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First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton

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Doing Worship All Weekend Long

I just put the details of our 9/11 Worship Service into my Outlook Calendar; **6:00pm at Patch Reef Park, Pavilions 1, 2, & 3.**

Word seems to have gotten out that we aren't having worship on that Sunday. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Not only are we going to "have worship," we are going to *do worship* all weekend long; the kind of worship God prefers – the worship of serving others.

The prophet Isaiah (along with all the other prophets) had a lot to say about this. See Isaiah 1:11-17 for instance, especially verse 17, "*Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.*" He says that right after he lets them

have it for their traditional services of worship which "*have become a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them.*" (v. 14b)

Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying God is tired of our regular worship services. But I do believe God is honored when we actively seek to obey his commands to do good for others – especially others less fortunate than ourselves. That is exactly what we are going to do on our "**Weekend of Service**", Sept 10-11; do good for others.

And then, to top off the weekend, we will have a wonderful church-wide "dinner on the grounds" at **Patch Reef Park** (5:00pm Sunday), followed by an outdoor service of worship and celebration (6:00pm) including great music, and testimonies about how God has used us to

make a difference in our community over the weekend.

It doesn't get much better than that.

See you there,

Ken

P.S. If you have any questions at all about this, please feel free to call or email me about your concerns. We see this one-time event as a wonderful way to honor the heroes of 9/11 as well as a way of honoring our God, but we know it is a bold move, and that there may be questions we haven't tried to address. Please contact me if you have such a question.

Special Dates

- Labor Day, September 5
- Weekend of Service, September 10-11
- Patriot Day, September 11
- National Grandparent's Day, September 11
- Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15
- First Day of Autumn, September 23

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For more happenings and calendar of events, go to:
WWW.FUMBCOCARATON.ORG

September Mission Giving

In September, our blue Mission Envelope offerings are designated for **C.R.O.S. Ministries** and **Boca Helping Hands** pantries. These food pantries supply children, families, and individuals in crisis in our communities with emergency food.

C.R.O.S. runs 4 food pantries across Palm Beach County (with the closest being in Delray Beach) plus another pantry in Indiantown. Caring Kitchen is C.R.O.S.' hot meal program which provides breakfast, lunch and dinner to homeless persons, persons with low



income and shut-ins. Additional services include job search assistance and referrals to human service and social service agencies in order to move people to self-sufficiency. Brown-bag lunches are given out on Saturday mornings at Cason United Methodist Church, one for Saturday and one for Sunday. This year, the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has approved a two-year grant to C.R.O.S. Ministries to support C.R.O.S.' community food pantries and to assist C.R.O.S. in helping

people apply for public assistance services. These funds, however, must be matched by donations. C.R.O.S. has raised enough to match the first year's grant allocation of \$27,500 and is now working to complete the match for next year. The C.R.O.S. portion of your Mission Envelope donations will be applied to this match.

Last year, **Boca Helping Hands** was able to feed 28,000 people a hot meal, deliver over 2,000 meals to housebound shut-ins, and

distribute over 7,000 pantry bags to the needy.

More people than ever before are finding themselves without enough food— many of whom have never had to ask for help before. We are called to feed the hungry. Let's do it with our offerings and our non-perishable food donations!

Blue envelopes are found within your offering envelopes, or they can be found in the Sanctuary, Chapel or Gathering Place.



It's That Time!

The Boy Scouts are helping Outreach with our Fall Food Drive. Bags will be distributed on Sunday, September 18, and collections will be made on Sundays, September 25 and October 2. Non-perishable foods are listed:

- Canned Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Meats
- Pasta & Rice
- Canned Tomato Products
- Peanut Butter
- Powdered Milk
- Dry Beans
- Dry Cereal
- Pork & Beans
- Macaroni & Cheese



Attention—All Ladies

The United Methodist Women will be commencing their new season of Circle Meetings and Unit Meetings in the month of September. These Meetings are ideal for new members to make new friends, gain new Knowledge through the Programs in the Circles, and learn about our Organization and its place in the community. Our Unit Meetings focus on community services, World Missions, and Bible studies which will enrich your Spiritual Walk with God. If you are interested in attending any of our Circle or Unit Meetings, please call any of our Circle Leaders below, or our President, Jane Dent, at 561-391-3250.

Circle	Leader	Meeting Day	Time
Naomi	Ruth Schumacher 561-392-1590	3rd Tuesday	10:00am East Campus
Rachel	Irene Albright 561-392-0393	2nd Wednesday	10:30am in homes
Rebekah	Ardyth Stone 561-391-6727	3rd Wednesday	7:30pm in homes
"New Circle"	Janet Hames 954-428-7704	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm West Campus

Our first Unit Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5. More on this later.

WE INVITE YOU TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND SHARE IT WITH THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

C.R.O.S. Currents

COME STROLL, WALK OR RUN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 2:30PM IN WEST PALM BEACH



Yes, it is that time of year again when we all get together for the C.R.O.S. WALK. As you well know, because of the *dramatic increase* in the number of *needy families* in Palm Beach County, your support this year will make a very big difference in the number of families that C.R.O.S. can assist with food and meals. Last year's C.R.O.S. Walk was a great success, raising over \$44,000. The funds raised were critical to C.R.O.S. Ministries' ability to meet the ever-increasing needs of our community. Your participation in last year's event is a visible expression of God's love for people in need. Please help make the 17th Annual C.R.O.S. Walk an even bigger success!

