



The Grapevine



Marching Into a New Season

Reverend Edward Dunn

I think the name March is the right word describing this time of the year. Winter's quiet comes to an end and Spring's new growth begins. This month marks a new church season – Lent which is a season of penitence and preparation for Easter's good news. This holy season is often referred to as a journey – one we take with Jesus toward Jerusalem, and a journey of self-reflection we make; examining our relationship with God through our relationships with others.

As you read through this edition of the Grapevine you will find a number of events happening in March. Here are a few of them:

- **An opportunity to participate in a new Pictorial Directory.**

We will be publishing a new directory for all members of the congregation and invite you to join in its preparation. Photographers from Universal Church Directories will be here March 23-25 to take pictures for our directory. Please schedule your appointment by calling the Church office 941-792-3141 or 941-748-2848.

- Join in a class about “Becoming an Invitational Church.”

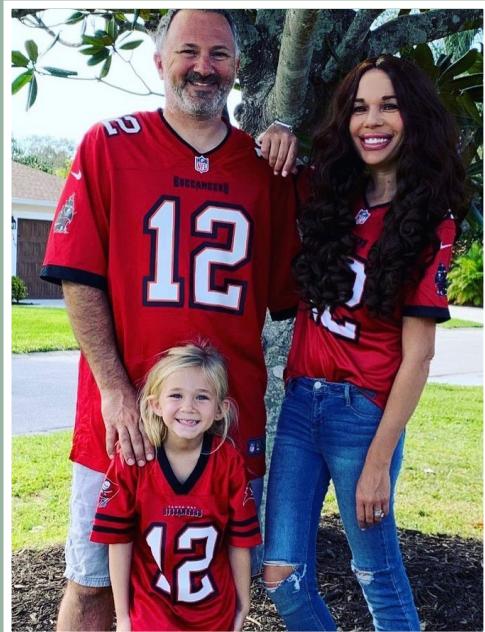
I will begin a study group that will explore what it means to be an inviting people; examine how churches encourage and discourage participation; and consider ways we might extend our welcome to our neighbors and community. This group will meet via Zoom beginning Thursday, March 10 at 6:30p.m. and concluding Thursday, April 7.

- Enjoy a weekly lunch with others.

Starting Wednesday, March 2 you are invited to lunch at the church from 11:45am -12:30pm. We will host Lenten lunches of soup and bread through the season of Lent. Our goal is to provide a time for fellowship with others over a light lunch in order to get to know one another.

These are but a few of the opportunities to “march” this month. I believe these activities will enliven our community life and extend our life into the community

Welcome Dina Breneman



Dina Breneman joined the church staff as Administrative Assistant on February 14. She has been settling in to her role, getting to know our office procedures, and has been meeting folks as they drop by. We are blessed to have her joining in our work.

Dina was born in Wisconsin and moved to Florida as a young child; growing up in the Tampa area and considering herself a native Floridian. She has lived in Bradenton for the past 5 years. She enjoys outdoor activities – bike rides, boating, and tennis – and describes herself as an “avid” thrifter.

Dina's office schedule is
Monday through Thursday
9am - 4pm
**Welcome to our church
family, Dina!**

Dina is mom to two children: her son plays professional basketball in Germany and her daughter is a kindergarten student at Stewart Elementary School.

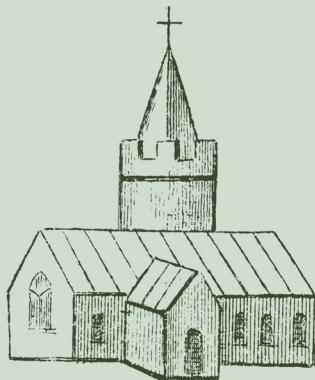


LENTEN SOUP LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

**Enjoy a cup of soup with bread and fellowship
Every Wednesday starting
March 2nd to April 6th
From 11:45am to 12:30pm
Please call the office at 941-792-3141 or sign
up in the Narthex.**

Join Us For A Special **Ash Wednesday Service**

Wednesday, March 2nd
Sanctuary
1pm



You are invited to join
our new series on Zoom

Being An Invitational Church

Starting Thursday
March 10 at
6:30pm

[**ZOOM ACCESS**](#)

Palma Sola Session Highlights

- Approved plans to have Universal Church Directories prepare a consolidated picture Directory of both congregations as soon as scheduling and sign-ups can be arranged.
- Approved a request from Pastor Dunn to be away during April 28 – May 1 to attend the graduation of his daughter from Western Michigan University.
- Approved the reinstatement of the spoken word and singing with masks, as well as distribution of Sunday Bulletins, during worship, beginning on March 6th. Session reaffirmed making masks optional when the Manatee County COVID positivity index again falls below 5%. Socially distanced seating will remain in place for the time being.

