

THE SOUNDS OF SUNNY LANE



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A PATHWAY OF HOPE

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And so the Epistle to the Hebrews urges us: "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2).

On Sunday, November 6th, we will remember and celebrate with gratitude our saints who have gone to our Lord. We will remember the following saints among us:

Barbara Manning

Shari Wade Smith

Cheryl McGinley

Kathy Laughlin

Keith Kelton

Joseph "Bud" William

Jean Stuart

Martha Faires



DECK THE HALLS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

Immediately after the late service Sunday, November 20th, a soup and sandwich lunch will be provided to give us energy to decorate our church for Advent. Plan now to join us for a great afternoon.



Fall Back
Sunday, November 6th



Thank our veterans everyday but especially on November 11th.





Dear Sunny Lane Family,

I had fun sharing the "Faith and Football" sermon series with you last month! It was such a joy to hear from some of our wonderful church members during the Stewardship Moments each Sunday. We heard stories of why they loved Sunny Lane that ranged from potlucks to the people! We listened as they shared why they give to support God's work through Sunny Lane. And we dreamed alongside them about the possibilities for the future.

You have responded well! So far we have 35 families that have pledged to give \$177, 910 next year! That's amazing! Filling out a pledge card is a sign of commitment to the cause. I am so thankful to God for your faithfulness and generous spirits. It's not too late to get your pledges in. Pledge cards will still be available next to the offering drop box on Sunday mornings. Alternatively, if you would like to pledge electronically, please send an email to Barbara Zapf at bzapf@sunnylaneumc.com with the amount you intend to give weekly, monthly, or annually next year. If you have never pledged before, now is a great opportunity to discern how God is calling you to give to the mission.

Looking ahead, this Sunday is All Saints Sunday: a beautiful occasion to honor those who have passed on before us and shared the light of Christ with us. Also, I can hardly wait for Advent and Christmas. It's just around the corner. In Advent, we are going to do an all-church study and sermon series called "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch." This will be another great "event" to invite friends and neighbors to. On December 11, we will have special music from our choir and orchestra. Christmas Eve we will have a Candlelight and Communion Service at 6 PM. It will be awesome!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Adam



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As we move closer to Advent Season which is the commemoration and anticipation for the coming of Our Lord Jesus into the world, we are reminded about preparation. A time to reflect on the past days of the year, time to reflect on the remaining days of the year, and a time to reflect on the coming new year. The Advent liturgical color purple reminds of royalty, penitence and fasting. We should be waiting and preparing to not only celebrate the Lord's coming but also new and exciting things that continue to happen at Sunny Lane UMC.

Sola gratia!

Pastor Felix

"Greed says the more you get, the more you have. Christ says the more you give away in love, the more you are."

—Frederick Buechner



Our purpose: Helping men to grow in Christ, so others can know Christ.

Our meeting for October was on the 17th. We enjoyed an excellent dinner of spaghetti casserole and salad prepared by David Freno and Jim Coonfield. Fine job fellas, what ya'll gonna prepare for next month? Seriously, any men who have a dinner idea, we will be glad to hear it.

Our speaker for the meeting was Tom Duhon. He provided us a very informative talk about the Cavett Kids Foundation. This foundation provides summer camps for children suffering from chronic diseases, such as cancer, diabetes, kidney and other organ issues. They also have various programs that are on-going year round. It gives them the opportunity to do things with other kids who share similar medical issues. It helps them see and be seen as a person and not just a patient. Camps are held in several places and have activities that are suited for the kids.

By the time this is published, we will have held our fall sausage grind and Sausage and Pancake Breakfast. We will have ground 2,160 lbs. of pork. Hopefully, many of you got the opportunity to buy and taste the best sausage ever made. Also, I thank everyone who participated in the preparation, grind, wrapping and cooking. It goes without saying that it takes every one of you to accomplish this task. Thank you.

We have planned for November 12th to participate in the Society of St. Andrews potato drop. We have 5 pickup trucks to carry about 4,000 lbs. of potatoes to food pantries or other charitable food organizations in our area.

We still need cooks and ideas for a dinner menus. Don't be shy. Also, we are accepting input for speaker suggestions. Is there a subject, a ministry, a program, or anything

you believe we may be interested in hearing about, please feel free to provide some input.

