

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 17



HE LIVED &

HIM DO IT

- CLARENCE BUDINGTON KELLAND

Dads

ARE MOST ORDINARY MEN
TURNED BY LOVE
INTO HEROES, ADVENTURERS,
STORY-TELLERS,
AND SINGERS OF SONG.

- PAM BROWN

THANK YOU DAD, STEPDAD, GRANDFATHER.

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June Worship at Anona

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The memory verse for the month of June for all our kids (and maybe you if you want) is Psalm 27:13 "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." I even like the next verse better, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart."

There is a divine confidence in the believer that is more than optimism. It is not rosy colored glasses or fantasy or naivete. It is the experience over time that begins to be more and more sure of our trust in God. Proverbs 3:5-6 says (and we often sing) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path."

That's not "Pie in the sky by and by." We know that in Heaven all will be healed and beautiful. But this scripture asserts that we will see the goodness "in the land of the living". In this life.

Faith is often the word we use for this. We say a simple sentence to each other: "Have faith". Faith is the "assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen". Helen Keller said "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." Martin Luther King Jr. said "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." And one of my favorites, Voltaire, "Faith consists in believing when it is beyond the power of reason to believe."

The bible stories of this month are there to encourage and stimulate your divine confidence that you will see the goodness of the Lord in your lifetime. These stories are for you.

June 3 Christ the Cornerstone

Ephesians 2:20-22

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

Of course we will have communion on this first Sunday of the month. We will also consider the scripture that we are one family built together on the cornerstone of Christ. We all "fit". There is a place for each of us, differently hewn as we each are. We are no longer strangers. Also, as different as each of us are, what holds us together, the cornerstone, is Christ (or in more detail, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in each of us that makes us when we come together the Body of Christ.

My prayer for you on this Sunday is that you find your place on the "Great Mandala" as it moves through your brief moment of time.

June 10 Gideon's story

Judges 13-16

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

Gideon's story is why we have a Gideon's bible. Insurmountable odds, assurance from God and victory in spite of no support. The story has saved many a life in a hotel room as everyone from traveling business men and women to vacationers.

My prayer for you this Sunday is to know that the Strength of God within you and the Divine Providence over and surrounding you is stronger than anything this world can throw at you.

June 17 Samson, Sacraments, and Spiritual Disciplines Judges 13:1-7

Judges 13:1-7, Numbers 6: 1-12

Sermon by: Rev. Jeremy Herrington

Let's face it: Samson is hardly the poster child for living the Christian life. And yet, Samson was set aside by God to make a difference in the midst of turbulent times. This Sunday we will talk about Samson's life as a Nazirite, and how you and I are also set aside to be ambassadors in the name of Christ through our words and actions.

June 24 Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

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Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

Divine confidence even to what seems impossible. Ahab and Jezebel ruled Israel. There was a return to old ways of violence and injustice and the worship of Baal. God withheld the rain and there was dangerous drought. Elijah battled hundreds of priests of Baal in a famous contest of who can burn a sacrifice. Then he said it would rain. Wow.

My prayer for you on this Sunday is the Divine Confidence of an Elijah. To step out even facing the impossible. Our God is an Awesome God.

Sach John



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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT ANONA!

It's already June, which means two things: First, that hurricane season has started (I'm still cleaning up from last season), and second that we have awesome summer opportunities to serve and participate in ministry at Anona! Here is just a few places where you can get connected.

ANONA SUMMER CHOIR: WEDNESDAYS 7-8PM

If you've ever wanted to try out singing in a choir, now is your chance!

No experience needed, no commitment to long-term contracts, and no reason not to join us on Wednesday nights! We have a simple one hour rehearsal each week, and sing 1 service a week (alternating between our two Traditional services). Come and join us and see what the fun is all about.

FX AMPED, VBS Takeover - July 1, 8, 22, 29, Aug 5 at 9:30am Select Sundays in July & August FX gets AMPED for a VBS takeover! We want this summer to be a faith growing experience for the whole family. Each Sunday, you and your kids will be part of a large group worship experience then huddle into small group "TEAMS" that will rotate together to the different stations! Each station is filled with opportunities for incredible new experiences that include Bible adventures, team building games, crafts, and yummy treats -- all amazing standout activities that help our faith grow in real life. Register on our website: www.anona.com/kidsevents and pre-pay to reserve your shirt sizes.

Worship Arts Day Camp - June 1, 22, July 13, August 3 Are you kids interested in performing on stage? Singing, Dancing, Acting? Then we have an awesome opportunity for them this summer. We are offering day camps on 4 Fridays this summer from 9am-3pm. Singing will be open to 1st-8th graders, Dancing for 3rd-8th graders, and Drama/ Acting for 1st-8th graders. The kids will then get to showcase their talents in FX the following Sunday! Did I mention this is free! The only thing you would need to pay for is if you want us to provide a lunch (\$5 per day/per child). We can't wait wait to see our younger generations rise up and give it their best! Register on our website: www.anona.com/kidsevents



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The St. Mark's campus will be 1 of 3 BreakSpot sites hosted by UMCM Suncoast, from June 18 – July 26. Like Pack-A-Sack, BreakSpot exists to fill the gap of school lunches during summer months, especially for families in need. Parents can request transportation to and from each program center within a five mile radius. There will be activities to keep children, 18 and younger, engaged and learning as well as a nutritious lunch. The hours of operation are 10am - 1pm, Monday - Thursday.

