

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE 206 S. HOPKINS AVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32796 DECEMBER 2017





Angels Bringing Us Home

For this year's Advent and Christmas season, we are "listening to the angels" who gathered around for the conception and birth of Jesus. Dr. Marcia McFee (the creator of the Advent/ Christmas worship series, "Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid) says, "we are called to be messengers of Good News. The stories of the angel visits to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the

shepherds at Jesus' birth will offer us inspiration to incorporate less fear and more goodness into our own lives and therefore, in the lives of all we touch. I think there will be some profound opportunities in this series to deal with our own propensity for fear, get some perspective, and be empowered for new life in the New Year."

Advent and Christmas Season are about another kind of homecoming, the homecoming of Christ to redeem and renew us, this earth, and all creation till "heaven and nature sing" with joy eternally. The Scriptures the church uses for Advent focus first on the final fulfillment, and later on the beginning of that fulfillment in Jesus. As they seek God's joyous desire, they also make plain just how far from it we have been and challenge us with just how far we, ourselves, have to go to begin to live into it.

So, during the month of December, let us invite our friends, relatives, associates in business, and neighbors to come to our church and let us listen together to the angels singing and telling the message of how and why Jesus Christ was born for us and a world who desperately needs His love. Here are a few of these opportunities:

Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid Advent Series from Dr. Marcia McFee of Worship Design Studios

December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent Communion Service and Migration Sunday Event Worship and Message Theme: Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid. Flying in the Face of Fear at Advent ("Nothing is Impossible: #morehope") from Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

December 10th - Second Sunday of Advent Worship and Message Theme: Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid. Flying in the Face of Fear at Advent ("Nothing is Impossible: #MorePeace") from Luke 1:26-56

December 17th - Third Sunday of Advent Worship and Message Theme: Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid. Flying in the Face of Fear at Advent ("Nothing is Impossible: #morejoy")

December 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent or Christmas Eve Morning 10 a.m. worship service will have our Christmas Cantata: "Sing with the Angels" as our message.

December 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent or Christmas Evening Two Services: 5:30 p.m. (Family story-telling and living nativity) and 7:00 p.m. (Lessons and Carols and McFee). Worship and Message Theme: Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid. Flying in the Face of Fear at Advent Retelling Luke's Christmas Story from Luke 2:8-20

December 31st - New Year's Eve Morning - Worship and Message Theme: Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid. Flying in the Face of Fear at Christmas (Get Up and Go: #morelife") from Matthew 2:1-23

December 31st - New Year's Eve Watch Night Celebration at 5 p.m. (At Michael & Jennifer Evans' new Home)

On behalf of the Staff of 1st United Methodist Church, we wish all of you a Merry & Blessed Christmas!

Fred Ball



YOUR Administrative Council

(Entry Three)

In two previous MESSENGER entries, I took the opportunity to introduce myself as your Administrative Council chair, explained my duties as chairman, and gave you an overview of what the purpose, the mission, and the 3 areas of ministry (Nurture, Outreach, and Witness) that all United Methodist churches are to focus their efforts on and toward improving.

What I'd like to do in this edition is speak briefly about our meeting and membership requirements as required by THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE, and introduce to you the 2017 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL members and their area of responsibility.

Meetings: The council meets quarterly. The chairperson or the pastor may call special meetings. In order for the council to give adequate consideration to the missional purpose of our church, the first 3 agenda items in any of my meetings are related to our Nurture, Outreach, and Witness ministries. Only after those 3 areas are addressed entirely and sufficiently will the administrative and supportive responsibilities of the church then be given attention. A consensus/discernment model of decision making is recommended and applied. The charge conference determines the size of the church council, as few as 11.

We currently have 18 members for "2017 Leadership" on your council. They are:

Dale Mays-Chairperson

Sharon Talbert-Vice-Chairperson

Jerry Copeland- Lay Leader

Paul Grimard- Lay Member to Annual Conference

Glenda Waring-Recording Secretary

Ken DeTorres-United Methodist Men President

Brenda Pittman-United Methodist Women President

Sandi Bandieri-Chairperson, Nurture, Adult Ministries

Carolyn Wynn-Chairperson, Outreach and Witness

John Stephens-Chairperson, Finance Committee

Rich Wilson-Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee

John Rinehart-Chairperson, Trustees Committee

Kenny Pyles-Communications Coordinator

Bob Russell-Chairperson, Safety and Security Committee

Amy Martin-Children's Ministries

Linda Wilson-Member at Large (Class of 2017)

Jeannette Hamed-Member at Large (Class of 2018)

Ingrid Patterson-Member at Large (Class of 2019)

Until next time (January, 2018 Messenger), Blessings to you all and be safe!

