



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church®**

The people of The United Methodist Church are putting our faith in action by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, which is our church's mission. Through the power of our connection, we are making a positive difference in over 125 countries.

The United Methodist Church is a 12.3-million-strong global church that opens hearts, opens minds and open doors through active engagement with our world. Read more about the church's mission statement at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/section-1-the-churches>.

John Wesley and the early Methodists placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as "practical divinity" has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.

Articles on this page are copied from <http://www.umc.org> and <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe>.

**I'm proud to be  
a Methodist!**

***Are you?***

Tell us what you  
are proud of!

Send your answers  
to Linda Pickett at  
LLFPickett@aol.com  
or 904-703-2930, or  
give her your written  
answers at church.



**North East District**



### North East District Fall 2016 Lay Servant Training

When: September 23, 2016 and September 24, 2016  
Friday: Registration begins at 6:00 PM, Training Hours are from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM.  
Saturday: Training Hours are from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM.

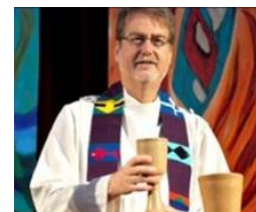
Where: Howe Memorial United Methodist Church, 252 South Summit St, Crescent City, FL 32112

Registration Deadline: September 10, 2016

Fee: The \$35.00 Course Fee includes textbook, snacks, and lunch on Saturday.

Classes: Basic Course – Lay Speaking Ministries  
Advanced Course – Pray for Me – the Power of Praying for Others  
Advanced Course – All the Places to Go: How Will You Know?

Classes will be taught simultaneously. Both days are required for each course to receive certification. For additional information or to download the registration form, please go to <http://www.flumc.org/eventdetail/north-east-district-fall-2016-lay-servant-training-5160861>.



## About Us

The Florida Annual Conference stretches more than 700 miles from just west of Tallahassee to the Florida Keys. Between are 700 churches with more than 280,000 members from African-American, Anglo, Filipino, Haitian, Hispanic, Korean, Native American, Russian, and Vietnamese backgrounds making up one dynamic church.

The Florida Annual Conference is in partnership with the Eastern Angola Conference and the Methodist Churches of Cuba and Haiti in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. The conference is focused on fulfilling the vision of God's Kingdom through many transformation ministries, especially those with children and people in impoverished situations.

## Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church: Core Ideology

### Purpose

- Together we are disciples of Jesus Christ in the Wesleyan tradition called to participate in God's saving work in the world.

### Core Values

- We love God and search the Scriptures to hear and obey God's Word.
- We welcome and serve all people, particularly the poor and marginalized, as an expression of God's love for us.
- We desire everyone to experience a life of worship and joy in God's presence by faith in Jesus Christ.
- We are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit as we learn to follow Jesus.
- We believe that changed people are called to change their communities by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We believe all disciples are called to discover their gifts and to live out their unique mission.
- We share our faith in the context of authentic relationships.
- Because we follow Jesus together, we have a responsibility to hold one another accountable for our discipleship.

### Vision

- Being changed in Christ, making a change in the world.

### Mission

- The mission of the Florida Conference is to connect and equip congregations in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Therefore, we:
  - Start and nurture missional communities of faith
  - Develop effective servant leaders for the church and the world
  - Provide services that support congregations and extension ministries
  - Connect congregations and resources for ministries that we do better together

Articles from this page are copied from <http://www.flumc.org/aboutus> .

## A word from Rev. Barry Andrews, Senior Pastor

In many areas of our nation the Labor Day weekend sort of marks the end of summer and the advent of fall. Not so here in the Sunshine State, where summer still holds and the peak of hurricane season is yet upon us.

I seem to have a knack for pending news, and today, as this is written, a tropical storm is a-heading our way. We'll batten down the hatches and clear the deck here on the Gospel ship, docked at Spring Park Road, and ride the storm out. As an aside, if you need a port in the storm, call the church, and if your power goes out, and you have a freezer full of steaks, come down to the church and cook them on our gas range, rather than throwing everything out.