Your help is needed! You can: pray for the success of this program, spread the word to families about BreakSpot and you can serve as a volunteer. Help is needed to serve food and clean up after meals. You can work directly with the children, make crafts, play games, or have lunch with them. Get a friend, small group, or Sunday school class to join you!

For more information contact Katharine H. Henry at: katharine@umcmsuncoast.org or (727) 488-5972.

Let's help some kids this summer.



Blessings,

Pastor Gary

June 1st: Game Night

June 2nd: Pancake Breakfast, \$4

Thrift Store Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday 9a - noon

\$4 Breakfast benefits St. Mark's Missions

Join us from 8-10:00am on the 1st Saturday of each month for our \$4 Breakfast to benefit various missions. Includes: eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee.



Richard Landon

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I write this month a few days after the passing of my mother on May 2nd. She was one of those people that lived life on her terms. At 83-years-old she was still working full-time at Winn Dixie and refused to quit even as her knees went bad and her health deteriorated. She was far from perfect, struggling with alcohol for most of her life, but if her kids needed her for anything at any moment, she was there and ready to help. As her health began to deteriorate over the past six months she was in the hospital three times for some extended stays. Each time I hoped the end would be delayed. This week, however, after one visit I realized it was time and I drove up a second time to Spring Hill to spend some time with her on what turned out to be her last day...and it was a great day.



That last day was a day where she knew the end was nearing but she faced it with a confidence that I can only hope to have when I face that moment. She turned from physical weakness to strength, demanding her "rights" and with those rights, coffee. We talked seriously but we also laughed, even as we arranged her transfer to hospice. I got to tell her "I love you" as I headed away thinking she still had some time for me to see her again...but like always, she did things her way and passed peacefully on her first night in the hospice facility. Now five little kids (62, 59, 56, 53, and 39) realize they have no mother and the end of a life means a new stage of life for each of us.

I think that is the story of our life and faith. In every ending is a new beginning. Old things fade, new things rise and life goes on, if we will embrace it, with a deeper sense of meaning and beauty. We transition from childhood to become adults. Some of us become parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. I look back on my mother's life and realize there was so much beauty even in the struggle. I'll miss her laughter, sarcasm and that New York accent she let out every once in a while...I'll miss her love. She is gone, but because of her today I look a bit more deeply into the eyes of my wife and kids...and I smile.

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Somehow, something is new. It is life and, not only that, it is life abundant!

June 3 Got Real Faith? Matthew 28:18-20

Feelings associated with relationships tend to ebb and flow. Even marriages, where we have committed to love one another, have seasons where love shines with the beauty of the setting sun and other times where those feelings are dampened like a gray, dreary sky. What does that mean for our relationship to Christ? What is real faith really like?

June 10 For Everyone Luke 10:29-37 / John 13:35

Following Jesus means caring about everyone, especially the people others often overlook. "Christianity" in our current culture can have a great reputation at times and a not-so-great reputation other times. The best thing we can do as the Church is to practice what we preach and go love everybody. Jesus teaches that they will know we are truly disciples by how we love one another.

June 17 Consequences and Character Matthew 23:37-39

We often look at the nice words of Jesus and avoid the moments where he is a bit more on the confrontational side...the places where we might even say he appears quite rude. In fact, there are moments where he sounds more like a Marine drill sergeant than a grace-filled Savior. This week we look at the Drill Sergeant Savior side of Jesus.

June 24 Endings and Beginnings Acts 28:11-30

While we don't want a good thing to end, the time for 360 United to end has arrived. While there is sadness at the ending, there are many memories, connections and changed lives for us to celebrate from the past several years. Today, we share our stories, some food...and realize this isn't the end of the story.

Modern Worship 360 United Service Sundays, 11AM in Anona Theater at Wesley Hall

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Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm - Middle School & High School Bible Study

Middle school and high school students meet in separate groups to learn more about how to interpret and apply God's Word found in scripture. This is an opportunity for students to dive a little deeper into scripture than they would normally find on Sunday Nights. (Doors open at 4:30 for Cafe)

Sundays 5:00-7:30pm - Sunday Night Youth Program

Join us for a time to hang out in a safe environment, play some crazy group games, share a meal together, and worship with our youth band. Also, we break into grade specific small groups and dive into relevant topics in dialogue with each other led by a great team of Adult Small Group Leaders. Bring your friends and we'll see you Sunday!

No Sunday Night Youth - June 17th - Happy Fathers Day



Friday Shenanigans Events

Every year we host Friday Shenanigan Events throughout the summer on various Fridays that we are in town and not away on a mission trips or camp. These events are pure, good, clean fun with our church family! They are a great opportunity to invite someone new to the fam, have a good laugh, and enjoy summer together.

Events may include cookouts, trips to local venues, beach days, SG events, bowling, movie nights, game-show tournaments, free food, music, and so much more!

Details and registration are online and spots may fill up depending on the event and our transportation limits. Don't miss out on the fun!

See you there!!

