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Celebrate, Celebrate, Celebrate, Celebrate

'From them will proceed thanksgiving; And the voice of those who celebrate; I will multiply them and they will not be diminished; I will also honor them and they will not be insignificant.'
Jeremiah 30:19



As the "Winter Edition," this magazine covers both Christmas and New Year's, which gives us, that's right, two celebrations in one! However, as this magazine launches us into the New Year, we also have two other celebrations because this year is not just any year, it is 2022. Let's take a brief look at our history to understand why.

Back yonder in the days of the early pioneers of America, some families started to build homes and farms in a community named "Anona." It was a very small community made up more of a group of families, rather than a sprawling metropolis like Largo, which would eventually have its own city government. While they did not form a government, the families of Anona did decide to form a church. One day they even decided to build a building to house the church. That church, Anona, was founded in 1872...150 years ago.

Over the years the church became larger as the population in the area

grew. We were part of launching the school that is located right down the street from us today called Anona Elementary School. In time that school was incorporated into the Pinellas County School System, but the heart for education endured at Anona. So, 100 years after the founding of the church, Anona United Methodist Church launched its preschool in 1972.

Today that school is known as Anona Child Development Center and serves more than 100 students daily during the school year.

That means that as we approach Christmas and New Year 2022, we will have four celebrations! In the spirit of Disney World, we could not merely celebrate the birth of our church and preschool for one day. We will be celebrating all year long! From Anona "will proceed thanksgiving; And the voice of those who celebrate!"

We will use this year to celebrate our legacy as a pioneering

community of Christ that has multiplied, not diminished...a community God has honored and clearly not made insignificant. Join in worship. Join in small groups. Join in serving. Join in giving. Join in celebrating and offering God the glory for who we have been, who we are and who we are now becoming! Celebrate...celebrate...celebrate...CELEBRATE!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Birthday Anona and Anona Child Development Center!

Richard Landon

Join us each Sunday online at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:10 am:
live.anona.com or on the app.

If you are seeking private prayer, contact our Stephen Ministry Team by emailing: StephenMin@anona.com or calling the church office: 727.595.2581 x408.

His Spirit, His Life

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



A refreshing, reassuring life experience happens when one peeks into our classes at Anona Child Development Center and observes the children interacting with one another. This program is deeply immersed in Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline approach to teaching and learning. While there, all around you would see young children affirming and lifting one another up. As modeled by their teachers, you would hear expressions of empathy when a classmate is experiencing sadness or distress. You would see joy and laughter over shared successes. You would see children seeking composure when struggles occur. You would see God at work in the lives of these little ones and their teachers. (*Due to Covid threat, classes are closed to visitors at this time.)

Yes, at times life is difficult. Parts of each of us feel broken when troubles occur. This is not limited to three-year-olds. Sometimes we are reeling from stress, emptiness, illness, loss of commitment, a world where cruelty and violence is too real. We can crumble under the weight, or we can see these times as an invitation to lean upon someone else as we work through the thickness of the

forest we're in. God created us to live in community. We all long for the gift of connection, compassion and mercy. We can learn much from simply watching these little ones. Surely, God smiles on their willingness.

During this blessed season when we express gratitude for all we have, and as we move into the holy time of Advent, let's stop and breathe and look to the tiny Babe born in Bethlehem. His spirit is alive and present and desires peace and comfort for each of us. His life serves as an example of how to relate to others. Jesus depended deeply upon his disciples to offer support and encouragement in His ministry. We all need each other.

Stephen Ministry is available to you. Each one of us struggles at times. If you need a confidential, caring person to walk through a difficult period, call upon Stephen Ministry. We are excellent listeners.

Sandy O'Bryant

PRAYER CHAIN

The Anona Prayer Chain is composed of church members who pray daily for those requesting prayers for themselves and others.

If you know anyone who is in need of prayer, please know that requests are kept confidential unless otherwise specified.

