

Important Dates in October

- 5 World Communion Sunday
- 6 Church Council, 7 pm (F.C.)
- 13 Preschool Open House, 7 pm
- 18 ReFocus Summit #2, 9:30 am—1 pm (F.C.)
- 19 Preschool Board, 7 pm (Annex)
- 27 Trustees, 7 pm (Annex)



United Methodist YOUTH—There will be a Pool Party at the Parsonage on Sunday, October 5 from 3 to 6 pm. All young people in grades 6-12 are invited! Make sure you have turned in your permission slip to Bridget (305-238-7358). The Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 208.

CRUMC PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Our Preschool/Kindergarten will host an open house on Monday, October 13 at 7 pm. You are invited to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and learn about this ministry.

ReFocus Summit #2: Saturday, October 18, 9:30 am-1:00 pm **Discovery: Where are we going and what does God want to accomplish?** The ReFocus Team will present a “Community Profile” that will help us determine our church’s mission focus. This will lead to a time of listening to the Lord to discover and then to clarify God’s vision for our church. We will then identify the Strategic Values needed to accomplish the vision. (Free Lunch)

Mark your calendar for Summit#3 on Saturday, December 6 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm (Free Lunch)

The Florida Annual Conference is sponsoring a workshop on **Living the United Methodist Way: Radical Hospitality**, on Saturday, November 1, at UMC of the Palm Beaches from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Registration begins at 8:00 am). Everyone interested in helping our church become more hospitable, is welcome

to attend. *We need to know who wants to go so that we can pay the registration fee now.* Please let the pastor know if you will attend. Thanks!

Join Us on Sundays!

Sunday School 9:15 am **WORSHIP WITH US**  Worship Service 10:30 am

Thanks to our Worship Assistants for September

Liturgists: Tom McClary and Enrique Goodridge

Acolytes: Dornicia Daley, Uduak Ekwere and Brian Brodhead

Ushers: Tom Biskup, Cornelius Reagan, Sue Lewis, and Rich Ehinger

Children’s Church Teachers: Sandy Provost, Veronica Nicoleau, Donna Tunks

OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 3 Ron Robinette
- 3 Sandra Whitelocke
- 3 Tatiana Guzman
- 5 Dawnette Daley
- 7 Veronica Nicoleau
- 8 Anne O’Grady
- 9 Alicia Angus

Birthdays

- 17 Ernie Fike
- 18 Michelle Bigenho
- 20 Pam Wendt
- 22 Bob Pfaff
- 27 Floyd Batey
- 30 Myrna Shirley

Anniversaries

- 11 Nancie Albert
- 11 LouAnn Heinecken
- 11 Monique Nicoleau
- 12 Jan & Howard Winderbaum
- 29 Marty & Michelle Bigenho

Mark Your Calendar!

- ReFocus Summit #2: October 18
- Radical Hospitality Training: November 1 (Tell Pastor Sam now if you plan to go.)
- Country Fair & Barbecue: November 8
- Charge Conference: November 23
- Festival of Breads: November 23

- Hanging of the Greens: November 29
- ReFocus Summit #3: December 6

50th ANNIVERSARY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of you, who brought food, housed visitors, attended festivities and helped out in so many ways.



Dot Bardsley and her Team: Miriam Bigenho, Hyacinth Rhodd, Nancy & Tom Biskup, Marjorie Lea, Barbara Zeiher and Kim Bardsley for organizing, decorating and serving food on Saturday and Sunday.

Merilou Bell, Gerrie McClary, and Bill James for music at the Concert on Saturday and Worship Service on Sunday.

Marilyn Horne and Rebekah Joy Verzi for the T-shirts, the Sunday Bulletin and more.

Alice Atwood, Sue Atwood, Jean Welsh, Marilyn Horne and Rebekah Joy Verzi for the history page of the bulletin.

Jean Welsh for publicity and photo arrays in Fellowship Center.

Eleanor Festa for photos on posters.

Tom McClary & Jan Winderbaum for sharing memories at the Concert.

Tom McClary for setting up the sound system and recording.

Rebekah Joy Verzi, Yvonne Wright, Barbara Zeiher, Dot Bardsley, Karen Brodhead, and Patricia Sutta for the 50th Anniversary Directory.

Pastor Sam Wright for contacting ministers, replacing broken signs, ordering banners, video-taping, and more.

Sue Atwood, Nancy Biskup, and Peggy Batey for the 50th Anniversary Banner.

United Methodist Men—The next Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, October 5 at 8 am in the Fellowship Center. Men and women are invited to attend the meal and program.

United Methodist Women— The UMW General Meeting and Luncheon will be Sunday, October 14 after worship. All women are invited to attend.

- Monday Afternoon Fellowship: Monday, October 20 at 2 pm
- Luncheon Fellowship: Tuesday, October 21 at 10:30 am
- Joy Fellowship: Monday, October 27 at 7 pm

Helping Our Brothers and Sisters

CUBA: In Cuba there are nearly 500,000 dwellings completely destroyed, which has left nearly 2 million people without a home. The danger of hunger and illnesses is very real and we need to act quickly. Ways to help:

1. Donate money to the church designating it to go to Cuba.
2. We are collecting these specific items to be taken to Cuba:
 - Bottled water
 - Non-perishable food
 - Personal hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
 - First aid medicines (anti-inflammatory, anti-diarrheic [Imodium etc.]),
 - Medicines to lower fever (aspirin, Tylenol, etc).

(We are not collecting clothing at this time.)

*Please bring donations to the church office by October 26.

HAITI: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already at work in emergency relief in Haiti, but desperately needs more money to provide more emergency relief as their supplies are quickly depleted. Ways to help:

1. Donate money to the church designating "Haiti UMCOR"
2. Donate money online at www.umcor.org
100% of your gift goes to the need.

This is the time to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, dress the naked and heal the sick. Everyone is encouraged to generously contribute and support this humane act of love and compassion to our brothers and sisters in Cuba and Haiti.



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Dear Friends,

What a fabulous celebration at our 50th Anniversary on September 6th & 7th! The fellowship was superb with so many former members returning to join us for the occasion. It was also very memorable having two former ministers—Revs. Esther Robinson and Walter Edwards—and Mrs. Iris Edwards (also a former Choir Director)—sharing with us. The music was fantastic! The food was great! Thanks to all who made the event so special!

Two weeks after that high we had our first Summit of ReFocus. Although a high of a different nature, it was a spiritual time of reflection on where we have been as a church. Our Journey Wall was very revealing as the four different groups came up with similar ideas to describe the 50-year pilgrimage of this congregation including its growth up to Hurricane Andrew and its decline since then. The overview of half a century of ministry brought laughter for all the joyous times and tears for the difficulties. We rejoiced that there were many more highs than lows. At the end we came to a place of surrendering ourselves and our future to God.

We will meet for our next ReFocus Summit on Saturday, October 18, 9:30 am-1:30 pm. It is going to be even more exciting as we look to where we are going as a congregation. We hope you will join us as we seek God's vision for our future. *Sam*