

# NEWS & VIEWS

TUSKAWILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## A Word From Our Pastor

### Final Thoughts

Here I sit, reflecting on what to write to all of you in my last column. This is not an easy task, for how can I fit five years worth of lessons and love into just a few paragraphs? Well, as always, my mother helped me put things in perspective. She came for a visit over Memorial Day weekend to see our parsonage one last time and worship at Tuskawilla again before we move. We were on our way to lunch after worship when she said, "That service sure was different." "What do you mean different?" I asked. "Different from the first time I worshiped here five years ago," she replied. She went on to express her impressions on how much our church had transformed over the last few years. She said that she could hear it in the music, see it on your faces, and experience it in my preaching.

I don't believe it is presumptuous to agree with my mother. She was right. TUMC is a different church than it was five years ago. You are stronger, healthier, wiser, and better equipped to be the church God has destined you to be. Your transformation is a testament to your faithfulness and openness to God. Many of you had a life wish for TUMC and never gave up on your church. As with any transformative process, we experienced some difficult times, but we hung in there, knowing that God was pruning and preparing us for the future.

It is easy for me to see the similarities between the church's growth and my personal growth. These similarities are not coincidental. Pastoral care experts have known for years that a church often reflects its pastor's personal development (and vice versa). I am also different than I was five years ago. I have grown along with you. As a result of the many lessons I have learned as your pastor, I am better equipped for God's future for me. An old, wise retired preacher once took me aside when I was an associate pastor at First UMC of Lakeland and explained to me that each appointment I would have would be one piece to an entire mosaic of ministry. He said when I retired I would look at the mosaic and see how God put all the pieces together. Thank you for contributing to my growth as a preacher, a Christian, and a human being. I will be forever indebted to you for your influence upon my life.

I leave you with the blessing I have given to you for the last five years: "May the mind that was in Christ Jesus be in you also. May the love of God, our heavenly Father, abide with you always. May the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit fall fresh upon you. And may the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ go with you and sustain you both now and forevermore. Amen."

With Great Expectations,

Charley Reeb, Pastor

**JUNE 2008**

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### Thank You Pastor Charley (Time Well Spent!)

While it is sad to see you leave, it is with gladness of heart and great anticipation that we wish you God speed. You leave us with such hope and the belief that we will continue to prosper as a church as we work together doing God's work. We will revisit the five years you spent with us time and time again through the prayers, sermons, studies and personal times shared. Know that your love for life and your laughter which certainly helped us through rough times, will be missed. So as we say goodbye to you and Brandy, we pray for you both, a wonderful life ahead. Thank you, Pastor Charley, with our love!

TUMC

## **ECWP- Early Childhood Weekday Program**

*ECWP - Early Childhood Weekday Programs is a ministry at Tuskawilla UMC for its members and the community. We are committed to provide not only a positive social and educational experience for your child but also to spread the message of Christianity to God's children.*

### **SUMMER CAMP**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Groups: ages 2 years - 7 years

**June 30 - July 3 ... Celebrate the USA**

**July 7 - July 10 ... Safari Adventure**

**July 14 - July 17 ... Splish, Splash**

**July 21 - July 24 ... My 5 Senses Blast**

ECWP Fall Registration continues daily. There are still available slots for the next school year. ECWP also offers VPK classes. Call the school at 407-699-6012 for more information regarding this and other activities at the school.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN AT TUMC**

The TUMC United Methodist Women are:

- ~ A community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.
- ~ Develop a creative supportive fellowship.
- ~ Expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

What could be more exciting than that??

The UMW group at TUMC is a loving group of women that are eager to see new faces and share the Love of Jesus Christ. We have a few projects that are near and dear to us.

First - The Food Pantry is in need of products!! Pick up your shopping list or post it note with Food Pantry needs in the Narthex and bring the food, etc. from Sunday, June 1.

Next - The TUMC library is a plan. Get in on the ground floor to help make this "self sufficient" mission project come to fruition.

## **SUPER SENIORS**

Please join the Super Seniors on June 5 for their monthly time of fun and fellowship! Please bring your favorite dish to share at noon in the Fellowship Hall. For information about the group you may contact Larry VanOre at 407-695-7602.





