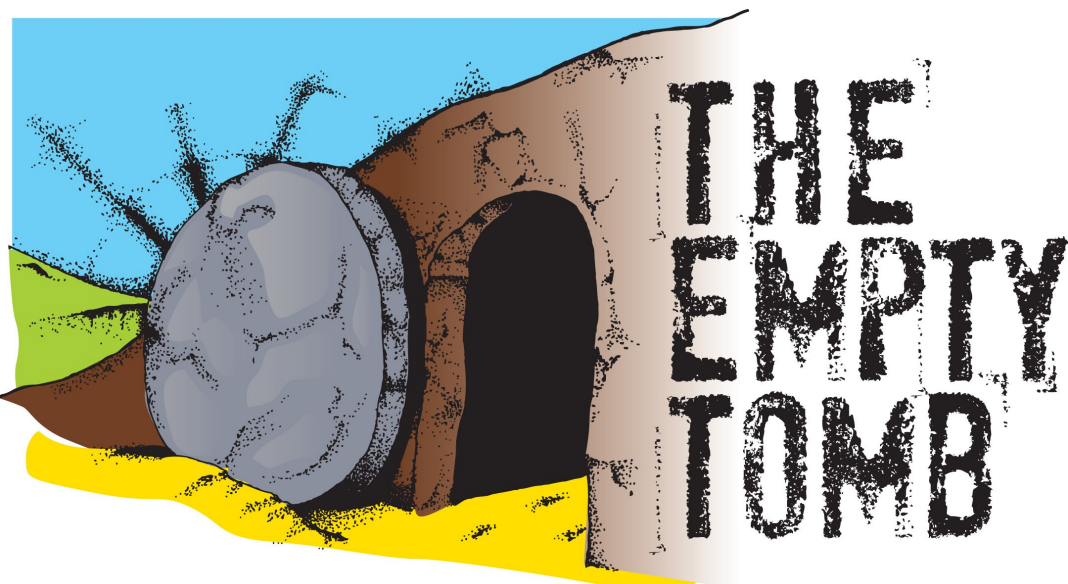




# The Faith Flyer

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



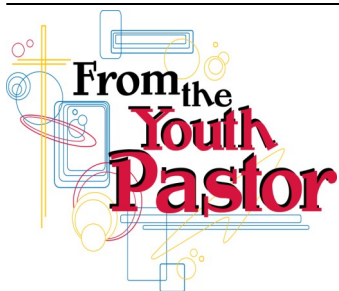
Faith UMC offers **FREE** English Classes  
ESOL-English for Speakers of Other Languages

Ofrecemos clases de inglés **GRATIS**

Wednesdays / Miércoles: 7:00-8:00 PM

Information: (904) 737-3555

Para mas informaciones llame: (904) 737-3555



## Thomas' Blog

It seems as if February has come and gone. It flew by pretty fast. For the past couple of weeks we have taken an in-depth look at Relationships. We have discussed what relationships look like when God is at the center. We have discussed that the single most important part of any relationship is God. We have talked about society's twisted view on dating and relationships. It has been an interesting couple of weeks. I pray that these lessons have begun to open a path of communication to you, the parents. I cannot stress the importance of your involvement with your youth's relationships.

### Upcoming Events:

- March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00PM – Garage Sale Set-up
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:00AM-1:00PM - Garage Sale
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – District Youth Rally @ Mandarin UMC (Please be at Church by 2:30pm)
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross 10:00AM-2:00PM

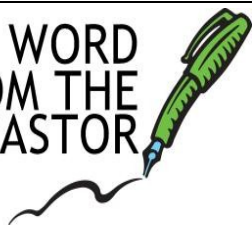
### Vacation Bible School – Surf Shack:

- VBS - Volunteer Meeting May 18th - (After Holy Communion)
- VBS - Volunteer Meeting June 8th - 6:30PM
- VBS - Volunteer Meeting July 6th - 6:30PM
- VBS - Block Party - Kick-off - July 9th 10:00AM-12:00PM
- VBS Week: July 18th-22nd 6:00-8:30PM
- VBS Celebration - Friday July 22nd - 6:00PM Supper and Show.





## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



the Rev. Barry Andrews

Continuing on the “How do we do it” theme from last month, let’s consider our campus at 4000 Spring Park Road.

We are challenged, as a relatively small church, to make proper use of the 14 acres of land and buildings we’re blessed with. There are a number of problems and possibilities that we face.