Respectfully,

Dale Mays

Administrative Board Chair (2016 – 2018)

December Anniversaries 22 Scot & Marisa Styles 10 Vic & Yvette Boodhoo 24 Michael & Glenda Waring 16 Bob & Roth Yerkes 29 Billy & Amy Grimes 17 Jim & Carolyn Winn 21 Tom & Gay Hammond 30 John & Kathy Godke 21 Michael & Heather Heineman December Birthdaps 3 Eunice Chalmers 12 Gil Garcia 3 Alexander Erlenbach 12 Joe Merckson 3 Angela Springer Hood 12 Colton Williams 4 Kathy Godke 14 Ryan Gadapee **Gay Hammond** 14 Bob Mover 6 Jessica Godfrey 15 Fred Ball 7 David Hanson 15 Susan Crickon 7 Michael Heineman 15 Pascale Daniel 7 Jessica Johnson 15 Ashley Dike 7 Christina McCurdy 15 Evelyn Hooks 7 C.B. Till 16 Dorothy Cameron 7 Maxine Watkins 17 Chervl Lennard Carolyn Coyle 18 Courtney McLean 9 Amy Martin 18 Brady Tabin 10 Sydney Herndon 22 Carl Breznik 11 Vicky Dike 24 Billy Grimes 11 Beverly Marsh 26 Becky McGonigle 27 Sue Erlenbach 11 Jim Winn 28 Tony Ortiz 12 Diana Garcia



Directory Photos

They have arrived!

Some of you had your picture delivered to the church. They are on the table in back of the church. Please initial the list of names and pick up your photo.

Thank you!

Any questions, please call Sandi at 321-269-7631, ext 206

Celebrate Recovery

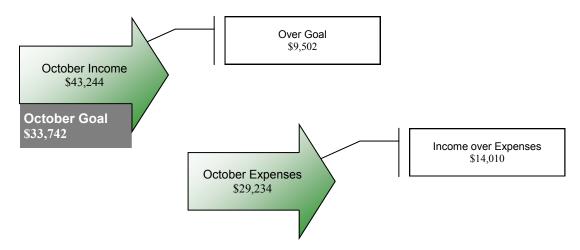
Do you have a hurt, habit or hang-up? Do you want to talk about it in a confidential small group meeting? Celebrate Recovery meets every Saturday at 9:30 am in the Church Library.

Vision 20/20

Vision 20/20 members have held several group sessions to get feedback from our congregation regarding the future of our church. Dale Mays and Jan Gilreath are facilitators for a session on Sunday December 17th from 3:00pm-4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not had an opportunity to be a part of one of the sessions, your input would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the Vision 20/20 sheet at the table in back of the sanctuary if you plan to attend.

The Church's Budgeted Finances

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.



The budget for the year is <u>\$404,897</u> which has been divided evenly making each month's goal \$33,742 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year.



