



New Membership Class-Tuesday, August 17th

Dear Church Family,

August in Central Florida is usually a very warm (HOT) time of the year, but it is also the time when school starts for our local students. This year school will start on Monday, August 9, 2021. To help families in our area that are perhaps struggling with sending their children to school with backpacks and supplies, we at St. John will be hosting our sixth "Back to School Bash" on Saturday, August 7 from 10 A.M. to whenever the backpacks are gone. This year will be a drive through as it was last year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are encouraging the congregation to support the purchasing of the school supplies through monetary donations or school supplies. We have already received the backpacks.

Saturday, August 21, 2021, we will be taking another bus to the Rays baseball game at Tropicana Field. You may sign up today with the church office. The Rays will be playing the Chicago White Sox and it is Faith Day. Faith Day means that after the game several players and the chaplains (Yes, they have chaplains) will speak to the crowd after the game. We have done this several times and it is always an extremely rewarding experience.

A new member class will be offered on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 3:30 P.M. Please contact the church office to make a reservation to attend and learn about St. John, The United Methodist Church and the future plans of this congregation.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.

Senior Pastor

Preaching Schedule

August 1, 2021
"The Penitent Prayer"
Psalm 51

August 8, 2021
"The Transformed Life"
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 15, 2021
"Feeding on Jesus"
John 6:51-58

August 22, 2021
"A Line in the Sand!"
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

August 29, 2021
"Are We Forgetful?"
James 1:17-27

United Methodist Women



2021 Mission was a great success! Held at Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center (formerly The Life Enrichment Center) in Fruitland Park, FL on 7/15/ - 7/17, 2021. Two studies were offered, each a book. I participated in the study, "Bearing

Witness in the Kin-dom, living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship" written by Darryl W. Stephens. Practicing social distancing and wearing masks, 80 UMW attended and several men also participated. The mission project was for the Wesley House, we knitted/ crocheted caps! Much of our group video studies were about missionaries from around the world; Angola, Japan, Belize, Congo and Afghanistan. Missionaries are amazing Methodists! A fun and educational event, it was good to see old friend and make new ones.

Other upcoming events are: Florida Conference UMW Retreat, Sept 10-11; Conference Annual Meeting, Nov 6; Assembly May 20-22, 2022 in Orlando, FL.

The South West District will host our annual Mission Sampler Studies on September 18 at Christ Venice UMC. One may attend in person or via ZOOM. Contact me for further details. **On Saturday, September 11, 2021, I invite all ladies of the Church to resume meeting as a Local Unit. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Bring a friend!**

Ruth Hollandsworth, 863-414-6530

Back to School Event-August 7

We need the following items to fill the backpacks: Composition Books, Highlighters, Wide Rule Notebook Paper, College Ruled Notebook Paper, Spiral Bound Notebooks, Glue Sticks, Washable Bottle Glue, #2 Pencils, Blue/Black Ink Pens, Colored Pencils, Boxes of 24 Crayons, Rulers, Zipper Pouch for Pencils/Pens, 3-Prong Pocket Folders, Children's Scissors. If you would like to volunteer to receive, sort or stuff the backpacks, please call Gwen Clark at (863) 835-1233. Thank you! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please indicate "Back to School Bash" on your check or envelope.

Schedule of Events

Adult Class Meeting

The Adult Class Meeting will not meet until the 2nd Sunday of September, 9-12-21.

Youth Sunday School

The Youth Sunday School will not meet in the month of August.

St. John Crafters

The St. John Crafters will not meet in July and August. September dates to be announced. Linda Morwick, Judy Perkins and Carolyn Ross.

St. John 101-New Membership Class

If you are interested in learning about or joining the St. John family as a full member, associate member, or an affiliate member, we have an opportunity for you. Come and learn the history of the United Methodist Church and the history of St. John, Tuesday, August 17 at 3:30 p.m. Ask your questions about faith, baptism, communion, and more. Refreshments will be served. Please call the office 863-382-1736 by August 16, to register your attendance.

Rays vs. Chicago White Socks

The Rays vs. Chicago White Socks Saturday, August 21. The cost for the game is \$50.00 per person (Includes: Ticket, Bus, Ray's hat). The bus will leave St. John at 10:15 a.m. Sign Up sheet in the church office.

Just A Reminder!



Trustee Committee Meeting-No meeting in August.

Building Committee Meeting-Tuesday, August 10, at 1:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting-Tuesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m.

September Newsletter Articles. September newsletter articles will be due 8-17-21.

Children's Home Sunday-August 29, 5th Sunday in August.

Upper Room Daily Devotional. For July-August are now available in the narthex & church office. The cost is \$1.00 per Upper Room.

Church Address. The Post Office has asked us to remind our members to use our current address: 33631 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872, when sending mail to the church.

Samaritan's Touch Care Center-We have an abundance of crutches, walkers, wheel chairs, shower chairs, bathroom commodes for anyone in need. Our contact and location information is 3015 Herring Ave, Sebring, FL 33870. Office: (863) 471-1870.

