




The Faith Flyer

Monthly Newsletter for Faith United Methodist Church
Becoming Disciples to Make Jesus Christ Known in the World
February 2016



Hispanic Ministry

Domingo (Sunday):

Escuela Dominical - Sunday School: 11:00 AM
Culto de Adoración - Worship Service: 12:00 PM

Sabado (Saturday):

Estudio Biblico - Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Culto Unido de Adoración - Joint Worship Service

Primero domingo del mes - 10:30 AM
First Sunday of each month - 10:30 AM



Faith UMC offers **FREE** English Classes
ESOL-English for Speakers of Other Languages

Ofrecemos clases de inglés **GRATIS**
Wednesdays / Miércoles: 7:00-8:00 PM

Information: (904) 737-3555

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Thomas' Blog

We have already started the year full of activities. On January 22-24, Friday-Sunday, we hosted a youth group from Lakeland to help us serve our local community. We had an amazing time preparing a meal, changing out bulletin boards, pulling weeds and playing bingo with those who are in the shelter. Thank you to those who gave money, time and effort into making this weekend a huge success. This weekend created stories that will last a life time and will allow our students to develop a deeper understanding of poverty in our city.

I hope that this will make their hearts strangely warm, and will help them develop a passion to serve those in need.

We ended the month with our first fundraiser of the year! Thank you to our cook team, and volunteers who make this possible every Fifth Sunday. The meal was inspired by a trip to Clara's at the Cathedral which is a program run by the Clara White Mission. If you are ever downtown on a Friday between 11:00AM and 1:00PM, I suggest stopping by St. Johns Cathedrals and grabbing a bite to eat. Fundraisers like this allow our students to attend Warren Willis Camp.



We are starting a new series that will lead us into the month of February called, "Love Songs." This series takes us on adventure through today's top love songs out on the radio. We will be discussing Godly advice on relationships in life and in dating. Parents, if you did not receive a letter from your student about this series, please let me know.

Important Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, February 10 – Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 5 – Youth Garage Sale (Donations Currently Being Accepted)

Sunday, March 6 – District Youth Rally at Mandarin UMC (Bus Leaves at 2:15 PM , will return at 7:30 PM)

Saturday, March 26 – Student Ministry Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt (More Details to Come)

Sunday, May 22 – District Youth Rally at Beach UMC (Bus Leaves at 2:15 PM, will return at 7:30 PM)

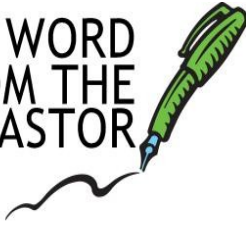
Sunday, May 29 – Fifth Sunday Fundraiser

Monday-Saturday, August 1-6 – Warren Willis Camp

Friday-Sunday, November 4-6 – District Youth Retreat – Connected – Warren Willis Camp



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



the Rev. Barry Andrews

It's been a fast start to the new year. Perhaps you'd be interested to know some of what goes on around the church.

Sundays there are 4 different language worship services— English at 10:30, Spanish at noon, Kachin in Wesley Hall at 6:30, and Zomi in the church at 7:00. The English and Kachin are most alike in traditional liturgies; the Spanish have contemporary music, with liturgical elements, and the Zomi are mostly non-liturgical, but with some familiar elements, though. The English and Spanish are Methodist, of course, and the Kachin and Zomi are types of liberal Baptist, with roots in the American Baptist Church, and connections still with that denomination and the Southern Baptists. (Like the Methodists, the Baptists split before the Civil War, unlike the Methodists, they never reunited.) There are also Sunday School classes—English, Spanish, and Zomi, Children's nursery—English, Kachin, and Zomi, words on the screen, guitars in the Kachin and Zomi, piano in the English and Kachin, and recorded music in the Spanish and Zomi. Only the English have a formal choir, but the Spanish, Kachin, and Zomi all have solos, duets, trios, etc. every week. The Spanish have an after church meal most every Sunday, the English and Kachin occasionally, and the Zomi almost never.

