

## July Birthdays

Ross Pound	7/2	Deanna Spence	7/17	William and Tammy Arnett	7/21
Shirley Petrey	7/3	Mandy Hayes	7/20	Marvin and Rose Ryan	7/21
Marvin Ryan	7/4	Charles Cook	7/21	Don and Helen Carlile	7/26
Chip Johnson	7/4	Kayley Caudill	7/23	Mike and Bev McCormick	7/31
Darlene Ward	7/4	Eleanor Dillman	7/24		
Bev McCormick	7/9	Wesley Griner	7/25		
Nancy Corton	7/10	Lucille McGlade	7/25		
Laura Erickman	7/11	Dennis Hobitt	7/26		
Agnes Wymns	7/12	Colin Jones	7/28		
William Dubose	7/13	Frank Vehorn	7/28		
Carolyn Moore	7/15				

## July Anniversaries

## WHAT ARE MISSIONAL VITAL SIGNS AND HOW DO THEY AFFECT YOU?



### Missional Vital Signs

In October, 2008, at a special gathering of pastors, Bishop Whitaker unveiled five primary areas of ministry that we need to assess when determining the health of a local congregation: Passionate Worship, Radical Hospitality, Intentional Discipling, Salty Service, and Extravagant Generosity. The Bishop has asked every church in the Florida Annual Conference to concretely measure these areas in the following ways (in the order listed above): attendance in all worship services, the number of professions and reaffirmations of faith, attendance in small groups that are focused on helping people become more like Jesus, the number of hours each person in the church spends serving his/her neighbors outside of the church walls, and the amount we are giving to further the Kingdom of God through our tithes and offerings. The measurements in these areas constitute our “Missional Vital Signs.”

We are already gathering most of this information and reporting it electronically to our denominational leaders on a monthly basis. But starting July 1st we will be adding assessments of Salty Service. Jesus said: “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve” (Matthew 20:26-28). Service flows naturally and inescapably from the teachings and example of Jesus. “Let me tell you why you are here,” says Jesus. “You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness?” (Matthew 5:13 The Message). Salty Service is defined in terms of any of four elements:

1. Hands-on mercy ministry alleviating the suffering of others;
2. Justice ministry addressing systems that cause suffering;
3. Earth-care as a steward of God’s creation; and
4. Relationship building to ease the emotional or spiritual needs of others.

Some examples are tutoring at a local school, repairing a toilet for an elderly neighbor, working with the Red Cross, cultivating a relationship with an unchurched person or taking part in a beach cleanup day.

*We are asking everyone at our church to record the number of hours they serve their neighbors each week in the pew pad as they record their attendance.* This is a self-assessment based on the honor system, and it is important that everyone participate so that our Bishop and District Superintendent will have an accurate picture of the health of our church. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Hicks in the church office.

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# Dundee United Methodist Church

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Newsletter Team:  
Pastor Mark, Nancy Hicks and Bob Burt

**Our Mission:** To provide a place and opportunity to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, worship God, mature spiritually, grow in fellowship as a Christian family, and serve our neighbor.

**Our Vision:** To transform lives and our community by sharing the love of God and empowering people to experience the fulfillment of the life offered by Jesus Christ for the growth of his kingdom, power, and glory.

## DUNDEE UMC OFFERS FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



Debt is all around us. More than 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck. Over 35% of Christian marriages end in divorce, and money problems are the number one cause. Financial Peace University has a long history of helping families successfully confront these problems head on.

Dundee UMC is proud to offer Financial Peace University, a biblically based accountability curriculum that teaches how to manage our money and resources in a godly way. It empowers participants to make the right financial decisions to achieve their financial goals, teaching them to eliminate debt, build wealth, and give like never before. On average, families reduce their debt by \$5,300 and save \$2,700 in just 91 days.

