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Let's Get Ordinary

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15.7

My Easter message focused on the idea that there is more. The story of Jesus and his disciples does not end with the resurrection. We don't have a Bible that stops with the four Gospels. There are another twenty-three books that follow. Those books follow because people heard Jesus' call to "make disciples" and acted on it. Importantly, even after the decision was made to close the possibility of adding more books to the Bible, the story continued. That story is now ours to continue. Living into that story is how Anona reached 150 years of ministry and one way we do that is by living into what is called a liturgical calendar.

You might know about the liturgical seasons of the Christian year (in case you're wondering what that word "liturgical" means, it is basically worship seasons). At the very least, most of you are familiar with Lent and Easter or Advent and Christmas. The question is, "What about all the rest of the time of the worship year? What is that called?" I'm so glad you asked! It is called "Ordinary Time." Not the most inspiring title for a season, is it? It is, however, an important season to think about as we enter the summer.

Now that you know about Ordinary Time, you might be asking, "What is "Ordinary Time?" If you think of Lent and Advent as seasons where we focus on key stories of Jesus, you can think of Ordinary Time

as the seasons where we focus on the teachings of Jesus and his work among the people. Suddenly, it doesn't sound so ordinary at all. We turn from looking at Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection to how Jesus lived his life among us, and God invites us to live our lives with others. Welcome to summer! Welcome to Ordinary Time!

This summer we will send our youth off to mission trips, our summer message series will look at some of the great figures of the Old and New Testament, there will be an intergenerational study tied to the message series for you to go deeper in your faith, and many opportunities to serve inside and outside the church. The Christian liturgical calendar isn't there just to mark the passing of time. It is there to help us worship God more fully and live more faithfully. So, in case you're wondering, we're hoping to make summer as "ordinary" as possible...living life in faith with others. Let's get ordinary!

Yours in the Journey,

Richard

Join us each Sunday online at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 am:
live.anona.com or on the app.

If you are seeking private prayer, contact our Stephen Ministry Team by calling the church office: 727.595.2581 x408 or option 6 and a Stephen Minister will return your call as soon as possible.



It's Time to Listen

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).



The new Stephen Ministers have already begun faithfully applying their God-given spiritual gifts: Some becoming part of the hospital visitation team, others leading prayers on Sunday mornings, and others still being present for those who want to pray with someone after service.

At Anona, part of our mission is to help community members feel welcomed and invited in. As Stephen Ministers, we support this mission by offering to pray with anyone who asks for special prayer and by helping people grow in their faith.

Our training is being put to good use as we listen compassionately and share God's love. Striving to be trustworthy, we meet regularly to support and encourage one another as care-givers, knowing God is the cure-giver. During these bi-weekly meetings, we are inspired by the devotions and continuing education provided by fellow Stephen Ministers and other leaders within the church. For example, Scott Magness, our director of facilities, health and safety and a retired fire chief, recently presented helpful information about how to identify someone having a stroke.

On a personal level, near the end of our training, my dad died. Between my Stephen Minister peers and the ladies in the Women's Bible study,

truly the entire Anona church family, I felt supported and loved, and I knew from my training that grief is a natural process and a unique journey for every individual. As we grow and mature in our faith, our life experiences help us empathize with our care receivers and help others see God's hand in everything. We remind one another of His love and how much He wants to have a relationship with us.

A helpful metaphor for me is to remember that Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. We must stay connected to Him to enjoy the benefits of a fruitful, Spirit-filled life with Jesus in us. He prunes us to keep us productive, producing the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). We must support and encourage one another, letting our light shine. This summary may sound like mere platitudes strung together, but they are all sincere and describe Stephen Ministry:

We aren't trained to fix problems, but to listen and be a steady reminder of God's love. Caring ministry is at the heart of what Stephen Ministers do. We are all God's children and as Stephen

Ministers, we endeavor to share God's love with all.

Faithfully,
Lee McAuliffe

Please call the main number for the church – 727-595-2581 - and leave a private message at extension 408. One of the Stephen leaders will return the call and work with you to match you with an appropriate Stephen Minister that can come along side you to walk through a difficult time in your life.

Stephen Ministry is available to you. If you need a confidential, caring person to walk through a difficult period, call upon Stephen Ministry. We are excellent listeners.