There was one Zomi and one Kachin memorial service this month, which is not that uncommon. In spite of congregations that are enviably made up of mostly young men and young families, they suffer a high mortality rate, partly because of the physical torture many endured in Burma, and the hardships of the refugee camps in Indonesia. They also will memorialize here the death of well-known family and public figures in Burma, often killed by their oppressors.

Sunday does not just happen, of course. The choir practices every Wednesday, and before church, for the offertory, the worship committee prepares the church, Fermin cleans, I pick the content and Marcia prepares and prints the weekly bulletin, and, most Sundays, I prepare an easy-to-remember sermon. Multiply parts and pieces of this by 4, and you have an idea of the scope of preparation necessary for what came seem like a few, brief hours on Sunday. Will you be warm? Part of that is Glenn arranging for fuel for the boiler. Will you be cool? It's because the AC gets serviced twice a year. Dry? New roof a few years back. Bulletin on the screen? Up until the last few weeks, Mark has prepared and ran this, most every Sunday, for 10 years. Thomas is preparing it, while Mark still runs it. Sunday School lesson? Teachers have prepared. Goodies for café fellowship? Seems to be mostly Donna, Susan, or Susan. I start the coffee pot.

Thomas has kept the youth busy, and it is the rare week that several are not around during the week, or school holidays, cleaning up, practicing in their band, or just hanging out. He's inquired about porch furniture, to enhance the hanging out portion, if you have any to spare. There are also UMYF meetings, which are high-energy and loud events, which attracts youth and connects them to God and his church. As this is written we're waiting on the retreat weekend, Thomas has made two trips over to the Sulzbacher Center in preparation for the service day, the bunk rooms have been cleaned and readied, and volunteers are getting meals lined up. From collecting firewood for a campfire to grocery shopping, we'll be ready.

Obviously, there's quite a lot more to cover— there's always next month. I hope you see the point here—this is an active, vital, busy church, with many opportunities for service-worship, planning, preparation, engagement, you name it. Sure, we can't do everything, but we can be true to the mission God has for us, and do that service well. Take a part this year—there will be more details forthcoming, but, most especially, make your service to God an act of personal and community worship, first on Sunday morning, and then throughout the week, as we all work together for the good of Christ's Body, the Church.

Rev. Barry Andrews



GOOD NEWS

Our missions giving for 2015 was strong. We continued our tradition and commitment to the Florida Methodist Conference by paying 100% of our apportioned benevolences last year. This totaled \$26,690.

We also collected a considerable amount of funds towards the extra mile missions of our church. During 2015, we supported various love offering causes with more than \$19,700.

These missions include the following:

Florida Children's Home	\$3,150
Missionaries (Groves family)	395
UCOM (monetary)	5,645
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	260
Neighborhood Outreach, (Easter, Trunk Treat, VBS)	320
Cuban Mission Church	2,400
Church Staff –Love Offerings	1,125
No More Malaria	1,304
Thomas Garret Scholarship	3,635
Others	<u>1,485</u>

These figures do not include non-monetary donations such as our regular food contributions to UCOM or the shoe boxes for children at Christmas. Also not included are projects supported by other groups representing our church such as UMW, UMM, Sunday school classes, youth group, 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 so as to enable us to continue His work through our service and support in the year 2016 and beyond.

Glenn Speicher
Finance Committee Chair



UMW Souper Bowl & Bake Sale

Sunday, February 7, 2016

The UMW will be hosting their first 2016 Missions fundraiser following morning worship service. Please contact Donna Glasner for more details.

