



The Happening

SEPTEMBER 2024

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Pastors' Discretionary Fund

Life can unexpectedly trigger difficult circumstances beyond our control that can create hardships and difficulties that prevent even the most responsible person from meeting basic needs in life. The Pastors' Discretionary Fund Ministry is a way to assist not only our congregation, but those outside our walls, with emergency financial assistance to help meet the costs of life's necessities. All financial assistance is discreetly administered with built-in safeguards to best help protect the confidentiality of the person/family being helped.

We have many in our community who suffer from homelessness. Those who come through our doors are provided with backpacks filled with pull-top food items and toiletries to help them through tough times. Each person is treated with dignity and respect, and leaves with the knowledge that they are loved by God.

We thank you for your generous donations and for allowing us to continue to assist those in our community who need it the most!

'For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Matthew 25:35-36

Mary Petro Food and Medicine Fund Program

Mary Petro was a resident of Sun City Center and planned for her estate to be used to help persons in dire need of food and medicine in the Sun City Center and Kings Point area. In May 2019, the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center became responsible for managing the day-to-day operation of the Mary Petro Food and Medicine Fund Program.

Our goal is to help those in need holistically, and your giving allows us to enhance the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors in ways not currently funded. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry that serves the local community weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If you would like to learn more about the Mary Petro Food and Medicine ministry, please contact Ms. Madeline Hughes, at (813) 634-9306.

Scripture of the Month

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Matthew 7:24-27

A Word From Our Pastor - Dr. Cynthia Weems

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful first two months it has been here in Sun City Center! Thank you for all of the ways you have welcomed Pastor Travis and me into your church community. Thank you, also, for your warm welcome to my husband Mark upon his arrival in Sun City Center after our August 3 wedding. Did you notice he was wearing a shirt with flamingos on it his second week in worship? We'll make a Florida believer out of him yet!

You will see in this newsletter and in upcoming bulletins an opportunity to sign-up for small group fellowship opportunities with Pastor Travis and me during the month of September. We are planning for more than ten of these during the month and will also be hosting another round in January when our seasonal residents can participate. Our hope in doing this is to get to know each of you better as well as hear from you about your hopes and dreams for our church in the coming years. We believe that God is at work in each of our lives and hearts and speaking to us about how we can most impact the lives of those in our community. Pastor Travis and I are the newcomers and we are entering these early days with you in a posture of listening, learning and observing. You and others will help us to discern God's vision for the next chapter of this special congregation. We do hope you will join us in one of the small group gatherings in September.

I was reflecting recently on words that come to mind when I think of our church. One is JOY. There is a great sense of joy in this church. Each person reflects a deep sense of joy in the Lord and in fellowship with one another. Our world needs joy in so many ways and perhaps this is a gift we can give to it. Might our prayer this week be that our joy is shared in abundance with others and that all people will experience the hope of Christ through us.

You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation. Isaiah 12:3

Grace and peace to each of you and see you in worship!

Pastor Cynthia Weems

NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, September 3rd @ 4:00 PM in the LEC

All are invited who are new to the church or have interest in joining the church in membership. This will be a time to meet church staff and hear from our pastors as well as learn about opportunities to serve and about the foundational principles of United Methodism.

If you wish to become a member of the church, we will be welcoming new members during all three services on Sunday, September 8th. If you are interested in joining but unable to attend the New Member Fellowship with the Pastors, please contact Aisling at aturner@scumc.com.


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VISITS & VISION MEETINGS WITH OUR PASTORS

You are invited to meet with Pastors Cynthia and Travis in a small group setting to learn about each other and share hopes and dreams for the future of The UMC of Sun City Center. Please register at the sign-up table before or after worship (or call the church office) for one of the following gatherings. All gatherings will be held at the church unless otherwise indicated. We have various dates and times for sign-ups, along with the chance to meet in your community if you are unable to drive. If you are not able to sign up for one of these dates, don't worry, more dates are being scheduled.

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- **Wednesdays, September 4, 11 & 18 @ 10:00 AM**
- **Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 1:00 PM**
- **Monday, September 16 @ 6:30 PM**
- **Freedom Plaza: Tuesday, Sept. 24 @ 3:30 PM**
- **Aston Gardens: Thursday, Sept. 26 @ 11:00 AM**
- **Sun Towers: Thursday, Sept. 26 @ 2:00 PM**



South Bay Genealogy

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
10:30 AM**

Beginning at 10:30 AM there is an optional Round Table Discussion followed by a sit down luncheon at noon.

