



# The Grapevine



## *Revisiting Genesis*

**Reverend Edward Dunn**

I will be spending this summer re-reading and studying the book of Genesis, as part of my summer sermon series this year. Genesis is a book of narrative theology, that is, it tells us who God is through stories of our ancestors in faith. We come to know who we have been created to be through the same stories.

In addition to Sunday worship, I invite you to join me for a multi-week “Between Sundays” class on this first book of our Bible. We will go a bit deeper in looking at the passages from each Sunday and we’ll also look at portions we aren’t able to consider in worship. We’ll gather Wednesdays at 10:30a.m. in Room 14. Light refreshments will be offered as we begin the class, a time of reading and discussion, and a time for fellowship will conclude each session. Our first class will begin June 10. A more complete schedule will be shared in our weekly Cluster email.

Speaking of the Cluster email. Do you receive the weekly update about our congregation? If you aren't receiving it, please contact the church office. Leave your name and email address and we will add you to our group.

I hope the month of June will be filled with blessings and opportunities to fellowship with friends and your church family.

**Blessings,  
Edward**

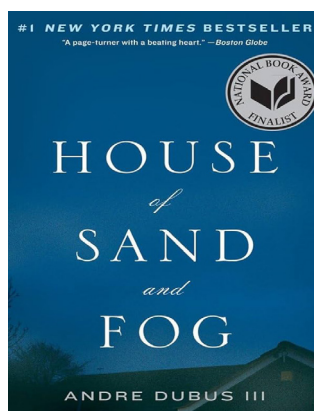
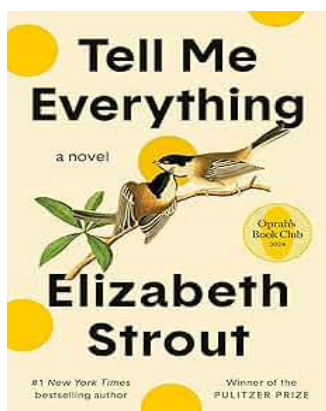
## *Last of Spring at United*



# May Session Highlights

- Welcomed news that the Sanctuary has been relamped with new fluorescent bulbs throughout.
- Endorsed the plan to hold worship in Fellowship Hall on the last Sunday of the Summer months of June, July and August.
- Approved sending our budgeted \$5,500 contribution to Presbytery Missions with the following distributions earmarked: Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center - \$1,600, Beth El - \$1,800 and Misión Peniel - \$2,100.
- Welcomed start-up of the 'Between the Sundays' Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, beginning on June 10th, with a study of passages from Genesis.
- Anticipated the Annual Ice Cream Social scheduled for July 19th being opened to members of the community.
- Endorsed providing Samaritan Counseling Service additional space to conduct an increasing number of client interviews.
- Applauded scheduling of the Annual Church Beach Picnic for Wednesday, July 29th at 5:30 pm.

## United Book Club



**JUN 8 | 1 - 2:30PM JUL 13 | 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.

**MEETINGS START AT 8:30A**

**JUNE 4th**

Fellowship and breakfast | Poppi's Place restaurant

Please contact Ron Dickerson  
[rondickersonupc@gmail.com](mailto:rondickersonupc@gmail.com)

# Outreach Update & Opportunities

Summer has arrived with warm weather, perhaps a little more rain, the end of the school year, some traveling north and less busy schedules for many. This is a good time to slow down, reflect on what has been accomplished, and consider the opportunities ahead after a brief break.

## SPRING HIGHLIGHTS & SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

### **FOOD SECURITY**

- Our local **Blessing Box** is available to the community at the corner of the parking lot and 3rd Ave W. It is replenished with your contributions and funds from the general fund outreach budget.
- Summer donations to **The Food Bank of Manatee County**- barrels for non-perishable food items will be available in the Narthex for our **DOES IT** collection for *June, July and August*.
- An **Ice Cream Social**, open to the community, will be held July 19, 2026 after the service.

### **EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

- **Day4Hope** is July 25 from 9AM to 2 PM at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. We have sponsored 3 students from Palma Sola Elementary School. Please consider volunteering at this event, along with a few others from United, to connect with these students and experience the rewarding opportunity this brings to those in need. Contact Andrea Harmon to volunteer.
- \$500 will be spent from the budget for **Mision Peniel's Back To School Drive**.

### **OLDER ADULT MINISTRY**

- On June 15th we will celebrate *Flag Day and America's 250th Anniversary* with **Brookdale/Palma Sola Senior Living Center** from 2-3 PM. Come join in to sing patriotic songs and sharing of stories and snacks.
- **The Dreyer Trust** has distributed \$14,348.24 through May 13th.

### **MISSIONS**

- You donated \$1175 to **One Great Hour Of Sharing** in April.
- \$5500 was donated *from the Outreach budget* to our Mission Partners : \$1600 to Cedarkirk, \$1800 to Beth El and \$2100 to Mision Peniel.
- Our **Outreach Offering** for June, July and August will be for the **Food Bank of Manatee County**.

