



FINDING YOUR DIRECTION

This month our sermon series aligns with a book study of *Which Way, Lord* by Rob Fuquay. The series as well as the book helps us to find our direction of where God wants us to be.

Thursdays, June 6—July 25, 6:30 – 8pm in Room 110
Register online anona.com/adultgroups or at the Connection Desk

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CHANGE
THEWORLD

June Worship at Anona

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The English term “blind” did not originally mean literally sightless. It was more of a figurative term. It’s earliest use was more to the effect of befuddled or confused as to which way to go. Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales middle English use of the term over six hundred years ago speaks of life like “lanes blynde” or what we would today call a blind alley. Simply, we can’t see the way forward. I have two paintings done of this concept, a path in the woods that turns ahead and you can’t see your way.

We can quote from memory Psalm 119: “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”, but most of us would be surprised by the verse before it, “I hate every false way”. We get so frustrated at stumbling and bumbling through life.

This summer we have chosen a book, sermon series, and study guide called “Which Way Lord” by Rob Fuquay. Following the life of Paul the Apostle, the sermon series will lead us to discern the way forward to a life of purpose and meaning. It will address taking stock of our lives, facing adversity, dealing with detours, relying on God, and developing tenacity.

The prophet Isaiah hears God saying, “I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not, I will lead them in paths they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.”

Our purpose, meaning, and direction often elude. Let’s spend the summer discerning. Insight this summer may well lead to clarity. Let’s go to the Word of God as a flashlight for our path.



June 2 Thy Word is a Lamp

Psalm 119:105

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” This is a favorite scripture for me throughout my life. Before the word “Christian”, early Jewish Christians called themselves “The Way”. They felt the journey was as important as the destination. Let’s take communion together and consecrate the summer to the discernment of our “Way”.

June 9 On Purpose

Luke 4:16-21 and 19:10

Sermon by: Rev. Richard Landon

Not all of us are going to become well-known and even fewer of us become famous. That doesn’t mean our lives don’t matter, and it certainly doesn’t mean that our life can’t or doesn’t make a difference. Each of us can and does make a difference (good or bad). The question is, are we making a good difference on purpose?

June 16 Taking Stock

2nd Corinthians 1:4

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

It’s limitless what God can use. There is nothing wasted in our lives. God turns ashes into beauty and fear into strength. God takes our adversity and makes it resiliency. Your scars may be the source of great wisdom, given to God. We become “wounded healers” bringing solace from our pain. All that can be asset.

June 23 Facing Adversity

Luke 1:38

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

This sermon could easily be called “The obstacle is the Way” or “The myth of easy Obedience”. Mary says to the angel “Let it be with me according to your word”. Her son, raised by her said, “Nevertheless” to God. Facing Adversity because it is the right thing is different. Purposeless hard is different than hard for a purpose.

June 30 Freedom

Galatians 5:1

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Freedom, both individually and corporately is as constant as washing dishes and mowing lawns. It is both progress through the years and constantly maintained day to day. It’s that both for a people and for a person. Lets consider freedom on this Sunday before the 4th.

SUMMER OF SERVICE

School is out, and summer is almost here! Even with our winter friends back up north and our kids out of school, I am thankful for a church that continues to worship, grow, and serve together year-round.

In fact, summer is a wonderful opportunity for us to explore new opportunities to serve in ministry. From our summer choir (who meets Wednesday nights from 7-8PM), to our awesome VBS volunteers (June 17-21), or our worship ushers, greeters, and nursery volunteers (pick a service of your choice and give one of our ushers or nursery volunteers a Sunday off), or any one of a number of places to serve, summer is a great time to try out a new way to lend a helping hand at Anona!

And if you need some help in deciding where to help out, don't hesitate to reach out to any of our awesome staff or pastors, and we can help point you to a place of need for the summer. Let's see if we can make this a "Summer of Service" at Anona!

What is your purpose in life? What gives you meaning for living in these days? These are questions we all face throughout our lives, when we are young, in mid-life, or as we face our maturing years. What do I do with my life now? As Christians we seek to live out God's purpose for our lives, But how do we discern what God is calling us to be and do? How do we start, or know if we are moving in the right direction?

This summer, in the months of June and July, we will look at the life of Paul as a model to help us understand the direction God is calling us. Paul, who's early name was Saul, faced many detours, adversity, and reorientation as he came to an understanding of faith in Christ Jesus, and what that meant for his life, a total change from his earlier life. We too face challenges, detours, sometimes dead-ends in which we have to reorient our thinking and way of life. We come to and ending of one life stage and begin a new chapter in our life, in which we must discover anew our purpose.

The sermon series in June and July will follow the book, *Which Way Lord? Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul*. The book is available from the church for \$10 (in either regular print or large print). You can follow along with the sermon series which starts on June 9th. Are you wondering about your purpose in life? Do you seek more meaningful direction as a Christian? Do you know others who are struggling with these same questions? Invite them to join you this summer in worship and reflection as together we seek answers to "Which Way, Lord?"