PRAYER CHAIN: To submit a prayer request, go to anona.com/prayer.



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Meet Lynda!

Lynda volunteers in the music department and on various committees.

Why do you serve?

I started volunteering playing the organ as a kid. If I can help, I will. I have always been involved in professional organizations, where I live, and at church. Volunteering is also something that helps me stay active and productive.

What do you enjoy about serving?

I enjoy getting to know people that I wouldn't normally get to know and meeting people with different experiences. I have also learned more about the structure of the church.

What would you say to encourage people who have the heart to serve, but think "I don't know where to start"?

I would encourage anybody who wants to give of their skill to sit down with one of the pastors and share their desire. They would be more than happy to guide you to someone to talk to about a specific area or how to take baby steps as you grow into a volunteering role. There are great entry points such as volunteering with the missions team or family ministry team. If you have the time and the want, there is a place for you.

What do you need to know to volunteer?

Volunteering really only requires a willingness to share experience and skills but also openness to learning something new.

Why Volunteer?

Did you know that our church runs on volunteers? Without you, we could not make all the different groups run the way that they do without volunteers, people just like you. All of our departments, from Anona Kids, Youth, Young Adults, Sunday Mornings, Missions, Small Groups, and more, they all run on volunteers like you.

Currently, we do not have enough volunteers across any of our programs for them to run without strain on the current volunteers. We are asking for people to look at their schedules and places they might be interested in serving and commit to one hour a month. We are inviting you to continue to grow with us and be an active part of helping Anona to continue on for another one hundred and fifty years.

A Few Ways to Volunteer:

- Small group leaders
- Hospitality
- Tech booth
- On stage- Bible story tellers

Need other reasons to consider volunteering?

Volunteering is a good way to build confidence, make a difference, meet people, be a part of a community, learn new skills, take on new challenges, so much more!

If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to connect and volunteer, please email Casey@anona.com to find out how to you can become a part of our amazing volunteers!



Anona Little Kids

Jen Bryant | nursery@anona.com | anona.com/infantandpreschool

CHECK OUT WHAT'S COMING THIS SPRING!



MAY:

We are made in God's image to help others. God has given us unique abilities to use to help others. God sent Jesus to show us how to help others. Helping others is a pretty big deal! And that's why God is with us, helping us help others, every step of the way.

CORE INSIGHT: COMPASSION

BOTTOM LINE: GOD MADE ME TO HELP OTHERS.

"We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8, NL



JUNE:

We see God's love on display through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond to God in faith, trusting in Jesus who wants to be our friend forever.

CORE INSIGHT: FAITH

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

"Come and follow me, Jesus said." Matthew 4:19, NIrV

JULY:

We continue discovering more about what it means to grow in our faith. When we have a relationship with Jesus, He helps us love others in the same way He loves us. We have faith that Jesus will be our friend forever because He is preparing a place for us.

CORE INSIGHT: FAITH

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER

"Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us." Ephesians 5:2, NIV

Our Little Kids ministry is growing and we need your help to love, nurture and remind God's children how wonderfully made they are.

Contact Jen Bryant for information on serving in the Little Kids ministry.



Anona Kids

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Summer in Anona Kids

Summer Kick-Off: May 28th

Join us in Anona Kids on Sunday May 28th for a HUGE Celebration! The first Sunday of Summer means MOVE-UP! Students will be moving up to their new small groups based on the grade they will be going into in the new school year! VPK Students will move up to Anona Kids as Kindergarteners, 5th graders will be moving up to Youth group as 6th graders!

And to celebrate, after Anona Kids, bring your bathing suits, towels, and sunscreen, because we will be heading outside for WATER SLIDES, BOUNCY HOUSES, KONA ICE AND SO MUCH MORE!

Meeting Bible Superheroes this Summer!

This Summer, Anona Kids are meeting every Wednesday from May 31st-June 28th, for a special program to learn about some of the amazing Faith Heroes in our Bible! We will meet for family dinner, and then break into small groups, where kids will experience worship, games, crafts, snacks and more! Like a VBS, but better, because we can do church together! We believe that doing Church together is so important, and we encourage parents to sign up to join the adult study, too!

