

NEWS & VIEWS

TUSKAWILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BELONG, GROW & SERVE AT TUMC

What a time it has been to Belong, Grow and Serve at TUMC over the last several weeks. We opened the Pumpkin Patch early in the month to the community, and what a wonderful time of sharing that was. Our children's choir visited the Pumpkin Patch and sang several songs. A true delight that was for the children and visitors alike. Our children's choir continues to grow and flourish with Kelli and Joseph as they meet each week.

Each Wednesday evening in October, an average of thirty-five members attended The Way of Methodism Class led by Pastor Craig. This five week study taught about the different facets of the United Methodist Church to include its History and Theology. Youth and adults attended these sessions and the interaction was remarkable.

Our District Superintendent, Dr. Wayne Wiatt presided over our Annual Charge Conference which drew a rather healthy attendance and from which, we had many new faces step up to be leaders. Thanks to the hard working Lay Leadership Committee under Pastor Craig.

Later in the month, thirteen members piled into the church bus and headed to 1st UMC of Lakeland to attend Radical Hospitality, a Conference sponsored workshop designed to educate UMC believers on how to welcome and invite guests to the church. A wonderful time of fellowship and learning was enjoyed by all.

Not to be undone and with the energy that only youth can boast, *AMPLIFY* - TUMC Youth group - distributed about 70 bottles of water to persons at Red Bug Lake Park. They came back with a new attitude about serving and the drive to do this again soon.

TUMC, you have exhibited the willingness, the determination and the drive to be a beacon for this community and a place where many can come and be fed. We press on, as much still needs to be done, but we are on the path to do what we have been commissioned.

Shalom!

UPCOMING SERMONS BY REV. CRAIG

- Nov. 9 - 1st Chronicles 4: 9-10 - "Greenspan, I Mean God Span"
- Nov. 16 - 2nd Chronicles 20: 5 - 17 - "Whose Battle Is It?"
- Nov. 30 - Mark 13: 32 - 37 - "Guess Who's Coming to Town?" (*Unity Sunday*)
- Dec. 7 - John 5: 1 - 9 - "After So Many Years"
- Dec. 21 - Matthew 11: 2 - 6 - "Are You The One?"
- Dec. 24 - Matthew 1:18 - 25 - "The Presence of Love" - *Christmas Eve*

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"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth your salvation among all nations."

Psalms 67: 1 - 2

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.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAME TO VISIT ECWP



Oh, that is a big fire truck! I am not sure I want to go in the truck, Mr. Fireman. My teacher is going to climb in with me. Oh good!



This looks a bit scary!



We learned about safety from the fireman!

If you are looking for a place for your preschool aged child, look no further than ECWP/TUMC. We have a program geared to suit your child's needs. Please call the school office at 407-699-6012 for more information on this ministry at TUMC.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Library Donations

Our sincere thanks to those who already dropped off their donations for the library. We appreciate your early response. We are still accepting donations so please take a look through your own collections of books, DVDs, and music and donate as you feel led. We thank you sincerely for your generosity.



Greeting Cards

Do you know of someone who needs to be encouraged or uplifted? The United Methodist Women have a wonderful Greeting Card Ministry, but we need your help to make it work. Email or call us with the name and address of someone who could use a word of encouragement at umw@tumcfl.org or call Mindy at 407.222.4792. Be sure to include the name and complete mailing address, as well as brief details so we will know which type card to send.

SUPER SENIORS

Please join the Super Seniors at noon on November 6, for their monthly time of fun and fellowship! Our special guest will be Chris Ohalek who will bring his K-9 service animal for a discussion and demonstration. 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*A*M'n Kids Ministry

The Children's Ministry at Tuskawilla UMC

The children's events calendar is posted on the church website. Please check frequently for updates to events and outings. The web address is: www.tumcfl.org

ART APPRECIATION AND INSTRUCTION AT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



On November 2 during the Sunday school hour, Daryl Golden, a talented artist and instructor of children's workshops at Crealde School of Art in Winter Park, will be sharing her love of art with Sunday school students. Daryl has answered God's call to work with our children and will be leading them through fun art activities, once a month during the Sunday school hour. Your child will not want to miss this. Welcome Daryl to the children's ministry family!

FAMILY POTLUCK LUNCH FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please bring a dish and join us on November 2, at 12:30 for a fellowship lunch and making of the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Please call Kelli 407-699-8155 ext. 20 to register your family!



Register for the "Mom and Me Safety Seminar" to be held on November 9, from 12:30-3:00pm. Mr. Kyle Segall and his team will be sharing their skills and knowledge on safety with our children. The event is FREE and is open to children ages 2-18! RESERVATIONS are required and must be made before November 5!



A "SLIME TIME" THANK YOU!

