



## *Serving God, Sharing Love*

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## *Revelation*

Peter Cottrell, Pastor



During the months of August and September, we have been exploring the last book in the New Testament, Revelation. I wanted to reinforce some of what you may have heard and fill in the holes if you have missed a sermon or class.

Context is the key to understanding Revelation. It is written about 95 AD during the Roman reign of Domitian, who like Emperor Nero, was ruthless in his treatment of Christians. It was a time of great persecution and suffering for the 60 year old early church. Both Paul and Peter had been killed by Nero in the 62-65 AD range and Nero was seen as the great personification of evil. The visions and the "unveiling" came to John of Patmos (an island off the coast of Turkey) and is written to and for the churches in Asia Minor (Turkey). Much of Revelation shows a deep and wide knowledge of the Hebrew scriptures and Jewish tradition. This combination of factors allows the written word to be a code to Christians and not be discovered by the Roman authorities.

One of the issues that makes understanding Revelation so difficult is that it is a very unique form of literature. There are very few examples in scripture. Revelation is apocalyptic literature. It is intended to express truth that is beyond time and place. No matter when and no matter where, the truth is still the truth. (That truth is something like – **In the end, no matter what happens, God wins.**) Apocalyptic literature is not logical and linear so we often will think that it makes no sense. The parts that make no sense are not the main thing! It is not about the visions. Throughout the ages, people have tried to make it make sense and have come up with bizarre mental gymnastics to try to get everything to fit.

On the other hand, prophetic literature is aimed at a place and a time.

God speaks through a prophet usually to call a group (mainly the chosen) back into proper relationship and into proper alignment with God. If they do, great but if they do not then consequences will come. After all of it comes true, the prophet is seen as giving voice to God's voice and seen as a true prophet.



As scary as some of the images in Revelation are, the main theme is not fear. The main theme is hope even though the word hope never appears.

# September Worship

## SEPTEMBER 4:

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Laura Berg  
Scripture: Romans 12:1-21  
Sermon: *Authentic Worship Found  
in a Bucket*

Communion

## SEPTEMBER 11:

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell  
Scripture: Revelation 5:6-14  
Sermon: *Revelation: The Lamb -  
Our Redemption in  
Jesus Christ*

## SEPTEMBER 18:

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell  
Scripture: Revelation 11:15-19  
Sermon: *Revelation:  
The Power of Hope*

## SEPTEMBER 25:

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30, 11 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell  
Scripture: Revelation 19: 6-8  
Sermon: *Revelation:  
Victory! A New  
Heaven! Hallelujah!*

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at our website  
[www.coronadouc.org](http://www.coronadouc.org) ;  
on iTunes;  
or by ordering a CD



# Revelation (continued from page 1)

Phrases like “soon” and “patient endurance” call the faithful to hang in there while God unfolds God's plan. Hope and patient endurance are still themes that we need to hold on to even though we are not living in a time and place with great persecution. It can be a great personal reminder in the midst of great personal or family suffering. God still beckons “hang in there, I have this. Do not be afraid.” (Many times easier said than done.)

The entire book seems to be written in code. But some simple insights might help as your “decoder ring” and take much of the mystery out of the book. Numbers have significance. 7 is the perfect number. 12 (and 24), and 3 are good positive numbers. 4 equals “everywhere” except where it is referencing the 4 gospel writers. Three and a half is the number for evil and bad. It is sometimes expressed as 3 and a half, or two plus one plus a half, or 42 (½ of 7 years in months) or 1260 (½ of 7 years in days). The most popularly discussed number is 666 (or 616) which is a number of the name Nero Caesar – the most evil person in the eyes of the early church.

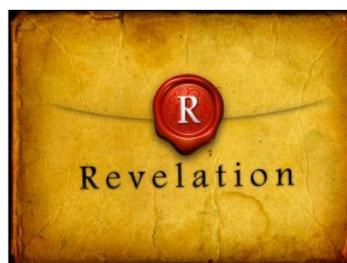
Phrases are also in code. Babylon, Beast, Dragon, Harlot all are references to Rome. The number of horns and heads are references to emperors and those emperors who declared themselves “living gods”.

