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The Official Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church

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HE IS RISEN! John 20:1-17



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon

Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They

have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni! (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

20th Anniversary Celebration

This year Faith United Methodist Church turns 20! On March 17th, 1996 Hendricks Memorial United Methodist Church and Peeler Memorial United Methodist Church joined together to become Faith United Methodist

Church. We will celebrate this joyous occasion with a special service on April 3rd, at 10:30 AM and a pot-luck dinner to follow. We are looking forward to another 20 years of FAITHfulness to our God, and to our Community.

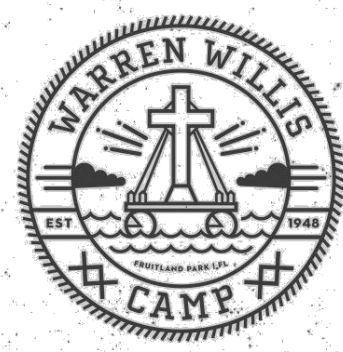


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UNITED—Student Ministry



Warren Willis Camp: Donations are still being accepted to help cover the cost of Camp. To spend a week at Warren Willis it will cost \$395/person. We will be selling coupon books for \$20. See Thomas if you would like to purchase one.

Chrysalis: A majority of our youth will be able to attend the Chrysalis flights this Fall! Sponsors, please let Thomas know who you will be sponsoring. You can turn in applications to him.

“Serve the City”: Students should have received fundraising packets for Serve the City. Each student has a goal of \$100. This goal will enable us to cover the cost of the week, and allow us to donate money to each non-profit that we will be working at. We are really excited to be working at UCOM and the Sulzbacher Center. Plans are in the works for helping at Hemming Park in downtown Jacksonville also. Mission work really allows the students to become the hands and feet of Jesus. It allows them to show compassion to those who are less fortunate and also sets a fire to their heart to do the Lord’s work.

Summer Youth Events

June 10th—End-Of-School Lock-In 7:00PM-9:00AM

June 15th-18th—Annual Conference (Thomas, Jacob and Steven will be going along with others)

July 9th— VBS Kick-off Block Party

July 18th-22nd— Vacation Bible School

July 25th-30th- “Serve the City” with Asbury University

August 1st-6th— Warren Willis Camp

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016



We are really excited to announce this year’s Vacation Bible School! “Surf Shack” Where we will catch the wave of God’s Amazing Love!

If you would like to get involved with Vacation Bible School, below are the volunteer meeting dates, the block party date, and the week dates. We are super excited about VBS and hope that you will join us on this awesome ride!

(Surfboard not required)

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.

Log onto <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/faithumbcjax> to fill out a volunteer application or talk to Thomas.

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A word from Rev. Barry Andrews, Senior Pastor

March has been a busy month here at the church. To note a few of the events:

Our Administrative Assistant, Marcia Soto, has resigned. We've been blessed with her work and presence here, and we'll miss her attention to detail and knowledge of how a church works. We can say with certainty that this was a ministry for her, and God's work was accomplished. Moving forward, the SPRC has chosen to staff the office with volunteers, at least for now. Our office hours, Monday through Friday, 9-3, have not changed, and, as always, if the phone goes unanswered, give us a ring a little later.

I'm writing this after our Wednesday Maundy Thursday supper and service, which was attended by about 65 from Faith, St. Joseph, Mt. Zion, and Alexander Memorial. We enjoyed a yummy meal, and the service, which was different than years past, went well, as we worked to connect the Jewish Sedar with the Last Supper, with a good bit of explanation of our practice of Holy Communion. Thanks to all who have

made this evening work.

Good Friday, though, has fallen on hard times. Thomas and the youth set up the stations of the cross, but only a handful came. Lest we say, "what a shame", did you come? If not, remember, the reason that we don't have a service on Good Friday is the decline in attendance we'd experienced over the years. The church needs people; for whatever reason, God chooses to use us for his glory, and if we don't respond, that part of his work is left undone. We bemoan the pressures a secular society place on the church, but we too often fail to exercise our rights to worship together. I hope your Lenten disciplines of sacrifice and service have deepened your relationship with God and given you a new resolve to work and worship with more fervor and diligence in his Kingdom. Easter is about the resurrection, the very foundation of the Christian faith. We believe in new life, and second, and many more, chances. There is an inescapable fatalism to not changing, as we condemn ourselves to an immature life. The Good News of

Jesus Christ is that God wants us to move past the flaws and faults of our past, to not let these kill our future, but to rely on God's power of new life to challenge and change, to form and fit us for life in these days.

