

Urbanna UMC August News



It has been a month! Kat and I are adjusting way better than we could have imagined! You have welcomed us with open arms, and we have received your warmth and prayers. It has become clear how central our church is to the community! The mission and ministry in this church is alive and well! As we move forward in living together in ministry, I am excited for what is to come. Please feel free to come by or call. If you look around the Narthex and back hallway you will find plenty of resources for you to take and read. Once again thank you for your hospitality and Christ Love.
In Christ,
Rev. Carl & Katrina Perez



Sunday School Class: Ever read a passage in the Bible and think, “I don’t get it.” Or “That contradicts what I read the other day.” Or “What does that have to do with the world I’m living in today?” Then come join our adult Sunday School Class as we look at *Troublesome Bible Passages*. Rev. Perez and Myra Wagner will co-lead the discussions, Sundays, from 9 to 10 AM in the Parlor, starting August 3. We will look at what each passage meant during Bible times, what it means for our times, and what it says to us personally. Hope to see you there! Bring your own Coffee!



Urbanna United Methodist Church,

Thank you for opening the church for the paint day. Four women freely expressed themselves – had fun & learned to create from a heart of play & fun. It was a joy to lead this class.

Thank you for letting us use your classroom.

Best regards,

Carol Chandler

(1 John 4:4 – Ye are of God little children & have overcome them – because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.)



MEETING MINUTES

Church Council News

Church Council met Monday, July 21. Official minutes will be available in the office after they are approved by the full Council next month. The following is a list of some of the important items discussed.

- 1) One new medicine cabinet has been installed in the parsonage's bathroom. Another will be installed soon in another parsonage bathroom.
- 2) According to our Safe Sanctuary Policy, all volunteers and staff who work with children MUST have background checks for sexual abuse. This had been disregarded in the past and we will start this process again.
- 3) There is an interest in joining one of the Hatching Faith Cohorts through our conference. Hatching Faith Cohorts are groups of 10 – 20 churches who try new or innovative ways to have children involved in church and share what worked and what didn't. If anyone is interested in being involved in this initiative, please see Rev. Perez.
- 4) We are still working with our contractor for replacing the HVAC in Fellowship Hall. Securing units has been the main problem. All units should be available soon and the outside work should be started soon. We apologize for the delays.
- 5) For anyone who noticed, Rev. Miller's name is still on our outside sign. New lettering has been ordered and hopefully will be up soon.
- 6) Our AV Team has met with an AV specialist from the Conference and were happy to learn not as much NEW equipment is needed as was thought. Hopefully you will notice a better sound system right away.
- 7) We are also looking at some changes for the choir loft to make it more accessible to all of our choir members. In the meantime, they will be sitting in the first few rows of the congregation and sing in front of the altar.
- 8) We will be rewriting our budget to update salary changes.
- 9) Rev. Perez shared information from the conference regarding the demographics of our town and county to assist us in looking forward of what our Urbanna UMC can help our community and what we can become.

As Council Chair, I would like to thank all who were involved in our receptions to say goodbye to Pastor Mark and Lynn, and to welcome Rev. Perez and Katrina. They were both successes and great fellowship time. To all who helped with set up, who supplied all the delicious food, and who helped with clean-up: Thank you!

The next Church council meeting will be held Monday, August 18 in the Parlor at 3:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. If you have a request to be placed on the agenda, please inform Myra by Wednesday, August 13. Submitted by Myra Wagner



6 Bridget Johnston
 11 Kim Cradlin, Chris Rodgers Fowle
 13 Sara Callis
 18 Shirley Payne
 20 Pam Jones, Gidget Valadez
 25 Sharon Winters
 26 Barbara Johnson
 27 Rachel Valadez
 28 Marsha Taylor



9 Kathy & Ray Rodgers III
 17 Sandra & Thomas Walton Sr.
 18 Becca & Daniel Brooks
 21 Helen & George DeVries

HELPING HANDS

Our Church at work; From the Relief Fund:

This month we have been
able to

- ~ Assist with stopping a home going into foreclosure
- ~ Paying a phone/internet bill for a special needs who is doing online classes
- ~ Given to Zayden Service Dog Fund. We would also like to offer you to give if you would like. You can write a check to the church with a memo to Zayden's Service Dog, and we will send it all out in one check through the church!