Make A Difference: Serve with us in Anona Kids

Ask an Anona Kids Volunteer what it means to serve with kids, and they will tell you that it is meaningful, life-giving, and that they look forward to it every week! When you care about the future generation and their faith journey, they can't do it alone! They need adults, LIKE YOU, who love Jesus and can walk with them. Think about a time when an adult spoke into your life, and shared God's love with you. You can be that for our kids.

We want every kid at Anona to know that they are known, safe and loved as they learn more about God's great big love, and we need your help to do it.

If you think you don't have the gifts or skills to volunteers with kids, you don't have to be a theologian, or have your masters in education. We are asking you to show up and love the kids. It is as easy as coming to church on Sunday, and being there for kids as they learn about a great big God who loves them!

Contact [Bonnie@anona.com](mailto:bonnie@anona.com) today to learn how you can make a difference.



Summer Focus -- Kids!

Jackie Evans | jackie@anona.com | anona.com/missions

"So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.." Psalm 71:18

This summer we will be focusing on kids both locally and globally, kicking off with the big thank you to our teachers and school staff on Friday May 26th. We will spoil them with breakfast, prizes and gift baskets to acknowledge all they do for our children in the community. We will have opportunities to help out the day before and day of event. Also during the month of May collecting some wonderful gift cards and raffle items. Perhaps your small group or bible class can provide a prize as a group-see me for basket of gift ideas!

This will spring us right into summer where in June we will have opportunities to support kids overseas and locally with our sew for kids ministry, remember even if you don't sew, we need you to cut, iron and organize kits! In July we'll be calling kids of all ages for a very special event on Friday July 14th, our Christmas in July party and food drive ! We are going to put a dent in Summer hunger for kids and have fun with Christmas T-shirt competitions, Christmas movies, cookies, iced cocoa, reindeer games and more. We hope this will be an all ages church event as we help the food bank restock during the busy Summer months when school is out. August we will have our usual clothes to kids collections, new socks and underwear are always needed. We will host our annual mentor training for PCSB as we again look at supporting kids at school, just 30 minutes of our time can change a child's life!

Summer seems to be an appropriate time that revolves around children both here in our community as well as overseas, as we are directed by God to invest in the next generation. I was moved by this scripture that calls us to pour out to children and youth even until our own old age!(Psalm 71;18)

I hope you will join us in the excitement that we have for this coming Summer and our growing kids/youth ministries! What could the future hold if we all invest in this age group?



PINELLAS AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

PAAHC REFLECTIONS

We enjoyed a beautiful Saturday volunteering at the Botanical Gardens this past February for Pinellas African American heritage celebration. The intention of the children's area was to give kids an ability to paint a small African pot and then plant some native seeds (cow peas) that would grow over the next 5 to 7 days. The unexpected delight was to see how many grown-ups enjoyed this time of relaxation and creativity also. It was wonderful to see the whole community show up to celebrate the artists, musicians, support small businesses and great food in our local area. What perfect ending to celebration of Black History Month!



SEW FOR KIDS

Hope you can join us to continue our mission making dresses and shorts. These will be given to kids locally and overseas.

We need people to:

- Iron fabric
- Cut out dresses and shorts

using patterns

- Measure and cut elastic
- Measure and cut bias tape
- Assemble dress and shorts kits
- Sew dresses and/or shorts from kits (can be done in workshop or at home)

Dates for Summer 2023:

- May 9th 6-8pm
- May 10th 1-3pm
- June 13th 6-8pm
- June 14th 1-3pm
- July 11th 6-8pm
- July 12th 1-3pm

Hope you'll join us! Call me or email if you have questions or need more information.

Molly
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Make sure you continue to follow us online, on the app, or on Facebook as we announce ways to get involved.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

CAFFEINE AND CONVERSATION
10:00am-11:30am

STAND UP WITH ANONA
1st & 3rd Mondays
6:30pm-8:00pm

KING'S RINGERS
7:00pm-8:00pm

TUESDAYS

MEN'S GROUP
8:00am-9:00am

ANONA KIDS DANCE REHEARSAL
5:00pm-5:45pm

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR
6:00pm-6:30pm

CAROL CHOIR
4:00pm-4:30pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00pm-8:30pm

ORCHESTRA
7:15pm-8:30pm

WEDNESDAYS

SEW N SEWS
9:30am-12:00pm

PASTORS BIBLE STUDY
10:30am-12:00pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
2:00pm-3:00pm

