



OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS

We want to keep you up to date on the financial status of the church.

As of 07/31/21

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,009.00
Paid/set aside thru July		<u>- 18,009.00</u>
BALANCE DUE	\$	0.00
Starting Balance	\$	2,214.00
Income July	+	31,985.00
Transfer to the Foundation	-	9,000.00
<u>Expense July</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,770.00</u>
Ending balance	\$	3,429.00

Thank you for being such faithful givers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Finance Team



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 16 – Leadership Team Meeting

What's Happening

Summer Time



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OUR MISSION



*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6*

Happy August! I am so excited that we get to go camping again. And I am really excited about our theme this year, “Apologetics.” Apologetics is from the Greek word Apologia which means defense. Apologetics is therefore a defense of the faith, the Christian faith to be exact. Many have asked why we need to learn this at our age and this month, as we get started, I am going to share with you 3 main reasons why it is important.

Reason #1: Welcome to a Post-Christian world

When I grew up, everyone knew Jesus, believed in Jesus, and went to church. We just knew everyone was a Christian. **That is NOT the case today.** Are you aware that being part of church or going to worship doesn’t even make it to the top 10 things someone will think about doing during the week? I am not sure if it makes any list at all for most folks. The days of everyone being a believer are gone. And there are numerous philosophies that have taken over for religion, so Christianity isn’t even needed, or so some think. We live in a world more like when Paul lived than when we grew up. The world is in a “Post-Christian” phase and needs us to be able to defend the faith as passed down for thousands of years.

Reason #2: We want younger families to join the church

That’s great. But we will have a severe communication gap if we do not learn their lingo and their world view. I am not saying they have it all right but unless we understand it, how will we ever be able to engage these world views with the Biblical truth of Jesus. So, we do it because the Bible [who commands we instruct the next generations] tells us to do it. It is not easy at our age to learn new things, but God, through the power of the Holy Spirit will help us so we can be the witnesses and apologists for Christ.

Reason #3: If we take loving our neighbor seriously, we should care where their eternity is spent.

For the first time in hundreds of years we have generations who have not even heard the Good News of Jesus or have heard a tainted version tied to American politics. And there are several things that get in the way of them being able to hear the Good News of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Those things that get in the way are what we are going to learn about this month. Then we can learn how to listen, discern questions to ask so we can help someone critically think through their philosophies leading to an encounter with Christ.

So, there you have it. Three very important reasons we are going to study apologetics. Brothers and sisters, we need to trust God’s power in us to get the job done. And another perk will be, your own faith will become more solidified upon the Rock through these lessons.



See you on the Camp Site,
Pastor Shirley



We have had a great response signing up for the May, June and July Prayer Walks. Thank you to all who signed up and walked/drove the neighborhoods. A part of our mission is to reach out to others and bring them to Jesus.



For those of you are aren’t already in a small group, two additional days and times are being offered during the month of August to coordinate with our **Mama Bear Apologetics** series we are studying during worship.

Tuesdays at 2 pm via Zoom – please contact the office to sign up so you may receive the link to connect to the session.

Wednesdays at 2 pm – please contact the office to sign up. This group will be meeting in person in the church library.



Connect – To be a family of believers who connect to God and each other.

Care – To shine the light of Christ and welcome all we encounter encouraging worship, life groups, and spiritual growth.

Commit – To grow in faith through service to others both locally and globally.

CORE VALUES:

Loving Relationships:

Honest & loving relationships:
With God through a worshipful attitude and prayer.
With others through acceptance and grace to all.

Spiritual Growth

Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment.

Compassionate Service

Offering help to others with humility and mutual respect.



Teamwork

Accomplish ministry in the context of relationships.

We Are A Praying People!

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.



- Bishop & Mrs. Carter, Rev. & Mrs. Thom Schafer, President Biden and Gov. DeSantis, all of our elected officials, Pastor Shirley & Rod, our staff, our church leaders, our Cub Scouts, Jan & Pete Dougherty, Sara Fleming, Jean Flugel, Patti Fortin, Richard & Lucy Gabriel, Betty Galvez, Otto & Jan Guenther, Margaret Hackett, Bill & Bernice Highberger

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, facing left, against a background of a mountain range under a light sky.

The prayer focus for August will be:

- **God directed ministries**
- **Growth in music program**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.





