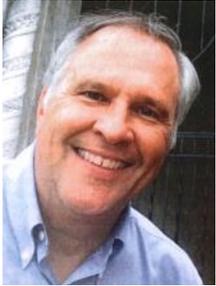


Beacon

... guiding our walk



October 2021



I experienced my first missional concert last week. It was a real pleasure. Thank you, Megan and everyone else who participated either on stage or behind the scenes to make it happen. It was a wonderful afternoon of music. You don't want to miss the next one coming up in December.

It's almost October and it is starting to actually feel a little more like fall, if you get up early enough! We have a couple of important events this month in addition to our regular worship and ministry events.

Charge Conference is Sunday, October 10th at First, Port St. Lucie at 5pm. I appreciate those of you who are taking the time to go and represent our church there. The conference is important and so is all of the work leading up to Charge Conference. Sharon and Committee Leaders have been busy getting all of the appropriate paper work finished ahead of time. It does require a lot of effort to get everything ready for Charge Conference and I thank each of you who have spent your time recently filling out forms and signing papers.

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 30th from 2 – 5 pm. This is a great opportunity to interact with our community. Hopefully we will be planning more of these as our pandemic lessens. It will be a great time to dress up, decorate your vehicle and meet new people. Thank you ahead of time for everyone who will participate in this event.

As always it is a pleasure to worship with you each Sunday either in person or online. As Covid restrictions relax I hope you will be inviting people to join us in worship. Word of mouth remains the best way to help people find a place to worship.

Peace and grace

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Just a note from Megan Mash

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!*

“To God be the glory” is another treasure given to us by Fanny J. Crosby (1820–1915). Crosby faced challenges in life. She was blinded at six weeks from treatment of an eye infection from a man claiming to be a doctor. Later that year her father died and she was raised by her mother and grandmother. She attended New York City for the Blind where she was active in music. Crosby later became a teacher there and married another blind teacher, Alexander van Alstyne. She penned over 9,000 hymns, both published and unpublished, under her name and several pseudonyms.

As you all know, I love a good hymn story. “To God be the glory” has a good one. The hymn was first published in William Doane’s *Songs of Devotion* in 1870. Crosby and Doane have collaborated in the creation of other hymns including “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross.” What is interesting about this publication is the date listed on “To God be the glory” is 1875, five years after this publication. Ira Sankey was introduced to this hymn from Doane’s collection and included it in the first edition of *Sacred Songs and Solos* published in 1875. Joined with Dwight Moody, both him and Sankey made the hymn popular in revivals in Great Britain which led to its inclusion in the British hymnals including *Methodist Hymn Book* published in 1933. Billy Graham and Cliff Barrows learned the hymn in a revival in Great Britain in 1952. In 1954 it was included in the Billy Graham Crusades making it popular in the United States. The importation of this hymn into Britain allowed it to be imported into the United States many years later.

Crosby references John 3:16 in the first stanza. She offers praise to God because “So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin.” The focus of the second stanza is the sacrifice of Jesus that offers pardon and redemption to every sinner. The third and final stanza celebrates the great things Jesus has done that will allow us to be with Jesus one day. The refrain offers praise to God and Jesus for all these things we have graciously been given. It reminds us of the glory we are called to give Jesus for the redemption we have received. Let us remember, especially when life gives us curve balls, to offer praise to God. We have been offered redemption and grace and no matter what happens, those gifts will always be available for us to receive. To God be the glory! Praise the Lord!

Have a hymn you would like to know the history behind? Just let Megan know and she will write about it!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
BARBARA FARRINGTON

Mark the date! 10 AM Monday, November 1, 2021 the Women's Bible Study will resume its studies. We will be using another study by Liz Curtis Higgs, entitled "The Women of Christmas." Liz is also the author of Bad Girls of the Bible that we enjoyed so much.

We will explore the biblical stories of Elizabeth, Mary and Anna, unwrapping each verse to introduce us afresh to The Women of Christmas. We will celebrate the opening of the Christmas season by examining these three ladies whose hearts belonged to God.

STAFF PARISH
REPORT

Dear Church Family,
The end of the year is fast approaching which brings several tasks for your SPR Committee.

