



A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.



We are proud to announce that starting January 8, Camille Feaster will be coming to us as part of the Year-Long Missional Intern program of the Florida Conference. She is from St. Petersburg, FL, a member of First United Methodist Church in that city, and will be our Youth Director.

She is a graduate of the University of Florida in Gainesville with a Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Recreation and Sports Management. Our youth previously met her at Warren Willis Camp where she was a team leader. Part of her professional development included Outdoor Recreation Assistant at Dover Air Force Base and Youth With A Mission (YWAM)'s Discipleship Training School and School of Ministry Development.

We are blessed that Camille will be with us until August and are excited about the possibilities she brings for our youth.



Camille gets here just in time for the Youth's ski trip to Lake Juneluska over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.



Please pray that the hearts and ears of Bailey, Britney, Iveth, Jacob, Jahaziel, Josh, Magziel, Parker, Rafalito, Sarah, and Steven, along with Camille, and chaperones Rev. Barry, Mark, and Nancy, will be prepared for the message on their ski trip from January 13th through the 16th.



The staff of Faith United Methodist Church THANK YOU for your very generous Love Offering this year! It is our privilege to work for the church and your generosity is an added bonus! We love you and look forward to working with you in the coming year!

Sincerely,
Rev. Barry Andrews, Pastor Rigo Felico,
Fermin Rivas, Linda Pickett, and Donna Thouin



A word from Rev. Barry Andrews, Senior Pastor

You've heard folks say that Florida really does not have four seasons. That may be true for the uninformed, but, for those of us in the know, we can easily identify four seasons, and maybe more.

As an example, this time of year might be called winter by some, but we know it as snow-bird season. Even this far north, we're blessed with our friends from the frozen north, for a season, while they work around Jacksonville as NOMADS. More than workers, though, they have become our friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. We count it a joy when we see familiar faces, and look forward to meeting new friends as the season unfolds.



We're soon to meet a new friend, sent to us from the Young Adult Ministries (YAM) department of the Florida Annual Conference. We've accepted YAM's recommendation to us of Camille Feaster, who will serve as a youth worker intern here at Faith. She has experience working with youth and in recreation, and is excited about coming to Jacksonville. Indeed, we're looking forward to a new season of UMYF, distinct from other pleasing and productive seasons past.

We're also moving out of 2016, and we reflect on this season of the church's life. We've stabilized, and balanced expenses and income, a several-year goal. Rentals have increased, and tithes and offerings still are the major part of the receipts of the church. I often point out to my preacher buddies that this church does an extraordinary job of tithing, and I'm proud of those who give to the Lord. Church is about more than money, however, and we're also very challenged by the several-decades old decline in worship attendance. We're really good at being welcoming, once folks come in, but we need to polish our invitational skills. A major transition has been the decrease in the paid staff, including secretary and youth director, with the voids being ably filled by willing volunteers. Again, my preacher buddies have, more than once, by observation and reporting, noted the high level of volunteerism at Faith. May I note how well the office has run, and how very proud I am of the youth for sticking together, and running the UMYF with programs, prayers, and recreation, during this season?

In the new year we look for an increase in activity; it's an indicator of increased devotion, and, hopefully, new persons involved, becoming Christians. There are voids in our ministry that need to be filled, and areas of ministry that are yet to be revealed to us. In this new season of the church's life you are invited to take a part, in worship, study, & service. Let's grow together, as disciples and friends, as we become the seasoning for the world, for Christ and His Church.

Wishing You

a New Year filled

with new Hope,
new Joy &

new Beginnings.

Now is the time for new beginnings --- new studies in our Sunday School Classes, in our United Methodist Men groups, in United Methodist Women's circles, and in our United Methodist Youth Fellowship. Now is a good time to join these groups. Come to any of the scheduled meetings or talk with Nancy Loveland, Mark Loveland, Donna Glasner, or Camille Feaster respectively for more information about these studies.



