



Hi there! Wasn't the Devotion great today?! **HAPPY AUGUST 2018!** I really hope your summer is going extra great! Thanks for all you do to help us focus all our resolve and resources on **"Bringing People to Jesus to Know Him and Make Him Known!"** through all our people, programs and property! Thanks for helping us push aside every "lesser thing" so we can bring the full-force of Indian River City to his GREATER THING!

We are totally committed to helping every person become a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ! It's a process and both you and I are somewhere in that process! The Bible says, **"I'm a mess. I'm nothing and have nothing; make something of me. You [God] can do it; you've got what it takes!" (Psalm 40:17)** All of us work together with God to help one another to reach that goal! The Bible tells us that God always finishes what he starts: **"God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished!" (Philippians 1:6)** It doesn't say, "God might finish it." It doesn't say, "God hopes to finish it." It says "God will finish it!" What the heck does that mean?!

WWWWWWEEEEEEEELLLLLLLLLLLLLL...It means if we have really given our lives to Jesus Christ...if we've opened ourselves up to God and said, "Christ, be number one in my life" we are going to make it to heaven! There's no doubt about it! Case closed! Done deal! We are going to make it across the finish line because it doesn't depend upon our performance; it depends upon God's sustaining and unlimited grace! The only question is "how" we finish the race! You know as well as I do that some people finish a race poorly while other people finish a race well! How we finish is determined by how we do every "today!" we live!

We don't want us to just get into heaven. We don't want us to just get across the finish line! We want to help all of us finish the race of life extra well! We want us to enjoy life, the abundant life to figure out what God made you and me for and then do it! How can we be sure we're going to finish the race of life well?! Because of God's sustaining grace. God doesn't want to just save us...He wants to sustain you and me throughout all the "todays" of our lives! He wants us to make it and he is 100% invested in making it happen!

SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO...What is sustaining grace?! GREAT QUESTION! THANKS FOR ASKING! Sustaining grace is the power to keep on going when we feel like giving up. It's the power to do the right thing when we don't feel like doing the right thing! There are many pitfalls in the marathon race that makes up our lives! But regardless of what we go through, no matter what we face this year, we can count on God's sustaining grace to see us through one today at a time! The Bible says, **"My purpose for writing is**

**to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace!" (1 Peter 5:12)** Thank God for helping us take the next step in becoming more like Jesus!

For us to become more like Jesus we must **"resolve to know nothing except Jesus Christ while we're here!" (1 Corinthians 2:2)** Let's continue to focus ourselves on that one thing! We can more easily identify all the "lesser things" that are stealing our time, talent and treasure from God's GREATER THINGS! Let's give all we are and all we have to **"Bring People to Jesus to Know Him and Make Him Known!"**

Now that's...**RADICAL!**

*Bill*

*Let The River Flow!*

## Children's Ministry News

Bringing Children to Jesus to Know Him and Make Him Known!

**SUMMER BLAST 2018** Thank you to everyone who donated items needed for classes, breakfast items for camp counselors, baked cupcakes or helped in any way to support our Summer Blast Program. Over 390 children learned new skills, enjoyed fellowship along with many area youth who got service volunteer hours for school. It has been another great summer at Indian River City UMC for kids.



**ZIP SATURDAYS** for Kindergarten - 4th graders is changing back to their regular time 6 - 7:30 PM in Wesley Hall, the Loft. Children can be dropped off starting at 5:45 PM and picked up by 7:45 PM.

### WEDNESDAY KICKOFF - TREASURE HUNT STARTS AUGUST 22

- **ZIP FOR KIDS** for Kindergarten through 4th graders is Back from the summer break with Treasure Hunt starting Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 - 8 PM in Wesley Hall, the Loft. Children are invited come and learn skills, enjoy crafts, fun activities, and a lesson.
- **SR 56 WEDNESDAYS** for 5th & 6th Graders is back Wednesday, August 22, 6 - 7:30 PM in Wesley Hall, room 217. Come and join us on a Treasure Hunt with activities and fun.