You may submit a prayer request, by visiting Anona's website or going on the Anona app.

www.anona.com/prayer

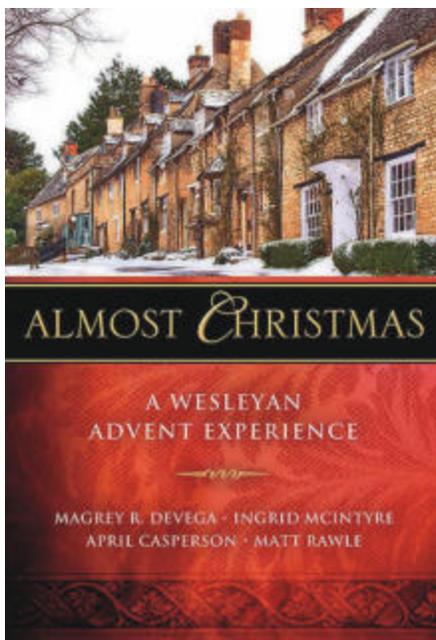
*Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:17*



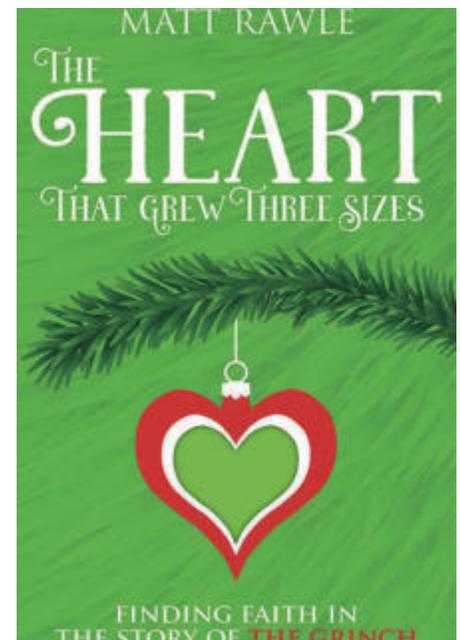
During this busy season of Christmas, we hope you find time to celebrate the birth of Christ with us. Our Advent sermon series, Almost Christmas begins Sunday, November 28. Join us at any of the events indicated on this page or check out the many events that family ministry is offering for kids, youth, and young adults. We offer something for everyone! Be sure to come to the 2nd annual Live Nativity on December 23. This year is a walk-thru event and spans the Anona campus to give families of all ages an experience they won't soon forget. Invite a friend or a neighbor and come see us; we can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you!



Join us for a Musical Cantata in Traditional Sanctuary, Dec. 12 @ 8:15 am & 11:10 am



Advent Book Study begins Tuesday, Nov 30. You can attend by ZOOM or in-person. Register today!



Advent Book Study begins Tuesday, Nov 30. ZOOM option only, it's easy to attend online! Register online.

In Service to the Community

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



MISSIONS GIVING TREE

Some of my best Christmas memories are when my Husband and I took our family shopping for a needy Child from Anonas tree. We still enjoy that tradition today even with our kids grown. At our life stage are able to support scholarships and delight in those gifts, as we remember how hard it was raising our family on a budget and paying for extracurricular items! We hope you make time to join us and find YOUR own joy in this season of giving!

It is here again... time to celebrate and share the love of Christ with others. It is our hope that you would consider taking a tag from our "Giving Tree" and brighten someone else's life, who may

be struggling. Go with your family, or as a small group and sponsor a teen or a scholarship. There are monetary gifts (these can be given all month) as well as items to shop for, with price ranges noted. Something for everyone's budget \$5 to \$100. However, these gifts MUST be collected before or on our Christmas Collection Sunday -December 12th 8am to 12 noon, so we can get them distributed in time. It is also important to not take a Childs tag unless you are SURE you can fulfill the request by the 12th. Our Trees (one in the main Lobby and one in Wesley Hall) will be up November 21st so come by and collect a tag. We will have a Missions team member to assist with any questions. Scholarship funds

Anona Academy Scholarship Help families who need assistance provide music lessons for their child.
David Lott Memorial Fund: Help defray the cost of attending trips and programs for the children and youth in our church.

Sally Berthy Scholarships Help families from our Anona Child Development Center keep their children in the safe and loving environment of our preschool and elementary care program when they have financial struggles.

Katherine T Smith Scholarship Add to this fund to support further education and Seminary students from Anona.