Youth Sermon Series - "Inside Out"

God calls us to serve and share His love with the people around us. If we're being honest though, this doesn't always come easy. But as we'll see in this series, the way we serve and love not only has the power to change and impact others' lives, but our lives us as well. It can change the world—and us—from the inside out. When you have something good to share, you can't help but to share it. How has Jesus shown up and made a difference in your own life? How have you been connecting with God lately? Following Jesus means caring about everyone, especially the people others overlook. What does it mean to be for everybody? When your heart is right on the inside, it changes the way you live on the outside. Notice if you're practiging what you preach in real life. We realize the first place to start making a difference is with the people who are already around you. We want to make a difference and we want to make a difference right now. What social issues have grabbed your attention lately? Remember this: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 NIV





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WHAT'S COMING UP?





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SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH Mark your Calendars!

Village Inn



FRIENDS & FAMILY FUN!

A great time to RELAX & RECONNECT



GAMES

Board Games Galore!





FAMILY FUN with a **PURPOSE**

9:30 am in the Anona Theater

The Family Experience (FX) is a worship experience that is centered on a KEY monthly Bible verse. The weekly message is taught through *Media*, *Creative* Drama, Engaging Characters and Worship time.

The GOAL of FX is to provide a consistent environment where leaders, parents and kids are learning. This helps families to connect what they hear at church with what is happening at home.



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CONFIDENCE

LIVING LIKE YOU BELIEVE

WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

EX **LEADERS** HELP:

- · WELCOME & CHECKIN FAMILIES
- PLAN & COORDINATE EVENTS
- ASSIST IN SPECIAL PROJECTS
- · AND SO MUCH MORE FUN!

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Summer 2018 is underway for the children and families at ACDC!

We've Got the Power! is the mantra of the Elementary age children this summer as they learn that God has created us wonderfully, unique and perfect just the way we are! If He created me just right, then He created you just right, too. Acceptance – God loves us all, with our quirks and differences, not in spite of them. With this understanding, it is easier to have the confidence to reach out to others with kindness and a helpful heart.

Each week as we play, swim, read, take exciting field trips and experience S.T.E.A.M. activities at the Library, we will focus on a different character trait. This month, we will learn about, and strengthen our understanding of:

* Courage Isaiah 41:13 I can have courage to explore new ideas, meet new friends, have new experiences because God, my Safekeeper, will be with me to help me.

Dates	Themes and trips	
May 29	Hey, Hey It's Summertime!	McGough Park
June 4	Water, Water, We Love Water!	Tarpon Springs Aquarium
June 11	Fun to be Fit	Astro Skate
June 18	Fun Time, Summertime!	Highland Indoor Play World
June 25	Dare to Explore	Great Explorations
July 2	Let's Jump!	Jump Station
July 9	Cold Fun in the Summertime	Countryside Ice Skating
July 16	From a Galaxy, Far, Far Away!	St. Pete Science Center
July 23	Rockin' Anona Talent	Lori Dent Improv
July 30	What I Really, Really Like	Camper's Choice!
Aug 6	Summertime Blues	Bounce House & Water Slide

- * Love Proverbs 20:7 As we thank our earthly fathers and those who have stepped into the role of Father, mentor, teacher, guide, we are reminded of how their commitment and unconditional love is a blessing to those they touch.
- * Respect Matthew 7:12 The Golden Rule What does respect mean to you? Which comes first, giving respect or getting respect? How does this impact our relationships?

What better way to learn about God's attributes and His love and acceptance than through experiencing His marvelous world!

Do you know an elementary age child who would like to join us on this adventure?

Call the office (593-5437) for more information and to schedule a time to stop by, visit, and enroll for some Summer Fun!





Explere

The first stage of Family Trek is Discover: where children under 5 learn to discover God for themselves.

The next stage of Family Trek is Explore: where children Pre-K to 5th grade explore their relationship with God.

June

When Jesus lived on earth the disciples knew they could ask Him anything. What does God want us to do? How should we pray? After Jesus went back to heaven, his followers wrote down what Jesus said. Today, we can read what they wrote in a book called The Bible. It's the best place to find out what God wants us to do. "Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow." Psalm 25:4, NLT

Nursery, for 6 weeks – 2 year old children available for both the 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 11:10 am service:

- Please label all bags and belongings upon arrival
- · No food or drink in the nursery
- 6 weeks 1 year: children play & interact with children their own age feeling safe and loved
- 2 year olds: Children discover different bible themes through story, craft & song.

Godly Play, for 3 – 4 year old children: available at the 9:30 am service

· A creative, imaginative approach to spiritual guidance for children that lets them explore their faith through play, stories, and parables from the bible.

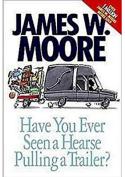
Preschool-5th grade students: available at the 11:00 am & 11:10 am services:

· Age appropriate discovery and exploration of bible stories through story, craft & song.

Announcements: Volunteers needed for programming above. For more information please reach out to April Maitner at nursery@anona.com or at 727-742-8171.



Have questions, suggestions, or interested in leading a small group? Contact Gary Thomas: gary@anona.com or 595-2581 x225



Have You Ever Seen a Hearse Pulling a Trailer?

