

# Shepherd's Community United Methodist

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

For the first two Sundays in July, we are going to allow God to broaden our world by be hearing some **Mission Stories** from folks who have felt called and are serving or are planning to serve on the mission field. We are excited to host Kelsey Linduff and her friend Kirby (I don't know Kirby's last name) who are planning on leaving later this summer to Uganda. Below is a brief description of the work they will be doing.

*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 <http://sixtyfeet.org/>*



Kelsey & Kirby  
Serving with Sixty Feet  
in Uganda  
August 2011



## FROM THE PASTOR

Last month I talked about the fact that the demographics of our area tell us that at any given time 15% of the people who live within 5 miles of our church are either divorced, widowed, or separated. That translates to roughly 19,000 people who live within a good walk of Shepherd's Community who are going through a rough time. Even in the best of circumstances divorce is hard and can shake the foundations of the even the most grounded people.

I think we can do something to reach out in the name of Christ in a meaningful way to help those 19k people who are going through tough times. There is a video series that several of my colleagues have highly recommended that offers solid Christian teaching and support that our church would like to offer on Wednesday nights this fall called DivorceCare.

Here is how they describe the class on their website:

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before.

DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each DivorceCare session has two distinct elements:

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### A Seminar with Experts

During the first 30–40 minutes of the meeting, each DivorceCare group watches a video seminar featuring top experts on divorce and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies and on-location video.

