

TUSKAWILLA TIMES

MARCH 2009

Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

*A place to **BELONG**, **GROW** and **Serve**.
There's a place for **YOU!***

Here Is Love

A LENTEN/EASTER CANTATA

Featuring the Sanctuary Choir, with an instrumental ensemble, *Here Is Love* is a poignant musical presentation that will speak the truth of Christ's journey to the cross.



Wednesday, April 8th
7:00 pm

Guest Cellist:
Laurel Stanton,
UCF Professor of Cello,
Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

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Spring Fling

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

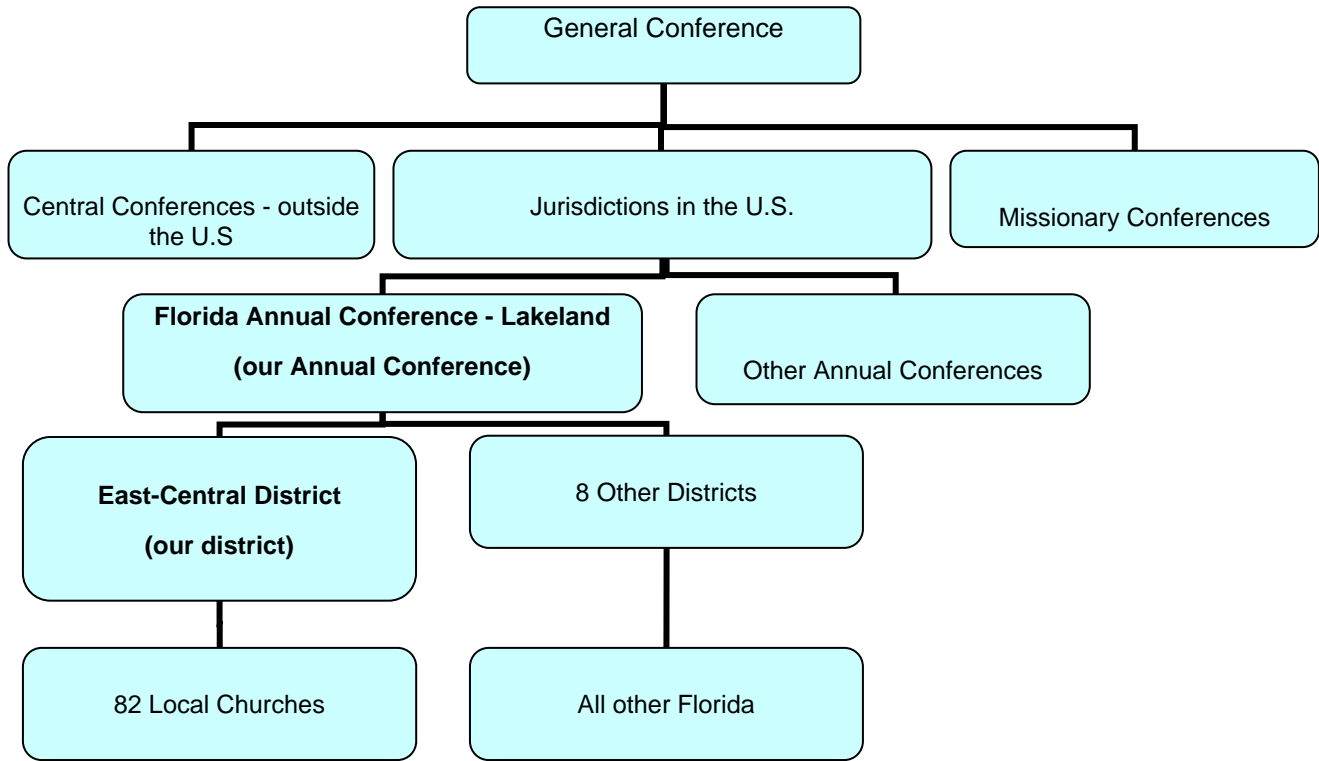
10 AM - 2 PM

**GAMES, FOOD, MUSIC,
MINISTRY EXHIBITS,
ECWP 20TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

To Get Involved, please contact Stephanie Ege at
SpringFling@tumcfl.org

We're a "Connectional" Church

United Methodist Organization Chart - Where do we fit in?