Guest Speaker: April Min

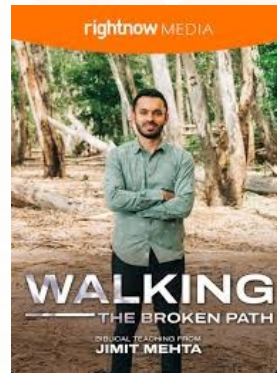
**“In the Room Where It All Happened:
Discovering my 11th Great Grandfather and how
he helped launch Rembrandt’s career”**

The cost is \$18.00 per person for the meal and the presentations. For reservations and meal choice contact Vicki at 360-608-1647. Make your check payable to SBGS, and mail it to South Bay Genealogical Society, PO Box 5202, Sun City Center, FL 33571

**Your check must be received by
September 5th.**

These meetings takes place every third Tuesday from September through May. The topics always vary, but they all deal with history and genealogy, including methods, research techniques, where to find information, how to organize your data and how to use genealogical computer programs.

New Weekly Men’s Study Group Starting Soon



Please join Jeff Jordan for a new 4-week Bible Study starting on Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 PM in room 19

Walking the Broken Path

with Jimit Mehta

We often expect our Christian walk to lead us from "glory to glory." However, at no point does the Bible promise us an easy life. In this four-session study, Jimit Mehta explores the life of Jesus and other stalwarts of faith to demonstrate that brokenness is integral to our Christian journey. Despite **doubts** that cast a shadow over our faith, **rejections** that cause us to question our worth, **loneliness** that weighs us down, and crippling **anxiety** that grips our hearts, when we press on, we emerge stronger, wiser, and with a renewed sense of purpose. There is not cost for this study. Please consider joining us.

Jeff

‘BREAK AWAY’ with Breakaway - Renee Tisdale

We have so much fun at Breakaway and it doesn’t matter what we’re doing. In the morning, we start our day doing all sorts of activities with our friends. One table might be doing puzzles, another painting, and another playing card games, while yet another table might just be talking to each other.

As a whole group we’ve been doing all sorts of activities too We decorated Christmas trees made from wine corks that became centerpieces for our Christmas in July celebration, a celebration that was a huge success complete with Santa Claus! Our amazing volunteers brought in all sorts of delicious food to accompany our grilled chicken, and all our friends were able to take home fresh baked Christmas cookies thanks to one awesome volunteer!

We threw our own version of the Summer Olympics. Our friends competed in skeeball, bowling, lawn darts, and axe throwing! Everyone had a chance to hold the torch, and everyone managed to win a medal!

Our latest “window treatments” are up and look pretty great! I invite you to stop by Creason Hall and check them and our newest centerpieces out! Did ya’ll see the article in the Observer a couple of weeks ago? We made the front page!

We have been accepted into the craft fair in November, so we got started making some of our items that will be for sale. This week was pocket hugs and the bits to make wine charms. We also started a new project - wrapping paper! Be sure to keep your eye out for us at the fair!

We played charades for the first time, modified for our group, and it was such fun! Some folks were nervous at first, but before long we had almost everyone getting in on it. Like I said, it doesn’t matter what we’re doing, Breakaway is such an amazing ministry! We are serving God and having such fun doing it!

If you haven’t already done so, please check us out on Facebook, or if you’re interested in volunteering, please stop by any Monday or Wednesday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM and check us out in person!

Center 4Life Learning

Back to School

2024 Fall Semester Begins
October 7th
REGISTER NOW

CLASSES AVAILABLE

- A.I.: The New Frontier, The Next 10 Years
- Aging with Grace & Vitality Through Holistic Methods
- Android Smartphones & Tablets
- Befriending the Ending: Advance Care Planning, Part 1 and Part 2
- Beginning Modern Dot Art
- Beginning Genealogy
- Chautauqua IX
- Conversational Spanish, Beginners & Intermediate
- Crafty Sew and Paint
- Cut The Cord
- Film History 1929-1961
- Gettysburg Seminar
- Immigration: Its History, Current Controversies, and Proposals for Reform
- Introduction to Modern Calligraphy
- Introduction to Modern Quilling
- Investment, Estate, and Tax Planning
- iPhone and iPad for Seniors
- Life Lessons from Lucky
- News and Views
- Sign Language
- Starlink Presentation
- Streaming Movies, TV and Music
- What Would Happen If You Got Hit by A Bus? (Preparing For Life Changing Events by Getting Your Stuff Together)
- World Religions

Classes have limited space and fill up quickly!!

