



Indian River City United Methodist Church Council
“Bringing People to Jesus to Know Him and make Him Known!”

Agenda

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary and via Zoom

- Welcome Members and Visitors.....Bruce Baker
- Meditation – God Sightings.....All
- Approval of Minutes.....Bruce Baker
- Servant Leader Report.Jerry Milner

REPORTS and Agenda Items:

- SPR TEAMChris Perdue
- Church Administrator..... Ken Grosse
- TrusteeGlen Koelling
- F.A.S.T. TEAM Tom Beever
- Finance Report..... Kelley McLester
- Kids’ Place.....Heather Quidort
- UMW..... DJ Olson
- Men’s Ministry.....Mark Peterson
- MOPS..... Victoria Ausanka
- Annual Conference Delegate.....Blaine Bryan
- Members at Large.....Dale Hirschert, Dollie Boggs, Dinah Bryant, Rob Viera, Jamie McCormick, Magi Sizemore
- Church Ministry Staff..... Linda, Sharrett, Lisa, Dawn, Domenic
- State of the Church.....Jerry Milner
- Old/New Business – Bruce Baker
- Closing Prayer.....Jerry Milner

Upcoming:

United Methodist Church Annual Conference TBD

VBS, TBD

Summer Blast TBD

Indian River City UMC
Church Council - Financial and Attendance Report
01/31/2021

01/31/2021

Operating Activity	Monthly	YTD	2020 YTD
Contributions	\$ 86,403.60		
Ministry & Other Income	\$ 101.00		
Kid's Place Income			
Total Income	\$ 86,504.60	\$ 86,504.60	\$ 87,335.49
Operating Expenses	\$ 61,097.88		
Total Expenses	\$ 61,097.88	\$ 61,097.88	\$ 82,157.85
Net Income	\$ 25,406.72	\$ 25,406.72	\$ 5,177.64

Attendance

Service	January		Year to Date	
	Actual p/mt	Average p/wk	Actual	Average
Online	2250	450	2250	450
9:30	578	116	578	116
11:00	472	94	472	94
Total	3300	660	3300	660

01/31/2021	
Operating Funds	
Total Operating Accts	\$ 175,290.84
Designated Funds	\$ 269,556.74
Foundation Operating	\$ 112,472.37
Net Operating Funds	\$ 557,319.95
Building/Endowment Funds	
RESTRICTED USE	
Building Fund	\$ 526.69
Endowment Fund	\$ 197,353.10
Net Invested Funds	\$ 197,879.79

Submitted by Kelley McLester Financial Manager

The Kids' Place
Church Council Report
February 23, 2021

- TKP will complete our 30th School Year in May 2021. We are excited to celebrate at TKP weekend services in April with the church family.
- TKP Weekend is scheduled for Sunday April 18, 2021 11am service - revised version, Staff Family picnic to follow at Fox Lake Park
- TKP was one of two Brevard county child care programs selected to participate in a pilot program with the Office of Early Learning of Tallahassee and the University of South Florida in Tampa. It is called the Pyramid Program and is designed to help staff provide stronger behavioral management skills. Our administration Team has been established and we are very excited for this opportunity.
- TKP Toddle Inn is full, the Preschool is full except one part time class, the School Age program is just over half full. Many students have not returned due to online learning and parents working from home. TKP has lost a great deal of revenue due to COVID affecting our enrollment, attendance, staff, etc. We are tracking our losses and applying for grants to re-coop lost revenue. We were grateful to have been awarded the Payroll Protection Loan and to be forgiven for the most part of it.
- We were blessed to purchase new playground equipment for the Toddle Inn and Preschool playgrounds. This was made possible due to grant monies received and replaced old worn out equipment that has been removed from the playground.
- TKP provided a church staff appreciation breakfast at weekly meeting on Feb. 16th. A token of our appreciation for all they do to support TKP.
- New foosball table was purchased for Loft area for children. Also a ping pong table was donated.
- Mulch was ordered/installed for all TKP playgrounds
- TKP transitioned in June from an offsite accountant to our church finance manager handling our financials. This has been a huge blessing and helped to further unify the church and TKP.
- We are working with church financial manager on budgeting for the next fiscal year. This includes planning to incorporate the most recent mandate to raise minimum wage. We are working to determine how tuition rates will need to be adjusted to accommodate this new law.

