

MAY 2021



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United Methodist Church



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Use your time and be the change in a person's life!

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SUMMER EVENTS

Anona Child Development Center registration is open

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EASTER SUCCESSES

Beautiful artwork, wonderful people, & God-loving worship

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JACK'S FAREWELL DRIVE-THRU CELEBRATION

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Drive-through
Retirement Celebration
for *Pastor Jack Stephenson*

Sunday, June 27, 2021

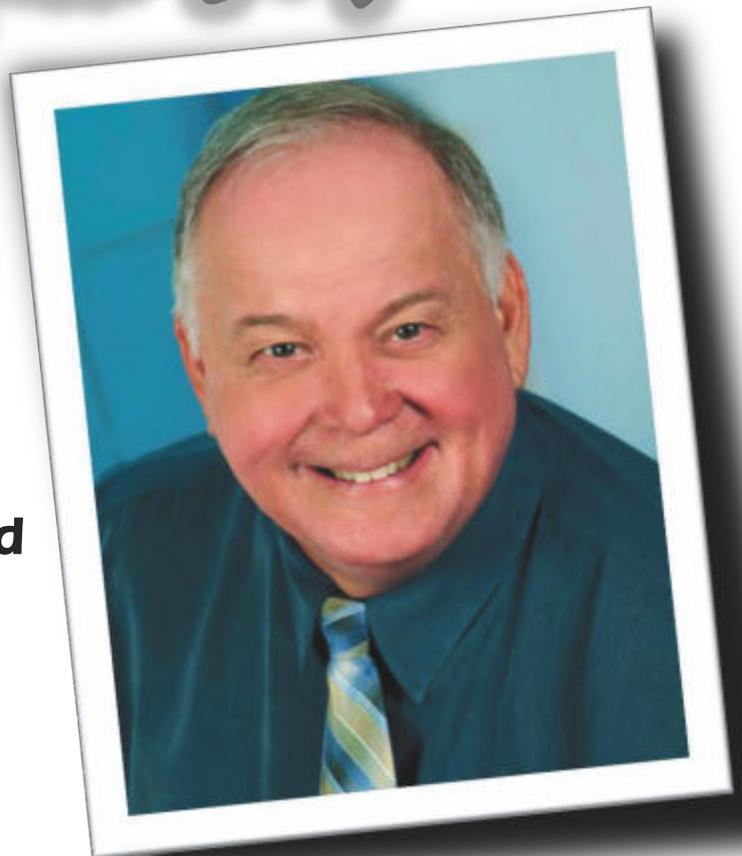
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Anona UMC

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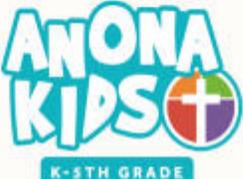
In compliance with current COVID guidelines and so many wanting to share this time with Jack before he starts his “new chapter in life”, the festivities will consist of a drive-through celebration.

**Once at the church campus,
please patiently follow the directional signs.**

*** WELCOME BACK!**



ANONA LITTLE KIDS
INFANTS-PRESCHOOL
In-Person Program!
Sunday June 13th
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ANONA KIDS
K-5TH GRADE
In-Person Program!
Sunday June 13th
bonnie@anona.com



ANONA Youth
6TH-12TH GRADE
Large Group Activities, Live
Worship, Live Talk Time!
Sunday April 25th
megan@anona.com

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**SUPPORT
our
TROOPS**

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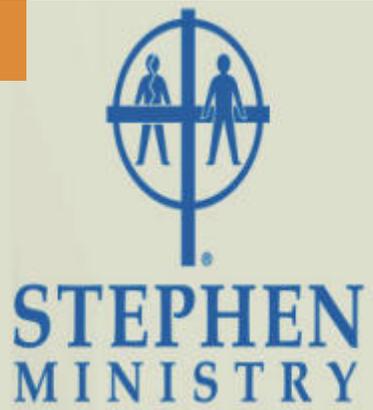
ACTS
Catching Up With The Spirit

Thursdays, May 27-July 1
6:30-8PM

RSVP Today!

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Happy Mother's Day

You are Celebrated in May and Always!



It is time to celebrate our moms!

While I lost my mom and stepmother several years ago, this will always be a special time of year. I may not get to see them anymore, but I like to open a photo album (yep, I still have actual pictures) and remember. In that spirit, I have one of those photo albums open now as I write, and I thought I would share with you.