Join us for a summer of Bible Study as we explore the theme 'You Can't Take It With You'. I'm sure you've heard this advice many times in your life, and yet our materialistic world teaches the opposite, in creative and persuasive ways. We will use the book by author James W. Moore, entitled "Have You Ever Seen a Hearse Pulling a Trailer?" Each weekly lesson will focus on a new topic and is complete on its own which allows people who will be traveling for the summer a chance to come when you are in town. We will explore different themes like: You can't Take It with You, So Live Confidently Now; You Can't Take It with you, So Live Faithfully Now; You Can't Take It with You, So Live Peacefully Now; You Can't Take It with You, So Live Victoriously Now; and several more. June 7th will be an introductory class and books will be available in class. Now look around for yourself, have you ever seen a hearse pulling a trailer?

Dates: Thursdays, June 7 – August 2, 2018 - skipping the week of July 5th

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm - Room 110 Materials: \$10, scholarships available. Facilitators: Team to Be Announced

Mark the Date! J2J Journey to Jerusalem #4 - March 25 - April 5, 2019

Final information and cost will be available in June 2018.

FYI - Approximate estimate per person with double occupancy should be between \$3900 and \$4000.

Please be in thought and prayer for hearing God's invitation for a trip of a lifetime.

Be prepared for a lot of varied terrain walking and some long days. If you are seriously considering this, please contact Jac'line Weisgerber at jlw5225@aol.com and include in subject line "J2J 2019".



Are you ready to try something different this summer? If you want to slow down for even just ½ hour, join us at 10:45 on Sunday mornings in the historic Anona Chapel for quiet worship, acoustic music, and prayer. We are a small group of worshippers that have grown together as "family"; we are always eager to welcome new-comers. When is the last time that you experienced "Be Still and

Know"... that He is God.? Join us after worship for coffee and conversation as we prepare to head back in to "busyness" renewed and refreshed.

Questions, contact Bert & Judy Crossman: bert.crossman@tampabay.rr.com



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Indian Oaks Assisted Living

1st Sunday of Each Month at 3pm

Indian Part of the team from Simply Worship will continue to lead worship the first Sunday of each month over the summer at Indian Oaks Assisted Living. Please be in prayer for the team. If you are interested in leading a small acoustic worship service, please contact Bert or Judy Crossman @ 727-595-6872. It would be truly amazing to offer more than one service a month at Indian Oaks.

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I remain

confident of this: I

will see the goodness of the Lord in

the land

of the living.

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Flowers in My Office

Monday morning comes and I arrive at my office with a bouquet of fresh flowers. I take the time to arrange them in a vase. I love snapping a picture of the display because each week brings a new masterpiece – a gift from our loving Father who designed all the varieties of beautiful flowers.

These flowers are the something beautiful to gaze upon for my clients who are shedding their hurts. They are for me to remind myself that God provides new life after all the suffering. The flowers typically die by the end of the week, but I arrive on Monday with a new bunch.



Can you find the metaphors in this story?
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Psalm 27:13 starts with, "I remain confident of this." It is through adversity that confidence develops. Confidence in decisions is earned through trial and error. Both are needed to arrive at confidence.

Confidence in our faith is like the stem of the flower; it holds our beautiful lives strong and steady.

The land of the living is the gift of your life. Confidence that we will see the goodness that God has granted each of us is the bulb opening up to become the flower.

Our troubles come, like each Monday morning, and we literally need to live the experiences through them. Some we can handle, and others we need help in handling. Your Counseling Center and your Pastors are always here if you need us.

Just as sure as the flowers fade by the end of the week, so will your troubles fade from this one to that one. It is in your confidence in the goodness of the Lord that will allow you to enjoy the beauty of the bloom.

There is so much goodness that God has gifted us. I give you this picture with fresh cut flowers as my gift to you, but there are fresh ones in my office if you ever need them.

Have Confidence, Dina Meitner, JCSW

Academy of the Arts

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OPEN ENROLLMENT: The Academy offers individual music lessons to children, youth and adults of all ages on piano, guitar, bass, drums, violin, voice, and music theory. Please register on-line at http://www.anona.com/academy or contact Director Sandy Ross. Beginning to advanced students welcome. We will work with your schedule when possible.

SUMMER LESSONS: The Academy teaches year-round, and summer is a great time to begin lessons, as both students and teachers have more flexible schedules. Reminder – students who study music have consistently higher grade-point averages than those who do not. Some studies indicate that studying music actually increases IQ!

KUDOS: Thanks so much to these Academy students who honored our local teachers by performing at the Teachers' Breakfast in May: Rachel Krupp, Liam Connolly, Jamie Hager, Julia Liedtke, Alexandra Lindsey, Sydney Reinfrank, Erin Joyner, Beyla Alfonso, Gabrielle Simmons, Danny Gregoire, Cole Jones, Matilda Hoffman, and Jayda Austin.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS: Elizabeth Salvie (Ross-bass).

THE 13TH ANNUAL ACADEMY RECITAL was held on May 18 and 19 in the Traditional Sanctuary. Thank you students, for your marvelous performances, and to all those who volunteered and assisted in production of the program.

THANKS to Debbie Davis and Linda Koser for their donations of piano sheet music to the Academy.

