



The Grapevine



Many Hands, One Body

Reverend Edward Dunn

We have much to be thankful for. Within our church, there have been those who worked, many times behind the scenes, to offer activities for fun and fellowship; there are those who call our attention to the needs of the community and ways we can help provide for those needs; and there are some who surprise us by their silent, kind, and generous support. God has blessed us with many willing hands and feet. Sometimes we forget to say “thank you.” And sometimes we need the reminder that what we accomplish requires the efforts of many people.

The past year has been one of the busiest I’ve had in quite some time. The addition of continuing education to my schedule requires the modification of my schedule, most notably the additional time I have to be away for Immersion Week classes.

The surprising blessing to come from this has been the sharing of stories by members of the congregation during worship. I am thankful for the willingness of so many to speak and share during worship. You are demonstrating what Paul describes as the many parts of the body of Christ.

A lot of attention and conversation has taken place about the future, with a number of interesting and potentially life-changing ideas considered by our Project Regeneration team. We will be increasingly including you in these conversations and ideas this summer. The last Sundays in June, July, and August will specifically include your voices in the proclamation of the message. I encourage you to participate in these times of worship and conversation because we are the body of Christ together.

As you know, this edition of the Grapevine spans two months – July and August. Please note the activities listed on our calendars and described in the articles therein. If you want a weekly update about worship and activities, you can be added to our Cluster email delivered to your inbox each Friday.

To subscribe to The Cluster, please send an email to the church office: officepspc@gmail.com or Call the Church Office | Tuesday thru Thursday - 9AM. to 12PM (noon)

Blessings,
Edward

The Present Word

**The Present Word Bible Study
Every Sunday Morning at 8:45 AM
in the Parlor**

Join us each Sunday as we explore God's Word together through The Present Word Bible study curriculum. Enjoy engaging discussion, meaningful insights, and great conversation as we grow in faith and understanding together.



Between Sundays

Join us this summer as we journey through the Book of Genesis!

**Every Wednesday at 10:30 AM
in Room 14 (Until July 29th)**

From creation and the flood to Abraham, Joseph, and more, we'll explore the familiar stories of Genesis with fresh eyes, uncovering deeper truths and discovering insights you may have never noticed before. Light snacks will be provided, so come enjoy fellowship, thoughtful discussion, and a chance to grow in faith together. Come learn, ask questions, and rediscover the stories you thought you knew!

United June Photobook



June at United Presbyterian Church was filled with meaningful moments of faith, fellowship, and service. We celebrated the baptism and warmly welcomed new members into our church family. Our annual cookout brought everyone together for great food and fellowship, and we were honored to share a special Flag Day celebration with the residents of Brookdale. These memories reflect the many ways God continues to bless and strengthen our congregation.

July & August Outreach Update

Summer is time for a more relaxed schedule, so enjoy the upcoming outreach opportunities with us as you slow down but not stop. You know the saying, “A body in motion stays in motion. A body at rest, stays at rest.”

June Outreach Highlights:

- We raised \$284 for 3 Cents A Meal on 5/31. The next collection will be 8/30 with 91 days in between the suggested amount would be \$8.19.
- 4 boxes of pet food were collected in May for the clients of Meals on Wheels with pets and \$320 was collected for the Outreach Offering for Meals On Wheels.
- On June 15th we celebrated America’s 250th Anniversary and Flag Day with 22 residents and 7 United members at Brookdale/Palma Sola Senior Living Center. Woody played the piano while everyone joined in to sing patriotic songs. This was followed by a treat of ice cream and socializing.

July and August Outreach Opportunities:

- Our DOES IT (Done on Every Sunday) for July and August will be collecting non-perishable food for the Food Bank. Place your items in the barrels marked for the Food Bank in the Narthex.
- Outreach will be using \$500 from the budget to send to Mision Peniel for their “Back To School Drive” in July.
- We are supporting 6 students from Palma Sola Elementary School to participate in Day4Hope on July 25th at Kirkwood Presbyterian School from 9AM-2PM. Several of our members are going to volunteer to support those students and others by helping distribute many valuable supplies so that the eligible students are starting school ready, just like their peers.
- Palma Sola Elementary School will be holding an Open House and celebration of their newly renovated school on August 1st. We hope to participate. Stop by and celebrate with our school partner.
- An Ice Cream Social will be held after the service on July 19th. The community is invited. Invite your friends and neighbors.
- A beach picnic is scheduled for July 29th at 5:30PM at the Manatee Beach at the end of Manatee Ave. Bring a dish to share and perhaps a chair.