We'll celebrate on the first Sunday of April the 20th anniversary of the merger of Peeler Memorial and Hendricks Memorial Churches that formed Faith. In many ways God has blessed the joining together of these two congregations, and has used the union for his Glory, and we have much to give thanks for and celebrate. The challenge we, and every church, face is growing God's Kingdom. All the parts to do that are here, if we'll let God put it together through us. There's much that is ahead of us, and my prayer is that the days will be challenging, and, by God's mercies, we'll be up to the challenge. It's an interesting and exciting time to be a churchman; let's all do our part to make God's Kingdom known through Faith United Methodist Church.

- Rev. Barry



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UCOM—United Community Outreach Ministry

“IN RECENT WEEKS, WE HAVE HAD TO CUT BACK ON THE FOOD WE GIVE OUT SIMPLY BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO GIVE.”

At the beginning of 2016, the food pantry volunteers and staff met to discuss the increasing hunger needs in our community. In an effort to meet the long-term needs, we decided to increase the number of times each household could receive food from 6 times per calendar to once per month for the entire year. While the reception to this change has been positive, we are struggling to keep food on the shelves. Each order that leaves the pantry should include enough food for approximately one week. In recent weeks, we have had to cut back on the food we give out simply because we do not have enough to give. As we enter spring and approach summer, we anticipate the need increasing even more. Any support you can offer is greatly appreciated. Please consider hosting a food drive at your office,

in your church, in your neighborhood, or with your friends. Currently, the food pantry is in critical need of canned vegetables, dry beans, rice, instant mashed potatoes, breakfast items (cereal, grits, and oatmeal), spaghetti sauce, and macaroni & cheese. We are also in need of Ramen noodles, peanut butter, canned meats, soup, and jelly. Any support you can offer is greatly appreciated.

If your business would like to become a business partner by hosting a food drive and sponsoring a program, please contact the UCOM office for more information!

Our annual Music Festival is coming up on April 24 at 6:30pm at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. A flier with details is attached. Please plan to attend this fun,

family-friendly event and invite your friends!

Birdies for Charity is a fundraising opportunity presented by the PGA Tour Players Championship. Individuals buy chances to win \$5,000 by guessing how many birdies will be made in the 2016 tournament. Each chance is only \$20 and there is no maximum on the number of chances you can buy. Buy your guess at <http://birdiesforcharity.playerschampionship.com/>

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.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home



A Day on Campus at the Children's Home
Plans are underway to prepare for the Day on Campus on April 9, 2016. Even though East Central District and South West District are specifically invited, anyone in the Florida districts may attend. There will be tours of the grounds

and a special program by the children of the home as well as awards to churches who have donated or participated the most during the past year. A big top tent is set up for the box lunches which are provided. It's a wonderful day to enjoy and see what a terrific Home the United Methodist Church in Florida has for these children who need special care.

It's a full day of fun and sight-seeing leaving about 8:00 AM from our church and returning about 4:00 PM. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Cynthia Shank or the office by April 6th. Come and find out how your donations are being used in these children's lives

-Cynthia R. Shank, LCR

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Pray for Our Church Family

Martin Pérez Methodist Church, Havana, Cuba
FUMC Hispanic Ministry
Alice Fletcher
Linda Pickett
Bud Shutterly

Margaret Vann
Madelen Izquierdo
Julie Sechrist

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Pray for Our Church Friends

Ron Gilliard (Sandy & Jane Daniel)
Randy Cordova (Belva Carley's brother)
Shawn Fitzgerald (Fitzgerald & Peavy)
Derek Hayward (Dawn & Albert's grandson)
Mickey Kennerly (Tom Blair's brother-in-law)
Dave, Ramesh & Za Jone (N. Loveland's coworkers)

Rev. Frank Seghers
Rev. Charlie Sward
Sharon Peavy's brother
Helen Sherman – Director ECA
J.D. O'Brian (Frank & Susan Davis)
Tom Garrett (Thomas's Dad)

Rehab and 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



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April 2016—Meetings and Special Events