Blessings,

Pastor Gary

Pancake Breakfast—June 1st, 8am to 10am, \$4



Community Nights / Events

Community Nights June 28th - Join us for an evening of discussion, community, food, acoustic worship, and more with the Anona Nights fam! This event is open to all ages and is a great opportunity to meet new people, join in meaningful conversations, and have tons of fun! Check out available groups at anona.com/groups

Saturday Serve Day June 15th - Being an active church within our community is a core value for us here at Anona Nights! Join us as we partner with UMCOR to meet a local family still recovering from hurricane damage and provide assistance in repairs. No experience or skill necessary! 8:30am-3pm
More details on our website. See ya there!

Join our Team - It takes a great big team of volunteers leading together to engage the community with Anona Nights. We need your help in many areas: serving with kids / students, running tech during service, welcoming / greeting guests, hosting community groups, and more. Email us, find us on social media, or go to anona.com/nights to request info about our various Teams and ways to get involved!

Anona Nights Sermon Series - "Free People"

Week 2 - June 2

Galatians 6:4-5 ~ We all want people to like us, and that's not a bad thing. However, issues arise when we find ourselves controlled by the desire for someone else to like and approve of us. Free people live for Him, not them.

Week 3 - June 9

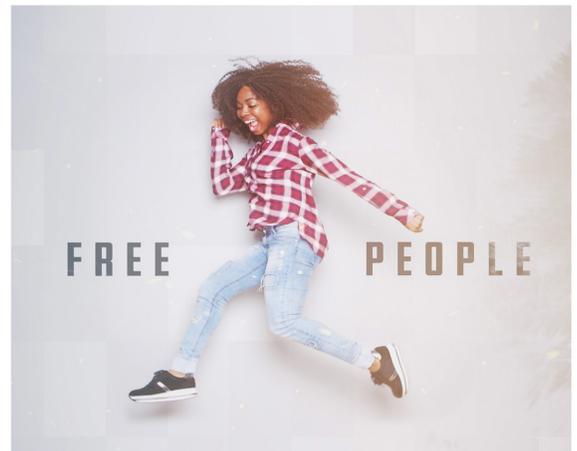
Galatians 6:7-9 ~ Our decisions now affect our later. This week, think back to a time when you made a decision—good or bad—that impacted your future. Free people know their now can affect their later.

Week 4 - June 16

Galatians 5:13-15 ~ We're all naturally inclined to put ourselves first. Ironically, the more we try to prioritize our own needs and wants, the more it seems to lead to stress. Instead free people put others first.

Week 5 - June 23

Galatians 5:22-23 ~ Ever notice that when you spend alot of time with someone, you pick up some of their mannerisms and habits? The same is true with God: The more we hang out with Him, the more we'll become like Him.



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

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)

Sunday Night Youth Program - (Anona Nights 5-6pm) 6:00-8:00pm

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!

We encourage students and families to attend Anona Nights worship together from 5-6pm for the full experience. Then, students have youth group and adults can join a community group!

Summer Is Here!

Summer is one of our FAVORITE times of year here at Proximity! From mission trips to summer camps, to Friday Shenanigans and regular-scheduled programming, there are plenty of ways to join in with us all Summer long! Students will have tons of fun and grow alongside their peers and caring leaders during youth group and special events created just for them.

Join us for:

High School Mission Trip: July 21-26 / North Carolina for Hurricane Florence relief

Middle School Mission Trip: July 21-26 / Jacksonville for Hurricane Irma relief

Passion Camp: June 10-14 / Summer camp for middle and high school students



*Trip pricing and details online at anona.com/youthevents. If the trip you're interested in is full, sign up for the wait list and you'll be notified if a spot opens up! Scholarship funding is available, and more information can be found on the website as well.

Friday Shenanigans: These are some of our favorite events of the year! We select a few Fridays during the summer to get together and just have fun because, hey, it's Summer! In years past, we have done a sunset night at Fort Desoto, played Broom Ball at the Clearwater Ice Arena, had movie nights in the worship center, and more. Friday Shenanigans 2019 dates, events, pricing, registration and details can be found on anona.com/youthevents. Students can invite their friends and introduce them to their youth group community in a fun and safe environment.

Youth Group Sermon Series – "Free People"

It's easy to see faith as just a list of dos and don'ts we have to keep in order to make God happy. But what if this view of faith is missing the mark? In this series, as we take a look at the book of Galatians, we'll discover that Jesus didn't come to keep us captive to a list of rules. In fact, just the opposite is true! Because of Jesus, we get to live as free people.

