

TUSKAWILLA TIMES

APRIL 2009

Our Mission:

Tuskawilla UMC is committed to providing a place to **BELONG**; to a community of faith, a place to **GROW** in that faith and a place to **SERVE** the faith.

Our Vision:

A place to **BELONG**, **GROW** and **Serve**.
There's a place for **YOU!**

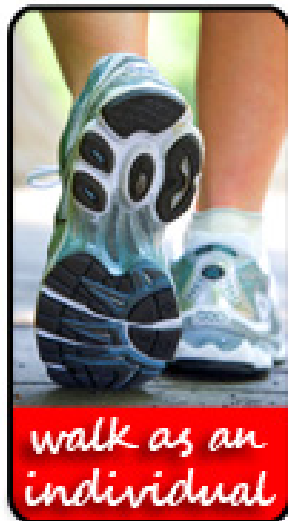
APRIL'S MISSION AT TUMC



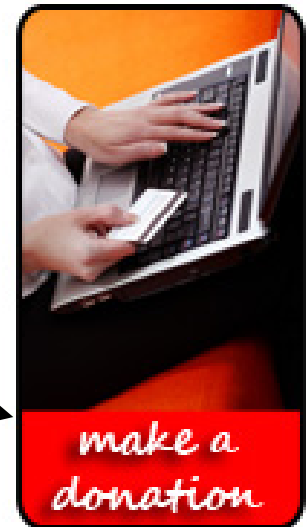
ALS Walk
4-25-09
Lake Eola

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Contact Paula Burke at 407-699-7187 for more information about the ALS Walk.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Funding Our Summer Youth Mission Trips

This summer, our youth will be venturing out through faith on two mission trips. The middle school trip will be to the Sautee Nachoochee Valley near Cleveland, GA, where they will be leading Vacation Bible School for Hispanic children who are attempting to acclimate to a new country. We will also have an opportunity to help these families make much needed repairs to their homes.

Our high school mission trip will be to the United Methodist Choctaw Indian Mission in Carthage, MS, where we will continue to water the seeds that have been planted over the past 11 years in the hearts of the Choctaw children through Vacation Bible School, and encourage the Choctaw youth leaders who will be working with us.

Because our church family is also struggling to meet our budget, the youth will not be sending prayer letters to our congregation this year. We would like our church family members to give what they would have given to our missions to support the church. We feel that the Lord will provide for what He has called us to.

You can help with our mission efforts, however. First and most importantly, you can bathe us in prayer. We solicit your prayers for our leadership, wisdom, unity, safety, and effectiveness in our missions. You can also support our mission ministries by participating in one or more of the following fundraisers:

- *Attend our 2nd Annual TUMC's Got Talent show on June 5 and invite your friends & family
- *Bring your car to be washed at our car wash (TBA)
- *Come to one of our "Eat Out" nights (dates TBA) at Red Brick Pizza, Steak 'n Shake, or Tijuana Flats when we'll receive 20% of the profits for those nights.
- *Or, if you're a coffee or tea lover, you could also purchase these from the youth.

This may be a difficult year financially for many people, but the youth feel strongly about the call on their hearts to serve in the mission field. Pray with us and for us, and watch as God, our Source, provides us with what we need to serve in His holy name!

Thank you!

"We are still saddened by the loss of our beloved, Velvet Jacobs, but we are comforted by the love of our church family. Thanks to all of you who made this time bearable. Special thanks to Rev. Craig, Joseph and those who worked to make the fellowship time so wonderful. Our hearts are warmed by your outpouring of love.

Thank you sincerely, TUMC!

Floyd & Margie Jacobs and family



On Thursday, April 2, 2009 the members of 50 Plus invite you to join them at noon in the Pavilion at Red Bug Lake Park for a "Picnic in the Park". Please bring drinks and your favorite "picnic" style dish and come prepared for a time of sharing and good fellowship. If you have questions about this active group you may contact Larry or Judy Van Ore at 407-695-7602.