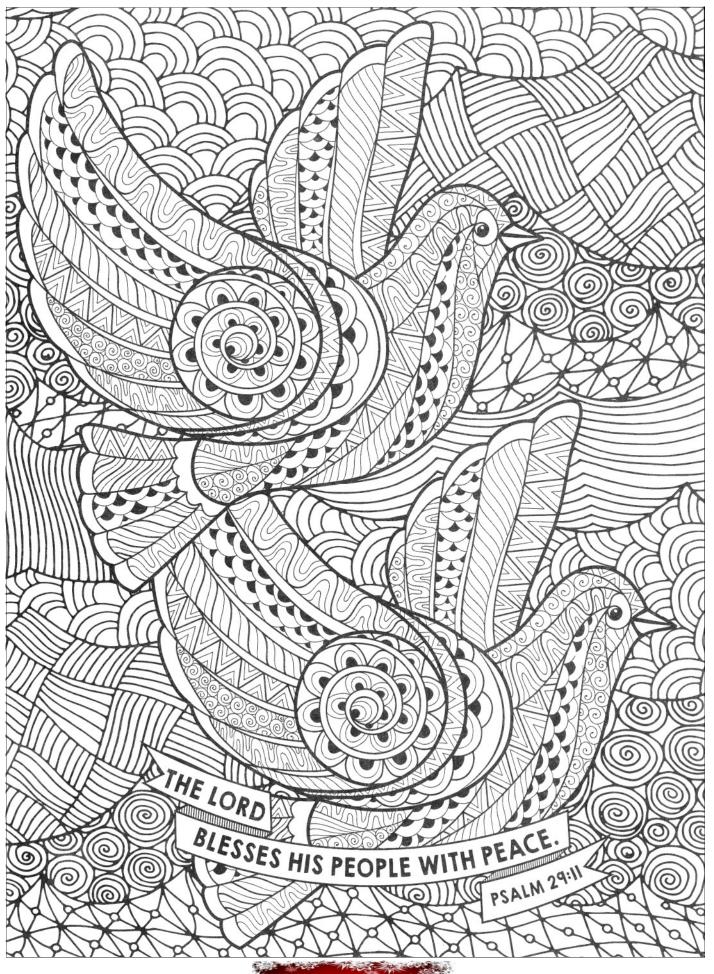


Bible Cues & Clues

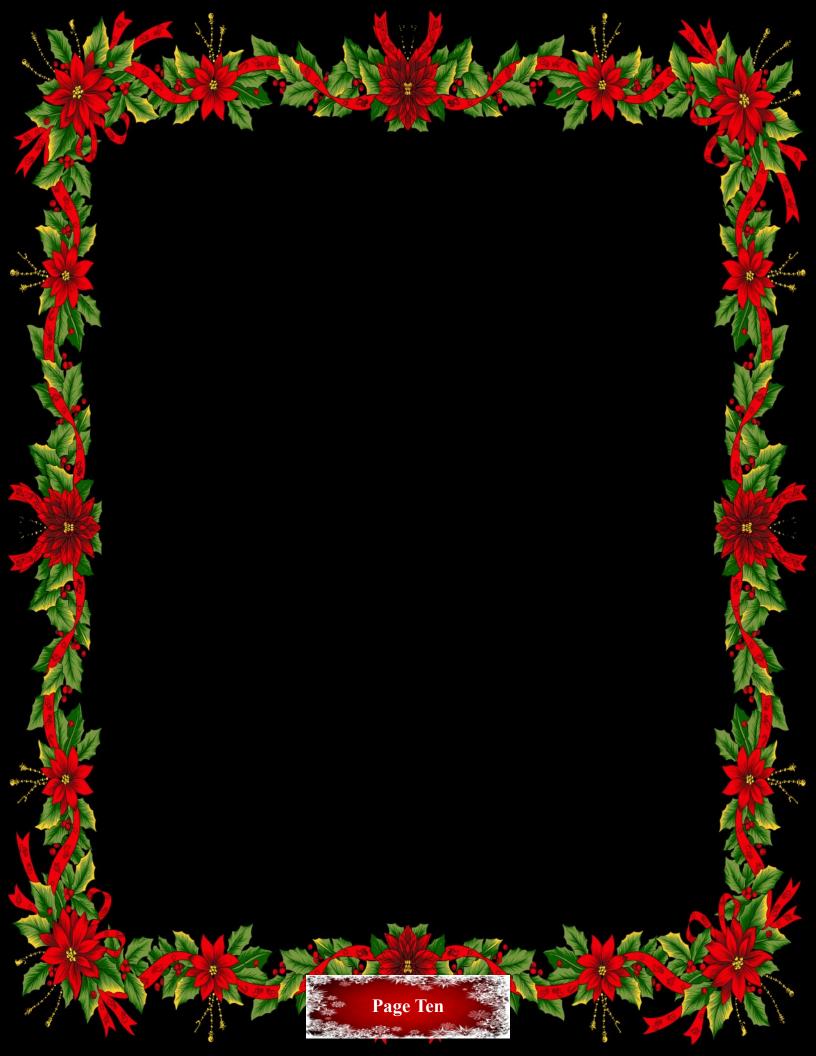
1.	Now unto him that is able to do exceeding above all that we ask or think, according to the power					
	that worketh in us (Ephesians 3:20)					
2.	Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all, world without end. Amen.					
	(Ephesians 3:21)					
3.	There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your (Ephesians 4:4)					
4.	One Lord, one faith, one (Ephesians 4:5) One God and Father of all, who is all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4:6)					
5.	One God and Father of all, who is all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4:6)					
6.	But unto every one of us is given grace according to the of the gift of Christ. (Ephesians 4:7)					
7.	Be in the spirit of your mind. (Ephesians 4:23)					
8.	And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and holiness.					
	(Ephesians 4:24)					
9.	Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are one of another.					
	(Ephesians 4:25)					
10.	Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the go down upon your wrath (Ephesians 4:26)					
11.	Neither give to the devil. (Ephesians 4:27)					
12.	Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his the thing which is good,					
	that he may have to give to him that needeth. (Ephesians 4:28)					
13.	Let no corrupt proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may					
	minister grace unto the hearers. (Ephesians 4:29)					
14.	And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are unto the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30)					
15.	Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put from you, with all					
	malice (Ephesians 4:31)					
16.	And be ye kind one to another,, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven					
	you. (Ephesians 4:32)					
17.	Be ye therefore of God, as dear children. (Ephesians 5:1)					
18.	And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God					
	for a savour. (Ephesians 5:2)					
19.	as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8)					
	See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as, but as wise. (Ephesians 5:15)					