Thanks to all those who assisted with our Slime Time Festival with your time, talent, and donations. We could not have done it without you!

STEWARDSHIP

Our Church will be hosting its first Financial Peace University life changing program beginning the second week of January, 2009. This is a 13 week program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and experience a total money make over. It meets one night a week for two exciting hours. Financial Peace University will be an important step to changing your financial future! It takes the head knowledge from the books and turns it into real action.

Who is it for?

It is for everyone! Financial Peace University provides Biblically based common sense education and empowerment which gives HOPE to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed. It is not just for those who are in debt. Over 300,000 families in over 11,000 churches have attended Financial Peace University classes and found a new freedom in managing the resources that God has provided.

On average these families have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during this 91-day program! Where else can you get that kind of return on a small investment? Look for more information on this upcoming Financial Peace University program in the church newsletters and bulletins. Make sure you are part of this upcoming event.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2008

2008 Operating Budget		\$795,892
2007 Insurance Carryover		<u>26,090</u>
	2008 Total Annual Budget	\$821,982
2008 Operating Budget YTD		\$679,716
2008 Income - Contributed to Date		<u>578,387</u>
	Over/Under Operating Budget YTD	(\$101,329)
2008 Apportionments - Assigned by UMC Conference		\$51,043
2008 Apportionments - Paid to date	20%	10,500
2008 Children's Home - Paid to date	17%	2,065

LEADERSHIP TRAINING & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

All roads lead to Ormond Beach on Saturday, November 15. Another training session on Radical Hospitality will be held at the 1st UMC of Ormond Beach. If you missed the session at Lakeland in October, here is another opportunity for you to attend this Florida conference sponsored training. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

DISCIPLE II

Disciple II classes begin on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm and runs for approximately 32 weeks. This study expands on Disciple I and provides an in depth look at the Bible while it enhances the “small group” system of Methodism. If you participated in Disciple I previously, here is an opportunity to follow up with this amazing study of the Good News. Please contact Mindy Moretz at 407 - 222 - 4792.

BIBLE STUDY FOR 20's & 30's

A Bible Study by Andy Stanley “God’s Blueprint for Developing and Maintaining Vision” will begin on Thursday, November 6 for 20’s and 30’s. This study is geared toward young adults from early 20’s who seek to have Jesus Christ at the center of their life as they map out their life’s journey. This first study and others will address major life decisions individuals in this age group are faced with as it relates to family, relationships and their careers. Ivan and Anna Gonzalez will be leading this class. Please call the church office at 407-699-8155 for more information.

PUMPKIN PATCH AT TUMC - OCTOBER 2008



PSST... ADULTS THE YOUTH GOT YOU BEAT! OH YEAH!



HEY, WHO WOULD HAVE IMAGINED OFFLOADING PUMPKINS WAS SO MUCH FUN? THERE WAS A JOB FOR EVERYONE AND A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH!

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GREAT JOB SHERYL! THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!



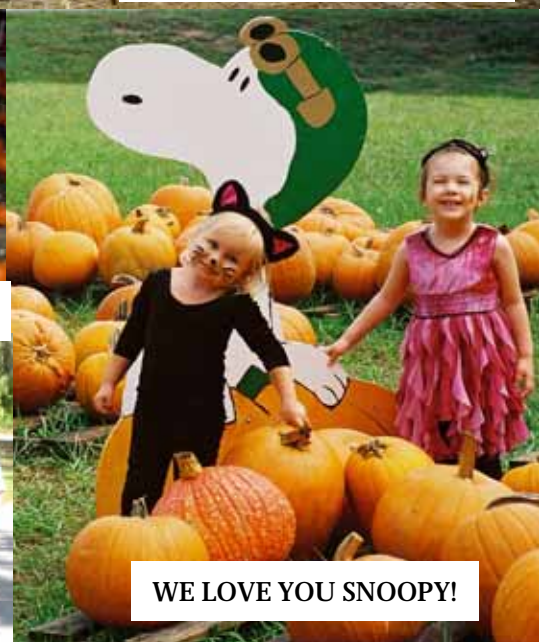
HERE WE ARE!
TUMC PUMPINKETTES!



COME ON OUT CHARLIE BROWN



WHAT HAVE WE HERE?



WE LOVE YOU SNOOPY!