A final reminder, our next meeting will be Monday November 21st at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall Remember all men of the church are invited and will be very much welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Until then:

Peace and Blessings
Dean Sparkman
President



SKYLINE

Skyline's Eye Clinic

Skyline has an Eye Clinic that connects patrons to free basic eye exams conducted by volunteer ophthalmologists and optometrists. It provides exams on site as well as at outside offices taking location and transportation into consideration when connecting patrons to various doctors including potential language barriers.

With a valid prescription from an eye exam within the last two years from any doctor or clinic, patrons may purchase low cost or no cost glasses. Single vision frames and bifocals are \$45. With the participation of other agencies such as the Dean McGee Institute and the Guild of St. George, those who cannot afford the reduced price glasses may receive vouchers which partially or fully cover the price of the order.

Eyeglass donations taken to the church are taken to Skyline and given to the Eye Clinic to support their program.

Donna and I are still available to help get items to Skyline if you have any donations. Just give us a call.

Tom and Donna Duhon (405-532-3852)



Leaves are falling,
temperatures are dropping and
the days are getting shorter. All
that means we're on the road



WINTER WARMTH is a mission sponsored by VIM. It's time to check out your closets and cabinets and pull out warm things that you never wear/use anymore. There will be a container in the hallway for you to donate those items to those less fortunate than ourselves. Imagine being on the street when winter comes. Warm socks, jackets, sweat pants and tops, even blankets. All those things can offer warmth to those people in need. Start your "giving" now. Don't wait till Christmas to give a little love.

THE CHANGING FACE OF VIM

Matthew 25:35-40 (New International Version)

³⁵For 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, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Some of you might remember when VIM started at SLUMC. The focus of Volunteers In Mission was to support those members who were being called to do mission work outside of the country. SLUMC was very involved with missions in Mexico, Guatemala, and Bolivia in the early years, and in more recent years they have supported missions to Israel, Ghana, Ukraine, China and relief projects through UMCOR

These missions were certainly important and worthwhile, times have changed, and with that change so has the face of Volunteers In Mission.

In the past few years, SLUMC VIM has focused their attention on the needs of those closer to home.

-SLUMC has been instrumental in the continued support of Skyline Ministries with both working to meet their needs for clothes and school supplies, Christmas items for needy families, food for their pantry and casseroles to feed those people that come there for meals.

-Care baskets are given to members of our own congregation that may be either in need of assistance, or just in need of support. These baskets are delivered by a friendly face and a loving spirit.

-Military support for troops with and without a connection to SLUMC. Some of these packages have been sent to personnel that we know, while many were sent for distribution to unknown persons, just to show our support for their continued service to our country.

-Casseroles are routinely baked and stored for distribution to shut-ins who aren't necessarily

members of the congregation, but for their friends and neighbors as well. The Care Team as well as other members of our church help deliver these.

-Food Pantry is stocked and distributed by VIM members. Food is given to those less fortunate and in need. It is very fulfilling to be able to give food to a mother with hungry children.

-Food baskets are made and distributed for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Gifts have been purchased for needy families so that children will have a Christmas gift under the tree, and understand the love of others.

-Outside planting, inside painting, trimming, cleaning, etc. are things that VIM often takes on, when there is a need.