Our biggest problem is, of course, having the funds and energies to maintain, and improve, all of this. Faith United Methodist Church is the steward of 4 houses, 2 social halls, a sanctuary, offices, a gym, several dozen classrooms, 3 workshops, a RV campground, parking lots, a detention pond, ball fields, 3 playgrounds, over 3 dozen air conditioners, a boiler, thousands of light bulbs, heritage oaks, dozens of buildings, a fleet of lawn equipment, including a John Deere tractor that celebrated it’s 30th birthday a few years back, several older Honda walk-behind mowers, trimmers, edgers, pressure washers, etc..., hundreds of feet of fencing, why, we even have a bridge and an extra steeple.

Certainly, we rely on volunteers for most of our maintenance, including NOMADS, who have done repairs and improvements here for 9 years. They’re only here part of the year, so we’re tasked with the work the rest of the year. We try and improve, including the electrical, plumping, and other systems. In my travels around I see variety of churches, and am often struck on the lack of not just maintenance, but upgrades. I think churches must have the largest collection of vintage air conditioners and screw-in fuse boxes around. Anyway, we’re always trying to move forward. Elsewhere in this newsletter there is a listing of the NOMADS projects around here, and around Jacksonville, that our friends have accomplished. God’s been good to us, sending us these willing workers.

Of course, we know we’re blessed to be a blessing, so we try and share this great campus, for the Glory of God. We have encouraged other churches to use NOMADS, and host them in our campground. This year our groups worked at several local churches, and we have plans to expand this ministry in 2017. As noted in last month’s news, there are 3 worshipping communities here now, and that may expand in 2016. There have been a variety of schools that have called this address home over the years, and that will surely continue. We have hosted a variety of retreats, and this will certainly be part of our future.

Our main source of funding is, of course, tithes and offerings. It has been the faithfulness of God through the Methodists over the years that has made all this happen. We also collect rent from several of the outside groups, and that contributes to our abilities to keep it here. Some years are flusher, or leaner, than others, and we’ve also relied on a wisely-saved rainy day fund to keep us afloat, as it were.

During this Lenten season, soon to be Easter, we’re taught that Jesus did not come just to be our Savior, but so that we could share the good news of salvation and holy living with others. Part of our opportunity is to do that is with our campus, to make this place a “Good News” center in our community. How might that work continue, and expand, in the coming years, is a challenge that is before us. Pray, give, and work, as we all work to make this campus a place where new life is found, and God’s love shines.

*Rev. Barry Andrews*



***Less sleep Sunday, March 13, 2016!!  
Don’t forget to set clocks ahead  
one hour at 2:00 AM Sunday.***



**NOMADS PROJECTS JAN-FEB 2016**

Main Water Valve: fixed major leak  
Water Valve Boxes: installed  
Bus: modified windshield cover  
Peeler Roof Tarp: Purchased, modified, installed  
Oven Thermocouple: order and replace  
Christmas Decorations: storage/organize Sanctuary Attic  
Bunk House: Run WIFI cable  
Building C: Replace Electric Panel  
Electrical Room Organization  
Neptune Beach NOMADS Team: support  
Youth Retreat: support  
Youth 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Luncheon: support  
Mark's Trailer: move and ready for guests  
Sanctuary Ladies Restroom: installed new handicapped arms  
Ron: took to and from bus station  
Marcia's Car: installed new battery  
Frank's Car: repaired inner fender support  
Coffee Machine: Clean out coffee grounds from tank, order and repair hoses  
Repair Table Saw: Saw scrapped  
Campground: expanded sewer  
Campground: expanded electric  
Back-fill Holes from Plumbing Project  
Campsite: run electric from sub-panel to site 6  
Christ Church, Neptune Beach: campground advice, assess electric service  
Sewer Site #1: Repair  
Gym: outside light: Purchase and replace  
Smoke Detectors: Purchase and install in Bunkhouse & Peeler  
Bus: oil change  
Photocell Bunkhouse: Repair  
Photocell Near Golf Cart: Repair  
Floor Sander Motor: replace cord and clean machine  
Electrical Room Ballast: Purchase and replace  
Asbury HVAC Fan Capacitor: Diagnose, order, & replace  
Asbury Toilet Seat: Replaced from existing stock  
Wesley Lighting: Bulbs and ballasts  
Evalyn's House: electric  
AC on Roof, Wesley: Diagnose and repair  
Sara & Dustin's House: electric  
Christ Church: campground advice: Part II  
Shrove Tuesday Breakfast: assist  
Frank Davis' House: electrical  
Bunk House Water Softener: Recharge  
Church outside light, rear: Purchase and install  
2 Honda Lawn Mowers: Diagnose, order parts, tune up, repair, sharpen blades  
2 Air Compressors: Change oil, tighten belt  
Wesley Hall Paint Storage Room  
Campground: Trim Trees