**FACEBOOK!** Our Children's Ministries page is updated at least 5 times a week with current events. We are close to 500 likes and it is a super way to stay connected. Please stop by at [www.facebook.com/irckids](http://www.facebook.com/irckids)

**For more information about anything in Children's Ministries, please contact Linda at 321-213-1013 for additional information.**



MOPS

**MOPS OPEN HOUSE** is Monday, August 20 9:30-11:30 AM in Wesley Hall, Studio 153. Light refreshments will be served and there will be things to keep your little ones busy while you sign up for this year.

Our 2018/2019 MOPS year starts September 10, 9:30 - 11:30 AM in Wesley Hall. Our meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Monday every month (except December and April). The theme is "Find Your Fire!" will be a year to tend the fire in our hearts. To do this we will live expectantly, surrender daringly and breathe freely. Childcare is provided for each meeting and drop off starts at 9:15 AM.

Please visit MOPS of Titusville group on Facebook for future play dates. For more info contact our MOPS coordinator Darcia Bair at [Darcia9581@hotmail.com](mailto:Darcia9581@hotmail.com) or 765-621-6799. Check out their website at [www.titusvillemops.weebly.com](http://www.titusvillemops.weebly.com).

# REFUGE

STUDENT MINISTRIES

**EVERY SUNDAY, 9:30 - 10:30 AM** Middle and High School Students meet upstairs in Wesley Hall to learn about the history of the Bible and how it can be applicable to their lives. Funday School is August 26, 11 AM - Noon in the Refuge High School room, 215.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH** featuring KJ-52, Todd Bogue, Silent Echoes & Fiona Chalmers is Saturday, August 4, 5:30 - 9:00 PM at the YMCA. Tickets are \$10 early bird and \$15 at the door. Students will meet inside at the ticket booth. For Early Bird Tickets bring cash or checks (made out to IRCUMC) in an envelope with the students name on to the church office.



**FROBACK FRIDAY AT CRUISERS** August 10, 5 - 7 PM, 400 Main St. Titusville. Cost is \$10.

**WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 - 8:00 PM** Middle and High School in Wesley Hall, gym.

- August 22, Family Feud and Ice Cream Bar in Wesley Hall, gym.
- August 29 Art Night! Bring a potluck style dish to share. AFTER HOURS follows with video games and basketball or volleyball.

**TERRIOR NIGHT** is Friday, August 31 everyone wear their blue and yellow and meet at the THS football game at 7 PM in front of the ticket booth.



**ROCK THE UNIVERSE** is Saturday, September 8. We will meet at the church at 2:00 PM. Bus will leave at 2:45 PM and return to the church at 2 AM. Cost is \$69 per student plus additional money needed for food (\$20). Concessions are \$5- \$10 Meals are \$16 and up. Concert lineup includes: Casting Crowns, For the King and Country, Brandon Heath, Andy Mineo, Family Force Five, and Ryan Stevenson.

Deadline for money and youth's notarized health forms is Monday, August 20. Please turn money and health forms in to the church office or to Domenick. 20 spots are reserved on first come first serve. Here is the link to register:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepor0fs9-nmjz5Y2Ffyd4TN3FXkt6CzKu0cEeMtAOqZ8dqzw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepor0fs9-nmjz5Y2Ffyd4TN3FXkt6CzKu0cEeMtAOqZ8dqzw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

For more information on these activities, please contact Domenick Mucci, Student Ministry Leader, 321-222-0966 or [studentministryrefuge@gmail.com](mailto:studentministryrefuge@gmail.com).

## Care Ministry News

Bringing People to Jesus by  
Bringing Jesus to People!



### Am I Losing my mind or just my keys?



If you are a family caregiver for a loved one with a Progressive Dementia related disease, like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, or one who has suffered a stroke, if you are giving the gift of Dementia Caregiving, then you are aware of your unique challenges in caregiving.

Marjory "Leah" Michaels, MAT, is a Community Health Education Specialist and the owner of Dementia Alliance. She has served in the Dementia caregiving community for almost 20 years.