SINGING IN THE PATCH



NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Services: 8:30 AM Traditional 9:45 AM Contemporary* 11:00 AM Blended						1 8AM Prayer Group 10 AM Stime Time Fest
2 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 2:30 - 4 PM Halo Praise Band 4 - 7 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Finance Meeting 7 - 8:30 PM Heavenly Expressions	3 5 - 6 PM "I Love My Parents" Group	4 <i>Election Day</i> 9:30 AM Mary Martha 6 PM Volleyball League 7 - 9:30 PM MS Bible Study	5 5 - 6:30 PM Halo Band 6 - 7 PM Children's Choir 6 - 7 PM Holy Hands 6:30-7:00 PM Covenant Worship 7:00 PM Disciple II 7:15 - 9 PM HS Bible Study	6 12 PM Super Seniors Lunch 6:30-7:00P Covenant Worship 7 PM TNT Bible Study 7PM College & Career Bible Study 7PM ASL Class 7:15 PM Chancel Choir and Praise Team	7 9AM Women's Bible Study 430 PM Youth leave for Student Leadership Retreat	8 8AM Prayer Group Student Leadership Retreat
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23 8:30 - 1:00 AM Blood Drive 12:30 - 2 PM Missions Committee Meeting 2:30 - 4 PM Halo Praise Band 4 - 7 PM Youth Group 6 - 7 PM Finance Comm. Meeting 7 - 8 PM Admin Board Meeting	24 5 - 6 PM "I Love My Parents" Group	25 9:30 AM Mary Martha 7 - 8:30 PM MS Bible Study	26 5 - 6:30 PM NO Halo Band 6 - 7 PM NO Children's Choir 6 - 7 PM NO Holy Hands 6:30-7:00 PM Covenant Worship 7:00 PM Disciple II 7 - 9 PM NO HS Bible Study	27 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed 11 AM Thanksgiving Meal Served until 2PM No Youth or other group meetings.	28 Church Office Closed 9AM NO Women's Bible Study	29
30 <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> 9:30 AM Unity Service 11:30 Pot luck Luncheon 2:30 - 4 PM Halo Praise Band 4 - 7 PM Youth Group 7 - 8:30PM Heavenly Exp.						

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

- 1 Andrew Chambers, Christopher Gorman,
Joel Van Ore
- 2 Amy Lucanegro, Teresa Parker, Roy Ray
- 3 Shirley Bloodworth, Fuji Howard, Betty Kemp,
Tom Love, Jeremy Russell
- 4 Kelly Anastario, Kelley Lucanegro,
Sarah Lucanegro, Stephanie Mack
- 5 Elizabeth Healy, Joseph Shelley,
Jessica Springer
- 6 Chris Ann Boyce
- 7 Dan Talley
- 8 Amy Nelson
- 9 Samuel Hamilton, Jeralyn Martinez
- 10 Linda Binge, Daniel Love, Tom Storm
- 11 Cameron Graves, Mindy Moretz,
JoAnne Quinones
- 12 Trudy Hiller
- 13 Nicole LaMott, Farley Wilkinson
- 14 Mike Hardison
- 15 Keisha Allen, Jim Hermann,
Katherine Holloran, Jenna Hughes
- 16 Robin Schindler, Warren Sloane
- 17 Naomi Craig
- 18 Julie Helenthal, Gail Howard, Cass Whisenant
- 19 Susie Caswell, Emily Taft, Rob Taft
- 20 Kenny Burnette
- 21 Brian Cortin, Ronald Ege
- 22 Kelly Bilbruck, Henry Hanson
- 23 Dwayne Craig
- 28 Leonard Falcone, Cindy Kinney, John
Rothrock, Alyssa Titus, Janice Woeber
- 30 Rhonda Colcord, Joy Hagen, Trett Ross,
Lesa Weaver

- 1 Ronald & Stephanie Ege
- 3 John & Kelly Bilbruck
- 9 Jack & Dot Brundage, Jeff & Jessica Celones
Craig & Laura Stoughton
- 14 Don & Angela Estell
- 17 Jerry & Millie Alkire
- 21 Gil & Lee Hyde
- 22 Chris & Elizabeth Healy
- 23 Steve & Wendy Berghane
- 30 Greg & Debbie Parrott, Henry & Lou Stanley



Our Mission Statement:

“Tuskawilla UMC is committed to providing a place to BELONG, to a community of faith, a place to GROW in the faith, and a place to SERVE the faith.”

Our Vision Statement:

TUMC - A place to Belong, a place to Grow, a place to Serve. There's a place for YOU!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE– DATE CHANGE

The holiday season is upon us so to help us stay on top of things, please note that the December Newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, November 11, 2008**. For your convenience, you can e-mail your Newsletter articles to 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.

MISSION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

“SERVICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS”

THANKSGIVING IN A BAG The month of November is a wonderful time of year and holds my family’s favorite holiday. You grow up in a large family and you seldom get seconds let alone dessert. We are huge pumpkin pie with LOTS of whipped cream fanatics. So, you can understand why we think the following mission opportunity is of the utmost importance.