Stephenson Continuing Education Fund

In honor of Jack and Sharon it supports funding quality curriculum, Staff continuing education and Staff training.

Shopping/Purchasing Gifts

Micronesian Community for teens and children: Pick a tag to sponsor a specific teen or child. This involves clothing, book and wish list item. \$50 to \$100.

Coral Heights Community

Gifts for teens and children-Pick a tag to sponsor individual items for these children. \$25-\$35.

Christmas Gifts for a boy or girl Pick a gift for a boy, girl or teen age 2-17yrs in the community. \$5 to \$50

Senior Gifts

Shop for a senior citizen. Either an Anona member or someone without family from one of our local senior facilities. \$20-\$25

Veterans/Homeless Gift

Help the homeless & our Veterans through our local missions partners by shopping for the items on the tag.\$15 to \$20. Children's Home-Gift cards for teens Amazon, Target, Walmart, or monetary donation \$25

Please make out checks to Anona UMC- with a note in memo line for specific donation. Or give online to Missions and the Missions Team will supplement areas of need.

K.T. SMITH**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Applications are now being accepted for the K.T. Smith Scholarship Fund for the 2022-2023 School year. Deadline for applications is Friday, January 7th 2022. They are available online for members attending Seminary as well as graduates heading to, or continuing with, higher education opportunities. You can find the application online: <https://www.anona.com/scholarship>

**HANDS OF HEALING****HELPING GUATEMALA WITH A TRUCK!**

Eventhough the Hands of Healing Medical team couldn't send a team to Guatemala, they and the Anona UMC missions team decided to fund repairs to a fire engine. Together with other local sponsors, this ladder truck was sent to Bombedaros earlier this year.

With the power of technology, our Guatemala partners were able to join us for the dedication via ZOOM and are overwhelmed with excitement. This is the first ladder truck in Guatemala City and was also stocked with protective clothing and equipment so they can better serve their community!

**CLOTHES TO KIDS****JANUARY COLLECTION**

Begin cleaning out your closets! In January you can donate gently used clothes for kids & teens. You can also help by buying NEW/PACKAGED underwear and socks especially for teens. Collection begins January 2022!

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

Anona Simply Worship

"Be still and know that I am God"

Psalm 46:10

Simply Worship is now meeting on-campus on Sunday mornings at 10:45 to pray, worship and fellowship together.

This group has been supporting one another through the pandemic and have been blessed to welcome some new faces this season. The virtual world has allowed us to continue worship and we've stayed in touch weekly with our snow birds and those who travel.

Simply Worship prays together through joys and sorrows and has 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.



Anona Simply Worship

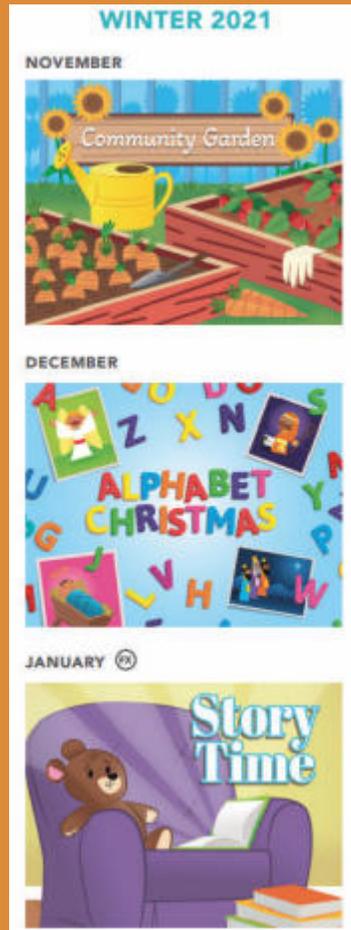
You can reach out to Cynthia Long, info@anona.com, for more information on how to get involved with our Simply Worship community!



Anona Little Kids

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

CHECK OUT WHAT'S COMING THIS WINTER!



NOVEMBER

BOTTOM LINE: I CAN THANK GOD FOR EVERYTHING.