This is indeed a stormy season. Just watch the news and you'll be awash in political ads and news. Our friends and neighbors perhaps have strong opinions, and share them with us, too often in a confronting, bombastic tone. It's a time for name-calling and character demeaning, all in the name of politics. What is a Christian to do?

According to the New Testament, we're to pray for those in authority. It's tough to demean those we pray for and hopefully we'll be convicted, if we're prone to that sort of behavior, to clean up our act and attitude. While we're quick to recognize unpleasant behavior in others, the Gospel is very clear that self-examination, and a spiritual cleansing, is most often the best option for a disciple of Jesus Christ.

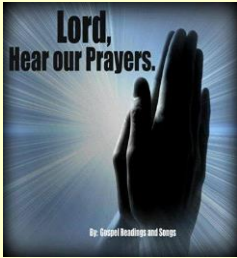
We live in a grand land, and politicking is just part of the formula. With a sense of history, the tenor is all about the same; it's just the medium that's evolved. It seems to be our nature to call names and sling mud, but we, as Christians, should take a higher road. This is, indeed, one of those chances we have to be the city on the hill, and I hope we make it our own, not just for this stormy season, but as a rule and way of life.

*Dear Rev. Barry and Faith UMC:*

*Thank you for giving us the privilege of welcoming 43 new school age refugee children from 10 different countries with 6 weeks of Discover Jacksonville Summer Camp. Your "B" building was perfect and they really enjoyed the picnic tables on the shaded deck! Your generosity made this possible and we really appreciate it!!!*

*Blessings!*

*Mrs. P and World Relief Jax*



We are trying something new! Since everyone who receives the newsletter also receives the weekly bulletins, and since the bulletins now give the list of birthdays and anniversaries, and the bulletin insert includes the prayer chains, we are omitting them from the newsletter. If you want them back, see Linda Pickett at church or contact her at [LLFPickett@aol.com](mailto:LLFPickett@aol.com) or 904-703-2930.



Congratulations to Chris and Melissa Covey who were married at our church on August 6<sup>th</sup>.



Congratulations to Matt and Cindy Robbins, the proud parents, and to Glenn and Sue Speicher, the very proud grandparents of Ava Jean! Ava was born in Athens, Georgia on August 25<sup>th</sup>. She was 19" long and weighed 7 ½ lbs.



Our church's missionaries, Delbert and Sandy Groves, informed us of the passing of "one of the greatest missionaries of the faith and for the United Methodist Church ... Lorraine Enright". She passed away on August 20, 2016, but will always be remembered for her service with her husband Ken, who predeceased her,

as they served in seven mission stations throughout Africa. You can contact the church office or Linda Pickett at [LLFPickett@aol.com](mailto:LLFPickett@aol.com) to request the full letter from the Groves, and you can see more about Lorraine Enright's life and works on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/137850916395200/>



Evelyn Penney is the epitome of a Salty Servant! The picture above was taken by Channel 4 as she was on her way to Louisiana with the Red Cross to help flood victims. She came back just in time to help local residents through Hurricane Hermine.





**UMW News:**

Thanks to all who donated underwear for City Rescue Mission during August's Undies Sundays!



**UMW Events:**

- Nomination's Meeting (Asbury Hall) – Thurs Sept 1, 5:30 PM
- UMW Board Meeting (Asbury Hall) – Thurs Sept 1, 6:30 PM
- Heavenly Auction (Wesley Hall) – Sunday 18, 11:30 AM
- District Mission Sampler (Wesley Hall) – Sat Sept 24, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

**Meatloaf, Chicken, Spaghetti, Yumasetta ...**  
**These are a few of our favorite things!**  
**Get ready for good food and good friends!**

**Wednesday Night Suppers return on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.**  
**The only question is what will they serve first?**  
**And stay to be blessed in the Bible Study starting at 6:30 PM.**



**UCOM UrbanServ, Inc**

3349 St. Augustine Rd, Jacksonville FL 32207  
 904-396-2401, [www.ucomjax.org](http://www.ucomjax.org), [ucom.jax@gmail.com](mailto:ucom.jax@gmail.com)

united community outreach ministry

Join UCOM for the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off and see if Kyle Reese (Pastor, Hendricks Avenue Baptist) can hold on to his title of Chili King for the second year in a row! There will be plenty of tasty chili to try, plus other food, live music, and a fun raffle. Tickets are only \$10 and will be available in the UCOM office beginning 9/12/16 (they can also be purchased at the door).