DONATIONS: Do you have an instrument, sheet music or music books that you are not using? The Academy accepts donations of pianos, musical equipment, amplifiers, books and accessories. Tax receipt given upon request. Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE: Thanks to our generous donors, scholarship lessons are available. If you or your child wishes to take music lessons but you do not have the financial means, please contact me (Sandy Ross).

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS: Please consider making a donation to help train up the next generation of Christian musicians. Tax receipt available upon request. You can make a donation by check made out to Anona UMC with "Academy Donation" marked in the memo space. Thank you!!

REMINDER: Twenty-four hour notice to the teacher is required to cancel lessons without payment, unless in case of emergency, so please make sure you/your child's lessons are noted in your calendar.

Missions/Outreach

Box Tops Update as of April 2018

It has come my attention that many of the members of our congregation are cutting back on their grocery shopping!! Our box top donations are down by about 20% this year compared to the last two (2) years. Now it could be that you have just forgotten to save them, but the two youth groups at Ridgecrest Elementary School are counting on YOU. I wanted to point this out to you now, so that we can play catch up before the year has flown by.

We have a new partnership that we want you to be aware of, Girls In Pearls of Ridgecrest Elementary School, one of the two benefactors of Box Tops for Education, and Anona's Hands of Healing (HOH) medical mission team have joined forces. Girls In Pearls have a knitting program led by Anona's Chris Collinson.

The HOH team traveled to Guatemala in April of this year, and took with them several pairs of mittens for the babies, that were knit by the Girls In Pearl group. You may wonder why we would need mittens in Guatemala. When we apply treatment to the children with scabies, we want to be sure that the lotion doesn't get into their eyes, so this is where the Fab Knitters come into play.

They made eleven (11) pairs of mittens so far, and will soon start on small baby hats for the newborns. This is a win win situation, as it gives the girls a sense of purpose, and accomplishment, and fills a need that the mission team has for mittens. The mittens, later can be used to keep hands or feet warm as it does get cool in the mountains.

The Ridgecrest girls are so proud of being involved in this partnership. Thank you very much for collecting Box Tops at Anona!

- Nancy Dowd (Box Top Coordinator)

Seeds of Peace

With some help from the Anona missions committee, I spent seven days in Mumbai and Dehli,India. In conjunction with the Rotary, Seeds of Peace, and Habitat, we were able to brick-up two houses and paint another. We meet with forty-three Seeds and two staff, sharing our day's experience with young people from three different faiths [Hindu, Muslim, and Christian] the positive experience of working together in a joint effort regardless of their faith background. Thank you Anona and members for helping make this possible.



Fall Caravan to CUBA Visa Application Deadline June 30

Karen Laukat, our District Coordinator, will be leading a Fall United Methodist Caravan to Cuba in November (final date TBD). If you are interested in traveling to Cuba and staying at one of our sister churches in Cardenas, visa applications must be submitted no later than June 30th along with a check made payable to Anona UMC in the amount of \$310. Applicants must have an up-to-date passport that does not expire within 6 months of travel date. For an application or more information, please contact Janice Dean at missions@anona.com or call 727-804-5028.

NEXT BUILD is: June 9th 8:00AM - 12:00PM



Sign up at the Connection Desk or contact Dave Gerald at 365-2800, email dsgerald@hotmail.com. No construction experience required.

CHANGE 4 CHANGE June 10th!

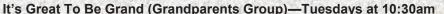


The 11th grade small group will be collecting your spare change to support a number of mission projects in our community and beyond. Thank you!

FRIENDS IN FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Walk15 with Molly

A heart-pumping, calorie torching, aerobic workout, Walk15® is the group exercise version of Leslie Sansone's "Walk at Home" video programs. Easy to follow, adaptable to all levels of fitness, our 30 minute workout is equivalent to a 2 mile walk. Those 15 minute miles add up to an effective workout for "all walks of life"! Dress comfortably with athletic shoes, bring your water bottle, and join us Wednesdays at 9AM. Molly Schaaf 595-7428 walklivewithmolly@gmail.com



It's Great To Be Grand (Grandparents Group)—Tuesdays at 10:30am

Many grandparents are finding themselves in high level support roles, helping their children raise their own children. Grandparents are becoming more and more involved

in their grandchildren's lives: daycare, primary caregivers, transporters, you name it, grandparents do it. This group is a place for grandparents to share in their joy and concerns about these roles while sharing ideas and resources. Want to know more about this group, contact Lee McAuliffe 224-501-5809 or Sandy O'Bryant 727-688-2612. Come experience support and blessings, Tuesdays at 10:30 in the youth room.

Hands of Praise—Tuesdays at 5:30pm

The Hands of Praise choir provides people with a visual opportunity to feel new depths in the messages of Contemporary and Traditional songs during worship. The vision of Hands of Praise is three-fold: loving God by praising God with our hands; loving one another as we accept diversity within our church and the world; and serving others as we go into the community sharing the love of God through the songs. Our Scripture is taken from Psalm 63:4, "I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your Name I will lift up my hands." Contact Nancy Wooten, 727-804-1375, for more information.

