One Foundation"
Tailor - "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Golfer - "There is a Green Hill Far Away"
Politician - "Standing on the Promises"
Optometrist - "Open My Eyes That I May See"
IRS Agent - "I Surrender All"
Gossip's Hymn - "Pass It On"
Electrician - "Send Out Thy Light"
Shopper - "Sweet By and By"
Drivers: 45mph - "God Will Take Care of You"
55 mph - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
65 mph - "Nearer My God to Thee"
75mph - "Nearer Still Nearer"
85mph - "This World is Not My Home"
95 mph - "Lord, I'm Coming Home"

A Christian Steward is

"Compassionate, contented, generous, grateful and loving. To a Christian Steward, giving of time, abilities and material possession is a reflection of your walk with God. Christian Stewardship is not "here today, gone tomorrow." Christian stewards serve God faithfully, remembering who they are, whose they are and why they are here on earth. A Christian steward remains loyal in all things and at all times. It means doing the things that nobody else wants to do, even going beyond your own comfort zone."

"So, therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

Adapted from Bea Reifies

TUMC MISSIONS 2008

In July, our Youth are headed to the Choctaw reservation in Mississippi to continue the work that TUMC started eleven years ago. This could not be possible without your prayers and financial support. It is our goal to maintain this relationship with God's guidance and your help.

Also this month we will be lending a hand to the other churches in the "Summer Blast" project for the children in our community. Please be on the lookout for details on how you can help with this summer project. Thank you sincerely for all that you do to make our Missions projects the true manifestation of God working in and through us as a church.

TUMC Missions Team

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

- 1 Jean Curtin, Brenda McLintock, Bud Senko
- 2 David Boyce, Jared Peters, Amanda Talley
- 6 Brock Buckner, Alex Grossman, Robert Hagen,
Donna Stornelli
- 7 Jerry Alkire
- 8 David Brubaker, Chuck Schindler
- 11 Mitch Colson, Paige Giard
- 12 Tyler Cook, Vernal Elcock, Suzanne Lilly, Irene Miller
- 13 Megan Hough, Horace Powell, Louise Toble
- 14 Serena Evans-Whetzel, Veronica Evans-Whetzel, Mary
Kelsey, Dace Martinez, Ariana Porter
- 15 Gloria Duncan
- 16 Joey Hermann. Anna Todriff
- 17 Wendy Berghane
- 19 Nancy Zimmerman
- 21 Louise Arthur, Laura Bogdan, Kathy DonLevy,
Alex Falcone, Laura Stoughton
- 22 Jerry Durant, Erica Even, Alan Titus,
- 23 Todd Griffin, Nancy Grossman, Jim Morris, Jan Rudolph
- 24 Chris Lyons
- 25 Kiersten Aplin , Elizabeth Glavin, Grant Glavin, Warren
Hill, Mike LaFata, Noah Quinn
- 27 Paula Burke
- 28 John Bilbruck, Janet LaFata, Tyler McLaughin, Caitlyn
Neisler, Caylee Niesler
- 29 Carla Ehlers
- 30 Karen Hanson, Rachel Plamp, Jeff Russell
- 31 Lavonne Hunt, Deby Talley

- 6 Todd & Sheryl Zimmerman
- 7 Bob & Marie Noble
- 11 Harley & Tollis Patterson
- 12 Bob & Carol Ousnamer
- 12 John & Yuriko Wells
- 17 Donald & Tammy Childs
- 18 Joseph & Shirley Bloodworth
- 18 Jim & Jeffrey Gay III
- 26 Floyd & Margie Jacobs



MEMORIAL

A memorial service for Jim Leedy will be held on Monday, July 7 at 3pm in the church sanctuary. Jim left this earth on June 19, and our loss is heaven's gain. Jim served TUMC in the choir, as a staff member as well as in many other areas. Our heartfelt sympathies to Grace and all of the Leedy family.

The family has requested that donations in his name can be made to TUMC- 3925 Red Bug Lake Road, Casselberry, Fl. 32707 or, to the Alzheimer's Association, Central/North Florida Chapter - 988 Woodcock Road, Suite 200, Orlando, Fl. 32803

May God Grant You Eternal Rest !

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The August Newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, July 23, 2008**. For your convenience, you can E-mail your Newsletter articles to [office@tumcfl.org](mailto:office@tumcfl.org) or fax it to 407-699-9419. The church office reserves the right to edit any contributed articles for length and clarity.



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**A LOOK AT TUMC IN JULY**

**Friday, July 4 - Independence Day - Church office closed**

**Sunday, June 6 - Welcome Reception for  
Pastor Craig & family.**

**July 4 - 13 - Youth on Choctaw Mission Trip**

**June 30 - July 24 - ECWP Summer Camp**

***Please check for our complete calendar at [tumcfl.org](http://tumcfl.org)***