Once you have been able to inoculate yourself from the fear and understand the code numbers and phrases you may be able to let yourself get lost in the beauty and the glory. The descriptions paint a picture which pushes us to awe and worship. The names for Christ allow us to expand our view of Christ as almost beyond description (which is part of the point). The slain and living lamb, the first and the last, the one who put the stars in the sky are both code and truth and worship.

Something that I still am trying to reconcile for myself is the grace of the cross with the justice language of Revelation. For me, God displays victory in and because of the cross, the events of self sacrificing death and resurrection are the most defining for God and unconditional love. Revelation's language is more about justice – the faithful will get what is due them and the evil ones will get what is due them. While this may line up with the language of the sheep and the goats it does not line up with the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Something deeper to ponder. (But remember, figuring out God or God's plan or having the right answers or knowing the truth is not as important as loving God and all our neighbors.)

I hope this helps you understand Revelation a bit better. If you have questions, I would be glad to try to help you with them.

Remember. In the end, no matter what, God wins. Love wins.  
You are loved.



**Revelation Bible Study**  
**Sundays, 4 p.m.**  
Music-Lecture Suite  
**through October 2**

# Boys and Girls Start the School Year Right

Amy Nowell, Communications



An impromptu meeting was happening in the hallway at Coronado Community United Methodist Church (CCUMC). One member had been reading about the local school system instituting school uniforms for the first time this academic year. While research has shown school uniforms can be a great unifier for all socioeconomic groups in public schools, it's hard the first year. Each school student needs a minimum of two pairs of pants, or shorts, and two shirts. Each uniform costs around \$13, so that's \$26 per child.

"This is going to be really tough on some of our area families," she commented. "What can we do?" Well, at CCUMC, we leave the building.

Earlier this year, under the direction of newly appointed Pastor Peter Cottrell and the church's communication committee, a new campaign was begun, heralded by bright blue t-shirts boldly stating, "The Church Has Left The Building." Months later, you'll see those shirts every day around town: CCUMC members building Habitat for Humanity houses, feeding the homeless, handing out water bottles on 4th of July to area visitors, making cards for shut-ins and even hosting Pokemon Go events.

Coronado Community UMC members already had an after-school tutoring program at the nearby Boys & Girls Club. The church volunteer in charge of the program quietly and graciously pulled together a list of students who could be helped along with their sizes. No small chore!

A bright yellow school bus was placed in the church courtyard and congregation members were encouraged to donate school supplies or money for uniforms. The result after just two short weeks of donations was: Bags

containing the appropriate size and color of three pairs of pants, shorts and skirts; five shirts, a belt, underwear and a backpack full of school supplies were distributed to 26 children at the beginning of school.

In just those three short weeks, stemming from an impromptu meeting, CCUMC was able to raise over \$3,000 in funds and supplies.



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# Music Notes

Anita Wimbish, Director of Music

Where has the summer gone? I hope you had a chance to recharge your batteries and make some plans as we head into the Fall season.

“Thank you” to the Chancel Choir for the music ministry they have provide each Sunday during the year. Your willingness to serve God and share his love through music gives us another way to experience God in our own lives. Weekly rehearsals for this group are on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Music – Lecture Suite. If you are interested in singing Traditional music, please come and join us on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

The singers and band for the 11 a.m. Worship service have also been working hard all summer. The 11 a.m. service provides a non-traditional style of worship. Rehearsals are usually on Thursday evenings with Band beginning at 6:45 p.m. and singers coming at 7:15 p.m. If you would like to sing with this group or you play a musical instrument and would like to be a part of the band, please contact Mike Williams (mike.williams@coronadouc.org) to let him know of your interest.

BAND of BROTHERS (Men’s singing group) and REFLECTIONS (Women’s auditioned singing group) are

still on vacation, but will begin rehearsing for their Fall seasons in October. More information will be available in the October newsletter.

**Joyful Noise Children’s Choir** has begun rehearsals. The choir, under the direction of Carla Cottrell, will meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Chapel. Rehearsals are on the same nights as our Tuesday Night Dinners so parents and children can come for dinner and stay for programs. Watch the bulletin for more information.