July & August Outreach Opportunities

- Rays Faith Day baseball game is August 1st. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are interested. Details will be announced.
- Parenting Matters will hold a free Pop-Up Musical Motion class at UPC for parents, grandparents, and their preschoolers on Tuesday, July 14th from 10-11AM. Information flyers are available in the Narthex and on the UPC website. All are welcome.

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 of Bradenton. They are always in need of shelf stable items to stock the Loaves & Fishes food pantry.
- 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.
- 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!

Summer Outreach Offerings

Our Outreach Offering for July & August will go to The Food Bank.

You may donate to The Food Bank:

- during the worship service, in your offering envelope,
- by mailing a check to the church office with "Food Bank" in the memo line, or
- or contribute through online giving

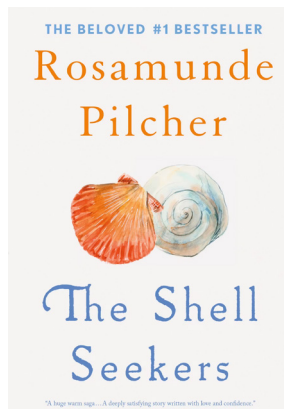
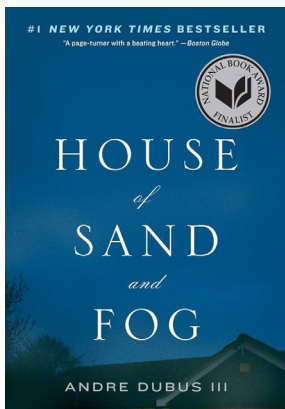
June Session Highlights

- Approved study leaves for Rev. Dunn during August 23-29 and January 3-9.
- Noted with pleasure the addition of Pat Sheffert, Victoria Tran and Tina Tran into the membership of United Church.
- Approved hosting a one-day class on parenting at-risk kids for the community, conducted by Parenting Matters on July 30th.
- Approved making necessary repairs to an air conditioning unit on the Second Floor.
- Agreed to not hold a Stated meeting in July, but to be on call for business that may be required.



- Regular Sunday Fellowship is taking its summer break and will be back in September.
- Ministry Fair Sunday is set for September 13th. More information coming soon.

United Book Club



JULY 13 | 1 - 2:30PM AUG 10 | 1 - 2:30PM

Join in any second Monday at 1pm in the Media Center & Zoom for fun conversation.

2026 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.

**SUMMER MEETING:
AUG 6th | 8:30A**

Fellowship and breakfast
Poppi's Place restaurant

Please contact Ron Dickerson
rondickersonupc@gmail.com

Summer Worship Schedule



Celebrate summer with your church family on the last Sundays of June 28th, July 26th, and August 30th!

We'll gather for Sunday worship in the Fellowship Hall, creating a casual and welcoming setting where we can worship, connect, and enjoy time together.

After the service, stay for fellowship and food! Enjoy delicious food, friendly conversation, and the opportunity to catch up with old friends or meet someone new.

Feel free to wear your favorite comfortable summer attire and come ready for a relaxed morning filled with worship, laughter, great food, and Christian fellowship.

We can't wait to worship, eat, laugh, and celebrate together with you!

SUMMER BEACH PICNIC

Wednesday, July 29th at 5:30 pm - Manatee Public Beach

You are invited to celebrate the mid-point of summer with our annual Beach Walk and Dinner at Manatee Public Beach on Wednesday, July 29th at 5:30 pm. Gather on the south side at the tables under the trees for chicken, watermelon, chips, and fun. After dinner we will walk the beach and watch the sunset. The event is free, just bring your own beverage and a chair if you want. Friends and family are welcome!

Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office so we know how many to plan for. Contact Andrea Harmon 941-518-1287 with questions.