# J<sup>#</sup>A<sup>#</sup>M<sup>#</sup>N MINISTRY

*The Children's Ministries of Tuskawilla United Methodist*

**Power Lab is almost here!!** – Vacation Bible School is almost here and spaces are limited (only 20 remaining). VBS is for children age 3 -5<sup>th</sup> grade and will take place June 23-27, from 9-12. Cost is \$10.00/child and \$25.00 for families. If you volunteer for the week **and are accepted as a volunteer**, your child can attend for free. Nursery is provided for volunteers. You can register online at [www.tumcfl.org](http://www.tumcfl.org) I hope to see your child at POWER LAB!

**SONshine NEWS** – Children ages 3 (who are toilet trained) - 2nd grade are invited to come and join in fellowship with one another during the 11:00 worship service. Children wanting to attend must be registered by an adult in the church narthex prior to the 11:00 service. Immediately following the children's moment the children are escorted to the Fellowship Hall for the remainder of the hour. **ALL** children must be picked up and signed out by a parent or responsible adult.

**Tweens Talk It Out!** – Students in grades 3-5 are invited to join Kelli O'Reilly for a discussion group. Topics are all easy to relate too and fun! Talk It Out! will meet in Room 26 immediately following the Children's Moment at the 11:00 service. Children will be brought to the Fellowship Hall for pick-up by a parent.

**CHERUB & TUSKAWILLA YOUNG MUSICIANS** – Each Wednesday night in June, children age 3 -5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come and sing, dance, share and have FUN! We meet in the choir room from 6:00-7:00. **We will be performing June 15 and June 29 at the 11:00 service.** Friends are always welcome!

## Upcoming events & Announcements

**Summer Events** – Please continue checking the bulletin and website weekly for announcements on summer programs for the children.

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING IS COMING!** – All volunteers and those interested in working with VBS this summer must attend the last training meeting on June 22 at 2:00. We will go over important information and decorate for POWER LAB! **Be ready to make a difference in the life of a child!!**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING** – There will be a teacher meeting Sunday, June 1, in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30-2:00. Please bring a bag lunch. **RSVP BEFORE MAY 29.**

**SADDLE** - *"Please take me home."* A saddle was donated last year for VBS, but I don't know to whom it belongs. Please contact the church if this saddle belongs to you.

## THANK YOU TUMC

During the past several months we at TUMC have been called to mourn the passing of several members of our church family. These persons have all been good servants of God and indeed members of good standing in our church as for many years they shared their various gifts and graces with us.

The families of those who have died all expressed how overwhelmed they are and continue to be by the outpouring of love and support that was shown to them during their time of grief. They have all shared that the prayers and concerns help immeasurably in helping to make better this sad time in their lives.

With heartfelt thanks to all at TUMC from the families of:

**Irene Jones; Ray Holton; Steve Ireland & Doug Davey.**

**THANK YOU TUMC!**

# YOUTH AT TUMC

## Tuskawilla Youth Receive Honors and Awards for the School Year, 2007/2008

**Crooms Academy of Information Technology:** *Jessica Springer*, President's Honor Roll; Student of the Month; *Syrena Whetzel*, Tech-prep college credit

**Hagerty High School:** *Cassie Schuchart*, Honor Roll, Florida Technical Writing Competition-Honorable Mention; Huskie Marching Band-4<sup>th</sup> place competition

**Homeschool:** *Amanda Palmeira*, Florida Academic Bright Futures Scholarship

**Indian Trails Middle School:** *Brianna Tague*, Walt Disney's Dreamer and Doer

**Jackson Heights Middle School:** *Christine Downs*, FCA Servant Athlete of the Year; ROTC-3<sup>rd</sup> place; *Kaitlyn Schuchart*, Writing featured in "Paw Prints" Literary Magazine; *Vanessa Schuchart*, Honor Roll; Beta Club; FBA Band Competition - Superior Award; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Science Fair

**Lake Howell High School:** *Michael Bessmer*, Honor Roll; Math Club; *Jennah Hughes*, Perfect Lexile Score (Reading); 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Dead Frog Box; Theater Company role in "Empire Records"