Sign Language Class—Tuesdays at 6pm

Have you ever wanted to learn another language? Well, now is your opportunity! A new class of American Sign Language started this year! The instructors are Shayla and Nancy. They are so excited to offer a free class in a small group setting! Are you interested in learning simple signs to communicate with those who are hard of hearing or deaf? Or perhaps you just want to learn to communicate with someone across the room! Then this is the class for you! It meets Tuesdays, 6 to 7:00 p.m. in Room 110. For more information or to register call Nancy Wooten, 727-804-1375.

Sonseekers/Seasonal Residents (SSR's) is a small group who meets for fellowship and activities. The group's mission is to assist seasonal residents become acquainted, provide information about Anona, and grow together spiritually. SSR's meet October through March. If interested in participating contact Ted Pinkerton, pinkertd@miamioh.edu for additional information. Have a blessed summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Mary Fellowship—2nd Thursday of each Month (will resume in Oct)

Mary Fellowship, an Anona small group, meets the second Thursday of each month (currently on summer recess and will resume this fall, October). We always begin our meetings with prayer, followed by refreshments, Christian fellowship, and sharing our concerns & joys. We also contribute to "Women on the Way" at St Petersburg College. New recruits are always welcome. The next form will be at the residence of Marie Krampert on October 11. Please contact Judy Crossman with questions: 727-595-6872 or kjcgram@yahoo.com.



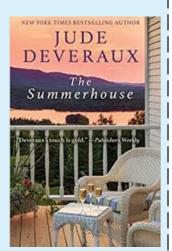
All are Welcome to Anona Book Club: June 24

June book: The Summerhouse by Jude Deveraux Discussion on June 24th @ 6:30 PM in the Bride's Room

Jude Deveraux' The Summerhouse is a New York Times' bestseller and tells a "touching and delightful exploration of the longings that live deep inside every woman's heart. Three friends muse over "what might have been" (Amazon).

There will be no assigned book to read in July and no July meeting. As John and Joan would say. Go Fishing! We wish all safe and fun vacations. Look for your August book to be listed in July's news letter. Discussion on this book will be June 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Bride's Room at the back of the Sanctuary.

As always, our discussions are open to all Anona guests and members. Meetings are typically held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Bride's Room. Consider joining a fun group of happy readers for friendly discussions and on-going learning. Questions? Contact Deanna Comingore, deannacom@att.net, for directions and details.



COOKBOOKS will be here sometime this month! The book contains nearly 300 recipes and other useful information, and has a gorgeous photo of Anona on the cover! UMW members will be in the Marketplace on several Sunday mornings to sell books and deliver the ones that were pre-ordered. Announcement will be made at all services on those days. **The cost is \$12.00 per book.** Thank you for your support!



As is customary, Rachel Circle will not be meeting during the summer. Their next meeting will be Thursday, September 13, and members of both circles will be filling

ditty bags to be sent to Good Samaritan and Beth-El migrant missions. We will appreciate donations during the summer of the following items to be included in the ditty bags:

For a man or woman

- * 1 full-size bar of soap & washcloth
- * 1 or 2 disposable razors
- * 1 deodorant
- * 1 toothbrush & 1 toothpaste
- * 2 shampoos & 2 conditioners (travel size, please)
- * 2 pens or pencils
- * 1 small notebook
- * 1 pair of tube socks
- * 1 small packet of Kleenex
- * 1 comb or brush

For a boy or girl

- * 1 full-size bar of soap & washcloth
- * 1 comb or brush
- * 2 or 3 travel-size shampoos
- * 1 toothbrush & 1 toothpaste
- * 1 pair of child's scissors
- * 1 box nontoxic washable markers
- * 2 glue sticks
- * 2 pencils
- * 1 notebook
- * 1 pair of socks
- * 1 stuffed animal or toy

Priscilla Circle will continue to meet monthly during the summer at Glenwood on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and will be conducting our monthly program for the "Miracles" girls.

All women, Anona members or not, are welcome to join either of our circles.

Men's Ministries for, with, and by Men of Anona

Summer is here. Our snowbird helpers are gone. Anona's Lawn Care Crew needs some of our year-rounders to pitch in at mowing the lawn and trimming and edging. More guys make for light work for everybody. Just show up Thursday morning at 7 am.



Igniting Men Conference - June 16, 2018 - Edgewater United Methodist Church, Port Charlotte, FLA day of masculine worship, fellowship with men among other United Methodist churches, and powerful teaching on topics that effect every man. A selection of 12 breakout seminars dealing with fatherhood, mentoring younger men, overcoming addictions, cultivating healthy masculinity, being honest, and more. A special roundtable session being held to address the need for Godly men to challenge a culture that supports violence against women and help men recognize, respond to, and prevent violence against women.

All speakers will be available in our expo area throughout the conference. The conference will run from 8:30am until 3:00pm. Call 941-240-1636 for group discounts on 10+ attendees. Visit https://ignitingmen.com for tickets! Students 13-19 \$15 including lunch; \$10 without lunch. Men 20+ \$25 including lunch; \$20 without lunch.

A Call to Arms - Anona's men were called and, as usual, they responded to serve meals at this year's Annual Youth Banquet. It is, and has always been, a delight for these men to interact with our church's youth and their counselors. These kids and our men know how to step up and impress when dressing nice and enjoying a formal event at Anona. God bless our youth and their leaders who aspire to lead our church and Christ's ministries into a morally and spiritually hungry new generation.

