



She is clothed with strength and dignity she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31

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May Worship at Anona

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May is a great month. Dr. Gene Bennett (beloved local pediatrician) used to say, "Don't swim till May." It meant for all my young families' life that we started swimming this month. It is still is a time of getting the family together for back-yard BBQ, beach, and generally getting wet. I hope you will get wet or do something fun for you this month as well. It always felt premature that we did confirmation class beach baptisms before May. I guess baptism is not exactly going swimming, but it's close. After the beach BBQ there's Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) where of course we all need to go get some Mexican food. Then there's Mother's Day (the 13th). Don't forget. Everybody has one. My mom's been gone for a while, but I still have lots of moms in my life that I grill for on that day. Food, family, and fun sound like May to me.

Then there's the sad side. Remember when we used to wear carnations for our mothers. I would have to wear a white one now that my mom has passed. Then there's Memorial Day. We always went to our family graves for those who had died in the wars to decorate them. It's been a long time since I've done that.

Fun and family, and sadness and family. A month that is both the height and depth of our love.

My prayer for you this month is that you have both. Fun and family is always good if you can get it. And the sadness... well Kahlil Gibran speaks to that in his "On Joy and Sorrow". "When you are sorrowful look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." It is only that which we love and in which we find joy that can bring us sorrow in its loss. The risk of loving then losing. Let's face that with faith this month.

May 6 Expectation of Happiness

Psalms 1:1-3

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

The Greek word for happiness, Eudaimonia, has been associated since Old Testament times with the concept that right actions result in well being. This truth however leads to a dangerous concept, that when your "living right" you can expect nothing but happiness and when you don't get it something is wrong. Why do bad things happen to good people? We'll take all that into Communion as we come before the Lord in worship.

May 13 (Mother's Day) Beauty for Ashes

Isaiah 61:3

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

It is only that which is your joy that can be your sorrow. What a deep risk we take when we love. Mothers represent a love that comes literally from within. We give ourselves to the loved one, then are vulnerable to that love in the journey of where it goes. Alfred Lord Tennyson is often quoted as saying in his poem Memoriam, "I hold it true, whate'er befall, I feel it when I sorrow most, tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all".

May 20 All Fired-up!

Acts 2

Sermon by: Rev. Jeremy Herrington

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church (happy birthday!) This morning we're going to talk about getting fired-up for love in action, and how we can work towards an authentic love for God, for the church, and for our community and world.

May 27 Greater Love

John 15:13

Sermon by: Dr. John M. Stephenson

Jesus said "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends..." On this weekend we commemorate those who have given their lives for what we have today. Especially we decorate the graves of those who have died serving their country. Jesus said we are his friends if we do what he teaches. When we lay down our lives for those we love we are following Him. What does it mean to "lay down our lives"? Ephesians 5:21 and following says that we "submit" to each other as a way of live, wives to husbands, husbands to wives friends to friends. Are you ready to follow Christ in "laying down" your life?

See You Sunday,

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WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

May is an exciting month for many reasons: Mother's Day, the end of the school year, the month when Star Wars first came to movie theaters in 1977, and so on... One of the big celebrations of the church in May is Pentecost Sunday (this year it is on May 20th).

On Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending on the people, and with a rush of wind ignites a Holy fire amongst them where they speak in different languages. Yet despite the different languages, the people understand each other clearly as they talk about God's mighty deeds. This amazing event marks the birth of the church, and our call as creations of God to share the love of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

For me, I love the dichotomy of the multiple languages present at Pentecost, with the unity of purpose and understanding. It gives me hope that the diversity that exists in the world (even within our own country and denomination) can be set aside as we share together in the unity of Christ's love and grace. My prayer for us this month is the prayer from St Augustine of Hippo: that in our essentials we find unity, in non-essentials liberty, and, in all things, charity.

