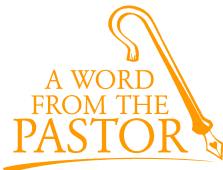




Messenger

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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JANUARY 2019



Many of us are breathing a sigh of relief or experiencing sadness because the holidays are over but they really are not. The holiday season continues into January as we celebrate the last holiday associated with the birth of Jesus, Epiphany. On January 6th, Epiphany will come and go with little to no recognition. In the homes of many of our Latino friends there will be the celebration of Three Kings Day with gifts for the children and a King cake. In France they will celebrate La Fete Des Rois with a galette des rois which has a small toy or button baked into it. The person who finds the toy will be crowned king or Queen for the day. In English speaking America we largely ignore the day. We dispense the wise men when we put away the nativity sets in our homes and move on without further thought of them.

When I was a child in South Georgia, I remember hearing people talk about “Old Christmas,” Epiphany, but had no idea what it meant except that it was January 6th, the day before my birthday, and the end of the “old twelve days”. The focus was on those twelve days and how they represented a month of the coming year and also what the weather would be like during that month. There was no discussion of wise men, Jesus, or anything to do with the Christmas season. We had moved on to the next thing in our world, planning for the planting of crops and what we needed to do to get ready for the coming spring season.

It's sad to me that we have lost the meaning of Epiphany and the importance of the coming of the kings and even the feast of innocents which takes place on December 28th and remembers the massacre of the children of Bethlehem by Pilate. We live in such a rush that the season speeds by us with lights flashing and carols blurring into the background as we try to have everything ready and perfect for everyone in our sphere of family and friends. I fear that we also lose much of the time with them as we strive to get everything done according to the demands of the culture around us. In Jesus' time, it was different; life was not as hurried and fast paced.

I would like to invite us to take a step back and enjoy Epiphany, the celebration of the baptism of Christ, and all the other feast days including Christmas in a more reflective and mindful way as we begin this new year of 2019. Let's take time to stop and reflect on the gifts of the wise men, the meanings behind them, and the way in which they allowed Joseph and Mary to flee into Egypt. Then, let's consider Jesus' baptism and what that means for us and our baptism. As we are doing this, let's also spend time with our families and friends just being together without the expectations of the world in which we live and spend time just being together. Life is a journey and it needs to be enjoyed for the journey...not just the destination. So in 2019, let's be Epiphany people and wait for the coming of the king.

Blessed to Be Your Pastor,

Wayne Cook

Praise
the Lord from the EARTH,
you creatures
of the OCEAN
depths.
Psalm 148:7



COLOR ME CHRISTIAN

Sunday School Classes

Pathfinders

This class studies the Bible by using lesson plans that samples all the books of the Bible over a multi-year period. We do not have a specific teacher, but instead, we rotate between class members who want to share and teach. We are a small group growing spiritually, sharing joys and concerns, and welcoming members, visitors and any who would like to share our discussions of the Christian life. We meet on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Mountain Top

Leader: Randy Coleman

This class is an exciting and lively group of wonderful people (singles and couples) who truly love the Lord. We have a variety of ages that lend itself to a well-rounded perspective of life experiences. A class member coined the delightful phrase, "There is joy in the doing." That is exactly what the class members' do....serve the Lord with gladness! The up look and outlook is always good from the Mountaintop! Come and join us. We meet on the 1st floor of the Youth Building.

Trinity

Leader: Pat Clark

This class is a small group of various ages, both singles and couples who are Bible focused. We start each class by having fellowship with coffee and snacks. We study together to learn how to live a Christian life. We welcome new members and visitors at any time to join our circle of friends. We meet on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

January Prayer Focus

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man. "