**Sanford Middle School:** *Britta Gorman*, Community Service Award (over 100 hours); Honor Roll

**South Seminole Middle School:** *Matt Childs*, 1<sup>st</sup> Language Arts Student of the Month; Honor Roll

**The Master's Academy:** *Grayson Dannecker*, Presidential Physical Fitness Award; *Erik Kelsey*, Honor Roll; Florida's Young Scholars; Soccer Team - 2<sup>nd</sup> place; *Kristin Kelsey*, Soccer Coaches Award; Soccer Team - 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Tuskawilla Middle School:** *Elizabeth Glavin*, Duke Talent Identification Program State Recognition; Honor Roll; All-State Chorus; JNHS; *Grant Glavin*, Superior - Vocal Solo & Ensemble Competition ; Male Honor Choir; All-State Chorus: *Donnie Herrin*, Reading Award: *Nick Keene*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Nerd Day, *Jacob Michaels*, Honor Roll: *Emilee Moore*, 1<sup>st</sup> place - T-ball intramurals

*Jessica Moore*, Honor Roll; Junior National Honor Society; Award for research - global warming: *Rachel Plamp*, Hunny Bears Dance Team for 2008 - Winter Springs HS; Honors Award; Honor Roll

**Winter Park High School:** *Torie Cunningham*, Wildcats Marching Band - Superior Award in competition

**Winter Springs High School:** *Ricky Courtney*, Honor Roll; JV Lacrosse Captain, *Patrick Mills*, 4.5 on FCAT Writes; *Zack Plamp*, Perfect Lexile Score (Reading)

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATING CLASS OF 2008!

**Jonathan Bollback** - Winter Springs High School - Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary

**Amy Brubaker** - Trinity Preparatory School - University of Virginia

**Lisa Brubaker** - Trinity Preparatory School - Carnegie Mellon University

**Janssen Dannecker** - The Master's Academy - University of Central Florida

**Dace Martinez** - Oviedo High School - Tallahassee Community College

**Suzy Dupree** - Winter Springs High School - University of Central Florida

**Patrick O'Reilly** - Oviedo High School - Tallahassee Community College

**Victoria Rainford** - Lake Howell High School - Seminole Community College

**Sarah Cox** - Elon University - BA in English w/minor in Art

**Abby Holmes** - University of North Florida - Psychology w/minor in Religious Studies

**Erica Even** - University of Central Florida - Nursing

**Robin Schindler** - Master of Architecture

## TUMC YOUTH IN ACTION

### WELCOME, SUMMER INTERNS!

They were so excited to begin serving in youth ministry that they started part-time before their starting dates! I am so excited to have the privilege of working with such committed and called summer interns!

**Kevin Matthew Dupree (Matt)** just completed his freshman year at the University of Central Florida, and was active in InterVarsity Campus Ministry as a participant as well as a worship leader. Next school year Matt was hired as a Resident Assistant in his on-campus dormitory. Matt is returning for his second summer of internship, is gifted at developing personal relationships with the youth, playing guitar and singing, and articulating his faith. Matt's focus in ministry this summer will primarily be high school and middle school males.

**Nicole LaMott (Nikki)** just completed her freshman year at Seminole Community College and was active in InterVarsity Campus Ministry at UCF. Nikki has been serving as a very part-time intern this school year, and is returning for a second year as a full-time summer intern. Nikki has the gifts of compassion and empathy, and is a talented small-group leader, because of her ability to listen. Nikki will be a great leader as she serves the middle school and high school girls this summer.

**Pearson Dannecker** is entering his junior year at Oviedo High School, and has an abundance of enthusiasm for serving in ministry. Pearson will be serving 25 hours a week in youth ministry if we can keep him away! He is gifted with computer skills and is such a charismatic personality that he draws a listening ear. Pearson's areas of focus in ministry this summer are administrative and serving the middle school males. Greet our interns as you see them at work, and praise God for his provision!