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1, ESV

Has your heart ever been so full of gratitude that you whispered, "Thank you?" Maybe while looking at your family, after hearing from a friend, or in that moment you feel relief? That "thank you" is for God, because we were made to thank God for everything.

DECEMBER

BOTTOM LINE: GOD GAVE US JESUS.

"God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Every person will question God's love for them at some point. When that questioning surfaces, we can always look back to that moment in time when God showed us just how much He loves us. Remember that time God gave us Jesus? Yes, He loves us that much!

JANUARY

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS TEACHES ME IMPORTANT THINGS.

"The crowds were amazed at His teaching." Matthew 7:28, NIV

When addressing Jesus in the Bible, His followers used one specific title more than any other. It wasn't Healer or Provider. His followers called Him "Teacher." They listened intently as Jesus taught with a depth of wisdom and knowledge no one had ever heard before.

LET'S CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!

VOLUNTEER!

NEW YEAR, NEW THINGS



Let's celebrate the season of Advent and learn more about Jesus' birth. Thank you to all our Little Kids families for joining us each week.

We dance, read bible stories, played games, paint and more.

It's so rewarding spending Sunday mornings with your little ones!

If you would like to help and volunteer in the Little Kids classroom, please contact Jen Bryant at jen@anona.com





Kids

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— ANONA KIDS - ADVENT IS HERE! —

LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE

We are so happy to celebrate our students and parents that have been participating in this special program! We have learned so much about how we can explore God's Word to learn more about God's great big love for us and how we fit into God's Big Story! It is our prayer that the Bible will be a strong influence in their life for years to come!

ANONA KIDS SERVE

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers through your speech, behavior, love and faith."

1 Timothy 4:12

Anona Kids won't let their age stop them from stepping up and serving! We are so excited to part-ner with the Missions team in preparing Pack-a-Sack lunches for our community,

collecting food items for Hope Villages, and participating in our Monthly Missions Projects! Thanks for being a part of serving our Community



HOLIDAYS IN ANONA KIDS!

THANKSGIVING FAMILY DINNER - NOV 14

Family Ministries is excited to host a Thanksgiving Family Dinner, where we will gather together as a community, share a meal, and celebrate the things we are thankful for! Find more details at Anona.com.

ADVENT KICK-OFF - NOV 28

Join us after Anona Kids to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with special Christmas treats, games and fun! Every family will have the opportunity to make their very own Advent Wreath, a special craft that you will be able to display all season long, to help you remember what Advent is all about!

PARENT CONNECTION - DEC 5

Parents, join us after Anona Kids for Hot Cocoa, Coffee and Cookies and a time of connection with the small group leaders who serve with your kids!

LIVE NATIVITY - DEC 23

Experience the story of Christmas come to life as you walk-thru Anona to see angels, donkeys, shepherds, wise men and baby Jesus!

CHRISTMAS EVE - DEC 24

Services at 6PM, 7:30PM, and 8PM.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - JAN 2

Celebrate the New Year with Anona Kids!

Mondays**CAFFEINE AND CONVERSATION**

10:00am-11:30am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00pm-8:30pm

Tuesdays**MENS GROUP**

8:00am-9:00am

ANONA KIDS DANCE REHEARSAL

4:30pm-5:30pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00pm-8:30pm

Wednesdays**PASTORS BIBLE STUDY**

10:30am-12:00pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

2:00pm-3:00pm

Thursdays**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

10:00am-11:30am

Sundays**FAST CROWD**

9:30am-10:30am

2021 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER - JANUARY

November 30 - December 21 10am

THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES

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December 2 - 23 Thursdays 6:30pm Zoom, Facilitator Kathy Bell
ALMOST CHRISTMAS: A WESLEYAN ADVENT EXPERIENCE

In *Almost Christmas*: author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors in a 4-week study to explore how we can follow Christ wholeheartedly during Advent, connecting the Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy. Come learn about the promises God offers to us that make those longings a reality, inviting each of us to claim those promises for ourselves this Advent and celebrate a Christmas like never before.