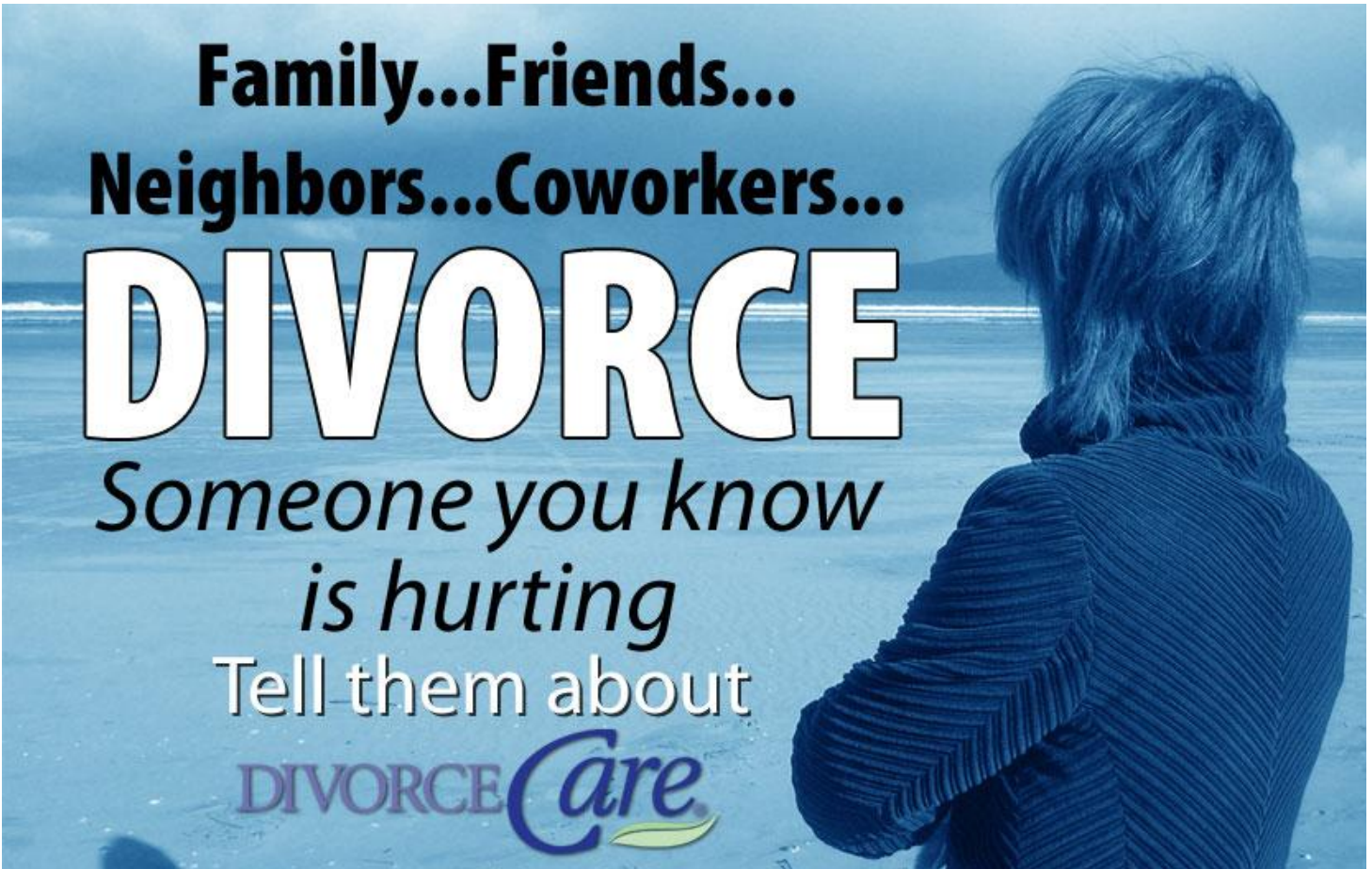
### A Support Group with Focus

After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

If you want more information you can check out the website at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org). This class is only being offered at one other church in Lakeland and according to their website is going very well.

So we have ordered the materials, developed a marketing plan to get the word out to the people who need it, and reserved meeting space on Wednesday night. What we don't have, and what I have been praying for God to raise up, is a facilitator for the group. The requirements are that you have a heart for hurting people, aren't surprised by the messiness of people's lives, can facilitate a discussion, can commit for 13 Wednesday nights, and know how pray. (Knowledge of the play button on a DVD player is also helpful) Notice that I didn't include "have perfect relationships, be a therapist, be a perfect Christian, have all the answers, have a strong desire to fix people" as requirements. I will warn you that if you do this you're likely to get your hands dirty in other peoples mess. You are also likely to make a difference in some very significant ways.

Yours in the Journey,  
Pastor Tim



**Family...Friends...**  
**Neighbors...Coworkers...**  
**DIVORCE**  
*Someone you know  
is hurting*  
Tell them about  
DIVORCE *Care*

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Under the Sun Day Camp is well under way and if you've stopped by the church during the week, you've surely seen a happy group learning, playing and swimming together! Children elementary school age can attend for a day, a week or the summer...it's up to you! Your child will enjoy daily bible stories, crafts, math and reading skills, swimming, movies and so much more! Camp will begin **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** and will be held daily from 7am to 6pm. There is a \$25 registration fee. The weekly rate for church members is \$90 or \$22/day. If you would like more information, please contact Sandra Roth. If you have scheduled your child to attend camp and need to cancel your reservation, you may do so with 24-hours notice so we can accommodate staffing. Thank you!



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### Summer Day Camp



## 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 Carolyn Cobb at [cobbcat@aol.com](mailto:cobbcat@aol.com).

## MOMMY & ME

Every month we have a Mommy & Me time with our mommies, babies and toddlers.



This month, we will add some swim time and will meet on **Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 12pm** at The LoboZZo Home. Please feel free to invite a friend! If you can make it, please contact Melissa in person or [mlobozzo@scumc.net](mailto:mlobozzo@scumc.net).



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would like to give our regular Kids Worship teachers a break from teaching this

summer. If you would be available to teach one of the following Sundays during the summer, please email Emily at [ecarson@scumc.net](mailto:ecarson@scumc.net).