— Benjamin Franklin

December 30–January 5 — Birth of Love

January 6-12 — Blessings for the New Year

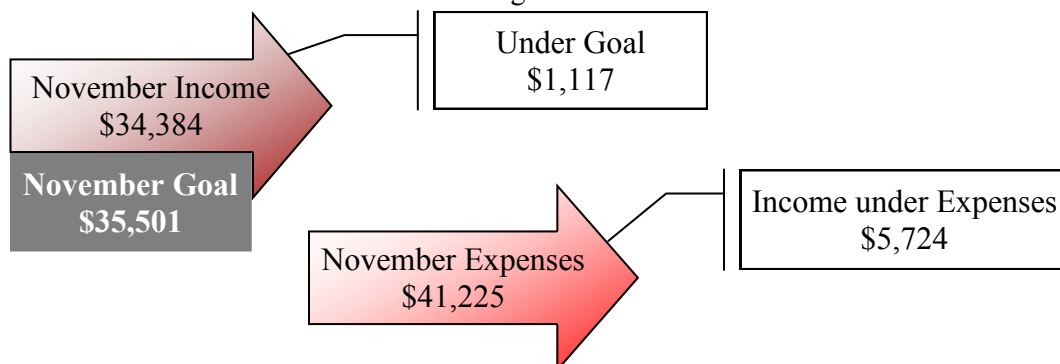
January 13–19 — Pray for our Mission Trip to Cuba

January 20–26 — Manifestation of Christ in our own lives

January 27–February 2 — Pray for our Church Committee Members

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 2018 is **\$426,005** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$35,501 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Winston Nathaniel	13 Kenny Pyles	23 Deno Bandieri
1 Ken Studstill	16 Pat Morgan	23 Mike Mustard
5 Alfred Lasure	16 Truman Scarborough, Jr.	23 Molly Titus
5 Paul Marsh	17 Marie Pridgen	24 Paul Grimard
6 Sylvia Harvey	18 Victoria Sumlin	28 Ruth Alman
7 Wayne Cook	20 Ken Cain	28 Claude Godwin
9 Natalie Walls	20 Tom Mosier	30 Jake Huether
11 Sandi Bandieri	22 Diane Styles	

January Anniversaries

1 French & Naomi Johnson
20 Randy & Lynn Coleman
22 Tom & Lisa Mosier
26 C.B. & Phylliss Till

JIM CLARK'S WOODWORK

Jim Clark had an excess of beautiful wood pieces like plates and bowls that he made. He allowed the congregation to help themselves to a piece or two with the option to donate funds in exchange. Any funds raised would be going to charities of Jim's choosing. Well, in the end, \$740 was collected and Jim will be sending the following sums to these charity organizations:

First United Methodist Church General Fund	\$140.00
Salvation Army	\$120.00
Diabetes Association	\$120.00
Compassion International	\$120.00
Alzheimer's Association	\$120.00
St. Jude's Children's Hospital	\$120.00

Thank you to everyone for your generosity. Thank you to Jim for offering to donate the results of his amazing talent for such good works!

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CARTER

Sisters and Brothers in the Florida Conference,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate!

I give thanks for your faithful witness to this good news, for the many thousands of acts of love, justice, worship, mercy and intercession offered in service to God and shared with our neighbors.

I want to rejoice in two extraordinary movements of the Holy Spirit among us this Christmas.

First, thank you for your generous offering on behalf our sisters and brothers in the Alabama-West Florida Conference who experienced the devastation of Hurricane Michael in the panhandle in September. We invited our churches to receive an offering for them. The people of First UMC in Ormond Beach challenged us with a \$500,000 matching gift. I am overjoyed to announce that you have contributed an additional \$887,383 toward the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Panhandle. This gift will be sent the first week of January 2019.

Second, I also want to share the good news that we have received approval for the establishment of a United Methodist Church in the Lowell Correctional Institution, located in the community of Reddick in the North Central District. Lowell houses more than 2300 women and is considered to be the largest female prison in the United States. I can envision the lives of women being blessed by the gifts of Christian fellowship and worship and the presence of a pastor who will be a sign of the Good Shepherd's love for them.

In my role as President of the Council of Bishops, I shared a Christmas Letter to our global church entitled "A Peaceable Kingdom in a Divided World." You can access that letter at www.umc.org/who-we-are/christmas-greetings-from-bishop-carter-and-the-council-of-bishops.

Pam and I wish for you God's gifts of hope, peace, joy, love and light at Christmas. We consider it a great blessing to serve with you as followers of Jesus. Indeed, the word has become flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" (John 1. 14).

Merry Christmas!