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Center 4Life Learning's upcoming trips and tours!



The Second-To-Last Chance Ladies League, Early Bird Dinner Theater, Buffet Lunch & Show
October 3, 2024

On Golden Pond, Manatee Performing Arts Center, Bradenton
November 13, 2024



Snook Haven, Myakka River Tour, Venice
January 15, 2025

Steel Magnolias, Manatee Performing Arts Center, Bradenton
January 29, 2025



The Sound of Music, Manatee Performing Arts Center, Bradenton
March 12, 2025

My Fair Lady, Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, Hudson
May 8, 2025

MyFair Lady

Make Memories! Enjoying trips and classes together are great gifts for birthdays and special occasions.

Register for Classes and Trips Today!

Trip flyers are available on the Center 4Life Learning website, the church Sanctuary lobby and the Center 4Life Learning office.

Contact the Center 4Life Learning office at 813-634-8607, email at center4life@sccumc.com, or visit our website at www.sccumc.com/4lifelearning

Healing From Loss is a Journey: *Everyone Experiences Grief Differently*

Our Grief Share ministry will start on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, led by Pastor Debbie Marion, Minister of Pastoral Care, and Renee Childs. This 13 week grief support group focuses on important grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Weekly videos feature nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by group discussion. Confidentiality is key to this program.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing while friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people tend to repress their grief instead of allowing it to do the God given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think keep you from what could help you.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. The hope is that you will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, sibling, other family members, or friends. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in your grief and that you do not need to stay there. You will learn valuable information about dealing with the changes in your life and renewing your hope for the future. I hope you will consider being part of this valuable ministry.

You may register in the church office or online at griefshare.org/findagroup and search for our church's group. The cost is \$20.00 to cover the participant guide.

We hope to see you there.
Blessings,
Pastor Debbie and Renee

News from our Nursery

Our sunshine has returned to the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, bringing back Tot Spot activities. This month we are delving into the world of African animals. God's love is evident in the careful placement of animals across the globe to ensure their survival.

Join us on Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM for some exciting learning experiences.

Don't forget about our Kids Club every Sunday morning from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM for children aged 5 to 12 – come and join the fun!

Nursery services are available every Sunday morning for our 9:45 AM and 11:00 AM services; we can't wait to see you there.



Update from the Disaster Response Team (DRT)

NOTE: Meeting times have changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. It is still in room 19 from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Our next meeting will be September 18. There will be AED training after the October meeting.

To address the effects of Hurricane Debby, Trish Warren, Conference Response Director, is in the process of coordinating efforts for planning and response. District Coordinators will provide updates on the situation in their areas. We expect requests for assistance.

His Helpers ministry offers assistance for typical household maintenance and repairs. The DRT can help change light bulbs, AC filters, and smoke detector batteries. We can perform other small household needs including light landscaping. Sign up is in the church office. This summer His Helpers have put in 9 hours helping neighbors with weeding, installing an air conditioner, and fixing faucets, drapes, and cabinets.

The Disaster Response Team (DRT) of Sun City Center is a group of caring, friendly, talented Christian volunteers from our church and surrounding areas. The DRT also assists others within our local community and church with minor repairs and maintenance. We need people with many different skills on our team. Besides workers with tool skills, we always need cooks, organizers, administrators, and people to lend a caring Christian presence. If you are interested in becoming an active member of our DRT, please consider attending our monthly meeting and register on our DRT email database at <http://eepurl.com/gew3MD>

Friday Night at the Movies

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 6:00 PM



Mountain Top: Mike Andrews retired from his law career to follow what he thought was God's call to be a pastor. However, that all changed when Muriel Miller came to his office to ask her to represent her eccentric husband who has gotten himself in trouble with the law due to his self-proclaimed spiritual gift of prophecy wherein he has visions of the future. Through a set of unusual circumstances, Mike agrees to represent Sam Miller pro bono, which sends the lawyer-pastor on a wild ride that he never expected to experience and that will forever change his life.

