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# THE VINE

Week of: July 19 - July 25, 2020



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<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

As of June 5, Gov. Ron DeSantis' full Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery are in effect. The plan encourages Floridians to limit personal interactions outside the home and exercise responsible individual activity, but allows the conditional reopening of certain activities, stores, restaurants, fitness centers, and cultural facilities. The Governor has issued several Orders for Phase 1 and Phase 2. The provisions in Phase 2 takes the place of any conflicting provisions in Phase 1. Hillsborough County encourages all residents and business owners to completely read the Orders. Hillsborough County emergency leaders have aligned the community's COVID-19 coronavirus recovery to the plan announced by Governor Ron DeSantis.



## You Are Invited to Sing at Home!

Are you a "shower singer"? How about a "car caroler"? Maybe a "walking warbler"? Have you ever secretly wished you could sing with the Praise Team or the Chancel Choir but felt you couldn't commit the time to weekly rehearsals or you have "stage fright"? Our music ministry has the solution for all of these hidden dreams! YOU are needed to sing for our online worship music videos! If you love the Lord and you love to sing, you can help our church family to praise Him in worship with your recordings! It is easy and fun!! If you have a cell phone or tablet or other electronic device with a camera, you can video yourself! Or a family member videotape you. You need a second device, either one of the above or a computer, to which you will plug-in to have your own personal accompaniment as you sing! Are you smiling already? Now you have to make just one promise. When you are "discovered" by a talent scout, if you pursue a recording career, you must still sing with our Praise Team or Choir! Our own James Cornelius, Music Director, is eager to help you with the details. PLEASE email him at [music.fumcpc@gmail.com](mailto:music.fumcpc@gmail.com) and say, "I'm ready to record! What's my first song?" The real message - "He or she who sings, prays twice!"

**1 IN 4** IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY **GO HUNGRY KIDS EVERY DAY**

Our Summer Kids Pack Program helps feed these children. With your generosity we have been able to distribute more than 1,300 kids packs just in the month of June.



Tithes and offerings are being accepted online through [members.myEoffering.com](http://members.myEoffering.com) or you can mail your contributions to:  
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## WEEKLY DEVOTION FROM PASTOR DENNIS - JULY 19, 2020

35. Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." (Matthew 9:35-37)

3. ....but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4. Perseverance character; and character, hope. 5. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. 6. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:3-6)



### What We Should Know

We should know that God's timing is always dead on. As His ministry commenced, He travelled among the towns and villages seeing for Himself the emotionally weakened condition of the people who seemed to have given up hope. They didn't have caretaking facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes. When they became ill, they just died. So, He brought them hope as He healed every disease and sickness. He acknowledged the depth of the need and began recruiting His apostles to carry on the work.

Today, we have inherited that responsibility as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ through our lives and our Christian witness. We live in a world of pain and suffering and death and yet, we have that blessed promise from Paul in Romans 8:28..... "All things come to good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose". Jesus realized the universal need for the Gospel and that it was just too much for Him to handle on His own in human form.

Thus, He sent the Holy Spirit in His place on the Day of Pentecost to abide within each one of us to teach us and guide us along the path of God's will.

We should know what He meant when He declared in Romans 8:18....

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us." Thanks to His sacrifice, we have the ultimate victory over sin and death.





# MISSIONS



## **Florida United Methodist Children's Home - Back to School Drive**

As the Florida United Methodist Children's Home enjoys the beginning of summer and our students have begun their participation in our annual Summer Fun program, preparations are already being made for the 2020-2021 school year. While the landscape for this school year still remains to be seen, we know that providing our children with the high quality education they desperately need will continue to be one of our highest priorities.

A substantial way we meet this need is to ensure we have the supplies required to make this a reality. The Children's Home has been blessed by countless individuals, churches, and groups who continue to support us in so many ways. Donations are a vital part of our ministry, as they enable us to better serve the children. We have put together a list of our school needs, and ask that you and your church take up a back-to-school drive to help as we prepare to serve our students' educational needs for the 2020-2021 school year. The back-to-school needs list is below.

### HIGHEST PRIORITY

Activity fees (field trips and extracurricular activity fees), Copy/printer paper, Poster board, Disinfecting wipes, Dry erase markers, erasers and cleaning liquid, Hand sanitizer (large bottles), Paper towels, Tissue boxes

### ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Colored paper, Construction paper, Art supplies (acrylic and water color paint, sketch paper, glitter, drawing paper, small framed canvas), Tri-fold display boards, Notebook paper (wide or college rule), Dividers 5 or 8 tabs, Composition notebook (8.5 x 11), Glue sticks, \*Please, no pencil sharpeners, Mechanical pencils and lead refills, Colored pencils, Sharpie permanent markers (fine point), Black and blue pens, Flash drives, Highlighters, Crayola markers, Handwriting tablets, 3/4" Scotch tape

For any questions, please contact our Volunteer Manager Lynn Bellomy at [lynn.bellomy@fumch.org](mailto:lynn.bellomy@fumch.org) or 386-668-4774 ext. 2321. Thanks for the many ways you continue to support the children.



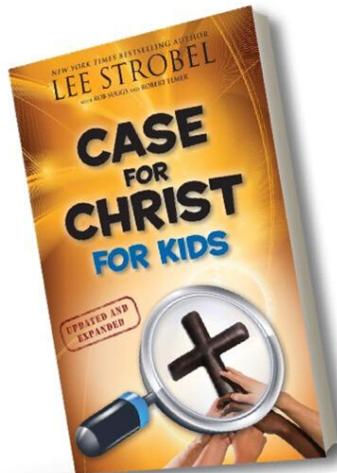
# Children's Program



Love one another.

•If you haven't had a chance yet, visit our church's Facebook or YouTube Channel to watch the children's video from last Sunday that answers the question, "What must I do to be saved?!"

•In that video I mentioned a few resources that could be some fun reads for your entire family right now. Including...



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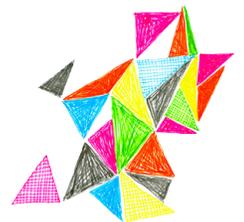
EXCUSE ME

SORRY

NO THANK YOU

Our video for this Sunday, July 19th, will be about baptism. Look for it on our Facebook or YouTube Page.

*We are exploring new ways to stay connected right now. If you have any ideas, please share them with Ginny or Jenny.*



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