MOPS 2020/2021 Year Overview

Our leadership team has nearly completely changed this year as we have welcomed new leaders and many of us have stepped into new positions. With such an unprecedented year, we have had to reexamine how we do MOPS quite a bit. It's been a great opportunity to see where many of our moms are in their seasons/stages of life and how we can best love on them. Despite fighting a feeling of disconnect, the team has really pulled together to try to give our best to our community of local moms even while faced with our own personal challenges (family illness/death, job loss, new homes, new babies, etc.).

A few challenges to our group have been due to new constraints on meetings (no childcare, no delicious food and hot coffee shared with each other) and feeling the digital fatigue as so much of our lives are, temporarily, digital/virtual right now. Our MOPS group hosts 1 virtual meeting as well. We have struggled with community participation - initially due to lack of play dates or mom gatherings and still now as we've had to adapt and change how meetings look. While still being mindful of gathering size, in the evenings as we have no childcare, etc. We try to conduct our 2nd meeting as a small group(s) following guidelines. We try to meet outdoors without mask as some of our members have issues with communicating. MOPS International CEO Mandi Arioto mentioned several points for leading and caring for our groups in a virtual MOPS International meeting on Wednesday: 1) Redefine success - high focus on connection and low focus on production. 2) Be creative and flexible - embrace the smaller group! 3) Get creative in caring for each other - reach out to moms to see what their needs are in this season personally. Her points were great reminders to not be burdened with unrealistic goals or expectations for how our group could or should look but to meet our moms, whoever chooses to come, where they are now! We so far have adjusted how we meet, adjusted our fundraisers, play dates, mom's mornings out, and mom's nights out.

Finally, a few of our highlights can be found in the growth of the leadership team. We've had many new, fresh ideas from the leaders for connecting moms and families and how to approach meeting changes. During this season, we've also seen the transition of many of our moms as they now have school age children and their ministering needs have changed. We are planning to register our group next year as MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers) as well as MOMSNext (the next season) to more obviously reach out to moms with older children too. We are so thankful for the childcare Linda and Children's Ministry provides for our Team Meetings as well as MOPS @ Night.

We are so grateful for this ministry you support financially and prayerfully! The loving, safe space we have felt so often over the past few years of our mothering journey has been so precious. Thank you IRCUMC!

Gretchen Russick and Vicki Ausanka, Co-coordinators

ADULT MINISTRIES

Indian River City UMC

Church Council Report – February 23, 2021

Dawn Schissler, Adult Ministry Leader

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2021 – The Year of Courage

“Be alert. Be firm in the Christian faith. Be COURAGEOUS and strong.

Do everything with love.” I Corinthians 16:13-14

Each year I choose one word to focus on for our spiritual journey. Last year the word was HOPE. This year I felt impressed that the word should be COURAGE. Each month in the newsletter I will share “enCOURAGEment for the Journey”. I’m thankful we can look forward to the unknown future with COURAGE because of the HOPE we have in Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God that we are on this spiritual journey together! - Dawn

Moving Forward

With the beginning of 2021 we thankfully and cautiously continue to open up our campus for Team meetings, Bible Studies, classes and groups. Some groups have also begun (or been) meeting in homes and local venues.

Our current Adult on-campus groups:

- The MOPS (day team and Mentors), United Methodist Women and Library Teams
- Monday groups: K. Yohn (9:30am) LeBlanc Study and Craanen Men’s (both at 6:30pm)
- Celebrate Recovery – Tuesday evenings in Studio 153 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday Church-wide Bible Study with Pastor Jerry – Sanctuary at 6:30pm
- Tai Chi – slow movement class – Thursdays in Wesley Hall at 10:00am
- L. Benson’s Study – Thursdays in the Sanctuary at 10:00am
- MOPS @ Night – 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Music Room at 6:00pm
- Peterson Men’s – Friday mornings in Studio 153 at 6:30am
- Book Chat – 3rd Friday in the Music Room at 11:00am
- UMW Circle Groups: Susannah (3rd Monday, Studio 153); Dorcas Ruth (3rd Tuesday, Wesley 124) and Martha (each Wednesday in Studio 153 and Wesley 115).

