



One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. We live in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear—thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

I'm sure we've all struggled with these issues at one time or another. I know that I have. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the course of four weeks, we will have a worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*, based on Rev. Adam Hamilton's book of the same name. We'll explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management. We'll look at what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week I'll provide you with some tools from experts you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

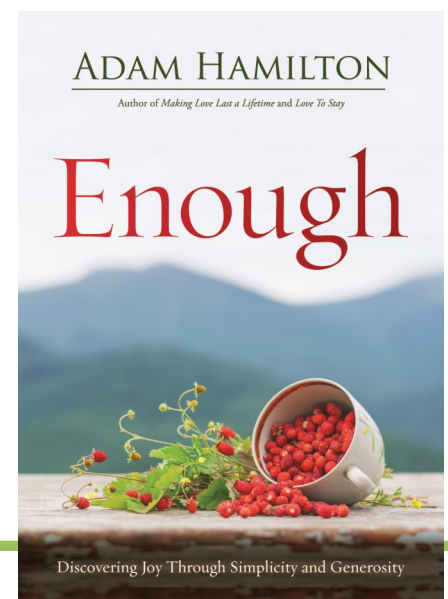
At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays. (See the schedule below.)

I hope you will join me in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy – in other words, that God is "Enough."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kolby

Schedule of Events

- 10/09 "When Dreams Become Nightmares"
- 10/16 "Wisdom and Finance"
- 10/23 "Cultivating Contentment" (Rev. Nancy Case preaching)
- 10/30 "Defined by Generosity"
- 11/06 Consecration Sunday 1
- 11/13 Consecration Sunday 2
- 11/20 Celebration Sunday





PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY—Join us for Bible Study this Tuesday from 11:30AM-12:30 PM as we finish up our study of *A Grace-Full Life* by Jorge Acevedo and Wes Olds. This has been a fulfilling study about God's all-reaching, soul-shaping, never-ending love for you and me.

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*Mission Statement:
Celebrating God!
Growing in Faith!
Changing the World!*

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Weekly Sunday Activities

Worship @ 10:45AM
(Sanctuary)



Jim Arnett
Dianne Blucher
Carolyn Clarke
Mary Harris
LaRue Landsberry & Darlene
Beth Loehr-Moody
Clydia Reichert
Beth Senn
David Tattersall
Carla, Robert, Molly & Buddy

Barbara Baldwin
Ron & Nancy Case
Helen Goddard
Rachelle Hines
Dahlia Mallard
Joe Reichert
Dale Smith
Doris Welsh

Linda Baldwin
Liza Case
Blake Harris
Bonniesue Humphlett
Barb Loehr
Paula Mathis
Sapp Family
Linda Smith
Clarence Witt

With God
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Florida United Methodist Childrens' Home

Since 1926, the home has opened its doors to children with a variety of special needs. Some children are victims of abuse. In other cases, the justice system requires troubled youths who have broken the law to live at the home. Others at the home were abandoned and tried to survive on their own. Fortunately social services stepped in to place them in a safe environment, the United Methodist Children's Home. You have been told this story before, but it is a never-ending story, and Wesley United

Methodist Church continues to dedicate its time, resources, money, love, and prayers for these children.

This month, October, is a month of five Sundays. After that, we will not have another 5th Sunday for the rest of this year, but your donations for the children will still be welcomed any time! In addition to our change (or checks), we at Wesley dedicate October as our month to open our hearts and our pocketbooks to help these precious children of God.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service—10:45AM

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Most meetings are Wednesdays at 6:00 unless otherwise noted

October 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 World Communion Sunday Noon—UWF executive meeting	3 7:00PM Nightingales	4 11:30AM Pastor's Class	5 8:30AM Garden Workday 6:00PM Missions	6 11:30AM Card Club	7 Office Closed	8
9	10 We will be CLOSED on Columbus Day	11 11:30AM Pastor's Class 1:30-3PM Wesley Whittlers	12 11:30 DAR Luncheon 5:30PM WWS 6:00PM Care Team	13 11:30AM Card Club	14 6PM Formidable Women supper 7PM Performance	15
16	17	18 10:00AM Morning Stars 11:30AM Pastor's Class	19 8:30AM Garden Workday 6PM Charge Conf at Trinity UMC	20 11:30AM Card Club	21 11:30AM YAHs Cedar River RSVP by 10/16	22
23 6PM Sisters in Faith	24	25 11:30AM Pastor's Class 1:30-3PM Wesley Whittlers 7:00PM Finance	26	27 11:30AM Card Club	28	29
30 5th Sunday collection for Children's Home	31					



DAYS FOR GIRLS

Alachua County FL Chapter

What We Need:



Items for DFG hygiene kits include

- ☆ • Colorful cotton panties—girls size 14 or 16, or women's size 5, 6, & 7 (bikinis or briefs)
Panties are always the most needed items!*
- ☆ • Cotton washcloths (The thinner ones are better than heavy ones—colors better than white)
 - Soap (small, hotel size)
 - Grosgrain ribbon— 5/8" wide—pretty colors
 - Thread (polyester, darker colors, regular & serger)

Fabrics* needed:

- 100% cotton flannel for liners
- 100% cotton calico or quilting fabric for shields
- Blend fabrics are OK for bags

*Fabrics should be bright colorful cheerful busy patterns to hide stains. Avoid animal, people, cartoon, pop culture, camouflage, or food patterns. Ideal fabrics are floral or geometric designs in darker or bright colors.

alachuafl@daysforgirls.org

Radha Selvester 352 316 6113 & Michelle Belanger 352 318 1164



Days for Girls

Something exciting is happening in our Sunday School rooms! Days for Girls, a non-profit organization, has rented two Sunday School rooms to use as a base for their operation in Alachua County. They make washable, reusable feminine hygiene products for use in countries where, many times, girls have to stay home from school because they are on their periods. But they are not just for those countries—think of the production costs saved, purchase prices saved, and space in landfills for these myriad products! We are

happy to welcome them to our neighborhood!