### **CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES**

- *Holy Strollers* last walk day was May 15th. They will resume in the fall
- We will continue making *peanut butter and jelly sandwiches* throughout the summer. It will be held in the parlor after June 7th.
- Volunteers are needed to serve at *Our Daily Bread* each Friday from 9:30-11:30. Please contact Dorothy Simes to volunteer.
- Volunteers are needed at *Turning Points*.



As summer approaches, many children in our community are looking forward to sunshine, fun, and time with friends. But for far too many, summer brings something else – hunger.

When school cafeterias close for the summer, thousands of local children lose access to the nutritious meals they depend on. Families already struggling to make ends meet are faced with even more pressure. The emotional toll is real. No parent should have to worry if they can feed their child, and no child should go to bed with an empty stomach.

The Food Bank of Manatee steps up to meet the need. They partner with over 100 local food pantries across Manatee County to reach the families in need – but they can't do it alone.

Our Outreach Offering for June/July/August will go to The Food Bank of Manatee. Additionally, Our UPC DOES It (Done On Every Sunday) project for the summer is filling the yellow barrels in the Narthex with non-perishable food for The Food Bank. With your support, we can ensure no child goes hungry during the summer months.

This summer, The Food Bank of Manatee's goal is to provide: 22,500 meals each week across the 9-week summer break. That's more than 200,000 meals for children and families—and every dollar makes a difference.

Just \$15 provides 10 meals; \$30 provides 20 meals; a gift of \$150 will provide 100 meals!

**You may donate to The Food Bank of Manatee:**

- 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](#)

Together, we can bring relief, peace of mind, and full bellies to those who need it most.

# *June Birthdays & Anniversaries*

|               |                                  |               |                           |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| <b>JUN 3</b>  | Eric Arvidson                    | <b>JUN 19</b> | Norman "Norm" Lee         |
| <b>JUN 8</b>  | Richard Pratt                    | <b>JUN 20</b> | Chibuzor "Chib" Onugha    |
| <b>JUN 15</b> | Gregg and Lorrie Pead            | <b>JUN 23</b> | Harris Onugha             |
| <b>JUN 16</b> | Judy Giles, Michael "Mike" Stone | <b>JUN 27</b> | Anita Smith, Laura Rieley |

## ***Announcements:***

- Regular Sunday Fellowship is taking its Summer break and will be back in September.
- Summer "Between Sunday's" Bible Class will be based on the book of Genesis starting June 10 in the Parlor. Light snacks provided.
- Summer Fellowship Sundays Are Here!

Join us for a special summer gathering on the last Sundays of June, July, and August! Sunday service will be held in the Fellowship Hall, creating a warm and relaxed atmosphere for worship and time together as a church family.

After the service, stay and enjoy fellowship, delicious food, friendly conversation, and time to connect with one another. Feel free to come in your favorite comfortable summer attire and enjoy a relaxed summer morning with friends and family.

These Sundays are a wonderful opportunity to grow closer together, meet new friends, and enjoy worship, laughter, food, and community all in one place.

We can't wait to see you there!



**FELLOWSHIP  
& WORSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

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# June

## 2026

| SUN  | MON                        | TUE                                       | WED                                 | THU   | FRI   | SAT |
|--|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|-----|
|  | 1                          | 2   | 3                                   | 4<br><b>MEN'S GROUP</b><br>8:30a   Poppi's<br><br><b>RENEWAL   6P</b> | 5<br>Our Daily Bread<br>9:30a   | 6   |
| 7<br>Present Word 8:45a<br>Sunday Service<br>Communion 10a                     | 8<br><i>Book Club   1p</i> | 9<br><b>PRAYER</b><br><b>GROUP   11A</b>  | 10<br><i>Between Sundays</i><br>10a | 11<br><br><b>FINANCE - 3:30P</b>                                      | 12<br>Our Daily Bread<br>9:30a  | 13  |
| 14<br>Present Word 8:45a<br>Worship Service<br>10a                             | 15                         | 16<br><b>UPC SESSION</b><br>  2:30p       | 17<br><i>Between Sundays</i><br>10a | 18  | 19<br><b>JUNETEENTH</b><br>Our Daily Bread<br>9:30a<br><b>GRAPEVINE INPUTS</b><br><b>DEADLINE</b> | 20  |
| 21 <b>Father's Day</b><br>Present Word 8:45a<br>Worship Service<br>10a         | 22                         | 23<br><b>PRAYER</b><br><b>GROUP   11A</b> | 24<br><i>Between Sundays</i><br>10a | 25  | 26<br>Our Daily Bread<br>9:30a  | 27  |
| 28<br>Present Word 8:45a<br>Worship Service<br>10a  Summer<br>Fellowship - 11a | 29                         | 30  |                                     |   |   |     |

**Summer Office 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](#).