IN ESSENTIALS, UNITY IN NON-ESSENTIALS, LIBERTY IN ALL THINGS, CHARITY



Gary Thomas

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Honesty is the best policy? This is something we have learned from the time we were small. This proverb is associated with Benjamin Franklin, but can be found in almost, if not all civilizations since communication first took place between two people. But is it really the best policy? According to the dictionary (Merriam Webster) a definition of policy is: "a definite course or method of action selected from among alternatives and in light of given conditions to guide and determine present and future decisions".

On the other hand Webster's definition of a principle is: "a moral rule or belief that helps you know what is right and wrong and that influences your actions". Should honesty be a one of our policies or one of our principles? You may just say this is semantics, they both mean basically the same. It seems clear in our society, that there are many who play loose with honesty to promote their viewpoint. To them, honesty is a policy that can change according to conditions. Why should the truth matter if we can influence others to do the right thing, or at least the right thing in our own mind.

Jesus drew many antagonist from the religious leaders of his time. The Pharisees and Scribes often tried to debate and trap Jesus in answers that would turn the people away from him. Jesus honest and righteous words and life were more powerful than the half-truths or deceit of his detractors. Jesus didn't have a policy about honesty, he was the way the truth and the life. John 8: 31-32 - So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." May we be set free with the Honesty we display in our lives as we live as disciples of Jesus. Blessings!

Pastor Gary

May 4th: Game Night

May 5th: 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.



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We've spent the past few months getting ready for new technology to be installed in all of our worship environments and now that work is done! We can see the choir in our traditional services and they can read their music because of new lighting. There are new soundboards in all of our worship venues (traditional, worship center, and FX Theater) and we have added video to our traditional and contemporary worship. That's right...we will soon have video of our messages back on the website! As most of you have heard by now, we also hope to be starting on some renovations on our traditional sanctuary this summer, updating our lobby and getting new carpet throughout much of our main building. Why are we doing all of this? Because we are getting ready!

You might ask, "Getting ready for what?" We are getting ready for guests. This is the preparation phase that will launch us into new ways of connecting with our community. In the coming months and years we will begin to stay connected with shut-ins and our northern guests in more deliberate ways, so we can remain in community even when separated by distance. We'll also be unveiling a variety of ministries and reorienting some of our current ministry efforts to accommodate and welcome new people to Christ and our church. One of our new ministries will be a worship service on Sunday evenings called, Anona Nights. This service will launch on August 19th at 5:00 p.m. and will be led by Cory Osborne. Anona Nights will provide a new style of worship that connects with the next generation of Christ followers. If you want to find out more about this service and get a little taste of what is to come, join us for a simple preview at 5:00 p.m. on May 6th in our worship center.

Jesus taught us that when we welcome a stranger, we welcome Him, "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). He said, "Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them" (Mark 10:14). There are many more instances where we are being encouraged to welcome. We're getting our church building ready...let's get our hearts ready as well.

May 6 Anona Nights Preview Night

Service at 5pm, Not at 11am

Join us at 5pm for the first Preview Event of our new style worship service called Anona Nights. We are creating a brand new style of worship to engage people who aren't here yet and to help our church become even more irresistible within our community. Anona Nights is more than a worship service, its a lifestyle. We invite you to join us for real relationships, authentic teaching, emotive worship, impactful service, and tons of fun!

May 13 Mother's Day Proverbs 6:20-22

Whether it's your biological mother or a mother-like figure in your life, we all have someone who has poured into us and shared wisdom with us. On Mother's Day we celebrate all the mothers and motherly relationships we have in our life. Motherly teaching is to be prized. In this Proverb, instruction is used as a symbol of faithful companionship for our whole life.

May 20 Stepping Out Genesis 12:1-4

Sometimes God calls us to take a step of faith—a step out into the wild. We don't know where He's leading, but we know He's asking us to trust and follow Him. In this series, as we look at how Abraham followed God's call into the wild, we'll see that we can find the courage to do the same.

May 27 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.