Financial Peace University consists of a 13-week video curriculum taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. Most financial programs are boring, with confusing information and monotonous instructors. Financial Peace is very different! It is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice, and biblical messages. Dave does all the teaching on DVD, and Lawrence Widener (Financial Advisor) will facilitate discussions after the videos.

FPU:

- Teaches** financial responsibility with easy Baby Steps
- Helps** eliminate debt using the Debt Snowball
- Offers** accountability and continued support with lifetime membership
- Trains** participants to spend every dollar on paper with the zero-based budget planner
- Empowers** people struggling financially to take control of their money

We will offer a course preview on Sunday July 5th at 6:00pm, and classes will begin on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. For more information go to our church website: [www.dundeeumc.com](http://www.dundeeumc.com).

The seminar costs \$109 per person/family and includes a life-long membership and a participant's kit with the following helpful tools that will be implemented in the course: Class Workbook; all 13 lessons on audio CD; budgeting forms; envelope system; CD-ROM with financial calculators and money management forms; Dave's best selling book, *Financial Peace Revisited*; tips cards and debit card holders.

Here is a personal testimony from Hazel and Cleon Chester's granddaughter:

"I took Financial Peace University and HIGHLY recommend it!!!!!! Anyone who is struggling with any kind of debt, young families, singles, etc. would benefit. If I knew any newlyweds or graduates, I would buy it as a present for them it's so good! So if any of your Church friends ask about it, I would ABSOLUTELY recommend it! Best \$\$ someone could ever spend!"

--Diana

This will be an excellent seminar and we hope you will help us spread the word. (Pastor Mark)

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



**JOY CLASS**  
Teacher: Jenny Jacobs

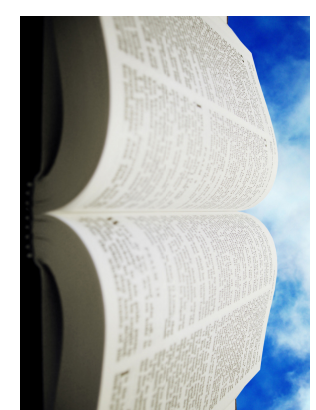
Our class is still studying by book, *Yes Lord I've Sinned, But I Have Some Excellent Excuses*. We have been looking at many behaviors that break relationship with God and others but that we do not like to categorize as "sin." For example, the author helps us see that failing to speak up when we witness wrong-doing can be sinful. Other examples are inappropriately expressed anger, greediness, saying hurtful things and gossiping, and cheating. In looking at these kinds of sins, we meditated on selections in Proverbs that warn against many sins we easily ignore but can be as harmful as the "big" sins that are obviously wrong. We extend a warm invitation to anyone who might be interested in joining us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

**BRISTOL / XYZ CLASS**  
Teacher: Barbara Bateman

One of the things that makes our Sunday school class unique is the kind of lessons that guide our time together. While the Joy Sunday school class takes a more thematic or topical approach to learning, our class engages in a more verse-by-verse study of scripture. For example, last month we began a study on 1 Samuel, focusing on the life of King David. In addition to a good overview of the stories that constitute this royal saga, our class asks deep questions like, Why was Samuel afraid to go to Bethlehem to find a new king after God rejected Saul? How did a young shepherd boy have the courage to fight a giant like Goliath? Why did he carry five stones in his pouch? Goliath's armor weighed 5,000 shekels, but how many pounds is that? We talked about the relationships between Saul, David, Jonathan, Absalom, and God, and we saw the good and bad sides of their characters. Since our study follows the Revised Common Lectionary, many times our lessons are on the same scripture verses that Pastor Mark preaches on that very Sunday! How exciting it is to learn how scripture can be applied to our daily lives. All are invited and we hope to see you soon.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES



Wednesday, July 1st, will be the last church family dinner, Bible Study, and Pioneers' Club meeting until the fall when school starts back. Mike Jones will continue to hold United Methodist Youth Fellowship meetings and hopes to continue offering food to neighborhood kids through the summer. If you would be willing to provide a meal for the youth of our church, please contact Mike at 438-9493. When we resume Bible study, Pastor Mark will lead an extended course entitled, "**Great World Religions**," using the DVD series of the same title produced by "The Great Courses." We will study Christianity (Luke Timothy Johnson), Judaism (Isaiah M. Gafni), Islam (John L. Esposito), Buddhism (Malcolm David Eckel), and Hinduism (Mark W. Muesse). This topic was selected by an almost unanimous vote by present class members. (Submitted by Pastor Mark)

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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

On June 16th, the Hotel Jacaranda in historic downtown Avon Park was the setting for a luncheon for 24 ladies of the Dundee United Methodist Women.

Through “the season,” students from South Florida Community College Culinary Arts program share the hotel kitchen and create dishes for guests to enjoy. We will have another fun outing in July (TBA).

Suzanne Cook was presented a mission pin for service in United Methodist Women. She was President several years ago and remains very active. Please remember that we are still selling plain and chocolate-covered pecans for \$8.00 a bag and cookbooks for \$5.00. Have a good summer and stay safe.



(Martha Lowe, UMW President)

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Dundee United Methodist Men will not meet in July or August, but will resume meeting in September. The President, Dennis Hoblit, had knee surgery and is in rehab at Life Care Center of Winter Haven, Room 417. He is doing well but the family requests ongoing prayer. His direct phone number at the rehab center is 969-5831 and he would love to hear from you.

(Nancy Hicks, Administrative Assistant)



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, June 16th. The financial report for May indicated once again that our revenues are running behind the amount needed to meet budgeted expenditures. While we are able to pay our bills, money is tight and our finances must be carefully monitored by the Committee. We are currently considering possible budget reductions and new ways to raise funds to address our current deficits and prepare in case the situation worsens. All interested church members are welcome to attend and make their own suggestions, which will be given due consideration.

(Bob Burt, Chairman)



## THANK-YOU FROM THE PASTOR AND JOBE

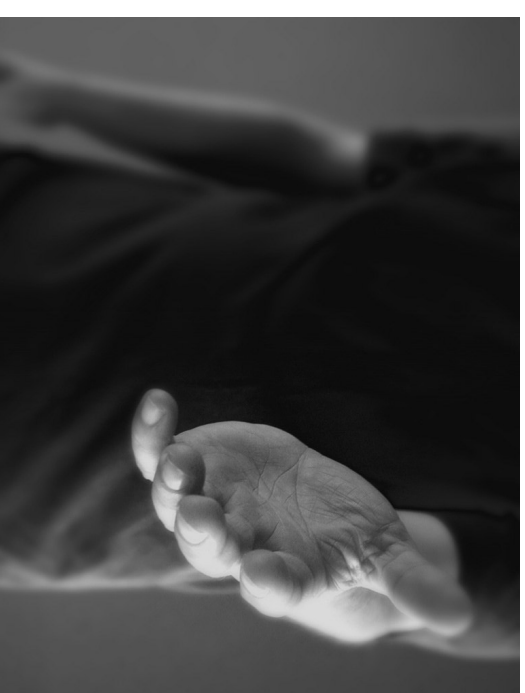
I would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts given to me at the party celebrating my reappointment to Dundee UMC. I am thrilled to serve you for another year and look forward to engaging with you in fruitful ministry. I also want to thank you for including Jobe by giving him a farewell party. He was surprised by the love you expressed through cards, gifts, and comments in his goodbye book. If you would like to keep in touch with Jobe you can write to him : Jobe Reynolds; 4325 Lehaven Circle; Tucker, GA 30084.

(Pastor Mark)

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## OUTREACH

An Outreach meeting was held on June 22nd in the Inquirer's Room. Jenny Jacobs, while remaining active as a member, has resigned as the Chairperson. The Church Council has been asked to prayerfully consider filling this position. In the interim, Suzanne Cook suggested that the committee delegate members to take responsibility for specific projects that we would like to accomplish this year. The following leadership assignments have been suggested.