A new **Dramatic Arts ministry** is in the formations stages. If you are interested in acting, directing, sewing or prop construction, you are invited to come to be part of this ministry. They will rehearse on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights of each month at 7:30 p.m. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

If you are interested in being a part of the Music Ministries Program at Coronado or would like more information about a specific group, please call the church office (386-428-6252 ext. 119) and talk with Anita Wimbish. We are always interested in having new members in each of our groups.



Do you  
act?  
direct?  
sew?  
build?

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays,  
7:30 p.m.

Dramatic Arts Ministry



ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

Dinner 5:45 p.m.

Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

## Remind 101:

Youth Group and Event reminders will be sent out via text. Please subscribe to our texting group to get all current information and updates on youth activities:

**If your child is in middle school, text:**

@msygccumc to 81010

**If your child is in high school, text:**

@hsygccumc to 81010

## Middle School Youth Group (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**meets weekly on Thursdays after school until 5:30 p.m.** Please have youth fill out medical release form for 2016-2017 school year. *Parents should contact Emily Edwards at [emily.edwards@coronadoumc.org](mailto:emily.edwards@coronadoumc.org) before the first time their child plans to attend to add youth to bus list.*

## High School Youth Group (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**meets weekly on Sundays from 5-7 p.m.** High School youth parents should go to the following link to sign up to provide a youth meal one Sunday during the fall semester. Go to <http://vols.pt/3qyZE1> and enter your email to pick a date to provide a youth meal (no need to create a sign in). All details on youth meals are on link. Also, please have youth fill out medical release form for 2016-2017 school year.

## Youth Sunday school during the 9:30 a.m. service Tree House - Downstairs

All youth are encouraged to attend Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and then go to the 11 a.m. non-traditional worship service which is a little more relaxed and includes current praise music.

The Youth Mission Team is selling fair trade coffee that is grown and processed locally in San Ramon, Costa Rica, where we have served at *Pura Vida* Mission for the past 5 years.

Cost for one pound of quality, fair trade coffee is \$15 a bag, but any size donation is welcome.

The coffee is available in the Church Ministries Office during regular office hours.

**Make the coffee you drink every morning count in the lives of the children of Costa Rica!**



Happy back to school. It will be a long time before we can say good bye to summer and the heat. Fortunately at the Boutique we have school clothes, shoes, and you name it . . . for now and later.

If you would like to be on the Boutique e-mail list, then just call the store and they will take your information. What an easy way to stay up to date on current sales, etc. You never know when Darlene might have a beautiful



piece of donated jewelry; or someone cleans out their closet and everything donated is just your size. Be in the Know.

Both our furniture store and the warehouse are filled with great furniture buys. Stop by and check out what's going on with Mike and Co. They don't let a little heat slow them down. Picking up new items and delivering "sold" items keep them more than busy.

We're here at the corner of Peninsula and Flagler, serving God and sharing Love. Be a part of the fun . . . volunteer, shop or clean out your closet and donate. Remember, one person's trash is someone else's treasure! Maybe yours.

## Children's Ministry

**A huge "thank you" to Margaret Erickson for 15 years of service in our Nursery working with children ages 3 and under. We have been blessed by your care, consistency and love in the lives of our families and children. We wish you well in your retirement.**

We are currently in the evaluation process for children's ministry. We will continue to share our new vision as it unfolds.

**Until then, we will continue to offer nursery services for children ages 3 and under.** We encourage children 4 and older to attend worship with their families during this time of transition. If you are a parent of a child in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or younger with input on our program or would like to volunteer in children's ministry please contact Emily Edwards at [emily.edwards@coronadoumc.org](mailto:emily.edwards@coronadoumc.org).



**Do you have children (ages 3-5th grade)  
who LOVE music?**

**Well, we've got the program for them.**

### **Rehearsal Schedule**

Joyful Noise will meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Fellowship dinners and a discussion group will take place on the same evenings for all families of the church. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Please make reservations for dinner -  
adults \$6, children under 12 eat free

Parents are invited to attend the discussion group while the children rehearse.