Remember this: But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. – Galatians 5:22-23



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Follow us on Instagram: AnonaYouth





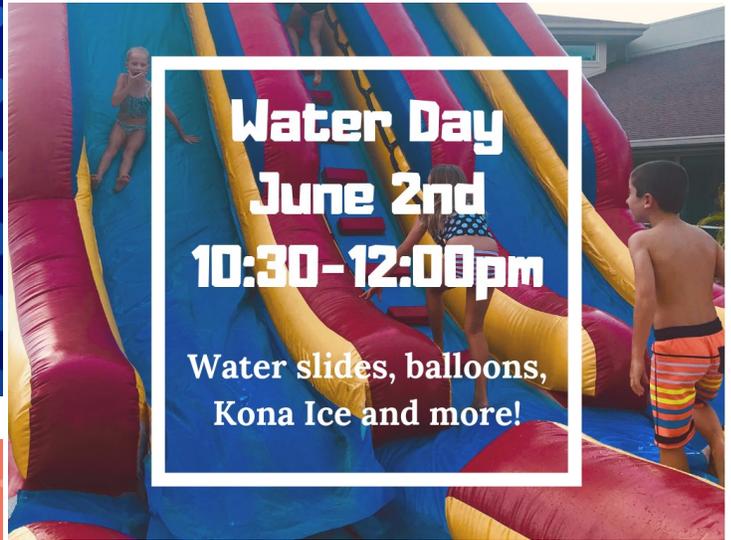
FAMILY FUN with a PURPOSE

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.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Water Day June 2nd 10:30 - 12:00pm

Water slides, balloons,
Kona Ice and more!



LIFE APP

WHAT GOD IS DOING IN YOU
TO CHANGE THE WORLD
AROUND YOU

Worship Arts Camps

Camp dates: June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9
Performances two days later on the following
Sunday at 9:30 in FX

Vocals, Dance, and Drama

Camps are free!

Kids can bring their lunch or parents
can pay \$5 to have lunch provided

More details and registration
online at anona.com/kidsevents



Anona VBS

Crocodile Dock

June 17th-21st 9am-12:30pm

Cost for the week: \$25 for the first
child, \$5 for each additional

Optional childcare from 12:30-5:30pm

Cost: \$25/day for the first child,
\$10/day for each additional



Register online at anona.com/kidsevents
need based scholarships available

SPIRIT NIGHT

5-9
PM

SECOND MONDAY
OF THE MONTH
Mark your Calendars!



Fun, Food, and Friends
join together at
Village Inn on June 10

Details to come, connect with us on
Facebook and Instagram



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Summer Adventures 2019 is underway for the children and families at ACDC

Come and join the adventure this summer as our Elementary age children 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:

Dates	Themes and trips
June 3	Let the Adventure begin Tarpon Springs Aquarium
June 10	Summer Camp Fun has just started Astro Skate
June 17	Vacation Bible School Crocodile Dock Slip and Slide at Anona
June 24	Splish, Splash Let's Go Jump Station
July 1	Happy Birthday America! Closed Thursday, July 4 th Highland Indoor PlayWorld
July 8	Christmas around the World Countryside Ice Skating Rink
July 15	Trick or Treat Bowling
July 22	Where the Wild Things Are Astro Skate
July 29	Wrap it up Great Explorations
Aug 5	What an Adventure Bounce House & Waterslide at Anona

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.

Love Proverbs 20:7 As we thank our earthly fathers and those who have stepped into the role of father, mentor, teacher... we are reminded of how their commitment and unconditional love is a blessing to those they touch.

Compassion Ephesians 2:10 Through the Ambassador Animals program, we learn to care for God's creatures that have been injured or abandoned and unable to care for themselves.

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 information and schedule a time to stop by, visit, and enroll for some Summer Adventures! It starts in the heart!

JUNE **POWER UP** JESUS GIVES ME THE POWER TO DO EVERYTHING.



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



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

Discover: The power to love all people, have joy and peace in hard times, and be patient and kind with difficult people and circumstances is available to everyone through Jesus. When we are connected to Jesus, He truly does give us the power to do everything God wants us to do. "I can do everything by the power of Christ." Philippians 4:13, NIV

Explore: Each month our younger students explore a life app for what God is doing in you to change the world.

Nursery, for 6 weeks – turning 2 year old children available for both the 9:30 am, 11:10 am service and 5 pm services:

- Please label all bags and belongings upon arrival
- 6 weeks – 1 year: children play & interact with children their own age feeling safe and loved and that they were created by God's love.

