



# Hope Connection

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### Mission Statement

**Growing with others in Christ  
Serving others for Christ  
Introducing others to Christ**



## The Unhurried Life

I was talking with a friend the other day whom I trust for his good judgment. You may think this a strange question, but we do this to each other all the time to stimulate interesting discussion. My question was, "What should I do to get closer to God?" I even got out my pad and pencil to write down his answers.

My friend looked me in the eye and said, "Eliminate all hurry from your life." My mind was working a mile a minute, and I said, "Oh, that's a good one. I need to become less busy. Great! What else do you have?" To that, my wise friend replied, "That's it! Eliminate hurry. That's all I have."

Well now, wait a minute! There will always be deadlines, and you know how fast Sunday rolls around. There are demands at home and demands at work. And then there's the constant pressure to make time for a quiet time. That statement didn't strike me as ironic until later.

My friend persisted, "You said you wanted to get closer to God. There's only one way to do that. Live an unhurried life. The Bible says, 'Be still and know that I am God' (signed, God). Jesus constantly found an unhurried place and spent time talking and listening to his Father."

And you know, my friend was right. When I think back at my lifetime, times when my "to do" list was the longest and the demands upon my time the heaviest, those were the times when two things happened. First, my quality of work diminished, and second, I felt far from God.

Let's vow together, not that we won't do our work, but that we will order our lives to be unhurried. For me, that probably means finishing my sermon preparation earlier in the week, and setting some personal priorities to help keep first things first.







Just as soon as I get this newsletter deadline behind me, I'm going to start my unhurried approach to life. Are you with me?

Pastor Lee



# JUNE 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Happy Anniversary to those celebrating in June!</p>	 <p>Happy Birthday for those celebrating in June!</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6 pm Children's Hand Chimes</p> <p>7 pm Trustee Mtg</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NO CHOIR</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:00 am Adult S.S.</p> <p>10:30 am Children's program</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Holy Communion</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6 pm Children's Hand Chimes</p> <p>7 pm Finance</p> <p>7:30 pm Leadership/Joel Team</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Group</p> <p>9:30 Women's Bible Study"</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12 n—Women of Hope Lunch at Olive Garden</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Florida Annual UMC Conference</b> </div>						
<p>13</p>  <p>9:00 am Adult S.S.</p> <p>10:30 am Children's program</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>14 Flag Day</p>  <p>Hope Day @ Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5 pm Children's Hand Chimes</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Group</p> <p>9:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>9:00 am Adult S.S.</p> <p>10:30 am Children's program</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>2 pm Coral Trace Sing-a-Long</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5 pm Children's Hand Chimes</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Group</p> <p>9:30 Women's Bible Study</p>			

# LAY LEADER

**Greetings!** There are a few items that might be of interest to you that came out of the Leadership meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>.

When Pastor Lee and Marilyn are on vacation (July 19 & 25, August 1 & 8), the supply pastor will be an ordained minister by the name of Dennis Ball. (Paul Dissington is not available this year.)

The pastor of an independent Spanish-speaking congregation has been visiting with Trustees and Pastor Lee about the possibility of using our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons for worship. The possibility of utilizing our facilities more fully for God's glory is exciting!

Trustees will be acquiring a new vacuum cleaner. Many thanks to John Isaia for his loaner!

By the time this newsletter hits your e-mailbox we will have sent around 80 sewing kits to UMCOR! Doris Colclasure and Sonnie Bird and their team of dedicated ladies greatly exceeded initial expectations! *(If you'd like to help defray the cost of the mailing of these kits, please mark your check "sewing kits postage.")*

"Captain Disaster" (aka Woody Woodward) has this advice about the upcoming hurricane season: *"don't get complacent!"*

## **Some hospitality thoughts:**

Do any of you good cooks have tasty recipes for **sugar-free** cookies or cake that you might share with the rest of us? We have a number of folks who can't eat the great sweets that are provided on Sunday mornings, and who knows how many of our guests are in the same boat? Please provide me with your tried-and-true recipes.

Did you know that Styrofoam never goes away? It will be here till Jesus comes back, and what an awful mental image it is to think of the pile of Styrofoam that will greet Him! Can we help Hope's coffee time after the worship service and fellowship dinners become "greener" by using alternatives like paper or dishes we can wash or...???

## **Help with finances:**

Do you feel like you're on the road to nowhere with your finances? Crown Financial Ministries is offering a **FREE** (through June) tool that can help get you back on track. "The Crown Money Map is a proven, simple step-by-step trip that works for everyone. The map is easy to understand and follow. And every step along the way you'll enjoy greater financial freedom." The link to order your **FREE** map is <https://www.crownmoneymap.org/MoneyMap/Login/FrmLogin.aspx>.

**In His service, for His glory,  
Nancy Metz**



# Continuing Opportunities

## The United Methodist Life Enrichment Retreat Center News:

**THE LEC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.** The United Methodist Life Enrichment Retreat Center in Leesburg is looking for some outstanding volunteers to help us with our ministry of Christian hospitality to retreat groups. We need folks who are friendly, and enjoy serving others. Our need is for front desk and dining room hospitality. At the front desk you will answer phones, greet people arriving to the center, help us prepare for groups by doing signs, organizing room keys, etc. Dining room hosts welcome folks into the dining room, help those who need help going through the meal line, help guests with their trays to return them to the dish room, and wipe down tables at the end of the meal. All these positions are vital to helping our retreat guests feel welcome. Most of this service will be on weekends, but a number of weekday options are also possible. If you come from a distance, and can stay for a weekend, we will provide a room and meals.

Please consider this opportunity and give us a call at 352-787-0313 and ask for Jess or e-mail [jschload@flumc.org](mailto:jschload@flumc.org).