We are also gradually hosting larger events in spaces where social distancing (yes, masks are still worn) is more easily followed. The Sanctuary, Wesley Hall Studio 153 and Gym are excellent spaces for groups larger than 10 or 12. The Car Care Carport continues to be a good meeting place on nice weather days.

NEW In Person Bible Study

Are you at a point in your spiritual journey where you want to learn how to study Scripture? An in-person Bible Study, led by Cathy Post, will begin on Tuesday, March 2, at 9:30am in Wesley Hall. Men and women are invited to join this 9-week small group using the Navigator Life Change Series on Matthew. Cost of Study Guide is \$12.00 (scholarships are available). Contact Dawn to save your spot! dschissler@ircumc.com. No previous Bible Study experience is necessary.

District Zoom Discipleship Event

On Saturday, March 13th, from 9:30am – noon, the Atlantic Central District of the Florida UMC, (our district), is hosting “Pathway to Life – Creating a Clear Discipleship Process”. Strengthening the process of Discipleship in our congregations is the major initiative for 2021. Pastor Charlie Watts at Mims UMC is our liaison with the Congregational Vitality Team for the District. He is encouraging members of our congregation to participate in this Zoom event. If you are interested in attending and shaping our future discipleship process please contact Pastor Jerry or Dawn. This is a great opportunity to begin again!!

Congratulations!

Even in a Pandemic there is always something to celebrate and be thankful for!

The Ladies Of Christ (LOC) began an online Bible journey when it became evident last year that we would not be able to meet in person. For over **320 days** LOC has sent out a daily Ladies of Christ and Friends Bible Journey email. There is a Bible passage to read along with questions on the passage and answers to the previous day’s questions. I often meet women who tell me they are still participating in this ongoing Bible reading and study. Thank you, LOC, for keeping us in the Word! To connect with them go to www.facebook.com/groups/IRCLadiesofChrist. To be added to the Daily Bible Journey contact Cheryl at cherylt@cfl.rr.com.

This year marks the **20th Anniversary of the MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers) Ministry at our church!! Through the past 20 years MOPS has been led by amazing and dedicated coordinators who have guided their teams through many changes. MOPS continues to offer a place for moms to connect, develop friendships, and grow in their faith even in during the Pandemic. Stay tuned for more about this MOPS’ Anniversary year! www.facebook.com/titusvillemops.org.

Grand Mondays

Recently I connected online with a ministry to grandparents called **Legacy Coalition**. The purpose of Legacy Coalition is “Helping Grandparents have a greater spiritual impact on their families.” They host a weekly one hour free webinar on Monday evenings at 8:00pm EST, called Grand Mondays. Each week the presenter focuses on a specific topic relating to how grandparents can be more intentional in their relationship with their grandchildren as well as better understand the world and culture in which they live. Now that I am the very proud “MorMor” (Scandanavian name for grandma) of 5 grandchildren with the 6th due the end of March, I desire to better learn how to nurture my grandchildren’s faith and overcome obstacles in deepening these relationships. I have so much to learn!! If you are in the Grandparenting season of life and are interested in learning more about Legacy Coalition go to www.legacycoalition.com Wouldn’t it be Grand to have a grandparenting ministry on our campus?? Come and talk with me about starting one. Together!

Youth Ministry Report

March-May 2021

Progress report:

March – March 3rd Dunkin Donuts Night 6:30-8:00pm in Wesley Hall Gym. March 6th Space Coast CityFest 6:30-10:00pm Volunteer to Clean Up by signing up on our pinned post on refugeuthmin facebook. March 10th Gagaball 6:30-8:00PM meet at gym. March 17th St.Patrick Day Green Food 6:30-8:00pm meet at gym. March 19th Bowling Alley 5:00pm-7:00pm meet there. March 24th Game Night 6:30-8:00pm. March 31st Ice-cream Night 6:30-8:00pm meet at gym.