We have completed:

- Staff Evaluations.
- The 2022 SPR Budget which was submitted to Finance & Admin Council where it was approved
- We are preparing for our Oct. 10, 2021 Charge Conference

As I am sure you are aware we are blessed with a great staff taking care of the business & mission work of our Church. Please take a moment to thank all of our non-clergy staff. They are so important to the operation of our church.

October is the month in which we Celebrate **Clergy Appreciation Month**.

At SUMC we have traditionally used the month of October to intentionally thank our Pastor & Music Minister for all they do to lead & guide all of us to find ways to bless our community.



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Please take time this month to pledge to pray daily for them. You can also send a note, card and/or gift to the church or drop them in a specially marked basket in the back of the church, marked with their name & **Clergy Appreciation**.

At the end of the month these items will be presented at our October 31st service.

Donna Osborne
SPRC Chair

BEN ASHTON
ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Ben's adult bible study meets on Thursdays at 10 am via ZOOM.
Contact Ben for information on current study and ZOOM link.

Mary's Circle will meet October 15 at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall.

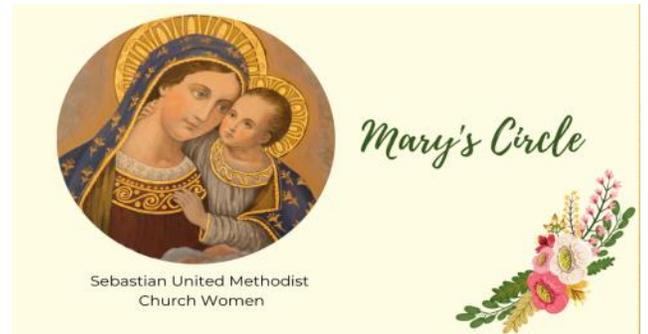
- Christmas Under the Oaks Update
- Discussion about mission support
- Devotion
- Sharing Time
- There will be light refreshments after the meeting.
- Food pantry items for October canned tuna or chicken
- Fun and Fellowship
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Hope to see you there.

Peace

Let's spread a little positive energy today!

Sharon Johnson & Ann McCullough
Co-Leaders, Mary's Circle



Sebastian United Methodist Men

aka

The Lunch Bunch
Tuesdays at NOON

Sebastian's Roadside Restaurant
10795 US Highway 1, Sebastian



*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed,
that means we don't have that information in
our records. Just call the church office to add
yours.*

Happy Birthday

Lisa Davis	October 1
Lois Planeta	October 6
Larry Moritz	October 10
Ann McCullough	October 12
Bob Stull	October 12
Dick Hunter	October 13
Leigh Standley	October 13

Happy Anniversary

Ed & Sharon Johnson	October 9
Vic & Linda Grabis	October 11
Bill & Donna Osborne	October 13
Alan & Sue Shepper	October 18

Operation Christmas Child boxes & labels are in the church offices



The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You

Have completed shoeboxes to church office by November 15

Thank you



Donations of candy can be dropped off at the office or given to Sharon on Sunday



If you are a veteran and haven't participated in our slide show just email military photo , service information and a current picture. If you cannot email your photo call Sharon in office to schedule a time to scan your photos. Email for photos johnsonumc@bellsouth.net

Have photos sent in by the week of October 25.

MARY LOU SMALL GROUP MISSION REQUEST

Our Small Group lead by Marylou Rothfuss is working on a community service project for the remainder of this year and into next year. We would like to provide Homeless Care Kits to be donated to the Ecumenical Food Pantry as well as some for keeping in the Church Office. If you would like to help with this project, please feel free to donate any of the following items by dropping them off at the Church Office marked "Homeless Kit". Our group appreciates any and all help you can give us with this mission.

Socks (this is the #1 most asked-for item)

Gloves

Water bottle

Bandages

Wet wipes

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Sunscreen

Tuna & cracker packs

Single-serving snacks like trail mix, nuts, crackers

Nail clippers

Lip Balm

Washcloth and soap

Hygiene Products

Non-perishable items such as dried fruit, trail mix, cereal bars

Printed information on shelters, food banks, breadlines, thrift shops,

And other places that help the homeless with day-to-day needs.

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