This is a free event for our community and church. Light refreshments are available. Doors open at 5:30PM.



**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH
AT 8:00 AM**



In the spring of this year, Pastor Travis had the opportunity to substitute teach for the Manatee Co School District. He visited 26 schools over 5 months, and at our August Men's Breakfast, he shared both his experience and his heart for engaging a lost generation. What he observed during this season produced a two-part

message titled, *Fathers, Sons, and Brothers: A Legacy in the Family of Faith*, the first of which focused on the attributes of *good fathers* and the critical need for *spiritual fathers* to intentionally engage a younger demographic.

In September, he will be concluding this message with *Brothers*, challenging men to remember that "iron sharpens iron" (Proverbs 27:17) and "...woe to the man who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up." (Ecclesiastes 4:10).

Join us this month for our next Men's Breakfast and don't forget to bring a brother with you!

This Month's Menu:

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Belgian Waffles, Hickory Smoked Bacon, Pork Sausage Links

Men's Breakfast is the third Thursday of each month. Cost is \$10.00. Sign up in the office by September 15th.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 10:00 AM

You won't want to miss this opportunity as our theme is Games, and our special guest will be Pastor Cynthia Weems. We will see how much we think we really know about our new senior pastor!

This Month's Menu:

Breakfast Taco Bar featuring:

Scrambled Eggs

Crumbled Sausage

Bacon

Tortillas

Cheese

Chips & Salsa

Living In Faith Everyday Ladies' Brunch is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Cost is \$10.00. Sign up in the office by September 22nd.



Disciples Class Is Back From Summer Break

Join us for coffee and a study of God's Word on Sunday mornings. Starting September 8th, at 9:45 AM in room 30, we will have a special guest speaker you won't want to miss!

If you're new to the class or would like more information, please contact Elaine Moore at 813-634-4550. Feel free to leave a message if there's no answer and your call will be returned promptly. All ages are welcome to join this inclusive group. We will kick off the fall season with an 8-week study of Our Daily Bread devotional, followed by an Advent Study. Come and meet us over a cup of coffee and some treats and let's get to know each other better.

Happy Autumn! Yeah, I know, it's still super-hot and sticky out there, and we're still in the midst of hurricane season, but there's something about September that brings back all kinds of, well, fall season memories, and most of them are very good ones. I'm sure many of you feel that same sense of new beginnings this time of the year. And isn't it cool that Pastors Cynthia and Travis are beginning their ministries here with that same thought – here we go, together, on a new and joyous journey toward Christ. I pray that you too can feel the excitement that I'm feeling right now for our church and its place in our community!

Looking back at August, we managed to get the Chancel Choir and all four of our handbell ensembles back in gear for the new season. Reminder that the Chancel Choir meets on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 PM to about 2:30 PM, and that there are no auditions. If you're a singer or think you might like to try singing with a bunch of like-minded musical servants, please consider giving it a try. Some of our folks read music and some don't, so please don't be shy!

Our graded handbell ensembles include nearly 40 ringers, but we are always looking for more folks who have rung or think they'd like to try this very fun way of musically serving. I can't say enough about the other directors, Nancy Harris and Holly Bowes. They are amazing and are responsible for our being one of the most impressive handbell ministries in the state! If you are interested in learning more about ringing handbells, please call me at church, (813) 634-2539, or call Nancy Harris at (813) 787-0190. These groups rehearse on Wednesday afternoons.

Our *Broken Together* contemporary worship praise team is going very, very well. Maria Leasure, our Contemporary Worship Leader along with some very fine vocalists and instrumentalists strive to bring powerful, cutting edge, and [vertically] worshipful music that best fits our faith community. Special thanks to Maria, who comes up with most of the new songs for that service. We are also planning to perform an all-Daigle concert on Friday, September 27th at 7PM in the Sanctuary!

As you may know, our church also hosts both the SCC Women's Chorus and the SCC Men's Chorus. They are both under my direction with Teodora as accompanist, and she's a GREAT one. Both ensembles begin rehearsals in September, and there will be two concerts from each group (daytime & evening) in December. Again, more about this as we approach the concerts. Finally, and once again, I love this church and this family of faith. Thank you for your never-ending love and encouragement!

