

# The Beacon

The Latest at **CHRIST UMC** | JUNE 2023



## Change “It’s Not What You Think ”

Rev. Eric Williams



This has been an exciting time for my family with many graduations. Our oldest son, Bryce, graduated from high school along with many of his lifelong friends. We also were able to celebrate my sister graduating from WVU Med School. In our church, we had our Preschool graduation, and we celebrated our Youth graduates in worship as well. Like I said, it has been an exciting time for our us!

As I have attended these services, I have seen the excitement and anticipation that many of the graduates have for their new opportunities. This, of course, can not happen without also recognizing an end must take place. We work very hard to avoid change because

we do not want to experience loss. As graduates move on in their journeys, they are not abandoning what has gone before them. Those experiences and relationships are the building blocks for their next steps.

There are aspects of our lives today that will be the building blocks of future ministries and relationships. Let’s not hinder those opportunities out of fear of change. The work and relationships of today are not the end, but the next step toward the future. May we not only pray for graduates but for our church as it continues to invest in the building of the Kingdom of God. Blessings,

Rev. Eric Williams

# June 2023

HAPPY  
FATHER’S DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<div>1<div>9:30am Preschool Singing 10am Christ Quilters 10am Day/rippers Super Visor of Elec- tions</div></div>	<div>2<div>5pm Girl Scouts</div></div>	<div>3</div>
<div>4<div>9am Heavenly Hash 10:15am Worship in Person &amp; Online www.christumcnb.org 10:30 am Adventure KIds Fellowship to follow service</div></div>	<div>5<div>10am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study</div></div>	<div>6<div>3pm Feed the Hungry Prep</div></div>	<div>7<div>10am UMF Board Mtg 10am Preschool Chapel 6:30pm Choir Practice</div></div>	<div>8<div>9:30am Preschool Singing 10am Christ Quilters</div></div>	<div>9<div>5pm Girl Scouts</div></div>	<div>10<div>11am VBS Training</div></div>
<div>11<div>9am Heavenly Hash 10:15am Worship in Person &amp; Online www.christumcnb.org 10:30 am Adventure KIds Fellowship to follow service</div></div>	<div>12<div>10am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study</div></div>	<div>13<div>10am Hope Circle 6:15pm Operation Mtg 6:30 Freedom Circle</div></div>	<div>14* Flag Day *<div>10am Hope Circle 10am Preschool Chapel 6:30pm Choir Practice</div></div>	<div>15<div>9:30am Preschool Singing 10am Christ Quilters</div></div>	<div>16<div>11am Fathers Day Picnic 5pm Girl Scouts</div></div>	<div>17<div></div></div>
<div>18**Beam** ** Father's Day** 9am Heavenly Hash 10:15am Worship in Person &amp; Online www.christumcnb.org 10:30 am Adventure KIds Fellowship to follow service</div>	<div>19*Office Closed* *Juneteenth* 10am Adult Bible Study 5:30pm Possibilities Plus www.christumcnb.org 6:30pm Adult Bible Study</div>	<div>20<div>7pm Church Council</div></div>	<div>21<div>10am Preschool Chapel 1pm Worship Design Mtg</div></div>	<div>22<div>9:30am Preschool Singing 10am Christ Quilters</div></div>	<div>23<div>5pm Girl Scouts</div></div>	<div>24</div>
<div>25<div>9am Heavenly Hash 10:15am Worship in Person &amp; Online www.christumcnb.org 10:30 am Adventure KIds Fellowship to follow service</div></div>	<div>26<div>10am Adult Bible Study 1pm Congregational Care 6:30pm Adult Bible Study</div></div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28<div>10am Preschool Chapel</div></div>	<div>29<div>9:30am Preschool Singing 10am Christ Quilters</div></div>	<div>30<div>5pm Girl Scouts</div></div>	

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Meet Hanna Thomas!

Hanna's volunteer work proves that one person can make a significant difference, especially to our youth. On behalf of everyone you've helped, from our youth, to Messy Church and to the greatest Pumpkin Patch ever, thank you for being so passionate about making the world a better place now and for the future!

CHRIST UMC FAMILY

## June Celebrations

### Anniversaries

16 Paul and Eleanor Krouse  
26 Cindy and Bob Kastner

### Birthdays

3 Jim Kleck  
Michael Mezza  
7 Westley Gustafson

10 Denise Pauza  
Danielle Pfeilmeier  
12 Debra G Franke  
13 Barbara Wilson  
21 Landon Goodner  
Graham Trefry  
24 Mike Chambers  
27 John H. Austill  
28 Charles Forwood  
29 Jacaui Adams  
Michael Sherrill  
30 Blakely Kirkland  
Marilyn Porterfield

DAY TRIPPERS

## Voting...What's Being Done to Keep it Honest?

You know that our church is a voting precinct, but do you really know what goes on behind the scenes? Join us on Thursday June 1 at 10:00 (leave church at 9:00) for a presentation and tour of the Duval County Supervisor of Elections warehouse at 1 Imeson Park Blvd. You will learn how they handle vote by mail, early voting as well as precinct election day voting without double counting, and without hackers or fraudulent

voting. In short how they do their duty "To preserve liberty and the right to vote for all citizens by providing honest, fair, accurate, and accessible elections with transparency and integrity."