January 13 - February 17 Thursdays 6:30pm Facilitator Judi Gerhard
THE ROCK, THE ROAD AND THE RABBI

This study looks at six cities most associated with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and explores ancient Jewish traditions that deepen the significance of those locations. Three levels of engagement offered

December 12 **Mission Tree Gift s & Donations** Collected All Morning

December 23 **Live Nativity**

Book Club 6 pm

4th Sunday Monthly

MISSIONS

Mission Tree Up

November 21

Blood Mobile

December 12

Change 4 Change

2nd Sunday Monthly

Children's Home Sunday

January 30

Habitat for Humanity

2nd Saturday Monthly

SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Wednesdays 6 pm

AI Anon Fridays 8 pm



Young Adult Group

youngadult@anona.com | anona.com/youngadults

What do you do when life gives you lemons? You make the most delicious glass of lemonade ever of course! Like so many other folks at church, Anona Young Adults have become skilled at finding creative ways to be in community with each other while growing in their relationship with God. Nothing, not even COVID, could disrupt the momentum and energy of the Anona Young Adults in 2021. Let's review...

Movie nights, wrap up tight.
 Fire pit, 6 feet we'll sit.
 Load the bus, donations of plush.
 Enneagram, Instagram, pancake batter goo.
 Car Care, Self-Care, mentoring too.
 Half Truths, restaurant booths, bowling – Oh my!
 Breakfast dinner, tacos, Cheez Its, pizza, and pies.
 Thanking God at sunset, volleyball without a net.
 Tears of laughter we have wept.
 Destination Devos - YAs, Bibles on the go.
 New YA shirts at a pool party. Off to college to be smarty.
 Mini golf, friends, and ice cream are great. Halloween Town to decorate.
 Empty Bowls to raise some funds. Friendsgiving reunion – tons of fun!
 Gift sorting. Meal packing. Progressive dinner.
 Frisbee, corn hole, we're all winners!
 Encouraging words. Prayer requests. Studying for mid-terms, finals, and tests.
 Sunday morning worship, our souls to feed. Coffee, job leads, and advice to heed.
 Virtual or in-person, COVID or flu – Anona YAs are ready for 2022!

Anona Young Adults is a ministry of the church serving those between the ages of 18 to 24 years of age who are currently in college (local or away), career, or military. We strive to support these individuals in this stage of their lives through community, bible study, and service while navigating new challenges and growing in their relationship with God. If you or someone you know would like more information or would like to join in on the fun, please visit <http://www.anona.com/youngadults> or contact Casey@anona.com. Thank you for your support!



Youth

anona.com/youth

Megan Trunzo | megan@anona.com



6TH-12TH GRADE

*Here's what is happening
@ Anona Youth!*

Youth Group

Sundays 5-7:30pm

Family Ministries

Thanksgiving Party!

Sunday, November 14th

Christmas Bible Study

Thursday, December 2nd, 9th, 16th

Parent Coffee & Cookies Connection

Sunday, December 5th

Small Group Christmas Parties

Sunday, December 12th

NO YOUTH

Sunday, December 19th

Live Nativity

Sunday, December 23rd

NO YOUTH

Sunday, December 26th



Youth Worship Sunday Nights!

Did you know that we have our very own student worship band that leads worship every other week at Youth Group? Here at Anona Youth Ministry, we've been blessed with some amazingly talented students. Student-led worship is one of my favorite moments of the night. A time where our students teach their peers how to draw near to the God of the universe. A time where we can come before Him with songs of praise, songs that remind us of who God is and what He is doing on Earth, songs that seek forgiveness, songs that just create an intimate moment with our Creator. If you've been going through the motions of worship, I encourage you to listen to the words, listen for God, and remember who He is and what He has done for us.



To learn more, email the Student Ministry Director, Megan Trunzo (megan@anona.com).



Staying Connected With Us!

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

Anona Child Development Center

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

THROUGH IT ALL



Anona Child Development Center Safekeepers are the most amazing, Christ centered, children loving, happy school family on the planet. Every day these teaching teams bring the best of themselves to their children and school family. They have prepared their hearts, lesson plans, schedules, and room preparations for each child's success at preschool and in our elementary care program. The support staff are valuable members as safekeepers and make the campus and our safety a priority. We are blessed and thankful for them.

