



The Grapevine



Summer and Beyond

Reverend Edward Dunn

Here are a few items about this summer (and beyond):

Summer Worship

When I was in elementary school our librarian was always telling us to “Read, read, read!” We were kids and reading was viewed as a chore or a homework assignment preventing us from the joys of childhood. I have a different point of view these days – the chores of adulthood conspire to prevent me from the joys of reading.

It is oftentimes the case that I do most of my fun reading during summer when my schedule is busy but not as much so as other times of the year. This summer in addition to current books, I plan to read an old book – Genesis – and to prepare a summer sermon series on the beginnings of God’s call.

Together we will explore the stories of creation, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, and Joseph.

I invite you to join me in reading Genesis – the first book in our Bible – and in conversation with one another about God’s call to our ancestors in faith and call to us today.

Summer Spruce up

One of the projects that we will get underway this summer is the refreshing of a space for our youngest participants. The church nursery was once a busy place. In recent years it hasn’t been so and as a result things need to be refreshed. A group of interested volunteers is being organized to help us make this into a welcoming place for anyone who needs a play area or respite from worship.

Would you like to join our team?

If so, contact Gail Dickerson at gaildspc@gmail.com

Watch this space...

Even as I write about summer, I’m also thinking and planning for the Autumn. The Merger Committee and the Administrative Commission of Peace River Presbytery continue the work of combination needed to become United Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Team will be planning opportunities for sharing blessings with the community. We will begin planning and preparation for a Kirkin Sunday in late October. These activities need volunteers so keep an eye out for ways you can join in.

And finally...

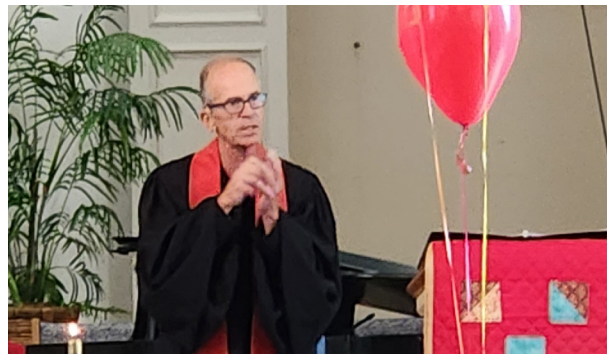
The next edition of the Grapevine will be a July/August publication.

Blessings,
Edward

HOW TO ORDER CHURCH ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes are available by calling Dina Breneman at 941-792-3141, Gregg Pead at 941-348-0773 or email Gregg at peedethree@gmail.com.

Penetecost Sunday & Church Picnic Photobook



Palma Sola Session Highlights

- Approved the hiring of a firm to strip and clean the floor in Fellowship Hall and apply four layers of floor finish. The Church Office and the Creative Arts Academy floors will also be treated.
- Approved Summer Hours for the Church Office. Beginning June 1 st through August 31st, the Office will be open from 9:00 am through 1:00 pm, Mon. through Thurs.
- Approved the distribution of our Presbytery Mission Funds as follows: Mision Peniel \$1,700, Cedarkirk \$1,200 and Beth-El Farmworker Ministry \$1,000.

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build



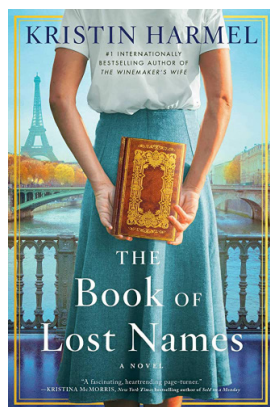
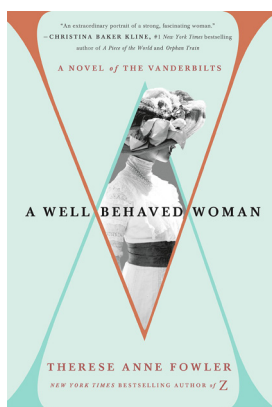
For 28 years, local organizations and people have joined together through Manatee Habitat for Humanity to build and renovate homes that offer Manatee County families the opportunity to live life from a position of strength, stability, and self-reliance. Over the years Manatee Habitat has built homes with local Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. In March, we were pleased to learn of the dedication of the most recent Faith Build home for the Vasquez family, and we were honored to be a part of supporting its construction.