The first picture I see is a birthday cake. Not just any birthday cake, but a cake in the shape of a dog named, "Snoopy." Gloria made that for me in November 1971. How do I know? She put the date on the back of the photo and noted that I was 7 years old. There's a picture of my dad standing with Gloria at the retirement home he built in Nobleton, FL. It was right on the Withlacoochee River. Another picture shows my mom and stepfather, Floyd, standing in front of their house in Belleair Bluffs. That house was right behind a McDonald's and my mom would walk us over on the weekends and get french fries to bring back home. Then we'd watch "The Love Boat" and "Fantasy Island" together. So many memories. I miss mom and Gloria, but I cherish the memories. My life is so much better because of them.

This Mother's Day promises to be a bit different for Linda and me. We are watching as her mother slowly declines in health. Hospice has been part of her life for the past seven months. Linda stops by to visit several times every week to see her and her dad. She brings food, washes dishes, gives her a bath, does laundry, etc. She does things that as a child she likely would have protested against doing. Now, there is a different meaning and heart behind each act. Funny how that works.

There are more pictures and memories than I could possibly share, but I think you get the point.

As we celebrate moms this month take a picture. Find a picture. Share a memory.

Cherish what you have or find a way to cherish what you have lost. It may bring a smile. It may bring a tear. Both are good.

Anona loves you moms! And we hope to see you on Mother's Day!

Richard

MAY 2: OUTWARD

(Luke 18:9-14)

The Christian faith, as we have learned, is lived upward and inward. It is also lived outward. It is here that our concern turns toward "the other."

MAY 9: A GLIMPSE OF GOD

(Isaiah 49:13-15; Isaiah 66:13)

Happy Mother's Day! Today, we honor the love, leadership, and dedication of moms and mother figures in our lives. Today, we remember that mothering is holy work; work that gives us a glimpse of God.

MAY 16: HOW TO BE GREAT

(Mark 10:41-45)

We are created in the image of God. The opening chapter of Genesis tells us that fact alone makes us not just "good" but "very good." But did you know that we can be more than very good? We can be great! The beauty of that truth is that it is true for all of us. Let's explore how to be great together.

MAY 23: WHAT'S NEXT?

(Acts 1:3-11)

It's Pentecost Sunday! Today we celebrate the birth of the church and begin our new sermon series on the book of Acts. We've been celebrating the resurrection of Christ since Easter, but now things have changed, so what's next? Today we'll talk about this important day and how we are all called to the next step in our faith journey as we remember, celebrate, and share the news about what God has done.

MAY 30: WHAT GOD DOES

(Acts 1:8)

We have all heard the phrase Jerusalem, in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. For our stories in Acts 8-10 let's go back to the beginning. Acts is an ever-widening conversion of both the sent to and the sent by. Prepare to be challenged.

Opening Doors & Next Steps

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).



As a Stephen Minister, it is my calling to be in the life of someone who needs another to listen and not try to fix or give advice. This is not easy, and my training helped me realize that I do not have all the answers, and that my words may not help the situation. I do come into relationships with my own personal experiences, and I have found that I can use those experiences to "open doors."

As an example, I often encounter those who are in the hospital who have to make decisions based on what the "next step" will be for them. Too many times decisions are made at the crisis moment, such as when someone is told they cannot go home and must seek another level of care. These decisions are some of the most difficult and have to be made under difficult circumstances.

I am often asked to share my journey with my parents when they faced being told they could no longer live in their own home. Today, as we face COVID challenges, Stephen Ministers remain in touch with care receivers and their families facing many such difficult issues.

Many families have made plans for the next step their loved ones will face.

There are many other families who have not faced or even thought about next steps. Stephen Ministers are trained to be active listeners; we keep our relationships compassionate and confidential. We also rely on our Lord and savior to be the "cure giver." There are times when Stephen Ministers have to "open the door" and start a dialogue to help others look at what the next step will be for them.

If you or a family member is asking what the next step will be, a Stephen Minister might be a great start to your journey!

Larry Cottrell

Join us for private prayer during our LIVE Contemporary and Traditional Services on Sunday mornings.

PRAYER CHAIN: The Anona Prayer Chain is composed of church members who pray daily for those requesting prayers for themselves and others. Requests are kept confidential unless otherwise specified. To submit a prayer request, go to anona.com/prayer.

Legacy Center

Here For You!

It's been over a year since COVID began, and our legacy center continues to support our congregation and community.

There has been much sorrow, and with that comes grief, and with time, healing.

Connect with any of our groups to find the hope and comfort you are looking for. Grief - mourning the loss of a loved one, Care Giver - supporting a loved one as their health declines, or Care Team who reaches out to our church family through a timely phone call.

