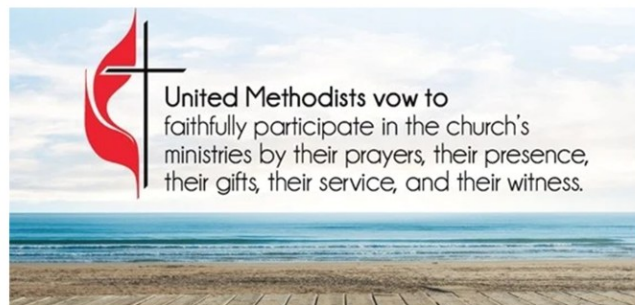


Gulf Breezes

Monthly Newsletter of
Gulf Cove United Methodist Church



Through our baptisms, we become members of the family of Christ. As members of The United Methodist Church, we are called to be loyal and do all in our power to strengthen the ministries of the church. As members of the local church, Gulf Cove UMC, we promise to faithfully participate in the ministries of the local church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Therefore, our membership in a local church means more than belonging to a social club or having your name on the church books. Our membership vows connects the promises that began with our baptisms and extends into our everyday lives, as we live as Christ's disciples. By our vows, we vow to fulfill our promises, shaped by Jesus Christ.



May 11

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am	Traditional Worship Service
9:30am	Contemporary Worship Service AND Kids Church (PK-5) #109
9:30am	Adult Sunday School #D
11am	Traditional Worship Service
4-6pm	Youth Group (gr 6-12) #D

WEDNESDAYS AT GULF COVE

Midweek Boost ~ meets with Pastor Mike at 12pm.

Pastor's Bible Study ~ meets at 4:30pm.

Jesus Rocks ~ Grades K-5 meet from 6-7:30pm.

Youth ~ Grades 6-12 meet from 6-7:30pm.

Midweek Boost and Pastor's Bible Study are open to all adults. Discussions might be about the scripture for the upcoming Sunday, or a short video or book study. There are no requirements, no prep work – all are welcome. Bring a Bible and join us. Both classes are the same content, just different times.

Jesus Rocks and Youth start out together with a light meal before splitting into their groups. All kids/youth are welcome!



CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS IN OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

Sponsoring Combined Services: We are looking for church groups to take the reins for one of the combined services (held on 5th Sundays) and be responsible for both setting up and cleaning up. Since we use paper plates & disposable cups, and people take their covered dishes home, it's not much work for a group.

Leadership Board took care of March 30.

June 29 ~VBS Volunteers

August 31 ~ SPONSOR NEEDED

November 30 ~SPONSOR NEEDED

Sunday Morning Clean-Up: The following weeks are covered: 1st Sunday by Jay & Denise Henderson; 2nd Sunday by Dick & Theresa Peterson. We need volunteers to clean up on the 3rd & 4th Sundays either just before or just after the 11am service. Joel and Mindy Wilson have agreed to be the occasional backups for Bill & Mary Ann Bart who set up before 8am on Sunday mornings.

Englewood Helping Hand: We still need a Co-Captain for Englewood Helping Hand to work with Jean Howard - make sure food is collected and brought to EHH and signup volunteers when it is our church's turn to volunteer at the pantry.



As we come into the time that our seasonal visitors are leaving and school will soon be out, the pantry is in need of kid friendly items: Cereal, Pasta (Spaghetti or any type of

pasta), Instant Potatoes, Powdered Milk or Cartons of Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Tuna, Condiments, Ramen, Canned Pasta (SpaghettiOs, etc.), Peanut Butter, Bar Soap, Toilet Paper. Donations can be placed in the EHH bin in the Narthex entry. Please be sure items have not expired.

Usher/Greeter Coordinators: No one has stepped forward yet to act as coordinator for either the 8:00 or 9:30 services. This position can be shared if you are not a full time resident. The job consists of encouraging and training people to be greeters and ushers, and making sure someone is signup up to do the job each month. Contact the office if you can help. 941.697.1747.

Church News



WOMEN'S & MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN MAY

Patty Frick is facilitating another Bible Study on Tuesdays in May titled *More Women of the Bible*. You need not have attended the last study to be a part of this one. There are two sessions. Session one runs from 3-5pm and is open to women and their friends. Session two, from 5:30-6:30pm, is for women and men. Look for signup sheets in the back of the sanctuary, or go online to our church website to register. Classes begin Tuesday, May 6.