- April 3rd—20th Anniversary Celebration at the 10:30 AM Worship Service—Joint Worship (Eng./Spa.)
April 4th—Men of Faith @ Bono’s BBQ 4907 Beach Blvd—6:30PM
April 5th— Evangelism & Sunday School Meeting-5:30PM (WH)
April 9th—Mary Martha—10:00AM (AH)
Ditty Bag Packing (UMW)
April 12th-Susanna Circle-11:00AM (AH)
April 12th-Emmaus Board Meeting-6:30PM (P6)
April 14th-Heart to Heart 6:30PM
April 18th-Finance Meeting 6:00PM (WH)
April 20th-Holy Communion/No Bible Study 6:30PM (WH)
April 25th-Church Council 7:00PM (WH)
April 30th– Private Event 9:30AM-1:00PM (AH)

Weekly Activities

Sundays:

- 9/9:15AM Sunday School
10:00AM Café Fellowship
10:30AM Worship (English)
11:00AM Sunday School (Spanish)
12:00PM Worship (Spanish)
7:00PM Zomi Christian (S)
7:00PM Kachin Church (WH)

Wednesdays:

- 6:00PM Supper
6:30PM Bible Study
6:30PM-8:30PM Student Ministry
7:00PM-8:00PM ESOL Classes (B-AH/I-WH)
7:15PM Choir Practice (S)

Thursdays:

- 11:00AM Bridge Bunch (AH)
7:00PM Hispanic Worship Practice (S)

Saturdays:

- 7:00PM Spanish Bible Study (AH)

Campus Key:

(AH) Asbury Hall, (C) Campus, (ECA) Emmanuel Coastal Academy, (En) English, (ESOL–B/I) (English for Speakers of Other Languages - Beginners/Intermediate, (G) Gym, (HM) Hispanic Ministry, (P) P-Wing, (PMYB) Peeler Memorial Youth Building, (S) Sanctuary, Sp (Spanish), (TH) Taylor Home, (WH) Wesley Hall

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2nd	Denton Elkins	20th	Juan Maceo Castaneda
3rd	Callie Long	20th	Elena Cobas
4th	Marcia Soto	21st	Debbie Suttles
9th	Michael Fisher	21st	Allie Brown
11th	Mark Loveland	22nd	Jose Elias Martinez
11th	Steven Long III	24th	Edward Lynch
13th	Debbie Kiel	26th	Sally Goodale
14th	Joretta Johnsson	28th	Adreann Elkins
15th	Richard Kiel	30th	Rev. Barry Andrews
15th	Sandy Hernandez	30th	Nancy Bravo
16th	Sandra Brinson		



Happy Anniversary!

24th Kevin and Julie Sechrist



New Church Directory!

Photo sessions will be held after church and on Wednesday night. 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.



Ministerio Hispano—Iglesia Methodista Unida Fe

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

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Rev. Tom Atkins

Revival at Swaim United Methodist

Rev. Steve Painter and the Congregation of Elizabeth Swaim Memorial United Methodist Church invite you to their Spring Revival. The revival will be held at Swaim on April 3rd, at 11:00AM and 7:00PM and then on April 4th, and 5th at 7:00PM. The Rev. Tom Atkins will

be preaching at all 4 Services.

About Rev. Tom Atkins:

Tom Atkins represents a new generation of evangelists by seeking to bring the timeless truths and experiences of the Gospel to our contemporary culture. After many years of struggling with a call into full

time evangelism, Tom was appointed as a General Evangelist from the North Georgia Conference in 1994. He pastored United Methodist churches in North Georgia for 23 years before being appointed as a General Evangelist. Since then, he has preached in 30 annual conferences in the US.

Praying for General Conference 2016

When delegates to General Conference 2016 meet in Portland, Oregon, this May, they will know that United Methodists around the world have joined together in an unprecedented concert of prayer, seeking God's will for their decisions. The Upper Room, by invitation from the General Conference worship team and the Council of Bishops, has created resources for the prayer movement, including a daily prayer book, prayer vigil guides, and a supporting web site with prayer wall. The team's desire is to encourage United Methodists to pray for God's will, to be done in God's way, and in God's time, regardless of the issues. The Prayer Team invites you to participate in the following ways:

60 Days of Prayer. This daily prayer book starts March 31 and goes through May 29, which are the 40 days prior to General Conference, the 11 days in session, and the nine days following the event as we live into the priorities established. By using the prayer guide, United Methodists will connect through the same scripture, meditation, and prayer for each day. *60 Days of Prayer* is available free as a PDF download, a daily email service, or at the web site. It's also available free on the General Conference app.