These are just a few resources we currently offer. If you would like more information, contact me, Terry Collier, Terry@anona.com.



Making the Difference...Mentor!

Jackie Evans | jackie@anona.com | anona.com/missions

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:4



This month we will be sharing ways you can Make a Difference by Mentoring.

We are called to be community to one another, to train up children and to give wise council to our neighbors. Will you join us in making a difference in the life of another? Our focus will be on three specific areas Schools, Anona and Fresh Start.

1. Schools-make a difference through the Lunch Pals program or Panther Pals, just 30 minutes a week can literally change a child's life and will certainly change yours!

2. Anona-We need kids ministry volunteers!-Again only 2-4 hours a month to help develop kids of character and be part of their faith journey, what a privilege!

3. Fresh Start/Ready for Life-A chance to encourage an adult get back on track after incarceration or help a Young adult adjust to life as they transition out of foster care at just 18yrs. Only an hour or so a week!

There are trainings and support for all these options and for additional information contacts are below. In May we will share stories of how mentoring has impacted lives-join us on line or in person to hear more. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram also!

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Panther pals
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COMMUNITY MENTORING
Fresh Start
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Ready for Life
mwalag@readyforlifepinellas.org

ADDITIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

CHANGE 4 CHANGE
Each month we collect change for the youth mission in which they collaborate with our mission team to make a difference in the community and world. Your contributions can be dropped off at the church office or during worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Thank you for your contributions as our youth has made a difference at local hospitals, worldly missions, and local schools. Your generosity continues to make our missions thrive at Anona and in Student Ministry!



LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT!

The Military Appreciation team will be sending out cards this Independence Day to uplift those of our Anona family actively serving our great nation. Help show your gratitude by signing the cards or by writing a special note of appreciation that we could include. You can email notes to troops@anona.com. Thank you in advance for your support.

Some families have not seen their loved ones in quite some time, so let's really make this mailing extra special.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the church office or email our Military Appreciation team directly at troops@anona.com.

**THANK YOU ANONA FOR YOUR
CONITNUED LOVE AND DEDICATION
TO THE COMMUNITY!**

**FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S HOME**

In May we have our 5th Sunday special giving! It's easy to make a difference in the life of a child. Your donations go to the daily expenses incurred by the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Kids, teens, and families are able to find security and rebuild their lives thanks to your generous contributions.

Checks can be made payable to Anona United Methodist Church and indicate Children's Home in the memo line or enclose in a specially marked envelope.

To learn more about Florida United Methodist Children's Home, visit their website: <https://www.fumch.org>.

**TEACHER & SCHOOL STAFF
APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

The gift cards and monetary donations we received in April and May was wonderful. As of print, we had received



over \$1,500 in check donations and another several hundred more \$5 and \$10 gift cards. It was our goal to help more schools than every before! It was your donations that helped make this possible. In June we will be able to drop off over 900 goodie bags to teachers and school staff at 11 schools. Teachers will have the opportunity to join in a ZOOM celebration on June 10 with more prizes being given away! Wow, let's end this school year with a THANK YOU TEACHERS AND ALL YOU DO!



**Make sure you to
follow us online, on the app, or
on Facebook as we announce
ways to get involved.**

ANONA THRIFT STORE

Anona Thrift Shoppe which is owned and operated by Hands Of Healing Medical Missions continues to feed and clothe the below poverty populations of Guatemala and is also helping at the local level. ATS motto is to Reuse-Reduce-Recycle-Repurpose so everything that is donated finds a home locally. The thrift shoppe is looking for volunteers, contact Nancy Dowd at: tdowd127@aol.com for more info. The shoppe located at 12025 Indian Rocks Road, is open Mon. 10-3 closed Tues open Wed-Sat 10-3.

Nursery

Jen Bryant | nursery@anona.com | anona.com/infantandpreschool

INFANT | PRESCHOOL

GOD'S WAY IS PERFECT. - 2 SAMUEL 22:31



Some choices are easy—wearing the red shirt or eating the apple instead of the banana. Then, there are the not so easy decisions. What do we do when the decision is hard and we are struggling to know which way to go? We believe the first step to making wise choices is trusting that God's way is perfect. Our prayer is that we can help make many of the 35,000 choices a day our preschoolers will be making one day a whole lot easier. They will know to jump, jump and go God's way, because God's way is perfect!

Through the stories of Jonah, Naaman, Josiah and Gideon's Army the children will learn they can go God's way even when it's hard and it will be perfect.

Children can continue to watch our videos online and follow along with the crafts by receiving our monthly activity bag. If your child has not received a bag please email us at nursery@anona.com.