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

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May 27th



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)

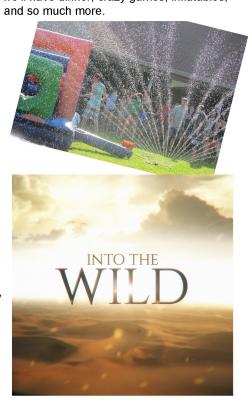
Sundays 5:00-7:30pm - Sunday Night Youth Program

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 - May 13 - Happy Mothers Day



Teenagers change a lot—and frequently. Maybe you've discovered a few new interests. Maybe you've recently quit playing a sport or instrument you once loved. Students also probably made some new friends and ended a few friendships they've had since elementary school. What's changed the most since last year. Think back to the things you did as a teenager that you didn't want your parents to find out about. We want our students to know that mistakes (yours and theirs) don't define the future. Trusting God can be difficult — for teenagers and adults. During challenging seasons, it can be helpful to think back to moments God has come through for you and your family. This week, can you remember any times God has come through for youor someone youknow. We want to remind ourselves that those moments are evidence that God can be trusted always.







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WHAT'S COMING UP?

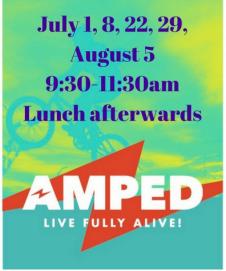


A free day camp where kids will learn songs, dance choreography, and drama to perform that following Sunday in FX!

Register online: anona.com/kidsevents

Lunch provided for \$5 or bring a lunch.





Register online at Anona.com/ kidsevents



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.







HELP SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST, MAY 25

We need your help:

Donations:

- -Gift Cards (\$10 increments to Target, Publix, Starbucks
- Gift Baskets
- -Gift Certificates

Volunteers: To help,

sign-up @ anona.com/kidsevents





SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH Mark your Calendars!



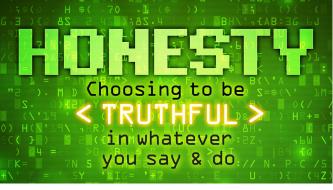
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GAMES
Board Games Galore!







Pam Reeder - Director of Anona Child Development Center

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The School Year Ends...and Summer Begins!

The school year is coming to a close and summer is right around the corner. As we prepare to honor the graduating VPK class here at ACDC, we look back on the year and celebrate the accomplishments and growth of all of the children in our program. We embraced the celebrations and acknowledge that, with God's grace, we partnered through the struggles, upsets, and surprises that come with teaching and raising God's little ones. Cherish the moments that make you smile, and remember, we are not alone in this journey. God has great plans for His children and here, at ACDC, we smile as we watch each child take the next step on their journey.

Elementary Summer Camp "We've Got the Power" is open for registration! All of us are created by God, unique and perfect, just the way we are! This is such awesome great news! When we join in Summer Camp activities and share our

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	stro 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

talents, personalities, interests and skills – lots of fun and friendship will happen! Each week a new character strength is highlighted. These character strengths are self-control, gratitude, creativity, optimism, courage, cooperation, compassion, flexibility, respect, and love. Bring a friend along who is in kindergarten through 5th grade and join Summer Camp Fun at Anona Child Development Center! Pick and choose the weeks that stir an interest and meet your family's needs.

Weekly activities include swimming at the pool, participating in the STEAM program at the library, exploring a variety of interests with our Friday Club Program, and taking some fun-filled field trips. Be sure to ask your child to share their Kohl's Cooking recipes with the family. Yum! So much to do this summer! Call the school office 727.593.5437 for more information







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.

May

Discover: People are God's work of art. Preschoolers will learn God has a plan for them through the story of Joseph. Bottom Line: God has a plan for me.

Explore: Elementary student will: Untangle the web and keep your source code true. Honesty is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say or do.

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:
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CHUCK KNOWS CHURCH—It's NOT too late to Join!

Will help you understand and discuss some complex subjects about the United Methodist Church, in a fun, light hearted, yet informative way. Each class is a stand-alone session that will include two or more short videos, focusing on the traditions, practices and cherished tenets of the church. Each video features "Chuck" who helps us learn more about our church while inviting us to have deeper conversations with our pastor and one another. No book to read, but class handouts will be available. **Facilitators:** Karen Creamer & Sue Anderegg

Dates: Thursdays, April 5 - May 10 Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Room 110 Class Materials: \$5

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".



