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Come Holy Spirit! Pentecost Sunday—May 15th

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came

together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.



⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in

our native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b]¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

- Acts 2:1-13

FOOD TRUCK RALLY! May 12th 6-8:00PM

In case you haven't heard Thomas or seen the flyers around Church, The youth are hosting a Food Truck Rally to raise money for their summer mission experience “Serve the City.” There will be three trucks at the event, a Mexican

food truck, Brazilian and a dessert truck with Ice Cream and Snow Cones! There will also be music and games! This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family!



FOOD TRUCK RALLY
 @ Faith Church

A fundraising event for the Student Ministry Summer Mission Experience. Proceeds help with Projects at local non profit organizations.



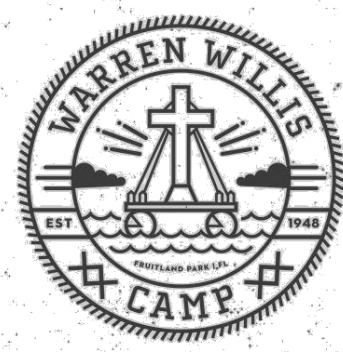
MAY 12TH, 2016
6:00-8:00PM
 FAITH CHURCH
 4000 Spring Park Road
 Jacksonville, FL 32207

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The Faith Flyer

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 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/faithumcjax> to fill out a volunteer application or talk to Thomas.

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A word from Rev. Barry Andrews, Senior Pastor

Perhaps you know that the source of our denominational name, “Methodist”, was a term of derision aimed at the early Oxford University students who practiced a methodical system of Biblical study and Christian discipleship. The Wesley brothers learned their lessons from their mother well, and we have followed her, and their, example through the centuries since our founding.

Part of the method is the quadrennial meeting of General Conference. We are organized by conferences; locally, every pastoral charge has a yearly charge, or church, conference. Churches, organized by geographic proximity, have district conferences. Districts, again grouped by geography, have an annual conference. Conferences, grouped by region, have an every four years jurisdictional conference.

To use us an example, Faith Church is in the Northeast District, which is in the Florida Annual Conference, which is in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Local churches and districts send delegates to their regional annual conference, which elects delegates to send to general and jurisdictional conference. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will meet later in the summer at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, for the primary purpose of electing and appointing bishops. General Conference will meet in May in Portland, Oregon, and will consider legislation that governs the church for the next four years, as recorded in our Book of Discipline.

This, regrettably, looks to be a contentious meeting. We are polarized, much like our country, over LGBTQ issues, including marriage and ordination. This will be the 44th year that these issues will be considered, and the result has always been a prohibition on LGBTQ ordinations and weddings in the church. It should be noted that we are the last of the mainline churches to hold this position, with Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and Lutherans all allowing this, to varying degrees.

Most likely what has prevented this from happening in the UMC in the past is the outsize influence and voting presence of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictional delegates. Today, this strength has waned, but has been replaced by the rise of the African delegates, who will make up about 40% of this year’s total delegates. The Africans have a clear history of voting in favor of retaining, and strengthening, the prohibition against LGBTQ issues.

Another factor at work here is our design for inertia. That is, our process of church governance, our method, is, by intention, designed to be tweaked, but not greatly changed. This was clearly seen at the 2012 general conference, when several significant proposals were hotly debated and either defeated or overturned as prohibited by the Discipline.

Given these dynamics, I expect that the language will stay the same, and that there will be a strong movement to create a system of defined, automatic implica-

tions for those who choose to operate outside the Discipline.

It seems though, that no matter what happens, there will be very unhappy Methodists, and that might include some of us. May I suggest that you not see yourself as a winner or a loser, but as a disciple? Change has come, and been denied, over the centuries, and the church has suffered, and thrived.

Whichever way these votes go, we’ll work out the implications, and continue to love and serve the church. May I also remind you that the United Methodist Church has a strong history of ministry to all persons. We see ourselves as recipients of God’s gift of grace and salvation, and want to extend these mercies to others. However imperfectly the General Conference acts, we will be charged with interpreting it in the light of Jesus’ command to love one another. We have lots of practice at that, and I expect we’ll continue to lead lives that represent the Gospel well.