She is partnering with us to offer training to those family and friend caregivers of loved ones with a Progressive Dementia Related Disease, Family Caregiver Training Levels I and II along with a bimonthly support group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. These programs are open to the family and friend caregiving community.

Simply losing your keys, or occasionally misplacing any other item, forgetting the name of an individual you've know for years, or directions to or from a place you frequent often does not mean that you have a progressive Dementia Related Disease. More likely these moments of forgetfulness are caused by stress, distraction, dehydration, sleep deprivation or one of many common medications given to seniors.

If relatively common acts of forgetfulness begins to happen with more frequency to either you, a friend or loved one you are advised to seek medical attention for testing and evaluation as soon as possible.

Many people postpone seeking medical attention out of fear. This is quite understandable, but not advisable. Most causes of dementia can be treated with lifestyle choices ranging from food, rest, medications, proper hydration and/or identifying events in your life that are causing stress and distraction. Failing to seek a proper evaluation could lead these moments of forgetfulness to a permanent state of dementia.

Only, 35 to 40% of early signs of dementia are directly related to progressive dementia related diseases. Early diagnosis of any progressive dementia related disease or medical events allows you or your loved one the opportunity for treatments that can and will prolong the higher levels of brain function, quality of life and independence.

We invite you to sign up for our family caregiver training level I or II and to learn more and meet fellow caregivers at our support group. If you are interested in upcoming class or the support group contact Lisa Baggett.

The Dementia Alliance Support Group August meetings are August 14 & August 28 at 6:30 PM in the choir room .

**For more information about the Care Ministry please contact Lisa Baggett  
at [lbaggett@ircumc.com](mailto:lbaggett@ircumc.com) and/or 321-267-7922 X 24.**

## Adult Ministries



### M MOPS

MOPS

All moms of children from pregnancy through early elementary age are invited to attend one of the upcoming Open Houses to find out what MOPS is all about.

- Daytime MOPS: Monday, August 20, 9:30-11:30 AM, Wesley Hall, Studio 153. Children are welcome to join their moms.
- MOPS @ Night: Wednesday, August 22, 6:30-8:00 PM, Wesley Hall, Room 210. There will be activities for children and youth and a nursery for infants through PreK.

Check out all the MOPS events and activities on their FaceBook page: MOPS and MOMSnext of Titusville Group. Contact: Darcia Bair, Coordinator, at [darcia9581@hotmail.com](mailto:darcia9581@hotmail.com)

### BIG LAUNCH!

Join us for our Big Launch of Fall Activities, Bible Studies and Groups for ALL ages on Wednesday, August 22, 6:30-8:00 PM A \$5.00 Hot dog or Hamburger meal will be available from 6:00-6:30 PM in the breezeway outside Wesley Hall, Studio 153.



- Children: Nursery (6 weeks – VPK); Zip for Kids (K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade); SR56 (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade) Contact: Linda Benson, Children's Leader at [lbenson@ircumc.com](mailto:lbenson@ircumc.com).
- Youth: Refuge Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades, Wesley Hall. Contact: Domenick Mucci, Student Leader, [studentministryrefuge@gmail.com](mailto:studentministryrefuge@gmail.com)
- Adults: Bill's Bible Study (Sanctuary, 6:30-7:30 PM); Baggett's Study (Wesley Room 212); Illustrative Bible Journaling (Wesley Room 211); MOPS@Night (Wesley Room 210). Contact: Dawn Schissler, Adult Leader, [dschissler@ircumc.com](mailto:dschissler@ircumc.com).



**Library** The August Book Chat discussing "A Broken Kind of Beautiful" by Katie Ganshert is Friday, August 17, 11 AM in the library. Keep up to date with Library news on their FB page at IRCUMC Library. For information contact Linda at [misslinda4wv@gmail.com](mailto:misslinda4wv@gmail.com).

