

NEWS & VIEWS

TUSKAWILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Word From Our Pastor



Good News

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41). “And the word of God increased, and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly: and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7).

These and other Scriptures in the book of Acts tell the story of a church on fire to reach out and win the lost. This church at Jerusalem made spreading the good news of Jesus Christ her chief business, and the Lord added His blessings to her efforts in the salvation of many persons.

The winning of the lost was the purpose for which Christ established His church in the world. This is set forth by the first coming of Christ (Luke 19:10) and the great commission (Matt. 28: 19 - 20) and by Paul’s statement in 1 Timothy 1: 15.

To win people to Christ a church must be a:

1. Praying church
2. Preaching church
3. Teaching church
4. Mission church
5. Loving church
6. Strong church
7. United church
8. Growing church
9. Worshipping church
10. Friendly church

My friends, I pray the day will come when the old Jerusalem gospel rings from every pulpit across the land. I want to see the gospel proclaimed to the world once again (Mark 13: 10; Col. 1:23). In the words of Caleb, “Let us go up at once” (Num. 13:30). May we here at Tuskawilla UMC “be” a church that reaches out to the lost and desperate in the name of Jesus Christ.

Walking with Jesus,

Dwayne Craig
Dwayne J. Craig
Senior Pastor

SEPTEMBER 2008

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“Now this is the message that we have heard from Him and proclaim to you: God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.”

1 John 1:5

September sermons by Rev. D. Craig

Scripture: John 3:16

Sept. 7 - “Love Supreme”

Sept. 21 - “Love is You”

Sept. 14 - “Outpouring Love”

Sept. 28 - “The Power of Love”

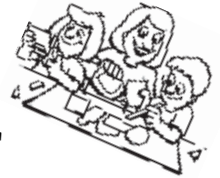
*“It was only a sunny smile,
And little it cost in giving.
But like the morning light,
It scattered the night.
And made the day
worth living.”*

Anon

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.

ECWP - A Ministry at TUMC



~Preschool began Monday, August 5 and Tuesday, August 26. Spaces available: 2s Mon - Fri; Early 3s Mon - Fri; 3s Tuesday/Thursday; PreK (VPK) Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 am - 2:30 pm; Mon - Thurs 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; and, Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Early Morning 8:00 am - 9:00 am and Kids' Club 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm available Monday - Friday.

~Parent Meetings Wednesday, 9/17 and Thursday, 9/18 in the TUMC Sanctuary 9:15 am - 9:45 am with information regarding "Creative Curriculum" and Voluntary PreK - goals, objectives and standards.

~Join us for our Family Worship - Wednesday, 9/17 and Thursday, 9/18 in TUMC Sanctuary 9:45 am - 10:00 am. "We are Family ...We are One" with songs and praise celebrating God's world.

~Scholastic Book Fair in Fellowship Hall -- Monday, 9/29 through Friday, 10/3 "Book Fair Safari". Join us for an Evening under the Stars" Wednesday, 10/1 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm with great books, stories, light snacks, classroom visits and presentation of TUMC/ECWP programs and events.

~Due to the cancellation of our OPEN HOUSE on Aug 21, we will use the evening of the Book Fair to open our Preschool to our families, TUMC congregation and the Community.

Please call the school at 407-699-6012 for more information regarding this and other activities at the school.



Food Pantry

The United Methodist Women want to thank all of you who donated to the Food Pantry in August. The donations were amazing. Remember - Communion Sunday is not only a day for our souls to be fed - but it is a time for us to help feed. Look for the Food Pantry collection area in the Narthex.

Library Donations

UMW wish to thank all those who so graciously supported the Bake Sale that helped to raise money for the library. We can provide most of what is needed to get us started. However we still need your help. This you would love! You get to go through YOUR bookcases and donate to the library. Your books, CDs or tapes can be dropped off to the library area next to the church office.

Greeting Cards

Do you know of someone who needs to be encouraged or uplifted? The United Methodist Women have a wonderful Greeting Card Ministry, but we need your help to make it work. Email or call us with the name and address of someone who could use a word of encouragement at umw@tumcfl.org or call Mindy at 407.222.4792. Be sure to include the name and complete mailing address, as well as brief details so we will know which type card to send.



SUPER SENIORS

Please join the Super Seniors on September 4, for their monthly time of fun and fellowship! Please bring your favorite dish to share at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Dwayne Craig will be our special guest. Join us for a time to "eat and chat" and exchange thoughts and ideas. For information about the group, you may contact Larry VanOre at 407-695-7602.