P.S.- you can follow the conference online- check out these sources:

www.GC2016.umc.org

www.facebook.com/umcgeneralconference

<https://mobile.twitter.com/umcgc>

www.instagram.com/umcgc

There’s also an app available. Go to www.umc.org for details on that, and for more GC info.

- Rev. Barry



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UCOM—United Community Outreach Ministry

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FEED
APPROXIMATELY
55 PEOPLE EACH
DAY. WE NEED
YOUR HELP
MEETING THIS
NEED.

If you missed the God and Country Music Festival, then you missed a real treat. We had amazing musicians from across Jacksonville perform and sing praises. A big thank you to all of our performers who shared their incredible talents with us to support UCOM and our programs. There are many great pictures up on our Facebook page and I encourage you to share them with your congregation. Our next General Meeting is coming up on Tuesday May 17 at 12:30pm at Lakewood Presbyterian Church. Please plan to have at least one representative from your church attend. This is a great opportunity to hear more about our upcoming programs and events and the ways in which UCOM (with your support) has directly impacted the community. More information on this meeting will be sent out as the date gets closer. As always, there is a lot going on around UCOM as we move closer to the summer. Please share all of the following information with your congregation. Thank you for ALL that you do!

The UCOM food pantry is continuing to feed approxi-

mately 55 people each day. We need your help meeting this need. Our shelves are low on several items, including canned fruit, rice, peanut butter, canned vegetables, and beans (dry and canned). Our pantry has fed over 3,400 people this year and as we move into the summer, that number will continue to increase.

If you would like information on delivering Meals on Wheels, please contact Kristen Peterson at either mealsonwheels.ucom@gmail.com or 904-472-8712.

There are a few scheduled spots available and substitute drivers are always needed. Delivering meals only takes about 2 hours once or twice a month and makes a huge impact on the lives of Seniors in our community.

The CNA Scholarship Program plans to award between 20 and 25 scholarships in 2016. The scholarship award includes all of the training required to become a State of Florida Certified Nursing Assistant, plus CPR certification, Medicine Training, background check and fingerprinting fees, as well as all certification exam costs. For information regarding the

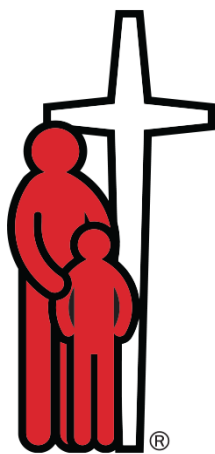
program or for an application, please contact the UCOM office at either cna.ucom@gmail.com or 904-396-2401

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the first UCOM Night With the Jacksonville Suns on Monday August 1. Tickets are only \$9.00 and will be available through the UCOM office beginning May 2. Proceeds benefit our programs.

****Internship/Community Service Opportunity****

We are gearing up for Summer 2016 and need some extra help. If you would like to help coordinate and plan Community Vacation Bible School, please contact the UCOM office. This is a great opportunity for a college student needing a summer internship or a high school Jr or Sr in need of community service hours. You must be available for planning meetings in May, June, and July and for the entire VBS program August 8 through 11 from 9am until 1pm. For more information, please contact Heather in the UCOM office.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home



The mission statement of the FUMCH is to empower children and families to experience God's love and care as revealed in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Recently, six of the residents who are students in the campus school, Legacy Scholars' Academy, were able to take advantage of a tremendous opportunity to experi-

ence Washington, D.C. They were able to meet and talk with their congressman, John Mica, and experience the government at work. They also visited museums and other cultural opportunities available in our nation's capital. This trip was certainly the highlight of their school year. If we want to keep our children's home helping those who need special opportunities to keep them on the

straight and narrow, our chance is coming in May on the 29th, a fifth Sunday. Most of the home's finances are sent in after a fifth Sunday. Let's keep our Home in operation by supporting it with our prayers and offerings. **Re-member May 29th.**

-Cynthia R. Shank, LCR

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Pray for Our Church Family

Martin Pérez Methodist Church, Havana, Cuba
FUMC Hispanic Ministry Margaret Vann
Madelen Izquierdo Julie Sechrist
Fran Smith Barbara Dicks
Louise Macarages Sara Holbrook