Interested in facilitating a Bible Study, Video Series, Men's Study or ???? Please contact the office to submit your plans. We love new ideas and new groups.

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Habitat for Humanity: The GCUMC workday was held on April 5. Jay Henderson said he was so proud of our team of volunteers, which numbered around 13 or 14. He said the day went great, and reminded everyone that another workday for GCUMC will be held in the fall. As of 3/31/2025, we had a balance in our Habitat account of \$4,729. Since summer is probably a lean time for them as it relates to monetary donations, they would probably appreciate any extra income. The Leadership Board decided, at its April meeting, that we should donate the current balance in our account to Habitat for Humanity.

Team Cuba: John McGuire advised that our semi-annual support was delivered to Nicaro and Frank Pais the end of March. Ray and Barbie Dunfee are leaving May 11 and will each take a suitcase filled with donations for our Cuba sister churches. Kathy Kaiser is taking her second trip to Cuba in October.



During the entire month of May, youth will collect orders for baked goods, with a Baking Day on Saturday, May 31.

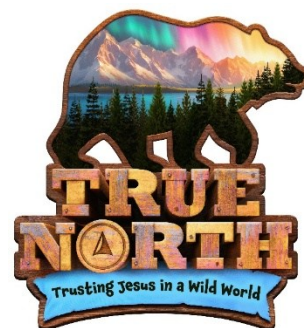
VBS Decoration Workdays will be held on Saturdays, June 14 & 21, with the final setup day on Sunday, June 22.

Trivia Night Fundraiser ~ Sunday, May 18, 5-7PM ~ All are welcome!

Youth Camp ~ The Youth will be attending Warren Willis Camp from July 7-12. They alternate "camp" years with mission trip years to allow time to raise funds to cover the mission trips.



May 26



VBS will be held Monday to Friday, June 23-27, from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Many volunteers are still needed. Please contact Holly Tozer if you can help.

Child Protection Training: This training is mandated by Conference for ANYONE who works with our children or youth on a regular OR occasional basis (such as through VBS). This training is to occur annually. Background checks are also required every 3 years, and many checks were performed before VBS last year. This year's training is scheduled for **Sunday, May 18, from 12-2pm**. Lunch will be provided. Anyone who should receive this training but cannot attend that day needs to contact Holly Tozer to make alternative arrangements.



Review of Current Finances: John Furtado reported on certain amounts as of the end of March

	MARCH	YTD
Total Spendable Income Received	53,659	132,890
Operating Expenses	43,793	125,787
Surplus/Deficit	9,866	7,103
Reserve Money Used	0	0
Designated Funds Received	7,349	39,787

COMMUNION OFFERING ENVELOPES

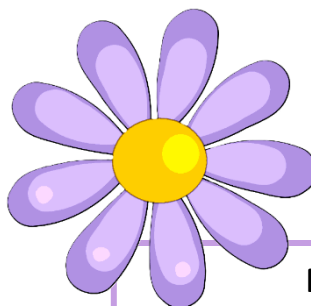
Each month a different fund is chosen by our church leadership to receive these extra funds. If you wish to give above and beyond your usual tithe for **May**, the Communion Offering is designated for **Vacation Bible School**.



May 5	Betsy Mac Donald
May 6	Beth Butts
	Morgan Katsarelas
	Susan Matthews
	Ray Roy
May 8	Elaye Wong
May 10	Barbara Garafolo
	Jim Marshall
	Don Teague
May 12	Jim Brown
May 15	Zander Alvarez
May 16	Lori Perkins
	Linda Tillinghast
May 19	Marian Brumley
May 20	Rebecca Eyer
May 21	Terry Hixson
	Joan Priest
	Debi Teune
May 22	Alice Horecki
May 24	Paige Kuhns
	Carol McGuire
May 25	Beth Clarke
May 28	Barb Carlson
	Grace Gray
May 29	Lily Crandall
May 30	Chris Andrews
May 31	Janet Rowe



Jerry & Judy Spurgeon	May 15
Jim & Lisa Brown	May 26



MAY SERMON SERIES

May 4:	Words of Encouragement John 21:1-17
May 11	Like the Love of a Mother John 10:27-30
May 18	What It Means to Be a Family John 13:31-38
May 25	Last Words Luke 24:36-49