

Gulf Breezes

Monthly Newsletter of Gulf Cove United Methodist Church

Helping Everyone

EXPERIENCE EMBRACE ENGAGE

Jesus & Community

From the Pastor:

Dear Church Family,

June opens with the echo of Pentecost, one of the most powerful and transformative moments in the life of the early Church. In Acts 2, we read how tongues of fire rested on each of the disciples, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. But the real miracle wasn't just linguistic—it was relational.

Pentecost wasn't about everyone suddenly becoming multilingual. It was about the Spirit breaking down barriers. People from all nations, cultures, and walks of life heard the Good News in a way they could understand—not just with their ears, but with their hearts.

In a world still fractured by misunderstanding and division, Pentecost reminds us that through the Holy Spirit, we are able to connect across boundaries—whether those are cultural, generational, political, or personal. The Spirit gives us more than words; it gives us empathy, compassion, courage, and truth. The Spirit doesn't just help us talk—it helps us truly communicate.

And we need that Spirit in our community more than ever.

As disciples in this season, Pentecost challenges us to be translators of grace—in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, and even in our families. That includes the dads, grandpas, mentors, and

spiritual fathers we'll celebrate this Father's Day. Whether biological or chosen, the influence of good men of faith—men who listen well, love deeply, and lead with humility—is a gift of the Spirit in action.

It also means trusting that even when our efforts feel small—like a prayer shared, a kind word spoken, a moment of patience or service—the Holy Spirit is moving through us in ways we may not see at first. We may not have tongues of fire resting on our heads today, but we still carry the flame.

That's why, when we open our campus to Vacation Bible School this month, we're not just offering songs and snacks—we're creating space for that flame to flicker into a child's life. It's why we hold worship, Bible study, community meals, and disaster response—not just to keep busy, but to stay Spirit-led and mission-focused.

So take heart, Gulf Cove UMC. The wind of Pentecost still blows. The fire still burns. And the Spirit still speaks through us—sometimes in words, but more often in actions that connect across the deepest languages of the human heart.

"And it shall come to pass that I will pour out my Spirit on all people..." —Joel 2:28

Let's keep living like that's true.

Love you Church,

Mike

JUNE SERMON SERIES

June 1

Luke 24:50-53

All In God's Time

June 8

Acts 2:1-22

**Stop Your Babbling
and Catch on Fire**



June 15

Matthew 7:7-12

Dada, Daddy, Dad, Bruh

June 22

Philippians 1:6; 4:7, Jeremiah 29:11-14

What has God done for you?

Samuel Carter

June 29

VBS Sunday

ONE COMBINED SERVICE

Potluck Following 10am Service



OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

FOR JUNETEENTH

JOINING GCUMC ~ On **July 27**, we will hold a new-members class and lunch. If you are interested in joining GCUMC, **please notify the church office at 941.697.1747.**

- Members have their United Methodist membership only at GCUMC.
- Affiliate Members retain their United Methodist membership elsewhere in addition to their membership at GCUMC.
- Associate Members retain membership elsewhere in a different denomination in addition to their membership at GCUMC.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Traditional Worship Service
9:30am Contemporary Worship Service
AND Kids Church (PK-5) #109

No Adult Sunday School during June or July

11am Traditional Worship Service
4-6pm Youth Group (gr 6-12) #103

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.

Vacation Bible School



Monday to Friday

June 23-27

5:30 to 8:30pm.

Register Now!

Online: GulfCoveChurch.com

By phone: Call Dana at 941.979.9927

Email: GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com



MOTHERS HELPING MOTHERS ~ The MHM Relief Trailer is here at GCUMC on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from **10:00am to 12:00pm**.

CLOSET OF HOPE ~ Because of repairs, the Closet will be closed during June and July. Please do not drop off any donations until we reopen.

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND

Wednesday - 8-1

Thursday - 8-1



Please keep families with children in mind when shopping for items to donate to the pantry, as many children are on summer break.

Donation may be dropped off in our Narthex.

Please be sure items have not expired.

TEAM CUBA UPDATE

Ray and Barbie Dunfee went on their trip to Cuba. They each took one suitcase for our two sister churches filled with the supplies and clothing that we had on hand. Thanks to Kathy Kaiser we were also able to send six solar cellphone charges for each church. Kathy has taken on the duties of providing information about our sister churches to our congregation.

Kathy's October trip to Cuba has been postponed from October to November. The Cuban people have a dire need for almost any OTC medications.

Thank you for your support.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A letter was received by Pastor Mike thanking our church for its donation of \$4,729.47. They noted that since 1987, Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity has served over 570 families by offering a hand up, not a handout.

The Church Needs Volunteers



Are You Able?

Kids Church-Holly Tozer needs help with Kids Church on Sunday mornings at 9:30. If you can help one Sunday a month (or more), please let Holly know.

Greeters/Ushers-Sign-up at the back of the sanctuary. If you cannot do an entire month, please leave a note.

Hospitality -Help when you can- one week or one month. It's up to you! We are still open to more team members for early morning setup. Clean up at the end of the morning is covered on the 1st and 2nd Sundays. **Can you offer to help on the 3rd or 4th Sunday?** Call the church office at 941.697.1747 if you can help in any way.