April – April 7th Cereal Night 6:30-8:00pm in Wesley Hall Gym. April 9th Mad Utter Downtown Titusville 6:30-8:00pm. April 14th Chick-Fila Night 6:30-8:00pm in Wesley Hall Gym. April Pijama Night 6:30-8:00pm in Wesley Hall Gym. April 24th Night of Gold at Fun Spot America (Orlando location) 5pm-9pm 5700 Fun Spot Way, Orlando, FL 32819. Prices: \$39.95 for unlimited rides, \$45.95 unlimited rides plus all day arcade, \$11.00 Fun Spot Meal Cards, \$6.99 Souvenir Unlimited Drink Cup. April 21st Bring a friend and win a pizza 6:30-8:00pm in Wesley Hall Gym.

May – May 5th Cinco De Mayo Night – Tacos 6:30-8:00pm in Wesley Hall Gym. May 12th Pizza Night Wesley Hall Gym 6:30-8:00pm. May 15th – Baptism at Pastor Jerry's house aka the parsonage in Hickory Hills 9am-11am. Confirmation students from 2020 are invited! May 19th Hot Dog Night 6:30pm-8:00pm in Wesley Hall Gym. May 26th Waffles for Dinner Night 6:30-8:00pm in Wesley Hall Gym.

Wed Night – The students have a 20 minute *Connecting Time* – Basketball, Socialization with other teens and Food. *Worship* – 6:50pm-7:00pm which the students engage in a couple of worship songs. *Game time* – 7:00pm-7:15pm Student Leadership give youth activities for the teens to participate in. *Sermon* - 7:15pm- 7:30pm The Sermon can vary in time and we do series 4-6 weeks and also have used different curriculum to support sermon. *Small Group Discussion* – 7:30pm-8:00pm the students go over with an Adult Leader the topic we discussed in the Sermon. Order Varies and times depending on what we're doing for the evening. To conserve time we have hybrid lessons that have both the sermon and discussion questions combined!

- Sunday Morning – 9:30am – 10:30am Bible Study. Students are learning about the history of the bible and how it can be applicable to their lives. We use Icebreakers such as a ball purchased from YM360, or about the lesson. The Refuge is using RightNow Media, DevoZine Upper Room Devotional, Focus on the family material, and live curriculum, scripture memorization, topical issues. Funday School 11-12pm RM 215/216 Last Sunday of the month Lisa Baggett has some games that teach biblical principles to 7th-12th graders.
- Weekly and Quarterly Monthly Meetings – Refuge Student Leadership meets every other Wednesday before youth service. We plan, discuss, and pray about things going on in the teen's lives. Also go over devotionals. The Monthly meetings are a mix of Refuge Student Ministries Team and Leadership to come up with ideas for the year such as events, fundraisers...
- Fundraiser Ideas – Strawberry Chocolates, Rent-A-Teen, Laser Tag, Car Washes, Flamingo Fundraiser, 141 Envelopes, we are Selling Soda, Water, and Chips at after hours to raise funds for camp, confirmation, missions.

News:

Due to COVID and not much interest this year for confirmation we are having to postpone it until next year. I have also contacted the Warren Willis retreat and they were not having much participation in confirmation this year as well. It has a been a hybrid case for our youth group and we have some online participation and others in class for youth. More and more are wanting in person experience due to more connection in person. I am looking forward for us to get back to

somewhat normal. Thanks for all your help, prayers, and love you send our teens and parents ways! God Bless you and yours.

Any questions contact Domenick at 321-222-0966

Care Ministry Church Council Report

February 2021

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, many people in our church family have become discouraged, depressed and isolated. Some are hurting financially; others are alone and even more are ill or have a loved one who is. People have not been able to safely see their church family, serve in their roles at church or attend small groups because of social distance mandates and concerns. Our hospital and nursing home visitation has been impossible and all of our support groups and ministries at the church had to stop meeting in person.