CLASSICAL CHOIR
6:00pm-7:00pm

SANCTUARY CHOIR
7:00pm-8:00pm

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP
7:00pm-9:00pm

THURSDAYS

PRAISE CHOIR
7:00pm-9:00pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
10:00am-11:30am

EMPTY NESTERS SMALL GROUP
1st Thursday
7:00pm-8:00pm

SUNDAYS

TRADITIONAL SERVICE
8:15am

FAST CROWD
9:30am-10:30am

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
9:30am

ANONA KIDS & LITTLE KIDS
9:30am

TRADITIONAL SERVICE
11:00am

YOUTH GROUP
5:00pm

ANONA YOUNG ADULTS
7:30pm
1st & 3rd Sundays

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA
Wednesdays 6:00pm

Al Anon
Fridays 7:30pm

Care Givers
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 3:00pm
1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:30pm

Grief Group
Wednesdays 3:30pm

*Our schedule may vary around holidays.
Check anona.com or social media for updates.*

Young Adult Group

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2023 is off to a great start! We kicked off the new year with hot chocolate, s'mores and karaoke! We also began a new Bible study, "The Story of God, the Story of Us." On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, you can find us gathered around the firepit discussing the stories of the Old Testament and how they relate to the stories we are living out today.

In February we sent love notes to our young adults who are away at school to let them know that we are praying for them and they always have a home at Anona. If you have a young adult in your life that you'd like us to reach out to, please let us know!

Our Life Skills classes continue! We connected with the high school seniors to learn nutrition and culinary techniques through a hands-on cooking class led by All Children's Hospital Community Health and Wellness Manager, Kellie Gilmore. Together we made some yummy protein bowls with strawberries and chocolate dip for dessert!

Good food, friends and fun carried on into March! We were so excited to be able to reconnect with our young adults who are away with a Spring Break BBQ!

We are just getting started on an amazing year and we'd love to include you in our plans!! For more information on upcoming events and how to join the fun, contact Casey at casey@anona.com.

What's coming up...

1st and 3rd Sundays @ 7:30pm - Bible Study

4th Sundays @ 9:30am - Contemporary Worship, Coffee and Connection

April 11th - Trivia Night at Bros Pizza

May 12th - Sunset Summer Kick Off - Dinner and sunset at IRB



Youth

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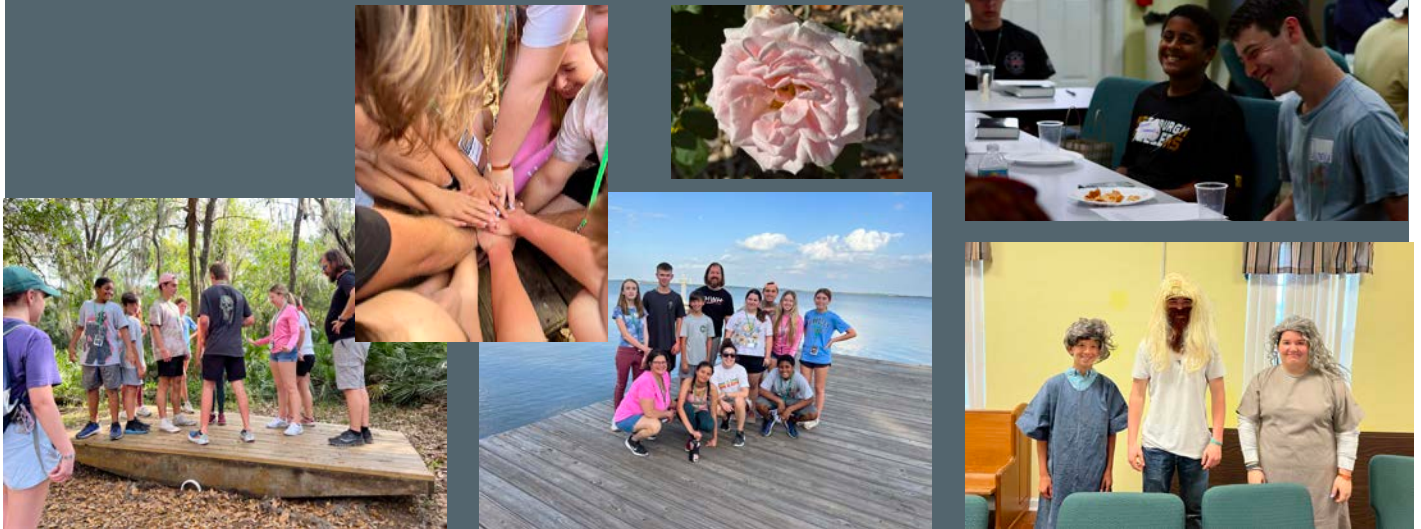