Shrove Tuesday Clergy's

Breakfast & Worship

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

9:00 AM in Wesley Hall/Sanctuary

See Susan Davis to volunteer





Pray For our Church Family

Martin Pérez Methodist Church, Havana, Cuba
FUMC Hispanic Ministry Margaret Vann
Jim & DeDe Long Julie Sechrist
Madelen & Guido Izquierdo

Rehab/Long Term Care

Genoviva Bautista Home
Anna Clark Brookdale-Orange Park
Mary Coby Brookside
Joe Collins Taylor Care Center
Marge Collins Taylor Manor
Frances Croom Taylor Home
Marilyn DiViesti Gentilly Gardens-GA
Alice Fletcher Taylor Manor
Polly Kilday Home
Evelyn Miller Sunrise
Mami Ruth Home
Jewell Wells Home
Jimmie Wells Home
Louise Macarages Taylor Home
Maxine Westbrook Home
Bernice Dunn Eden Terrace of Spartanburg-SC

Pray For our Church Friends


Jose Arguelles (Thomas Garrett's uncle)
Randy Cordova (Belva Carley's brother)
Shawn Fitzgerald (Fitzgerald & Peavy)
Derek Hayward (Dawn & Albert's grandson)
Helen Sherman (ECA Headmaster)
Sharon Peavy's brother
Ann (Nancy Loveland's mother)
Cindy Mapes (Carol Zaugg's daughter-in-law)
Iva Austin (Frank Davis)
Rhonda Rapp's family (Beverly Taylor's friend)
Pablo Ferro (Fermin Rivas' cousin)
Anthony Richardson (Sarah Reed's friend)
Diana Eades Simpson (Susan Davis)

To add or delete a name from the prayer chain, send an e-mail to faithumc@comcast.net or call the church office at (904) 737-3555.

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

2016 S.E.E.
*NE District UMW
 Spiritual Enrichment Experience
 March 11th - 13th
 St. Simons Island, GA
 "All About that Grace"
 Guest Speaker:
**Gewanda
 Parker**
 (Award winning Author,
 United Methodist Pastor,
 Mother, Friend, Mentor,
 Christian Leader and Motivator!)*



FEBRUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30P Men of Faith at Bono's BBQ - 4907 Beach Blvd 32207	2 UMW Jax Campus Ministries 2:30P Taylor Home/ Holy Communion 5:30P Evangelism / Sunday School meeting (WH)	3 6P Supper (WH) 6:30P En B Study (WH) 6:30-8P UMYF (PMB) 7-8P ESOL Classes (B=AH/I=WH) 7:15P Choir Practice (S)	4 11A Bridge Bunch (AH) 7P HM rehearsal (S)	5	6 9A-4P Child Evangelism Fellowship Training at Ft. Caroline UMC
7 9/9:15A Sun School 10A Caf� (WH) 10:30A Joint Worship Service-En/Sp (S) UMW Super Bowl Soup & Bake Sale following service (WH) 12P SP WS (S) 7-10P Zomi C (S) 7-11P Kachin C (WH)	8	9 9A Shrove Tuesday Clergy's Breakfast & Worship (WH-S) 11A Susanna Circle (AH) 6:30P Emmaus board meeting (P7)	10 6P Supper (WH) 6:30P Ash Wednesday (S) 7-8P ESOL Classes (B=AH/I=WH) 7:15P Choir Practice (S)	11 11A B. Bunch-AH 6:30P Heart-to-Heart Circle 7P HM rehearsal (S)	12	13 10A Mary Martha Circle meeting 7:00P Sp Bible Study (AH)
14 9/9:15A Sun School 10A Caf� (WH) 10:30A WS (S) 11A SP Sun School 12P SP WS (S) 2:00P Valentine's Day Banquet sponsored by Hispanic Ministry (WH) 7-10P Zomi C (S) 7-11P Kachin C (WH)	15 Office Closed President's Day	16	17 6P Supper (WH) 6:30P Holy Communion 6:30-8P UMYF (PMB) 7-8P ESOL Classes (B=AH/I=WH) 7:15P Choir Practice (S)	18 11A B. Bunch-AH 7P HM rehearsal (S)	19	20 7:00P Sp Bible Study (AH)
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Mary Martha Circle - 10:00 AM