Preparations are underway for the newest Faith Build local Faith Community in this endeavor. Teresa and her son, Brandon, will be purchasing this home with a 0% interest loan after completing the Home Buyer Program.

Teresa is a referral and care coordinator with a local medical clinic and her son, Brandon, is an ambitious and self-motivated 9th-grader who aspires to become an engineer. Unsatisfied with her current apartment and landlords, Tereasa set out to find a home that would bring her family a sense of stability and belonging. She first reached out to Manatee Habitat in February 2018 after hearing about our program from another Habitat homeowner. Having missed the open application period, she kept reaching out year after year until she finally got an interview. And in February 2022, she was accepted into the program. Teresa and Brandon are both dreaming of everything that having a home will allow them to do. They can't wait to grow their family by adopting a dog which isn't permitted in their current apartment. Teresa is also excited for Brandon to bring his friends over and be proud of the place that they call home. Most of all, she looks forward to not having to worry about the rising rental market and what that will mean for her ability to make ends meet financially.

We are blessed to be able to help provide a forever home for Teresa and Brandon through our financial support. Stay tuned for volunteer workday and other opportunities to be further involved in this worthwhile program in our community.

Palma Sola Book Club



JUN 12 | 12 - 1PM JUL 10 | 12 - 1PM

Join in any second Monday at 12pm in the library or on Zoom for fun conversation.

2023 READING LIST

For more information, call Vicki Schooley at (941) 518-2315.

Men's Group



MEN'S GROUP

You're invited to attend the Morning Men's Group. Get to know the men you see in church. Share your story. Enjoy fellowship.

MEETINGS START AT 8:30A

JUNE 1 - Fellowship and breakfast |

Poppi's Place restaurant

JUNE 15 - Fellowship & a discussion about Christian Living | Fellowship Hall

Please contact Rich Wachunis
rwachunis@tampabay.rr.com



PRAYER GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesday 11a | Room 14

HOLY STROLLERS WALKING GROUP



**JOIN US ON A WEEKLY STROLL
TO GET SOME FRESH AIR**

EVERY FRIDAY | 8:30AM

**ROBINSON PRESERVE
(NORTH ENTRANCE)**



June Outreach Update

As we enjoyed the slower pace of May and prepared for a little relaxation during the summer months, there were still many ways you reached out to our community in love and support.

Recap of recent events:

- You donated **many, many pounds of pet food** for the furry friends of Meals on Wheels clients, helping them care for their loving companions.
- As part of our **PB & J Sandwich Ministry**, you made **400 additional sandwiches** to donate to Our Daily Bread, for a total of **3800** since September.
- You supported local Presbytery Missions with budgeted funds in the amount of **\$1700 to Mision Peniel, \$1200 to Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center, and \$1000 to the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry.**
- As part of our Older Adult Ministry, you hosted an **ice cream social with members of Brookdale Palma Sola**, sharing fellowship and fun with our across the street neighbors.
- You supported an immediate need at **Turning Points by purchasing \$250 worth of men's underwear** from budgeted funds.
- You generously gave monetary contributions to **Meals on Wheels PLUS.**
- Folks **volunteered every Friday** at Our Daily Bread.
- You provided **toiletries for personal care bags** at **Turning Points** from previously collected travel-sized items.

June Outreach Opportunities:

- Our **DOES It (Done On Every Sunday)** project for June, July, and August will be **collecting non-perishable food for The Food Bank of Manatee.** The Food Bank is the leading, local source of nutrition for food-insecure babies, children, families, and the elderly in Manatee County. The need in our community is great, especially now that school is out for the summer and fewer children will be receiving food at school. Canned fruits, vegetables, soups, and meats as well as boxed and bagged pasta, rice, beans, and healthy cereal and breakfast bars are always in demand. Drop your items in the yellow barrels in the Narthex or bring them to the church office all summer long!
- **Dive Into Reading** is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors for their **7th annual summer reading program**, created and sponsored by Anna Maria Oyster Bar restaurants. Adult mentors are matched one on one with rising 2nd and 3rd graders from the 15 Manatee County Title I schools, to read with them and help combat the “summer slide” that often happens during summer break in school. This year, Dive Into Reading will welcome over 500 students at various restaurants in Manatee County where they will be served a free breakfast with their mentor, read a book together (which the students get to keep), and go over key words and reading strategies. This year's program runs from **June 6th to June 29th**, and volunteers are still needed for **Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30am.** If you are interested in helping with this very worthwhile program, please sign up at www.OysterBar.net/Reading or contact Andrea Harmon at 941-518-1287.