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4	SATURDAY 5
		2:00P Taylor Home/ Holy Communion 5:30P Evangelism / Sunday School meeting (WH)	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)	11A Bridge Bunch (AH) 7P HM rehearsal (S)	6P Garage Sale Set-up	8A-1P Youth Garage Sale 9A-1P Chrysalis 10A Mary Martha Circle + UMW Unit meeting (AH) 7P Sp B. Study (AH)
<b>6</b> 9/9:15A Sun School 10A Caf� (WH) 10:30A Joint Worship Service-En/Sp (S) 12P Sp Worship Service (S) 2:30P District Youth Gathering at Mandarin UMC 7-10P Zomi C (S) 7-11P Kachin C (WH)	<b>7</b> 6:30P Men of Faith at Bono's BBQ - 4907 Beach Blvd 32207	<b>8</b> 11A Susanna Circle (AH) 6:30P Emmaus board meeting (P6)	<b>9</b> 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)	<b>10</b> 11A B. Bunch-AH 6:30P Heart-to- Heart Circle 7P HM rehearsal (S)	<b>11</b> UMW Epworth 6-9 Zomi Church event set-up (S/WH)	<b>12</b> UMW Epworth 4-8P Zomi Church (S/WH) 7:00P Sp Bible Study (AH)
<b>13</b> Daylight Saving Time UMW Epworth 9/9:15A Sun School 10A Caf� (WH) 10:30A WS (S) 11A SP Sun School 12P SP WS (S) 7-10P Zomi C (S) 7-11P Kachin C (WH)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 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)	<b>17</b> 11A B. Bunch-AH 7P HM rehearsal (S)  <i>Happy Birthday Faith Church!!!</i>  <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00P Sp Bible Study (AH)
<b>20</b> Palm Sunday 9/9:15A Sun School 10A Caf� F. (WH) 10:30A WS (S) 11A SP Sun School 12P SP WS (S) 7-10P Zomi C (S) 7-11P Kachin C (WH)	<b>21</b> Holy Week	<b>22</b> Holy Week	<b>23</b> Holy Week 6:00PM Seder Meal (WH) 7:15PM Choir Practice  <u>No ESOL Class</u>	<b>24</b> Holy Week 11A Bridge Bunch (AH) 7P HM rehearsal (S)	<b>25</b> Good Friday 10A-2P Stations of the Cross (WH)  Office Closed	<b>26</b> Holy Saturday Easter Eve  7:00P Sp Bible Study (AH)
<b>27</b> Easter Sunday 7A Sunrise service Breakfast following Sunrise service (WH) 9/9:15A Sun School 9:15 Easter Egg Hunt 10A Caf� (WH) 10:30A WS (S) 11A SP Sun School 12P SP WS (S) 7-10P Zomi C (S)	<b>28</b> Easter Monday Office closed  7:00PM Church Coun- cil/Trustees meeting (WH)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 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)	<b>31</b> 11A Bridge Bunch (AH) 7P HM rehearsal (S)		



**\*Mary Martha Circle - 10:00 AM**  
Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Asbury Hall

**Susanna Circle - 11:00 AM**  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Asbury Hall

**Heart-to-Heart Circle - 6:30 PM**  
Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Piccadilly Cafeteria  
3216 University Blvd - 32216

**Women in Action Circle - Hispanic Ministry**  
No information

**\*UMW Unit meeting in conjunction with Mary Martha**

**Men of Faith - 6:30 PM**  
Monday, March 7, 2016 at Bono's BBQ  
4907 Beach Blvd - 32207

**Evangelism & Sunday School Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in Wesley Hall

**Emmaus Board Meeting - 6:30 PM**  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Room P6

**Church Council Meeting - 7:00 PM**  
Monday, March 28, 2016 in Wesley Hall

**Finance Committee Meeting**  
No meeting this month

**Easter 2016 Activities Calendar**

Wednesday, March 23 Seder Meal in Wesley Hall – 6:00PM

Friday, March 25 10 AM - 2:00 PM Good Friday—Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday  
7:00 AM Sunrise Service - Joint Service (En/Sp)  
*Breakfast following service*  
9:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt  
*Please check with Sunday School class on times*  
10:30AM English Worship Service  
11:00AM Sp Sunday School class  
12:00PM Spanish Worship Service





3	Richard Shank Sr.	12	Mario Yuniel Diaz
5	Mary Coby	17	Evelyn Miller
9	Bette Robinson	25	Dorothy Ray
9	Janet Tyson	27	Bud Shutterly
9	Linda Echols	30	Jimmy Daniel



16	Dustin & Sarah Reed
17	Richard & Cynthia Shank
18	Hoke & Algerene St. John
28	Glenn & Susan Speicher



**April Newsletter Deadline**

**for Article Submission:**

**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

*Early submissions appreciated!*





Our food pantry is in **critical** need of peanut butter, all canned vegetables, cereal, canned fruit, and instant mashed potatoes.