Where: San Jose Church of Christ, 6233 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32217

When: Saturday, 9/24/2016, at 6:00 PM

Even though the excellent pots of chili by Rev. Barry Andrews and Donna Glasner didn't win last year, the group from Faith UMC had a lot of fun as you can see by the pictures below. Come join us this year and vote for your favorite chili!





## Opportunities to help Louisiana flood victims

Over 60,000 homes have been damaged by the disastrous flooding in Louisiana, and Florida Conference church members can help the families in distress.

Bishop Carter invites you to please consider giving a special offering this Sunday to help those affected by the floods in Louisiana. Please write "Louisiana Flood Relief" on your envelope. All money received will be given directly to the Louisiana Conference, enabling them to use the money when and where it is needed most.

The Conference also invites churches and members to package cleaning bucket kits to be shipped to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. The director there reports that as fast as kits are coming in, they are going back out to help those affected by the floods. We also need to replenish the kits for the balance of the hurricane season. I challenge individuals/groups to do this.

The 5-gallon buckets are to be cleaning bucket kits are filled with laundry detergent, household cleaners, dish soap, air freshener, insect repellent, scrub brush, cleaning wipes, sponges, scouring pads, clothespins, clothesline, trash bags, dust masks, dishwashing gloves, and work gloves. The complete list is at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning>.

The closest collection site for these kits is in Gainesville. If individuals or groups fill at least three of these cleaning bucket kits by Sunday, 9/11/2016, I will deliver them on Monday, 9/12/2016.

See <http://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2016/august/lafloods>, <http://www.flumc.org/newsdetail/opportunities-to-help-louisiana-flood-victims-5725556>.

## Children's Home Goings-on

The summer Fun Program has ended and the children are back in school. They had a lively and productive summer full of numerous activities, outings, classes, & enrichment.



Thirty-six residents from both the Enterprise and Madison campuses enjoyed a week of summer camp at the Warren Willis Camp in Leesburg. Many donations made this possible for these kids.

At the Madison Youth Ranch several groups volunteered their time to work in different areas. The groups that participated were Riverside Park UMC and Southside UMC of Jacksonville, Riviera UMC of St. Petersburg, and Crawfordville UMC.

The Madison Youth Ranch will be hosting a "Day at the Ranch" on September 17, 2016. The day will include open house tours, lunch, and a short program for those interested in the North region. This is a Saturday and will require leaving very early and returning about dark. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Barry or Cynthia Shank.

Our next fifth Sunday will be October 30th. Remember the children in your prayers and donations.