Bud Shutterly
Jim Long

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NAME FROM THE
PRAYER CHAIN, SEND
AN E-MAIL TO
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Pray for Our Church Friends

Randy Cordova (Belva Carley's brother)	Shawn Fitzgerald (Fitzgerald & Peavy)
Derek Hayward (Dawn & Albert's grandson)	Sharon Peavy's nephew
Rev. Frank Seghers	Rev. Charlie Sward
Mickey Kennerly (Tom Blair's brother-in-law)	Za Jonc (N. Loveland's coworkers)
J.D. O'Brian (Frank & Susan Davis)	Ron Gilliard (Sandy & Jane Daniel)
Helen Sherman – Director ECA	Jay Kennedy (Clara Watkins)
Larson Zekas (Susan Davis)	Ruth (Diaz's Grandmother)
Randy Blackburn (Blackburn's Son)	

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

May 2nd —Men of Faith @ Bono's BBQ 4907 Beach Blvd—6:30PM

May 10th -Susanna Circle-11:00AM (AH)

May 10th -Emmaus Board Meeting-6:30PM (P6)

May 12th—FOOD TRUCK RALLY 6:00-8:00PM (Parking Lot)

Heart to Heart 6:30PM (AH)

May 14th– Mary Martha 10:00AM

May 18th -Holy Communion/No Bible Study 6:30PM (WH)

VBS Meeting following Holy Communion

May 29th—Children's Home Sunday / Youth Fundraiser

May 30th– Memorial Day—Office Closed

NO Evangelism & Sunday School Meeting in May

Weekly Activities at Faith

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)

Tuesdays:

6:30PM ESOL (English Classes) (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!

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | Rigoberto Felico | 17 | Taylor DePauw |
| 2 | Pam Bundy | 19 | Susan Ridenour |
| 3 | Bud Glasner | 19 | Doug DePauw |
| 6 | Greg Royce | 26 | Shean Bryant |
| 7 | Alice Miller | | |
| 7 | David Israel II | | |
| 9 | Frank Davis | | |
| 11 | Melissa Long | | |
| 14 | Robert Hilgenberg | | |



Happy Anniversary!

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| 3 | Sam & Camille Howard |
| 15 | Matt & Cindy Robbins |
| 19 | Mike & Sherry Beville |
| 20 | Raul & Zulma Soto |
| 25 | Tom & Pat Stratton |



Ministerio Hispano—Iglesia Metodista 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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UMC is key partner in Imagine No Malaria fight.

Donations from Imagine No Malaria to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in 2015 were more than double that of combined donations in the previous four years, according to the annual report issued by the Global Fund to The United Methodist Church.

That's thanks to the generosity of United Methodists. According to the report, The United Methodist Church is one of the most significant non-government donors to the Global Fund and is unique within the global community of faith-based organizations.

"Today on World Malaria Day, we are thankful for the headway that's been made against this deadly disease and we reaffirm our commitment to reducing the burden of malaria," said Bishop Thomas Bickerton, chair of the Global Health Initiative.

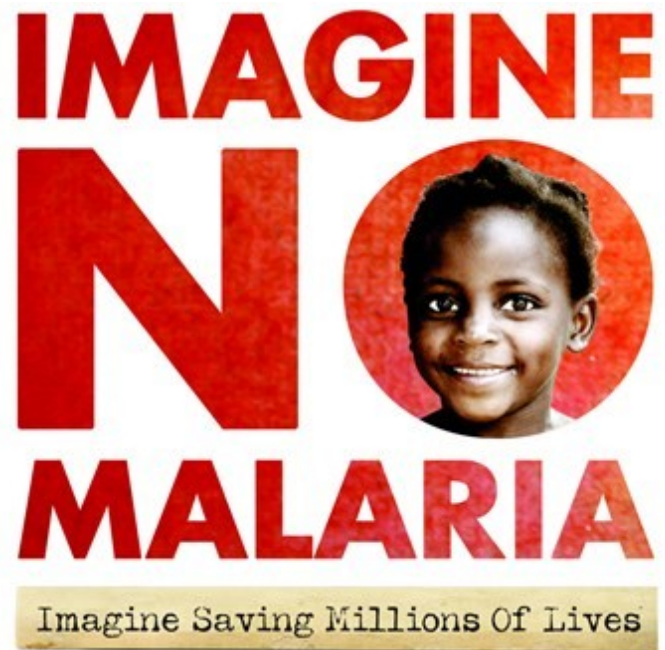
"Thanks to all partners involved in the global fight against malaria, great progress has been made in the last 15 years," states the report. "New methods of testing, the widespread distribution of insecticide-treated nets and the introduction of Artemisinin-based combination therapies have led to a 48 percent drop in malaria deaths between 2000 and 2014."