### Disciple Fast Track

Looking for a study that will take you deeper into God's Word and still fit into your busy schedule? Remember Who You Are" a study through the Old Testament Prophets (12 weeks) and Paul's Letters (12 weeks) begins this Fall. The study will be either on a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon depending upon interest. Friday session, 6:00-8:30 PM (includes supper) would begin 8/31 end 4/12 with a 6 week break in Nov/Dec. The Sunday session, 4:00-6:30 PM (includes supper) would begin 9/9 end 4/12. Sign the Welcome Sheet and indicate preferred day or contact: Dawn Schissler at [dschissler@ircumc.com](mailto:dschissler@ircumc.com)



**SIFORD SMALL GROUP (20S-30S)** meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 5:30 PM. For more information contact Kayla at [ksiford@gmail.com](mailto:ksiford@gmail.com).

For more information about Adult Ministry please contact,  
Dawn Schissler at [dschissler@ircumc.com](mailto:dschissler@ircumc.com) or at 321/267-7922 x20.

## Mission, Outreach and Hospitality News

Bringing People to Jesus by Bringing Jesus to People!

**VICTORY SPORTS HOSPITALITY** – Come and Welcome our community's children and their families to our campus for basketball and cheerleading on Monday Nights beginning August 20 through December 17 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in Wesley Hall. Five different groups of children start their sport every 30 minutes from 6:15 – 7:15 and our community families need our cheerful faces to greet them, help them find their way and be comfortable here. For questions or to sign up to serve please contact Jennifer Taylor; [jtaylor@ircumc.com](mailto:jtaylor@ircumc.com); 321-267-7922 x 17.

**SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR CLASSES** – Want to have comfortable spiritual conversations with anyone? This class provides God's perspective about loving people and trusting Him for the outcome of sharing Jesus. It will be for 6 weeks including an orientation and 5 weeks of study & application on September 10 – October 15. (Day of week not yet set) Sign up in the Bulletin or email Jennifer at [jtaylor@ircumc.com](mailto:jtaylor@ircumc.com).

**COQUINA ELEMENTARY** – Volunteering with several ways to serve:

- Mentoring ~ 1 hour or less at the school each week one on one. Men are greatly needed!
- Reading in the classroom to help with raising the reading levels of students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. ~ 1 hour per week.
- Adults to provide students with real-world learning on Fridays from 9:45 – 11:00 AM; Two half-hour presentations. Adults who can share their knowledge to teach students skills they will use in everyday life. Examples include dental hygiene, wellness, teach a fitness class, construction, baking, etc.
- The school can really use volunteers to be present to help make sure of the students' going and coming during lunch time. If you can give one hour or two per week to help with this process, especially as school is starting (begins August 10<sup>th</sup>), please let me know. With 5 volunteers doing this for 2 hours per week (1 day), in just being present, we can help make life better for our students and faculty. The Lunch times will be from 10:20 AM – 12:30 PM.
- One time serves also come up during the year such as School Picture Day, Vision and Hearing Screening and distributing our Palm Sunday clothing donations.

All volunteers need to be approved Brevard Public School volunteer at the A+ level. Funds are available to assist with this if needed. For questions contact Jennifer Taylor at [jtaylor@ircumc.com](mailto:jtaylor@ircumc.com) or 321-267-7922 x 17.

The web link to register and pay for the background check is:

[http://www.edline.net/pages/Brevard County Schools/Departments/Departments A-J/District and School Security/Volunteer/Registered Volunteer Applicati](http://www.edline.net/pages/Brevard%20County%20Schools/Departments/Departments_A-J/District%20and%20School%20Security/Volunteer/Registered%20Volunteer%20Applicati)

Those who know they want to volunteer please contact Kim Harris, assistant principal at [Harris.Kimberly@brevardschools.org](mailto:Harris.Kimberly@brevardschools.org) and she will find a good fit. Coquina staff welcomes you!

**LEBANON MISSION TRIP May 30 – June 8, 2019** first team meeting with Leader, Fawzi, is Tuesday, September 4; 5:30 PM in the Chapel. The team will be staying with a local church and serving in the refugee camps. For more information, please contact Jennifer Taylor for more information at [jtaylor@ircumc.com](mailto:jtaylor@ircumc.com); office phone: 321-267-7922 x 17 or text 321-544-0147.

