

FROM OUR MINISTRIES

BOOK MINISTRY

The book ministry is now accepting fiction (paper back or hard bound). Please drop your donations on the bench next to the book carts in the LEC lobby. Thank you - Dick Babbitts

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We would like to invite all Ladies to join us for a Christmas Luncheon, **Monday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m.** in Room 19. Reservations should be called to Anne at 813-633-4031 . Cost of the Luncheon is \$10.00. Our wonderful Fellowship Committee and Cook--Kirk have planned, prepared and will be serving us. We will have devotions, a beautiful Concert presented by Marleta Newberg and, most importantly, a time of Friendship and Joy. A "Christmas Gift" of food for our Food Pantry would be a great way to help someone in need.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA TODAY

Beautiful poinsettias add a festive and joyous touch to our Sanctuary and are available for purchase. This is a beautiful way to remember loved ones. The poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Please drop off check at the office and indicate the names of your loved ones by **December 16th**. Poinsettias may be picked up on Friday, December 27th between 8:30am and 12:30pm on the patio.

CHILDREN'S HOME UPDATE

TO THE CONGREGATION OF THE UMCSCC- A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME. THE SEPTEMBER 29TH FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING WAS \$1708.00 BRINGING OUR TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO \$12,770.00 TOWARD THE GOAL OF \$15,756. THERE IS ONE MORE FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING THIS YEAR ON DECEMBER 29. PLEASE KEEP THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN YOUR PRAYERS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT THE CHILDREN'S HOME? THE MISSION TEAM IS SPONSORING A TRIP ON **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020**. THE TOUR WILL LEAVE THE CHURCH AT 8:30AM AND RETURN AROUND 3:30PM. LUNCH WILL BE AT THE CRACKER BARREL AFTER THE TOUR. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THE CHURCH VANS. SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 12TH.



EMPTY BOWLS EVENT

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - TONIGHT

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR OUR ANNUAL BLUE CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE. LED BY AMANDA JORDAN, ACCOMPANIED BY BEAUTIFUL MUSIC, BLUE CHRISTMAS IS LINKED TO THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING. THIS EVENT UNITES FAMILY AND FRIENDS AROUND THE GLOBE IN LIGHTING CANDLES TO HONOR THE MEMORIES OF LOVED ONES THAT HAVE PASSED AWAY AND ANY STRUGGLES YOU MAY BE FACING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON..

BELIEVED TO BE THE LARGEST MASS CANDLE LIGHTING ON THE GLOBE, THIS EVENT CREATES A VIRTUAL 24-HOUR WAVE OF LIGHT AS IT MOVES FROM TIME ZONE TO TIME ZONE. OUR SERVICE WILL BE **TONIGHT BEGINNING AT 6:45 PM.** PLEASE JOIN US AND

Christmas Events & Services
at The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center

Blue Christmas Service: When Christmas Hurts
December 8th at 6:45PM

Free December Movie
The Art of Racing in the Rain
December 13th at 3PM & 6PM

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along
December 15th at 3PM

The Sights & Sounds of Christmas
(free tickets available in church office)
December 18th at 5PM & 7PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Contemporary - 4PM & 6PM
Traditional - 5PM & 7PM
Communion - 10PM

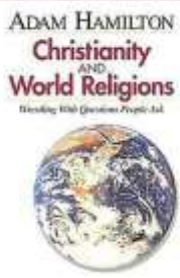
1210 Del Webb Blvd West, SCC / 813-634-2539

We are hosting an 'Empty Bowls' Event on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020** from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Empty Bowls is an international project created to fight hunger, personalized by artists and organizations on a community level.

For a \$15.00 donation, guests will select one of the bowls and will be served a meal of soup, bread and water. These participants will then take home their bowl as a reminder of how many bowls go empty around the world.

100% of the proceeds will benefit the underprivileged in the South Hillsborough County community. Tickets are limited so please purchase yours in the Church office soon!



Mission of the Month - December

Good Samaritan Mission

The Good Samaritan Mission, established in 1984, is a charitable, non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to holistic approach of enhancing the spiritual, emotional and physical quality of life of migrant farm workers and others living in poverty, by equipping and training individuals to lead healthy and purposeful lives through an incentive learning program. This innovation program allows students to attend classes where they receive tokens they can exchange for food and other goods at the mission's food pantry. Rather than a handout, the "Seeds of Change" program offers recipients an opportunity to educate themselves out of poverty with a sense of gratitude.



values of equipping purpose through and training individuals to lead healthy, purposeful lives and bring them closer to God.

2020 Missions of the Months

- January -- Campaign Against Human Trafficking
- February – United Methodist Children’s Home
- March – JAM (Jesus And Me)

FINANCIALUPDATE

Financially Speaking...

We believe that as we continue to faithfully serve God, that He will continue to bless our church and its ministries. Let us all join together with God as we continue to pray and support our church.

	October 2019	2019 Year to Date
Income	\$191,556	\$2,050,322
Expenses	\$226,182	\$2,109,387
Balance	(\$ 34,626)	(\$59,065)*
Mortgage Balance		\$2,374,263

**The above numbers reflect your dedicated, consistent tithes and offerings to our Lord, and have us substantially ahead of last year and poised to finish the year firmly in positive territory. We have also been entrusted with several generous Legacy Gifts as a final offering from a few of our late members. Including these one time, final gifts, we are truly blessed to show a positive \$227,031 income over expense as of the end of October! If you would like more information about Legacy Giving, please contact our office.

STAYCONNECTED

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Friday: 8:30AM - 12:30PM Sunday: 9:30AM - 12:30PM



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Sun City Center

December 7 & 8, 2019

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

