



# FUMCHS News

October 2022

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**Youth Car Wash**  
**Saturday, October 1**  
**8 AM to 1 PM Youth Bldg.**

## Greetings Family,

We have finally made it to Fall! This is my favorite time of year as I enjoy watching sports among other things. Advancements in technology affords me the opportunity to watch all my favorite teams play from the comfort of my easy chair. I look forward to the soon approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas specials. Everything from the Westminster Kennel Dog Show to celebratory parades, to musical specials, and including sporting events from colleges to the pros, can now all be viewed from the comforts of home. Yet we can still feel a part of the excitement by wearing our favorite jersey or singing and/or dancing along to the music of the season. However, it is not the same as attending in-person.

I would imagine every one of us, have at one time or another, been part of an audience. There is a certain vibe we get from participating in live performances. We experience the excitement and enjoyment of the performers. Their energy transcends the space reaching the live audience. There is an appropriate response in the crowd. Their attention returns to the performers, and they are encouraged to do their best. A couple weeks ago, we showed a video clip from the television show All in the Family. One thing I remember from that show is they always said they performed the show before a live, studio audience (so much better than a dead audience). The actors drew energy from laughter and from the crowd's responses. Their laughter helped us laugh at home. Their tears let us cry at home. Yet, it was not quite the same as being there.

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## October 2022 Events



Youth Car Wash  
 Saturday, October 1, 8 AM to 1 PM  
 By Youth Building

Neighborhood Buddies Meeting  
 Sunday, October 2, 11:30 AM  
 Fellowship Hall, Room 10



Habitat for Humanity Day  
 Sunday, October 9, 10 AM  
 Sanctuary

Hometown Festival Planning Meeting  
 Sunday, October 9, 11:30 AM  
 Fellowship Hall, Room 10



Covered Dish Dinner  
 Wednesday, October 12, 5:30 PM  
 RSVP Kathy Gordon 772-546-3303

Parent Night Out  
 Saturday, October 15, 5 to 8 PM  
 RSVP Kathy Gordon 772-546-3303



Annual Church Conference  
 Sunday, October 16, 4 PM  
 First UMC Stuart



Neighborhood Buddies will be reaching out to friends and members in October. If you are a member of our church and want to get involved, contact Kathy Gordon at 772-546-3303 or kgordon@fumchs.org. We will meet on Oct. 2, 11:30 AM, in Room 10.

## Congratulations!

Marie Ostrout will take over John Heckendorn's position as Campus Care Coordinator in October. We'll miss John, but we're happy that Marie will be the one who will try to fill John's shoes.



## Do You Know?

Heidi asked,  
 “How can God  
 make Heaven  
 if he’s in Heaven?”

Pastor Doug’s answer was, “Our Bible tells us that before there was anything, there was God. How God came to be is a mystery to us. It is only through faith in a God we cannot see that we can believe what the Bible tells us. So when there was nothing but God, God spoke and began creation. Part of that creation was both heaven and earth. God being God is in all places at the same time. So God is in Heaven just like God is here on earth. God is so big & wonderful to be able to do that.



Christmas Tea Dec. 7.  
 Want to host? Call  
 Bette 772-546-3303.

## October 2022 Events, cont.



Pastor Appreciation Day  
 Sunday, October 16  
 Envelope Box at Welcome Desk

Hometown Festival Planning Meeting  
 Sunday, October 22, 10 AM to 4 PM  
 Doc Myers Park, Contact Kathy Gordon



Singles Night Out, Lola’s Seafood  
 Saturday, October 22, 4 PM  
 RSVP Linda Evans 772-546-0107

Family Promise Bed Race  
 Saturday, October 22, 9 AM  
 First UMC Stuart



Youth Sunday  
 Sunday, Oct. 23, 10 AM  
 Sanctuary

Trunk-or-Treat Planning  
 Saturday, Oct. 23, 11:30 AM  
 Room 10, Contact Kathy Gordon



Trunk-or-Treat  
 Saturday, Oct. 29, 4-6 PM  
 Front Lawn, Contact Kathy Gordon

## Greetings Family *(cont.)*,

In the past few years, the church has undergone some of the same things. With the advent of the Covid epidemic, seats that were once occupied, now lay empty. People went to the internet or to television broadcasts of worship services. Now, we could watch our church or any other church service, from the comfort of home, often at a time convenient for the viewer. One thing the entertainment/sporting venues usually have over churches, is an abundant pool of enthusiastic potential patrons. People will brave sub-freezing temperatures and pouring rain just to say they were there. People will stand in line for hours for that special ticket. They know it is far more entertaining and enjoyable when an event is shared live and in-person. This leads me to stop and ponder; how have we come to believe in a God that is above and beyond all things, a God greater than our human imaginations can fathom, and relegate our praise and worship of this omnipotent, all-

present, and an all-knowing God to the solitary confinement of our easy chairs? People should be flocking to churches, filling the pews, and creating an energy because we are worshipping the Almighty God together, in-person, because we inherently know attending an event in-person is so much better.

Our worship goal every week is to offer God our best effort. We pray that our energy, derived from the power of God, would translate to the congregation and in-turn your enthusiastic praise would cause a great awakening, as we experience the power of God radiating throughout our sanctuary. Yes, we can participate from home, but we all know in our souls, it is far better to participate in-person. What might it look like if we were as excited about our church in the same way many are excited by their favorite team or holiday special?