Covid 19 pandemic has impacted our lives, our program, and our communities. The staff and families of Anona United Methodist Church and the staff and families of Anona Child Development Center are united in moving forward, through it all, ANONA STRONG!

One of our Board of Director members shared the conviction ANONA STRONG after our recent Board Meeting as we are moving forward to the program expansion in

the preschool of serving One Year Old's!

Safekeepers at Anona Child Development Center:

Anona Street: Brandy Stephens, Shawn Seward, Cheryl Cohee

Learning Llamas: Sara Roberts, Dayjah Fogleman

Amazing Angels: Donna Rownd, Michelle Strachan

Curious Kids: Mindy Picardo, Angie Baldeo

Anona Pals: Malia Kekahuna, Shelley Sweetland

Shooting Stars: Trudy Parris, Tanya Anderson, Dayjah Fogleman

Elementary Program: Kathy Slinkard, Jordyn Counts, Meghan Madigan.

Bus Drivers: Gery Meyer, Don Smith

Support Staff: April Donachy, Scott Magness, Cap Capler, Steve Livers

Administrative Team: Marion Denton, Trine Madsen-Smith, Karen Creamer, Malia Kekahuna

Substitutes: Amanda Collins, Kristy Horchak

This Rainbow of Safekeepers poster was created by Tanya Anderson for her classroom and we thank her for sharing it. Not pictured: April Donachy, Cheryl Cohee, Amanda Collins, Kristy Horchak, Don Smith, Gery Meyer

REGISTER

for 2022-2023

Registration for ACDC 2022-23 School Year will open in January.

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!

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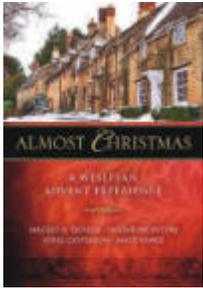
God designed us for community - to do life with others as we grow deeper in our faith. Thank you for joining us to celebrate Thanksgiving. The potluck was a huge success! Let's keep celebrating our faith in a big way, Advent and Christmas here we come!

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1



Grow Faith

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



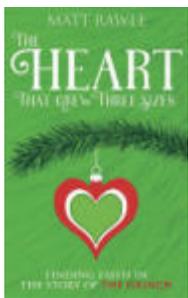
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Study Book: \$11.50-17.99; Devotional Book: \$8.99 – 12.99

Zoom Class: Thursdays, Dec 2 – 23. 6:30 – 8pm, with Kathy Bell as the facilitator.

In Person Class: Tuesdays, Nov 30 – Dec 21, 10-11:30 am with Nan Hubbell as the facilitator.

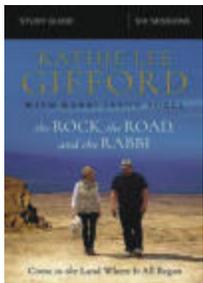


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Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8pm, Nov 30 – Dec 21, 2021, with M.E. Ram as the facilitator.

Study Book: \$12.99 – 16.99



THE ROCK, THE ROAD, AND THE RABBI

This study looks at six cities most associated with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and explores ancient Jewish traditions that deepen the significance of those locations.

Three levels of engagement: Spectator: Attend the sessions to watch the videos and listen to class discussion. Student: Use the 128 pg. Study Guide with sections pertaining to each week's video and a few pages of reflection every other day in between sessions. Kathie Lee Fan: Use the Study Guide and read supplemental material from the 224 pg. book of the author's travels in the Holy Land. This class will be offered with options to attend in-person or on ZOOM. Thursday evenings Jan. 13 - Feb. 17, 6:30-8 pm.

Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Whether you are young or old or in-between, a member of Anona or another church or not of any church; whether you want to go deeper into the Christian faith or simply have a lot of questions about God. We continue to meet on ZOOM Tuesdays at 7 p.m. or Thursdays at 10 a.m. Call Ginny at 727-204-6554 for more information.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Anona UMW meets the third Thursday of the month at 1 pm. All women are wellcome to join. We participate in spiritual enrichment, social awareness, and provide support for mission programs.

