

**We have many upcoming events.  
Mark Your Calendars!**



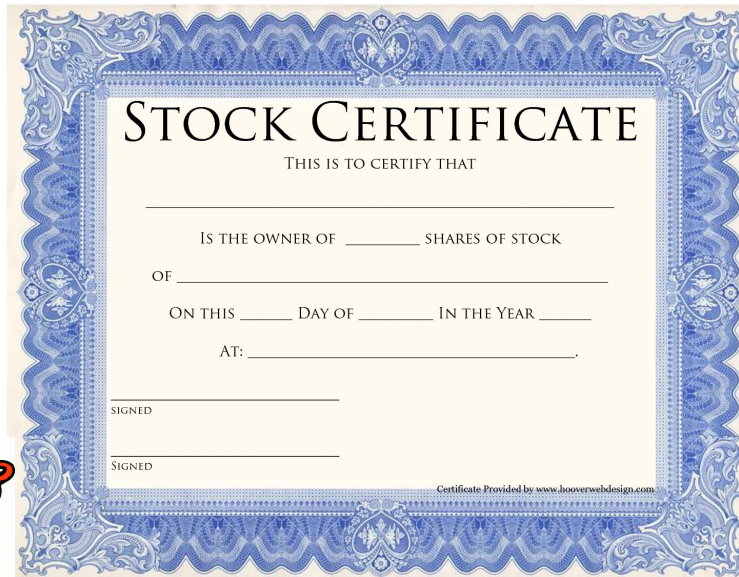
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| Reverend Susan Gray's first service<br>and welcoming luncheon<br>(Fellowship Hall, following 2nd service) | July 10    |
| CEC Summer Camp (Rockin' Rainforest)  | July 11-14 |
| CEC Summer Reading Camp   | July 11-15 |
| Youth Mission Trip to Golden Isles, GA  | July 24-31 |
| Charge Conference   | July 25    |

**Stewardship Corner**  
from your Finance Team  
For the week of Sunday, July 3, 2016

Contributions & gifts for ministry and property	\$4,515.00
Average weekly receipts needed for ministry and property	\$9,660.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$5,145.00)

*"We are half-way through the year!  
Now is the perfect time to review our giving,  
and catch up if necessary!"*

**THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!**



Thank you for supporting our youth during the "Take Stock in Our Youth" Campaign! If you purchased stock, please don't forget to pick up your certificates located at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall. Certificates remain for the following:

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| Jan Aurand           | Joan Ford           |
| Paul & Carol Ballard | Sally Hoyt          |
| Jane Beattie         | Jennifer Johnson    |
| Richard & Ada Budd   | Carol Neal          |
| David Carol          | Richardson Family   |
| Bill Danzeisen       | Sheilagh Riordan    |
| Joan Eymer           | Diana Tadlock       |
| Joyce Ferguson       | Jane & Peter Wilcox |

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

With the 2016 General Conference and our Annual Conference now behind us, we now turn our attention to the important work that will be accomplished in Jesus' name at the SE Jurisdictional Conference in July where we will elect bishops to serve our Church. As General Conference demonstrated, the work of the gathered delegations from around the Jurisdiction has great significance as the next class of Bishops is chosen. Though there is no time where the mission of the church is not critical, certainly the need for strong, visionary leadership is of particular importance as the next quadrennium unfolds.

That being said, this is an invitation to each of you (and your churches) to enter into a time of intentional prayer for the work of the Jurisdictional Conference, the delegates who will gather from the fifteen annual conferences, the delegation from the Florida Annual Conference, the thirteen Episcopal nominees as well as the nominee from our conference, Rev. Sue Hauptert Johnson. As our prayers are lifted, we are acknowledging our connection to God and to one another and offering ourselves to be part of the possibilities of hope and new creation that our future with God holds forth. Isaiah 43: 19 says, 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?' Prayer opens us to direction and power of the Holy Spirit as God's people. This is important work!

