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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Services

9:00am Praise Service 11:00am Traditional Service Visit us online to watch us live at plantationumc.org/liveworship

Dial-In Church Option

You can also listen to the service on your phone. Call the church office at 954-584-7500 for the access number.

Drive-In Church *IN NEW TIME*

7:00pm June 25th

Join us in the church parking lot for worship and a message to soothe your soul! Turn on your radio and sing along! We will be collecting non-perishable food items for our food pantry.

Hymn Sing & Reflection

Sing hymns of our faith, discover new hymns, and learn the history behind the hymns. Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 4pm on Facebook LIVE. To get "LIVE" notifications, "like" our church's Facebook page.

A WORD FROM PASTOR MARTA

"Summertime", bring it on with the excitement and the fullness of God's goodness and grace!

"Summertime", what comes to mind when you hear the word spoken or see it on your TV or computer screen? Longer days, warm balmy nights, and maybe even a slower lifestyle for a few months. While I know that we call them the lazy days of summer that include vacations visiting family, taking hikes, going to the beach, picnics, or cookouts in the backyard; we need to bring together our summertime planned and spontaneous fun experiences with our faith journey. We know that God's beautiful creation is around all us and that God wants rest, refreshment, and renewal for us. So how can we experience it and share it with others so we don't miss out on all that God has in store for us? Here are a couple of simple suggestions that might begin our "summertime" faith and fun journey for June and July.

Psalm 19:1

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims God's handiwork"

Leave the electronics alone, grab a folding chair or blanket and sit in the dark to enjoy the stars. Share and talk about God's incredible creation.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

"We were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

Join a Life Group or plan a Neighborhood gathering in your backyard or in the Park. No, it does not have to be overwhelming. It's time to reconnect safely and faithfully outside.

Youth Ministry

We need your current address! So please contact our youth director.

Manu Bhatnagar—Youth Director—manub@pumc.net 954-584-7500 x304

All of our activities are a bit different this year. We hope you will encourage your students and friends in middle and high school to join us this year. We are doing our best to make sure students are safe, they hear the good news of Christ, and they have fun in the community.

Wednesdays – Summer Fun Nights – 5-730pm

Join us in-person for games, dinner, and small group every Wednesday night in the summer. We start June 16th! We will be offering a zoom invite on Wednesday nights for small group.

Sundays – Summer Experience – 5-730pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday for dinner and an engaging activity designed to invite friends to.

Summer Big Events

Join us for many different ways to connect and serve this summer! Events already planned; Beach clean-ups, Homeless outreach, Ropes course, paddle boarding, Zoo Miami, Lazer Tag, and Escape rooms! The summer calendar will be out soon!

Join our REMIND text group www.remind.com/join/plantyouth for all the latest messages, newsletters, and events.

We are excited to meet everyone again this summer!

May Financial Update:

The Finance Committee and Church Leaders thank all of you for your continued dedication and support in the first four months of 2021. Since January we have been paying all our monthly bills in full, such as the mortgage, apportionments and insurance. This is the latest update:

- Pledged giving was up by \$13,797 over Budget for the first four months of 2021.
- Non-Pledged giving continues to trend up. Non-Pledge giving was up by \$10,945 over Budget. As a result, we are \$23,704 over our expected revenue for the first four months of 2021. We hope this trend continues.
- At the same time, we have been very diligent in keeping expenses down. As a result, expenses were down \$34,109 under budget for the first trimester of 2021
- Our Annual Budget continues to be underfunded by \$64,706. Which is about \$10,000 less than at the beginning of this year.
- These are challenging times we live in, but with continued vaccinations, we hope it will bring more normalcy to our lives. If you have any questions, comments, or recommendations please contact Al Gonzalez (Finance Chair), Julie Bouwens (Financial Administrator) or Pastor Marta.

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

Summer Camp 2021

Are your kids ready for a great summer? Registration is always open for our elementary summer camp, serving kids completing K - 6th grades.

From waterslides to rock walls, video game tournaments to shaving cream fun, your kids will love the variety of activities at camp! Plus, there's plenty of structured free play. All activities take place on our church campus. Flexible options for

2-days, 3-days, and 5-days per week. To learn more, visit plantationumc.org/camps.

VBS 2021 Volunteers Needed!

We still need more Youth Volunteers for VBS! If your youth would like to help out and get a few service hours, register them today!

To register your child or youth, visit http://www.plantationumc.org/vbs.



Stephen Ministries Update

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers are assigned a "care receiver" and meet with that person for about an hour a week. Stephen Ministers listen, care, encourage, and pray with their care receiver. They are confidential and understand that God is the Cure-Giver in the relationship.

Our church is one of more than 12,000 Stephen Ministry congregations—from more than 170 denominations—worldwide. Since 1975 more than 600,000 Stephen Ministers have been trained, providing care to more than two million people in need. For more information about the Stephen Ministries organization and the many resources it offers, log on to www.stephenministries.org.

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time and would benefit from having a Stephen Minister, call the Church office at 954-584-7500.

Grief Share Update

Are you grieving the death of a family member or friend? Whether your loss occurred recently or many years ago, you are invited to join GriefShare, "Your Journey from Mourning to Joy." The spring series of this 14-week video-based support and discussion group has just ended and we will begin a new series in September. In the meantime, you may visit the GriefShare website: www.griefshare.org for information about the program. Contact Carolyn Curry at cabcurry@comcast.net or call the church office with any questions.

WOW Update

WOW is returning to PUMC! On July 7, we will start our new study, "Elijah" by Melissa Spoelstra as a hybrid/in-person and zoom group. WOW will meet Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm, in room 503.

Women of the Word, WOW, is a multi-generational, multi-cultural UMW group of women who are seeking to know God better through reading books and lively discussion. Whether you are ready to delve into a Bible-based study, looking for a group of women who share your faith and are seeking to better follow Jesus, or are just curious, we welcome you to join us.

Contact Carolyn Curry, cabcurry@comcast.net for more information.

Deeper Connections Sunday School

All adults are welcome to join us for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer every Sunday morning at 10:45 am. We will continue to meet virtually during the summer. Our current study is the book of Philippians: Jesus our Joy by Donald Baker. If you are interested, please contact the church office for more information.

Logos Fellowship Update

Would you enjoy challenging video-lessons by leading authors, teachers and Pastors like Max Lucado, Philip Yancey, John Ortberg, and Andy Stanley? How about lively discussion on topics that will strengthen you spiritually and deepen your faith? Do you enjoy warm and caring fellowship? If so, we invite you to visit LOGOS (Greek, meaning "the Word"). A warm welcome awaits you. Contact Steve Touzalin at 954-476-9416.



Starting Sunday June 6th, join us for our next June series "Let's Get Connected"!

Life Groups

We are so excited to begin a new ministry here at Plantation UMC that we are calling 'Life Groups'! These are small groups that will meet around the community to have time to bond, grow together in faith, and enjoy life. We have a growing list of different Life Groups starting up here in the coming weeks!

Meal Group at Covenant Village - punster52@bellsouth.net
Dinner Group - margaretmcthompson@gmail.com
Nutrition Group - debgo54@gmail.com
Crafts Group - pamelahardigan@gmail.com
Music Group - steve@brasgalla.com
Dog Walking Group - marta@pumc.net
Bible Study Group - cmerica@bellsouth.net

Sign up for Life Groups Online or in the church lobby.

A.E.D

We have been blessed with a A.E.D. (automated external defibrillator) machine and we need individuals to be trained in how to use the system. If you are A.E.D trained or certified please let us know. Call the church office, 954-584-7500 or email us at office@pumc.net.