

# Beach Treasures

September 2022

Island in the Son UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

**Through faith and discipleship, Island in the Son UMC connects everyone to God, each other, and the world, by proclaiming the Word through prayer, worship, study, and service to others.**

## Communion Offering to "Bless the Kids"

Our September 4, 2022 Communion offering will go to our "Bless the Kids" program, which has been on-going now for several years, yet the need seems to become greater each year. There are many children in the Flour Bluff School District who have little or no access to



meals over weekends and school holidays, nor do they have enough clothes or school supplies for success at school. Dawna Gadberry, the retired teacher from Flour Bluff Elementary who has worked tirelessly in coordinating the program and in doing the physical labor that it takes, makes sure that the food, clothes and supplies get to the children who need them most. Currently, she buys healthy, non-perishable foods and water in bulk with the donated funds, and on Thursdays she and helpers fill backpacks with 3 meals per day for the weekend or school break days, and then distributes them on Fridays before the kids go home. Right now, she is working with 30 kids in the Early Childhood Development area, but she says there are at least 200 children of all ages in the District who are on the "need help" list. In addition to meal items, many of the kids are in need of clothes in the proper sizes. In speaking with Dawna re-

cently, she mentioned that blue jeans, any size from 4 up to adult, gently used (with no holes) would be greatly



appreciated, as well as shirts (solid color T-shirts with no logos, polos, button downs, etc.), shorts, belts, socks, shoes, and underwear (must be new). Personal hygiene items are desperately needed as well, and since many kids started school without the proper school supplies, any of those items would be put to use gladly. Dawna is



concerned that the numbers of needy kids in her area seem to be increasing, partly due to the downward economic effects on the parents during these difficult times,

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and she wants to thank our Church and each and every one of us who donates to the program, because, she says, many of these kids would go hungry were it not for us and a few other donors who go "above and beyond" to support the most needy in our area. Our charitable contributions demonstrate our commitment to following the teachings of our Lord by helping those in His flock who would be "lost" otherwise.



Any donations of non-perishable, nutritious foods, clothes, hygiene items or school supplies may be dropped off in our "Bless the Kids" bin in the foyer; also monetary donations may be made by cash (denote "Bless the Kids" on the envelope), check (made out to IITS with "Bless the Kids" written on the memo line), and gift cards, especially HEB, Walmart and Target cards. As we prayerfully consider our giving, let us remember that were it not for God's grace, "there goest I."

Respectfully submitted,

**Kay Plut,** Worship Team Chair



September 4 ..... Pegge Tholen  
 September 6 ..... Lisa Easley  
 September 7 ..... Cindy Frank  
 September 8 ..... Kathy Westerman  
 September 9 ..... Everett Johnson  
 September 11 ..... Vince DuBeau  
 September 12 ..... Holly Simons  
 September 18 ..... Mary Lou Robertson  
 September 28 ..... Bill Hallett

Sep 4 ..... Bill & Carolyn Hallett  
 Sep 6 ..... Roy & Cynthia Riewe  
 Sep 10 ..... Mike & Karen McDowell  
 Sep 13 ..... Richard & Trina Allen  
 Sep 20 ..... Lowell & Betty Thomas



*Don't see your special day mentioned here? It just means we don't have it on record. Please let us know the date so we can update our database.*



### The Coastal Bend United Women in Faith

will be holding their **Annual Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at The First UMC , Corpus Christi.** Registration begins at **9:30 am**, but you may **register ahead of time by sending a check for \$15.00 per person to Kathy DeMuelle at 2534 Kirby Rd. Aransas Pass, TX 78336.** The key-note speaker is **Abigail Gutierrez** who will bring us information about the **new pathway for United Women in Faith.**

Single Board Meeting



Single Board will reconvene **Monday, Sep 12, 1 PM** in the **Celebration Center.**

**RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES AT IITS**

- ♦ **Bulletins** - in basket by Celebration Center Entrance
- ♦ **Eye Glasses & Hearing Aids** - in the Lion's Club box on top of the Timon's wooden donation box in the foyer
- ♦ **Aluminum Pop Tabs** - in the Ronald McDonald House box in the foyer (NO CANS, PLEASE!)



**BIBLE STUDY**

The Small Group Bible Study / Prayer Meeting will resume on **September 14 @ 10AM.**

For more information contact **Janice Morris**, 512-923-0250 or **Connie Burrus**, 512-923-3130.