When is the last time that you experienced "Be Still and Know"... that He is God.?

If you want to slow down for even just $\frac{1}{2}$ 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. Join us after worship for coffee and conversation as we prepare to head back in to "busy-ness" renewed and refreshed.

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



LIKE us on FACEBOOK at Anona Simply Worship.

Indian Oaks Assisted Living
1st Sunday of Each Month at 3pm

Anona is now at Indian Oaks Assisted Living facility! In February, under the mentorship of Pastor Gary and Pastor Jeremy, a small team from Simply Worship at the Anona Chapel began leading a worship experience at 3PM on the first Sunday of every month.

In this short amount of time, God has richly blessed us by reaching out to these dear folks with a message of love and hope and an opportunity to participate in communion. Please be in prayer for the team as we continue this ministry. This is a small acoustic worship experience, and if you are interested in helping facilitate 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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The Ignition of Motivation

Determination: Firm or fixed intention to achieve a desired end. It's easy to apply determination to simple things like making toast, or taking a nap. Where the challenges lie are when good intentions meet roadblocks, detours, tiredness or waning interest. I mainly see trouble with determination when it comes to healthy habits, marriages, and life goals.

Healthy Habits: It's hard to stick to healthy habits, but here is a tip to help you. Imagine the benefits of a healthier body, and keep that image in your mind. When you are tempted to eat/do something that will take you away from your goal, pretend that you are at a huge Imax theater and then project the image of your healthier body up on the large screen. Make it big, and then reward yourself with kind words of praise. It won't be long before your determination will yield the great results you wanted.



Marriages: It's so wonderful in the beginning. Do you remember those feelings? If they are just a memory now, hold on and get help. A good marriage is one of the hardest things to do, and one of the most rewarding when it withstands the tests of life. It requires both people to be determined to learn how to interact with each other in ways that bless and keep them united.

Life Goals: Procrastination is the enemy of life goal achievement, and low self-esteem is the culprit that makes procrastination look like a better thing to do. To accomplish your life goals, learn first what it takes to love yourself.

In time, and with the right actions steps, you can accomplish your desires. The ignition of motivation can be sparked through excited determination.

Let me know if I can help!

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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.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS: Farah and Jillian Kennedy (Ross-piano); Philip Mosso (Ross-piano)

THANKS so much to Linda Martin for her donation of a lovely Yamaha keyboard, stand, and pedals to the Academy.

GUITAR LESSONS: Sandy Ross is now teaching guitar and bass as well as piano and music theory.

RECITAL 2018 will be held on Friday, May 18, 7:00pm, and Saturday, May 19, 3:00pm, both in the Traditional Sanctuary. Rehearsal for Friday Recital will be on Monday, May 14, 7:00pm. Rehearsal for Saturday Recital will be on Wednesday May 16, 7:00pm. MARK THESE DATES on your calendar, and encourage daily practice on recital pieces.

DONATIONS: Do you have an unused instrument taking up space or sheet music or books that you are not using? We gladly accept donations of pianos, musical equipment, amplifiers, books and accessories. Tax receipt upon request.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE: Thanks to our generous donors, scholarship lessons will be available for the foreseeable future. If you or your child wishes to take music lessons but you do not have the financial means to do so, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above phone/email.

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. Please place in Sunday offering plate or leave in the Sandy Ross/ Academy In Box (bottom row near entrance to Wesley Hall/FX). 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.

MUSIC NOTATION: Clef signs: Treble and Bass Clefs are most frequently used. Piano, organ, and harp music uses only these clefs. The Alto Clef is used mainly by the viola, in order to avoid excessive use of leger lines. In the Alto Clef, middle C is located on the middle line of the staff. The Tenor Clef is primarily used for bassoon, trombone, bass, and cello. In the Tenor Clef, middle C is located on the staff line which is second from the top.