Barn Boys-Mowing and trimming-contact John Furtado at 941.830.0121.

First Impressions-Weeding and pruning – contact Ken Priest at 941.769.0581.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

- Galatians 6:10

Fellowship



Ladies Who Lunch will meet next on Sunday, **June 8, at 12:30pm** in the church sanctuary. Please contact Nancy Spaulding at 386.868.8604 regarding your contribution. All ladies are welcome!



Dinner for Six
Our Dinner for Six small groups have been very successful and a great deal of fun, but we are taking a break for the summer. See you in the fall.



MahJongg with Friends ~ On hiatus until this fall.



Interested In Forming a New Group?

Work Group?
Bible Study Group?
Craft Group?
Fellowship Group?

Call the office to get started. 941.697.1747.

SHINE ON!



COMFORT CREATIONS
meets at **9:30** on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is June 11, 9:30am, room #101.

Comfort Creations is a group of people who create knitted or crocheted blankets and shawls to give away to people who need to feel God's comfort. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Sandy Doty. 941.875.4199.



Crafty Ladies is open to the public every Thursday from 10am-12pm in Oaks Cove.

Crafty Ladies is a group of women who sew or create specific items that are then sold to the public. Monies received from these sales are used for purchasing supplies and donating to various causes. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Grawcock. 260.226.0240.

AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church
1100 S. McCall Road, Port Charlotte, FL

Friday, June 13, 2025

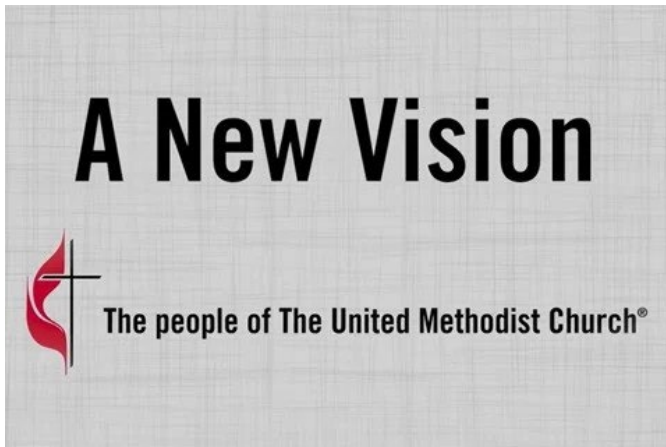
8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Sandy Doty

941-875-4199 (call, text or leave message)

E-mail: ssdoty975@yahoo.com

RESERVATIONS BY June 11th



In this new season, God is calling United Methodists to embody this vision as we

- Grow and form disciples
- Develop Christ-like leaders
- Stand in solidarity with the poor and the most vulnerable
- Seek health and wholeness for all people and creation



Each part derives from Scripture.

- **LOVE BOLDLY**, inspired by [Matthew 22:37-39](#) and [John 13:34-35](#), means: United Methodists passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life.
- **SERVE JOYFULLY**, inspired by [Psalm 100:1](#), [Nehemiah 8:10](#), [John 13:14-15](#) and [1 Peter 4:10](#), means: With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.
- **LEAD COURAGEOUSLY**, inspired by [Joshua 1:9](#) and [Ephesians 6:10](#), means: Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation.

	APRIL	YTD
Total Spendable	\$44,108.61	\$176,999.42
Income Received		
Total Expenses	\$41,572.48	\$167,335.29
Surplus/Deficit	\$2,536.13	\$9,664.13
Reserve Funds		
Used	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Nonspendable	\$40,679.87	\$80,936.254
Funds Received		

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 June, the Communion Offering is designated for Englewood Helping Hand.**

SECOND SUNDAY ~ SECOND MILE GIVING is another opportunity to go above and beyond your normal giving to support the church. This collection always goes to our reserve fund, so that we may pay our bills when gifts and tithes wil not cover our regular monthly expenses.



June 1	Julie Perry
	Macie Stenseth
June 2	Linda Cosgray
	Holly Tozer
June 3	Dana Hanson
	Phoebe Gray
	Doraleigh Egan
June 4	Priscilla Jordan
June 6	Dave Crandall
June 7	Jana Blount
June 8	Samuel Carter
June 9	Mike MacKenzie
	Mary Ann Bart
June 10	Ruth Roy
	Dennis Guzik
June 12	Bea Adkins
June 14	Bonnelle Lewis
June 15	Karen Bodo
	Sue Charbonneau
June 17	Susie Morrow
June 18	Ken Brumley
June 19	Naomi Price
June 20	Dean Tomlin
June 21	Virginia Bathurst
June 22	Dee Grafe
June 23	Denise Henderson
June 24	Alfred Current III
June 25	Michael Alvarez
	Makenna Kuhns
June 26	Al Geyer
June 28	Fred Boyer
June 29	Ron Barche
	Erin Katsarelas



June 8	Russ & Nancy Treible
June 8	Dean & Judy Tomlin
June 10	Ray & Ruth Roy
June 11	Mark Porter & Elaye Wong
June 13	Mike & Sue Charbonneau
June 14	Rick & Laurie Rakestraw
June 18	David & Bonnie Plummer



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