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR LITTLE KIDS! ON-CAMPUS PROGRAM RESUMES JUNE 13.

Please continue to prayerfully consider becoming a small group leader for our reopening. Continue to watch the church website for more information about reopening.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [AnonaLittleKids](https://www.facebook.com/AnonaLittleKids). Any questions or concerns please email us at nursery@anona.com.

Kids

Bonnie Barrow | bonnie@anona.com | anona.com/elementary

KINDNESS IN ANONA KIDS



At Anona Kids, we learn about a new Big Idea each month! The Big Idea is something that God put's inside of us to change the world around us! This month is all about Commitment! Commitment is making a plan and putting it into practice!

Join us every Sunday morning on Zoom at 9:30 AM for our small group connection and to hear the Bible Story! Check your email for Anona Kids updates, and stay tuned for info on program changes.

Remember this: "Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8

IN MAY...

Week 1: Keep practicing what matters most, loving God and loving others.
 Week 2: Matthew 7, Practice hearing from God.
 Week 3: Luke 11, Practice praying to God.
 Week 4: Matthew 16, Practice talking about God.
 Week 5: Mark 12:41-44, Practice living for God.

A Place Where Everyone Belongs

I believe it is within all of us, the desire, the need to belong. Here at Anona Kids, we believe that every child and teenager desperately need a place where they feel known, a place where they feel safe and loved, a place where they can be forgiven and accepted. And not only a place where they belong, not just a building, but a community of people that they belong to, their very own Tribe. We believe that we can build a culture where kids feel like they belong because of leaders, who serve as consistent adults in their life. You've heard the phrase, "It takes a village," and we want to be the kind of village that parents turn to, that we can be that Tribe that students want to belong to. Because when they feel safe and loved here, they will know that they can turn to God in all things.

Every child needs 5-non-parent adults in their life. In Anona Kids, we are building our team of leaders who will play an important role in the spiritual formation of our students and families! Parents, we believe that the leaders in your child's life can play a huge role in their spiritual development, and it is our job to partner with you, because you are the most important spiritual leaders in the life of your child!

Small group leaders, tech, hospitality, on-stage volunteers, etc. If you are interested in being a part of the Anona Kids team, please email bonnie@anona.com for more information on how to get involved.



MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
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<p>23</p> <p>8:15 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Anona Kids, Anona Little Kids Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Fast Crowd 11:10 AM Traditional Worship 6:00 PM Book Club, Youth Banquet</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM Caffeine & Conversation, 7:00 PM King's Ringers, Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45 AM Men's Group 11:00 AM Choraliers/Anona Harmony 3:30 PM Kids Dance Rehearsal 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30 AM Pastors St 2:00 PM Men's Bibl 6:30 PM AA 7:00 PM Sanctuary</p>
<p>30 Children's Home Sunday</p> <p>9:30 AM Anona Kids, Anona Little Kids 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>31 Memorial Day Office Closed</p>		

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Study Bible Study /Praise Choir Zoom	6 7:00 AM Lawn Crew 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Outbound Team	7 2:30 PM Golf Fellowship - Largo Golf Course 8:00 PM AI Anon	8
Study Bible Study Meeting /Praise Choir Zoom	13 7:00 AM Lawn Crew 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Rachel Circle, Mary Fellowship	14 2:30 PM Golf Fellowship - Largo Golf Course 8:00 PM AI Anon	15 10:00 AM Bright Hope
Study Bible Study /Praise Choir Zoom	20 7:00 AM Lawn Crew 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Hope Support	21 2:30 PM Golf Fellowship - Largo Golf Course 8:00 PM AI Anon	22
Study Bible Study /Praise Choir Zoom	27 7:00 AM Lawn Crew 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	28 2:30 PM Golf Fellowship - Largo Golf Course 8:00 PM AI Anon	29

Youth

anona.com/youth

Megan Trunzo | megan@anona.com



6TH-12TH GRADE



CELEBRATIONS BEGIN! ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

We're excited to announce that we'll be able to celebrate together in person for our annual Youth Banquet!

This is a time where the whole Anona Youth Fam gets to come together and celebrate all that's happened this past year and lift up our graduating seniors. The whole family is invited to celebrate with us so make sure you get your tickets ASAP.

Tickets are available for purchase online for \$13.50 each.

<https://www.anona.com/youthevents>

WHEN: MAY 23RD, 6:00-8:00PM

WHERE: ANONA CAMPUS - PLAYGROUND

STYLE: "THINK MAMMA MIA MEETS BEACH WEDDING MEETS BACKYARD BBQ"

WHAT TO BRING: CHAIRS OR BLANKETS TO SIT ON!

