



DOMINION WINDOW

First United Methodist Church, Cocoa
SEPTEMBER 2008
PASTOR GENE YOTKA

Hi Everyone,

As many of you know I have over the past 2 months had a very clear vision with regard to prayer.

I have had dreams of FUMC of Cocoa on its knees before God, seeking guidance and listening for what God has for us. I feel that the Lord is calling us to become a “house of prayer” in preparation for a major movement of the Holy Spirit among us. I truly feel that if we are obedient to this calling that “revival” is not far off.

“Prayer catapults us onto the frontier of the spiritual life. Of all the Spiritual Disciplines prayer is the most central because it ushers us into perpetual communion with the Father.”

Richard Foster, *Celebration of Disciplines*

“The prayers of the God’s saints are the capital stock in heaven by which Christ carries on His great work upon the earth.”

E.M. Bounds, *Purpose in Prayer*

It is Important to realize however that prayer is a learned thing, much as we learn to play tennis, golf or drive a car. This is what the disciples understood when they saw Jesus praying and asked Him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1).

Above all else prayer is a response to God’s grace in our lives.

In response to God’s calling us to be a “house of prayer” and to God’s amazing grace, in conjunction with the aspect of learning to pray, I would like to invite all of you to take the enclosed Prayer Assessment and to return the results to the office or to me personally. I will then take the results and form a special learning opportunity around your specific prayer preference and style. I will consider 40 various styles of prayer, from which you will discover new ways to pray and as such open up opportunities for you to most comfortably and effectively respond to God’s grace in your life and the life of our church. At the same time we will be developing a new exciting prayer movement at our church as we learn and gather together. I pray that you will prayerfully consider this calling to become a house of prayer, a beacon of light, a center for revival here at this place and in this time.

God’s blessing to you all, Pastor Gene

MISSIONS SILENT/LIVE AUCTION GREAT SUCCESS!

The Dinner and Auction on the 22nd, had 70+ people attending and raised about \$1,300 for our Sister Church in Cuba and Our Pantry. Success goes to Elsie V. with selling tickets and so much more.

Vivien and Ben Scott, Debbie, Delise and Rev. John Cummins, Sara Fellows, Duane, and Barbara D. spent many hours at my home putting things together, making paddles, and then at the church for set up, check out and tearing down. Thank you also to **Pastor Gene, Maryann and Verda** for Live Auction, **Margaret** and the **Kitchen Crew** for another great meal, and **David and Amanda**.

We would also like to thank the many people behind the scenes, people who donated items and wonderful baked goods and of course the people who attended. I would also like to recognize and thank the **Mission Team** members, **Jacky Rothermund and Jean Romprey** who were out of town.

God Bless you all who have supported us and made things happen for those in need. We know it is not for the recognition that we do Missions, but to do God's work and to help with the gifts God has given us.

Jackie D.

We would like to thank **Jackie D** for all her hard work and dedication to head up and organize this successful evening. **Job well done!**

**WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEW THINGS HAPPENING HERE AT
FUMC COCOA. KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE SUNDAY BULLETINS
AND DOMINION WINDOWS.**



SOMETHING NEW!

Pastor Gene has started something new! Every third Saturday of each month we are having a **PRAYER WALK** around our community. This was started last month and has been very successful. We meet at 4pm at our church and head out to neighborhoods, pray before each house and lift our neighbors in prayer.

We would love you to join us. Remember it is the **FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**. The next one will be On the **27th of September**.

After the walk come back and enjoy some time at the **Awakening Café**. Relax have a cool drink, cup of coffee/tea, enjoy a worship service and fellowship. We hope to see all of you participate in

this uplifting ministry.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Home: Mary Heslop, Kay Bartberger, May Russell, Sharon Bauer, Gladys Williams, Leah Dunn, David Rothermund, Christi Coy, Ernest Lindley, Ann Anderson, , Betty Turner, Peggy Morgan Halper, Tara Pearson, Bill Green, Lou Kotopka, Jim Bishop, Sr. Fay Mallard, Sue Oden.

Sea Pines Rehab. Melbourne: Curt Reed



**WE MUST NEVER
FORGET 9/11/.
KEEP ALL THOSE
WHOSE LIVES WERE
LOST AND THEIR
FAMILIES WHO
ARE LEFT
IN OUR PRAYERS.**



Hand Bell Choirs Resume We're Back!