**New Resident Welcome Buckets:** We agreed to make 10 more buckets. Laura Gorman will be asked to obtain more *Discover Polk County* books---enough for the buckets

and some extras for members of the church. Suzanne Cook, Fran Miller and Jenny Jacobs will secure other items: mop buckets, disinfectant wipes, calculators, pens/pencils, tape measures, cups/glasses, maps of Polk County and Dundee and other pertinent brochures.

**Food Pantry:** Nancy Hicks will continue to run the church food pantry, and will be responsible for securing volunteers to assist her in replenishing and stocking the shelves. The youth will be asked to continue moving food items from the church to the pantry on Wednesday nights.

**School Supplies Ministry:** Suzanne Cook and Laura Gorman will be in charge of this project.

The congregation will be asked for donations to help impoverished children in our community and kids at the United Methodist Children's Home.

**SHARE:** JoAnn and Dennis Hoblit will continue to be in charge of the Share project, and Miltzi and Sierra Hylton will continue as assistants. .

**Clothing for Abused Women:** The UMW will continue to collect clothes for the abused women's ministry of the Peace River Center.

**Florida United Methodist Children's Home:** Jenny Jacobs will be in charge of the Florida Children's Home outreach program and will head a drive for donations of needed items in the month of October. Christmas gifts for the children will be solicited from the congregation.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** Fran Miller will be in charge of Thanksgiving food baskets. Ruth Pond will be asked to help with this project, and we will ask the Youth to help put the baskets together. The congregation will be asked to donate items. Our goal is to minister to 30 families.

**Christmas Baskets:** Lamanda Jones will be asked to lead the Christmas food basket ministry, with donations of food and gifts from the congregation. Sand Hill Elementary School, Dundee Elementary School, and Migrant Head Start will be contacted in October to get a list of names of families and ages of children, in order to do an “Angel Tree” for the congregation's participation. Suzanne Cook will order Bibles to put in each bag. Thelma and Harold Jones will be asked to help with this project.

Page 3 It is the committee's goal to involve as many people as possible to complete each of these projects.  
(Jenny Jacobs, Acting Chair)

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

CHURCH Dundee United Methodist Church

MONTH May 2009

	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME		
UNRESTRICTED	\$ 12,462.51	\$ 56,840.05
RESTRICTED	9,169.65	20,275.87
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 21,632.16	\$ 77,115.92
EXPENSES		
BENEVOLENCE (APPORTIONMENTS)	\$ 1,079.00	\$ 5,497.00
NOTES PAYABLE	200.00	1,000.00
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	6,057.00	31,216.00
LAY EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	2,020.00	10,109.00
MINISTRY AREA	153.00	890.00
OPERATING EXPENSES	3,375.00	15,430.00
DEBT RETIREMENTS	-0-	375.00
MISCELLANEOUS	-0-	-0-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,884.00	\$ 64,517.00
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT RESTRICTED	\$ 37,161.95	
UNRESTRICTED	-784.88	
TOTAL	\$ 36,377.07	
AMOUNT NEEDED PER WEEK FOR BUDGET	\$ 2,970.90	
AMOUNT UNRESTRICTED RECEIVED PER WEEK(5 Sundays)	\$ 2,492.50	
AMOUNT OVER/SHORT PER WEEK	\$ -478.40	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Bible Study Children/Youth	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Inquirer's Class 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm A.A 7:00 pm TOPS	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group 5:30 pm Monthly Church Family Dinner—Harry's Old Place	<b>8</b> 6:30 Children/Youth	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Inquirer's Class 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship/ Communion	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm A.A 7:00 pm TOPS	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00 pm Finance Committee	<b>15</b> 6:30 Children/Youth	<b>16</b> 7:30 Church Council	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Inquirer's Class 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Worship	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Circles of Concern 6:00 pm A.A 7:00 pm TOPS DEADLINE for Newsletter Articles	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group	<b>22</b> 6:30 Children/Youth	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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