**Meeting at St. Luke's UMC**

**Leah Hidde-Gregory, President Pro-Tem for the Middle Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church will speak at St. Luke's UMC, 3151 Reid Dr. in Corpus Christi on Sunday, September 11, at 1 PM. She will answer questions about the disaffiliation process from the United Methodist Church. Please plan to attend!**



**Walk to Emmaus**  
An Upper Room Movement



**Women's Walk #2011** - The team for Walk #2011 is currently accepting pilgrim applications for November 10-13. Please contact JoAnn Smith (361-949-7114) for more information.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Timon's	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9AM-Sun Sch 10AM—Worship <b>Communion</b> 	<b>5</b> Church office closed! 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Timon's AP/Payroll Chks  5:30 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 9:30AM - 12PM District Pros Meeting at Kelsey Memorial UMC	<b>9</b> Timon's	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9AM-Sun Sch 10AM—Worship  1 PM - Disaffiliation Meeting at St. Luke's UMC	<b>12</b>  1 PM - Single Board Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Timon's 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Mtg 5:30 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Timon's	<b>17</b> CBD-UW in Faith at First UMC 9:30AM Gathering 10:00AM-2:00PM Annual meeting (includes lunch)
<b>18</b> 9AM-Sun Sch 10AM—Worship  3rd Sunday Potluck Luncheon	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Timon's AP/Payroll Chks 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Mtg 5:30 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Timon's	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9AM-Sun Sch 10AM—Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Timon's/Com 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Mtg 5:30 PM—Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Timon's	

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

The first names listed are "greeters" and the second names are "clean up." You may trade with other greeters, or if you need a substitute or have questions, please contact **Kay Plut** at 361-949-6965.

**Sep 4:** Connie Burrus & Lila Bradshaw  
Gordon & Deborah Foerster

**Sep 18:** Peggy Tholen & Mary Lou Robertson  
Betty Terrey & \_\_\_\_\_

**Sep 11:** Kathy Merchant & Pam Burnette  
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**Sep 25:** Butch & JoAnn Smith  
Rex Wright & \_\_\_\_\_

## Botanical Gardens Seeks Bottles for Fall Art Project

**South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center** needs empty green plastic bottles with lids for a Holly Days art project, to be created by internationally-known local environmental artist, **Shelia Rogers**. Rogers will use 3,500 bottles to create an 18-foot, lit-from-within Christmas tree for the winter-vacant Plumeria Garden. Holly Days will offer family-friendly activities at the Gardens four weekends beginning November 25 and 26.

Rogers' life's work communicates complexities and attractions she finds in her environment, especially waterfronts and beaches. One of her works, a clear plastic bottle "Chandelier," hung at Corpus Christi International Airport before moving to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in 2020. Her "Oceans of Plastic" exhibited at the Texas State Aquarium, several art museums, and at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library. "The Thrill of the Deep" exhibited in seven German cities, Paris, Vienna, and Zurich.

"The heart of my work is environmental advocacy, seductively exposing the real and devastating effects of plastic pollution on the world's oceans," Rogers said. "The intent of my work is to raise awareness of this pressing consumer and environmental issue, while motivating viewers toward a plastic-use reduction revolution."

Please put empty green plastic bottles with lids in the bin in the church foyer or take them to the Visitors Center at the Botanical Gardens, 8545 South Staples Street. For questions or bottle pickup, please contact **Betty Thomas** at 361-980-8544.



## IITS Health Watch

Our "health" report for July 2022

**Prayers:** We celebrated answered prayers and joys in worship, including: recovery from illnesses and surgeries, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and Independence Day!

**Presence: July** average attendance:

Worship ..... 46

Sunday School ..... 4

**Gifts: July**

General Offering Received:

As of **07/31/22** ..... 81,366

% of offering goal \$158,889 .... 51%

Monthly Income & Budgeted Expenses

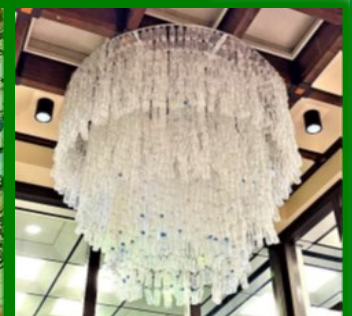
Income Received..... \$14,699

Budgeted Expenses..... \$16,143

**Net income..... \$ 1,444**

Apportionments paid as of **07/31/22** 70%

**Service:** Congregational and community care; Bless the Kids Project; lunch service, food pantry, and communion for Timon's Ministries.







## Island in the Son

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Ministers.....All members of the congregation  
Pastor.....Reverend John P. Smith  
Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper.....Anneliese Fryer

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Celebration Worship Service at 10 AM**  
**Sunday School at 9 AM**

The "Beach Treasures" monthly newsletter is EMAILED to the majority of our recipients. To be added to the email list or to get a mailed copy, please call the church office. **DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS THE 20TH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH;** please email to the church at email address islandintheson@yahoo.com.



## Worship in

## SEPTEMBER

September 4

Philemon 1:1-21

**"Forgiveness"**

*Grace*

September 18

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 14; Luke 16:1-13

**"The Dishonest Steward"**

*Survival*

September 11

Luke 15:1-10

**"God Loves Us"**

*A Relationship With God*

September 25

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

**"Slaying the Dragon"**

*A Valuable Commodity*