Missions/Outreach

RCS Stamp Out Hunger—May 12

Join us on Saturday, May 12th as we help our friends at RCS Stamp Out Hunger. Each year, postal carriers across the nation and in our community collect food items and bring them to the local food banks. RCS is in need of volunteers for several shifts that day to help sort food. Water and snacks are provid-



ed. Although there are large fans in the food bank warehouse, it can be warm so please dress comfortably and wear closed toed shoes for safety (Please note that volunteers must park at the medical clinic or funeral home to avoid being towed). This is a great opportunity for individuals of any age, couples, or groups to serve our community. If you are interested in signing up for a shift, please call or email Christi Snyder, RCS Volunteer Coordinator, at 727-584-3528 ext. 402 or Christi.snyder@RCSpinellas.org. RCS Food Bank is located at 700 Druid Road in Clearwater. You may also check out our Mission Spotlight page at www.anona.com/missions where we will be posting an online signup as soon as it becomes available. Hope you can make it!

Fall Caravan to CUBA—Visa Application Deadline June 30

Anona UMC has three sister churches in Cuba: Iglesia Metodista De Amarillas, Iglesia Metodista de Alta Sita and Iglesia Metodista de Cardenas. These translate to: The Methodist Church of Amarillas, Alta Sita and Cardenas. Your donations go to support these churches in many ways. Purchasing supplies in Cuba for simple things that we take for granted, such as crayons, glitter and construction paper can be an enormous expense when purchased in Cuba.

Having a sister church is about more than just sending money and supplies, it is about building a relationship; a relationship with the pastor and with the church members. These Caravans are not mission project trips but a chance to get to know the people and while you may find a project that needs to be done while you are there, that is not the purpose or plan of the trip. This is why our District Coordinator, Karen Laukat, arranges Caravans twice annually to Cuba. This allows church members from many different churches to travel to Cuba and visit their sister churches, building life-long relationships that last over time and distance.

The next caravan will travel to Cuba in November for approximately 8 days, dates TBD. If you are interested in traveling to Cuba and staying at one of our sister churches, visa applications must be submitted no later than June 30th along with a check made payable to Anona UMC in the amount of \$310. Visa applications take several months to process and will be picked up upon arrival in Cuba. Applicants must have an up-to-date passport that does not expire within 6 months of travel date. For an application or more information, stop by Connection Point, visit our website at http://www.anona.com/missions/ or contact Janice Dean at missions@anona.com or 727-804-5028.

Girls in Pearls, is a program that our box tops supports at Ridgecrest Elementary. The girls have been

working on a knitting project in which they make caps for sweet babies in Guatemala. Thank you for donating your Box Tops and continuing to do so!





NEXT BUILD is: May 12th 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 takes May off and will resume in June!



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

Mary Fellowship—2nd Thursday of each Month (May 10)

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. We also contribute to "Women on the Way" at St Petersburg College.

New recruits are always welcome. We will meet at 1:00 PM Thursday May 10 at the Sage West Bay Bistro on West Bay Drive, Largo. We recess after this meeting until October 11. Please contact Judy Crossman @ 727-595-6872 or kjcgram@yahoo.com

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.

Fibromyalgia Support Group—Second Saturday of each Month

If you or someone you know is impacted, you are invited to attend this support group, the 2nd Saturday of each month, 11am, at Palms of Largo complex (Imperial locations on Alt. Keene Rd—East Rec Room). There is no cost to you! Next Meeting is: May 12th, 11am. Call Joel Christie, support group leader, for more info: 727-365-2764.

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.



All are Welcome to Anona Book Club: May 27

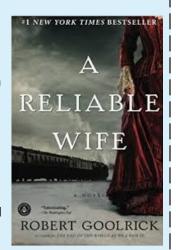
May book: A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick

Discussion on May 27th @ 6:30 PM in the Bride's Room

From Amazon: "Set in rural Wisconsin in 1909, Ralph Truitt stands alone on a train platform waiting for the woman who answered his newspaper advertisement for a reliable wife. But when Catherine Land steps off the train from Chicago, she's not the simple, honest woman that Ralph is expecting."