**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION** hosted by the Brevard Partnership is Wednesday, August 19, 2 PM at the Titusville Civic Center, 4420 S. Hopkins Ave. To attend or for more information call 321-752-4650 x3031 or [Christina.Gagum@brevardfp.org](mailto:Christina.Gagum@brevardfp.org).

**For more information about Missions, Outreach, or Hospitality  
please contact Jennifer Taylor at 267-7922 x17 or [jtaylor@ircumc.com](mailto:jtaylor@ircumc.com).**

## DIVORCE CARE



Divorce Care for separated/divorced people looking for healing and hope begins Wednesday, August 15, 6:00 - 8:15 PM at Park Avenue Baptist. This is a free 13-week course. The workbook is a \$5 donation. Child care is available with reservation. To register or for more information contact Jeannette Ahmie at 321-626-9320.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry presented 30 throws which were prayed over during the services on July 15. Charlene Robinson is taking them to the Lake City home for abused children. In addition, 18 shawls/throws were picked up by congregation members for others in need.

Students and experts are invited to join the group anytime to knit or crochet prayer shawls for people in need!

Daytime Prayer Shawl Gathering is Wednesday, August 15, 10 AM in Wesley Hall, Studio 153. For more info contact Judy Reynolds, 267-1722; judyr2@cfl.rr.com.

Evening Prayer Shawl Gathering is Tuesday, August 28, 6:30 PM in Wesley Hall. For more info contact Debbie Miner; 269-1926; minerdl@cfl.rr.com.

If you know of someone needing the encouragement of a prayer shawl or throw, contact Judy Reynolds at 267-1722 or judyr2@cfl.rr.com or Lisa at 267-7922 x24.

## PRISON BOOK PROJECT



Thank you, Indian River City UMC, for helping us get Bible and Christian books into the hands of Chaplains and inmates across this country. Lives are being saved and it is because of you. Your support has helped us send 120,000 books to prisons and jails so far this year. Our goal this year is to 52 facilities, one for each week of the year. To add new facilities and take them off the waiting list, increases shipping expenses and man power. We send as many Bible and books as our budget will allow.

The following is an excerpt from an inmate's letter showing how powerful the Word of God is in any form:

*As I stood at the officer's station waiting for her signature, an officer started yelling for me to get away from her coffee. She shouted, "But you're breathing." My response "I wish I wasn't." Returning to my laundry room job, I began to list the reasons I would be better off dead. The seed of suicide had been planted.*

*Over the next four months, I sought counselling from a mental health professional, but the seed grew and became an obsession. I saw myself useless to God, myself and others... I had my plans, set the date, gave away my possessions, counting days of my final week, I decided to ask the chaplain the aspects and consequences of suicide. The next day she gave me a coloring book and pencils. I thought I had no intention of returning to a childhood pastime. When paging through it the scripture from Psalm 22:19 caught my attention, "Lord, do not be far from me, You are my strength: come quickly to help me." Through this ordeal I had not called on God.*

*I began coloring and re-reading the scripture. After a while, I realized I was not thinking death, but what color should I use next. In the following days whenever suicidal thoughts invaded I began coloring. Well my "date" passed last week and I'm still here. My counselor asked me "What was the turning point?" The Coloring Book.*