# We Need You for CCUMC's Tutor Time Team

Nothing is better than the smile of a friendly tutor as you tackle a challenging school assignment. CCUMC Tutor Time has kicked-off the 2016-2017 school year by resuming our work with the children of the Oretha Bell Boys and Girls Club. The club is located here in New Smyrna Beach at the corner of Milford Place and Mary Avenue. On school days (Mondays, 3-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m.), tutors meet with the children to assist with homework and help with school preparation.

You are invited to become a member of our special team, as we enrich the lives of kindergarten through fifth graders. Please contact Linda Campbell 386-424-0237 for more information.



Are you interested in serving God using your gifts of acting, directing, sewing or prop building? Come to the formation meeting of CCUMC's Dramatic Arts Ministry on August 30, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Our meetings and rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings in conjunction with the fellowship dinners, and we will aim for performances during Advent and Lent and for worship enhancement events as Rev. Cottrell requests them.

**The calendar of rehearsals/events for fall are as follows:**

**September 20<sup>th</sup> - Rehearsal**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rehearsal**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> - Rehearsal**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> - Dramatic Arts will not meet.**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> - Rehearsal**

**December 6<sup>th</sup> - Rehearsal**

**December 20<sup>th</sup> - Rehearsal**

**Advent/Christmas performance TBD.**

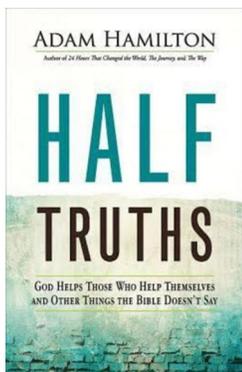
**If you have questions about this ministry, please call  
Carla Cottrell at 813-951-0367.**

# Adult Small Group Opportunities in October

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## **Half Truths - a short-term study**

**October 13 - November 17 6:30-8 p.m.**



There are things we say, and things we hear, that we don't really think about. Sometimes we believe these things are actually in the Bible; often there is some element of truth in them, but the part that is not true can be hurtful.

Adam Hamilton has written a book called, *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*, which we will offer as a short-term study.

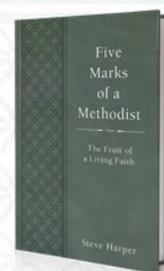
I look forward to leading this study. Consider joining us! I would love to meet you!

Rev. Joyce Alexander

## *Five Marks of a Methodist*

A modern meditation on Wesley's *The Character of a Methodist*.

LOVE GOD | REJOICE IN GOD  
GIVE THANKS | PRAY CONSTANTLY | LOVE OTHERS



**Sundays, 11 a.m.**

**October 23 - December 4**

This small-group study is based on Steve Harper's book *Five Marks of a Methodist* with a study guide by Magrey deVega. Six sessions provide extended reflection for adults on the five identifiers that Wesley sets forth in "The Character of a Methodist," which he published in 1742.

1. Character: The Marks of a Methodist
2. A Methodist Loves God
3. A Methodist Rejoices in God
4. A Methodist Gives Thanks
5. A Methodist Prays Constantly
6. A Methodist Loves Others

In "The Character of a Methodist," Wesley clearly stated that he did not want to distinguish Methodism from any "real Christian of whatsoever denomination." At the same time, Wesley knew that if the Methodist movement was to be established and grow, it must rest upon the solid foundation of gospel characteristics.

This class will be facilitated by Rev. Laura Berg.

**Register for either class in the Church Ministries Office or online at [www.coronadouc.org](http://www.coronadouc.org)**

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This Advent season, we will be publishing a series of blogs from members of our congregation. You'll receive a scripture and be asked to write a short 2 or 3 paragraph post, interpreting the Scripture in your life. Some editing will be done; but we are looking for those who love to write, are ready to express themselves, and looking to share that gift.

**Please let Pastor Peter know if you are interested by emailing [peter.cottrell@coronadouc.org](mailto:peter.cottrell@coronadouc.org)**



## Falls Among Older Adults

Did you know that 1 out of 3 adults age 65 and older falls each year? Most fractures among older adults are caused by falls. The most common are fractures of the spine, hip, forearm, leg, ankle, pelvis, upper arm, and hand. Of those who fall, 20% to 30% suffer moderate to severe injuries that make it hard for them to get around or live independently and increase their risk of early death.