The Care Ministry at Indian River City United Methodist is aware and sensitive to the new needs of the congregation and is doing something about it!

- We have created **Care Packages** to deliver to people in their homes to let them know that we miss them, that we care and that we are praying for them. To date, we have delivered over **100** of these care packages to those who have been homebound due to the pandemic or caregiving for someone who is homebound. We have had some wonderful visits inside peoples' homes, on their door steps and in their driveways. I have personally been greatly blessed to see our church members face to face and hear how they are coping with life in the pandemic. A big shout out to **Joyce Owen** who has been my cohort in delivering these bags and visiting with so many wonderful people!
- The **Prayer Team** has continued to meet (Following social distancing guidelines) whether it was outside under the car care pavilion or in the sanctuary music room. We've also written hundreds of notes letting people know that they are in our prayers. The Prayer Team is a faithful group of prayer warriors and is open to anyone. We meet **Mondays at 11:00am** in the Chapel. Please bring a mask.
- Since August 2020, the Helping Hands funds has assisted people from our congregation, campus and community with **\$9,688.88**.

IRC Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been very busy! If you need one or want to give a shawl to someone, don't forget that we have shawls available in the church office and online at <https://ircprayershawlministry.shutterfly.com/> . Please check out our site and make sure to take a look at our pictures (in the "Pictures & Videos" section) of all the beautiful items our members have created throughout the years. If you'd like to gift an item, please take a look at the pictures in the "Items Available to be Gifted" section.

If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, we would love to have you join us as we make prayer shawls, throws and hats for those needing reassurance and encouragement. We have not been meeting during the pandemic, but are happy to help get you started at home!

If you'd like more information, please email us at IRCPrayerShawl@gmail.com

Created 183 Items:

Baby Blankets 10

Gifted 118 Items:

Baby Blankets 8

Hat(s)	34	Hat(s)	34
Shawls	42	Shawls	33
Throws	98	Throws	44

The ministry has also crocheted and donated over 250 ear protectors/mask mates to Parrish Medical Center and 80 to Titusville High School since the pandemic started. Thank you to all the ladies who work so hard to bless

Campus Operations- March 2021

- As we close out “20”, our beautiful Campus has come a long ways this last year
- From Minor to Major repairs, we thrive on to keep our Campus maintained and functioning properly
- Although, after a challenging year, we are excited to see 2021 roll in and all the good things to come our way.
- For those who enjoy spending a little extra time on campus, we will soon have a list of items that need attention. From flower beds to paint any many others. Keep an eye out for the sign up lists coming soon
- The wheels are also in motion to replace 2 aging roofs. Admin and Sanctuary roofs will be replaced this winter while it is cooler, ahead of hurricane season

Ken Grosse

WAM Church Council

Report

Worship update: For our COVID-19 Online Worship Experience, we were filming in the community.
We are now introducing our new online worship experience back in our sanctuary.
You can watch via Website, Facebook, and Youtubeat

IRCUMC at 9:30/11am. In person at 9:30/11am

Bible Study is now Online and In person. 6:30pm in the sanctuary!
77 people active involved with our Worship Program. Tech, Choir, Band, Singers, Staff
Choir is meeting Wed after Bible Study, 7:30. Still recording for worship services.

Worship Rehearsals and Recordings Thursday 6pm

Family Ministry just finished a 4week parenting class by Andy Stanly on Sunday's after 11am service. First
Friday's(Family Fun Night) are coming back!

Easter and Holy Week is quickly approaching!

Excited to see More and more people are started to come back to services.

Holy Week services offered in person and online.

Children's Ministries at Indian River City United Methodist Church

February 2021

Church Council Report

March 2020 – February 2021

Linda Benson, Children's Ministries Leader

From March 2020 through February 2021 – Our Children's Ministries Journey!

For so many years, our beloved Children's Ministries have radiated "in person" connection, been filled to the brim with "people-centric" experiences and were immersed in rich and abundant human on-campus adventures. Jesus, evident in every nook and cranny of our campus, in the smiles, hugs and delight of year-round students, seasonal program participants, our Summertime VBS and Summer Blast Campers and Camp Counselors and amazing volunteers and staff. God's Glorious Community writ large in our wonderful church home.