The yoga classes
Tuesdays and Thursdays
certified instructor
session. Please contact



gymnasium
There is a
\$5 each



Please remember to bring items for the Mayor's
Feed The Hungry Program and place those
items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Also,
you may drop them off in the office during office
hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
between 10 am and 2 pm.

Thank You!

Birthdays in August



August 1	Bill Johnson
August 2	Kandy DeWitt
August 7	Bill Wheeler
August 18	Bonnie Kitzmiller
August 23	Harriett Newcomb



Anniversaries in August



August 11	David & Pat Dixon
August 21	Eugene & Bonnie Kitzmiller
August 29	Ron & Cyndi Andradi

** If you know someone is having a special year birthday (90+)
or special anniversary (25, 30, 35 etc.) year please let the office know.

Thank You!



2021 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd

- Aija Ball (A - Bn)
- Rose & Bill Johnson (Bo – D)
- Judy Snodgrass (E – Ha)
- Cyndi Andrasi (He – J)
- Beatriz Lowery (K – Mc)
- Marcia & Cecil Mulvaney (Mi – N)
- Nancy Winding (O – Z)
- Bonnie Kitzmiller (Snowbirds)



Kudos this month go to

...Cyndi Andrasi and Karen Kehrli for preparing the power point for Sunday worship

...the musician and vocalists for enhancing our worship services

2021 Leadership Team

Trustees Judy Shannon, Mike Barbour, Sara Fleming, and Jean Flugel

Finance Sennie Lansdowne, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff

SPRT Cyndi Andrasi, Pat Dixon, Chip Newberger and Judy Snodgrass

Lay Leader Dave Strait

Nurture Team Leader Pat Dixon

Outreach Team Co-Leaders Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

Lay Delegate Dave Strait



A **BIG THANK YOU** to the congregation for the wonderful response to support the students of Booker Middle School once again as the school year begins. You have done such an awesome job providing school supplies at the beginning of the school year and snacks throughout the year. Haley and the students are very grateful.

Did you know...?

- † Because of your hospitality the two choruses who rehearse at Saint James will be returning for their rehearsals in the fall.
- † Because of your generosity we have paid/set aside 100 % of our apportionments for this year in just 7 months!
- † Because of your faithfulness, we are making a difference in the community that surrounds us.
- † God is moving in wonderful ways. We just wanted to make sure you knew!



Kingdom Kids - We welcome all children and grandchildren (K-5th grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.

We also have an *Adult Class that meets before Worship please join them at 8:45 in the west wing room 310.

*Classes for the adults will resume in the fall.

See you then!



Remnant Café

The Remnant Café is an outreach project of The Remnant Church. They are open four days per week and among the many things they provide for the clients are hot showers and clean clothes. We at Saint James assist with that part of their outreach by twice each year providing shower and laundry items. Think of the people that are blessed by this ministry and how much it means to know others care for them. Thank you for always providing what you are able to help this outreach for not only our church but the Remnant Café.



I want to thank everyone for all their prayers, texts, phone calls, all the cards, the meals and the flowers I have received during my last two surgeries. I appreciate it greatly and love you all!

Love,
Marcia

A thank you from the Florida United Methodist Children's Home



June 18, 2021

Saint James United Methodist Church
2049 N Honore Ave
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Dear Friends,

I am excited to congratulate you on reaching your \$12.00 per member goal of giving to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home during 2020. Enclosed you will find your *Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation*. We hope that, by displaying this certificate in a prominent place around your church, those who have made this achievement possible will get to enjoy and celebrate it!

We at the Children's Home exist as a part of a connection within the Florida Annual Conference, a connection which has enabled a partnership to serve children in need for a very long time. It is an honor to walk alongside pastors and churches in this ministry, and look forward to being able to do so for a long time to come. If a need does arise for a family within your church or ministry context, our admissions team is available to consult with you and can be reached at (386) 668-4774.

The goal for 2021 remains at \$12.00 per member. Contributions may be sent directly to the Children's Home or through the church. We do ask that honorarium and memorial gifts be sent in as quickly as possible, so that we can respond in a timely manner. Since churches remain the primary means of financial support, we ask that you honor the next Fifth Sunday Offering taken on August 30th.