**DON'T MISS "GRANDPARENTS AND ME"!** Bring your grandchildren with you this summer to the LEC to enjoy "Grandparents and Me."

The Life Enrichment Center is sponsoring two "Grandparents and Me" camps during the summer of 2010. These popular camps are fun times and a great opportunity to spend quality time with your grandchildren. The program is designed for children ages 5-11 and their grandparent(s). You will stay in our motel type rooms, and have three days of fun and learning about our faith. To learn more, and to register, go to [www.LECretreats.org](http://www.LECretreats.org) and click on the "Summer Camps" icon, or call us at 352-787-0313 today.

**Help Wanted:** Occasionally one of our Hope folks needs a ride to Hope for church service, for a meeting, or to a Doctor's appointment. If you have some free time this might be a way you could serve! If you can help in this way, please call Martha Hampel at 239 -772 -4639.

### Sundays:

9:00 a.m.: Adult Education Class

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service & Children's Church

Tuesdays: Children's Hand Chimes (1st & 2nd at 6 p.m.) (3rd, 4th, 5th at 5 p.m.)

### Wednesdays:

8 a.m.: Men's Prayer Group

9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study

### Thursdays:

7 p.m.: Choir Practice

Second Monday: Soup Kitchen

First Tuesday: Children's Hand Chimes—6 p.m.  
Trustees—7 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Children's Hand Chimes—6 p.m.  
Finance —7 p.m.  
Leadership/Joel Team—7:30 p.m.

Third/Fourth/Fifth Tuesday: Children's Hand Chimes—5 p.m.

Fourth Sunday: Coral Trace Sing-A-Long —2 p.m.

► **Holidays and other events may change the schedule—watch the Sunday bulletin for updated information, or check the website interactive calendar.**



minister who was very fond of pure, hot horseradish always kept a bottle on his dining room table. He offered some to a guest, who took a big spoonful.

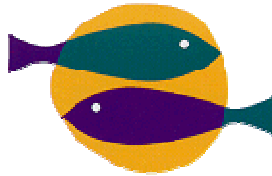
When the guest finally was able to speak, he gasped, "I've heard many ministers preach hell-fire, but you are the first one I've met who passed out a sample of it."



## Hope Ringers & Singers

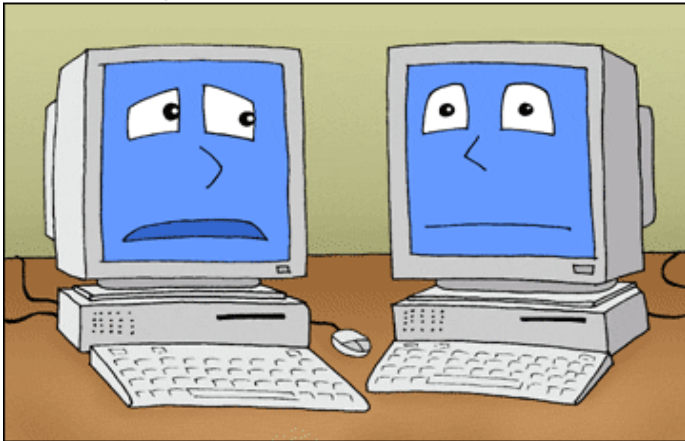
Hope Ringers & Singers (Ashlee & Cheyenne Clelland and Avery Chard) welcomed Hailey Ludlam in May. Another addition is a Bible study, so our name now becomes "Hope Ringers/Singers/Seekers" or HRSS for short (until we come up with a better name)!

Among other activities, we will be memorizing a Bible verse each week and invite you to join us. The next weekly verse will be in each Sunday's bulletin. What an encouragement it would be to the girls if you would let each of them know personally that you're memorizing the verses along with them...!



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GOD'S  
LOVE**

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**OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES, AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS**

## GRIEFSHARE

Hope offers GriefShare to those grieving the loss of a loved one. If you or someone you love is interested in participating, please contact the church office, 574-5570.

# ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Come and enjoy a time of healthy religious discussion. Class is held in the annex at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The class is currently studying the book of Ephesians. Leader is Gene Pearl who may be contacted at 457-2743.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: This group is finishing a study of the book of Philipians. The next book will be announced soon. The group meets at the home of Marilyn Carnahan on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Please call Marilyn if you have questions. Her number is 574-6133

# OFFICE TALK

Did you know that you are assigned a number when you become a member of Hope United Methodist Church? Yep, and that's what I have been doing for the past two weeks, entering your membership number into our Church Windows computer program. I wonder what is the value of the number system when used for recording membership. I mean, as long as we are a member we have our very own member number. Yet, when we move to another area or another church we do not take our number with us, it stays in the church record book, forever in front of our name even after we have taken our last breath.

In the office, we do not talk about our members as #15 or #108. We know most of the congregation by name and if we have trouble remembering we say, "You know, the one who always sits in the back on the right," or "the one who was usher this week" or we ask Pastor, he knows everyone's name.

Guess I would prefer being the fat lady in the back rather than just another number in the book.

Enough said, I will now continue my task of entering member numbers. You all have a great month of June!!!

This message is from #249  
**Office Administrator**



# *Summer Kick Off*

Be Prepared for: Hurricanes and Eternity!



You'all come....to

## **Bring a Friend Day**

...June 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring your friends to church

with you and invite them to stay to lunch. Famous super chefs will prepare our picnic lunch. This will be another time to hang around and get to know each other a little better. Remember several weeks ago when it poured rain on Sunday morning and we couldn't even get to our cars? You'd be amazed how many folks said what a great time they had just sitting or standing around talking, called "getting to know you." And...what a great time to bring that special friend and introduce them to everyone. Plan to attend right after church!