Our beautiful world changed last Spring. Like most things, ministry changed overnight. New ways of reaching children. New ways of teaching and planning. New skills needed. Everything different.

For the past year, it is with profound relief that I am aware of God's Guidance and Hand in ministry. I have watched the earnest participation and simple kindnesses of sweet children with gratitude and humble appreciation. I celebrate the creativity, commitment, devotion and kind spirits of our Children's Ministries volunteers. I honor the dedication and enthusiasm of those in our community who respond with a "Yes, I will" to requests to partner and collaborate. I am inspired by those who are committed to serving others, to helping meet impossible needs and to fixing, aiding and caring for others.

YOU inspire me. I am humbly grateful for the opportunity to serve Jesus in our Children's Ministries home. His beautiful house. His incredible children.

Here is a look back at key moments of our 2020-2021 journey:

Spring and Summer 2020 Celebrations – Virtually, Porch Drop Offs, In Person

Easter Egg Hunt 2020 – Reaching 400 children and their families with Easter Egg Hunts to Go in a tote bag filled with the Great Good News of Jesus!

Boredom Buster Deliveries 2020 – Connecting with 100s of children and their families throughout 2020 with drop offs of Boredom Busters and opportunities of creativity and fun!

Mother's Day Mailings 2020 – Sending flower seeds to our families to encourage them to experience the excitement of planting and growing beautiful flowers!

Vacation Bible School 2020! June 12-19! FOCUS Virtual VBS! Our first ever Online Vacation Bible School! 6 days of VBS Programs! 7 Drive Through On Campus Connection Opportunity Days! 340 Registered Campers! More than 90 VBS Volunteers and Teammates! 100s of hours of Preparation, Service & Connection! Close to 300 scheduled Videos and prepared Segments! 24 hours of connecting with our Campers and their families providing VBS Totes to Go! 9 hours of connecting with our Campers and their families collecting donations for the Food Pantry! 7 hours of connecting with our Campers and their families through our Kona Ice Drive Through Family Fun Night and our Friday Ice Cream Treat Drive Through Party! Forever and Ever Memories! Extraordinary Life Lessons! A VBS Time Capsule preserved for ALL TIME and prepared with LOVE!

Summer Blast Memories Week 2020 -- Online! July 13-17! An extraordinary blend of New & Treasured Classes from wonderful Summer Blast teachers and favorite memories guaranteed to bring a smile! Daily

videos, pictures and an End of Week Slideshow from memories of old and new! Amazing connections! Terrific unity! Joy! Positive Energy! Our Summer Blast Family, Connected! Thank you to ALL who poured their LOVE into our Summer Blast Virtual Experience!

Connections for Women's Online Bible Study!

March/May Proverbs 31 Online Bible Study -- Dangerous Prayers by Craig Groeschel

May/July LifeWay Online Bible Study -- The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer

June/July Proverbs 31 Online Bible Study -- Hidden Potential by Wendy Pope

August/September Faith Gateway Online Bible Study – It's Not Supposed to be This Way by Lysa TerKeurst

September/November Proverbs 31 Online Bible Study – The Answers to Your Deepest Longings Women's Study from The First Five

Connections for Families!

Monthly Children's Ministries Newsletters "Parenting Christian Kids!" Mailings to Students (Spring, Mother's Day, Father's Day)! Boredom Buster deliveries each week! Regular Children's Ministries Volunteer Team meetings! Facebook, Instagram, YouTube! Eat This Book Discipleship Challenge!

Community!

Children's Ministries Classes, Groups, Team Meetings, Creativity -- online! IRC Kids! Children's programs online every Wednesday Night at 6:30 pm, Friday Night at 6:00 pm, Saturday Night at 5:30 pm and Sunday Mornings beginning at 8:00 am. Programs available for Preschool, Elementary Age and Preteens! Hosted on our Online Headquarters – Our Children's Ministries Facebook Page! Lessons that can touch the heart of every age! At Home! In the Car! On Vacation! Accessible always!