Then onto a Dutch treat lunch at Palms Fish Camp, 6359 Heckscher Drive. Limit 20 people. Register with Cindy Kastner at 904-221-4103, or email ckast952@gmail.com.

JUNE MISSION HIGHLIGHT

## Methodist Seminary of Cuba

Our Mission: "...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ." Eph. 4:12

The goal of the Cuba Methodist Seminary Fund is to support the work of the Methodist Church in Cuba through training Pastors

effectively for ministry.

There are currently 119 students at the Havana Seminary. It takes six years of study to graduate from the Seminary (two years in the district extensions and four years in the Havana Seminary), completing 164 credit hours. The Seminarian is both a pastor and a student during

this time.

There are 34 district theological seminaries throughout the Island (each Methodist district has one seminary, with some having more than one). There are 1,700 students and 324 professors in the extensions.

SERVE AND PROTECT

## Neptune Beach PD

If you are around our church almost any day, you will notice that the Neptune Beach police have a presence on our campus. As a bonus, they enjoy our shaded parking lot, while keeping an eye on our church property and Preschool. In recognition of national police week this year, a platter of homemade cookies was delivered

to them as a thank you for all they do and keeping our community safe.



FROM THE FAMILY

## Thank You

Thank you for the cards, flowers, kind expressions of sympathy and your prayers. Your support at this difficult time continues to be much appreciated and a great comfort to our family. God Bless, The Family of Howard Muzik.

IT'S PARTY TIME

## Pablo Hamlet Birthday Party!

We It's Birthday Party time again for residents of Pablo Hamlet!

The United Women in Faith will be providing a birthday party for the residents of Pablo Hamlet on June 26 at 6pm. We were not able to provide a party last year due to their new building construction. It is now complete and we look forward to this annual event!

All residents are invited and those with a June birthday will be our special guests. There will be refreshments and of course a delicious birthday cake! Entertainment will be provided, including some sing along tunes and prizes for everyone. The ladies of the UWF are invited to help serve and visit with the residents.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
IT'S TIME TO  
CELEBRATE

MAKING A QUICK EXIT

## Security Corner

We just completed a quick vacation that required us to take a round trip flight. The flight attendant did the normal safety announcement about buckling your seatbelt, placing your oxygen mask on before helping others AND locating your nearest emergency exit, which may be behind you.

What does this have to do with security at CUMC? EXITS, EXITS, EXITS. Did you know the Sanctuary has 7 exits which can be used in an emergency evacuation? Most of us know the 4 main Sanctuary doors

to use as exits in an emergency. Some of us know there are double doors marked "EXIT" at the front left of the Sanctuary. Few know there are even 5 more exits!

There are 2 doors on either side of the Chancel (Pulpit, Organists, Pianist, and Choir). These doors would be the quickest way for people in that area to exit. There is another exit door to the right front of the Sanctuary which is marked "EXIT."

The other two exits are not so obvious. The Parlor door which

leads to the office area provides an exit and there is an exit door in the Narthex (Lobby of CUMC) to the left as you exit which goes to the parking lot. Seven exits in total.

The next time you are in the Sanctuary look for the main and NOT so main exits so you can get out in the case of an evacuation. Remember, your best exit may be behind you.

Stay Alert Stay Alive  
Bob Strachan, CUMC Security Task Team

THIS SUMMER

## Vacation Bible School

We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School (VBS), and we need your help! No matter what your skills and interests may be, there is a place for you on this amazing team! Would you like to find out where you fit in? There is a HUGE volunteer meeting on June 10, at 11am. Light lunch will be provided. Come and find out where God is calling YOU to shine during this amazing week for families and children! We can't wait to see the incredible impact this program will have on the lives of children and families in our community. If you feel called to be part of this meaningful and inspiring initiative, please contact Hanna Thomas at helpfulhannajax@gmail.com to learn more.

Your children learn what faith in God looks like when they watch you in your faith, so the whole family is invited to this special evening VBS, July 17-21. This year's theme is Kingdom Rock, where children and families will learn to stand strong in their faith! The program kicks off Monday, July 27 at 6pm with a family feast in the Kingdom Kitchen (Wilson Hall). We will end the evening in the Royal Courtyard (Sanctuary) where we will sing praise and worship. Don't wait, register today and secure your family's spot! Vacation Bible School at CUMC is always completely FREE!

Register on our website at Christumcnb.org or using the QR code below. Space is limited so register early!