ADULT MINISTRIES

KNIT WITS — Every Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

CHAIROBICS — Every Tuesday @ 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

LINE DANCING — Every Thursday @ 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

PATCHWORK FRIENDS – Wednesday, January 9th @ 9:00 a.m. in the quilting room

Want to quilt....want to learn to quilt....we will teach you....NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!!

We make quilts for all occasions....a new baby, returning service member....nursing home guests and lots more. You will learn how to put love into a quilt.

— PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES —

LEARN TO SEW – Every Monday @ 1:00 p.m. in the Quilting Room

Have you ever wanted to sew? This class is for you. Glenda Waring will show you how to properly thread a sewing machine and sew a straight seam. Then, the class will decide what project(s) they want to work on. You do not need a sewing machine to participate...we will provide them.

ADULT COLORING – Monday, January 7th @ 10:30am in the Adult Studies Room

Want a great excuse just to have a cup of coffee with fellowship and fun? Then let your inner child out and have fun coloring or doing a fun non-messy painting project. Do not worry about supplies as we have plenty to share. (There is a \$5.00 charge for a Diamond Painting kit). **Please sign up at the Adult Studies Table.**

SMART PHONE ABC'S – Wednesday, January 16th in the Adult Studies Room @ 1:30 p.m. with Nancy Burgess

Oops....dropped my cell phone in the sink....what do I do now??? Why do I need a password on my phone??? Join Nancy for answers to this and other questions about your smart phone. She will cover backing up your phone, and security and privacy tips for all types of phones. So bring your smart phone (I-Phone or Android) and let's talk.

MOVIE NIGHT – Thursday, January 17th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Adult Studies Room

One Night with the King: A sweeping epic about Hadassah, the young Jewish orphan who becomes the biblical Esther, Queen of Persia. You bring the drinks and we will provide the popcorn. Please sign up at the Adult Studies Table.

LADIES DAY OUT – January 10th @ 9:00am *****SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 31st***** – Tickets are \$28.76 per person.

We will be traveling to Deland to tour the Stetson Mansion to see their Christmas decorations. There are only 15 Tickets available. We will meet at the church and take the bus and/or carpool.

To reserve a space, call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600 or Rayelynn at 321-269-7631.

You can also sign up at the rear of the church.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – Friday, January 18th @ 5:30 pm — Good Thymes/Chamberlin's Restaurant

A good ol' Meat and Three restaurant with a long table where we all can sit together. This place has been around for a long time. Come and have a good home cooked meal and fellowship. Sign up and let's all have a great time.

To sign up for any of these programs, check the table in back of the sanctuary

or

call Rayelynn at 321-269-7631, ext. 206 and leave a message.

It's very important to sign up so we can prepare for the program.

January 2019

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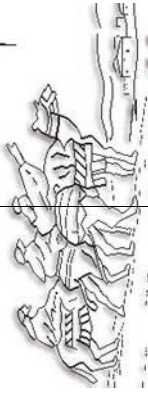


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Epiphany 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 		1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED 	2 	3 9:00 PEO 9:00am Ladies Day Out 1:00pm Line Dancing 2:30pm Line Dancing	4 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	5 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
7 10:00 Adult Coloring 1:00pm Learn to Sew 3:00pm Worship Design	8 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dancing Rehearsal 2:30pm Chairrobics 5:30pm Handbells	9 9:00am Patchwork Friends 7:00pm Chancel Choir	10 9:00am Ladies Day Out 10:00 Retired Teachers 1:00pm Line Dancing 2:30pm Line Dancing	11 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	12 8:00am Comm. Breakfast	
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	14 1:00 Sara Fernandez 1:00pm Staff Meeting 1:00pm Learn to Sew 3:00pm Worship Design 5:30pm Finance Meeting	15 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dancing 2:30pm Chairrobics 3:30pm Dove Circle 5:30pm Handbells	16 1:30pm Cell Phone 101 7:00pm Chancel Choir	17 1:00pm Line Dancing 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Movie Night	18 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Friday Fellowship 6:00pm Youth Getaway	19 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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| 1 | Rev. Wayne Cook - Pastor | Ext 204 |
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| 4 | Rayelynn Henderson - Adult Ministries | Ext 206 |
| 5 | Carol Henn - Music Director | Ext 209 |
| 6 | Nursery | Ext 208 |
| 7 | Reception Desk | Ext 201 |
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