

Shepherd's Community United Methodist

AUGUST 2011

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

New Service Times
Beginning September 11th
9:00am & 10:37am

We were excited to host Kelsey Linduff and her friend Kirby Tyler, who leaving this month for a year-long mission trip in Uganda.

Throughout Uganda, there are at least six child prisons. Children, infants through teens, end up there for several reasons; legal issues (stealing and sexual crimes primarily), being abandoned by their parents or because they are orphans or street kids. One baby was dropped off at ten days old by her fourteen year old mom. An eleven year old boy was abandoned there by his grandmother for not doing chores – he tried to hang himself during his first few days there. Orphaned, a ten year old girl walked three days from Sudan and was picked up and taken there. And so they spend weeks, months, years incarcerated in places that we could only imagine in our worst nightmare. Most of the children sleep together on urine-soaked, old mattresses or on the floor. Some of them are locked alone in cells for “as long as it takes.” Most are underfed and given very little to no medical attention. One of the prisons now has clean water, however one doesn't have running water at all. In response to finding out about these places, a ministry called Sixty Feet was recently established. Sixty Feet is working to provide immediate relief to the children in the form of food, clean water, improved living facilities, clothing and medical care. While relief and development are the primary things they are currently doing, they are pursuing opportunities to establish sustainable, long-term living arrangements and comprehensive Christ-centered care for them. For more info you can visit www.sixtyfeet.org.

To assist Kirby and Kelsey financially, go to sixtyfeet.org/the-team/Kelsey-and-kirby/

To correspond with them, you can email them at kirbyat Tyler@gmail.com or kelsey Linduff@gmail.com.

To read the blogs about their trip, go to makeyouknown.blogspot.com or kelsey Linduff.wordpress.com.



*Kelsey & Kirby
Serving with Sixty Feet
in Uganda
August 2011*



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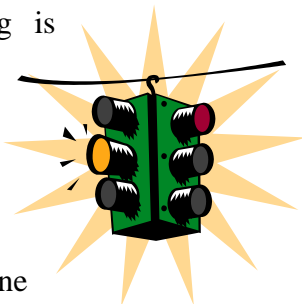
YOUNG LIFE'S WOMEN'S RETREAT



A weekend, **September 9-11th**, for women who are weary, wondering, working, winsome, warriors, wandering, waiting, wishing and wanting the refuge of a loving Savior, Redeemer and Friend. We'll laugh, play, sleep (a little), eat and grow together toward a deeper relationship with Christ. The cost is \$150 for the full weekend at Southwind YoungLife Camp located near Ocala. Register online or fill out your registration by August 21st. Check Facebook @ Refuge: YL Florida Women's Weekend or contact Cindy Carson.

SUMMER SLOWDOWN

Our summertime giving is always the lowest of the year and this year has proven to be no different. If you have been away and would like to catch up on your tithes, you can give online through our website: www.scumc.net. Thank you for helping us catch back up as we head into Fall!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



With the addition of a second service in September, we will be looking for long-term teachers for our Sunday School and Kids Worship classes. You would be able to teach during one service and attend worship at the alternate service time. Please be in prayer and if you feel called to this ministry of education, please contact Emily at ecarson@scumc.net. Thank you!

IT'S A BOY!

Please join us as we celebrate the arrival of **Alisa and Ira Anderson's** new son, Asher! The luncheon shower will be at the Red Elephant on Sunday, August 28th immediately following church.



If you would like to join us, please let Sandra Roth or Emily Carson know by Sunday August 21st.

PRAY & PLAY

Every month we have a Mommy & Me time with our mommies, babies and toddlers. This month we will meet on **Friday, August 12th from 10am to 12pm at The Murrell Home**. Please feel free to invite a friend! If you can make it, please contact Melissa in person or mlobozzo@scumc.net.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at SCUMC in Room 7. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is expanding by popular demand to an evening meeting once a month. In addition to prayer shawls, prayer squares and baby blankets, our group is also working on prayer cards and other projects if sewing is not your cup of tea. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry and remember that the prayer squares are available in the basket in the hallway. For more information, contact Linda Westbrook at 646-1127.