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, April 8 - Easter Cantata

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday worship service at 7pm

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Celebrations and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 18 - Evangelism Day

Friday, April 24 - ALS Walk - Lake Eola Park at 7pm

Saturday, April 25 - SPRING FLING - 10am to 2pm

News from our Preschool (ECWP)

Susan Bertone, Director

ECWP 2009/2010 REGISTRATION NOW!

2009/2010 Registration is OPEN - slots still available. Contact the Preschool Office at (407) 699 - 6012 for information and tours. Check us out on the church website at www.tumcfl.org and click *on weekday programs.*

EARLY CHILDHOOD WEEKDAY PROGRAMS FEATURE



- *Low child to adult ratios - *Age/Developmentally Appropriate
- *Curriculum-*Creative Curriculum*— using literacy, language, math and science with emphasis on Christian values
- * Hands-on classroom activities through play and exploration using all 5 senses
- * Music and Movement, Physical Education (PE), and Spanish specials for all classes 2 yrs - PreK
- * Weekly Children's Moment * Monthly Family Worship * Early and Afternoon Care
- * Licensed by the Department of Children and Families
- *Member of the United Methodist of Preschools; * Voluntary PreKindergarten Provider for the Early Learning Coalition of Seminole County
- *Preschool Ministry of Tuskawilla United Methodist Church for 20 years
- * Serving the community through Monthly missions such as:
Operation Christmas Child, Food Pantry, Heifer International & ALS Walk

COME VISIT US AT



SPRING FLING -- SATURDAY APRIL 25TH

Early Childhood Weekday Programs' Booth
will be located in Rooms 1 & 2

Check out our 20 years of Preschool Ministry at TUMC with our "family" photos, craft activities for all ages and more. We will be celebrating our wonderful years of sharing, growth and fellowship with the TUMC congregation and our Community.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FAIR



A Christian Education Fair will take place on Palm Sunday, April 5th. It will be held outside in the courtyard during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 - 10:45 am, and again after the 11:00am service. If the weather does not cooperate, the Fair will move to Fellowship Hall.

At the Fair, you will find information about the numerous Sunday School and Bible Study classes that are available at TUMC.

There will be desserts and treats to all who drop in to see what is on display. What a wonderful opportunity this is for everyone to find a Sunday school class or a Bible Study that fits their needs.

See you on April 5!

TUMC's GOT TALENT Talent Acts Get Ready!



Our second Annual Talent Show will be on Friday, June 5, 2009.

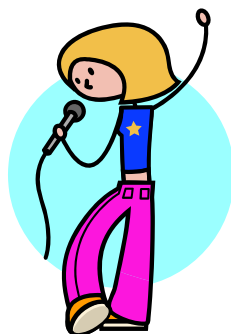
Auditions for children, youth and adult acts will be held on Sunday, April 26 and Sunday, May 3 from 2 - 4pm.

Ticket sales will begin on April 26. More information and sign up sheets for audition times will be available in the Narthex from April 1, 2009.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Youth Summer Mission trips.

If you have questions or are available to assist, please send an email to

talentshow@tumcfl.org.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS

How are your church's apportionments determined?

Each year, the Lay and Clergy Members to Annual Conference approve a formula that is used to determine each local church's apportionments. Members also approve the total dollar amount apportioned to all the churches in the Florida Conference. This is the conference budget. There are three kinds of apportionments:

*District Apportionments; * Conference Apportionments and *General Church Apportionments.

Each District office provides information about its District Apportionments.

Conference Apportionments are calculated using the "*fair share*" method, which considers each individual church's expenses. It works like this:

1. For each church we add together everything spent in three areas as reported by the Church in their year end statistical report:
 - *Compensation (salary and benefits) for all lay employees and clergy
 - *Operational items (utilities, postage, office supplies, yard care, maintenance)
 - *Program items (Sunday School materials, worship resources, etc)
2. After determining these expenses for each individual church, we add together the Church totals for all 700 plus churches in the Conference.
3. Then we take the total for each church and divide it by the total for all the churches in the Conference. This gives us the "*fair share decimal*".