J*A*M'n Kids Ministry

The Children's Ministry at Tuskawilla UMC

Calendar

The children's events calendar is posted on the church website. Please check frequently for updates to events and outings. The web address is: www.tumcfl.org

Nursery News

We have a wonderful nursery, staffed with wonderful, caring adults. Let us take care of your children as you worship. Nursery is located in Room 1/2 and is available during all worship services.

Ministry Opportunities - More ministry partners are needed to work once a month during the 11:00 worship service. Please contact Kelli O'Reilly for more information.

SONshine News

Children ages 3-5th grade are invited to join Mrs. Whetzel following the Children's Moment for a worship service designed just for them. Young children must be completely toilet trained, able to sit through Bible story time and follow directions. **All participants must be signed-in for SONshine and have a name tag before leaving the church.** Registration book and nametags are located in the sanctuary narthex.

SONshine Ministry Partner Opportunities - Ministry partners are needed to help with this ever growing ministry. Weekly greeters, craft assistants, worship assistants are but a few of the jobs open at this time. You are able to work as often as desired. Please contact Kelli for more information.

Here is what's happening in September

September 7 - Food donations for the Elizabeth House

September 7 - New Sunday school curriculum begins - RockSolid is the new curriculum

September 14 - Slime Time Planning Committee Meeting

September 22 - Registration begins for Slime Time Fall Family & Children's' Event - Hosted by J*A*M'n Ministries and ECWP Preschool

September 28 - Mandatory Nursery Ministry Team Meeting

MISSION OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2008

200 MILLION -The number of people that do not have the Bible in their own language

90 - The number of countries where work related to Bible translation is taking place today

2025 - Our vision for the year that the last Bible translation project for the last language will begin

Countless - The joy of knowing that every people, every tribe, and every tongue will be represented around the throne in heaven.

Find your place in mission with

Wycliffe 

Partners in Bible Translation

For more information:

Visit with Tim and Jen Holloran after service each Sunday in September

Visit our website at www.wycliffe.org

Call for more information at 1-800-WYCLIFFE

TUMC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

I would like to serve on the Membership Care Committee

I would like to serve on the Prayer Advocacy Team

I would like to serve on the Evangelism Ministry

I would like to serve in Outreach/Missions

I would like to serve on the Stewardship Ministry

I would like to serve on the Communications Ministry

I would like to serve on Small Groups Ministry

I would like to serve on United Methodist Men

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Adult Member Youth Member

Please place this completed form in the collection plate or return to the church office.

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You're Gonna Miss This

You're gonna miss this. You're gonna want this back.

You're gonna wish these days, Hadn't gone by so fast.

These are some good times, So take a good look around.

You may not know this now, But you're gonna miss this. (Anon)

Have you watched a young child play? The excitement they express over something new is fun to watch. Their eyes light up and they smile, or laugh over the new discovery. Or have you experienced a school aged child's excitement about their day's events? What about witnessing the excitement a child feels over making a new friend at church or school? Have you seen a child become overwhelmed with nervousness about a test? If you've experienced any of these scenarios with your own child, did you take the time to share the moment with them? Or did you continue to scurry around completing tasks without giving them all your attention?

Our children have but one childhood; don't hurry them and yourselves through it. Savor it, because you are going to miss these days and you are going to want them back. But once gone, we can never regain yesterday.

God bless,

Kelli O'Reilly, Director of Children's Ministry

LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Lay Speaking Training

Lay Speaking Ministry in the East Central District invites you to a *Weekend of Learning* on Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, 2008 at Ocoee Oaks UMC, 201 S. Clarke Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761

Cost is \$45.00 for each course and includes materials, meals, and snacks.

Pre-registration required. Basic and Advanced courses will be offered and they are open to everyone. If you have previously completed the Basic Lay Speaking Course then upon completion of one of the Advanced courses you will receive your Certified Lay Speaking Certificate. Either of these courses will serve as the three year renewal requirement. For additional information contact: Lynn Campbell, Director of Lay Speaking at 407-699-8155 or email at 9937@bellsouth.net.

STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Stephen Ministry which equips Lay People for Christ-Centered care is holding a workshop on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at St. Luke's UMC. Learn how to better care for those who are grieving and suffering any kind of loss. Be a part of a team that will learn how to bring this Ministry to TUMC. If interested in attending this workshop or for more information, please contact Charlie Senn at 407-695-6171.