Small Group Discover, for 2 year olds to Pre-K children: available at the 9:30 am, 11:10 am and 5 pm services:

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

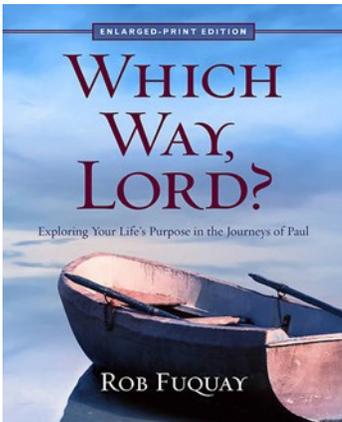
Small Group Explore, for K – 5th grade students: available at the 11:10 am & 5 pm services:

- Age appropriate exploration of bible stories presented in FX Service through story, craft & song. This programming will stand alone or enhance the learning of younger students attending the 9:30 am FX Service.

Announcements: Volunteers needed for programming above. For more information email: nursery@anona.com.



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



Which Way Lord? By Rob Fuquay

Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul

This seven-week course aims to help you understand the direction God wants for you by exploring the life of the apostle Paul as a model. Through many detours, adversity, and time spent in self-reflection, Paul reoriented his understanding of faith and God's Purpose for his life. The study includes video segments filmed in Turkey, Israel, and Greece, the places Paul traveled and where he influenced the church with his writings.

Our summer classes are designed so that you may participate any week you are in town, allowing for vacation schedules. Each lesson is complete and does not depend on the previous lessons. The book will be the basis of the June and July Sermon Series, which starts Sunday, June 9th.

Dates: Thursdays,

June 6 – Introduction and pick up books, June 13 – Preparing for Purpose

June 20 – Taking Stock, June 27 – Facing Adversity, July 4th – No class

July 11 – Dealing with Detours, July 18 – Relying on God, July 25 – Developing Tenacity

Time: 6:30 – 8pm Room 110

Cost: \$10. Book available in regular or large print - same price. Scholarships available.

Coming in September

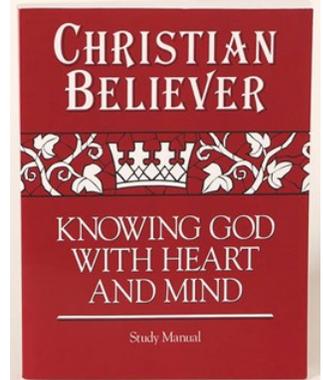
Christian Believer – Focuses on classical teachings of the Christian faith – presenting, explaining, and interpreting them through the use of words, symbols, and hymns. Participants will examine the writings of ancient and modern Christian commentators and view video presentations by leading Biblical scholars. Open to anyone who has completed Disciple 1.

Dates: Thursdays Sept 5 – April 30, skipping holiday weeks.

Time: 6pm – 8:30pm, Chapel Library

Cost: \$48, Reading Book and Study Manual, Scholarships available

Facilitators: Kathy Freeburg, Belinda Engemann



Slow down for a ½ hour at 10:45 Sunday mornings in the historic Anona Chapel for quiet worship, acoustic music, and prayer. We are always eager to welcome newcomers. Join us after worship for coffee and conversation as we prepare to head back into "busy-ness" renewed and refreshed.

Indian Oaks Assisted Living Simply Worship continues to lead worship the first Sunday of each month 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 or bert.crossman@tampabay.rr.com



Like us on FACEBOOK at Anona Simply Worship.

Outreach to Lealman's Adopt-A-Block Are you interested in helping an area within Lealman, to be the hands and feet of Christ at Florida Dream Center's Adopt-A-Block Program? There are many avenues to serve God's people in this community whether at the sandwich table, the gently-used clothing table, community clean-up, or knocking on doors to check on people to determine if they are in need. Call Karen Apodaca for information: 727-656-3507.

June

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	<p><u>Sundays</u> Nursery Available 9:15 -12:15 8:15 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Contemporary, FX Family Experience Adult Sunday School, FX Discover (3 & 4 Year Olds) 11:10 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM Youth Band 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p><u>Mondays</u> 6:00 PM FX Vocals - <u>Tuesdays</u> 4:45 PM FX Orange Dancers - <u>Thursdays</u> 6:30 PM Contemporary Band</p>	

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GPS



If only we could easily follow the words of John (14:1), "Do not let your hearts be troubled." I agree that our difficulties in life make living John's words seem impossible, but there is a way.

Our church will be exploring the idea of life-purpose. There are many a snag and snare waiting for us in the search for purpose. We face confusion. We face role-identification, such as, "How can I be a good mother, father, wife, husband, Christian?" We face finding meaning within earning a living. Most importantly, we face ourselves and our private thoughts as we try to fall asleep at night.



God's Positioning System

My question to you is, how many cycles of think-and-repeat-and-think-and-repeat are you on at the moment? Whose understanding are you leaning on?

I oftentimes find that people have the right steps, but they have them in the wrong order causing an unwanted outcome. They fail to enter their problem or question into the Almighty's GPS. Let's make it simple.

1. (Jeremiah 33:3) "Call unto me, and I will answer thee." Ask God your question [Like entering in the address you want to find in your GPS]
2. (Proverbs 3:5) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Listen to God's response and believe it is the way you should go [Like following the GPS's directions]

In times of doubt or fear, become one with, "Which way, Lord?" Similar to, "Hey, Siri, directions to..."