6TH-12TH GRADE

This past spring, we officially welcomed 8 students into the Anona Church family through Confirmation! Every year we take students 7th-12th grade through classes and experiences to help them process through whether they are ready to claim the name Christian for themselves—to say that they want to do life with God and it's their own decision and no one else's. We've learned about the story of God's people and how we fit into that family. We've visited a Jewish Synagogue and learned from the wonderful Rabbi that we're not too different from our Jewish friends. We've gone on walks through nature and learned about how exactly we can start making our faith our own. It was the most amazing experience seeing the ways each of the students' faiths transformed throughout the entirety of Confirmation.

The beauty of this season is that the students also have amazing student mentors and adult volunteers who walk alongside them through this process—who also get to relearn or experience these things too! My favorite thing is seeing how older students or adults experience God in new and incredible ways. It reminds and gives me hope that we all can rediscover and fall in love with who God is every day, no matter what stage of life we're in. So, my hope and prayer for each of you this summer is that you, too, will find ways to reinspire your faith and continue learning and growing with God.

If you want to do that while walking alongside middle and high schoolers, we're ALWAYS looking for adults who want to do life with others! Or if you know of a middle or high schooler that's looking to get connected, I'd love to meet them! We at Anona Youth Ministry strive to make Anona Youth a place where everyone can belong. Let's find you a seat at the table!



To learn more, email the Student Ministry Director, Megan Trunzo (megan@anona.com).



Staying Connected With Us!

Like us on Facebook: *Anona Student Ministry* or Instagram: *AnonaYouth*

Anona Child Development Center

Marion Denton, Director | anona.com/acdc | 727-593-KIDS

Another school year comes to an end. Oh, what a year it has been! We have been celebrating the 50th anniversary of our school all year long. Why not? It's not often a school reaches a milestone such as this. We kicked off the year by boogying our way back in time at our Family Dance Party event. We depleted all the thrift stores in Pinellas County of their very best 70s and disco attire! We went out with a bang ending our school year with a good, old-fashioned Backyard Birthday Bash.

Ironically, the best part of celebrating wasn't the beginning or the end, it was the good stuff in the middle. It's about building connections with home, school, church, and community - together as one. It is the demonstration of unity, love, and kindness in our classrooms and through events like our first-ever Peace Parade. We are a school that is all about the process and celebrating the journey. At times, the "good stuff" is messy or goes in a different direction, but it is also the place where learning and growing occur and it is oh-so-beautiful!



Our school spirit soared to greater heights this year. It's colorfully displayed through our halls, in the classrooms, on the playgrounds, and in the hearts of those young and old who are ACDC. We stand on the back of giants and solid ground as we look to our future as Anona Child Development Center. A new building is on our horizon which will be filled with inspiration, innovation, and the legacy already laid for us drenched in a tradition of love and the highest standards for children.

We wish to thank our Church Family for your support. From the day our doors opened your prayers, volunteerism, patronage, and donations allowed us to reach and teach God's children and we truly appreciated it. It is with your love that we will continue to serve families for 50 years and beyond! We also wish to thank our families for entrusting us with your most precious gifts. Your partnership helped us to thrive and prepare children to be life-long learners. Finally, we want to lift up the dedicated ACDC staff whose love, commitment, and professionalism is in a class like no other. Please contact us if you would like a tour, information about enrollment, or find out about how you can support ACDC. We would love a chance to connect with you!



Register for the 2023-2024 School Year!
727-593-5437

Academy of the Arts

Sandy Ross | anona.com/academy



OPEN ENROLLMENT:

The Academy offers individual music lessons to children, youth and adults of all ages, in person at the church or via Zoom, on piano, guitar, ukulele, bass, violin, and music theory and composition. Please register on-line at anona.com, "Worship", "Worship Ministries", "Academy of Arts", or contact Director Sandy Ross at the above number/email. Beginning to advanced students welcome. We will work with your schedule whenever possible.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS:

Eli Srivastava (Piano-Ross); Troy Srivastava (Piaao-Ross).