As United Methodists, we belong to our local church, Tuskawilla UMC, but also to the larger organization – the East-Central District, the Florida Annual Conference, the Southeastern Jurisdiction and the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. As a member of such an elite system, each local church is asked to pay apportionments (our fair share) to help support its administrative offices and the many ministries that are offered. One of the many ways that this “connectional” system works to our advantage is our group insurance rates. Our insurance premiums are paid and they allow us to pay them back over the course of the year. We have unpaid premiums dating back to 2007 which will be our first concern this year.

In 2009, our apportionments are set at \$57,352. While that sounds like a lot of money, it goes toward supporting our local District Superintendent and his office, our Florida Bishop and his office and various other administrative costs. Our District and Conference leaders provide training in areas of Lay Ministry, Discipleship, Learning for Spiritual Leaders, Young Adults and Youth Ministries, Inter-Religious Concerns, Religion and Race and many, many more.

But more important than that, our dollars combine with 700 other churches in Florida to reach to the far corners of the earth. We're able to touch lives through the Church camps in Leesburg, Green Cove Springs and La Belle, Florida. We support Florida Southern College, Bethune-Cookman College and Wesley Foundations at local colleges. Through the Africa University Fund, our dollars reach all the way across the Atlantic to support the only United Methodist degree-granting university in Africa. We help support the Red Bird Missionary in Tennessee and the Southeastern Jurisdiction office and camp at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

When a disaster happens anywhere in the world, the United Methodist Church is one of the first relief agencies to arrive. Again, our apportionment dollars at work. So even when we can't travel around the world, our support allows our missionaries and other work teams to proclaim God's word.

Like any organization, if each local church pays their fair share and shares the responsibility, we can be more effective in building up Christ's church in the world. In 2006, we were able to pay 100% of our apportionments, let's see if we can do it again in 2009!!!

From Our Children

Kelli O'Reilly, Director

Karate is Coming to TUMC!

*Are you looking for a way to harness your child's energy? *Is your child shy or reluctant to participate in activities or with others? *Are you looking for a safe form of exercise for your child?



Karate has shown to help children learn self discipline, improve confidence and it is a wonderful way to exercise.

Kyle Segal of Central Florida Martial Arts Academy will be offering karate classes for elementary age children (K-5) on Thursday evenings beginning March 19, from 6:30-7:30. The cost is \$45.00/month for each child and 10% discount for siblings. Uniforms are \$20.00.

Space is limited! Contact Kelli today to register your child!

*Preschool children (ages 3-5) are invited to register for classes at Central Florida Martial Arts Academy (located in the Wal-Mart Shopping Plaza).

If you mention TUMC, Kyle will honor the \$45.00/month fee!

Teddy Bears for Children

Help Club JAM collect new teddy bears for children. Club JAM is a fellowship group of 4th & 5th grade boys and girls who meet monthly for dinner, games, and Bible study. Teddy bears can be dropped off in the sanctuary beginning March 1. Our goal is to provide 100 teddy bears to children in need!



Parent Meeting

Parents, grandparents, and guardians please attend the information meeting on March 15th at 12:30. We will discuss upcoming programs, outings, and updates! Bring a lunch for your family – dessert and drinks provided.

Evangelism Day Kid Care

Wish you could participate in the church-wide Evangelism Day, but have no one to keep the children?

Let us care for your children while you go out into the community to share with our neighbors. Evangelism Day is scheduled for March 14, from 10:30-12:30. Kid care is FREE, but RESERVATIONS are required. Reservations must be made before March 9. Parents are required to provide 1 snack and lunch for their child.



If you would like to become a member of the Outreach Day Kid Care Team, please contact Kelli O'Reilly at 407-699-8155.



Club JAM

Club JAM is for all 4th & 5th grade boys and girls. We are currently studying *LIVE IT! Under Pressure*. Dinner, games, topical discussions, Bible study, and service projects make up our time together. Please bring \$3.00 for dinner and your Bible. **Please do not let the cost of dinner keep you away!** Club JAM will meet March 22 from 4:00-5:30pm in Room 28.

5th Sunday - Congo River Golf Family Outing

Families are invited to come together on the 5th Sunday for miniature golf at Congo River in Altamonte Springs. We will meet at Congo River, located at 531 W. State Road 436, (next to Chuck E. Cheese) at 3:45pm. Cost is \$8.25/person and all monies are due no later than March 15. Please register your attendance by making your check payable to: TUMC. Mark in the Memo section: Congo River Golf – Children.