Radical Hospitality trainings highlight next element of Living the United Methodist Way

(Coming to a church near us - First Lakeland UMC)

Does our church know how to welcome new visitors? How do we show Christian love, one for another, on a day-to-day basis? One of the five elements of Living the United Methodist Way – a core disciple-making process to which every congregation is called – is “Radical Hospitality.” Radical Hospitality begins with how persons in a congregation relate to one another in Christian love and then radiates out to how newcomers are welcomed. Finally, radical hospitality involves how the congregation reaches beyond itself as ambassadors of reconciliation to their community and the next generation. As followers of one who easily and gladly welcomed women, children, tax collectors, lepers, prostitutes, Samaritans, Zealots, and indeed people of all sorts into his fellowship, how can we not do likewise? As Paul said, “God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting our sins against us. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us”. (II Corinthians 5:18-20)

This one-day event, held in five locations across the Florida Annual Conference, is designed to help teams from congregations think through what it would mean for their congregation to be radically hospitable to the people of their community and to the next generation. In addition to the three plenary sessions, each participant will be able to choose from two practical breakout groups. Cost is \$125 for the first 5 persons.

2008 Men's Fall Retreats sponsored by United Methodist Men:

Three schedules offered: **OCTOBER 10-12, OCTOBER 17-19 & OCTOBER 24-26, 2008**

LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER LEESBURG

Would you like an opportunity to get away? Spend time in a relaxing environment, in the company of other Christian men from your routines; Be uplifted by the Holy Spirit through music and messages?

Then we promise to offer you a spirit-filled weekend that will have a positive impact on your life at one of these Weekend “Get-A-Way’s.”

Contact the church office at 407-699-8155 for more information or to register for any of these opportunities.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

1 Betty Wickenhofer
2 John Thomas
4 Lewis Gray, Bob Spitzer, Ashley Stornelli
5 Emily Hardison, Gloria Metz, Kelli Vitale
6 Kelsey Chalmers, John Chambliss, Zoe Gottschalk
Thelma Powell, Bob Showalter
7 Cathy Moore, Iain Peters
8 Joan Ray
9 Holly Mason, Charles Senn, Laura-Leigh Wood
10 Bob White
11 John Dannecker, Leslie Pilz, Sue Sneiderman
12 Christine Downs, Keith Knox
13 Bob Cook, Taylor Cunningham, Steve Whitley
14 Mandy BeMent
15 Sandra Buckner, Eric Zitza
16 Dave Estes
17 Samantha Carman, Jan Larkin, Emily Zimmerman
18 Lennie Burke, Tom Schuchart, Chris Seltzer
19 Danielle Zitza
20 Amanda Politsch
21 Alicia Corton, Dustin Evans, Brianna Herrera,
Michael Ross, Michael Wilfert
22 Dan Jones, Richard Lane, Terry Sneiderman,
Paul Zimmerman
24 Patty Lamkay
25 Shelby Chalmers, Annette Sullivan
26 Bob Hayes, Rebecca Thomas
27 Ashlyn Peri
28 Wayne Holcomb, Hank Howard
29 Jean Arthur, Shirley Dudney, Douglas Hunt
30 Savannah Huff, Bryan LaMie

4 Bob & Debbie Spitzer
5 Kent & Jeralyn Martinez
8 Ernie & Lou Voda
13 Kim & Kathryn Hughes, Rex & Terri Straw
16 Warren & Connie Sloan
17 Ken & Norma Burnette
18 Arthur & Dorothy Hennings
21 Gregory & Terri Aplin
23 Chris & Suzanne Lilly
27 Carole & Lewis Gray



Our Mission Statement:

"Tuskawilla UMC is committed to providing a place to BELONG, to a community of faith, a place to GROW in the faith, and a place to SERVE the faith."

Our Vision Statement:

TUMC - A place to Belong, a place to Grow, place to Serve. There's a place for YOU!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The October Newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, September 18, 2008**. For your convenience, you can e-mail your Newsletter articles to office@tumcf.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 SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 - Labor Day - Church Office closed

Sept. 4 - Super Seniors Luncheon

Sept. 6 - Churchwide Worship Ministry Training

Sept. 8 - United Methodist Women

Sept. 14 - Casting Call for Christmas Musical

Sept. 19 - 20 - EC District Lay Speaking Training

Sept. 27 - Churchwide Long Range Planning Session

Sept. 28 - Finance Committee Meeting

Sept. 28 - Administrative Board Meeting