

Florida Mission Team

Our missions team just returned from an effort led by the Florida Conference of the United Methodist church to aid in the recovery after Hurricane Ian in SW Florida in September 2022. Our team focused on helping rebuild a home in Port Charlotte, north of Ft. Myers, severely damaged in that storm.

The homeowner had lived in her house for almost five months without an intact roof; water had damaged much of the inside contents and caused marked problems with mold. Earlier groups had done the "demo" work tearing out rotten insulation and discarding the moldy items. Aside from a Minnesota team reconstructing a new roof in February, our mission team was the first to do repair work on the house's inside. Our team provided solid carpentry skills in doing the work.



The homeowner, a 67 year old single woman without homeowner's insurance, was extremely grateful for the work and effort our team provided. The mission trip included 4 ½ days of working and 1 ½ days of traveling by church bus each way to the destination (April 1-9). It was coordinated with the Florida Conference of the UMC.

Team members included Jim Hardy (team leader) and Mary Ann, Lyman Bowker, Jim Giles, Bill Henry, Greg Hinkel, Jim Michel, Roger Roach, and Greg and Becky Smith. Bowker and Giles joined from Kern UMC. See more photos at fumcor.org.



Torah Bible Study Starts Monday

After Easter, Pastor Mark will lead a six-week, daily study covering the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, using his "The Bible For Critical Thinkers" resource. This one-hour class will be offered virtually on Monday nights beginning Monday, April 17 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

You can download the resource here (or visit <https://fumcor.org/thinkers/>) =>



The same material will be covered with an in-person class beginning Wednesday, April 19 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. You do not need a background in studying scripture to participate; all are welcome. However, it will be important for participants in both classes to have studied the first week of daily readings prior to the first class. "The Bible For Critical Thinkers" is available both electronically and as a printed resource. Please contact our church office for a free copy.



Considering our last two outdoor worship services have been moved indoors due to inclement weather, we thought it best to remind everyone that we will have worship this Sunday morning RAIN OR SHINE! We still have high hopes that the sun will be shining, but even if that is not the case, we will...

- have one worship service beginning at 11 am, pre-service music at 10:45 a.m.,
- utilize both contemporary and traditional styles in our worship,
- launch our new sermon series "I Don't Believe in That God Either,"
- share a hot dog lunch together following worship, and have inflatables for the kids.

It would be wonderful to be outside in the sun, but regardless of the weather, we will have a great day because we will be together!

In Sympathy:

Funeral service information for

Dr. Jim Horton:

Receiving of Friends is on Friday, April 14, from 5-7 p.m. at Weatherford Mortuary with the funeral service at 7 p.m.

In the Hospital:

Ken Kile (MMC)

Dismissed:

Linda Houlberg
(to Select Specialty Hospital at Fort Sanders)

Our Giving

Weekly offering:	\$55,899
2023 YTD offering:	\$428,029
2022 YTD offering:	\$428,808
Missions offering:	\$ 1183.00

Worship for April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

Sermon: Tired Of Apologizing For A Church We Are Not

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
Preaching: Rev. Mark Flynn



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Confirmation Sunday is April 23

We are excited to celebrate this year's new confirmands on April 23! Please join with us in one of the three services as this group of young people dedicate themselves to the Lord and the church. These young people have spent the school year learning what it means to be a part of the church and, as a result, have decided to become members. We are so excited to see what God has in store for them! And we are grateful for all of those God has used to lead them through this faith journey. Support them by being present on April 23!

Missions Offering for April

United Way recently distributed more than 1,000 lbs of food to local food pantries. While that sounds like a huge amount, one food pantry representative told us this: "This is so helpful! Many of us have been buying food ourselves at full price because of how limited our options are. We are continuing to see more clients than ever and often have bare shelves when we open our doors.

Thank you for giving generously to ensure those who are hungry and struggling in this community feel God's love through the simplicity of cereal, macaroni and cheese or a can of soup.

Hands-On Mission: Flood Buckets for Zimbabwe

Beginning May 1, we will be providing 5 gallon buckets for you to pick up and fill with a specific list of items. The cost to fill the bucket is \$35 - \$40.

All items are available at a grocery store and are not brand or type specific. We ask that the buckets be returned by May 21. See Ryan Asher, Susan Garrott or Denna Hornby for more information.

New AED Units Installed

With funds provided by the Enduring Gifts Committee, our Trustees have installed three automated external defibrillators (AED) in our building. The devices are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. Although sophisticated medical devices, they are easy to use. The devices analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

The AEDs are located outside the sanctuary, easily accessible to the third floor; to the right of the water fountain across from the Fellowship Hall entrance; and outside Room 117, near the Keystone rooms.

Pastors Mark Flynn, lead • Jenny Caughman, spiritual care • Denna Hornby, associate

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