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – two teachers

July 10<sup>th</sup> – one teacher

July 24<sup>th</sup> – one teacher

If you'd like to help and have never taught kids worship before, Emily will be able to walk through the curriculum with you. Please let us know if you can help!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



There's still time to sign-up to be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer. If you'd like to help out in some way, please email us: Emily Carson [ecarson@scumc.net](mailto:ecarson@scumc.net) OR Lauren

Bedford [lbedford@scumc.net](mailto:lbedford@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. The Prayer shawl ministry had their first evening meeting with 9 in attendance in June. Sandy Moss distributed yarn that had been donated to the group and she still has some available for both small and large projects.

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.

JULY Prayer Shawl Dates:

June 5 – Tuesday 10am-12pm

June 11 – **Monday 7pm-8:30pm**

June 19 – Tuesday 10am-12pm

June 26 – Tuesday 10am-12pm

Please check with Linda Westbrook 646-1127 for more information about the group or to donate materials.

## SHE'S HAVING A BABY...BOY!

Please join us as we prepare for the arrival of **Alisa and Ira Anderson's** baby boy. A group of us will be going out to lunch on Sunday, July 17th immediately following church. If you would like to join us, please let Sandra Roth or Emily Carson know by Sunday July 10th so we can make sure we chose a restaurant with enough space. Please keep Alisa in your prayers as she prepares for the upcoming arrival!



## COUPLE'S RETREAT



Tampa Weekend to Remember by Family Life Ministries will be held at the Tampa Marriott Waterside from Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>-Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.familylife.com). If you are interested in attending under the SCUMC group, please email your rsvp to: [mlobozzo@scumc.net](mailto: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 7-9<sup>th</sup>, Oct 14-16<sup>th</sup> or Oct 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](http://www.ummflconf.org). \*College football games will be shown on the 7 ft. screen Saturday afternoons.



## Vacation Bible School

**July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am through 12:15pm**

Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in our Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus – sharing the message of Christ with their world. Register TODAY at [www.scumc.net](http://www.scumc.net)!

## VBS Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, July 13th, 7 PM

## VBS Decorating DATES

\*Wednesday, July 20th, 5:30-8:30PM.

\*We'll have pizza & music while we decorate!

Thursday, July 21st, 12-4PM,

Friday, July 22nd, 9AM-1PM,

Saturday, July 23rd, 9AM-finish

For decorating help, you do not have to be artsy or crafty! We just need willing hands to help! However, if you ARE artsy or crafty, this is the place for you! We will try to have a couple of youth here to help watch little kids for those with infants/toddlers who would like to come help.

## VBS Donations!

It's that time of year again! We are in need of VBS decorations and snacks! Below are the items we need. Decorations can be brought in at any time and placed in the library. Food items can be brought in beginning July 3rd. If you would like to give a monetary donation in place of snacks or decorations, please give it to Emily Carson or Melissa Lobozzo. We are also looking for people who are talented at building or drawing to donate their skills and their time. Thank you for your help!!

<b>Snack Supplies</b>	
Apples	65 apples
Cream Cheese	12 eight ounce packages
Marshmallow Cream	8 eight ounce jars
Apple Jacks Cereal	5 boxes
Goldfish	5 large boxes
Cheerios	5 boxes
Pretzels	5 bags
Animal Crackers	5 bags
Regular graham crackers	8 boxes
Strawberries	10 16oz boxes
Green grapes	3 bags
Pineapple	8 cans
Pudding snack cups	130 cups
Chocolate chips	6 bags
Mini marshmallows	4 bags
Sprinkles	6 containers
M&M's	4 bags
Flat-bottom ice cream cones	130 cones
Maraschino cherries	130 cherries
Funfetti cake mix	6 boxes
Cool Whip (spray)	10 cans
Paper Plates	130
Paper Bowls	160
Plastic spoons	160
Plastic knives	130
Snack-size plastic bags	130+
Water	15 gallons
Apple juice	8 bottles
Plastic cups	850 cups

## Decoration Supplies

Visqueen  
 Refrigerator boxes  
 White butcher paper  
 Black butcher paper  
 Movie posters  
 Astroturf/green indoor-outdoor carpet