Plan ahead: June's book is The Summerhouse by Jude Deveraux.

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.



Anona United Methodist Women have been busy so far in 2018. Besides our monthly activities with the girls from Miracles Outreach, we participated in the Anona Missions Expo and made a field trip to Cornerstone in Tampa.



PRE-ORDER YOUR COOKBOOK!

Thanks again to all those who contributed recipes for our Anona cookbook! We look forward to selling these and using those proceeds to help in our community. If you would like to pre-order, please contact Karen Creamer: karen.creamer@tampabay.rr.com.



Did you know.... In 2019, United Methodist Women will be 150 years old! You can join in our anniversary celebration by giving to the Legacy Fund, a permanent endowment to ensure the mission of UMW continues for another 150 years and beyond. Visit www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund.

Ministries include:

Africa(48 facilities), Asia(47 facilities), Caribbean and Pacific Islands(12 facilities), Middle East and Europe(19 facilities), South America(12 facilities); Mexico and Central America(9 facilities) and the United States Puerto/Rico and Virgin Islands(131 facilities) with 2 here in Florida: Tampa and Key West.

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

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

Igniting Men Conference - June 16, 2018 - Edgewater United Methodist Church, Port Charlotte, FL

Florida

A 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.

All Pro Dads - Take note: The Gulf Central UMC District Superintendent got a chance to meet with Hillsborough County school officials, the PTA and All Pro Dad leaders at Lake Magdalene UMC to learn how the program is energizing school children in Hillsborough County to be on their best behavior in classes so they can earn tickets to attend All Pro Dads-sponsored events. Teachers are loving it. The DS would like to see more of this in the Pinellas County schools. Because of some of the dads and Richard Landon here at Anona, Anona's All Pro Dads Day is one of the seeds already planted to do this. The new District UMM president Terry Sisco says the District UMM is seeking to start up 25 new All Pro Dads chapters in Hillsborough, Polk, Pinellas and Pasco counties.

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 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, May 2nd at 10:30am and Sunday, May 6th at 12:30pm in the Front Office (off of the Fellowship Area). Our next Membership Sunday is May 20th at all of our worship services. Sandy is looking forward to hearing from you! sandy@anona.com or phone 595-2581 x 228.

Welcome to the Anona Family!

New Members:

James Sullivan Shannon Patro Jack Sonnenberg Kevin & Kim Moriarty (Patrick & Kate) Becky Badders Lee McAuliffe Mike & Sarah Wood (Fiona & Emery)

Baptisms:

Fiona Chamelin Wood Emery Michael Wood Calli Lynn Signorelli James Allen Nickell Jr.

Our Members

Birthdays 80th and Above

05/02 Elda Fitzsimmons Darlene Gartside Sheila Remley Betty Scrimshaw 05/04 05/07 Carl Liswith 05/08 Ellen Rosser Barbara Smith 05/09 Joe Madden 05/11 Sylvia Nascimben 05/12 Loretta Schwering Barbara Nelson 05/13 05/14 Aline Miller Rae Newman 05/16 **David Stallings** Shirley Taylor 05/17 Katie Keene 05/21 Doug Moland Claude Sullivan 05/23 Cate Balmer 05/24 Arminda South 05/25 Nancy Bennett Robert Smuts 05/28 **Bob Musser** 05/29 Bill Bauers Stewart Damon Jan Pirkl 05/30 Marion Meldrim 05/31 Mary Polen