Our August "In-Person" return -- new routines and happy tears . . .

Our current COVID 19 pandemic forced a change – a pivot as often referred – in how Children's Ministries takes place. The safety, peace and happiness of all of the children in our care and in our community are always at the forefront of our decisions. Our Children's Ministries Team implemented a Safe & Simple Steps Re-opening Plan that included a touch-free Check In process and a quick and easy Online Reservation System. Our Safe & Simple Steps Re-opening Plan allowed for appropriate staffing, room assignments and adherence to social-distancing guidelines.

Fall Connections continue . . .

Forever imprints of this time apart on our hearts. A flood of gratitude for every foot crossing the threshold of Sunday School and Mom's Morning Out Classrooms. Deep appreciation for the brilliant smiles of our students and the beaming faces at our Treasure Table. Kids Worship Packs. Doorstep Drop-offs. The devotion and dedication of fabulous volunteers and children's staff. The opportunity to join our Children's Ministries online and in person. Equipping families with devotionals. Partnering with families to provide family discipleship opportunities. Looking ahead. Looking around. Looking up. Our Trunk or Treat Tradition became "Treat Street, A Drive Through Trunk or Treat Experience". Our Advent Family Gathering and our Birthday Party for Jesus Events became "Christmas is Coming!" deliveries to the homes of our families.

Treat Street!

A Drive-Through Trunk or Treat Experience! A safe and fun opportunity for our families to enjoy a special evening together! Saturday, October 31, 2020, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm! We so love the awesome kids and families of our community! We always want them to have fun and stay safe! Towards that end, we celebrated with "Treat Street! A Drive-Through Trunk or Treat Experience!" Generous Candy Treat Bags were provided to all of our guests at the end of the experience! Our Drive-Through participants were encouraged to decorate their cars for awesome Fall Family Fun, too! Our Happy and Friendly Trunk Hosts decorated their

Cars/Trucks/Motorcycles/Trailers/Buses/E-Z Ups/Sport Tents with all sorts of fun ideas for our visiting families to check out and enjoy! While it was not the same as our beloved Trunk or Treat, time spent together in God's Great Big Beautiful Community in any shape or form is a wonderful treasure in and of itself

Christmas is Coming!

Bringing Advent and a Birthday Party for Jesus to the children of our families to their homes! Equipping, teaching and sharing the news of the Celebration of Jesus' Birth with all!

Kids on a Mission!

Kids helping kids! We love to encourage our children and community to help others wherever and whenever we can! Children are extraordinary and devoted missionaries! Towards that end, we love to provide year-round opportunities for families and children to share their hearts with others in need! Donations dropped off in support of these drives to Children's Ministries at any time throughout the year will be delivered promptly to those in need! Please check out our list of wonderful and amazing causes supported by our Children's Ministries Team each and every year! While there may be peak months for certain mission drives, please know that your help at any time throughout the year is welcome! Interested in finding out more about one or more causes? Here are our treasured partners: The Children's Hunger Project, Heifer International, Brevard Public School Foundation Hygiene Products Drive, IRCUMC Food Pantry, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, Toys for Tots, Stockings for Police Officers/Support Staff on duty on Christmas/Christmas Eve through Holly Barbour, The Kindness Club at Pinewood Elementary, The Positive Behavior Support Team at Andrew Jackson Middle School. Kids helping kids!

Prayer Partner Ministry develops!

Our extraordinary Christine Luecking has a tremendous heart for serving and loving Jesus and caring for the teachers of our wonderful community! She created and implemented a network of Prayer Partners from several churches for teachers in our local schools. These Prayer Partners connect with the hard-working teachers to offer prayer, encouragement and support!

2021 arrives!

