

Direct From Dave —

May 24, 2018



Growing up in a relatively small town of 16,000, we had a place called **The Community Center**. This was a recreation center, where people of all ages gathered to play basketball. My brother played basketball there; and yes, I even played basketball there in the 4th grade. People often knew each other at **The Community Center**. Simply called **The Community Center**, we knew exactly where they were talking about.



I would liken church to a **Community Center**. It is the place to gather, especially when we have needs in our life. Who doesn't have needs and problems of some sort in their life? I don't want to miss a Sunday of Church, because I want to be with the **Community**.

The **Community** of church is my extended family. It is this **Community** that I can depend on, turn to, cry with, and laugh with. A church is a **Community Center**, in that we are a community of faith all living this life together. One of the great things about a **community** is that we can be there for one another. Galatians 6:2 says, "...share each other's burdens." It is good to know that we can share burdens and pray and talk with others.

I love seeing people sitting around the tables in the Multi-Purpose Room, sharing coffee and conversation. I love seeing people standing, talking and sharing. Sharing is done in the Lobby, in the Multi-Purpose Room, and even with each other in the pews in the sanctuary. I overhear bits and pieces of conversations as I walk by. I hear things such as people talking about grandchildren, or vacations, or where they like to eat. I hear people laughing. I also hear people asking about a loved one's health, or how a doctor visit went. A **Community Center** is where we are there for each other.

As we are to share one another's burdens, please know that there are some specific ways in which we can do that. We have trained and confidential Stephen Ministers in our chapel between services to pray with you. Support groups are available, as well as Bible Study Small Groups. Each of these are a place where burdens can be shared. You can always call the church office or check our website for the listing of these groups.

Being a part of a community is an important part of Christian growth. Can't Miss a Sunday----I need to be here on Sunday, to be supported by the community of faith here at Palm Harbor UMC.

See ya' Sunday,

Pastor Dave



VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

Say Yes!!! And donate supplies for the over 535 children that will be attending VBS. If each one took a donation slip, think of what would happen. The Donation booth is located outside the Multi-Purpose Room. There are slips of paper with exactly what is needed (for example: glue sticks, duct tape (green, brown) scotch tape, goldfish crackers, nut-free pre-packaged snacks etc.) Your support is greatly appreciated.

Financial Update

AFTER 20 WEEKS

Giving After 20 Weeks	YTD Giving	YTD Budget
2018	\$565,362.93	\$593,139.00
2017	\$572,092.22	\$662,308.60
2016	\$597,016.40	\$596,197.00

Attendance After 20 Weeks	YTD	YTD Avg	Average Worship Attendance	YTD
2018	20248	1012	8:05 Service	208
2017	19165	958	9:30 Service	646
2016	21074	1054	11:05 Service	158
			Total	1012

The Church Office and Stars & Comets are closed Monday. Join us for a patriotic service at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens at 9:30 a.m. See details below.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday, May 28
9:30 a.m.





Curlew Hills

MEMORY GARDENS

Special Guest Speaker

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Alex Dillmann

While on patrol in Afghanistan, SSG Dillmann's vehicle struck an explosive device, killing one and injuring three others. Dillmann suffered multiple injuries including paralysis from the chest down.

Invocation by Rev. David Baldrige
Patriotic Music by Palm Harbor United Methodist Church Choir

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A FREE EVENT
Refreshments
Will Be Served

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