You are also invited to send a note of prayer and encouragement to Sue that she might know that the prayers of the faithful are with her to offer comfort and strength as she prepares to enter into this next part of this unfolding process. They may be sent to: [ds-nc@flumc.org](mailto:ds-nc@flumc.org)

As a recent Upper Room devotion reminds us, 'Just as we do not know who will respond to the message of Jesus until we share it, we may never see the results of a prayer that was not prayed. We pray to acknowledge our faith in God and to find the power to be God's people in the world.' (May 26, 2016). As colleagues, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ may we offer our faithful prayers and encouraging words, faithfully living into the future as God's people in the world.

Grace and Peace,

Molly McEntire  
Head (Lay) of Florida Conference Delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conference

Alex Shanks  
2nd Elected Clergy Delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference



# WEEKLY MESSENGER

Find out what's going on at FUMC!

Worship Services 9 & 10:30

July 10, 2016



*The preschool is undergoing some major renovations to our classrooms in the Fellowship Hall. Demolition and installation will take place the last week of July and into August. Following our new cabinetry install, we will begin freshening up our classrooms for the start of school with touch-up painting and stripping and waxing of all our floors. We hope you'll pardon our dust while we make these major improvements to our church/classrooms. We invite you to join us in prayer for smooth transitions and details to fall into place, and we certainly hope you'll check out the improvements once completed in August. We thank you for your support of CEC and our ministry here at FUMC.*

*CEC Director,  
Julie Wright*

## MEET OUR NEW PASTOR REVEREND SUSAN GRAY



Rev. Susan Gray grew up in the small community of Rush County, IN. Her early faith was nurtured by her mother who worked as a community health nurse to support the family after the death of her husband. Susan and her three brothers learned much about God's love, overcoming life's challenges, and focusing on faith rather than fear from their mother.

Susan and her husband, Mike, met in typical Indiana "Hoosier" fashion - at a basketball game! They married in 1980 and soon thereafter moved to Teaneck, NJ. Susan returned to college, completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The young couple next moved to Florida in the mid-1980s where Susan began her training as an orator...She taught first grade at Military Trail Elementary School. Her husband, Mike, advanced as a country club golf professional, and, over the next ten-plus years, his career took them back to New Jersey and to Scottsdale, Arizona. In 2000, they moved back to Indiana, where they worked together running the Logansport Golf Course.

Throughout these moves, Susan accumulated 20 years of active laity service in a variety of offices, assignments, and committee positions. She responded to God's call to ordained ministry that He had placed in her heart so many years earlier. Susan entered Asbury Theological Seminary in 2004, and her first appointment was as Associate Pastor of Galveston UMC in Galveston, IN.

The Gray's moved to Tequesta, Florida in 2006, where Susan served our church as Assistant to the Pastor. She graduated from seminary in May 2012 and two months later was commissioned a Provisional Elder of The Florida Annual Conference. She was appointed to St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Ocala, FL. At the district level, Rev. Susan served on the Leadership Council, the Superintendent Supervisory Committee, the Board of Directors for the Interfaith Emergency Service Foundation, and 2015 Acting Interim Director for the Board of Open Arms Village. At a conference level, Rev. Susan has served on the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the Commission of Equitable Compensation. Most recently, Rev. Susan has been invited by Bishop Ken Carter to serve on the Board of Ordained Ministry for the next quadrennium, and she will be participating in the Marcy Preaching Fellowship for 2016-2017.

Rev. Susan now, with great joy, moves to First United Methodist Church of Jupiter-Tequesta as our lead pastor. Rev. Susan, Mike, and their three adult children—Kinsey, Courtney, and Brad—love Florida! Their children have moved across the United States in advancing their educations and careers and remain very close with their parents and each other. Rev. Susan's interests include time with family and friends, being on any beach, exploring new places, and reading, reading, reading!

Rev. Susan is energized by working with church and community members, as this inspires her joy, growth, and gratitude for God's many blessings.