

**Charge Conference**  
**Gulf Cove United Methodist Church**  
*Experience – Embrace – Engage*  
**October 13, 2019 – 6:00-7:30pm**

**Attendees:**

Pastor Mike Weaver, Doreen Alvarez, Fred Boyer, Judy Boyer, John Furtado, Joyce Furtado, Sue Matthews, Joan Priest, Ken Priest, Jeanne Shrout, Linda Starck, Rick Starck, Donna Wallace, Dana Hanson

This year's annual Charge Conference was held at First UMC in Punta Gorda. Twelve churches were represented. The conference opened with prayer and praise songs. Then there was a short presentation by Rev. Christy Holden about the Gulf Coast Wesley Foundation, a mission of the South West District. See <https://getinvolved.fgcu.edu/organization/gcwf> and [www.gulfcoastwesley.org](http://www.gulfcoastwesley.org).

South West District Superintendent Dan Jackson told us about some successful dinner churches in the Florida Conference. One church started its dinner church and just ten months later had to start a second dinner church. Attendance at several dinner churches exceeds the attendance at their main church. Rev. Jackson explained that many people who attend these dinner churches discover that they did not realize they had a longing for Christ. (It is hoped that the Dinner Church which will be hosted by Gulf Cove UMC will start in January 2020.)

The administrative matters were handled toward the end of the conference. Three items which appeared in the Gulf Cove UMC portion of the program were addressed and voted on, each receiving unanimous approval:

- Pastor's compensation package.
- Leadership Positions as identified on three pages of the program.
- Removal of members identified in the Second-Year list.

The conference was concluded with Holy Communion and praise songs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Hanson  
Recording Secretary