

TUSKAWILLA TIMES

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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, a place to GROW and a place to Serve.

There's a place for YOU!



Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four American's are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported laying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide.

Join us in small groups beginning Sunday, April 4 for a seven week series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

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All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over these several weeks ending on *Pentecost Sunday* May 23, we will be having a churchwide study and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study (visit our website: www.tumcfl.org for details about small group study opportunities). We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on *Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010*.





PASTOR'S CORNER

Around the Table

The soulful singer Frankie Beverly and the group Maze always remind me of our Eucharistic existence when I hear the melodic utterance "we are one." This smooth, cerebral tune has a way of triggering and transmitting utopian like gestations of a world in which we live out, in a truly meaningful manner, our being connected to each other in the biosphere. And, yet, although we realize that in the "here and now" we are trapped by the tragic reality of absurd brokenness and dividedness we are, nonetheless, in a deeply christological way, one tribe.

You see, we are all joined to the hip by baptism (I Cor. 12:13), and as such we come to partake of the elements of our Lord as one people; for we come as the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:27). The sacrament of Holy Communion is a celebration of the work of God in Jesus Christ, a great pouring out of God's infinite love for all (Jn. 3:16). It is on behalf of the "bruised and broken body" that we celebrate and offer thanksgiving as a people reconciled to the "ground of being." As proper, we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice in our daily lives (Rom. 12:1; I Pet. 2:5); this spiritual worship, acceptable to God, is nourished in the Eucharist, in which we are sanctified and reconciled in love, in order to be servants of reconciliation in the world (II Cor. 5:18).

On this third Sunday of Lent, we gather to partake and digest the elements of our Lord in the context of *Communion of the Faithful*. The Eucharistic communion with Christ who nourishes the life of the Church (Jn. 6:35, 51, 56) is at the same time communion within the body of Christ which is the Church. The sharing in one bread and the common cup in a given place (e.g. Tuskwilla) demonstrates and effects the oneness of the sharers with Christ and with their fellow sharers in all times and places (I Jn. 1:1-3). It is in the Eucharist that the community of God's people is fully manifested. Eucharistic celebrations always have to do with the whole Church, and the whole Church is involved in each local Eucharistic celebration. In so far as a church claims to be a manifestation of the whole Church, it will take care to order its own life in ways which take seriously the interests and concerns of other churches because we are a "communion of the saints" people.

The Eucharist embraces all aspects of life. It is a representative act of thanksgiving and offering on behalf of the whole world. The Eucharistic celebration demands reconciliation and sharing among all those regarded as brothers and sisters in the one family of God and is a constant challenge in the search for appropriate relationships in vocational, social, economic, and political life (Matt. 5:23; I Cor. 10:16; I Cor. 11:20-22; Gal. 3:28). All kinds of injustice, classism, sexism, nationalism, militarism, imperialism, racism, ageism, and hedonistic consumerism are radically challenged when we share in the body and blood of Christ. Through the Eucharist the all-renewing grace of God penetrates and restores human personality and dignity. The Eucharist involves the believer in the central event of the world's history (Heb. 10:6, 10, 12, 14).

Pastor's corner (cont'd)

As participants in the Eucharist, therefore, we prove inconsistent if we are not actively participating **in this ongoing restoration of the world's situation and the human condition.**

The Eucharist shows us that our conduct is inconsistent in the face of the reconciling presence of God in human history: we are placed under continual judgment by the persistence of unjust relationships of all kinds in our society, the manifold divisions on account of human pride and ignorance, material interest and power politics and, above all, the obstinacy of unjustifiable confessional oppositions within the body.

Solidarity in the Eucharistic communion of the body of Christ and responsible care of Christians for one another and the world find specific expression in the liturgies: in the mutual forgiveness of sins; the sign of peace; intercession for all; the eating and drinking together; the taking of the elements to the sick and those in prison or the celebration of the eucharist with them. All these **manifestations of love in the Eucharist are directly related to Christ's own testimony as a servant, in** whose servanthood Christians themselves participate and model. As God in Christ has entered into the human situation (Jn. 1:14), so Eucharistic liturgy is near to the concrete and particular situations **of men and women and, thus, we exclaim "Yes, we are all one."**

Walking with Jesus,

Dwayne Craig

Rev. Dwayne Craig

WELCOME TO TUSKAWILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

By Baptism: Aaliyah Madison Craig

New Members: *Beverly Detmer*

Phillip Detmer

Steve Robinson

Karla Robinson

Matt Dupree

Chris Robinson

Denise Hendrickson

"...You are the body of Christ and individually members of it..."

1Corinthians 12: 27



High School Youth Ministry Participates in First College Tour!

During Seminole County's Spring Break, April 5th – 7th, the high school youth will embark on their 2010 college tour. Rising 8th through 12th grade youth are eligible to participate.

The purpose of this tour is fourfold:

- To inspire and encourage high school students to seek higher education
- To provide high school students with an opportunity visit a variety of colleges and universities
- To provide high school students with an opportunity learn about admission requirements and application procedures
- To provide high school students with an opportunity discover the opportunities that higher education has to offer

Each participant will be required to complete a tour journal which will help him/her reflect on the experiences encountered. These are the ideas that we pray our high school students will reflect upon during the tour:



If I had to describe myself or personality in five words, they would be.....

My greatest strengths are (name at least 3).....

My weakness (es) is/are...

My favorite school subject/subjects is/are...

My least favorite school subject/subjects is/are...

I like to spend my spare time doing or my favorite extracurricular activities are?

If I had to describe what type of student I am, I would say that I am... (Example: What type of studier are you? You study best when? What type of student are you in class? Do you like small class rooms or large classrooms?, etc.)