We know that churches around the Conference are involved in various missional efforts, and we are honored that you have continued to support your Children's Home. We would love the opportunity to thank your congregation in person, present a video, speak and/or preach. To schedule a time for this, please call us and we will be happy to do so. Blessings to you, your ministry, and your community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ryan Frack, MDiv, MSW
Director of Church Relations
Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Enclosure

UMA Florida Coalition for Children

www.fumch.org



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DLT Information

You are welcome to join a DLT group at any time. If you have not joined a DLT and would like to below are the days and times the DLT groups meet. At this time, they are meeting via Zoom or conference call. Please contact the facilitator for more information on their group.

- Women's group** Monday at 10:00 am, facilitator - Marcia Mulvaney
marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com
- Men & Women's group via Zoom** Tuesday at 2:00 pm, facilitator – Pastor Shirley
revgroom@gmail.com
- Men's & Woman's group in the library** Wednesday at 2:00 pm , facilitator - Pastor Shirley
revgroom@gmail.com
- Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon
pdixon@ringling.edu
- Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pastor Shirley
revgroom@gmail.com
- Men & Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com
- Men & Women's group** Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will worship live and live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups live and/or Zoom at 7:15 pm (If you'd like to join a DLT group and aren't connected yet please contact the office and arrangements will be made to get you connected.)
Join us as we center on Jesus.



During the month of August, we will be collecting items to help Remnant Café provide showers to those who visit the café and items they launder. We will be doing this rather than providing the Bags of Hope. Below are the items we will collect throughout the month to be delivered after the last Sunday of August.

- Shampoo**
- Conditioner**
- Body Wash**
- Razors**
- Shave Cream**
- Men's and Women's Socks**
- Men's and Women's Underwear**
- Laundry Soap**
- Dryer Sheets**
- Women's Feminine Products**





August 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00 Worship Service	2 10:00 Women's DLT 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	3 2:00 DLT Via Zoom	4 2:00 DLT live (library) 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	5 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	6 Office closed 7:00 AA	7
8 10:00 Worship Service	9 10:00 Women's DLT 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	10 2:00 DLT Via Zoom 6:30 Nominations	11 2:00 DLT live (library) 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	12 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	13 Office closed 7:00 AA	14
15 10:00 Worship Service	16 10:00 Women's DLT 6:30 Leadership Team 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	17 2:00 DLT Via Zoom	18 2:00 DLT live (library) 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	19 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	20 Office closed 7:00 AA	21
22 10:00 Worship Service	23 10:00 Women's DLT 5:30 Village Oaks HOA 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	24 2:00 DLT Via Zoom 6:30 Nominations	25 2:00 DLT live (library) 6:30 Worship – live & live streaming 7:00 DLTs – live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	26 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	27 Office closed 7:00 AA	28
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2021

Date	Reader	Prayer Warriors	Audio	Visual	Worship Welcome Team	Children's Sunday School	Communion Servers	Discovery Devotion Leader	Counters	Building Closers	LAWN TEAM
August 1st 11th Sunday of Pentecost - Green	Judy Snodgrass	Pastor Shirley		Pat Dixon	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	Judy Snodgrass Cyndi Andrasi Beatriz Lowery Sennie Lansdowne	8/4 Pastor Shirley w/ Communion		Rose & Bill Johnson	7/31 Dave Strait Pete Dougherty
August 8th 12th Sunday of Pentecost - Green	Melissa Sandberg	Corporate Prayer		Karen Kehrli	The Sontchi's	Fred Fowler		8/11 Judy Snodgrass		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	8/7
August 15th 13th Sunday of Pentecost - Green	Mike Barbour	Rod Groom		Pat Dixon	The Barbours	Bernice Highberger		8/18 Dave Strait		Rod Groom	8/14 Pastor Shirley Rod Groom
August 22nd 14th Sunday of Pentecost - Green Prayer Walk Week	Jan Dougherty	Judy Snodgrass		Karen Kehrli	The Highbergers	Fred Fowler		8/25 Rod Groom		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	8/21
August 29th 14th Sunday of Pentecost - Green Outreach Sunday	Gary Sontchi	Pat Dixon		Pat Dixon	Jean Flugel, Katie Michalski	Judy Snodgrass		9/1 Pastor Shirley w/ Communion		Pastor Shirley & Rod	8/28 Dave Strait Pete Dougherty