

GOOD NEWS

Our missions giving for 2021 was strong. We continued our tradition and commitment to the Florida Methodist Conference by paying 100% of our apportioned benevolences last year. This totaled \$17,724.

We also collected a considerable amount of funds towards the extra mile missions of our church. During 2021, we supported various love offering causes with more than \$32,455. These missions include the following:

Florida Children's Home	\$3,200
Missionaries (Groves family)	1,055
UCOM (monetary)	7,185
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	2,550
Disaster Relief – UMCOR	1,920
Church Staff –Love Offerings	690
Sierra Leone School	8,750
Memorial Fund	1,255
Cuban Church Mission	2,635
Brazilian Methodist Church	1,500
Other (Beyond 90, Kim's, etc.)	1,705

Please note that these amounts total approximately \$17,000 more than last year. These figures do not include non-monetary donations such as our regular food contributions to UCOM or the clothing donations. Also not included are projects supported by other groups representing our church such as UMW, UMM, Sunday school classes, etc. These dollar amounts also do not include the time and talents shared to others by the many volunteers of our church.

Faith United Methodist Church can stand tall in our missions support accomplishments. Pray for God's continued blessings for this Church, that He will enable us to continue His work through our service and support in the year 2022 and beyond.

Finance Committee/Stewardship

February 6, 2022

Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² **I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
faithfulness;**

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

³ **On the day I called, you answered me,
you strengthened my life.**

⁴ All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth;

⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For the LORD is high, but regards the lowly;
yet knows the haughty from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
**you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies
and your right hand delivers me.**

⁸ O LORD, fulfill your purpose for me;
**O Lord, may your steadfast love endure for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory!”

⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ So I said:

“Woe is me, for I am undone!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The Lord of hosts.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your iniquity is taken away,
And your sin purged.”

⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send,
And who will go for Us?”

Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God

which was with me. ¹¹ Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

St. Luke 5:1-11

¹ So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, ² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. ³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” ¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.