How does my faith help shape me as a student and a person?

What do I want to learn from this college tour?

What did I learn that I did not know before?

What did I find most interesting about the college tour, different universities, etc.?

Was there something about the colleges that you expected that was actually true?

Was there something about the colleges that you expected that was not true?

What did you observe about the students?

How did you feel about the campuses?

How do you think your faith can assist you in college career?

How would you continue to worship?

Describe what you did and how you felt on day 1, day 2, & day 3.

You can help our high school students involved in this tour these ways:

Pray that the Lord will give them wisdom, safety and discernment regarding their education and their future.

Make a donation for a youth calendar of \$10 or more over and above your tithe and sacrificial giving that will be used to provide scholarships for youth who cannot afford the tour.

Donate snacks for the trip.

When they return, ask about their tour and what they discovered about themselves and their choices for post-high school through this experience.

How blessed each of these youth will be to have this experience before entering college! Thanks to our church family for their support!

Kathy Rexroad, Director of Youth & Student Ministries

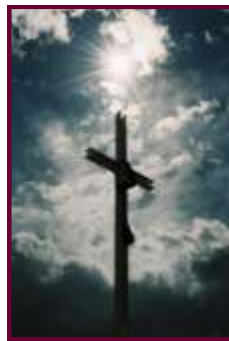
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Presents

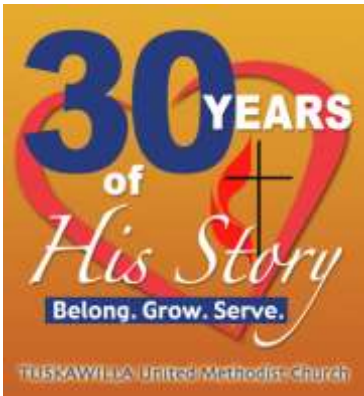
Praise the God *of*

Resurrection

a Cantata on Good Friday



April 2, 2010 ● 7:00 PM



Community Help Day – A 30th Anniversary Event

March 27, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. will be an outreach initiative to assist people in the Casselberry/Winter Springs/Oviedo area by helping them with a variety of home, yard and related chores and tasks as well as visiting the local nursing homes and assisted living facilities to provide companionship and share talents with the residents.

We expect to provide assistance to at least 30 households and organizations throughout the community.

You can help by providing us with contact information for residents of our local area who need assistance and by volunteering to serve. Contacts: Kathy Rexroad – youth@tumcfl.org, Torie Cunningham – trumpetgirl93@gmail.com, or Paul Wyche - paul.wyche@wycheassociates.com. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the 30th Anniversary table in the narthex during the first 3 weeks of March.



Highlights for our 30th Anniversary:

March 27 - Community Help day (see above for more details)

March 28 - Bishop Timothy Whittaker, Resident Bishop of the Florida Conference will be preaching with a reception to follow.

April 24 - Taste of Tuskawilla & SPRING FLING

May 16 - Family Picnic at Red Bug Lake Park

Please visit our website at www.tumcfl.org for details on the exciting activities the 30 Anniversary Committee has planned for us in 2010.

BIRTHDAYS - March, 2010

Beth Frazee	3/2
Joanna Polk	3/2
Dorothy Smith	3/2
Brian Corton	3/3
Phil DonLevy	3/3
Meghan Gay	3/3
Lacey Taylor	3/3
Joyce Waldon - Bright	3/3
Steve Berghane	3/4
Rich Graves	3/4
Michael LaMott	3/4
Carl Wendt	3/4
Dennis Anastario	3/5
Megan Hamilton	3/6
Chris Wherrell	3/6
Neil Allen	3/7
Emilee Moore	3/7
Margie Jacobs	3/8
Rick Brown	3/9
Terry Even	3/9
Ray Martin	3/9
Judy Nielsen	3/9
Larry Van Ore	3/9
Fred Wascura	3/9
Holly Wascura	3/9
Cheryl Whetzel	3/9
Megan Whitley	3/10
Nicholas Berghane	3/11
Tawni Small	3/11
Amy Moore	3/12
Jerry Sharp	3/12



Jenny Wherrell	3/14
Charlotte Becker	3/15
Martha Glavin	3/15
Jennifer Graham	3/15
Brianna Tague	3/16
Patti Anastario	3/17
Christopher Martin	3/18
Gregory Aplin	3/19
Chelsea McLintock	3/22
Carol Ousnamer	3/23
Rachael Herrera	3/24
Morgan Nelson	3/24
Miranda Tague	3/24
Shari Douglas	3/25
Millie Alkire	3/26
Fred Glavin	3/26
Matt Dukes	3/27
Keilee Quinn	3/27
Ian Bradley	3/28
Maria Lucanegro	3/28
Craig Stoughton	3/28
Ann Detwiler	3/29
Alicia Potts	3/29
Lee Hyde	3/30
Margarita Bryold	3/31
Candace Osagu	3/31

Happy Anniversary

Hal & Jan Larkin	3/4
Mike & Lynn Lyons	3/10
Bob & Lydia Giffin	3/11
Fred & Martha Glavin	3/30

2010 Vacation Bible School

Tuskawilla's Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 9-13th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Our theme is "His Story" to commemorate our 30th Anniversary Celebration. The children will encounter experiences from stages of Jesus' life though Bible story telling, crafts, recreation, and snacks. Our first planning meeting will be held on Sunday, March 21, after the 10:00 worship service. Bring a bag lunch and your ideas. Please contact Kathy Rexroad at youth@tumcfl.org to indicate your interest in attending this meeting. Youth and adults of all ages are welcome!





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