Soli Deo Gloria

'Happenings' with Children and Youth

Our kiddos from Kids Club and UTC Youth have returned to school, and we are looking forward to the new opportunities ahead for them. Please keep them in your prayers for a successful school year, and don't forget to include their teachers as well! It is my hope with this new academic year, that they will stay curious, compassionate, and resilient, and that they will find joy in learning, build lasting friendships, and grow in their faith. Please remember to support them in any way you can, whether it's through a kind word, a helping hand, simply being there to listen, or praying for them. Here's to a year filled with growth, discovery, and countless blessings!

Sunday mornings remain dedicated to worship, fellowship, and learning at our Kids Club. Sharon engages the children with enriching Bible-based lessons and activities that stimulate their minds. In addition to the lessons, the kids participate in various games and musical activities that reinforce the day's teachings. This blend of education and fun helps to create a sense of belonging for our kids.

In our Monday evening gatherings with the UTC Youth, we have begun a new study using Rightnow Media titled "Shattered." Although we are only one week into the series, the youth were blown away by the talents of master illusionist Harris III, who skillfully combines illusion with the gospel to bring people closer to a compassionate and living God. Harris encourages us to "...Walk by Faith, Not by Sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7). Each session features incredible illusionist performances and heartfelt discussions. Harris's illusions act as metaphors, showing how easily our senses can deceive us and emphasizing the importance of relying on our faith in God. *Remember, the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.*

As we move into the fall season, we are excited about upcoming youth activities and chances to contribute to our church and community. If you know of any missions the Youth could give of their time, please let us know.

If you are wondering where you can serve in your church, please know, our UTC Youth need assistance with transportation. Many of them rely on us for rides to church due to various reasons, including family work schedules. Please think about volunteering your time for this vital ministry within your church. We are in need of assistance on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. If you'd like more information, please reach out to Bill at btturner@scumc.com.

Vivacious Ministries with Victoria Sorensen

**“Autumn teaches us the beauty of letting go. Growth requires release – it’s what the trees do.”
– Unknown**

Welcome to September! As the summer ends, I wanted to take time to reflect on our efforts and events that made a difference in the lives of our community.

As we started our summer in June, we brought new meaning to communication through our inaugural “Boost Your Communication” course. I am so grateful for the speech and language students from Gannon University and Dr. Rita Lenhardt, who helped sixteen members of our local community learn new ways to improve their communication, memory, and socialization skills. This six-week course was amazing to watch and participate in as students and individuals from our local community worked together and, I must say, learned new things from each other. On August 1st, we celebrated with a graduation ceremony for each group where each person received a certificate of completion. Congratulation to everyone who participated!

As we moved to July, we held our 2nd Annual Community Back-to-School event, where 1,075 people joined us on campus as we served over six hundred students representing sixty-two schools in our surrounding area. We were able to provide dental, hearing, and vision screenings in addition to physicals and immunizations to children and youth in need. Our Food Pantry was emptied as we provided food to those in need and, praise God, was refilled again on Monday morning by community members who donated so much food that our Food Pantry was overflowing once more. What a blessing to be able to help families prepare for the school year!

In August, we continued to bless our community through our newest outreach ministry, Inspira of Tampa Bay located in Wimauma, by providing food and donations of puzzles, games, coloring books, crayons and a myriad of other items to help them support neurodivergent children and youth dealing with Autism Spectrum Condition, Dyslexia, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, just to name a few. Thank you to the women attending the Women’s Brunch for their contributions to this ministry outreach.



As we lean into September, we look forward to our Adult Sunday Schools gaining momentum. Our Disciples and Oasis classes look forward to seeing you on Sundays for bible study. The Disciples Class meets in room 30 at 9: AM and the Oasis Class meets at 11:00 AM in room 11. If you are interested in participating in one of these classes, please contact Doug and Elaine Moore (813) 892-1174 about the Disciples Class, or Guy and Cathy Bailey (904) 868-9634 or Lindy Langlois (414) 331-4272 for additional information about Oasis.