Fall 2018 Men's Expedition "Manhood is a Team Sport" - 70th Annual Men's Spiritual Weekend at the Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg, FL Organizer: Michael Maxwell - UMM Florida info@ummflorida.com Starts Friday Oct 19 at 3 pm. Ends Saturday Oct 20 at 4 pm. Keep watching https://ummflconf.org/

Anona's All Pro Dads Day is looking for more dads and men to join the APDD team. This is a four to six times a year commitment that happens at a local school between 7:30 and 8:30 am. Contact Richard Landon at Richard@anona.com or call Richard at 727-595-2581 ext 243. Your child and your child's school need dads seeing their kids doing good things, becoming good people, helping others, etc.

Anona's Monday Men's Bible study on Monday evenings at 7 – 8 pm. All men welcomed.

Anona's Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast Group – Meets from 6:45 – 7:45 am every Tuesday year round.

Other opportunities for men to serve Christ at Anona: Singing with Anona Chordsmen. Contact Doug Moland at 727-244-1764. For Fresh Start Probationer mentoring, contact Ian Lennox at 482-8379. Inquire at the Connection Point or visit our website (anona.com) to learn more about Habitat for Humanity, Mission trips, Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) and Disaster preparedness and response with UMCOR.



Membership

Membership at Anona is about worshipping, growing, serving and living life together in community. We believe that discipleship is a life-long journey of self-examination and continuous growth, leading to a Christ-like life that serves others and furthers God's Kingdom.

Simply, does worship here connect you with God? Is this a place where you can grow spiritually? Finally, are you moved to make a difference in the world with a servant heart? There are no mandatory classes. There are no minimums in attendance or giving. It is a community of the willing. Saying you want to be a member is like walking through the front door of a house you want to live in.

Membership vows are usually "corporate" in nature where those wishing to join, come forward during worship and vow together with the witness and support of the congregation. For those who do not want to be in front of people in such a public way, vows can be taken privately. Some individuals and families prefer private baptism as well. We are willing to do what is most comfortable for you as you make your commitment to Christ and Christ's church.

We invite our seasonal residents into Affiliate and Associate membership at Anona! Affiliates are members of another United Methodist Church who wish to connect with the life, ministry, and watch-care of our congregation. Associates are members of another Christian denomination who wish to connect with us while retaining their current denominational affiliation.

What is "Insight to Anona?"

We offer "Insight to Anona" classes to those wishing to join or just seeking more information about our church. We meet for an informal time of getting to know each other, while learning more about Anona's history, mission and culture. People leave knowing more about our Bible study classes, book studies, small groups, mission partners and service opportunities, both inside and outside the walls of our church. In summary, it helps you see where you want to get connected as we worship, grow, serve and live life together in Christ!

Insight usually lasts 1-2 hours depending on the number of people and how we move through the tour. If those dates aren't convenient, Sandy Drugash is happy to meet privately at a time that's good for you. Our next Insight to Anona is Wednesday, June 6th at 10:30am and Sunday, June 10th at 12:30pm in the Front Office (off of the Fellowship Area). Our next Membership Sunday is July 29th at all of our worship services. Sandy is looking forward to hearing from you! sandy@anona.com or phone 595-2581 x 228.



Our Members

Birthdays 80th and Above

06/01 Ron Putnam 06/03 Jan Snyder	er
06/04 Don Baragry Kathryn Creame Deiter Schmid	
06/06 Kusum Christie	
06/07 Bill Robertson	
06/09 Anna Hawk	
Joe Spirko	
06/10 Frank Burkett	
06/12 Patricia Zaleski	
06/13 Jan Hummer	
06/15 Charles Carr	
06/16 Ruby Ford	
Jean Nichols	
06/17 Bill Mouchett	
Jean Weaver	
06/19 Arlene Fisher	
06/20 Eunice Caldwel	
Mary Lou Lyons	;
06/23 Joel Christie	
06/29 Don Hutchinson	1
Anne Jamieson	
Doug Kolb	

Printed copies of the complete Birthday and Anniversary lists are available at the Connection Point desk in the Anona Fellowship Area.



Please be in Prayer for:

The Family of Jim Noble, who joined in 1999.

The Family of Joyce Wessel, who joined in 2002.

The Family of Mike Kennedy, who joined in 2008.