I like to think that God provides directions with bumpers included, like down the bowling alley, to keep our aim straight. Where we are supposed to go, what we are supposed to do becomes clearer when we connect to **God's Positioning System**. God in the modern world at its best!

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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, 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: Summer is a great time to start or continue music lessons, as both students' and teachers' schedules are more flexible. Summer Schedule begins on Monday, June 3 and goes through Friday, August 9, 2019. Fall Schedule begins on Monday, August 19, 2019.

NEED FOR DONATED INSTRUMENTS: The Academy is in need of donated electric guitars or keyboards, any size or style. Amps and cords also welcome. Thank you.

THANKS to Theresa Haverkamp for her donation of music books to the Academy. We will make good use of them.

RECITAL 2019 was our Fourteenth Annual Recital, and our students gave outstanding performances.

Thanks to Danielle Huggins, Casey Simmons, Heidi Beaman, and Valerie Liedtke for their help with refreshments, to all those who contributed refreshments, to Steve Livers and Jonathan Dennison and assistants for set-up and sound, Jean Berry for her help with programs, and last but not least to Merrilee Albright for her help with posters and for the bookkeeping work she does so well for the Academy year-round.

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

REMINDER TO STUDENTS: As Recital is now behind us, we will be back to studying our lesson books, so please bring both lessons book(s) and your binder to summer lessons.

MUSIC HISTORY: Did you know that J.S. Bach had three sons who became famous composers? The youngest was Wilhelm F. Bach, also known as the "London" Bach, due to his long residence in that city.'

Missions/Outreach

Sponsor a Student for School Supplies

Most of you know that Anona has a reading program at Ridgecrest Elementary that is helping Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade kids get a great start on their educational journey. You might also know that we launched a group years ago called Ridgecrest360 to help unite the organizations serving the Ridgecrest area to focus on helping students on their educational and character development journey from cradle to career. The support for these initiatives has been incredible! We also have begun to see amazing results.



This year we are moving our relationship to Ridgecrest Elementary and Seminole Middle School to the next level by supporting the launch of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination). This program will help provide students with organizational, collaborative and critical thinking skills that set them up not only for success in school, but success in life.

AVID is a defined and proven program being adopted by many schools in our area. The students will need specific items to help them organize their work for each of their classes. As part of that effort, we will be sponsoring a school supply drive the entire month of June. We will be combining our efforts with other churches and Ridgecrest360 organizations to ensure over 800 students receive the supplies they need to participate in AVID. You can sponsor a pack that includes a notebook, steno books, a student agenda, pencil pack and pencils for \$15 per student.

Donations can be made by using your mission's envelope (write "School Pack" in notes section of check) or visit anona.com/giveonline (select "Give One Time" and for fund selection choose "School Packs"). Sponsor one, two, five, ten or whatever you'd like to do. Each pack school supply pack makes a difference.

The Anona Disaster Recovery Team (DRT) is on the move! Eighteen months since Hurricane Irma, people are still recovering from the storm. Families sometimes cannot complete the work needed through other resources to make their home safe, sanitary, and secure. UMCOR and the Florida Conference has a team of individuals – check out <https://floridarestores.com> -- that has helped organize our church to assist.

On February 16, 2019 Anona sent a group of 8 to help a widowed disabled woman and her disabled daughter in St. Petersburg replace walls in two rooms and kitchen cabinet doors damaged by leaks resulting from storm damage.

A month later, Anona was able to send out a team of 12. On that day 2 families were served in the Ybor City area. Eight team members removed and replaced ceilings (including replacing inadequate support joists), drywall, and insulation in the 2-bedroom home of a widow and 4 of her family members. Roof damage had prevented these repairs sooner. Any effort the family made was soon ruined when rain made its way through the roof back into the house.

The same day, a team of four was in the same area where a single mother of a high school aged boy needed assistance. During the hurricane, a tornado pulled a utility pole out of the ground ripping the electrical box loose and then falling on the roof. FEMA funds covered only the electrical repairs, the most urgent need. The roof repairs took much longer due to lack of funding. Once completed, Anona DRT was able to complete the drywall work and replace the floors, bringing the home to within about a day of completion.

Anona DRT has more projects coming! Local one-day projects are scheduled for July 13 and August 17, 2019, and more work will be needed throughout the year including in the Florida panhandle where they are still in the early stages of recovery from Hurricane Michael. Although it may sound like strenuous work, **there are jobs for people of any skill level.** If you have interest in this kind of mission work, have a servant's heart, and can hold a hammer, you can participate! So far, several team members have been surprised by their own capabilities. We can promise plenty of laughter among the dust and debris!