MARY FELLOWSHIP

The Mary Fellowship meets the second Thursday of every month. We have a very devoted group of ladies joined by faith, fellowship and service. We contribute to the Women on the Way program at St. Petersburg college. Anyone interested or who would like to know more about us can contact June Palmer at 765-421-5540. We look forward to hearing from you!

Small Groups, Activities, and Fellowship

Groups are beginning to meet on-campus while others are continuing to meet online. Contact the church office to find out how you can get involved: info@anona.com or 727-595-2581.

BOOK CLUB, 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 PM - ZOOM: Love to read? Join our group for a fun ZOOM discussion of Keep Sharp by Sanjay Gupta in November and for December, The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate.

F.A.S.T CROWD, SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

The **F.A.S.T** (Fellowship And Service Together) Crowd is a large class that enjoys fellowship and Bible study. Based on of the previous week's sermon, the study includes scripture, historical background, time lines, Holy Land site photos, videos and class discussion to bring our 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, MONDAYS 7-8 PM

All men are welcome to this group as we study the Bible, prophets, scripture, and more.

MEN'S SHARING GROUP, TUESDAYS, 6:45 AM

Men of all ages are welcome to this group. We share our joys, hardships, faith-journey, and more each week. Contact the church office for more information on any of the men's ministry groups.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAYS, 2-3 PM

All men who are seeking to live a life dedicated to God are welcome to this group and any other men's ministry group. In Bible study we will read the Bible and discuss prophets, scripture, and more.

WALK15® WITH MOLLY, WEDNESDAYS 9 AM & THURSDAYS 6 PM IN WORSHIP CENTER

A heart-pumping, calorie torching aerobic workout, Walk15® is the group exercise version of Leslie Sansone's "Walk at Home" video programs. Easy to follow, adaptable to all levels of fitness, our 30 minute workout is equivalent to a 2 mile walk. Those 15 minute miles add up to an effective workout for "all walks of life"! Dress comfortably with athletic shoes, bring your water bottle, and join us in the Worship Center Wednesdays at 9AM and Thursdays at 6PM.

HOPE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - No matter where you are in your journey, we are here to help. Caregivers are also welcome. We are continuing to find ways to connect, please don't hesitate to contact the leaders of this group to learn more about Hope Cancer Support at Anona.



Academy of the Arts

Sandy Ross | anona.com/academy



This issue's Academy Student of the Month is Lana Parinello. Lana is 10 years old and is in 5th grade at Oakhurst Elementary. She has been studying piano with Sandy Ross at the Anona Academy of Arts since 2020. Her younger brother Carson, age 7, also recently began piano lessons with Ms. Sandy. Lana enjoys participating and performing in the dance program at Anona Church. She also participates in a gymnastics program. On her family's last vacation, they traveled out west, where Lana enjoyed visiting the Yellowstone geysers. Her favorite season is winter, although she has yet to see real snow. She did, however, see fake snow when visiting Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Her favorite color is yellow, her favorite food is fruit, especially blueberries, and her favorite subject at school is math. She is considering teaching and becoming a lawyer as possible career paths. It is a joy to teach this lovely and talented student!

OPEN ENROLLMENT: The Academy offers individual music lessons to children, youth and adults of all ages, in person at the church or via ZOOM, on piano, guitar, ukulele, bass, violin, and music theory and composition. Please register on-line at www.anona.com/academy. Beginning to advanced students welcome. We will work with

your schedule whenever possible.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS: Lexi Creveling (Ross-Piano); Grant Totushek (Ross-Piano); Alanna Hassinger (Ross-Piano/Guitar), Declan Hassinger (Ross-Guitar); Daniela Rosario (Ross-Piano)

VIRTUAL LESSONS AVAILABLE: Virtual lessons on ZOOM are available, contact Sandy for information & enrollment. It is easy to download and use.

A BIG THANK YOU to Jonathan Dennison, our Media Arts Director at Anona, for his generous contribution of an amplifier. It was sorely needed and greatly appreciated!

DID YOU KNOW: It has been scientifically proven that students who study music do better in all other subjects and have increased focus and concentration skills.

DONATIONS: The Academy gladly accepts donations of pianos, guitars, basses, violins, musical equipment, amplifiers, books and accessories. Tax receipt given upon request.

