



# MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE  
206 S. HOPKINS AVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32796

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There are two primary methods of preaching or actually choosing sermon topics. One is preaching a series on a large topic that addresses some identified need in the lives of the hearers. The second is lectionary which follow a prescribed set of verses from the Revised Common Lectionary and looking for the thread that is inherent in the verses, which usually move through a certain book. I have utilized both types but have moved to the Lectionary during the COVID crisis. Somehow it has seemed more like being home for me. It is a way to allow someone other than myself to guide the lessons. The Gospel lectionary for this season has had a strange turn in it, moving from Mark to John for several weeks, specifically John 7 and the bread discourses. It may have seemed strange to focus on such a small segment of scripture for so many weeks but we know it wasn't about bread at all; it was about who Jesus is and how he was accepted by the leaders of the Pharisee sect.

The Pharisees were not bad people. They wanted to keep their faith pure and do what they believed God wanted. They thought that keeping the law perfectly would please God but they didn't know what they didn't know. They did not understand that God was choosing to deal with humanity in a different way through the incarnation. God's breaking into our temporal life by sending Jesus to live among us was a different way of being in a relationship with humanity. The Pharisees did not expect God to act in any way other than through the law and the prophets as God had in the past. We

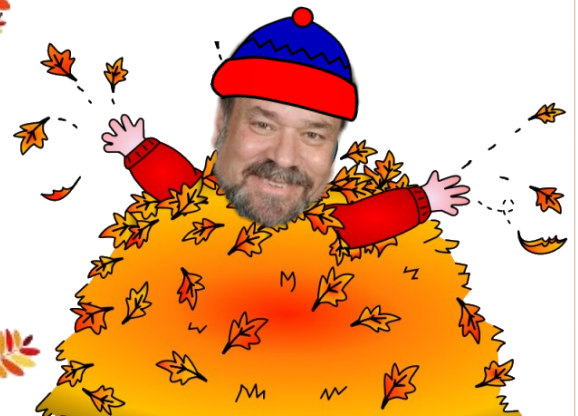
have the benefit of 2000 years to look back and see how they missed the point — how they all missed the point for that matter. The twelve closest to Jesus did not understand until after his death either.

What are we missing because we cannot let go of our past understandings and grow into our future? The one thing I am always sure of is that we all need to keep learning and growing. We need to learn to see through the eyes of others and hear through their ears so we can understand how they experience the world. Jesus was, in fact, God experiencing the world as we experience the world — opening Godself to what it means to be one of us, to be human, to be tempted, to experience human pain. We are not great at experiencing life through others' eyes. When someone is experiencing a loss, pain, oppression, fear, we often think we understand but we do not fully understand their emotional/social situation because we are not them.

Hopefully, we are always growing in our love for God and others and learning what it is like to experience the world as others experience the world. While I know it is impossible to *fully understand* what others are experiencing, it is possible to *better understand* what they are experiencing. God enters our world to be with and like us and invites us to enter the world of others so we can walk beside them.

The Pharisees thought they knew what God wanted of them and how to attain it, but they were mistaken. They tried to make everyone fit in one box and it did not work. How are we, as humans, trying to do that

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# September Birthdays

2 JD Daniel  
4 Janice Korintus  
6 John Bradford  
7 Andrew Tabin  
7 Jan Kikta  
7 Pat Cutter  
8 Bill Baldwin  
10 Jutta Yarber