MORE CELEBRATIONS!!

June 13 on the Anona Campus

Students have worked really hard all school year and we want to reward you with a party! Let's celebrate with inflatables, fun, and friends on Sunday, June 13, 6-7:45 pm.

This celebration is also a great time to bring a friend to Youth. We look forward to seeing you and having some summer fun.

Questions? Email megan@anona.com



Staying Connected With Us!

Like us on Facebook: *Anona Student Ministry* or Instagram: *AnonaYouth*

Anona Child Development Center

Marion Denton, Director | 727-593-KIDS | www.anona.com/acdc



Who is ready for a fun summer?

Come and join the adventure this summer as our Elementary age children learn that God has created us wonderfully, unique and perfect just the way we are! If He created me just right, then He created you just right, too. God accepts us, He loves us all, with our quirks and differences, not in spite of them.

With this understanding, it is easier to have the confidence to reach out to others with kindness and a helpful heart.

Courage

Isaiah 41:13

I can have courage to explore new ideas, meet new friends, have new experiences because God, my Safekeeper, will be with me to help me.

Love

Proverbs 20:7

As we thank our earthly fathers and those who have stepped into the role of father, mentor, teacher... we are reminded of how their commitment

and unconditional love is a blessing to those they touch.

Compassion

Ephesians 2:10

Through the Ambassador Animals program, we learn to care for God's creatures that have been injured or abandoned and unable to care for themselves.

Respect

Matthew 7:12

The Golden Rule What does respect mean to you? Which comes first, giving respect or getting respect? How does this impact our relationships?

What better way to learn about God's attributes and His love and acceptance than through experiencing His marvelous world! Do you know an elementary age child who would like to join us on this adventure?

Call the office (593-5437) for information and schedule a time to stop by, visit, and enroll for some Summer Adventures!

REGISTER

for 2021-2022

It is open registration for ACDC 2021-22 School Year.

We offer a quality, Conscious Discipline based program developed to empower lifelong learners. We offer preschool classes for ages 2 - VPK and provide transportation to and from Anona, Bauder, Oakhurst and Ridgecrest Elementary Schools for before and after care.

We are also excited at the prospect of opening a 1-year old room in the nursery. It is a new endeavor, and we are working on its completion!

Please give us a call for more information - 727.593.5437. We look forward to serving our church family!

www.anona.com/acdc
727.593.KIDS



NEW FAMILY MINISTRY LOGOS

At Anona Family Ministries, our heart is to welcome families into an environment that empowers parents to be the spiritual leaders of their home, ministers to kids of all ages in ways that are developmentally appropriate for them, and builds long-lasting relationships so families can journey through life and faith together in community. Awhile back, the Family Ministry team began dreaming of what it would be like to take this heart, this vision, this mission, and create all new logos for each ministry area that could somehow communicate that to families.

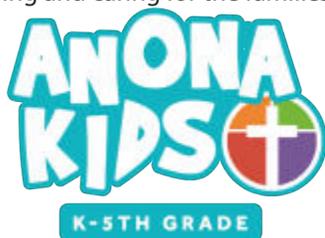
We wanted the logos to be clear and easy to understand. We wanted a brand new family who had never been to church before, or who had not been in a long time, to be able to walk right in and confidently know exactly where their child needed to go on a Sunday. We wanted the logos to show that Family Ministries is connected to the whole church- to Anona's mission and vision at large- while at the same time, representing the unique life stages of the age groups each ministry serves. It felt like a lot to ask out of a set of logos, but as they are often one of the first things people see when coming to church or visiting us online, we wanted to give it a try.

With a task of this size, we enlisted the help of Natalie Cleveland, an incredible friend and graphic designer. After just one meeting, Natalie got to work on making our dreams come to life, and she absolutely succeeded! We are so thrilled to present her creations to you!

As you take a look at the new logos, you may notice that we have changed some of the names of the ministries. For example, our student ministry is now referred to as simply Anona Youth, instead of Proximity. This is to help eliminate any confusion a new family may have when visiting Anona. Now, they won't have to wonder where their child needs to go or which ministry is for them. They will be able to see it right there on the logo with our new, easy to understand names.

You may also notice that each logo has a version of our Anona UMC "cross in a circle" on it. The idea is that the cross changes a bit from ministry to ministry, growing with the kids of all ages, from Little Kids to Young Adults. Our hope is that this communicates that Anona has a place for everyone, we see where each age group is developmentally, and we have created an intentional space for them to grow in their faith in community, right where they are.