AUGUST



- 2 Dick Martin
- 2 Dorothy Rice
- 3 Frank Bean
- 3 Bruce Martens
- 4 Bill Rogers
- 5 Connie Sell
- 9 Patty Johnson
- 9 Rick Stackhouse
- 10 Ruth Bauman
- 10 Dave Carmolli
- 10 Marian Nielson
- 11 Bob Grandsard
- 12 Leo Gabriel
- 13 Linda Morwick
- 14 Bob Alvord
- 14 Phyllis Haas
- 15 Eric Hurst
- 17 Alberta Kiss
- 18 Jack Bachtell
- 18 Bonnie Miller
- 18 Adam Oatman
- 18 William Reed
- 18 Mary Watson
- 19 Bram Thorne
- 19 Sharon Stickler
- 20 John & Ruby Beckman
- 20 Larry Howell
- 21 Chuck Imboden
- 21 Sandy Radawiec
- 22 Sharon Fisher
- 22 Bill Kelsey
- 23 Ron Howell
- 25 Opal Hickman-Stebbins
- 25 Daniel Franklin
- 26 Bonnie Hoover
- 27 Kay Ann Rice
- 27 Dale Brockway
- 27 Dr. Henry Carr
- 27 Nicholas Piccione
- 28 Anna Piccione
- 29 Jane Washburn
- 30 Kathy Clark
- 30 Lee Klauk
- 30 Vincent O'Neill
- 30 Joanne Parks
- 31 Fran Palmer

AUGUST



- 1 Ron & Carol Wortelboer
- 2 James & Mely Buchanan
- 5 Art & Nancy Dudley
- 5 Bill & Geri Dreger
- 6 Drew & Myrna Spencer
- 10 Tim & Phyllis Haas
- 11 Bernard & Cheryl John
- 12 Dick & Betty Martin
- 13 Gary & Pat Dobreiner
- 14 James & Rosalyn Witten
- 16 Ron & June Hiltner
- 16 Ron & Mary Howell
- 16 Ed & Pam Vickers Jr.
- 18 Dave & Cathie Johnson
- 20 John & Ruby Beckman
- 20 Louis & Barbara King
- 22 Brad & Donna Young
- 23 Don & Barbara Sanborn
- 24 Myron & Boots Brundage
- 24 Mike & Jane Johnson
- 24 Chuck & Vada Thomas
- 27 David & Mary Beth Grey
- 28 Cliff & Cecile Wood



The Palms

Claire Crenshaw
Ruth Harrison
Joyce Houska

**Fellowship Home
at the Fairway**

Vince & Sidney O'Neill
Opal Hickman-Stebbins
Neal Winters

At Home

Ellen Thorne
Joyce Tucker
Ed Vickers

**MEMBERS AND
CONSTITUENTS**

- Denise Bayler
- June Hiltner
- Stan & Bonnie Hoover
- Arline Hunter
- Bill Jarrett
- Roxie Lawson
- Fran Palmer
- Martha Dora Ramos
- Dick Rice
- Margaret Runnalls
- Marilyn Stafford
- Evelyn Tack

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

- John Babson USCG**
Grandson of Setchell & Ebbert
- Reese Bell**
Friend of John Cook
- Isabella Hernandez**
Granddaughter of Susan Maddux
- Toni LAReau**
Sister-In-Law of Patti LAReau
- Reta**
Niece of Elaine Hammel
- Kim Wills**
Daughter of Ray and Bev White

Sympathy



To the
Family of:
Aaron Perkins
7-2-21

**Updating The
Prayer List**

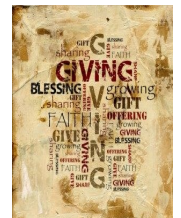
OUR GOAL is to maintain a current list of those who request ongoing prayer. Contact the church office if you know a friend or relative whose needs have been met and can be removed, or someone you want to be added.

Attendance

June 27:	153
Online:	425
July 4:	116
Online:	320
July 11:	135
Online:	365
July 18:	137
Online:	691

Offering

June 27:	\$5,602.00
July 4:	\$5,894.00
July 11:	\$10,334.00
July 18:	\$4,016.00



Total received to 7-18-21:
\$378,626.95

Mortgage Balance as of 7-1-21:
\$283,075.40

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch from Noon-1:00 p.m.)

Thursday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

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A banner for Summer Services featuring a yellow Hawaiian shirt, a pink flamingo, and a beach background. The text includes the church name, service times, and website.

St. John
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Summer Services

Sundays @ 9:30 A.M.

In-Person & Online
(No Reservations Required)

www.stjohnsebring.org

Online Ministries:

The Daily Word: M, Th, F 2:00 p.m.
(No Daily Word -Tuesdays in August)

available at stjohnsebring.org
or facebook.com/stjohnsebring



Our Staff

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.
Pastor

Kathryn Kipp
Director of Music

Kathy McClain
Choral Accompanist

Emily Hayner
Organist

Sue Shellhammer
Organist

Teresa Perry
Finance Secretary

Lana Sowers
Administrative Secretary

Doug Perry
Facility Manager

Joshua Jenkins
Video Technician

Lupe Reyes
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