So what can we do help prevent falls?

1. Exercise regularly. It is important that we exercise regularly. It is important that the exercises focus on increasing leg strength and improving balance, and that they get more challenging over time.
2. Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review your medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, to identify medications that may cause side effects or interactions such as dizziness or drowsiness.
3. Make your homes safer by reducing tripping hazards, adding grab bars inside and outside the tub or shower, adding stair railings, and improving the lighting.
4. Wear your glasses. See an ophthalmologist once a year.
5. Wear shoes with non-skid soles.
6. Get out of bed and stand up slowly to avoid dizziness.
7. Pace yourself. Fatigue can affect your balance.
8. Carry a portable phone or cellphone to avoid running to answer the phone.

If you do fall, even if not injured, tell your doctor. It is important to find out if there is a medical reason for the fall, such as medication side effect, or dizziness from low blood pressure, inner ear problem, etc. Many reasons for falls can be treated to prevent further falls.

## September Events:

- ◆ **Blood Pressure Screening, Sunday, September 18 between services, room 123**
- ◆ **Mental Health Support Group, Monday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.**
- ◆ **Creating Cards with Fellowship, Wednesday, September 21, 10 a.m.-1:30p.m., Fellowship Hall.**  
Supplies provided, bring lunch and a drink
- ◆ **Chair Yoga, each Weds at 2 p.m., Fellowship Hall. \$5 per session.**



This one hour long **Chair Yoga** class is a safe and gently way to open the body and release tension. While moving through each posture with a balance of strength and relaxation, we bring awareness to our bodies and take our minds to a place of stillness and peace. Whether you have specific physical or emotional challenges or simply want the opportunity to slow down and relax, you will benefit greatly from this class. Our certified yoga instructor is Candice Cuchetti, also holds yoga classes in other venues of New Smyrna Beach and Edgewater. Cost of each session is \$5. A portion of the proceeds go to CCUMC's Missions.

**Creating Cards with Fellowship Ministry** meets the third Wednesday of each month to make "thinking of you cards" for members of our church and patients at Florida Hospital New Smyrna and Oceanview. A break at lunch to chat is a time to foster fellowship among group members.

We will enjoy our time together and share our love by brightening a moment in someone's life. Bring a lunch and a drink. No experience necessary.

**Wednesday, September 21**  
**10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**





September is a great month, full of lots of learning. Our themes will be “School and Me, Me and My Family, and Pets.” We will be learning Letters: Aa-Dd; Shapes: circle, sphere and hemisphere; Color red-*rojo*; Sight words “a, in, is, it, to, do,” and “the;” Spanish words: “yes/*si*, no/*no*, please/*por favor*, thank you/*gracias*, friend/*amigo*.” Our Geography lessons are learning about Florida and New Smyrna Beach. Bible Verses will be “Love one another” (1 John 3:23) and “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other “ (Ephesians 4:32). The

Cooking lesson is making apple-sauce. Our Science project is identifying the parts of an apple and Florida environment, buddy sensory gloves and mixing primary colors. Our garden is still doing great; please check it out.

As you can see we do a lot of teaching at CorMeth Day School; and a lot of this is through small group, playing in centers and through daily experiences.

During September, the school will provide VPK parents with their children’s VPK Assessment Scorers and also hold an Open House for all parents.

## Tuesday Night Fellowship Dinners & Discussion

We have an exciting lineup of Tuesday night dinners and programs for the upcoming year. Twice a month the Church hosts a Tuesday night dinner followed by a program. The dinners will be alternately sponsored by a Mission Group and the Hospitality Committee. Our Mission Teams will present mission opportunities, past & future; and we’ll have some thought-provoking health and well-being topics.

Dinner will start at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with the program in the Music-Lecture Suite, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$6 per person for the dinner (there is no charge for children under age 12), and there is no charge for the program. Come for dinner; come for an inspiring program; or come to both and enjoy an evening of no cooking, no clean-up, and fellowship!