Want more information? Go to <http://www.anona.com/missionready>. Perhaps you would like to try out a one-day project and see how you like it. Signing up for a team is simple. To keep us organized, the best way to reach out is to email the Anona Disaster Recovery Team at anona.disaster.recovery.team@gmail.com. If you are ready to commit, include SIGN ME UP in the subject line of your email and you will be sent additional information. Feel free to ask lots of questions. We are here to answer them. If you prefer not to join a team (or even if you do), please consider including these teams in your prayers as well as the families still hurting from the disasters.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home

The Sunday, June 30th is the Celebration of Fifth Sunday, when your Special Offerings go to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home (FUMCH). About 120 Children live at the 2 Campuses, in Enterprise and Madison.



Your Special Gifts support the day to day needs required to provide a safe place for FUMCH kids. The Children's Home also provides services such as Foster Care, Community Day Care, Independent Living, and Emergency Shelter care. With all of the campus services, your gifts support over 400 children daily. Your FUMCH Kids Love Anona!

FRIENDS IN FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

It's Great To Be Grand (Grandparents Group)—Will resume on August 6th

This is a group of grandparents that come together for an hour each week to encourage and share moments of joy or concern with others grandparents who are active in their grandchildren's lives. The group meets on Tuesday morning each week, 10:30-11:30, in the Anona UMC Youth Room—but is taking the summer off. All are welcome, this is not limited to church members so please feel free to bring a friend who could use this time to grow friendships and receive support and encouragement.



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 Jackie Gerald, for more information.

Sign Language Class—Tuesdays at 6pm (will not be meeting June, July, or August)

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 Shayla Bailey.

Mary Fellowship—2nd Thursday of each Month (on summer break)

Mary Fellowship, an Anona small group, meets the second Thursday of each month. We always begin our meetings with prayer, followed by refreshments, Christian fellowship, and sharing our concerns & joys. New recruits are always welcome. As part of our outreach, we support "Women on the Way" at St Petersburg College. We will meet again in the fall. Please contact Judy Crossman with questions. 727-595-6872 or kjcgram@yahoo.com

Sonseekers/Seasonal Residents (SSR's) is an Anona small group who meet for fellowship and activities. The group's mission is to assist seasonal residents become acquainted with each other, form new friendships, share information about Anona United Methodist Church and grow together spiritually. SSR's meet from late October through March. If you have any questions about our small group, please contact Ted Pinkerton by phone: 513-739-9796 or email: pinkertd@miamioh.edu.



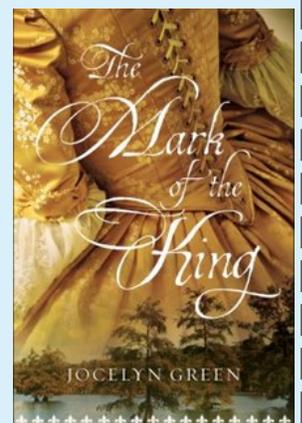
All are Welcome to Anona Book Club: June 16

Next meeting is, JUNE 16th, 2019 at 6:30 PM

June's book is *The Mark of the King* by Jocelyn Green, Anona's Edna Faulk's granddaughter. This book is slated to be discussed on June 16 at 6:30 PM.

"After being imprisoned and branded for the death of her client, twenty-five-year-old midwife Julianne Chevalier trades her life sentence for exile to the fledgling 1720s French colony of Louisiana, where she hopes to be reunited with her brother, serving there as a soldier. To make the journey, though, women must be married, and Julianne is forced to wed a fellow convict. When they arrive in New Orleans, there is no news of Benjamin, Julianne's brother, and searching for answers proves dangerous."

Look ahead: July...no meeting Enjoy your vacations! August's book is *The Saints of Lost Things* by C. H. Lawley



As always, our discussions are open to all Anona guests and members. *Meetings are typically held the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Bride's Room, located in the back of the Sanctuary. 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.



UMW Missions Opportunities for 2019

(All proceeds from fundraisers go toward support of our Human Trafficking and Migrant Ditty Bag projects.)

Rada Cutlery can still be ordered online at <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=907174.69c74> and **Anona Cooks!** cookbooks are still available. Please email Bertha Hein (bhein517@gmail.com) to order. Look for a new **Schwan's** order opportunity in the next few weeks!

We are currently accepting clothing, full size toiletries, bed linens (twin) and towels for our **Miracles Outreach** girls, as well as travel size toiletries, socks, pens and pencils, markers, and other items for the Ditty Bags we assemble for migrant missions. (If you need a list of these items, please ask Jean Berry at the front desk.)

Rachel Circle meets in the church Library at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of months September-May. Contact Kathy Bell-Bakewell at 727-580-5515 for information about Rachel Circle.

Priscilla Circle meets at 1PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Glenwood Estates recreation center, 12501 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Call Karen Creamer 765-265-9406 for directions.