Westminster Session Highlights

At its Stated meeting on February 21, the Session took the following actions:

- Approved a motion to allow the return of spoken and sung responses during worship in March.
- Elected the following corporation officers for 2022:
 - Joyce James, President
 - Burt Tupper, Vice President
 - Nancy Shimandle, Secretary
- Designated Burt Tupper and Georgie Townsend as Session representative to the Church Nominating Committee.

Spread the Word!

**MEETING
SPACES
AVAILABLE**

For more information
please call 941-792-3141.

*Join Al Zimmer to explore the findings of the
Dead Sea Scrolls & The Apocrypha*

*Sundays @ 9am
Fellowship Hall*



LET'S GET PACKING **HOPE SEEDS**

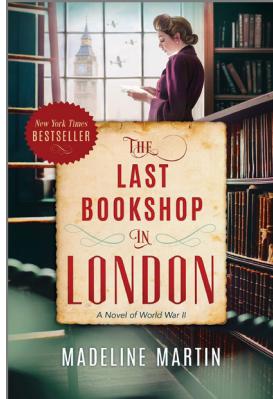
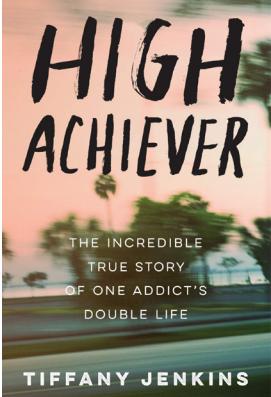
FRIDAY - MARCH 25, 2022

10am - 12pm
Fellowship Hall

Join with other volunteers to assemble seed packets to be distributed all over the world.

Ages 8+. Packing is done seated at tables.
Friends & Family are welcome.

Palma Sola Book Club



MAR 14 | 12 - 1PM APR 11 | 12 - 1PM

Book Club meets on Zoom. Join any second Monday for fun conversation. Find the book selected for the month in our book list.

[**View 2022 Book List Here**](#)

For more information, call Vicki Schooley at (941) 518-2315.

Men's Group



MEN'S GROUP

You're invited to attend the Morning Men's Group. Get to know the men you see in church. Share your story.

Meetings start at 8:30AM

MAR 3 - Fellowship and breakfast at Poppi's Place restaurant, at an outside table

MAR 17 - Fellowship and Christian topic discussions, outdoors on campus

Attend one or both gatherings each

Please contact Ron Dickerson (941) 792-9104 for information

Outreach Update

You all really shared the LOVE in February. Let's continue to BE THE CHURCH with others in the community this month. There are several opportunities to be of service AND have fellowship with your friends from church.

Recap of how you shared the LOVE in February

- You wrote to 75 2nd graders for our Pen Pal Program with Palma Sola Elementary School.
- You contributed \$500 buying a soup lunch on Souper Sunday. This was matched with \$500 by a generous donor to bring our total to \$1000 for CROP Walk. Several people walked on Sunday February 27th to represent the church for the actual CROP WALK.
- You donated many bags of clinic and school supplies for February DOES IT for Palma Sola Elementary School.
- Thirty-six persons participated in Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, February 26 to pack more than 7,000 meals for people in critical need of food across the globe.
- You also fed the hungry by donating to our Outreach Offering for February which goes to Our Daily Bread of Bradenton to support free meals and a food pantry for those in need. Several of our congregation serve those meals on Fridays.
- A few folks have joined with the Holy Strollers on Friday mornings at 9AM at Robinson's Preserve. Let's grow the group and get some exercise, socialize, and have a short devotional to praise God for the beauty of nature.
- We purchased copy paper using \$100 from the Education and Literacy budget for Project Light, a program that teaches adults English skills that are important for integration within their community, career, and home. For which we received a lovely note of thanks.