Every year TUMC participates in collecting Thanksgiving Dinner items to be taken to The Christian Sharing Center. These are given to families who might not otherwise be able to enjoy all the “stuff” the rest of us get to have. What better way to show God’s love during this time than to help a family prepare their own celebration. To that end there will be bags with a list of items attached located on the Mission Table. Please take one, fill it up and **return it to the narthex by Sunday, November 16th.**

An addition/alternative would be grocery gift certificates. The Sharing Center has asked for grocery store gift certificates in order for the families to purchase cold items, i.e. turkey, butter and the all important whipped cream. You can purchase these certificates in \$25 increments from Sheryl Love through our scrip program (which benefits our youth group) in one of the following ways.

Call Sheryl at 407-342-0718 and she’ll make arrangements

Meet Sheryl at church on Sunday between services

Send or drop off a check made out to “TUM Youth” for \$25 and

Clearly write in the memo area

“GROCERY SCRIP FOR SHARING CENTER”

Because of shipping time Scrip needs to be purchased by Sunday, 11/9/08

Item List

Canned fruit	Canned soups	Dessert Mixes	Mashed Potatoes
Canned pumpkin	Canned corn	Evaporated Milk	Pie Crust box mix
Canned green beans	Canned yams	Tea Bags	Coffee
Cranberry sauce	Gravy – canned, mixes, etc.	Gift certificate for turkey to grocery store	
Chicken stock	Stuffing	Sugar	Flour

“SALTY SERVICE” ON THANKSGIVING DAY

What do you think would happen if we opened our church hall and invited persons in need to sit down to a home cooked Thanksgiving Meal? What a marvelous idea and one that we will have an opportunity to put to the test this year on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27 from 11:am to 2:00 pm. As we gather to serve our guests think about what an opportunity this is to extend a hand of friendship and be an example of what Jesus meant when he said, *“..... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matt. 25: 40*

On Saturday, November 8 at 10am all interested in the planning phase of this wonderful opportunity are asked to gather in the Fellowship Hall. Charlie Senn, Robert Blackwood, Corky Arthur and Bill Gorman will head up the discussion as we prepare to provide Salty Service. We look forward to your participation whatever way you are able and feel led.

YOUTH NEWS

Over the past 3 months, Pastor Craig has spoken to us about the church being a part of transforming lives for Jesus Christ. The following is a reflection of how I've seen that transformation in Tuskawilla's "Amplify" Youth Ministry.

Tuskawilla's youth feel like they **belong**, are **growing** in their faith, and are ready to step up and **serve** our church and our community as:

- 20 students serve the youth ministry as leaders, and their effect is already being seen as they change the name of our youth ministry from a boring "youth group" to "**Amplify**", a name that embodies their desire to loudly proclaim the gospel message!
- They are a part of a group of 75 persons from our church family who banded together to wash cars for free for the community as a sign of God's grace.
- The leaders request to "take charge" of Amplify on Sunday nights by exposing the group to Christian music, making announcements, and setting an example of inclusiveness.
- They make 5 visitors feel so welcome that they make a decision to become a part of the group their first Sunday.
- One of the 5 new youth offered the idea for the Operation Christmas Child bake sale!
- Their openness encourages a quiet youth to come forward to be a part of the praise band.
- The leaders attend the long-range planning meeting and offer input.
- They pitch in with 40 of their peers and the church family to unload a tractor-trailer full of pumpkins.
- The youth work together and individually to earn \$428.61 to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes - and then as a family shopped together at Wal-Mart, where their excitement and enthusiasm overflowed to the customers and staff with whom they came in contact.
- They cause an affect to the point of creating a desire in one of their peers to step up to leadership and all of the commitment that requires.
- They sit among the adults in Pastor Craig's "The Way of Methodism" class and grow together in the faith.
- Three more adult members of our church family stepped forward to serve as leaders in the ministry.
- We incorporated our offering for our Compassion International Child, Juan, into our worship time on Sunday nights and collected \$24.00 the first week for his support! (we need \$36/mo)
- A middle school youth has already given a \$10 offering toward our Thanksgiving Dinner for the community.

We are in the business of transforming lives for Christ, not only in the youth ministry, but throughout the church and community! Where are you encountering transformations at Tuskawilla?

In His Service,
Kathy

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A LOOK AT NOVEMBER

November 1 - ECWP/Children's Ministry Event - Slime Fest

November 4 - Election Day - Polling Station at TUMC/ FH

November 6 - Super Seniors' Luncheon

November 7 - 9 - Youth Leadership Retreat - Warren Willis Youth Camp

November 9 - Parent & Child Community Safety Seminar

November 9 - Trustee Board Meeting

November 23 - Blood Drive - Parking Lot

November 24 - 28 - No School Seminole County

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day - Thanksgiving Meal served at TUMC

November 30 - Unity Sunday - Service time 9:30

Please check for our complete calendar at tumcfl.org