Surrounded by the love & power of God,  
Pastor Doug

## Pastor's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 10 AM & 7 PM

Date	Bible Study	Topic
10/4/2022	Revelation 10:1-11:19	God's Solution to Sin
10/11/2022	Revelation 12:1-13:18	Glimpses of Truth
10/18/2022	Revelation 14:1-15:4	Glimpses of Truth
10/25/2022	Revelation 15:5-16:21	The 7 Bowls
11/1/2022	Revelation 17:1-19:10	Truth: Babylon Vs. God's People

## Blessing of the Animals—Submitted Photos



Norton family



Hayes family



Gordon family



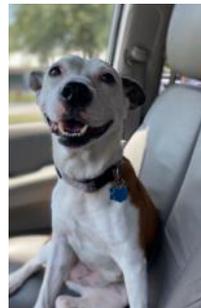
Kosloski family



McClain family



Patterson family



Striker family



Jones family



Temple family



Parsons family



Bohmüller family



Hendren family





Saturday, October 29, from 4 to 6 PM  
First 100 pre-registered get a treat bag.

## Trunk or Treat by Kathy Gordon

On Saturday, October 29th, from 4 to 6 PM, we will have a Trunk-or-Treat. Car trunks will be open, and holiday-decorated, or theme-decorated and parked along the driveway on the east side of our church, so that children can go car to car to trick-or-treat. Children younger than 12 years old, are invited from our community. The first 100 children pre-registered will get a treat bag with goodies. The event is free, but we will have a children's bag supper at a minimal cost to help families to fit in a meal on a busy evening. Last year we had 15 vehicles, but this year there is room for 30 vehicles. Last year, over 30 large bags of candy were donated, and over 100 children and their families enjoyed the fun. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, or contact Kathy Gordon at 772-546-3303, or email her at [kgordon@fumchs.org](mailto:kgordon@fumchs.org). There are 3 ways to serve:

1. decorate your vehicle and give out candy (be parked and ready **BY 3:30 PM**)
2. Donate individually-wrapped store-bought candies (by Oct. 23)
3. Dress up in costumes—child-friendly.
4. Donate money towards bottled water, and children's bagged suppers.
5. Donate bottled waters, 8 oz for children, or 16.9 oz. for adults.
6. Check-in families, and give out treat bags for the 100 pre-registered children.
7. Teens can earn volunteer hours from 3:00 to 6:30 PM on October 29, 2022.



**Pre-registration  
for Trunk-or-Treat**

~ **We expect more than 200 children and their families, so all help is appreciated.** ~

## Light for the Way on Sundays at 9 AM in the Youth Building's Worship Room

- "Walk With Me" from Matthew 11:28-30
- "Eyes Screwed Shut" from Matthew 13:10-17
- "A Matter of The Heart" from Matthew 15:1-14
- "The Softened Heart" from Matthew 19:3-9
- "Jesus Threw Them Out" from Matthew 21:12-17
- "Overlooked and Ignored: from Matthew 25:31-40
- "My God, Why?" from Matthew 27:45-54



## Shoppers Paradise

Tuesday to Saturday,  
10 AM to 1 PM  
Men for Furniture Barn  
Jewelry  
Holiday Decorations  
Christmas Bizarre  
Nov. 12, 9 AM

### CORRECTION FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER:

On October 28, 2023, our church celebrates 50 years together. If you want to know about the groundbreaking, ask Marion Bookhout. She was there **with her children, and her father who helped to build our church originally.**

## More About Marion Bookhout:

Marion's parents were charter members of our church. She was at the 1974 groundbreaking during a visit with her father, so she has always felt that our church "just feels like home." During her visit, her mother made little carpenter aprons for Marion's three children, and her father gave them each a little hammer and some nails. Her children were kept busy by hammering nails into their own boards. What great memories!

In 2002, she moved back, and "it was just natural for me to attend this church." She used to serve in the food kitchen "a while ago" when we had that mission here, but now she is active in the Carol Werner Prayer Shawl Ministry. You can find her in the Fellowship Hall (the same building that was the original Sanctuary) on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM, making prayer shawls, baby blankets, lap blankets, and more with other crafters.

If you'd like to come and pray over their work, join in the crocheting, knitting, or quilting, **all are welcome!** Over the years, over 1,500 blankets have been hand-made, prayed over, and given to those in need.



Marion Bookhout with prayer shawls

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## Rev. Dr. Doug McClain's Sunday Sermon Plans

**Let Me Tell You About My Best Friend:**  
A four-part series looking at how to be a friend.

Oct. 2	These Three Things	John 13:34, 1 Samuel 18:1-4, 19:1-4, 20:1-4
Oct. 9	Accepting the Unacceptable	Romans 15:7, Acts 9:26-28, 11:25-26, Galatians 2:1
Oct. 16	Eating Crow, Forgiving Fish	Colossians 3:13, Matthew 26:69-75, John 21:15-17
Oct. 23	You Can Do It, Waterboy	1 Thessalonians 5:11

**A Mini-Series of Biblical Proportion:**  
A Two-part lesson on financials, the biblical way.

Oct. 30	Sermon on the Mount, Part 1	1 Timothy 6:18
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