On Tuesday, September 17th, starting at 4:30 PM, in room 30, I will begin The Chosen Season 2: Blessed Are the Chosen. If you are interested in participating in this study, please sign up in the office. Books will cost \$10.00 and will be available in the office the week of September 9th.

Additionally, at the end of September, our 2nd Annual Community FALLtoberfest event will be happening on the church campus. The committee is busy planning for this event occurring on Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. More information is forthcoming, so be on the lookout. Bring yourself and a friend and join us again this year for food, music, and fun!

As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter, I am looking for individuals who would love to help me greet on Sunday mornings for all of our worship services. If you are interested in greeting people on Sunday morning before each of our services, please let me know. This is a great way to meet new people as well as people you have not seen in a while. So, join me in sharing a smile and some love on Sunday mornings. If greeting isn’t your thing, we have other volunteer opportunities available, so if you are interested in finding a place where you can be part of a team on the campus, please email me at victoria@scumc.com.

Here are some upcoming events for the month of October to put on your calendar:

- October 5th: Blessing of the Animals from 8:30 AM–11:00 AM.
- October 18th: Ice Cream Social/Friday Night at the Movies. Join us at 5:00 PM to kick off the night.
- October 19th: Walk to End Alzheimer’s. Join our team, Methodists on the Move to help support this cause. Register at 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer’s - South Shore

As always, I look forward to seeing you on the patio on Sunday mornings!

Blessings, Victoria

Thank God It's Variety (T.G.I.V.) - Larry Hirchak

As the summer draws closer to an end, the Thank God It's Variety concert series will soon be filling in the calendar with many wonderful and exciting concerts and events! The month of September is less busy than upcoming months, but still has a variety of events that I'm sure you will enjoy.



The first concert will be on Friday September 6th with platinum-selling soprano saxophone recording artist Eirinn Abu at 7:00 PM. Eirinn is bringing his "Anthem Tour" to our Sanctuary with a captivating sound that blends instrumental pop with epic songs from our shared history. Over his career, he's released eight critically acclaimed solo albums, from his debut "Do You Want It" to his latest masterpiece, "ANTHEM."

Eirinn's journey began with the guidance of Miami producer Keith Morrison at Kokopelli Music Group. "Do You Want It" marked a promising start, showcasing Eirinn's raw talent and infectious melodies. A pivotal moment came when Eirinn met LA and Nashville producer Tony Smith. This collaboration ignited a creative fire, resulting in seven subsequent albums. Together, they formed a platinum-selling team, captivating audiences worldwide.

On Sunday September 22nd at 3:00 PM, our Rasmussen Artist Series continues with the beautiful sounds of the harp featuring Anna Kate Mackle. Anna Kate is the principal harpist of The Florida Orchestra, as well as principal harpist and faculty at Eastern Music Festival. She has served as the principal harpist of the New World Symphony, the Sarasota Opera Orchestra, the Spoleto Festivals (U.S. and Italy), and the National Repertory Orchestra, among others.



Our own praise and worship band *Broken Together* will be presenting "The Best of Lauren Daigle" on Friday September 27th at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. Maria Leasure will be the featured vocalist.

Finally, on Saturday September 28th, the German Band will once again be entertaining you for the 2nd Annual Falltoberfest! Performing from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, the band will be playing some of your favorite polkas, waltzes and German selections for your listening and dancing pleasure!

Please watch for other upcoming concerts and events in the months ahead. This season promises to be the best ever with a variety that we can all Thank God for! Your continued support of this outreach ministry is much appreciated!

Larry Hirchak, TGIV Concert Series Coordinator

From the Ledger - Bill Turner

Greetings church family!!

In July, we received \$125,641 in income to offset \$162,400 in expenses. This leaves us with **\$36,759** in expenses over income. Our income year-to-date is \$1,112,230 and our expenses year-to-date are \$1,362,381. This leaves us with **\$250,151** in expenses over income through June.

Our current mortgage balance is \$1,531,048 as of August 1st, 2024.

Kindly engage in prayerful consideration of your stewardship decisions and their implications for the future of our church. Each member holds a significant role in ensuring the financial stability of our church, and your involvement is crucial for our collective success. We need each and every single one of you during this time of transition in our church.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your stewardship, faithfulness, and loyalty to this church and any ministries in which you are involved in.

Whoever sows
bountifully,
will also reap
bountifully.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

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