RECITAL 2023:

Academy students will spend the Spring working on their recital pieces in addition to their regular studies. Recital will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Contemporary Sanctuary. All are welcome. Admission is free and refreshments are served at intermissions and after the Recital. Come out and support our talented students!

VIRTUAL LESSONS AVAILABLE:

Virtual lessons on Zoom are available. If you would prefer virtual lessons instead of in person lessons at the church. Zoom is easy to download and use. Please email or call Sandy if you wish to participate in Zoom lessons and we will work out a day/time that works with your schedule.

THANK YOU to Linda Martin for her generous donation of sheet music to the Academy.

DONATIONS:

The Academy gladly accepts donations of pianos, guitars, basses, violins, musical equip

Grow Faith

Casey McKinney | casey@anona.com | (727) 585-2581

As a kid, I spent my Summers in a quiet small town of Alabama, where my neighborhood friends and I had the simple kind of fun you only find in quiet small towns. We walked around the neighborhood barefoot, ran through sprinklers, drank home-made root beer floats on picnic benches, and came home when the street lights came on. It was warm, carefree, Southern bliss.

When we moved to Florida, we traded our sprinklers and root beer floats for beaches and Candy Kitchen ice cream, but the heart was the same. Summer was a time for the fun, joy, ease and lightness that seems to come around this time each year like a good, old friend.

It's hard to believe that we are already entering into that sweet Summer season again, but here we are! Whether you are traveling somewhere special, hosting visitors here at home, or just juggling the regular demands of everyday life, we want to invite you to get connected here at Anona.

Our Small Groups and Classes are about more than just the content we learn- although that is definitely important! It's about the community and connections we make with one another while we explore our faith. Our hope is that you find a group or class where you meet (at least) one or two people who you might want to drink a root beer float on a picnic bench with. People who you can share the ups and downs of life and faith with. We want you to have those authentic relationships that invite you to worship, grow, serve and live in community, together.

This Summer, we are finishing up our study on Half Truths by Adam Hamilton before kicking off our next All-Ages Bible Study at the end of May. We'll invite kids, youth and adults to come together for dinner and discussion on Wednesday nights through June 28th. Be sure to check on social media and the Anona website for more information, new additions to Summer classes, or to get information about a Community Group that meets year-round!

However you choose, we'd love to see you find your people to make some Summer memories with here at Anona. Just make sure you're home when the street lights come on!



Small Groups, Activities, and Fellowship

Groups are beginning to meet on-campus while others are continuing to meet online.

Contact the church office to find out how you can get involved: info@anona.com or 727-595-2581.

BOOK CLUB, 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 PM - ZOOM

Love to read? Join our group for a fun ZOOM discussion of February-The President's Daughter by Bill Clinton and Joseph Patterson, March-Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles, April-The Plot by Jean Karelitz.

F.A.S.T CROWD, SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

F.A.S.T. (Fellowship And Service Together) Crowd meets live in room 110 and via Zoom and is a large class that includes individuals and couples in their fifties up through retirees, but all are welcome. Together we enjoy fellowship, Bible study and service. Class members share leadership, teaching and facilitating. There are regularly invited guest speakers as well. We encourage class discussion to help bring our faith to life in light of today's world.

If you are wanting a welcoming space to connect and be a part of a loving, accepting community, then come a check us out.

EMPTY NESTERS, 1ST THURSDAYS, 7 PM

Join a group of others in your same life stage! We check in with each other, praying together, then diving into a Bible/book study followed by discussion as we all navigate the phase of life most relevant to you.

MEN'S SHARING GROUP, TUESDAYS, 8:00 AM

Men of all ages are welcome to this group. We share our joys, hardships, faith-journey, and more each week. Contact the church office for more information on any of the men's ministry groups.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAYS, 2-3 PM

All men who are seeking to live a life dedicated to God are welcome to this group and any other men's ministry group. In Bible study we will read the Bible and discuss prophets, scripture, and more.