After a challenging year of navigating ministry during a pandemic, the release of these new logos feels like a fresh start for us- the beginning of a new and brighter chapter. We are so excited to share these logos and the heart behind them with you as we continue taking steps toward loving and caring for the families in our community. Enjoy!



Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

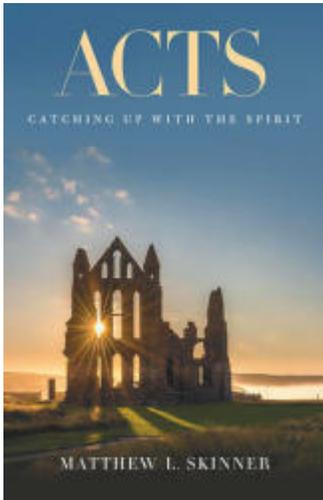
Ready for a closer walk with God? Join Women's Bible Study this month for a unique and fresh look at PRAYER not as an emergency "go to," but as a daily conversation with the One who loves you the most! Share with us Tuesday evenings 7-8:15 or Thursday morning from 10-11:15. If you are looking for warm fellowship as well as to grow in your faith, why not give WBS a try?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Anona UMW meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in Room 110. All women are welcome to join and as we gain spiritual enrichment and social issues awareness as well as provide support for mission programs.

GrowFaith

Gary Thomas, Director of Pastoral Care | gary@anona.com | (727) 585-2581



Acts – Catching Up With The Spirit

Acts is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles. Biblical scholar Matthew Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts will ignite our imagination about the character of the Christian gospel, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

Time: Thursdays, 6:30 – 8pm, May 27 – July 1 – ZOOM Class

Facilitator: Nan Hubbell

Participant Book (\$13-\$17) from Cokesbury, Amazon, or your favorite on-line distributor.

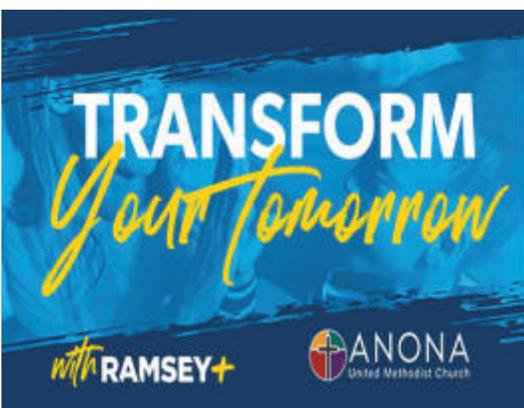
In conjunction with the Anona Sermon Series on Acts, starting Sunday, May 23rd.

Anona Simply Worship

“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10

Simply Worship continues to meet virtually on Sunday mornings at 10:45 to pray, worship and fellowship together. This group has been supporting one another through the pandemic. We have been blessed to welcome some new faces this season and keep in touch weekly with our snow birds and those who travel. We pray together through joys and sorrows and have a unique 10 minutes of silent prayer each Sunday. Our missions outreach with the Florida dream center in Lealman and serving at Indian Oaks assisted living have not yet resumed. We look forward to returning to on campus worship in the near future and also resuming our missions and outreach. All are welcome in this group.

Questions? Contact Cindy Long at 727-647-8186 or cblue68@aol.com so that we can send you a link to worship with us.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - New Classes in June!

Anona, in conjunction with churches and not-for-profit organizations in the Tampa Bay area, want to help folks develop a plan to transform their lives and experience financial peace by providing Financial Peace University. Together, we'll learn the proven plan to handle money, budget what God has given us, and track our progress so we can live and give like God wants us to. This summer we are inviting local teachers and school staff to join us!

If you haven't been able to attend before, register now for summer!

Classes are beginning in June, Anona is providing Financial Peace University AND Ramsey+ for FREE! To learn more about Transform Your Tomorrow, visit www.anona.com/transformyourtomorrow

Small Groups, Activities, and Fellowship

Groups are beginning to meet on-campus while others are continuing to meet online. Contact the group leader to find out how you can get involved.

COMPASS, 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 PM—Are you between the ages of 18 to 23 and newly transitioned from high school to college or career? If so, Anona has something just for you! Compass is a young adult ministry we invite you to explore. As you embark on your new journey in life, you don't have to navigate the waters of life alone. Whether you live locally or are just visiting during school break, email youngadults@anona.com to find out how you can get involved.