Thank You,  
Ray and Joyce Hall & the entire PBP Team



Brett & Amy Gadapee	08/01
Heather & Chad Parman	
Don & Daphne Shirey	08/02
Joel & Marilyn Parker	
Earl & Glinda Gilbert	08/03
Kenny & Candi Neuweiler	08/04
Betty & Joe Evans	
Bill & Ilene Kidd	08/05
Al & Sharon Sowash	
Thomas & Kimberly Dahn	08/06
Jack & Peggy Cochran	
William & Janet Thompson	08/07
Don & Retha Staller	
Matt & Maggie Boffo	
Matt & Makenna Diesel	
Jim & Susan Hagan	
Pete & Michele Marti	
Bruce & Becky Baker	08/09
Sue & Allan Cerialo	08/11
Julie & Matthew White	08/12
Bob & Faye Boswell Sr.	08/13
David & Jean Tripp	08/14
Mike & Pamela Sowers	08/16
Ken & Linda Hooks	
Jeff & Karen Morris	
Kathleen & Bill Koenig	08/18
Kenton & Ann Smith Sr.	08/19
Greg & Kathy Sparkman	08/20
Sid & Norma Warren	
Bob & Margo Tompkins	08/22
Brett & Marion Cooper	08/24
Jim & Carrie Ter Keurst	08/25
Crandall & LeAnne Cunningham	08/26
Robert & Carol Tonner	08/27
Lonna & Joe Moran	08/28
Jim & Lynn Nolan	08/29
James & Judy Griffith	

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



United Methodist Women's Style Show with clothing from Bon Worth is Saturday, August 18, 10 AM in Wesley Hall. This will be a FUN morning visiting, eating, and viewing new fashions.

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat is the weekend of September 7 - 9 at Fruitland Park. The theme is Sacred Spaces with retreat leader, Rev. Vidalis Lopez, Associate Pastor, United Methodist Church, Coral Gables and Youth Leader, Kenya Monroe.

For more information about these events contact Becky Baker at 321-267-5417.

## WOMEN ALONE



Women Alone a group for women who have lost their spouse, will not meet in August. Resumes meetings on Sunday, September 23, 4 PM. Mark your calendars.

For more information contact Sharon McClelland, facilitator, 383-8868.



Meets all Saturdays in in August providing minor repairs on cars owned by single moms, widows, and others in need of help keeping their vehicles in running shape from 9 AM - Noon in the West Parking Lot! The ministry welcomes anyone who would like to help work on cars! For more information contact Mark Peterson at markathleen@yahoo.com.





At the completion of the first six months of 2018, we continue to have a reserve going forward. It has been reduced, but we still have the reserve.

Our historical trends indicate that September and October are the lowest months for receipts. However, October and November are the highest months for expenditures as the final bills for the summer activities are paid. By your faithful giving and stewardship with our spending, we currently have the reserve to fund any shortfalls we have in the coming months.

Please continue to pray for the resources of the church (time, talents and treasures), and how we can faithfully continue to fulfill our needs as we follow God’s calling.

**Laurie Blair**  
Church Accountant  
lblair@ircumc.com

June 2018				
	Monthly	YTD	Capital Improvements	
Operating Income	\$ 79,130.82	\$ 530,460.74	Beginning Balance	\$ 48,330.52
Operating Expenses	\$ 82,427.42	\$ 498,665.45	Monthly Income	\$ 2,335.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ (3,296.60)</b>	<b>\$ 31,795.29</b>	Monthly Expenses	\$ 3,138.00
			<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 47,527.52</b>
Operating/Designated Cash Assets:			Second Mile Giving	
Total Cash Accounts:	\$	541,387.32	Missionary Support	\$ 1,405.00
Designated Accounts:	\$	(286,475.25)	Food Pantry	\$ 604.00
<b>Cash Flow Balance:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>254,912.07</b>	UM Children's Home	\$ 105.00
These are special donations that are above and beyond the regular tithe				

## MEN AT WORK



The Men at Work have been busy doing exterior painting of fascia and soffits, trimmed bushes along the back of the property, repaired bathroom light and fan and repaired closet shelf.

*I heard someone talking about the Men at Work and what a great job they had done doing some yard work in her yard. She said "they were very professional and polite." She was extremely pleased with the outcome.*

This volunteer ministry for men provides fellowship time and allows them to use their Handyman and Yard Skills to provide simple repairs and assistance, not requiring the skills of a licensed person. They welcome any men who would like to join them.

Men at Work Brochures are available in the worship lobbies and in the church office along with Agreement/Request forms. Requests are reviewed for feasibility. The men volunteer their time and not all requests can be met. They are not for people needing immediate help. For more information, contact Men at Work at 321-607-2092 or E-mail: Menatwork@ircumc.com.