Opportunities for Outreach in March

- The Outreach Offering for March continues to be for Our Daily Bread.
 - DOES IT project for March will be collecting toiletries for Mision Peniel.
- March is the time for a "Spring Spruce Up". Join with others to make our grounds more beautiful. Details to follow.
- Habitat for Humanity will be starting their volunteer program on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Stay tuned for announcements about helping out.
 - Hope Seeds event will be March 25th from 10-12. Please sign up after church or call the church office.
 - Join Holy Strollers Fridays at 9AM at the north entrance to Robinson's Preserve.
 - Contribute to FELT, Feeding Empty Little Tummies.

Thank you for all you do!

March DOES It!

Our DOES It (Done On Every Sunday) project for March is collecting personal care items for farmworkers and their families served by Mision Peniel in Immokalee. Mision Peniel provides a place to find spiritual renewal, food, clothing, and other personal supplies for the migrant community.

Items needed are:

Diapers in sizes 3,4,5,6

Baby wipes

Shampoo/conditioner

Lotion

Deodorant

Toothbrushes/toothpaste

Disposable razors



Drop your donated items to the Narthex or church office by **March 27th** and help support this immense need.

March Outreach Offering

Our Outreach Offering for March will continue to go to Our Daily Bread of Bradenton to support free meals and a food pantry for those in need. Our Daily Bread staff and regular volunteers (that's us on Friday's!) serve hearty meals seven days a week from 10-11:30 am. At Our Daily Bread's self-serve food pantry, clients can shop free once a month for fresh produce and other food items of their choice. Over 20,000 people a year are served by the pantry. With food insecurity stemming from the economic impacts of COVID-19 and other supply chain issues, the need is great. Contributions will be added to the January and February collections to make an even bigger impact.

You may donate to Our Daily Bread:

- during the worship service, in your offering envelope,
- by mailing a check to the church office with "ODB" in the memo line, or
- Palma Sola members may also contribute through [online giving](#)



Project Light Language School

"Closing the Literacy Gap" by teaching English to Adult Learners

501(c)(3) Organization

EIN # 65-0490652

January 14, 2022

Dear Donna,

Project Light Language school would like to thank Palma Sola Presbyterian Chuch for donating five boxes of printer papers.

Your timely and substantial donation helped to run the school's operation smoothly. Your organization is a valued member of our Project Light community. Your donation will be used to support our school instructions during this challenging time, and it will help to keep the school door open for our students.

We would like you to know that the kindness of your church community makes a difference in our school and staff's lives.

Sincerely,



Elena Farkas

Nonprofit Executive Director



Mission Update: A Thank You letter from The Parkers

From the Middle East Mission Field



After almost a year of COVID lockdowns, gasoline shortages and protests, the Middle East Council of Churches was finally able to start up the Strong Kids program again. This program helps refugee children develop trauma resiliency by learning a number of therapeutic transfer skills. They learn that they don't have to be ashamed about being traumatized by the difficulties around them and instead they can learn a whole range of practical skills to improve their resiliency.

Barely an hour into the first Strong Kids session, the entire floor was strewn with foam scraps, pom-poms and pipe cleaners, the price one pays for integrating craft play with learning trauma skills. Iraq and Syrian participants were still in a frenzy putting the finishing touches on their masterpieces, before their moms or big brothers came to pick them up. Our Staff Psychologist looked up from a huddle of kids she was helping with a hot glue gun and exclaimed, "I love this mess!"

And, "mess" is a pretty good word to describe life here in Lebanon, right now. Over 60% of the population is living below the country poverty line. Households are getting by on a few hours of daily generator power, and usually have little or no power from the power grid. The value of the Lira currency has sunk to 20.000 per US dollar, compared to 1,500 just two years ago. This means many more families are struggling to put food on the table. Domestic abuse is rising as stressed-out families have run out of hope and ways to cope.

We remain grateful for the many ways you partner with us and the presbyterian World Mission in this work of experiencing the beauty of God in the midst of the immense challenges facing our partners in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. Thank you for your steadfast prayers and your encouraging E-mails. It is truly a gift to be in this work together with you.