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Susanna Circle - 11:00 AM

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in Asbury Hall

Heart-to-Heart Circle - 6:30 PM

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Women in Action Circle - Hispanic Ministry

No information

Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in the Sanctuary

Men of Faith - 6:30 PM

Monday, February 1, 2016 at Bono's BBQ
4907 Beach Blvd - 32207

Evangelism & Sunday School Meeting

No meeting this month

Emmaus Board Meeting - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in Room P7

Church Council Meeting - 7:00 PM

Monday, February 22, 2016 in Wesley Hall

Finance Committee Meeting

No meeting this month



**NEWS of the
CHILDREN'S
HOME**

The Children's Home Giving for 2016

How is the goal of giving assigned at for each church in the Conference? It consists of two parts.

First, at the Florida Annual Conference each year, the delegates vote for the per member goal of giving as part of the Children's Home report. For the past few years the goal of \$12.00 per person member has been maintained. Second, on the Year End Report, our church submits to the Annual Conference a membership figure. These memberships figures are received in the Conference office where they are multiplied by \$12.00 to get our overall goal of giving for the year.

Faith UMC has met the goal for the past many years. Let's keep up the good work so that our Children's Home can exist and help many children for years to come.

The Day on Campus for the Home is set for Saturday, April 9, 2016. Even though our district is not scheduled, we may attend anyway. Please contact me if you're interested in going.

Keep the Home and the children in your prayers.

Cynthia Shank

Local Church Representative



Happy Birthday



12 Jim Carley
22 Maxine Westbrook



14 David and Yvonne St. John
26 Albert and Dawn Lackey



March Newsletter Deadline

for Article Submission:

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Early submissions appreciated!



"My apologies to those who were injured when we mistakenly scheduled the Bake Sale on the same day as the Weight Watchers' meeting."

What a roller coaster ride of weather we've had lately! From rainy days to bright sunshine to freezing temps, we've had it all. A special thanks to Wells Fargo and HandsOn Jacksonville who chose our Emergency Services Center as a work site for the annual MLK Day of Service. Over 20 volunteers braved the cold and came out to complete projects all around the grounds.

Our food pantry is in need of several items this week, including canned fruit, pasta sauce, cereal, mixed vegetables, juice boxes, granola bars, and jelly. Travel sized hygiene items such as deodorant, razors, toothpaste, and tooth brushes are also needed.

Our Meals on Wheels program is growing. Currently, we're delivering between 43 and 48 meals each day to homebound Senior citizens in our community. It takes about 2 hours to deliver meals and each volunteer only delivers once or twice each month. To join this great team and make a significant impact in the lives of Seniors in our communities, please contact Kristen Peterson at either 904-472-8712 or mealsonwheels.ucom@gmail.com.

Our CNA Scholarship Program is currently accepting applications for 2016. In 2015, we awarded 17 scholarships to qualified candidates in our community. Each scholarship covers tuition, background screening, fingerprinting, CPR training, and exam fees. For more information or an application, please contact the UCOM office. Our goal is to award 20 scholarships in 2016.

Did you know that it takes approximately \$5,500 each month to operate our programs? Expenses like food purchases, CNA scholarship expenses, office supplies, payroll, insurance, electricity, phone, and Internet all add up. Your generous and regular financial support ensures that our programs can operate without fail. You can even set up monthly donations through our website, www.ucomjax.org.

The annual Music Festival & Silent Auction highlights musical performances from several of our supporting churches as well as local groups. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. More information will be coming soon. You don't want to miss this great event!



A Thank Note Card to Faith United Methodist Church

NOMADS Project # 1, 2016

God show His love through the warmth and kindness of special people like you.

Thank you for making us feel so welcome. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him. Mike & Ruth Alford

Thank you Pastor Barry and your entire team at FUMC. The accommodations and friendship are outstanding. Bob & Shirley

Thank you for your hospitality and friendship. We will treasure our time here. God bless! The Williams





Happy Valentine's Day!

Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 15,
in observance of President's Day.