So plan to join us on select Tuesdays! Our first dinner is set for Tuesday, September 20, at 5:45 p.m. The program will be presented by representatives of Halifax Urban Ministries (one of CCUMC and The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church’s sponsored outreach ministries), immediately following the dinner.

Reservations can be made through our Church Ministries Office and online ([www.coronadouc.org](http://www.coronadouc.org)) one week prior to each Tuesday night dinner.

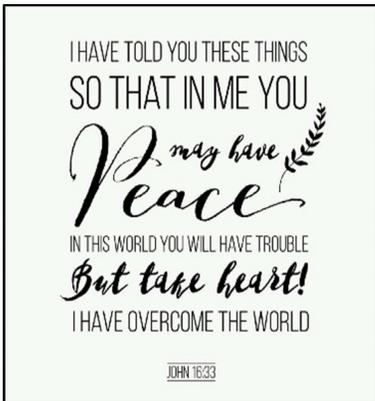


**September 20**  
**5:45 p.m. Dinner**  
 Fellowship Hall  
**Reservations are required**  
**for Dinner**

**6:30 p.m. Discussion**  
**“the ministry of HUM**  
**in Volusia County”**  
 Music-Lecture Suite



# 2017 Women's Retreats



Please prayerfully consider joining us in 2017 for a glorious weekend, a weekend to pull away from your daily responsibilities and truly relax in the beauty of the Life Enrichment Center, be inspired by the assembly of leaders providing spiritual guidance, and experience the very presence of the Lord. You will join like-minded women and surely strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

For 2017, there are 3 sessions from which to choose. While each session is similar, each has very different speakers who will set distinctive vibes for the weekend. If you can't decide, attend more than one!

The theme for 2017 is "Peace." Doesn't that sound inviting already? The New Testament key verse is John 16:33 where Jesus tells us to have Peace in Him. The Old Testament verses are a favorite prayer for many of us, Numbers 6:24-26.

## January 20 -22, 2017

Keynote: Sabrina Tu  
Bible Leader: Emily Knight  
Music Leader: Donna Allen

## February 10 -12, 2017

Keynote: Juana Jordan  
Bible Leader: Sarah Baldrige  
Music Leader: Belinda Womack

## March 3 -5, 2017

Keynote: Sheryl Marks-Williams  
Bible Leader: Lisa Stamp  
Music Leader: Belinda Womack

A general schedule of each weekend is arrival on Friday evening in time for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a general welcome session. Saturday is a full day starting with breakfast, morning devotions, then the Keynote Speaker, lunch, and Enrichments. Enrichments are always fun whether you go for a Bible study, current affair discussion, or yoga. After dinner on Saturday is another general session. Sunday starts with breakfast, morning devotions, and a Church service. You'll be ready to leave by 12 p.m., or stick around and sit by the lake, thank the Lord for this wonderful time, or walk the prayer labyrinth.

So start planning your weekend and be on the lookout for your brochure in the mail. Don't forget to share it with all your friends! Register early to get your preferred weekend. **Registration opens on November 1 this year** giving you more time to plan. The cost is reasonable at about \$180.00 for a motel-style room, double occupancy, and all meals are included, plus snacks. Believe me, you won't go hungry! **You must register online at <http://www.flumc.org/floridaconferencewomensretreats>**



Are you interested in changing people's lives in Volusia County? F.A.I.T.H. works to do just that. Each year our CCUMC Justice Team holds small, informal meetings so we can discuss issues of importance to us. After much discernment, we will present these issues to the larger F.A.I.T.H. community.