Anniversaries 25th and Above

06/0	1 Frank & Debbie Aiello	44 yrs.
	John & Mary Harris	27 yrs.
06/03	3 Dan & Jill Baker	40 yrs.
	Chip & Kim Chase	29 yrs.
	John & Phyllis Slater	62 yrs.
06/04	4 Gary & Karen Biegler	30 yrs.
06/0		59 yrs.
	Art & Teresa Craig	42 yrs.
	Bob &Martha Gibson	65 yrs.
	Jim & Diane Stevenson	53 yrs.
06/00	3 Jim & Pat Harlow	59 yrs.
	Joe & Arminda South	59 yrs.
	Don & Deb Lewis	32 yrs.
06/0	7 Tim & Karen Coultas	32 yrs.
	Bob & Joy Estes	49 yrs.
	Ron & Carolyn Renz	60 yrs.
06/08		55 yrs.
	Bill & Sherry Shaw	55 yrs.
06/09		28 yrs.
	Terry & Dee Tome	25 yrs.
06/10		40 yrs.
06/1		35 yrs.
	Marvin & Bette Ra Ivey	65 yrs.
	Dan & Peggy Reid	58 yrs.
06/14		37 yrs.
	Tom & Cindi Huston	26 yrs.
06/10		28 yrs.
	Dick & Sandra Miller	40 yrs.
06/1		29 yrs.
	Don & Mary Smith	46 yrs.
06/18		52 yrs.
	Bill & Sue Godin	41 yrs.
	Terry & Pat Hop	42 yrs.
	Gil & Pat Jones	52 yrs.
	Ken & Barbara Nelson	58 yrs.
	Don & Connie Posey	30 yrs.
	John & Debbie Richter	30 yrs.
	Chris & Raisa Ross	30 yrs.
	Jerome & Carol Schoonover	35 yrs.
06/19		25 yrs.
	Ron & Christine Jensen	54 yrs.
06/20	D Bob & Lora Goff	26 yrs.
	Elmer & Joy Gumto	54 yrs.
06/2		38 yrs.
06/2		44 yrs.
06/2		56 yrs.
00,2	Robert & Mary Hilleary	34 yrs.
	Ray & Joan Tuenge	28 yrs.
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06/28		49 yrs.
06/2		27 yrs.
06/3		57 yrs.
30/0	Art & Pat Jones	45 yrs.
	Marshel & Sandy O'Shields	28 yrs.
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Join a Stephen Minister in the prayer room after Sunday Services or call 595-2581 x408

Stephen Ministry at Anona

What Stephen Ministry Means to Me



I believe with all my heart that, as Christians, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. Just as Jesus did for those with whom he came in contact – stopping, listening, sharing pain and joy, and at times simply being present, - we are also instructed to do likewise. This should be our everyday practice, and Stephen Ministry provides a perfect opportunity to grow and serve in community with others who are seeking to be more like Jesus.

1 Peter 4: 10-11 says it well: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ."

The initial and ongoing training that Stephen Ministers receive is excellent. The joy of meeting together regularly for growth in knowledge, spiritual depth, prayer life, and sharing provides wonderful encouragement and support. We are all far more alike than different, and we all experience joy, sadness, tragedy, and struggle in our journey. How much depth there is in sharing life with others who are striving to live increasingly dependent upon trust in God!

Meeting with my care receiver each week, listening to her story, spending time together, and watching God work in her life, has been an awesome opportunity. I have indeed received far more than I have given. I am constantly reminded how much God loves and cares for us. I am truly blessed to be a part of Stephen Ministry. I am a better person and a more deeply committed Christian because of the experience I am privileged to share.



Sandy O'Bryant

Caring for our Anona Congregation

by Gary Thomas - Director of Pastoral Care; 585-2581 ext 225

I want to highlight our Rehab Visitation group, Don Haynes and Bertha Hein who visit those in local rehab facilities each week. Due to HIPAA laws, it is very difficult to track people who have moved from a hospital to a rehab center. We count on our church family to keep us informed. If you have been in the hospital and have moved to rehab, or you know of one of our members who has requested a visit while in rehab, please call the church office and let us know. If you receive the recorded message, please enter 225 and follow the prompts to leave a message. Be sure and give us your name and number so we can follow through if there are questions. This extension is monitored three times a day so that we may respond quickly.

Upcoming Support Groups

Hope - Cancer support group. **Thursday, June 7 and 21**, 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Area. No matter where you are in your journey, we are here to help. Caregivers are also welcome. Contact Joanie Pickens: johnjoanie74702@yahoo.com or 727-366-4106

Anona Family Life Counseling Center offers counseling and training services to individuals, couples and families for adults and adolescents for a fee. Also available are therapy groups, personal growth groups, seminars, workshops and presentations on multiple topics. Phone: 727.422.9654. Website: www.anona.com/counselingcenter/

Anona Sunday Worship Services

8:15 - Traditional in Sanctuary

9:30 - Contemporary in Worship Center

9:30 - FX Family Service in Anona Theater

11:00 - 360 United in Anona Theater

11:10 - Traditional in Sanctuary

*Nursery for 6 weeks old—Preschool children is available 9:15am-12:15pm

Multi-Site Sunday Worship Services

10:00 A.M. St. Mark's Campus 6801 38th Ave N, St Petersburg

3:00 P.M. Brookdale Pinecrest 1150 8th Ave SW, Largo

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Phone: 727.595.2581 Website: www.anona.com Fax: 727.593.7269

Monday-Thursday: 9AM - 4PM Friday: 9AM - 2PM

Highlighted Dates!!

Worship Arts Day Camp—June 1, 22, July 13, Aug 3
Kids 1st-8th grade can learn songs, dance steps,
and drama skits for FX the following Sundays.
Register online: anona.com/kidsevents

Father's Day—June 17
Celebrate the important fathers & men in your life!

Youth Friday Shenanigans Events
Registration opening soon: anona.com/youthevents

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