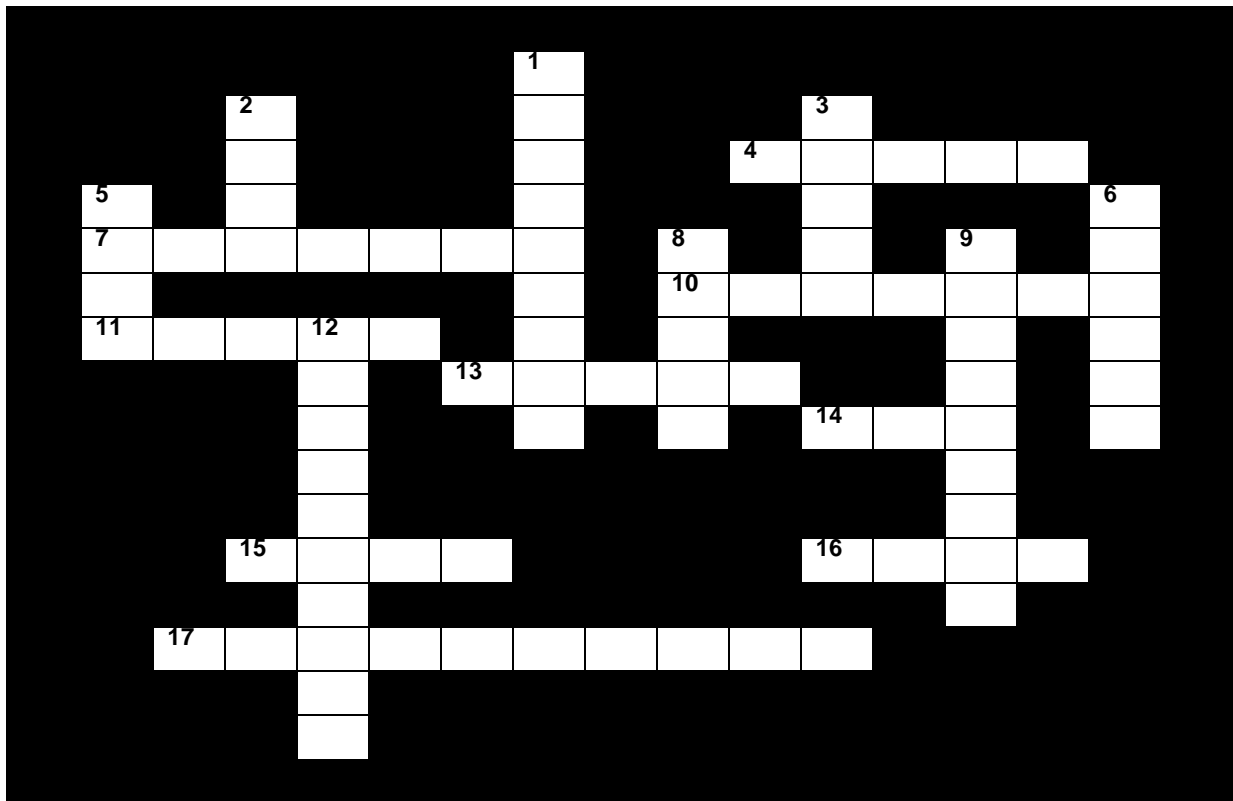
Cynthia R. Shank, Local Church Representative (LCR)

We LOVE our youth! And what a summer they had!



## Crossword Puzzle: Who Said That?

([http://www.christianbiblereference.org/Crossword/cw\\_Who\\_Said\\_That.htm](http://www.christianbiblereference.org/Crossword/cw_Who_Said_That.htm))

**ACROSS**

- 4 He said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."  
 7 She said, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."  
 10 He said to the Lord, "Will you destroy both innocent and guilty alike? Suppose you find fifty innocent people there within the city---will you still destroy it and not spare it for their sakes?"  
 11 He said, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"  
 13 He said to the sailors, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea, and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."  
 14 She said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."  
 15 She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."  
 16 He said, "Am I my brother's keeper?"  
 17 He said, "You will not surely die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (2 words, 'The\_\_\_\_\_')

**DOWN**

- 1 He said to the wise men, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." (2 words, 'King\_\_\_\_\_')  
 2 He said, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."  
 3 When Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?", this disciple answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."  
 5 He said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."  
 6 Bracing himself against the central pillars of the temple, He said, "Let me die with the Philistines!"  
 8 When this elderly woman heard talk that she would have a baby, she thought to herself, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"  
 9 He said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." (2 words)  
 12 She said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"



*The article below was submitted by Susan Davis, who has been certified as a Faith Community Nurse (FCN). FCN's help heal body, mind, and soul, but do not provide direct patient care. We look forward to Susan's guidance to make us a healthier Christians.*

## Elderly Urinary Tract Infections: Symptoms & Care

I have noticed that several of our older members have had problems (some quite serious) with urinary tract infections (UTI). For that reason I feel that the following information may be helpful for those in our congregation, whether for ourselves or those we care for.