Including program costs, insurance, payroll, building maintenance, office supplies, electricity, Internet, phone, and other expenses, it costs approximately \$5,700 each month to operate our organization. In February, we received \$3,350.50 in donations. Please consider making UCOM part of your monthly giving. If you already contribute to UCOM each month, THANK YOU! Even \$25 each month can make a significant impact in our community!

The Annual Spring Music Festival is coming up on Sunday April 24 at 6:30 PM at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. Please plan to attend this fun event hosted by Keitha Nelson with First Coast News. If your choir, praise band, or hand bell choir would like to perform, please contact Rodney Cleveland at Lakewood Presbyterian Church: (904-733-8055).

#### **Reminders:**

- The third Sunday of each month, we are asking everyone to donate \$1.00 to help in funding UCOM. Envelopes are provided for your convenience.
- Faith collects food **every** Sunday. Please bring your non-perishable items each and every week.
- Donate online at [www.ucomjax.org](http://www.ucomjax.org) or send a check to 3349 St Augustine Rd Jacksonville FL 32207.

#### **Church Directory Coming Soon!!**

Our new church directory. "We the Church" are producing this and need your help by collecting pictures of happenings in our church last year and this year. We will have this produced by Summer's end with your **HELP!**

Photo sessions will be held after church and on Wednesday night. A sign-up sheet will be passed around this Sunday and photos will begin Sunday, March 6 and Wednesday March 9. If you know anyone that cannot come please call the church office 737-3555 or Nancy Hague 737-3724 and someone will contact them to make arrangements to take photo.

#### **2016 Easter Lily Order**

We decorate the Sanctuary with these flowers for Easter Sunday. Lilies will be available for \$10 each. Flowers can be picked up after the 10:30AM on Easter Sunday Worship Service, March 27. You may place your plant in memory or honor of a loved one or friend. Make checks payable to Faith United Methodist Church and mark "Easter Lilies." Place your order form and check in a pew envelope or turn it in to the church office. The deadline for ordering a plant is Sunday, March 13.

#### **Help Needed!!**

Wednesday, March 16 at 2:30 PM in Wesley Hall

We need volunteers to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday

Service. Instructions will be available along with the palms. Please call Nancy Hague at 737-3724 if you can help.

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lights under soffit at A, B, C: Purchase and replace  
burned out bulbs above pews: Replace from existing inventory  
LED's above choir: Replace  
Street Light Removal: Sanctuary  
Covered Walkways: paint Sanctuary to Education Bldgs  
Kitchen Water Filters: Replace, from existing inventory  
Electrical Panel in P: New identifying labels  
Electrical Panels in Campground: New identifying labels  
School Website  
School emails  
Street Light behind Gym Remove  
Exchange Site 1 60amp Breaker for Site 6 50amp  
Replace breaker Site 2  
Church LED Lights  
A, B, C Soffit Light Relay: Diagnose, purchase, replace  
Propane: Mark's trailer Refill  
Camper: Clean, Dump, Move  
Peeler Back Steps: Repair  
Hedge Trimmer: Tune up and repair  
Weed Whip: Tune up and repair  
Removed bad light & installed outlet at the flag pole  
Repaired 3 extension cords  
Swaim Memorial: Light for Sign- 2<sup>nd</sup> visit  
Swaim Memorial Steeple Light Modifications- 2<sup>nd</sup> visit  
Clean out Woodshop Freezer  
Sidewalk Behind Wesley: powerwash  
Telecommunications Closet: Organize  
First Aid Kit: Purchase, paint, hang in kitchen  
Wood Shop: Organize  
Plumbing Room: Organize  
Cleanup around campground  
Prepare Documentation: Water, Electric, Campground, etc.  
Riding Mower: Tune up and repair  
Ambulance: repair- part 2  
Golf Cart: repair - all except for brakes  
Mark's Trailer: service TV antenna  
Mark's Trailer: service Toilet  
School Management Software  
Trim Crepe Myrtle  
Electrical Room Door: repair rot and paint  
Yellow Van front Brakes: Replace