In Christ's Service Together,
Scott and Elmarie Parker

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

MAR 3 Peter & Vicki Sokolich
MAR 5 Janice Saylor
MAR 7 Susan Corbett
MAR 8 Dorothy Simes
MAR 12 Libby Saile
MAR 13 Fran Hensley
Richard Riley (WPC)
MAR 14 Charlotte Mattson (WPC)

MAR 17 Cal Schafer
MAR 19 Patty Dawson
Barry Yoder (WPC)
MAR 23 Wilma Hamilton (WPC)
MAR 25 Rich & Phyllis Wachunis
MAR 28 Linda Azbell
MAR 30 Mary Ann Jones

HOLY STROLLERS WALKING GROUP



**JOIN US ON A WEEKLY STROLL
TO GET SOME FRESH AIR**



EVERY FRIDAY | 9AM

**ROBINSON PRESERVE
(NORTH ENTRANCE)**



**JOIN US SUNDAYS FOR
VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP**

11:30am on Zoom

CLICK HERE

Spring Spruce Up

Saturday, March 19th | 9-11am

Spring is right around the corner and it is a great time to freshen up the grounds around the church for the Easter season! Please join us as we pull weeds, fertilize, plant some new plants and put down mulch in the front flower beds. All materials and tools will be provided, but you are welcome to bring gloves and any other favorite lawn equipment. Not a fan of outdoor work or feel like you can't? Drop by with a snack or drink to share and join in some fellowship and fun in the great outdoors.

Any questions or suggestions call Andrea Harmon,
941-761-9847. Hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed

Please call 941-792-3141 for details.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

WEDNESDAYS AT 7P IN THE SANCTUARY

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

WEDNESDAYS AT 6P IN THE SANCTUARY

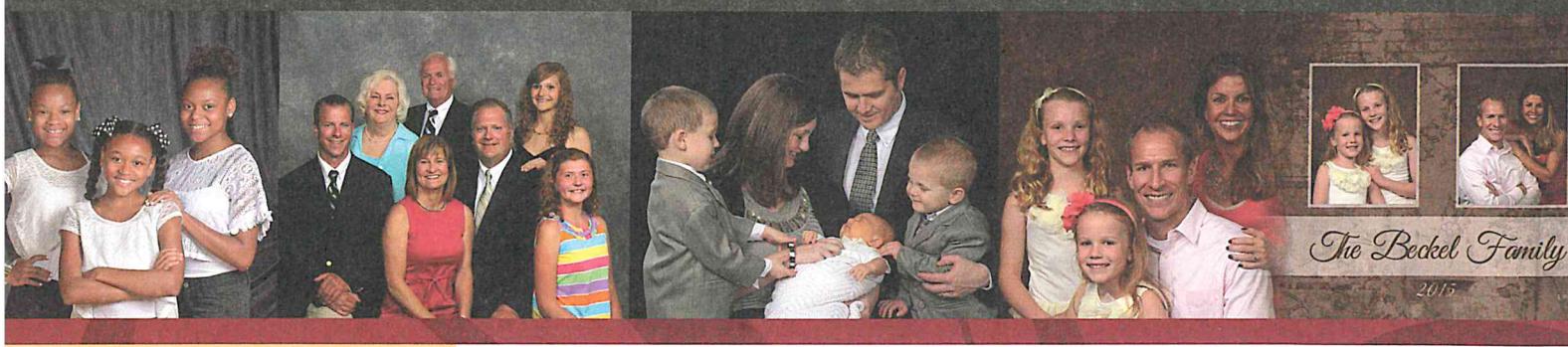
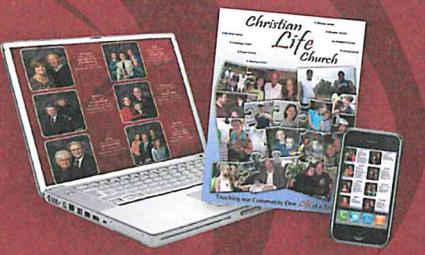
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Dear Church *family*, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*