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



Growing season is here! Come out on Thursday mornings and pitch in with **Anona's Lawn Mowing Crew**. These people meet year round on Thursday mornings to mow lawns, edge and trim, clean up, have breakfast and give thanks for the work God has called them to do. Please, heed the call. 7 am Thursdays at Anona church.

Time to sign up for next Fall. Anona's All Pro Dads Day is looking for more dads and men to join the APDD team four to six times a year 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. Come see your children doing good things, becoming good people, helping others, etc.

Anona's Monday Men's Bible study on Monday evenings in Room 117 (east side of multifunctional Worship Center) at 7 – 8 pm. All men welcomed. Hear the calls made by prophets of old about events prophesied and fulfilled and yet to be fulfilled.

Hurricane Season is here, starting in June. Get with Pastor Richard Landon about being trained and ready to respond on behalf of Anona Church to an area-wide weather related catastrophe. Check your calendar: June 16, 2019 St Luke's UMC Orlando Disaster 101: Basic Disaster Ministry training <https://www.flumc.org/trainingschedule> (800) 282-8011 Ext. 148

Other opportunities calling for men to serve Christ at Anona: Fellowshiping with the men at breakfast Tuesdays at 6:45 am. Singing with the Anona Gospel Chordsmen+. Contact the church at 727-595-2581 ext. 237. For Fresh Start Probationer mentoring, contact Ian Lennox at 727-482-8379. Inquire at the Connection Point about Habitat for Humanity, Mission trips, and Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM).

John Wesley quotes: "Reading Christians are growing Christians. When Christians stop reading, they cease to grow."



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 Sunday, July 7th at 12:30pm and Wednesday, July 10th at 10:30am in the Front Office** (off of the Fellowship Area). Our next Membership Sunday will be July 28th. Sandy is looking forward to hearing from you! sandy@anona.com or phone 595-2581 x 228.



Welcome!

New Members:

Bob Buckham
Lindy Rolfe
Jeff & Pam Winkler
Shirley Munz
Greg & Bonnie Smith
Jane House
Bev Hennig

Baptisms:

Evan Rylan Wycoff

Our Members

Birthdays 80th and Above

06/01	Ron Putnam
06/03	Jan Snyder
06/04	Don Baragry Kathryn Creamer Deiter Schmid
06/06	Kusum Christie
06/07	Bill Robertson
06/09	Anna Hawk
06/10	Frank Burkett
06/11	Jean Tavener
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 Caldwell Mary Lou Lyons Carol Nyi
06/23	Joel Christie
06/24	Gordon Hanson
06/29	Don Hutchinson Anne Jamieson Doug Kolb
06/30	Dona Ray

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

Anniversaries 25th and Above

06/01	Frank & Debbie Aiello	45 yrs.
	John & Mary Harris	28 yrs.
06/03	Dan & Jill Baker	41 yrs.
	Chip & Kim Chase	30 yrs.
	John & Phyllis Slater	63 yrs.
06/04	Gary & Karen Biegler	31 yrs.
06/05	Dwayne & Carra Best	60 yrs.
	Art & Teresa Craig	43 yrs.
	Bob & Martha Gibson	66 yrs.
	Jim & Diane Stevenson	54 yrs.
06/06	Jim & Pat Harlow	60 yrs.
	Joe & Arminda South	60 yrs.
	Don & Deb Lewis	33 yrs.
06/07	Tim & Karen Coultas	33 yrs.
	Bob & Joy Estes	50 yrs.
	Ron & Carolyn Renz	61 yrs.
	Larry & Judy Sprague	25 yrs.
06/08	Paul & Doris Clinton	56 yrs.
	Bill & Sherry Shaw	56 yrs.
06/09	Scott & Jill Dawson	29 yrs.
	Terry & Dee Tome	26 yrs.
06/10	John & Barbara Adams	41 yrs.
06/11	Dan & Peggy Reid	59 yrs.
06/14	Jeffrey & Susan Barber	38 yrs.
	Tom & Cindi Huston	27 yrs.
06/16	Gay & Tammy Cox	35 yrs.
	Russell & Susan Hendrickson	29 yrs.
	Dick & Sandra Miller	41 yrs.
06/17	Jeffrey & Karen Grove	30 yrs.
	Don & Mary Smith	47 yrs.
06/18	Dennis & Ingrid Eby	53 yrs.
	Bill & Sue Godin	42 yrs.
	Terry & Pat Hop	43 yrs.
	Gil & Pat Jones	53 yrs.
	Ken & Barbara Nelson	59 yrs.
	Don & Connie Posey	31 yrs.
	John & Debbie Richter	31 yrs.
	Chris & Raisa Ross	31 yrs.
	Jerome & Carol Schoonover	36 yrs.
06/19	Larry & Diane Cottrell	26 yrs.
	Ron & Christine Jensen	55 yrs.
06/20	Bob & Lora Goff	27 yrs.
	Elmer & Joy Gumto	55 yrs.
06/21	Bob & Becky Kirn	39 yrs.
06/22	Roger & Debra Maul	45 yrs.
06/23	Sam & Char DiGennaro	57 yrs.
	Robert & Mary Hilleary	35 yrs.
	Ray & Joan Tuenge	29 yrs.
06/25	Timothy Arsenault & Ed McCallister	25 yrs.
	David & Shiela Lyons	53 yrs.
	Brian & Leslie Silvernail	25 yrs.
	Ivan Senia & Kay Smith	31 yrs.
06/27	Ted & Kitty Rich	27 yrs.
	Nick & Margaret Scire	32 yrs.
06/28	Steve & Sharon Barker	50 yrs.
06/29	Bob & Shawn Seward	28 yrs.
06/30	Jack & Sally Berthy	58 yrs.
	Art & Pat Jones	46 yrs.
	Marshel & Sandy O'Shields	28 yrs.