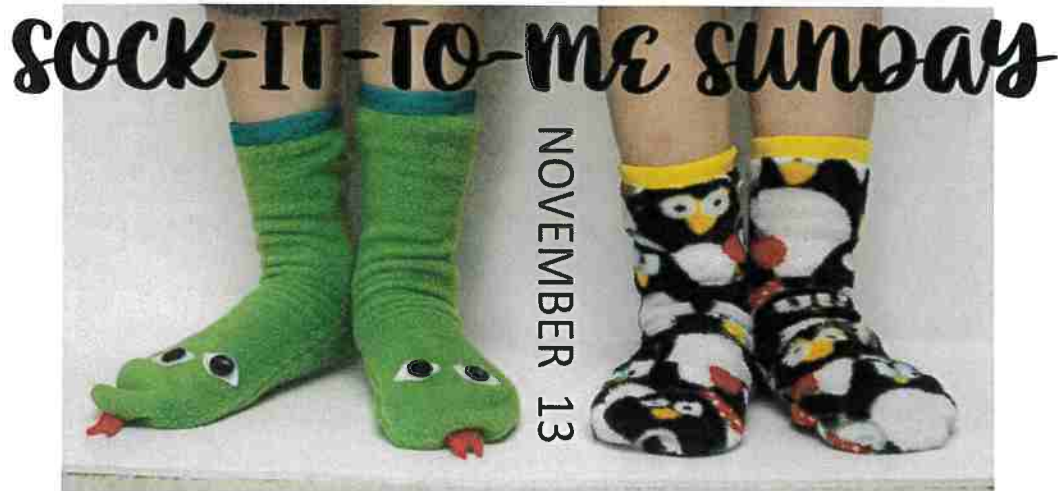
We invite every member of SLUMC to join us in any or all of these areas of mission. We need your helping hands, ideas and hearts to share Jesus' love among the world. The fifth Sunday donations have provided adequate finances for our missions and are appreciated, but we could use more of your physical presence in helping, if at all possible. There is no age requirement or limit; we accept those from the youngest child to the oldest adult in all these activities. We are the **CHURCH** and are volunteering in God's service.

Whether it is cooking hotdogs for a back to school bash, or popcorn and water for a parade, we are **ALL** called to do all these things as written in Matthew. The members of Sunny Lane United Methodist Church – Volunteers In Mission believe we are working to answer that call, and with the generous support of the members of Sunny Lane United Methodist Church, we are able to do just that. Has our focus changed?.....YES. Has our world changed?.....YES. Will we continue to change as we are called to do?.....We certainly hope so!

We have lots of opportunities for you to participate. Contact Kay Brader or Lynda Coonfield to get more information. Thanks



**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 24TH**



Did you know that kids from “our neighborhood” show up at school with no socks on? Teachers and counselors try to make sure that the kids stay warm, but they can’t be sure that every child has socks. That’s where we come in. Sock-It-To-Me Sunday is a time to help. VIM will be serving lunch after the 2nd service, and the cost to you is a package of socks of a donation. Any money collected will be spent on socks, and all of them will be delivered to our local schools. Let’s reach out and take care of our neighbors!

PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE RECYCLING

The church office has not found a new outlet so we can recycle prescription bottles. Please withhold your donations until a new source is announced. Should you know of a group that would the bottles, please let the church office know. Thank you.



I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, and Get Well cards. The support that I have been blessed with means so much to me. I love and appreciate my Sunny Lane Family.

Margo Hirschman

Thank You

Thanks to all of you who donated underwear or money to purchase it, making Undies Sunday a big success! Your generosity is amazing. We received and purchased 80 packages of underwear totaling over 560 individual undies from toddler sizes to adult sizes. These will be divided and taken to Epperly, Del El, Townsend, Parkview, Special Eagles, and SkyLine. Thanks to all the VIM volunteers for the potato/salad bar, preparations, and clean-up.

> VIM Chairperson



1 Luke 1:1-4	2 John 1:1-5, 18	3 John 1:1-5, 18	4 Isaiah 9:6-7 & 11:1-5	5 Micah 5:2-4
6 Matthew 1:1-17	7 Luke 1:5-25	8 Luke 1:26-38	9 Luke 1:39-45	10 Luke 1:46-56
11 Luke 1:57-66	12 Luke 1:67-80	13 Luke 2:1-7	14 Matthew 1:18-25	15 Luke 2:8-21
16 Matthew 2:1-12	17 Luke 2:22-40	18 Matthew 2:13-15	19 Matthew 2:16-18	20 Matthew 2:19-23
21 John 1:6-8, 15	22 John 1:9-14	23 John 1:16-17	24 Isaiah 52:13- 53:12	25 Revelation 21:1-8



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<p>United Methodist Women Jacci Freno – President Call 677-3347 for information All the women of the church are invited.</p>	<p>DJ Roofing & Construction, LLC Residential & Commercial Jim McFarland 405-219-5014 John McFarland 405-819-0231 Fax 405-259-9088 Email jmcfarland21@cox.net</p>
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