In 2010, the Global Fund and the people of The United Methodist Church joined forces in the fight against malaria through the denomination's Imagine No Malaria campaign, which aims to raise \$75 million to address the impact of malaria in Africa through prevention, treatment, communication and education.

"We thank The United Methodist Church for this contribution and their relentless efforts in the fight against malaria," said Dr. Mark Dybul, executive director of the Global Fund. "This is the largest contribution ever received from a faith-based organization and it's extremely encouraging to see partners of all sectors coming together to eliminate malaria".

"The United Methodist Church's infrastructure in Africa, including a network of hospitals and clinics, combined with the scope and resources of the Global Fund, has enabled us to forge a powerful partnership that achieves far more than would be possible alone," said Bickerton.

Funds raised by the Imagine No Malaria campaign benefiting the



Global Fund have contributed to life-saving malaria programs in nine African countries particularly affected by the disease. These countries are Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

Key results achieved by the Global Fund in these countries from mid-2014 to mid-2015 include distributing 59.4 million bed nets (a 40 percent increase over the previous year), treating 18.7 million malaria cases, spraying 1.5 million houses, providing 5.1 million community outreach prevention services, and delivering 67,000 episodes of training for community workers.

The United Methodist Church has pledged up to \$28 million through the Imagine No Malaria campaign to the Global Fund to help those in need enjoy a malaria-free life. So far, the people of The United Methodist Church have contributed \$20,085,817 to the Global Fund, with more than half of that amount donated last year alone.

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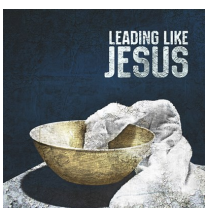


Bishop announces full time appointment changes.

Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. and the appointive cabinet of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church, in consultation with the clergy and authorized lay leaders of the local churches, announce full-time appointment changes, to take effect July 1, 2016. This act of ministry is in fulfillment of paragraphs 425-429 of The Book of Discipline (2012). "Let us lift these clergy, their families and the local churches in prayer, in the hope that we will more fully participate in our mission—"to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" (Book of Discipline, 120).

North East D.S. -Jay Therrell Christ, Neptune Beach -Bridget Thornton First, Callahan- Juan Ramos , Fleming Island—Heather Harding, Highlands—Katie Harrington, Isle of Faith—Will Clark, Keystone Heights—Jeff Tate, Ortega—Art McClellan, Ponte Vedra—Greg Doss, Riverside Park-Emily Knight, Southside- (NCD) Juana Jordan

Florida Annual Conference 2016



June 16-18, 2016

Buena Vista Palace Hotel
1900 Buena Vista Drive
Orlando, Florida 32830

General Conference 2016



The United Methodist Church's top legislative body will meet at the [Oregon Convention Center](#), the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on **May 10-20, 2016**. [General Conference](#) is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

Missionary Update

Delbert and Sandy Groves are our Missionaries in Zambia. You can join their Facebook group *New Life Center Zambia*. There you will be able to get updates on PET (Personal Energy Transportation), watch videos and view posts of how God is working through their ministry.

Cuba Update

The 2015 Christmas offering was designated for support of our Sister Church in Cuba. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send monies and a bag of vitamins and medicines with a group traveling to Havana in January. Some homemade cards were also sent. Pastor Navea (the previous Pastor) returned to Cuba and his family, and they have moved out of the house connected to the church, and Pastor Juan Luis and family have been able to move in. Pastor Juan Luis is also on Facebook (Juan Luis or Juan Luis Perez) if you want to *Friend* him. Facebook translates, so that is helpful. There is limited access to internet, so you won't hear from him often. Please keep the Pastor, his family, and the entire congregation in your prayers.



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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.