AUGUST Prayer Shawl Dates:

August 2 – Tuesday 10am-12pm
August 8 – Monday 7pm-8:30pm
August 16 – Tuesday 10am-12pm
August 23 – Tuesday 10am-12pm
August 30 - Tuesday 10am-12pm

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you would like to add a prayer request to the prayer requests that are emailed out on Tuesdays, please send your requests to Carolynn Cobb at cobbcatt@aol.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYERS

It's time for our kids to go back to school after a fun-summer. On August 14th and 21st, we will have backpacks with our kids names on them. Please take a backpack if you will commit to praying for that student throughout the 2011-2012 school year.



COUPLE'S RETREAT



Tampa Weekend to Remember by Family Life Ministries will be held at the Tampa Marriott Waterside from Sept. 9th-Sept 11th. Registration rate is \$159 per couple and does not include hotel cost if you wish to stay overnight. For

more information, go to www.familylife.com. If you are interested in attending under the SCUMC group, please email your rsvp to: mlobozzo@scumc.net.



RETREAT

The Florida Conference for United Methodist Men is hosting several retreat weekends in October at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park. The 2011 Spiritual Focus is from Joshua 24:15 *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*. You can choose between the weekends of Oct 7-9th, Oct 14-16th or Oct 21-23rd. Cost is dependent on your choice of camping or lodging. Registration forms, speaker information and detailed accommodation information may be downloaded at www.ummflconf.org. *College football games will be shown on the 7 ft. screen Saturday afternoons.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Check out the video www.scumc.net

Thank you to everyone who volunteered your time, made donations and prayed for our Vacation Bible School this year. We had 130 children learning about their Faith, how to Trust in Jesus and how to share His Love with Others. It was a special week and we appreciate your help!



UNITED METHODISM 101



“United Methodism 101” (UM101) is a free, basic online course designed for new United Methodists and anyone wanting to know more about the denomination, as well as long-time United Methodists who would like to check their basic knowledge of the church. Each of the four modules in this course contains many interactive features and takes about one hour to complete at the participant's leisure.

Course Dates:

The course begins the first Wednesday of alternating months from February through December, and each session is open to pre-registered participants for six weeks. Upon successful completion, learners are awarded .4 SACEM CEU. Course dates for 2011 include: **October 5 - November 16, 2011**. To register, please call 888-278-4862.

MISSION TRIP

Our church is sending a mission team to the Dominican Republic March 8-15, 2012. Please be praying and seeking God's desire for you. There



will be an initial meeting about this mission trip on

Wednesday, September 14th at 6pm in the church library. You can visit the website at

www.renewedhopemissions.org to see what they are doing in the Dominican Republic. We would be assisting with their projects.

FOOD PANTRY



Our Food Pantry greatly appreciates your donations. Please continue to bring in food and place the items in the baskets in the hallway. We are currently delivering 1-2 boxes of food/week to the DCF agency just down the street from us. We currently need pasta, sauces, juices, cereals, boxed potatoes, rice, boxed meals, canned soup and canned fruit. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry and our community.

MENTOR MATERIAL?



In addition to serving the DCF agency by providing families with food, they have also asked if we have church members interested in mentoring teens and young moms. If you have a desire to partner with a young person who may be struggling with

their family/school and you feel you can give them a strong Christian example while being a passionate and attentive listener, please contact Vikki Capron at 397-1663 or vcapron@tampabay.rr.com to get more information.

THANK YOU

Thank you for overwhelmingly answering the call to replace the worship screen projector! We are excited to have the new one installed with clarity and full-screen capability. We appreciate your devotion to the needs of our church. Thank you!

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

On Friday, August 19th at 6:30pm, Mark and Vikki Capron are



hosting a Small Group Leader Dinner Meeting at their home for all leaders of small groups. Please email Vikki if you can attend so they can make dinner arrangements: vcapron@tampabay.rr.com. We look forward to this time for prayer and planning.

INTERESTED IN SOFTBALL?!!