Of note is the fact that the "fair share decimal" is different for each church and changes every year.

Apportionments fund the programs and activities approved by the delegates from your church. Your church's apportionments is your church's fair share of the cost of these programs and activities. Your apportionment is important! Your church's giving makes a big difference!

*The Florida Annual Conference this year will be held from June 11 - 13, 2009 at Bethune - Cookman College. Peter Crowley is our delegate to Annual Conference.

Stewardship at TUMC - 2009

2009 Operating Budget - Total	\$665,517
2009 Operating Budget YTD	\$153,581
2009 Contributions to Date	128,486
Over/Under Operating Budget YTD	(\$25,095)
 2007/2008 Insurance Carryover <i>(This is an ex-budget item)</i>	 44,564

BIRTHDAYS - April, 2009

KeiLissa Bailey 4/2
 David Giard 4/2
 Vanessa Martin 4/2
 Michael Vitale 4/2
 Dylan Bessmer 4/3
 Gary Miller 4/3
 Tracy Whitley 4/4
 Kim Helenthal 4/5
 Matthew Childs 4/6
 Danielle Eidson 4/6
 Patrick O'Reilly 4/6
 Melissa Bailey 4/8
 Maddie Yates 4/8
 Amy Brubaker 4/9
 Lisa Brubaker 4/9
 Carol Wascura 4/9
 Carol Wiginton 4/10
 Greg Parrott 4/11
 Sara Brubaker 4/14
 Victor Penn III 4/14
 Stan Sturgess 4/14
 Linda O'Reilly 4/15
 Jax Wherrell 4/15
 Doris Lane 4/16

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Catherine Wilkinson 4/17
 Joseph Cave 4/18
 Cheryl Lane 4/19
 Donna Long 4/19
 Andy O'Reilly 4/19
 Tollis Patterson 4/20
 Keithan Bailey III 4/21
 Maria Martin 4/21
 Debbie Schuchart 4/21
 Sheryl Zimmerman 4/21
 Carson BeMent 4/22
 Catherine Buckner 4/23
 Mark Buckner 4/23
 Bob Bollet 4/25
 Felicity O'Reilly 4/25
 Robert Blackwood 4/26
 Ayla Todriff 4/26
 David Adler 4/27
 Ivan Gonzalez 4/27
 Andrew Courtney 4/28
 Thomas Courtney 4/29
 Freddy Herrera 4/30
 Elliott Saunders 4/30
 Otilio Smith 4/30

ANNIVERSARIES - April

William & Cheryl Whetzel 4/1
 Doug & Nancy Grossman 4/6
 Terry & Mary Jane Turner 4/8
 Tom & Sally Hendricks 4/12
 Roy & Joan Ray 4/13
 Larry & Judy Van Ore 4/25
 John & Desiree Dannecker 4/28
 Travis & Mandy BeMent 4/29





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Donny Childs

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Bill Jones

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Jeralyn Martinez

Evangelism

Carol Ousnamer

Prayer Advocacy

Judith Hemmingway

United Methodist Women

John Pitts & Debbie Spitzer

Membership Committee

Lee Hyde

Children's Home Representative

EVANGELISM DAY

Saturday, April 18, 2009

10:30am to 12:30 pm

Join us as we go out into the community and share the Love of Christ with our friends and neighbors.

We will pass out informative flyers about TUMC as we invite those we meet to worship with us and to share in our church wide events.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dwayne Craig

Senior Pastor

Kathy Rexroad

Dir. of Student Ministries

Joseph Shelley

Director of Music Ministries

Kelli O'Reilly

Dir. Of Children Ministries

Jennifer Holloran

Praise Band Leader

Susan Bertone

Preschool Director

Terri Ireland

Financial Secretary

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Maintenance Director

Lynn Campbell

Administrative Assistant