WALK15® WITH MOLLY, WEDNESDAYS 9 AM & THURSDAYS 6 PM IN WORSHIP CENTER

A heart-pumping, calorie torching cardio 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 in the Wesley Hall Wednesdays at 9AM and in the Chapel Conference Room Thursdays at 6PM.

HOPE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Hope Cancer Support Group meets the third Thursday of every month (5/18, 6/22, 7/20) at 6:30. We meet in the common area of Anona. If you are going through any kind of cancer battle, please consider coming to our group. We have all shared in the journey and understand how long the road can be. So, no matter the situation we are here to listen and help. Please contact the church office for further details.



SONSEEKERS

The SonSeekers are the Anona Snowbird social/fellowship group that gets together a couple of Friday's every month during Snowbird season, usually November through March. The SonSeekers have many activities throughout the season that include potluck lunches, group outings and other social activities. If you are a Snowbird, have been a Snowbird, know a Snowbird or ever wanted to be a Snowbird please join us for some of our activities. For more information about SonSeekers and a copy of our current calendar please contact Bill McGill at wnmcgill@gmail.com or 804-814-7173.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Eve.7-8:15 or Thursday Morning 10-11:15

What is Women's Bible Study? (WBS) Of course, these two groups meet to learn what God's Word says to us personally. But WBS is so much more. It is a community of women who care about, pray for, encourage and laugh with each other. And we are enriched. Why not join a group and find your own life strengthened, too? Questions? Call Charmaine @727-242-4520

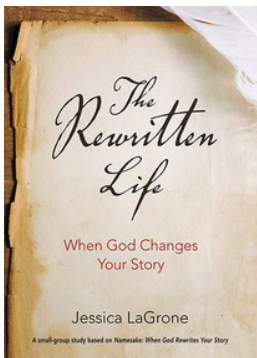
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

It is summertime and the United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) is taking a break from meeting but not from raising money for our many missions. Watch for announcements for when we will be taking orders for our Nut Sales in the Market Place. Also, when order forms will be available in the office. Delivery will be in November. We always appreciate your support of our Fall Fundraiser. We will be meeting again in September and are looking forward to adding some new local mission opportunities. If you have questions, please call Kathy Bell at 727-580-5515. Would love to hear from you.

MARY FELLOWSHIP

The Mary Fellowship is a devoted group of ladies joined by faith, fellowship and service. Meetings have a devotion followed by a program and lively discussion. Food is always served. We contribute to the Women on the Way program at St. Petersburg college. Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month at noon. Anyone interested in joining us or who would like to know more can contact June Palmer at 765-421-5540. Look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming Classes



The Rewritten Life - All Ages Bible Study

The Rewritten Life explores the transformational power of God through the stories of people in the Bible whose lives—and names—were changed forever by God. As you meet Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, Naomi, Daniel, Peter and an unnamed woman, you will discover how God rewrote their stories giving them new names and identities that were in line with God's call on their lives.

May 31-June 28

Wednesday evenings

5:30-7:30pm

Small Groups:

If you are interested in connecting in consistent community over time, remember that our Anona family meets in a variety of Small Groups throughout the year! Contact casey@anona.com for more information on finding a group that fits for you!