"Ukraine Relief Fundraiser" - Friday, October 14th



Formidable Women Of The Bible



**Chili supper
included with
homemade dessert
and drinks, too!!!** Meatless &
chicken available upon request



Don't miss out!
Call 352-375-4472 or
email Nancy Case at
PASTORCASENL@GMAIL.COM

**Why—A great evening out and 100% of all proceeds
from ticket sales go to Ukrainian relief!!!**

**When and Where—Friday October 14th. At Wesley
United Methodist Church at 826 NW 23rd Ave,
Gainesville, Fla. Chili at 6pm, performance at 7 pm**

**Tickets—\$15 includes the chili supper & performance!
*Afterwards, a collection for the children's home will be
taken up to honor Margie Sapp, as well.***

Get your tickets after church on Sunday! Please bring correct change or a check for \$15 per person. Tickets purchased in advance also get a chili supper. Tickets purchased at the door the night of the event will be performance only, as Donna needs to know how much chili to make. Tickets can also be purchased from the church office prior to the performance. Share this page with your friends, and encourage them to share also, especially with churches other than Methodist! It's for a good cause!

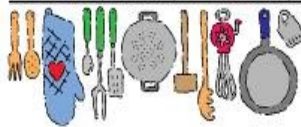
Michelle Belanger, a contact of mine, had an opportunity to meet with some humanitarians from Ukraine that will be delivering supplies to the war-torn area the first week of October. I wanted to extend the opportunity if anyone from Wesley wants to collect hats, scarves, or blankets that we can send to the refugee camp in Poland. Many supplies will be driven into Ukraine to help the people that did not leave.

Here is the URL for the FaceBook invite to the interfaith Ukraine event on October 8th in Alachua:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1111499622808562>



Blessings!
Pastor Kolby

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Our fellowship dinners will be starting up again on Wednesday, October 12th at 5:30PM with a potato bar and a salad bar (plus desserts, of course). Please let me know if you will attend, as we need at least 25 people signed up to be able to have this dinner each month. Just call the church office and let Terri know.

Special thanks to Barbara Cleveland and Nancy Slaydon for helping me to clean the kitchen and get it ready to cook in.

Donna Weseman

Greetings, UWF Sisters!

Please save the date for our North Central District Annual Meeting. All members of United Women in Faith are welcome.



United
Women
in Faith

When: Saturday, October 22, at 10 a.m., in person

Where: St. Paul's UMC in Ocala (800 SE 41st Ave., Ocala FL 34471)

What: NCD Annual Meeting to recognize your achievements and install District officers

Please note this is a change in date and location. This is a reflection of some of the challenges we are facing as we emerge from the pandemic, along with other health and personal family issues that several of your Leadership Team members are dealing with at this time. We recognize that these may be challenges for you too. With that in mind, we hope that moving the meeting back a week and gathering in a more central location will give you a better opportunity to join us.

Registration information will be available from your unit leader.

Blessings,
Jane Darling, President, North Central District



Committee Meetings

10/5	6:00PM	Missions
10/12	6:00PM	Care Team
10/19	6:00PM	Charge Conf at Trinity UMC
10/25	7:00PM	Finance

Something new! Each day this month, we are reading a chapter or two in the book of Matthew. You've all seen this in your e-mail, and now here in the Witness. If you saw the e-mail, you will note some "assignments" with these readings. I have given you some comments about the chapter, then ask you a question. It's something to think about. I hope this gives you some in-depth understanding of this gospel in the New Testament.

Pastor Kolby



Young at Heart Fellowship

The YAHs are back! Weather permitting, that is... We will dine at Cedar River Seafood on October 21st at 11:30AM. Please RSVP to the church office by October 16th.

Donna

October Birthdays

8th Susie Aguila
 13th Misty Jacquin Martin
 Jim Harris
 21st Richard Yaxley, III
 Beth Senn
 23rd Sharon Easter
 28th Linda Baldwin
 29th Kelly Crenshaw

October Anniversaries

13th Ashley & William
 Weseman



FUN AND GAMES



Join the Canasta card club at Wesley United Methodist Church! Have fun and meet great people! Invite family and friends, the more the merrier!

When: Thursdays, 11:30 AM (except holidays)

Where: Wesley United Methodist Church
 826 Northwest 23rd Avenue
 Fellowship Hall

Call Cindy Holmes at 352-256-9485 for information.

We have wonderful members waiting to teach you Hand and Foot Canasta! **Please have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as the boosters!**

Card Club Guidelines

- Bring a sack lunch and beverage if you wish.
- Please arrive on time if possible.
- Please help clean up after the games end.
- Please give us your email address and phone number in case of scheduling changes.