Echoes of Faith	Tuesday, Sept. 2	7:00pm
Spirit Ringers	Wednesday, Sept. 3	6:00pm
Celebration Ringers	Thursday, Sept. 4	6:30pm
Sol Ringers	Sunday, Sept. 7	7:00pm

Anyone wishing to join the our fabulous Bell Choirs please call
Diane Click at

452-4709



**BIBLE STUDY
WITH PASTOR GENE.
*THIS IS THE MOST ATTENDED BIBLE STUDY
WE HAVE EVER HAD.
DON'T BE LEFT OUT.
COME JOIN US!***

**THIS STUDY IS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS.
STUDY BEGINS AT 4PM EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 636-4811**

CHAPEL SERVICE

**Come join us for Chapel Service Every Week.
New hours**

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Evenings) A Service of Song
Friday: 8:30am A Service of Presence (Holy Communion)



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



- Sept. 1 Labor Day, Office Closed
- Sept. 2 *4:00pm Bible Study. Rm. 102
7:00pm Echoes of Faith (Bells)
- Sept. 3 9:30am UMW Executive Board Mtg.
6:00pm Spirit Ringers (Bells)
- Sept. 4 4:30pm Special Mtg. (Finance/Trustees) Rm. 102
5:30pm Trustees Mtg. Rm. 102
6:30pm Celebration Ringers (Bells)
- Sept. 6 Youth—Night of Joy (Disney Orlando)
*5:30pm—9:30pm Awakening Cafe
Lock-in Hughlett Hall following Night of Joy
- Sept. 7 7:00pm Sol Ringers (Bells)
- Sept. 8 5:30pm Finance Meeting (church office)
7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Rm. 102)
- Sept. 9 9:30—11:30am UMW Study Rm. 102
***5:30pm Dinner's Resume**
- Sept. 10 10:30am UMW General Meeting—Hughlett Hall
- Sept. 20 9am—12:30pm Church Planning Summit—Hughlett Hall
- Sept. 27 4pm Prayer Walk (see inside DW)

* These events happens weekly—same day same time.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2008

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Will meet September 3 at 9:00am in Room 102. All officers encouraged to attend.

UNIT MEETING

Will be Wednesday September 10 at 10:30am in Hughlett Hall. Our program is entitled “Made in the Image of God.” This is part of our Mission Study and will be presented by Marcene Jackson. The Host group will be Lydia Circle. This is a Stone Fruit Salad—each person brings 2 cups of fruit. The Lydia Circle will furnish the stone, beverages and dessert. Questions to Pat Van Riper. We encourage all members to become active—we need you but more than that you NEED the fellowship of other Christian women. Members at large are welcome—You don’t have to belong to a Circle. Questions to Marge Cerro our Membership Chairperson or Mildred Page, Vice President.

CIRCLES

Lydia Circle will meet September 17th at 10:00am with **Vivian Scott**.

Rachel Circle will meet Wednesday, September 17th at 10:00am with **Marge Cerro**. The program will be additional information on our Mission Study “Palestine and Israel.”

Mary Deborah Circle will be called by Chairperson.

Martha Circle will meet on Thursday at 9:30am with **Frances Tidwell**.

Ruth Book Group will meet in the Church Parlor with everyone sharing a favorite snack. The book is “From Palestine to Seattle, Becoming Neighbors and Friends.”

WELCOME!

The August unit meeting was given by **Flo Newhouse** and friends. This meeting was hosted by the Rachel Circle and each person present received their own “Picnic Basket” with a lunch made just for them. Lots of summer experiences were shared at the table and Hughlett Hall was a “Welcoming” place with everyone enjoying the fellowship.

UMW Continued

Thanks to Flo and Rachel Circle for fulfilling one of our goals—OFFERING HOSPITALITY TO EVERYONE. If you are looking for a group to help you, be in Mission—join the UMW next meeting September 10 in Hughlett Hall.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT UMW?

Web site gbgm-umc.org/umw Questions on this can be directed to Marcene Jackson or Marianne Wright.

We welcome **Jacky Rothermund** to our Executive Board. She is our “Treasurer in Training” **Elsie Vasilevich** will be taking a short breather!

Readers: Get your report in to Ruth Warden **NOW!**

MISSION STUDY “Israel and Palestine” Room 102 on Tuesday September 9, 9:30AM—11:30am. The teacher for the Study is our own **Marcene Jackson**. If you have never been in one of Marcene’s Class’ you will certainly want to come. You will enjoy it as well as enlarge your vision and knowledge of the work of our church.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 20	Mission Sampler at Grace UMC (Merritt Island)
Sept. 5-7	Conference Spiritual Life Retreat (Leesburg)
Oct. 11	District Annual Meeting—Lakewood Ft. Pierce
Nov. 7	World Community Day (church Women Untied)
Nov. 8	Annual Conference Meeting—Lakeland.