If you would like to donate funds for a family to attend this event, please see Kelli.



News from our Preschool (ECWP)

Susan Bertone, Director

What were YOU doing in 1988/1989? The Early Childhood Weekday Programs, a Preschool ministry of Tuskawilla United Methodist Church, was created in that year.

ECWP is celebrating twenty (20) years of providing a caring, nurturing, early learning and Christian environment to over **2000** children and their families.



We would like to celebrate the years of memories at ECWP with your help. If you, your children or even grandchildren attended ECWP, please contact the Preschool office at (407) 699 -6012 or ecwp@tumcfl.org for further details or to sign our guest book.

Be on the look out for our booth at Spring Fling on Saturday, April 25 and be a part of the worship celebration on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at the 11:am service.



ECWP 2009/2010 REGISTRATION NOW!

The Early Childhood Weekday Programs (ECWP) has been serving Tuskawilla United Methodist Church for 20 years as a Preschool ministry for TUMC members and the community. Our commitment is to provide to all of God's children and their families a positive, caring, social and early learning educational experience.

ECWP is composed of 2 parts:

Parents' Day Out (PDO) program for children 24 months to 35 months.

Parents' Day Out provides an activity oriented program with daily activities in art, music, stories and play. Our effort is to encourage the growth and self-worth of each child by providing a place where children can play, explore and have hands-on experiences in a safe, caring and creative environment.

Preschool - a developmentally appropriate practices program for children 3 years - 5 years (PreK) Pre-school provides a Christian environment that nurtures children in their early learning education. Children learn by doing and observing others around them. By using developmentally appropriate practices with goals, objectives and activities, we are enhancing a Preschooler's learning through social/emotional, cognitive, physical and language development.

ECWP is licensed by the Department of Children and Families, a member of the United Methodist of Preschools (UMAP) and a Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) Provider for the Early Learning Coalition of Seminole County.

Please contact the Preschool office at (407) 699 - 6012 or visit us at www.tumcfl.org for available classes, tuition and fees. Tours of ECWP are available Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00pm.



OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Choctaw Youth to Visit in March

The Choctaw youth will be visiting Tuskawilla UMC **March 14-20, 2009**, to help our high school youth plan Vacation Bible School (VBS) for our mission trip to John Memorial UMC in July.

For 11 years, we have been visiting John Memorial to bring the hope and love of Jesus Christ to the children of the Choctaw mission in Carthage, Mississippi. This will be the first year that the youth of John Memorial will assume the responsibility of helping to plan as well as leading this VBS with our high school youth. We are planning for 20 youth and 4 adult chaperones to be our guests. Many church family members have volunteered by offering their homes, Disney tickets, and meals. The Choctaw are also helping to alleviate the costs by working on fundraisers for their trip to Florida.

You can play a part in this experience as well... Begin by bathing this experience in prayer. Pray that the Lord will provide and that He will begin to prepare the hearts of the Tuskawilla high school youth and the Choctaw youth to be united in mind and spirit. Ask Him what he would have you provide for this mission – we are still in need of meals for this large group. And above all, pray that He will mold these precious youth into His instruments.

Come celebrate at 50 Plus!

If you are fifty or over, we invite you to visit with us at noon on Thursday, March 5 for our monthly luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share and come prepared for great fellowship. Our hosts and hostesses in March will be the TUMC staff. They will be using this opportunity to show their appreciation to the many volunteers who help throughout the year in a myriad of ways. Prior years of this time of sharing have been wonderful surprises. What will the staff do in 2009? If you volunteer with the office staff in any capacity, a special welcome is extended to you. We are excited about this expected time of sharing and fellowship.

We would love to have you

come join us on March 5!





Lay Speaking - A Weekend of Learning

Basic Lay Speaking and two Advanced Courses

Advanced: "Lay Speakers Create Disciple Making Faith Communities" will be facilitated by Rev Owen and Mrs. Barbara Stricklin.

Advanced: "Dimensions of Prayer" will be facilitated by Michael Briggs. Either of these courses will serve as the three year renewal requirement to renew your Lay Speaking Certification.

Basic Lay Speaking: will be facilitated by Lynn Campbell.

Each 10 hour course is a two day event: Friday and Saturday, March 20 & 21, 2009.

Friday 5:00 - 8:30 includes dinner.