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A Journey with Christ

(Reprinted from www.upperroom.org programs)

"While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them." — Luke 24:15

The Walk to Emmaus (for adults), Face to Face (for those who are 60 +), Journey (for young adults), and Chrysalis (for High School Sophomores-Seniors who are 16-19), weekends are experiences of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a short three-day course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus, Journey, and Chrysalis weekend experiences begin with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and, in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle. (Please talk with Richard & Grace Barron and/or Fred & Kaye Ball for sponsorship.)

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

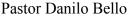
The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Face to Face is an experience in the Emmaus tradition for persons 60 and older. This event takes place in our local church and allows participants to "go home at night" as well as might meet once a week for 8 weeks.

News From Our Sister Church in Santa Cruz, Cuba

God bless you my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for everything you do for me. Your help is very important for us! May God in heaven reward you with many blessings. Thank you for your prayers for my health. These few days I've started to feel fine. Thank God! My family is well and happy that I safely returned home after studying in Seminary in Havana. We send you greetings from your Sister Church in Santa Cruz. That is all I have for now. Your younger brother in Christ, Pastor Danilo Bello.

Please keep them & your Team from 1st Church, Titusville who are going to Cuba February 7 to 14, 2018















Parsonage Family: Saray, Pastor Danilo, Pastora Katushka, Baby Jessia, & David







CXRISTMAS CONCERN

Sunday, December 3rd @ 3pm

Join the music department as they bring you wonderful songs of the season. We'll have handbells; choir; and soloists as well as our very own FUMC band, Instruments of God; Soliloquy; and Broadstreet. This is a great way to warm up to the Christmas spirit!

February 22nd & 23rd, Missio Ecclesia, at First UMC in Lakeland

Please save the date for next year's Missio Ecclesia event. We had such an incredible gathering in the spring of 2016 at Grace Church with Deb and Alan Hirsch. This time we will gather on February 22 and 23, 2018, at First UMC in Lakeland. Dr. Martyn Atkins, a renowned church leader in England and a key movement collaborator in the work of Fresh Expressions, will join us as we explore what it means to be a church on mission. More information will be forthcoming soon. I hope clergy and lay leaders will make every effort to attend this important gathering.



Volunteer work day



Saturday, December 2nd @ 8 a.m.

Please save the date of Saturday, December 2nd in order to volunteer to work around First UM Church at 8 am. Your grounds committee has a few volunteer jobs that need to be done so that your church can be a more beautiful place in which to worship God and do ministry and mission. We are in need of people to do various tasks inside and outside the church. Please bring your work clothes, a pair of work gloves, and yard tools (we may also do some inside work as well). We will meet at the church's office complex at 8 a.m. and receive our assigned tasks. Thank you in advance.



United Methodist Men

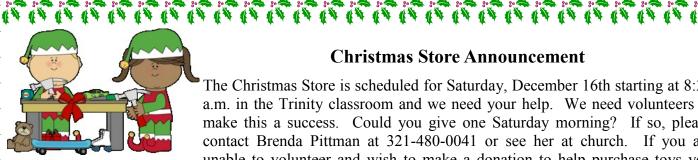
There will be a meeting of the United Methodist Men in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service on January 7th to discuss the direction of the United Methodist Men. non-members, and men interested in joining the group are ALL invited. This meeting will not last more than 30 minutes.