Come and participate in this beautiful three-mile walk along Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach, rain or shine. Those who do not want to drive can ride in

the church vans. If you are unable to participate in the walk, then please do give your generous financial support by sponsoring one of the walkers! Thank you in advance for your support. For questions or to sign up to participate, please contact: **Karin Nordlander (East Campus)** at (561) 447-9499 or karin@nordlander.com or **Debbie Woolsey (West Campus)** at (561) 482-6871 or mdtkwoolsey@juno.com.

HELP WITH SIGN-UP NEEDED: Can you help with signing up walkers on Sunday, September 18 or 25 or October 2, after the service you regularly attend? We would very much appreciate your help! Please contact Karin Nordlander or Debbie Woolsey (contact information above) if you are able to help.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER OF C.R.O.S. CAMPS!

C.R.O.S. held 8-week Day Camps at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Delray Beach), Calvary UMC (Lake Worth) and Community UMC (Belle Glade). Day Camps provide children from low-income families a safe, nurturing environment in which to learn about God's love, and prevent them from having to stay home alone while their parents work. Featured activities included Bible stories, storybook time, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, as well as visiting volunteer groups and field trips to local attractions.

In place of Camp Outreach this year, C.R.O.S. sent campers to a July 4th weekend of fun at Riverside UM Camp outside of Ft. Myers. Each day was started with prayer and praise in the Worship Center, and featured rotations of swimming, Bible study and outdoor games, arts and crafts, nature walks and music/dance. All in all, our C.R.O.S. campers had a wonderful, action-packed summer!



Weekend of Service

Weekend of Service (September 10-11) is coming quickly so, if you have not had the chance to sign up, please go to our website—it lists all the options and signing up is easy. You can also sign up on each campus or call Mary Beth Tate mbtate@fumcbocaraton.org 561-395-1244 x123.

We will be accepting donations for supplies and clothing up until the weekend, so clean out your clothes closet, and pass on the baby's stuff! The clothing will be donated to AVDA for women, children and babies.

We will be out in the community both Saturday and Sunday approximately 9am to 5pm. On Sunday we will be having a dinner with a celebration service to follow. The dinner will be at 5pm with the service around 6:15pm. We do suggest that you bring lawn chairs or folding chairs – just in case we have a HUGE turnout, which I hope we do!

Two Questions!

Did you know that on any given day, in Palm Beach County, an average of four children are removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or abandonment?

Have you considered becoming a foster parent or an adoptive family?

4 Kids of South Florida is a Christian foster care agency offering information, training and support to interested people. Classes in Boca Raton are scheduled for Saturdays, September 10 and 24, and October 8 and 22.

Call Joan at 4 Kids (561-869-5770 x4685) to register or for additional information. Check out www.4KidsofSFI.org.

September Birthdays

9/1 Christine Labar Randy Boone Kevin Oliver Carla Powers Sterling Graham	Jackie Zankl 9/7 Carol Jeroy Betty Begin 9/8 Susan Baker Linda Little Ashley Glazier 9/9 Amanda Murphy Teddy Tesfazghi Chuck Smith Michelle Gideon Carl Friese Barbara Staugaard Robert Yates 9/10 Ronald Kinney Justin Seaman 9/12 Caitlin Worthington Karen Smith Bill Knight Betty Henderson 9/13 Robert Brown Patsy Percy Pat Storch	9/14 Taylor Stofft Patrick Rogers Tom Simpson Tom Giddings Heather Preusse Kathy Trumbull 9/15 Vanina Roman Michelle Blackstock Ron Allen Ken Roughton Barbara Vaccaro 9/16 Francie Wanzenberg Lavada Randquist 9/17 Kathryn Strang Maritza Lo Re Raul Scherrer Ken Bailes Carolyn Kearns Greta Knierim 9/18 Dean Scalera 9/19 Kevin Lynch Emily Echeverria	Stephen Voss 9/20 Alex Boettcher Tim Woolsey 9/21 Aaron Anglemyer Kimberly Anglemyer Rowan-Makenzie Guinn 9/22 Jason Jeroy Robert Parlow 9/23 Mark Sanders Christine Panoch Cindy McCauley Charlene Galenski 9/24 Sam Victor Garett Wootton Connie Siskowski William Woodmore Marion Schluchter Carl Petty 9/25 Susan Heim Rosie Service Bob Yelin Janet Carter	Norman Bell 9/26 Megan Prchlik Pam Curry Cyndi Metzger Phipps Tim Wilson 9/27 Kimberly Kenney Liz Wallace 9/28 Valentine Colozza 9/29 Jay Murray Trent Taylor Lynda Korner Laurie Dejong Michelle Jackson Malia Riley 9/30 Lyra Torres Chad Reeves Trisha Ofsanko David Berent Skip Poulsen
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