**F.A.I.T.H. House Meetings  
September 20 - October 5**

**Sign up for the time you prefer in the  
Church Ministries Office**

# Christ Walk Devotions Group

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**Mondays 6:30 -7:30 p.m.**

**Thursdays 6:30-7:30 a.m.**

**Meet at Beachie Beans 411 Flagler Avenue**

**Everyone is Welcome**

**No Prior Study is Needed**

## **Format:**

- **Welcome, Introductions & Prayer: 10 minutes**
- **Partner up/Walk/Discuss Guiding Questions: 30 minutes**
- **Meet Back at Beachie Beans for Wrap Up/Closing Prayer: 20 minutes**

**The same topics will be discussed on Mondays and Thursdays, but participants are welcome to come to both sessions as we deepen our thinking about mind, body and spiritual health.**

## **Points to Ponder for Month of September**

### **Week of September 4-11 :**

#### **A Chapter for Spouses & ChristWalk Dads**

**Verses: Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 30:15; Proverbs 4:1; 1 John 5:1-3**

1. How do you perceive adversity, trying times, or separations from your family?
2. Can you think of a healthy approach to your adversity that would make you a stronger person, individual, family or community?
3. What goal would you like to set through your times of adversity that will give you a sense of accomplishment, peace and purpose?
4. Do you feel comfortable as a parent, as a role model for children?
5. Are there opportunities for you to model better behavior for children?
6. Are you communicating well with your spouse or partner?

### **Week of September 11-18:**

#### **When Jesus Carries You and Living Simply**

**Verses: Luke 5:17-19; Matthew 8:13; Luke 8:50; Acts 5:12; Psalm 41:1; Proverbs 14:30; Romans 15:13; Ephesians 3:14-19**

1. Do you feel that you are “stuck” physically, mentally or spiritually, because God won’t heal you?
2. Where do you find God’s Healing? Is it what you expected?
3. Even though you might not be where you want to be,

what strengths has God given you to make change?

4. How can you live more simply?
5. What are you filling your life with “more, more, more” that could be replaced with time for God?
6. If you were overflowing with the Holy Spirit and filled with God’s love, where would it overflow in your life to others?

### **Week of September 19-25 :**

#### **Reevaluating Goals and Making Mind, Body and Spiritual Health Your Priority**

**Verses: 2 Corinthians 10:15-16; Philippians 3:12; 2 Corinthians 4:10; Exodus 34:26**

1. Are you on track to complete your ChristWalk goal? What will be your new goal if you cannot complete your original goal?
2. What is your priority list?
3. Are you sticking to it?
4. What do you need to reevaluate?
5. Where do I need to schedule my priorities better so that mind, body and spiritual health come first?

### **Week of September 26-October 2:**

#### **Being Inspired and Going to the Next Level**

1. What do you find inspiring?
2. Where will you seek inspiration?
3. What are some possible ways that God might be calling you to be inspired in your life?
4. What was your daily average for steps/miles/exercise in the past month?
5. Where can you go from here?
6. What will be your next goal?



# Church-wide Fall Congregation Dinner in October



“Welcome back” to some and “Nice to see you again” for others! It’s time to greet family and friends returning to New Smyrna Beach to enjoy our wonderful weather and reconnect with our entire Church family. So, let’s gather as God’s people and enjoy a time of Fellowship, fun and food. The **Fall Congregation Dinner** will be Sunday, October 23. All members and friends are invited, so grab a friend and come join us!

Fellowship will begin with tasty appetizers in the Church Courtyard (weather permitting) at 5 p.m., and dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Church will provide the Main Course, as well as drinks. We ask the congregation to bring a salad, appetizer, veggie, or dessert. Please follow the motto of “Serving Food, Sharing Love” and make something tasty to share! Sign-up sheets will be on the Church Ministries Office desk in early October. Please sign up with the number attending in your family so we can have ample tables, napkins and drinks. And let us know what you’re bringing.

When you bring your dish, be sure to put your name on it (an address label works very well), and there is no need to bring serving utensils, we have plenty in our kitchen. Please take your dish home with you at the end of the evening. For questions, contact Peggy Day, Chair of our Hospitality Committee, (386-427-2656), or e-mail at [PeggyBDay@hotmail.com](mailto:PeggyBDay@hotmail.com).

## Things Every Church Hostess Knows

In the South, a church hostess is a special breed. Many would argue that she outranks the preacher. She’s there for weddings and funerals - on hand to “feed the family” in times of joy or sorrow. She can throw together a social for 200 people with no more than a 15-minute meeting of her committee - held immediately following the Sunday morning service and efficiently run, so as to get everybody home for lunch.