Partnerships with the Brevard Schools Foundation and Brevard Family Partnership! Supporting our MOPS Moms, Day Steering Team and Night MOPS, with safe and loving care for their kiddos! Service on the School Advisory Committees of Imperial Estates Elementary School, Coquina Elementary School and Andrew Jackson Middle School! Support for The Children's Hunger Project! Our Inaugural VBS Volunteer Meeting for our 2021 Vacation Bible School! Our "Elijah" Bible Study! Kid-Friendly Welcome Bags in the Sanctuary! Zip Online Weekend Kids @ IRCUMC each Saturday @ 5:30 pm! Zip Online each Wednesday @ 6:30 pm! Power Up for our Preteens Online each Sunday @ 5:00 pm! Birthday Cards throughout the year for all of our awesome kids! Prayer Partners in 4 schools for 39 Teachers! Brainstorming Workshops for Summer Blast 2021! Virtual and In-Person Fun, Friends and Faith in Children's Ministries!

In-Person Preteen Ministry resumes! For our 4th, 5th & 6th Graders!

He Delights in Us! God's Girls! Led by the exceptional Mrs. Theresa Grosse – Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm – All girls welcome 4th-6th Grade! Room 209

SR456! Led by our amazing Mr. Sam and Ms. Braelyn – Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm – All 4th, 5th & 6th Graders welcome – Boys and Girls! Room 217

Sunday mornings 9:30 & 11, Room 217

Serving others, serving Jesus! 2021 Adventures to come!

2/17/2021 – **Lent Adventure Totes** are available! Journeying through Lent together!

3/11/2021 – **Coquina Elementary School Teacher Encouragement Treat Bags!** Donations welcome now. Please watch your E-blast for details.

3/25/2021 – **Young Artist Group Auction Creative Arts & Activities** Basket Preparation! Donations welcome now. Please watch your E-blast for details.

3/27/2021 – **2021 Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers** needed! Behind-the-Scenes and In-Person

6/21-6/25/2021 – **2021 Vacation Bible School Volunteers** needed! Virtual and In-Person!

7/19-7/23/2021 – **2021 Summer Blast Volunteers Needed!** Virtual and In-Person!

Please consider making a Forever and Ever Difference in the life of a child by volunteering for Vacation Bible School and/or Summer Blast 2021! The children of our church and community are counting on us to share our Love for Jesus with each and every one of them! YOUR Commitment, Caring and Connection will make a difference to these children and their families! We would love to have you on our 2021 teams! Please consider sharing your talents with us! Serve by yourself, serve with a friend! Please contact Linda at 321-213-1013 or lbenson@ircumc.com with your interest today — sign up for Volunteer Meeting Notifications today!

Resources for Parents and Families!

Seeking a new family devotional book? Does your child need a children's Bible? Looking for a monthly resource of family-friendly information and news? Please contact us to explore some of our children's resources or to pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter! Want to stay connected and be kept "in the know?" Seeking regular Online Classes for your Children and Family! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at irckids! Our Facebook Page is updated multiple times a week! Featured Volunteers, Experiences and "peeks" behind the scenes! We would love for you to "like" our Page!

Inspirational Movie Series returns this April!

We treasure our Children's Ministries Volunteers and Supporters! We too cherish the opportunity to safely gather! We are looking forward to beginning our Inspirational Movie Screenings weekday mornings each month in our beautiful Sanctuary! Beautiful movies, inspiration, companionship, faith! Returning this April!

Connections throughout our campus!

Our beloved and cherished Mom's Morning Out classes are meeting in a safe and loving way 4 mornings a week. Bible Study care is offered to the sweet families of our community. We are gratefully caring for our littles during MOPS Steering Team Leader Meetings and Night MOPS Meetings. We are carefully and lovingly offering Sunday School and Wednesday Night classes in person and online for families wherever their hearts may be. We know firsthand how much loving, safe, professional childcare and teaching can change the lives of families of any age.

We are so grateful for God's Protection and His Faithfulness! Thank you for being a part of our Children's Ministries at Indian River City United Methodist Church family! Thank you for your prayers, partnership, encouragement and support for all of the amazing children and families of our wonderful community! We are so grateful to share this journey together. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 321-213-1013 at any time with your questions, needs or concerns! We hope to see you on our Facebook Page! Please join us!