THANK YOU to the Alford family for their generous donation of piano music to the Academy.

BREAKING FREE Counseling Center

As we slip into the holiday and New Year season, I am thinking about the things we will do differently this year from the way we experienced them last year. Last year was a real nightmare; "Then one foggy Christmas eve" took on a whole new meaning. Well let's have a little more optimism and faith that this year will give us more and better opportunities.

Something really exciting happened to me today that gave me great hope and expectation for the counseling center. One of our very own counselors wanted to come and share what she has been working on for many years. Trina is a wonderful counselor and educator, she specializes in Mindfulness and Boundary related issues.

She handed me a copy of her new book titled "Breaking Free" "FROM THE EGO". This is over 300 pages of very well written and understandable information that can help anyone transform their pain and suffering whether it's fear or low self esteem or an addiction to inner peace and reclaiming your true authentic self.

I am so proud of Trina!!! We will be offering the opportunity for you or anyone you know to get acquainted with this material. Trina has modeled and researched how the ego can totally control a persons life.

Trina Carroll-Houk
www.breakingfreeboundaries.com

Terry L Collier Ed.D
www.anona.com/counselingcenter

Our Members

For a list of birthdays, please call the church office at 727-595-2581

Anniversaries 35th and Above

11/02	Art & Carol Hansuld	58 yrs.
	Dave & Sharon Rayl	42 yrs.
11/03	Richard & Margaret Prescott	59 yrs.
11/04	Frank & Kathie Oldis	60 yrs.
11/07	Don & Jan Doll	40 yrs.
11/08	Chuck & Linda Dittus	41 yrs.
11/13	Joel & Kusum Christie	63 yrs.
11/14	Christopher & Teresa King	35 yrs.
11/17	James & Cindy Gross	46 yrs.
11/22	Dan & Susan Herman	40 yrs.
11/25	Bruce & Ruth Anderson	51 yrs.
11/27	Don & Sally Snow	50 yrs.
11/29	Bill & Sandy Drugash	41 yrs.
12/01	Jim & Cat Coats	48 yrs.
12/04	Joe & Mary Place	51 yrs.
12/05	Ken & Sandy O'Bryant	46 yrs.
12/18	Ron & Betty Williams	50 yrs.
12/19	Curt & Belinda Engelmann	50 yrs.
	Art & Becky Woodroffe	40 yrs.
12/20	Jack & Mary Cheney	41 yrs.
12/23	Mike & Anne Lyon	54 yrs.
12/28	Doug & Char Cowdin	64 yrs.
	Glenn & Linda Martin	48 yrs.
12/31	John & Sherrod West	52 yrs.
01/07	Phillip & Cheryl McGee	45 yrs.
01/17	Tom & Pat Blandford	41 yrs.
01/24	Claude & JoAnne Sullivan	63 yrs.
01/25	Joe & Jane Madden	74 yrs.
01/26	Henry & Cynthia Holland	57 yrs.
01/27	Fred & Marcia Gibbs	54 yrs.
01/30	Jeff & Sue Wilson	51 yrs.

New Members

Marlene Bolles
Donald Fitzsimmons
John & Beth Getker
Theresa Haverkamp
Charley & Carol Juengling
Melissa Phillips
David Remington
Yesenia Rivera
Barbara Tilley

Please be in prayer for the families of:

Robert Bailey
Earle Sebring
Betty Swartout

Doug Kolb
Gail Taylor

James McConnell Jr
Barbara Stromberg

Michael Nascimben
Linda Thompson

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. 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 (k-5th) & Little Kids

11:10 AM: Traditional in Traditional Sanctuary

Youth

5-7:30 PM Middle & High School

JOIN US FOR ONLINE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:15, 9:30, 11:10

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IMPORTANT DATES

THANKSGIVING - NOVEMBER 25

The church office will be closed on November 25-26. We hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

LIVE NATIVITY - DECEMBER 23

Relive the Christmas story of Christ's birth during a fun, family-friendly, walk-thru event from 4-6pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES - DECEMBER 24

6:00 pm - Traditional

7:30 pm - Contemporary

8:00 pm - Traditional

OFFICE HOURS/PHONE

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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