Bridal tea or baby shower, sunrise breakfast for 12 deacons, or dinner on the grounds for half the county - just tell her what’s needed. She’ll get it done. Here is some advice:

- ◆ Order your fried chicken from Publix because “you can’t beat it for the price,” and “who on earth wants to clean up all that grease?”
- ◆ There’s no such thing as too much Tupperware.
- ◆ There’s no such thing as too many congealed salads.
- ◆ A woman is only as stylish as the port-a-totes for her covered dishes. Baked-bean stains from the summer of ’97 are a big no-no. Extra points for anything akin to Vera Bradley. Monogrammed? Well, *of course*.
- ◆ Keep a lookout for moist, fluffy deviled eggs, delicately sprinkled with paprika and served on bona fide deviled egg plates. Those belong front and center on the fellowship table. (Hide the runny ones with too much mayonnaise under some dinner rolls and pray they never see the light of day.)
- ◆ A big fellowship is no time to fret with tea pitchers. When you need 20 gallons of the sweet stuff, be practical and put it in plastic jugs with screw-on lids.
- ◆ Bypass those cheap paper plates left over from Vacation Bible School and spring for some nice Chinet. It’s just the right thing to do.

- ◆ Don’t let everybody make the same casserole, because you need some variety. A good rule of thumb: 2 chicken casseroles, 2 chicken poppy seed casseroles, 2 chicken-and-wild-rice casseroles, 2 chicken tetrazzinis, and (if you live in Texas) 2 King Ranch chicken casseroles.
- ◆ While we’re in the casserole department, keep some slivered almonds on hand to dress up any dishes that look a little forlorn. And stock up on butter and Ritz crackers because you never know when you might need to make a crumble to hide the sins of novice cooks.
- ◆ Disposable foil pans are the new china.
- ◆ **Invite the Methodists. They make good cobblers.**
- ◆ Paint your initials onto the bottom of all 9x13 Pyrex dishes (Revlon Love That Red shows up especially well) instead of writing your name on masking tape and sticking it to the bottom. That tape will come right off in the dishwasher.
- ◆ Make the men at least carry out the trash. It’s good for them.
- ◆ Never let the coffee urn run dry. Things could get ugly
- ◆ Never let the preacher lead the line—he’ll talk too much and hold everybody up, trying to recruit Sunday School teachers when he ought to be focused on the potato salad.
- ◆ Use slotted spoons in the vegetables - NOT in the gravy.
- ◆ That upright piano in the corner of the fellowship hall will work just fine as a purse rack.
- ◆ There’s no sin in microwaving.
- ◆ As soon as everybody looks full and happy, start clearing the tables. With any luck, they’ll take the hint and scam so you can go home and prop your feet up. Amen?

Adapted from  
*20 Things Every Church Hostess Knows*  
Valerie Fraser Luesse  
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# Our Church Family



WAYNE & ROBIN ROBERTS  
NEW SMYRNA BEACH

## The Power of Sharing



Mental Health Support Group  
for Family & Friends

**3rd Monday**  
**of each month**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**



**We collect food for  
Halifax Urban Ministries  
on the 1st Sunday  
of each month.**

### Foods needed:

**Canned** - Green Beans; corn; soup;  
pasta or Chili; pasta sauce (jar or can);  
tuna; pork & beans; beef stew; fruit;  
beans: pinto, navy or kidney

**Others** - cereal (large or individual box-  
es); peanut butter; boxed macaroni &  
cheese; rice; dry pasta, stuffing, or po-  
tatoes; dry milk; ramen noodles; oat-  
meal

### Also needed:

baby formula, diapers of all sizes  
(infants - adults), feminine hygiene  
products; personal hygiene products  
(travel size)

*Remember: People matter to God*

## CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Peter Cottrell**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Rev. Laura Berg**  
*Minister of Congregational Care*

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**Mike Williams**  
*Music Coordinator for 11 a.m. Worship*

**Alice Nieburger**  
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**Our Mission: Serving God, Sharing Love.**

**Our Vision: We are Christian believers committed to  
reaching out and welcoming all people, helping our diverse  
community grow in faith and in action through worship,,  
prayer, service, leadership and the sharing of our gifts.**

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