ICE SCREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 19th | 11am - Fellowship Hall

In summer, we all scream for ice cream! Gather after worship on Sunday, July 19th to celebrate National Ice Cream Day with an old-fashioned ice cream social. Join together in Fellowship Hall where ice cream and a variety of toppings will be available for a suggested donation of \$5 to benefit The Food Bank of Manatee. Sugar free, dairy free, and to-go containers available. Don't miss out on this opportunity for fellowship and fun and to raise money for hunger relief in our local community.

July & August Birthdays & Anniversaries

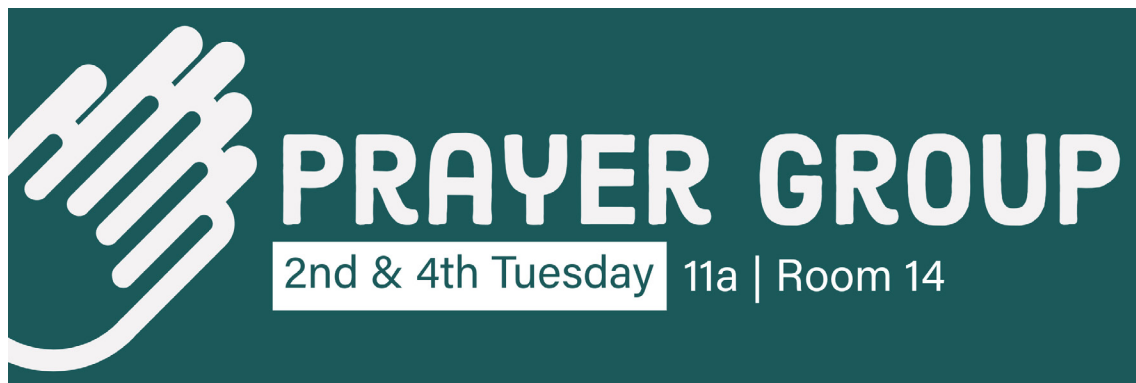
JUL 6 Kathrine Jenkins (Dunatov)
JUL 11 Gene & Myrna Adams
JUL 14 Marilyn Mcleod
Rodger Smith
JUL 15 Millicent Riley
JUL 17 Vicki Schooley
JUL 19 Jerry Long
JUL 23 Ron & Marilyn Mcleod
JUL 25 Diane Honeman

AUG 2 Gilbert Smith
AUG 5 Beth Stone
AUG 6 Liz Brackmann
AUG 8 Tammy Barr
AUG 10 Rich Wachunis
AUG 11 Don & Georgie Townsend
AUG 12 Nancy Slocum, Jan McGowan
AUG 17 Gail Dickerson
AUG 19 Jean & Emmett Scott
AUG 24 Roy & Jo Williams
AUG 25 Suzanne Tyrrell
AUG 31 Ron McLeod

A Special Happy Birthday to:



JUL 26 Reverend Edward Dunn



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July 2026

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			1 <i>Between Sundays 10:30a</i>	2	3 Our Daily Bread 9:30a	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 Present Word 8:45a Worship Service w/ Communion 10a	6	7 <i>Outreach / 3p</i>	8	9	10 Our Daily Bread 9:30a	11
12 Present Word 8:45a Worship Service 10a	13 <i>Book Club / 1p</i>	14 <i>Pop-up 'Musical Motion' Class 10a</i> PRAYER GROUP 11A FINANCE - 3:30P	15 <i>Between Sundays 10:30a</i>	16 MEN'S GROUP 8:30a	17 Our Daily Bread 9:30a	18
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Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday | 9am - 4pm

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August 2026

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All Faith Day
Tampa Bay
Rays | 4:10p

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Present Word 8:45a

Worship Service
w/ Communion
10a

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Outreach / 3p

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MEN'S GROUP
8:30a | Poppi's

Renewal - 6p

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Our Daily Bread
9:30a

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Present Word 8:45a

Worship Service
10a

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Book Club / 1p

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PRAYER
GROUP | 11A

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FINANCE - 3:30P

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Our Daily Bread
9:30a

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Present Word 8:45a

Worship Service
10a

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UPC SESSION
| 3:15p

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Our Daily Bread
9:30a

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GRAPEVINE INPUTS
DEADLINE

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Present Word 8:45a

Worship Service
10a

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PRAYER
GROUP | 11A

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Our Daily Bread
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Fellowship 11a

3 CENTS A MEAL

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