Anniversaries 25th and Above

05/01	Richard & Doreen Schomp	31 yrs.
05/03	Roy & Janice Terepka	32 yrs.
05/04	Jeff & Donna Cardelihac	34 yrs.
05/05	Pat & Rosemary Brogan	28 yrs.
05/06	Jake & Lisa Moran	30 yrs.
05/07	Ron & Holy Kinsey	35 yrs.
	Jack & Sharon Stephenson	41 yrs.
05/09	Daryl & Lori Stargel	37 yrs.
05/10	Bob & Janet Martin	49 yrs.
	Stephen & Susan Warner	32 yrs.
05/12	Curtis & Sandy Griffin	51 yrs.
	Bill & Marilyn Mouchett	61 yrs.
05/45	Barry & Marilyn Wynocker	34 yrs.
05/15	Richard & Anne Hamlin	30 yrs.
05/46	Tony & Jackie Isch	42 yrs.
05/16 05/17	Richard & Jean Tavener	59 yrs.
05/17	Timothy & Helen Klotz	32 yrs.
	Larry & Dana Craigie Carl & Kathryn Freeburg	50 yrs.
	Dave & Shirley Misner	32 yrs. 32 yrs.
05/18	Bob & Bernice Burnett	61 yrs.
05/19	Shivesh & M E Ram	28 yrs.
00/10	Pat & Jill Vines	28 yrs.
05/22	Bill & Jeannie Bassett	42 yrs.
00/22	Lowell & Carolyn Fisher	61 yrs.
05/23	Larry & Judy Hanks	44 yrs.
05/27	David & Sherry Lott	40 yrs.
	B.J. & Cathy Lyons	29 yrs.
05/28	Tony & Maureen Ellsion	25 yrs.
05/29	Randy & Libby Chelborg	25 yrs.
	Bill & Dolly Jamieson	47 yrs.
	Jesse & Kathy Slinkard	26 yrs.

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 Bob Cottrell, who joined in 2002.

The Family of Doug Gehring, who joined in 1998.

The Family of Dr. Bob Campbell, who joined in 2017.

The Family of Joe Chamberlain, who joined in 2011.

The Family of Jeff Mitchell, who joined in 1968.

The Family of Roger Hayes, who joined in 1991.

The Family of Jim Eaton, who joined in 1957.



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

Stephen Ministry at Anona



He is Risen! Indeed

This is a phrase that is fresh in our minds during the season of Lent. On Easter, we celebrate the ascension of Jesus from the grave to complete the resurrection. If you have lost that sense of rejoicing and are struggling in your faith journey, you may need a Stephen Minister.

Passing of a loved one, financial concerns, loss of a job, and health concerns for yourself or others are some of the reasons for a referral to Stephen Ministry. Men hesitate to seek out help and often keep their sorrow buried deep inside. Asking for help and admitting your pain is a sign of courage, strength, and most of all, faith. We have several experienced caregivers trained to listen and walk with you toward a path of healing from brokenness. Men are always matched with men, women are always matched with women, and in Christian caregiving we offer a trustworthy and confidential way to share any concern in a safe place.

In Stephen Ministry, we have a descriptive image for struggle called the Mud Hole. If you feel like you are falling into a "hole" of despair, let a Christian caregiver help pull you out, hand in hand together as one. Stephen Ministers are called to serve as conduits for Christian care, and we can help you Rise Up, Indeed.

Personally, I want to express my thanks for providing Stephen Leader Training for me in Orlando next month. I look forward to serving Anona through Stephen Ministry in this new role.

May the peace of Lord be with you.

Paul Patenaude



Caring for our Anona Congregation

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

The Outbound Care Team makes connections each month with those that can no longer come to church. If you know someone who needs this connection, call the church number and let us know. If no one is available to take your call in person, press 225 during the recorded message to be transferred to the pastoral care office and leave a message. This extension is monitored three times a day so we can respond quickly. If you are interested in joining the Outbound Care Team, contact Ann Murphy or leave your contact information with the church office.

Upcoming Support Groups

Hope - Cancer support group. **Thursday, May 3 and 17**, 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.

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

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

Highlighted Dates!!

Anona Nights—May 6, 5pm

Come experience the preview of our newest service!

Mother's Day—May 13

Celebrate the important mothers & women in your life!

Memorial Day—May 28

We honor those who have served in our military. Thank you for your dedication as we pray for those we have lost.

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