Our Members

For a list of birthdays,
please call the church office
at 727-595-2581

Anniversaries

06/01	Frank & Debbie Aiello	49 yrs	06/23	Robert & Mary Hilleary	39 yrs	07/29	Bill & Phyllis Robertson	70 yrs
	John & Mary Harris	32 yrs	06/25	David & Shiela Lyons	57 yrs	07/30	Richard & Roberta Kidd	57 yrs
06/03	Dan & Jill Baker	45 yrs	06/27	Brian & Leslie Silvernail	29 yrs		Bob & Nancy McLachlan	46 yrs
06/04	George & Kathy Mills	29 yrs		Ted & Kitty Rich	31 yrs			
06/05	Art & Teresa Craig	47 yrs	06/28	Nick & Margaret Scire	36 yrs			
	Bob & Martha Gibson	70 yrs		Steve & Sharon Barker	54 yrs			
	Adam & Erin Wieder	25 yrs	06/29	Bob & Kathi Sheehan	43 yrs			
06/06	Joe & Arminda South	64 yrs	06/30	Bob & Shawn Seward	32 yrs			
06/07	Tim & Karen Coultas	37 yrs	06/30	Jack & Sally Berthy	62 yrs			
	Bob & Joe Estes	54 yrs		Art & Pat Jones	50 yrs			
	Ron & Carolyn Renz	65 yrs	07/01	Bob & Pat Foor	40 yrs			
	Larry & Judy Sprague	29 yrs	07/02	Ray & Deanna Comingore	29 yrs			
06/08	Paul & Doris Clinton	60 yrs	07/03	Phil & Evelyn Lawrence	58 yrs			
	Bill & Sherry Shaw	60 yrs		Brad & Bobbi Paye	47 yrs			
06/09	Scott & Jill Dawson	33 yrs	07/04	Dave & Jackie Gerald	38 yrs			
	Terry & Dee Tome	30 yrs	07/06	Jim & Catherine Hass	60 yrs			
06/13	Greg & Bonnie Smith	53 yrs	07/07	John & Pamela Fischer	50 yrs			
06/14	Jeffrey & Susan Barber	42 yrs	07/08	Bob & Mary Cales	35 yrs			
06/16	Gary & Tammy Cox	39 yrs		John & Joan Wills	56 yrs			
	Russell & Susan Hendrickson	33 yrs	07/10	Robert & Stacia Lord	31 yrs			
	Dick & Sandra Miller	45 yrs		Phillip & Jeanette Vega	30 yrs			
06/17	Don & Mary Smith	51 yrs		John & Jean Zoda	41 yrs			
06/18	Dennis & Ingrid Eby	57 yrs	07/11	Doug & Kristie Baxter	25 yrs			
	Bill & Sue Godin	46 yrs	07/13	Todd & Debbie Pickens	27 yrs			
	Terry & Pat Hop	47 yrs		Jon & Dale West	55 yrs			
	Don & Connie Posey	35 yrs	07/18	Richard & Sharon Hoover	42 yrs			
	John & Debbie Richter	35 yrs		Chip & Penny Padgett	59 yrs			
	Jerome & Carol Schoonover	40 yrs	07/19	Hal & Jan Pirkkl	64 yrs			
06/19	Larry & Diane Cottrell	30 yrs	07/20	Ronn & Mary Ann Raszetnik	60 yrs			
	Ron & Christine Jensen	59 yrs	07/22	C.J. & Sandy Dunn	51 yrs			
06/20	Elmer & Joy Gumto	59 yrs		Jeremy & Kim Herrington	28 yrs			
	Bryan & Shelbey Rosengarten	26 yrs	07/26	Dieter & Dee Schmid	56 yrs			
06/21	Bob & Becky Kirn	43 yrs		Bart & Kelly Jones	37 yrs			
06/22	Gary & Michelle Alfred	27 yrs		Doyle & Mary Kenady	54 yrs			
	Andy & Julie Christian	27 yrs		Richard Smith & Eileen O'Hara	26 yrs			
	John & Jill Hockin	27 yrs	07/27	Jim & Sharleen Evans	60 yrs			

Births

Cole Keaton Schomp

Baptisms

Owen Carson
Clara Elizabeth Moriarty

New Members

Katy Borzewski
Brice Carr
Faith Cox
Betsey Homer
McKenzie Huggins
John Hyde
Rosemary Hyde
Ella Mellott
Millie Peacock
Wyatt Phillips
Spencer Simmons
Sharon Stark
Jen Stillwell
Joe Stillwell
Kaelyn Sutherland
Roberta Wehle

Deaths

June Berry
Harold Martin
Fred Thompson
Ivan Senia
Annette Emmons

An **In Memoriam** page is on the Anona website (anona.com/inmemoriam) so that we can remember those of our church family that has died in the last two months and support the families and friends left behind. Please keep these families in your prayers during their journey of grief. The In Memoriam page will be updated weekly.

Our Church

ANONA SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8:15 AM: Traditional in Traditional Sanctuary

9:30 AM: Contemporary in Worship Center

9:30 AM: Anona Kids (k-5th) & Little Kids

11:00 AM: Traditional in Traditional Sanctuary

Youth
5-7:30 PM Middle & High School

JOIN US FOR ONLINE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:15, 9:30, 11:00
LIVE.ANONA.COM

IMPORTANT DATES

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 29, 2023

INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4, 2023

OFFICE HOURS/PHONE

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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