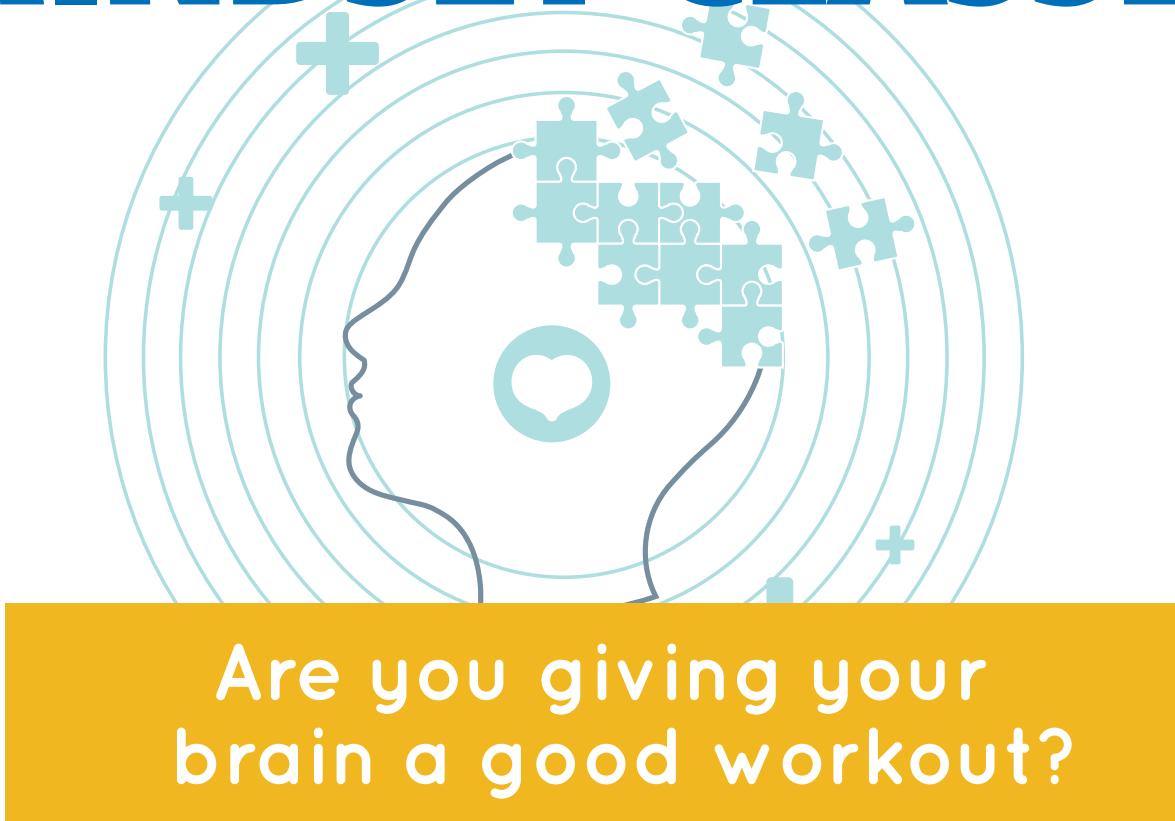


Scheduled Photo Sessions

Schedule an appointment by calling the office at 941-792-3141

- March 23rd 12pm-6:30p
March 24th 11am-5:30p
March 25th 11am-5:30p

AGING SERVICES ? ? ? MINDSET CLASSES



Based on the research by David Loewenstein, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Miami, you will learn skills that help:

- Exercise your brain
- Create healthy habits
- Improve communication
- Get organized

These classes offer an organized approach to everyday living, and will provide activities to stimulate memory and thinking. Because they build on each other it is most beneficial to attend all classes in the series.

Classes are FREE

**Monday April 4th, 2022
AND Tuesday April 5th, 2022**

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Location: Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, 6510 3rd Avenue West, Bradenton

**Please RSVP to Katie Scott 941-366-2224 ext. 123
or kscott@jfcs-cares.org**



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MARCH

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		1 Outreach Team 3pm	2 Lenten Lunch 11:45a Ash Wednesday Service - 1p Bell Choir - 6p Chancel Choir - 7p	3 Morning Men's Group 8:30a Renewal Team 6:30P	4 Holy Strollers - 9a Robinson Preserve	5
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Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday | 9am - 4pm

View the online church [Calendar](#) for latest information about Sunday worship services, Bible study, outreach and other events. Livestreamed and recorded worship services may be viewed at [Online Worship](#).