In Memory of

Andrew Ernest Sabol

June 6, 1930 - December 3, 2016

Obituary

Well, Andy Sabol has gone home. He left on December 3, 2016, and is now probably telling his stories to a whole new audience. Andrew E. Sabol was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania on June 6, 1930 to parents, Andrew S. Sabol and Florence A. Sabol. He met and married the love of his life, Joan (Faver) at West Liberty State College in West Virginia in 1955. An active volunteer, he served on the Board of the Campfire Girls, President and founder of the St. Mark's Episcopal Day School Dad's Club, over 20 years as a board member, including two terms as president of the American Society for Training & Development, President of the Florida Municipal Electric Association Training Committee, and Vice President of the Northeast Florida Safety Association. Andy was a Dale Carnegie Course Instructor and Instructor-Trainer for over 20 years in the Tampa and north Florida area. Retired from the JEA as Division Manager of Training & Safety in 1992, he spent most of his retirement as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts. He has been a member of the BSA since 1941. He started and hosted a weekly TV show for the Boy Scouts for over six years, was a contributor to the Scouting Newsletter, authored five books about Scouting, produced three sets of CD's covering his Boy Scout experiences, wrote articles for the Florida Wildlife magazine, wrote articles for the Retired City Employee newsletter and served on the North Florida Council Executive Board of the Boy Scouts since 1989. "A" is an Eagle Scout, was awarded the Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, the National Leadership Award, the Silver Axe and the Silver Fox Awards from the North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was awarded the Vigil Honor from the Order of the Arrow, BSA. Andy was a true "Sportsman". He loved to hunt & fish. But he rarely shot or caught anything. He said he was a "Carrier-of the-Sabol Sportsman Curse!"

Andy is survived by his wife, Joanie; son, Mark Sabol (Deborah); daughter, Trish Kramer (Billy Kramer); granddaughter, Jordan; and grandsons, Will (Kenzie), Clay (Zara) and Drew. ***Please keep Andy's family and friends in your prayers!***

The obituary was copied from:

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Andrew-Sabol&lc=1900&pid=182988303&mid=7193276>.



Please consider bringing in your recyclables from home and putting them in our receptacle located at the southeast end of the church campus. The items that can be recycled are: newspapers, magazines, office paper and catalogs. The items that cannot be recycled are: phone books, cardboard boxes, plastic bags and trash.



MISSIONS

Cuba Highlights – Martin Perez Methodist Church

In October, Pastor Juan Luis Perez graduated from Seminary!

Fidel Castro died on November 25th. It is unknown how this will affect the Church in Cuba. We pray that they transition into an era of peace and freedom and improved economic conditions.



Missionary Update

Delbert and Sandy Groves are our missionaries in Zambia. They run the New Life Center, which includes PETs (Personal Energy Transportation), tutoring, and a printing ministry, among others.

Their website is: www.newlifezambia.com.

Their closed Facebook group is *New Life Center Zambia*.

The UMCOR Advance Number for PET Zambia is 15057A.



Hart Felt Ministries

The Hart Felt Ministries vision is a community where frail seniors no longer fear where and how they age. Using a network of community volunteers, Hart Felt provides the following services: friendly visits, grocery shopping,

transportation to appointments, light housekeeping and laundry, telephone reassurance, respite care, yard work, minor home repairs, and wheelchair ramps. If you are interested in learning more, call Donna Glasner (505-2942) or contact Hart Felt directly at 904-861-2799 or info@hartfelt.org or see their website at: <https://hartfelt.org/>.



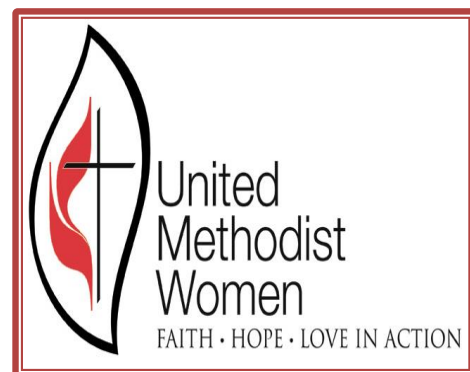
UCOM (United Community Outreach Ministry)

UCOM provides Emergency Services, Meals on Wheels, and CNA Scholarship programs on the Southside and touches many lives. Canned and boxed goods are collected in the Narthex

weekly. Meals on Wheels delivery volunteers are needed. Their website is: <http://www.ucomjax.org>. Like their Facebook page: UCOM Jax.

UMW News

We should be so proud of Faith United Methodist Women. This group of ladies loves the Lord, loves each other, and loves those in need. Here is a recap of the love shown by the UMW to our hurting world in 2016:



- \$1295 – Undesignated Giving – over our pledged amount!
- \$ 174 – Prayer and Self Denial Offering – more than 2015!
- \$ 260 – World Thank Offering – more than 2015!
- \$ 360 – Faith UMYF – from Mother’s Day Brunch!
- \$ 36 – Red Bird Missions – more than 2015!
- \$1250 – Fundraisers for UCOM, World Relief, City Rescue Mission, Children’s Home
- \$3375 – Total!!!!

In addition:

- 200 Ditty Bags were packed - \$1200 value!
- We served dinner twice to Jacksonville Campus Ministries at UNF.
- We collected 128 children’s undies, 67 adult’s undies, and 120 pairs of socks for City Rescue Mission.
- We welcomed our Nomad friends with homemade breads.