Please be in Prayer for:

The Family of Margaret Ponder, who joined in 1979.

The Family of Jeanne Heubeck, who joined in 2013.

The Family of Elda Fitzsimmons, who joined as an Affiliate in 2002.

The Family of Albert Kline, who joined in 2002.

The Family of Jack Harris, who joined in 2012.

The Family of Katie Keene, who joined in 2008.

Join a Stephen Minister
in the prayer room after
Sunday Services
or call 595-2581 x408

Stephen Ministry at Anona

STEPHEN MINISTRY-EVEN IN JERUSALEM



It was my privilege to return to Israel recently with Jac'line Weisgerber on the 'Led by the Spirit' pilgrimage which included over twenty Anona pilgrims and several family / friends from out of state. As a Stephen Minister, one of the many highlights of our journey was a time of prayer at the entrance to the Lion's Gate of the Old City because it is believed to be the gate at which Stephen was martyred for his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was there that Jac'line, Gary Thomas and I renewed our calling to serve as Stephen Ministers.

However, the Lord provided another unexpected opportunity, which for me was a 'picture' of my personal calling to Stephen Ministry. Three of us were returning to our rooms at the hotel after a long day of the pilgrimage, when I noticed a young Asian woman who was obviously distressed. I bid my friends farewell at their rooms and turned to see that the young woman was in the same place as if unable to move. I walked back to her and greeted her. Tears welled up in her eyes. She was lost. I walked alongside her back to the elevator where we went UP to get reception desk on ground floor. The desk clerk got her name, gave her a new key and gave me the room number. When I asked directions to the room, he declared it was too complicated to tell me! I prayed quietly asking the Lord to please, "Get us there." We went DOWN in the elevator to the third floor and after three turns of the hallway, we found her room! Her relief was palpable.

That is what Stephen Ministers do. We walk alongside folks as they discover God's direction in their personal situation. Caring Stephen Ministers are waiting to walk with you. Call 595-2481 Ext 408



Sally Berthy

Caring for our Anona Congregation

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

Anona has a new phone system, so make note of the changes to reach the congregational care office. To report someone in the hospital, or a death in the Anona family, call the main number. During our regular office hours, a real live person will talk to you and get the information. If you receive the recorded message, you can press 5 anytime during the message and you will be connected to my office. Please leave the reason you are calling along with your name and phone so we can contact you if we have questions or need further clarification. This phone is monitored morning, afternoon, and evening so we can respond to the needs of our congregation. Thank you for helping us care for our Anona family.



Upcoming Support Groups

Hope - Cancer support group. **Thursday, June 6 & 20**, 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; 727-366-4106 or Teresa Elder: eldergators@gmail.com; 727-458-6843.

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

8:15am - Traditional in Traditional Sanctuary
 9:30am - Contemporary in Worship Center
 9:30am - FX Family Service in Anona Theater
 11:10am - Traditional in Traditional Sanctuary
 5:00pm - Anona Nights in Worship Center

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

Anona United Methodist Church A Multi-Site Community

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

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

Multi-Site Sunday Worship Services

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

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

Highlighted Dates!!

Anona Child Development Center Open Registration

Call the school office, 593-5437
 or email: acdc@anona.com for information

Father's Day—June 16

VBS—June 17-21

Register your kids for a fun week!

Hurricane Service Day—June 15, July 13, Aug. 17

Register by emailing our ADRT team:
anona.disaster.recovery.team@gmail.com

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	Jeremy Herrington	Worship Arts Minister	jeremy@anona.com	236
	Gary Thomas	St. Mark's Minister	gary@anona.com	225
Staff	Jean Berry	Office Admin Assistant	jeanb@anona.com	288
	Terry Collier	Anona Christian Counselor	tlcdivot@gmail.com	727-463-6181
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	Cory Osborne	Director of Anona Nights	cory@anona.com	292
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