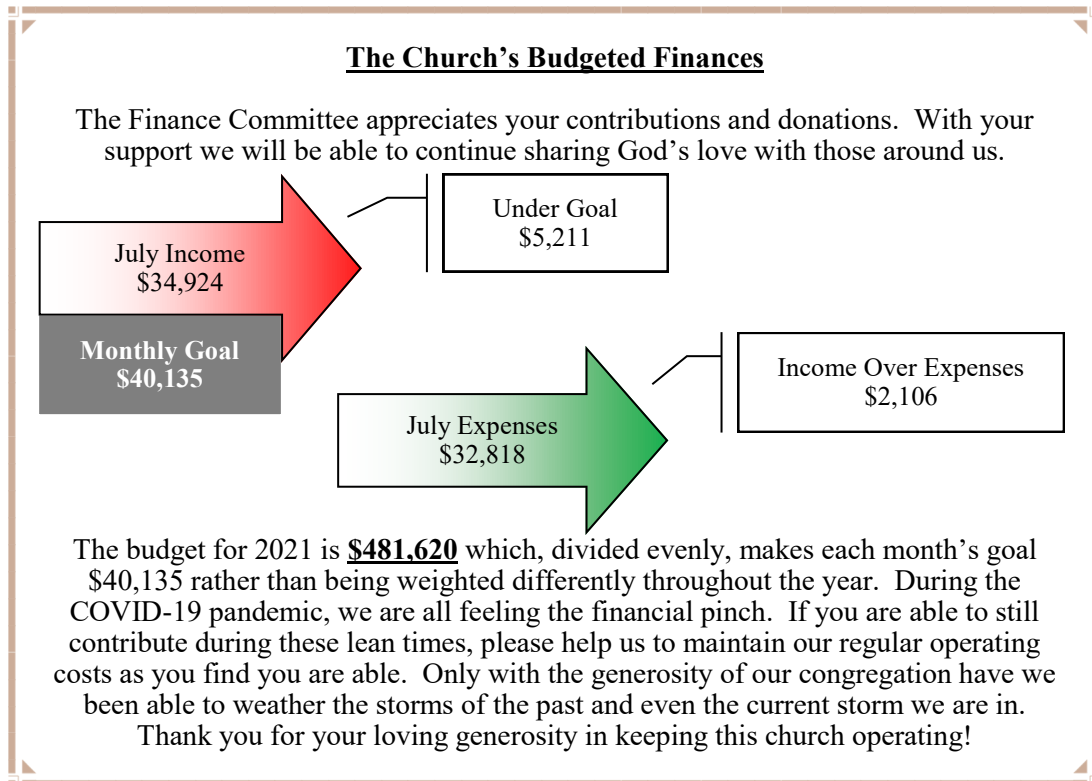
12 Larry Gireath  
13 Floyd Lee  
17 Helen Beeker  
17 Sandi Ahrens  
19 George Nolan  
19 Norma Phelps  
20 Nancy Burgess  
22 Margaret Coveney

23 Mary MacPherson  
23 Millie Ross  
25 Vivian Johnson  
26 Patsy Gadapee  
28 Dan Everling  
28 Sharen Talbert

# September Anniversaries

1 Hal & Barbara Row  
12 Henry & Eva Jenkins  
15 Mike & Kay Mustard

18 Harold & Pinky Yount  
26 Bernie & Margaret Coveney





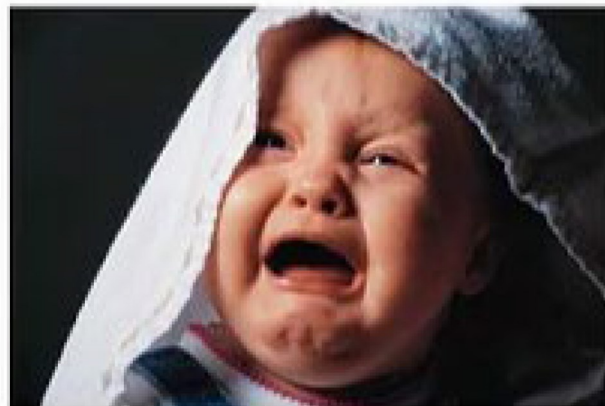


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**THANK YOU!**



First United Methodist Church of Titusville needs your help. We have created a community garden outreach team to establish a community garden on a swath of our property between Palm Avenue and South Lemon Street. The produce from this garden would go to those in our community who would benefit from adding fresh vegetables to their daily diets. The zoning code has been amended to allow for a community garden and we are ready to begin work. We would like to be able to plant a fall garden. Our initial plan is to start with four above the ground beds that would be 4' wide by 24' long by 2' high. Would you please join us in doing God's work and be part of this venture? We would welcome your participation in any way!