June Outreach Update Continued

Ongoing Opportunities:

- **Servers for Our Daily Bread on Fridays** are always needed. Contact Dorothy Simes if you would like to volunteer.
- We continue to **collect non-perishable food items in the cart in the Narthex** to donate to **Our Daily Bread**. They are always in need of canned vegetables, fruits, meats, and soups as well as boxes and bags of pasta, rice, cereal and other staples to stock the Loaves & Fishes food pantry.
- Also, please keep in mind our Blessing Box by the east parking lot. **The Blessing Box** serves as a **mini food pantry** for our local neighborhood, and you are welcome to add to it or take from it as needed.
- Contributions of **loose change, soft money, and checks for FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies)** are always welcome. To donate, use the envelopes in the pews or mail a check to the church office with "FELT" in the memo line.
- **The Holy Strollers** walking group will continue to meet every Friday throughout the summer but will move to an ***8:30am start to beat the heat**. Gather at the north entrance of Robinson Preserve for exercise, conversation, and a short devotional in the great outdoors.
- Join your church family in Fellowship Hall after worship each week to make **PB & J sandwiches** to share with the **clients of Our Daily Bread**. Thank you to all who have been bringing in supplies, making sandwiches, and helping SPREAD the love of Christ to your neighbors in need!

June Outreach Offering

Our **Outreach Offering for June** will go to **Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee**, which provides nutritional assistance and caring, supportive services to homebound seniors in Manatee County. Home delivered meals are delivered by volunteers to over 1000 seniors per day. These meals serve those who are not able to leave their homes and purchase food, or who have limitations that leave them unable to prepare meals. This crucial service allows seniors to continue living independently. Last year Meals on Wheels delivered over 306,000 meals to homebound or disabled seniors in Manatee County.

You may donate to Meals on Wheels PLUS:

- during the worship service, in your offering envelope,
- by mailing a check to the church office with "MOW" in the memo line, or
- Palma Sola members may also contribute through [online giving](#)

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

JUN 3	Scott Mattson	JUN 20	Chibuzor "Chib" Onugha
JUN 4	Russ & Mary Montano	JUN 21	Daphne-Ann Haynes
JUN 8	Darlene Haas Richard Pratt	JUN 23	Harris Onugha
JUN 9	Don & Linda Azbell	JUN 24	Patricia "Pat" Byrnes
JUN 15	Gregg and Lorrie Pead	JUN 26	Don Forster
JUN 16	Judy Giles Michael "Mike" Stone	JUN 27	Anita Smith Laura Rieley
JUN 19	Norman "Norm" Lee		



THANK YOU!

*** Reminder - There will be no fellowship hour following worship from June - August***

A big thank you to everyone who helped with fellowship and brought in food. We could not have done it without you! If you would like to help in the fall (September) please let me know -Gail Dickerson

Let's get together to spread God's word. Join the Fellowship & Worship Committee Today! Reach out to Gail Dickerson for more information at 941-224-1117 or email gaild.pspc@gmail.com

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4 Worship 10a Communion	5	6 <i>Outreach / 3p</i>	7	8	9 8:30A HOLY STROLLERS Our Daily Bread 9:30a	10
11 Worship Service 10a	12 <i>Palma Sola Book Club / 12p</i>	13 PRAYER GROUP 11A	14	15 MEN'S GROUP 8:30a <i>Finance / 3:30p</i>	16 8:30A HOLY STROLLERS Our Daily Bread 9:30a	17
18 Father's Day Worship Service 10a	19 Juneteenth WPC SESSION 1p PSPC SESSION 6:30p	20	21	22	23 8:30A HOLY STROLLERS Our Daily Bread 9:30a	24
25 Worship Service 10a	26	27 PRAYER GROUP 11A	28	29	30	

Church Office SUMMER Hours Monday - Thursday | 9am - 1pm

View the online church Calendar for latest information about Sunday worship services, Bible study, outreach and other events. Livestreamed and recorded worship services may be viewed at Online Worship.