131 Days Prayer Vigil. Initiated by the Council of Bishops, each annual and central conference has been invited to host a 24-hour prayer vigil on a specific date.

Protestant Prayer Bead Strands. Prayer beads are a wonderful tool to help us stay focused while praying for our

church and its leaders. Kristen Vincent, a United Methodist and author of *A Bead and A Prayer*, offers instructions on how to make a prayer bead strand using the General Conference medallion and how to use beads in prayer. Make a set to send to delegates as a physical reminder that they are supported in prayer or make one for yourself to use in prayer.

Prayer Trainings. Host a prayer event in your church or annual conference. During this time, you can conduct a prayer vigil, use the prayer book, create a strand of prayer beads, and learn more about this expanding prayer network. For more information, contact Tom Albin at talbin@upperroom.org.

Prayer Wall. There are many ways to love our neighbor, but intercessory prayer—praying on behalf of other people—is surely one of the most powerful. At the [online prayer wall](#), you can post concerns and needs or respond to others who have posted and shared their specific requests.

We are delighted to help you engage in prayer for the global family of the United Methodist Church. Pray fervently and intentionally. May the peace of grace of Christ be with us all during this season of General Conference.

This Article was adapted from umc.org. For more information visit UMC.org and look for the General Conference Tab.

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Florida Conference Recipe Book!

Did you know that the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has an on-line recipe book!? Well it figures, after all, we are Methodists! You can search on-line at www.flumc.org/recipes. Here is one I found.

Georgia Brunswick Stew

1 baking hen	1/4 cup Worcestershire Sauce
3 lbs. pork tenderloin	14 oz. catsup
2 cans cream style corn	Juice of 1 lemon
1 small can butter (lima) beans, drained	2 Tbl. sugar
1 large can chopped tomatoes	2 Tbl. mustard
1 large onion, chopped	Salt and pepper to taste
Chicken or beef bouillon, to taste	

In large pot cover hen in water and boil until meat falls from bone.
Add bouillon at start, to taste.
In separate pot, cover pork with water and add 3 tsp. bouillon and cook till tender.
After meats are done and cool, shred, saving stock.
Add shredded meats to chicken stock and all remaining ingredients.
Cook at least 1 hour; if dry add some pork stock.
It should be thick enough to eat with a fork.

Note: if you like stew less thick, add more stock.

Easter Worship—March 27th, 2016

We hope you had the opportunity to experience the Resurrection with us on Easter morning! Take a look at these pictures of the Easter Worship Experience.



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Faith is, in Methodist-speak, a small membership church. This strikes me as a sort of anomaly in the city, where most churches tend to be much larger than this congregation. Churches our size (about 90 on a Sunday) have worth in today's world, and have a personality that'll be just right for some folks. An article written by Dr. Lewis Parks, associate professor of theology, ministry and congregational development at Wesley Theological Seminary, notes that we are especially able to provide a welcome to...

People seeking surrogate families. They are separated from their families of origin by work, or school, or military. They are estranged or divorced from those once dear. They are looking for brothers and sisters... aunts and grandfathers.... They hunger for family-like gatherings.

People seeking an alternative to the anonymity of the work place and public square.... when it comes to worship and spiritual growth, they want a setting where they know and are known by name. They want to be more like performers in worship and less like an audience.

People weary of self-absorption and in search of a corporate story into which they can jump. One of the healthiest answers is to find a community or institution that is more than the sum of its individual members, and give oneself over to it. Many of the seekers are looking for a story bigger than themselves but small enough that they might contribute to the advancement of the plot.

People who have a score to settle with God but want to settle it in a safe environment. As they have it out with God, they have a strong preference for an intimate setting... They want to be able to feel their way into new vistas of faith and know that those who see the collateral tears read them sympathetically.

People who are looking for a place to give back for the blessings they have received. Life has been good to them and they've reached a fork in the road. Behold the small church where the budget is nearly always barebones and there is a dependance upon the presence of patrons and the energy of volunteer labor.

I expect that there are not many folks who'd find all 5 points applicable. We at Faith Church offer relationships to Christ, and to one another. We're a small church with a large campus; there's room here in our hearts and pews for you. Contact us for more information, or come to one of the events listed in the schedule and the calendar.