### **What can you do?**

- ✧ Pray for the success of the community garden.
- ✧ Pray for positive relationships with our neighbors and the community through working together.
- ✧ Pray that we may all have a better understanding of the blessing of sharing.
- ✧ Pray for a good crop and a successful harvest.

### **How can you help?**

- ✧ We invite those who are physically able or somewhat physically able to join us and make this community garden a reality.
- ✧ Help prepare the ground for planting and/or with building the beds.
- ✧ Help with the planting.
- ✧ Help tending beds.
- ✧ Help with watering.
- ✧ Build your own bed or plant in-ground on the property.
- ✧ Make a financial donation.

### **We would like to be sure that we include the seniors who are unable to do physical labor.**

- ✧ Seniors who might be interested in this community outreach, we can use your knowledge and experience.
- ✧ Give us input on what we should plant.
- ✧ Bring a chair and some ice tea and set in the shade of a big oak tree and visit with the neighbors and make suggestions.
- ✧ Inform your family and friends about the community garden and invite them to join us.
- ✧ Help us name the community garden.

We feel God is leading us to develop this community garden. If the community garden is something you might be interested in being a part of, please pray about it. If you have questions please talk with Cathy Spencer (321-543-3549) or Brenda Pittman (321-480-0041). If you already know this is something you would like to do, please call the church office at 321-269-7631 ext. 203 and give your name and contact information to Mario Davis.

Blessings,

Community Garden Outreach Team



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same thing today? How do we think we know how others are treated (i.e., their needs, their fears) when we have not “walked a mile in their shoes?”

When we open our hearts and minds to their stories and life experiences, we grow to better understand them, what they need, and the reasons behind how they react to circumstances and events. We know the bread discussions of the last few weeks really were not about bread but about growing in faith and understanding of who Jesus is and what God wants of us and desires for us.

I invite you to join with me as we grow in our faith and in God’s grace by loving and serving our neighbors better.

We already do a lot in our neighborhood; we don’t need to ask how to do more but how to do it better so that the love and grace of God flows through us to a world in need.

Blessed to be your Pastor,

*Pastor Wayne*

happy fall Y' ALL





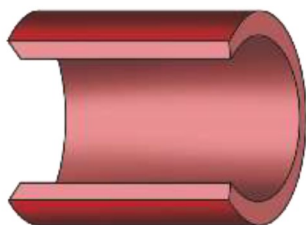
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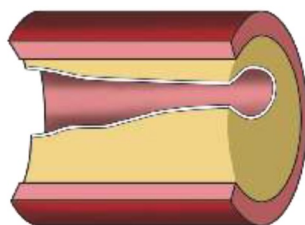
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## First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00am Patchwork Friends 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>3</b> 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>4</b> 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
<b>5</b> 9:00am Sunday School Classes 10:00am Worship Service	<b>6 Labor Day</b> — OFFICE CLOSED — 	<b>7</b> 10:00am Joyful Noise Rehearsal 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 8:00pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00am Retired Teachers 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>10</b> 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>11</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 10:00am Comm. Garden Mtg.
<b>12</b> 9:00am Sunday School Classes 10:00am Worship Service	<b>13</b> 10:00am Sara Fernandez Bible Study	<b>14</b> 10:00am Joyful Noise Rehearsal 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 8:00pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 9:00am ADK 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 5:30pm Leadership Team Mtg.	<b>17</b> 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>18</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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## FUMC Staff

Reception Desk..... Ext. 201  
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## **First United Methodist Church**

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