Saturday 8:30 - 4:00 includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Cost is \$45.00 for each course and includes materials, meals, and snacks. Pre-registration required. Complete registration form and mail to the East Central District, 2125 E. South Street, Orlando, FL 32803.

These courses are open to everyone. If you have previously completed the Basic Lay Speaking Course then upon completion of one of these courses you will receive your Certified Lay Speaking Certificate.

For additional information contact: Lynn Campbell, Director of Lay Speaking Ministry EC District at 407-699-8155 office@tumcfl.org or hat9937@bellsouth.net.

STEWARDSHIP 2009

2009 Operating Budget		\$765,257
2007 Insurance Carryover		14,621
2008 Insurance Carryover		<u>29,943</u>
2009 Total Annual Budget		\$809,821
2009 Operating Budget YTD		\$109,014
2009 Income - Contributed to Date		<u>73,958</u>
Over/Under Operating Budget YTD		(\$35,056)
2009 Apportionments - Assigned by UMC Conference		\$57,352
2009 Apportionments - Paid to date	0.87%	500
2009 Children's Home - Paid to date (\$6372)	0%	0

UPCOMING SERMONS by Rev. Dwayne Craig

March 1 - Exodus 17: 1 - 7

"No Water in the Wilderness"

March 8 - Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

"God Works in the Valley"

March 15 - Luke 17: 11 - 19

"Wrong Person Doing the Right Thing"

March 22 - Genesis 3: 1 - 7

"There's a Snake In The Garden"

March 29 - John 14: 1 - 3

"The Promises of Jesus"

BIRTHDAYS - March, 2009

Beth Frazee	3/2
Joanna Polk	3/2
Dorothy Smith	3/2
Brian Corton	3/3
Phil DonLevy	3/3
Meghan Gay	3/3
Lacey Taylor	3/3
Steve Berghane	3/4
Rich Graves	3/4
Michael LaMott	3/4
Carl Wendt	3/4
Dennis Anastario	3/5
Megan Hamilton	3/6
Chris Wherrell	3/6
Neil Allen	3/7
Emilee Moore	3/7
Margie Jacobs	3/8
Rick Brown	3/9
Terry Even	3/9
Ray Martin	3/9
Judy Nielsen	3/9
Larry Van Ore	3/9
Fred Wascura	3/9
Holly Wascura	3/9
Cheryl Whetzel	3/9
Megan Whitley	3/10
Nicholas Berghane	3/11
Donald Childs	3/11
Tawni Small	3/11
Ariah Todriff	3/11
Amy Moore	3/12
Janice Seltzer	3/12
Jerry Sharp	3/12

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Jenny Wherrell	3/14
Charlotte Becker	3/15
Martha Glavin	3/15
Jennifer Graham	3/15
Rex Straw	3/16
Brianna Tague	3/16
Patti Anastario	3/17
Naomi Briggs	3/18
Christopher Martin	3/18
Gregory Aplin	3/19
Brad Liebknecht	3/19
Leni Schmidt	3/20
Chelsea McLintock	3/22
Carol Ousnamer	3/23
Jennifer Dorn	3/24
Rachael Herrera	3/24
Morgan Nelson	3/24
Miranda Tague	3/24
Shari Douglas	3/25
Ronald Zitza	3/25
Millie Alkire	3/26
Fred Glavin	3/26
Matt Dukes	3/27
Keilee Quinn	3/27
Ian Bradley	3/28
Maria Lucanegro	3/28
Craig Stoughton	3/28
Ann Detwiler	3/29
Alicia Potts	3/29
Lee Hyde	3/30

ANNIVERSARIES - March

Hal & Jan Larkin	3/4
Mike & Lynn Lyons	3/10
Bob & Lydia Giffin	3/11
Mark & Brenda Holmes	3/22
Terry & Kim Neisler	3/26
Fred & Martha Glavin	3/30





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Jeralyn Martinez

Evangelism

Carol Ousnamer

Prayer Advocacy

Judith Hemmingway

United Methodist Women

John Pitts & Debbie Spitzer

Membership Committee

EVANGELISM DAY

Saturday, March 14

10:30am to 12:30 pm

Join us as we go out into the community and share the Love of Christ with our friends and neighbors.

We would pass out informative flyers about TUMC as we invite those we meet to worship with us and to share in our church wide events.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dwayne Craig

Senior Pastor

Kathy Rexroad

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