### LOCAL OUTREACH - YOUTH MINISTRIES

On Saturday, May 17, Heavenly Expressions Dance ministry and Holy Hands Signing Choir had an opportunity to reach out to the community at the Caribbean/American Celebration at Oviedo Presbyterian Church. Heavenly Expressions danced to "Caribbean Medley" by Donnie McClurkin, and had the crowd clapping in time, while Holy Hands signed the very upbeat "Victory Chant" by the same artist. Both numbers were choreographed by Sheree and Shereth Dalhouse. Sheree and Shereth, of our College and Career Ministry, also shared three traditional Jamaican songs which included audience participation. The church family welcomed our students and was touched by their worship. Praise God for the continued effective witness of our youth and college students as they use their talents to serve Christ!

## TUMC MISSIONS 2008

June is a month that has so many things going on that it's hard to choose just one to talk about. The mid-high youth group heads to Atlanta for their Team Effort Mission Trip and any support any of you might be able to give is greatly appreciated. Also, the senior high's leave in July for their annual mission trip to the Choctaw reservation and again your support is needed. Now, when I say support I don't only mean financial but your prayers are especially helpful as they prepare for a long drive and living conditions that are fun for a couple of days but tend to be a bit trying in the middle of summer for any length of time.

But the most important area right now is whatever support you all can give to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). They, either alone or in partnership with a local organization, are always one of the first relief agencies on the ground in any catastrophe. And the earth has had some major happenings this year. If you feel called to help this organization, it's very easy. Just go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) and you will find ways to help.

You are a blessing.

*TUMC Missions Team*



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

1 June Collins, Donnie Herrin, Dalton Nowlen, Doug Peters  
2 Christine Crowley, Jack Hughes  
3 Tabitha Chambers  
4 Dawn Corton, Mike Mason, Amanda Palmeira, Grace Politsch  
5 Keith Bailey, Charles Irby, Sam Stornelli  
6 Casey Lane, Sarah Love, Gregory Parrott  
7 Lynn Campbell  
9 Debra Dukes, Sarah Ferrer, Gil Hyde, Alex Lilly, Donna Morris  
10 Jeanne Hand, Nick Ray, Samantha Whitley  
11 Jonathan Scheel  
12 Jessica Moore  
13 Jim Dukes  
14 Bill Duncan, Rob Moore, Carol Nelson  
15 Monica Wyrick  
16 Pearson Dannecker  
17 Joan Thomas  
18 Ernie Voda  
19 Bob Seltzer  
21 Lynda Holcomb  
22 Diane Rothrock  
23 Jamie Jones, Bob Lamkay  
24 Yuriko Wells  
25 Joseph Bloodworth, Judy Walker  
26 Sonia Hamilton, Sally Hendricks, Patrick Mills  
27 Todd Curtin, Jan Kerlin, Ashley Lilly  
28 Christina Falcone, Marie Zitza  
30 Duncan Graham, Chelsea Long, Krista Ross

3 Horace & Thelma Powell  
4 Stuart & Gianna Cooley, Will & Andrea Pender, Oliver & Phyllis Walter  
6 Daniel & Amy Moore, Otilio & Dorothy Smith  
7 Brian & Dawn Corton  
9 Tom & Sheryl Love  
12 Chuck & Marti Aldridge  
14 Jim & Donna Morris, Fred & Carol Wascura  
17 Mike & Holly Mason  
22 Gail & Carol Wiginton  
23 Peter & Christine Crowley  
29 Dave & Suzanne Chambers, Rich & Martha Graves



## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The July Newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, June 19, 2008**. For your convenience, you can E-mail your Newsletter articles to [office@tumcfl.org](mailto:office@tumcfl.org) or fax it to 407-699-9419. The church office reserves the right to edit any contributed articles for length and clarity.



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**A LOOK AT TUMC IN JUNE**

**Sunday, June 8 - Farewell Reception for Pastor Charley & Brandy**

**June 15 - Father's Day - Cherub & TYM Choirs singing**

**June 15 - 21 - Youth on TEAMEffort Mission Trip**

**June 23 - 27 - Vacation Bible School - Power Lab**

**June 29 - Pastor Charley's last Sunday at TUMC**

*The Cherub and TYM Choirs will be performing at the 11:00 am service on June 29.*