Celtic Christmas

Sunday, December 10th @ 7pm at FUMC Sunday, December 17th @ 7pm at St. Andrew

First United Methodist and St. Andrew Methodist Churches are once again joining forces to bring you the well-loved Celtic Christmas. Come enjoy your favorite Christmas music with a traditional Celtic flair. The program will feature the joint choirs of St. Andrew and First United Methodist along with the Celtic instruments of the St. Andrew band.



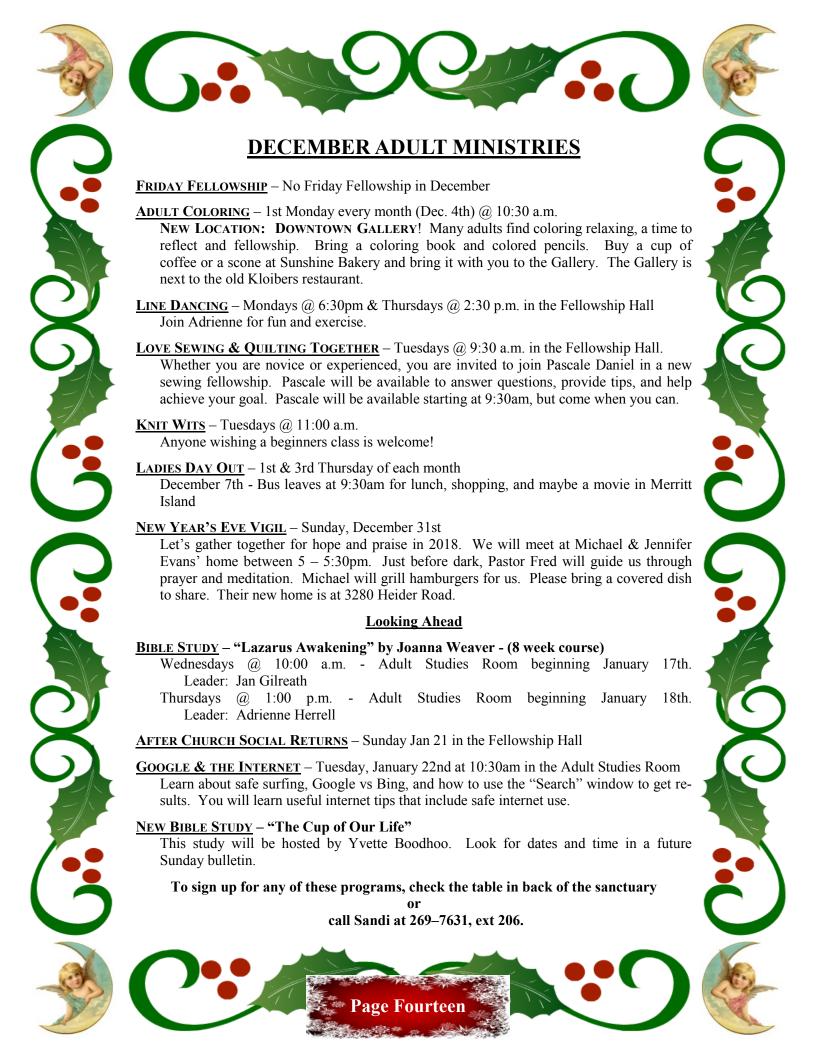
Christmas Store Announcement

The Christmas Store is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Trinity classroom and we need your help. We need volunteers to make this a success. Could you give one Saturday morning? If so, please contact Brenda Pittman at 321-480-0041 or see her at church. If you are unable to volunteer and wish to make a donation to help purchase toys you

may do so by writing a check to FUMC Titusville with Christmas Store written in the memo line and sending it to the church office or put it in the collection plate. We could also use some stocking stuffers if you would like to contribute. Please bring them to the church office. This is our opportunity to put a smile on the faces of children this Christmas Season.

We will be signing up parents on Friday, December 1st at the Food Pantry from 1:00pm - 3:30pm. All parents must register their children **BEFORE** December 16, 2017, the day of the event.





December 2017

First United Methodist Church

	Saturday	7.30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery 2:00pm Aileen Bennett Funeral & Reception	9 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery	16 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 8:30am Christmas Store 9:30am Celebrate Recovery	23 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery	30 7:00am UMM Breakfast 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery		Email: office@fumctitusville.com
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5	Carol Henn / Music Director		Ext 209
6	Nursery		Ext 208
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