Upcoming District UMW Events:

DATE	2017 EVENTS	LOCATION/TIME
January 21	Local Officer Training	Mandarin UMC / 9-12 (Registration, Light Breakfast, Fellowship 9-10, Training 10)
March 10-12	SEE-Spiritual Enrichment below	St. Simons Island
July 13-16	Mission U	BCU/Daytona
Sept 23	Dist. Mission Sampler	Orange Park UMC / 9-12
Oct 21	Dist. Annual Celebration	Riverside UMC / 9-12

Spiritual Enrichment Experience – Epworth-By-the-Sea, St Simon’s Island, March 10-12

SEE preparations are in full swing. Registration forms will be available very soon. However, let me let you in on a few things....

F.R.O.G. - Fully Rely on God! That is our theme this year. Our colors are GREEN and WHITE. If you are interested in the Crafts this year, we are making Prayer Pillows (you can stuff them later!) out of T-SHIRTS (if you have an old pretty one that you like, but don’t want to throw away, this will be a great way to repurpose/recycle/reuse it!!).

There are a few Bible Studies and Morning Worship planned, along with another Dance Class and “Singing with Joy.” There will be a focus group on how to use anagrams to improve your prayer life.

Our Spiritual Leader this year will be Rev. Alexis Talbott. We are inviting youth to join us as well. Our youth leader this year will be Amy Franks.

Together our support by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness can do miraculous things for our church and the missions we support!

Many of you planted your 2017 commitment forms in our "planter" on December 4th, and by December 11th they had sprouted. A few more were planted on December 11th, and all of your pledges were in full bloom on December 18th through Christmas.

THANK YOU for participating in our pledge drive!!!!

If you haven't already turned in your 2017 commitment form, it is never too late. Pledge forms are available in the narthex at the back of the church. You can drop your form in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or give it to Linda Pickett at any time.

God bless!

Linda Pickett

Stewardship Chairperson



Even the smallest gift given by someone who loves Him will make Jesus happy.



2017 Activate Conference
January 28 or February 4



Every church in the North East District can be effective in mission outreach, touching people locally, nationally and internationally for Christ. The Mission Society is partnering with our district for the Activate Conference on Saturday, January 28 at Beach Church, Jacksonville or Saturday, February 4 at First UMC, Starke. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. There is no cost to your church for the conference; individual registrants will be required to pre-pay for lunch through online registration. Learn more about the conference and register at: <https://www.themissionsociety.org/activatenortheastfl>.

The Activate Conference will introduce a vision for effective mission outreach at your church through interactive teaching and discussion and by introducing several tools that when fully implemented will transform your local church's mission outreach. Following this conference, interested churches will also receive an opportunity for coaching with an experienced missional coach to develop a customized mission action plan for their local church.

If you are interested in attending this conference, please let Rev. Barry know.

Faith United Methodist Church 2017 Officers

On the next three pages is a list of our church officers of 2017 with a brief description of the responsibilities of each position or committee as defined by the United Methodist Church. Please pray for our officers so they can inspire us to be the best Christians we can be. If you would like to discuss an issue in our church, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the person whose job description most closely fits your request. If you are willing to fill a position that has not yet been filled, please contact Rev. Barry Andrews or any member of the Committee on Lay Leadership.

Officers of the Church Council:

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Barry Andrews	Our Senior Pastor is our spiritual leader. Elders are authorized to preach and teach the Word, to provide pastoral care and counsel, to administer the sacraments, and to order the life of the church for service in mission and ministry. Rev. Barry also acts as our Property Manager.
Hispanic Pastor:	Pastor Rigo Felico	Our Hispanic Pastor is the spiritual leader of the Hispanic congregation. Pastor Rigo also assists in many ways around our campus.
Lay Leader:	Mark Loveland	Our Lay Leader represents the laypeople in the congregation in working with the pastor for the mission and vision of the congregation.
Church Council Chairperson:		Our Church Council Chairperson leads the Church Council Meetings to plan and implement programs of nurture, mission, ministry, resources, and administration. He/She attends all committee meetings except Staff Parish, is an active presence in the church, and assists the pastor as requested.
Church Council Vice Chairperson:	Nancy Bravo	Our Church Council Vice Chairperson leads the Church Council in the Chairperson's absence.
Lay Member of Annual Conference:	Gerry Hollingsworth	Our Lay Member attends the Florida Annual Conference and votes on issues on behalf of the church, and then reports to the local church on the actions of the annual conference.
Treasurer:	Jane Daniel	Our Treasurer is responsible for recording all financial deposits and expenditures, and writes all non-payroll checks.
Recording Secretary:	Linda Pickett	Our Recording Secretary takes notes of all Church Council meetings and our Charge Conference.
Financial Secretary:	Susan Speicher	Our Financial Secretary receives, records, and deposits all funds received by the congregation, donations, and renters. She also takes minutes of the Finance Meetings.
Membership Secretary:	Evalyn Campbell	Our Membership Secretary keeps up with changes, such as membership additions and subtractions for any reason, in the official membership book.