Audubon of Florida— Collecting Stamps

If you are interested in helping with this project of Rehabilitation for Raptors see Verda Rothstein. Verda is our Christian Social Relations Secretary.
Cards—All kinds can be used—give to Verda or leave in church office for her.

CHURCH PLANNING SUMMIT
With Guest Dottie Graves
District Lay Leader.
VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

Saturday, September 20th
from 9am—12:30pm.
in Hughlett Hall.

**Your input is very important to us so we
are asking you all to participate to help
our church grow.**

A brunch will be served.
Please call the church office
for reservations

636-4811



THE AWAKENING CAFÉ

“A Great Good Place”

A Unique Ministry for
Our Church

It all begins on
Coffee House Hours

5:30pm Opening

6:30pm Worship

7:30-9:30pm Fellowship

Come out and have fun!

Bring your friends!

We offer great programs, music and worship in a friendly atmosphere.

We will introduce a tasty menu of soups, cakes, an array of fine desserts, ice cream, etc. and of course the best coffee in town. We need the wonderful women of our church to help with baked goods to sell. We are counting on our Youth as Coffee House volunteers.

Please pick up our brochure to get all the details of this great new happening.





SEPTEMBER 2008

9/01 Mary Anderson
9/03 Henry Hobson, Kathy Matern
9/04 Dan Simpson
9/06 Jim Bishop Sr.
9/08 Sali Gier
9/09 Betty Rosier, Bob Weigel
9/10 Bob Spencer
9/11 Lang Houston
9/12 Scott Russell
9/13 Richard Grow, Marty Grow
9/14 Tim Mosebach Jr., Billy Mosebach
9/15 Carl Russell
9/17 Leo Cornelison
9/18 Caitlin Donnelly
9/19 Sonny Butt, Jr.
9/20 Daisy Merritt
9/21 Robert Harmon, Virginia Clendinen,
Carolyn Erambert, Janie Denny
9/23 Marianne Wright
9/24 Diane Click
9/26 Cheryl Hopkins, Louise Knight
Ed Winner, Norma Bennett
Dottie Harrison
9/27 Todd Anderson
9/28 Lee Covell, James Brown, Michael
Bowlby
9/29 Lucretia Sumerlin, Michael Lindley.

OCTOBER 2008

10/01 Carolyn Hall, Diane Peterson
10/02 Michael Artelli, Jr.
Chris Hibbard
10/03 Modell Sharp, Marjorie Dale
Phil Catalfamo
10/05 Mary Ross, Ken Denny
10/07 Ann Elswick, Sandra Gates
10/08 Joan Root, William Robinson
Murray Underwood,
Amanda Russell
10/09 Betty Byrd
10/10 Pat Oliver, Russell Berry
10/11 Frances Anderson,
Don McCarter, Candy Owens
10/12 Ray Marek, Barbara Fisher
10/14 Marge Cerro, Cindy Morgan
10/16 Jean McMillan
10/18 Thurston McLeran,
10/21 Shirley McCarter
10/26 Nancy Dean, Mary Heslop
10/27 Grace Carey
10/28 Paul Hinsley, Edith Dalton
Bonny Hibbard
10/31 Genie Hardee, Bruce Tate Jr.



Youth/Children's Happenings!

Wow! Summer went fast. Good job, Youth ya'll worked hard. From weeding yards to helping at the pantry, assisting with floors in Hughlett Hall and making an awesome obstacle course for our Community B.B.Q. The youth were very busy every week serving in their community and church family. You all have really left your mark on our church this summer.

Methodists love to eat . . .Right? Why would our youth be any different. If you are interested in helping feed the Youth on Sunday nights please let us know. There will be a sign up sheet on Tuesday nights when our dinners start back on September 9th. Yummy Mummy Meals! So there is some good thing about Summer being over after all.

Coming up on September 6th the Youth are going to "Night of Joy" at Disney. The park is filled with Christian performers and puts on a concert from 4:00pm—12:30am. This will be followed by a Lock-In in Hughlett Hall. If anyone is interested in helping pay for any of our youth tickets please let David or Amanda know.

We still got those summer beauties around. Our Pink Flamingos are ready and waiting to take off and flock a house near you. Got someone you need to say "I Love You Too!" maybe "Happy Birthday" or "Hope you feel better soon?" or maybe just plain revenge. Put a splash of color in someone's life. Flock your Friends today!

Thank you for all your support. Everyone keep up the hard work. God Loves You and so do I.

David Russell, Youth/Children's Director.





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