We received the following invitation to play:



Hi, my name is Chad Holmes and I am member at First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, Florida! I have been playing baseball and/or softball all my life and have been a part of plenty of wins and losses. When God/Jesus/Holy Spirit plays on my team, the wins are more enjoyable and there is always joy even when suffering a loss. I/We would like to invite your church family to play Coed Softball with us. Here is a blurb about our team: FUMC (Florida United Methodist Church) has had a long tradition of fielding softball teams, but there are now two consistent teams. FUMC Red Men's Softball has a been playing softball forever. FUMC Red does not need any new additions, but FUMCoed has developed a strong tradition as well and needs new additions. We have lost players due to night school programs, family life, and health issues! Will you be the next person to bring your joy to the softball field? We need men and women!!! If you are not a future player, maybe you can be a fan and let others around you, including your neighbor who does not go to our church about this wonderful minister of FUMC! If you are on Facebook, check out FUMCoed Softball or email Chad Holmes @ chadeugene@yahoo.com

Coed: Tuesday nights from Sept. to early Dec. There is a cost of \$30, but if we get sponsor(s) the cost will be reduced down to \$20.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27
One Body and One Spirit and carry it forward to all areas of our Church and Community!



F.E.A.S.T.

(FELLOWSHIP, EATING, STUDYING TOGETHER)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7TH**

**DINNER AT 5:30
\$5 PERSON OR \$15 FAMILY
(1ST TIME GUESTS EAT FREE!)**

CLASSES BEGIN AT 6:30

Fall Class Schedule

Adults

ALPHA: Exploring Christian Faith

DIVORCE CARE: Video & Discussion facilitated by Pat Smith

SERMON ON THE MOUNT: Pastor Tim

BETH MOORE'S VIDEO STUDY OF PAUL: To Live in Christ

Kids

YOUTH – 7th grade through Seniors

CLUB 56 – 5th and 6th Graders

K-4th Grade – Fun Fall Program

PRESCHOOL CLASS

NURSERY

REFERENCE SHEET from our

Girl's Night Out!



For one thing, we forgot to take pictures of ourselves so here are those strange women again!

Much chatting and eating took place,

(We'll try to plan a little more in advance next time so you can come if you missed it this time),

But in addition, we got to find about about some great missions.

Here are some links so you can follow-up on your own:

Bows for Cambodia

Kelsey & Jessica

Changing lives through Education at a Cambodian orphanage

Need: Monthly support - Kelsey Howard or Jessica Savard on Facebook

Action: Financial support either monthly or one-time
Buy a bow or tell your friends! Make some bows... Pray.

Contact: <http://bowsforcambodia.weebly.com>



Int'l Justice Mission (IJM) Allison Bedford

Seeking Justice for slavery and sex-trafficked victims

Need: Involvement/Support www.ijm.org

Action: Upcoming district meeting with our representatives on upcoming legislation. Write letters/contact reps, meet/plan. Pray lots.

Contact: Allison Bedford at allibedford@gmail.com or Facebook



Joplin, MO

Melissa Condon

Providing school supplies for tornado area victims

Need/Action: School supplies (our VBS Mission!)

Contact: Melissa Condon at donmelissa.condon@gmail.com



Sixty Feet.org Kelsey Linduff & Kirby Tyler

Working in child prisons throughout Uganda

Need: Involvement/Support www.sixtyfeet.org

Action: Financial support either monthly or one-time. Pray!

Contact: Facebook or through sixty feet website



Dominican Republic Mission Trip! March 8-15 2

Working with Renewed Hope Mission

Contact: www.renewedhopemissions.org



Young Life! Ministry to High & Middle school teens

"It's a sin for the gospel to be boring."

Need: Involvement/Support www.younglife.org

Action: Financial & Committee Support — Pray!

Contact: Patsy Goers (pgoers@msn.com)/

Cindy Carson/April Wheeler/Peggy Obel & Tracy Schou



Lighthouse Ministries LOCAL—ONGOING —

Action: Feed the homeless, sort clothes, donate time and items!

Contact: Vikki Capron vcapron@tampabay.rr.com