Specialized Ministries:

Campus Ministry Rep:	Evelyn Penney	Our Campus Ministry Representative works with college campus ministries in our area.
Church Host:		Our Church Host organizes our kitchen and church meals, including Wednesday Night Dinners.
Crisis Care Ministry:	Susan Davis & Beverly Taylor	Our Crisis Care Ministry Representatives organize food after funerals and in other times of crisis.
Disaster Response Coordinator:	John Peavy	Our Disaster Response Coordinator helps the church prepare for potential disasters, especially hurricanes.
Evangelism	DeDe Long	Our Evangelism Committee plans and implements programs, mailings, and visitations designed to spread the good news and bring others into a vital personal relationship with Christ.
Missions:	Donna Glasner	Our Missions Committee turns our focus outward, from supporting our missionaries to helping the less fortunate in our community and throughout the world. They call our attention to ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy through education, special offerings, etc.
Senior Adult Ministries:	Mildred Daniel	Our Senior Adult Ministries Coordinator organizes outings and events for our seniors.
Stewardship:	Linda Pickett	Our Stewardship Chairperson reminds us of our promise to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, throughout the year and during our annual pledge drive.
S.S. Superintendent:	Nancy Loveland	Our Sunday School Superintendent supports our Sunday School Classes and their study materials.
Children's Home Rep:	Cynthia Shank	Our Children's Home Representative is our liaison between us and The Florida United Methodist Children's Home. She reports to us about things happening there, organizes tours, and reminds us of our 5 th Sunday offerings.
Worship:	Donna Thouin	Our Worship Committee plans and prepares for our worship services, including communion, designing the altar based on the liturgical calendar, decorating at Christmas and for other special services, cleaning the pews, folding bulletins, etc.
Youth Ministries:		Our Youth Ministries Representative works with our Youth Director and our Youth to enhance their spiritual growth and to plan and organize their events.
Camps & Retreats Rep	Nancy Loveland	Our Camps and Retreats Representative organizes camping trips and retreats and ensures the proper paperwork is completed in a timely manner.

Administrative Committees:

Staff Parish Relations (The Personnel Department of the church, in charge of hiring and evaluating the performance of the pastor and the staff of the church):

	Susan Davis, Chair
	Senior Pastor (Barry Andrews),
	Lay Leader (Mark Loveland),
	Lay Member of Annual Conference (Gerry Hollingsworth)
Class of 2017:	Marisol Melendez
Class of 2018:	Bill Blackburn, Ingrid Diaz, Nancy Loveland
Class of 2019:	Mildred Daniel, Susan Davis

Trustees (The Board of Trustees supervises, oversees, and cares for all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church. The Trustees also manage insurance, rental agreements, memorials, etc.):

	Evelyn Penney, Chair
Class of 2017:	Rafael Diaz, Bud Shutterly
Class of 2018:	Mike Beville, Jim Long
Class of 2019:	Sandy Daniel, Evelyn Penney, Joan Sabol

Committee on Lay Leadership (The Nominations Committee identifies spiritual gifts and abilities of the membership and recommends to the charge conference the names of people to serve as officers and leaders of designated ministries of the church.):

	Rev. Barry Andrews, Chair
	Lay Leader (Mark Loveland)
Class of 2017:	Susan Davis, DeDe Long
Class of 2018:	Fermin Rivas
Class of 2019:	Marisol Melendez, Evelyn Penney

Finance Committee (The Finance Committee establishes financial policies, creates our budget, encourages tithing, and monitors the financial status of the church.):

	Glenn Speicher, Chair
	Senior Pastor (Barry Andrews),
	Lay Leader (Mark Loveland),
	Lay Member of Annual Conference (Gerry Hollingsworth),
	Church Council Chair (TBA),
	Trustees Chair or representative (Evelyn Penney),
	Staff Parish Chair or representative (Susan Davis),
	Stewardship Chair (Linda Pickett),
	Treasurer (Jane Daniel),
	Finance Secretary (Susan Speicher)

Interpreter of Connectional Giving (The interpreter explains apportionment funds, Special Sunday offerings, designated gifts): Linda Pickett

Honorary Member of Church Council: Hoke St. John

Cryptogram of Psalm 31:23-24 (NIV)

Directions:

With Cryptograms, each letter in a saying (or in this case Bible verses) is substituted for a number throughout the saying. For example, if 1=I, 2=R, 3=S, 4=B, 5=L, 6=V, and 7=E, the solution for the example below is:

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Thanks to Dad Hengge (See Genesis 3)

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OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN
"LESS FRUIT", BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH
"TRUST PEOPLE MORE"