In an older person a UTI does not always cause pain or discomfort when urinating. A sudden change in behavior is, in fact, one of the best indicators in older adults. Some common warning signs might include the onset of urinary incontinence, confusion, or not being able to do tasks the person could easily do a day or two before. Symptoms of a UTI include general discomfort, a feeling of being over-tired, blood in the urine, and/or pain even when not urinating. Men might feel fullness in the rectum. Back and side pain can indicate the infection has reached the kidneys. An elderly person will rarely get a fever, but if an older person has one it shouldn't be taken lightly. <sup>1</sup>

UTIs are also more likely to affect people who attempt to manage stress incontinence by limiting their water intake. They might limit the water they drink so they don't have to go to the bathroom so much, but it puts them at higher risk because there's a greater chance of bacteria build up... You want to keep your urine clear." <sup>1</sup>

People suffering from a UTI must drink plenty of fluids to flush the bacteria from their systems. Proper fluid intake makes it harder for bacteria to live and multiply in the urinary tract. It is recommended that older adults drink four to six 8-ounce glasses of water a day. Drinking cranberry juice or taking cranberry tablets can also make urine less inviting for bacteria. <sup>2</sup>

Drinking plenty of water is an important prevention tactic. Some other methods for women include: urinating promptly after the urge arises, wiping front to back, and taking showers instead of baths.

<sup>1</sup> Anna Treinkman, a nurse practitioner at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center in Chicago and president of the National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners

<sup>2</sup> Dr. Mary Ann Forciea, an associate clinical professor for the University of Pennsylvania Health System

Susan Davis, RN, BSN, FCN  
Faith Community Nurse or Parish Nurse





You've heard Rev. Barry and Glenn Speicher proudly say our church has paid 100% of our apportionments, but have you wondered what that really means?

The main way we support the ministries of the United Methodist Church is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

The general funds paid through our apportionments include:

**World Service Fund** underwrites our global outreach ministry around the world. World Service empowers the United Methodist evangelistic missions by stimulating Bible study and spiritual commitment, encouraging church growth and discipleship, and helping God's children everywhere.

**Ministerial Education Fund** helps those called to answer the divine call of ministry. United Methodist seminaries lead the effort to proclaim God's word in a world desperately in need of that message.

**Episcopal Fund Pays** bishops' salaries, covers their office and travel expenses, and provides their pension and health-benefit coverage so our elected and consecrated bishops can oversee and promote the church's spiritual and temporal interests.

**Black College Fund** allows The United Methodist Church to support the 11 U.S. historically Black colleges and universities. Their graduates—teachers and doctors, ministers and bishops, judges, artists and entrepreneurs—are leaders in the African-American community and in the United States.

**Interdenominational Cooperation Fund** works in partnership with ecumenical organizations to bear witness to a common Christian faith. We United Methodists acknowledge that we are but a small part of the worldwide Christian church—the living body of Jesus Christ. Our unity with other Christian communions is affirmed as we witness to a common Christian faith, meet human suffering and advocate for peace and justice all over the world.

**Africa University Fund** supports the only United Methodist-related, degree-granting university on the continent of Africa—serving students from 21 countries, all across the continent of Africa. Africa University provides higher education of excellent quality, enriched with Christian values, for both men and women, developing visionary leaders of tomorrow.

**General Administration Fund** underwrites and finances general church activities that are administrative in nature — like General Conference, the legislative branch of the church. General Council on Finance and Administration coordinates and administers the finances of the church, receives, disburses and accounts for the church's general funds, safeguards the denomination's legal interests and rights, compiles and publishes denominational statistics and maintains church records.

To read more about the funds, go to <http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds> and click on **More** at the end of each paragraph.

Or if you have questions, please contact Linda Pickett, your Interpreter of Connectional Giving, at [LLFPickett@aol.com](mailto:LLFPickett@aol.com), 904-703-2930, or at church.

# The Faith Flyer



# September, 2016

**COMING SOON!**

The UMW Dinner and Silent Auction normally held the last Wednesday in August has been postponed tentatively to Sunday, 9/18/2016. Look for more details soon!

- Save the dates. The pumpkins will be here on 10/06/2016 and the Pumpkin Patch will open from 10/07/2016 through 10/31/2016.