BOOK CLUB, 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 PM - ZOOM: May brings in summer thoughts with *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah, providing insights into the stuff of what a female best friend relationship looks like during the teens through adulthood. The narrative entwines two best friends in and out of successes and failure, joy and pain, heartbreak and fame. Prediction: another fascinating discussion on May 23, 6:30 PM. Text deannacom@att.net for access to join the discussion.

FAST CROWD, SUNDAYS 9:30 AM IN ROOM 110: A large class that enjoys fellowship and Bible study using a wide variety of curriculum to bring faith to life in light of today's world. Class largely includes individuals and couples in their forties up to retirees but all are welcome. You can visit our webpage for zoom details: www.anona.com/adultgroups.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, MONDAYS AT 7-8 PM & WEDNESDAYS AT 2 PM ON ZOOM

All men are welcome to this group as we study the Bible, prophets, scripture, and more. Contact Chet Klinger who is the co-host for these groups: cklinger1@tampabay.rr.com.

HOPE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30 PM, 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS: No matter where you are in your journey, we are here to help. Contact Teresa Elder: eldergators@gmail.com; 727-458-6843 or Jackie Gerald, nanakca@hotmail.com.

When we join together, amazing and beautiful things happen!

It's because of YOU, Anona, that we were able to create and enjoy beautiful artwork for this Easter season. If you were not able to join the opening of Contemporary's Easter Service, I shared about my search for some Easter decoration/stage design. After finding something I loved, it progressed to feeling like God was leading me to an idea of how to use the opportunity and turn it into something that could somehow bring us all together in unity... all ages... church-wide... after having been apart, divided, or feeling disconnected for so long! And so, You responded; You came; You painted! Thank You!

A project like this cannot be done without the help of many awesome people so, I need to take the time to thank some individuals for helping in many ways including: visioning, announcing, planning, measuring, cutting, helping out on "paint days", moving things, setting up things, attaching, building, cleaning, installing, lighting, photographing, videoing, and more!

Hope I don't forget anyone: Jess Slinkard, Dave Wing, Claudia Hartz, Erin Padgett, Jonathan Dennison, Steve Livers, Scott Magness, Philip Mosso, Jackie Gerald, Ava Ciolli, Evelyn Brown, Gayle Cooper, Megan Trunzo & all Youth Leaders, Shawn Seward, Casey McKinney, Alisa Rushing, Jackie Evans, Jim Herrington, and our amazing tech team for special lighting and camera shots for Easter Sunday's Reveal (sorry, I don't know every person who helped with this behind the scenes).

I have to especially thank one person who was my right arm and half of my left: Jac'line Weisgerber. She helped me from beginning (with vision, brainstorming and measurements) to end (attaching and installing), and everything in between (a lot of texts and emails). She measured, cut and stained all the plank pieces; hand painted the center cross phrases; made the beautiful centerpiece crown of thorns. I will never be able to thank her enough. I've been trying but I'll fail.

So, thanks again to YOU, Anona! You are an Amazing group of people and I am fortunate to walk beside you. God Bless.

Kim Herrington, Contemporary Worship Director

Loving the Result

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As you read this, you may find it very familiar. There is a reason for that, it's been repurposed from last year.

Its re-use has a purpose, while graduation is exciting and we celebrate the next phase, that next phase often brings worry and anxiety.

What are you worried about? Worry, fear & anxiety doesn't get better as you get older, but you can get better at handling it, with practice.

Many times, it's the hindsight 20/20 that worries most people regardless of the topic. That's why our church will be exploring where God is at work in the midst of our anxiety, what God – or anxiety – may be trying to tell us, and what we can do when the waters are stirred up as the storms of life hit us.

In short – Anxiety (or fear) is a projection forward. It is a thought pattern of what might happen, not what actually has happened. I have learned there are too many variables to say for sure just because something has happened in the past, or happened to someone else, that my fear will certainly happen that way.

So, I stay grounded, in the today, in

this moment, and let God take the next moment. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

How does this relate to parenting? Or to any number of things that may be worrying you? 1) Stay in this moment, 2) give the next to God, and 3) know in your heart that your next decision is guided by God.

Practicing these 3 steps can help you love your results more times than not. Does it mean you will do everything perfectly? No, because there is no perfection; only learning lessons. Try though we may, we cannot take learning lessons away from those we love, either.

That's why your Counseling Center, Stephen Ministers, and Pastors are here for you if you need help practicing or when you are hurting through a learning lesson.

Dina Meitner, LCSW

ACADEMY OF ARTS Director Sandy Ross

OPEN ENROLLMENT: The Academy offers individual music lessons to children, youth and adults of all ages on piano, guitar, ukulele, bass, violin, and music theory. Register online at anona.com/academy or contact Director Sandy Ross. Beginning to advanced students welcome. We work with your schedule whenever possible.

VIRTUAL LESSONS AVAILABLE: Virtual lessons on Zoom are available. If you would prefer virtual lessons instead of in person lessons at the church, Zoom is easy to download and use. Please email or call Sandy if you wish to participate in Zoom lessons and we will work out a day/time that works with your schedule.

IS YOUR STUDENT'S SPORTS ON PAUSE? Consider enrolling them in music lessons through the Anona Academy of Arts. It has been scientifically proven that students who study music do better in all other subjects, and have increased focus and concentration skills.

DONATIONS: Contact Sandy Ross if you have a donation to the academy. The Academy gladly accepts donations of pianos, guitars, basses, violins, musical equipment, amplifiers, books and accessories. Tax receipt given upon request.

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Our Members

If your birthday is not listed, please call the church office at 727-595-2581

Anniversaries 25th and Above

05/01	Richard & Doreen Schomp	34 yrs.
05/03	Roy & Janice Terepka	35 yrs.
05/04	Jeff & Donna Cardelihac	37 yrs.
05/05	Pat & Rosemary Brogan	31 yrs.
05/06	Jake & Lisa Moran	33 yrs.
05/07	Ron & Holy Kinsey	38 yrs.
	Jack & Sharon Stephenson	44 yrs.
05/10	Bob & Janet Martin	52 yrs.
	Stephen & Susan Warner	35 yrs.
05/12	Curtis & Sandy Griffin	54 yrs.
	Barry & Marilyn Wynocker	37 yrs.
05/15	Richard & Anne Hamlin	33 yrs.
	Brian & Sandy Reinhart	27 yrs.
05/16	Richard & Jean Tavener	62 yrs.
05/17	Carl & Kathryn Freeburg	35 yrs.
	Dave & Shirley Misner	35 yrs.
05/18	Bob & Bernice Burnett	64 yrs.
	Timothy & Helen Klotz	35 yrs.
05/19	Shivesh & M.E. Ram	31 yrs.
	Pat & Jill Vines	31 yrs.
05/22	Bill & Jeannie Bassett	45 yrs.
	Lowell & Carolyn Fisher	64 yrs.
05/23	Larry & Judy Hanks	47 yrs.
05/27	David & Sherry Lott	43 yrs.
	B.J. & Cathy Lyons	32 yrs.
05/28	Jacek & Bobbie Borys	27 yrs.
	Tony & Maureen Ellsion	28 yrs.
05/29	Randy & Libby Chelborg	28 yrs.
	Bill & Dolly Jamieson	50 yrs.
	Jesse & Kathy Slinkard	29 yrs.
05/31	Joe & Ana Colone	27 yrs.

Birthdays 80th and Above

05/01	Peggy Junkin
05/02	Darlene Gartside Lynn Vogt
05/03	Fran Lonsdale
05/04	Pat Casagrande
05/08	Barbara Smith
05/09	Joe Madden
05/12	Ann Wallace
05/13	Barbara Nelson
05/14	Aline Miller Rae Newman
05/16	Jane Harper David Stallings
05/18	Patt Mathes
05/21	Doug Moland Claude Sullivan
05/24	Arminda South
05/25	Nancy Bennett Robert Smuts
05/27	Jane Singer
05/29	Jan Pirkil
05/30	Marion Meldrim
05/31	Jo Crist Mary Polen

Please be in prayer for:

Marge Horne	Charles Horne
Dr. Richard Murbach	Shirley Robinson
Jane Overby	

An In Memoriam page is on the Anona website (anona.com/inmemoriam) so that we can remember those of our church family that has died in the last two months and support the families and friends left behind. Losing a loved one is one of the hardest things many of us will ever face. Your expressions of concern for the family, weeks and months past the time of a loved one's death, shows you care and that their loved one is not forgotten. Please keep these families in your prayers during their journey of grief. The In Memoriam page will be updated weekly.

Our Church

ANONA SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8:15 AM: Traditional in Traditional Sanctuary

9:30 AM: Contemporary in Worship Center

9:30 AM: Anona Kids ZOOM

11:10 AM: Traditional in Traditional Sanctuary

Youth Group
6:00 PM Middle & High School

JOIN US FOR ONLINE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
8:15, 9:30, 11:10
LIVE.ANONA.COM

IMPORTANT DATES

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 9

Join us for worship as we celebrate
the women in our life!

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 31

Our Church office will be closed today
and will reopen on Tuesday, June 1.

OFFICE HOURS/PHONE

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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