



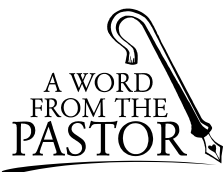
MESSENGER

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

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New Year's Resolutions That Are Worth Achieving



Each New Year, I am always looking for a great resolution with which to challenge myself, my family and others within our churches who are fellow seekers to a deeper love and faith in Jesus. This year, I am inspired by the thoughts of Rev. Junius B. Dotson (General Secretary [CEO] of Discipleship Ministries) who asks:

“What if United Methodist congregations stopped looking for quick fixes to revitalize their churches and started seeing the people right outside our doors that Christ called us to reach? What if churches recommitted themselves to focus on being in relationship with those around them and created an intentional system to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Those in the leadership of our state and national United Methodist Church have looked too long for a quick fix to help guide discipleship efforts, and the church is now called to fully embrace the spirit of the Wesleyan tradition by being in relationship with the communities that surround our churches. We cannot disciple people that we are not in relationship with. Discipleship begins with relationship.”

This pastor continued with the challenge: what if is we make some of our “priorities to create resources, events and a [life of discipleship] that emphasize congregations being in relationship with those outside its walls...We cannot disciple people that we are not in relationship with. Discipleship begins with relationship...When churches create an intentional [life of discipleship], they move from tinkering and fixing to relationship and discipleship. We do this not to just fill our pews, but to boldly show Christ’s love to those around us.”

In this new 2018 year, let me invite you to continue a conversation that has already started in some discussion groups that have been organized by our Vision 2020 (long range planning) Team. Let’s have a talk with each other...“that looks outward and begins with creative and innovative ways to see and reach the people around us, so we can make disciples for the transformation of the world,” Dotson said.

I am also inspired by Bishop Mark J. Webb’s whose resolution will continue to grow our church (or as he said) “...will help our church work to reach the goal of making one million new disciples of Jesus Christ by the year 2020. We are called to be fishers of people – to do whatever it takes to meet people where they are and offer them the amazing good news of Jesus Christ! I believe this call to focus on and engage in intentional discipleship pathways will help bring clarity to our mission as a church and will ignite a passion for making disciples...,”

“We’re asking churches to think a little deeper about how they are connecting with their community,” said Jeff Campbell. He continues: “Many churches already have a disciple-making system, which produces exactly what it is designed to produce.” [Our Vision 2020 Team seeks to help our church leaders refocus and be intentional in their efforts, rather than discipleship that just happens.]

“If you really push leaders and ask, ‘How do you make disciples?’ many don’t know. They do a lot of activities and programs and hope that in the end they help people grow in their faith and they make new disciples. But there’s no intentionality,” said Jeff Campbell.

Finally, our New Year’s spiritual resolution should be influenced by the stated purpose of our Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ” who are able, enabled and focused by these four principles:

1. Receiving People to Christ
2. Glorifying Christ through inspirational, life encounters with God’s presence in vital worship
3. Growing in Faith through discipleship groups (Sunday school and weekday Bible studies)
4. And Sharing Christ’s Love with others through relationship building outreach and evangelism.

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Jeff Campbell concludes: "As we begin to engage [a] vision of seeing all the people [who live and work in our community], perhaps the Holy Spirit will open our eyes to the gifts of all the people around us that we may no longer artificially divide worship and mission, but see them as leading into and building on each other so that we worship our way into discipling and disciple our way into worship."

By living out our purpose and vision, we accomplish the resolution of both The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20- "Go...make disciples") and The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40- "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...and your neighbor as yourself.")

May you and your loved one have a blessed and prosperous New 2018 Year!

Blessed to Be Your Pastor,

Fred Ball

Worship Opportunities

The season of "Epiphany" officially starts on January 6th. For the month of January we will continue to explore a theme of Epiphany in fulfilling Christ's Expectations for His Community of Faith. So, please remember to invite your friends, relatives, associates in business and neighbors to our Sunday morning blended worship service in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. and/or our Sunday evening praise service and Bible discussion in the Fellowship Hall so people can experience for themselves the following worship services:

January 7th, Baptism of Our Lord Sunday; Communion; and Installation of 2018 Church Leaders

Message Series: Living in Christ's Community from Acts 19:1-4 – The Baptism of Spirit of Jesus.

Mark 1:4-11 – John's baptism to prepare people to be a community centered in Christ Jesus.

January 14th, Second Sunday After the Epiphany; Human Relations Sunday featuring Red Honaker's band, Raising the Joy, in a Musical Service. Message Series: Living in Christ's Community-The Come & See Life from John 1:43-51 Jesus calls Philip who calls Nathanael to lives in Him.

January 21st, Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Message: Living in Christ's Community – Change from Exodus 32:1-35 Theme- It is easy to get stuck in the desert: distracted from our main goal (a compromise/quick fix) or desiring to return to our old ways. Mark 1:14-20 Jesus preached the gospel that says, "Repent and believe" so as to live in God's Community.

January 28, Third Sunday After the Epiphany Sunday

Message Series: Living in Christ's Community – God's Authority from Mark 1:21-28

NEW!!!

Sunday Evening Praise Service

starting Sunday, January 28th @ 5:00 p.m.

Invite your family and friends to join us in our Sunday evening praise service and Bible discussion in the Fellowship Hall.



In Loving Memory

We remember those who have gone before us in 2017.

*Lori Arnold
Ailzen Bennett
Dick Gadapex
Dorothy Geiser
Joseph Hill, Sr.
Betty Hughes
Jim Jones
John Kershner
Wayne Lewis*

*Hilde Lindsay
Grace Lundberg
Beverly Phillips
Debbie Pickens
Bob Ross
Mary Stamps
Janette Theed
Mary Waggoner
Helen Watlock*

Welcome 2017 Members!

Please help us welcome those who have joined our church in 2017

*Susan Adair
Carmella Green
Sylvia Harvey
Red & Brenda Honaker
Kendra, Keneisha, Kennedy, & Kassandra Jeanty
Jan & Fay Kikta
Tony & Teresa Ortiz
Charlene Shireman
Hunter Summers*

January Birthdays

1	Winston Nathaniel	18	Victoria Sumlin
1	Ken Studstill	18	Amber Wilson
3	Caleigh Cherry	19	Jill Dike
5	Alfred Lasure	20	Ken Cain
5	Paul Marsh	20	Erica Howe
5	Carter Tabin	20	Tom Mosier
6	Sylvia Harvey	21	Ruby Bolin
9	Kristina Barnhart	22	Justin Hoover
9	Sandy Shehane	22	Diane Styles
9	Natalie Walls	23	Deno Bandieri
11	Sandi Bandieri	23	Heidi Crofton
11	Jerry Howe	23	Steve Daft
11	Billy Row	23	Mike Mustard
12	Sandi Holloway	23	Molly Titus
13	Kenneth Pyles	24	Paul Grimard
14	Dennis Harrison	26	Kristen Greene
14	Natalie Hoffman	28	Ruth Alman
16	Tommy Hammond	28	Claude Godwin
16	Pat Morgan	28	Julie Mills
16	Truman Scarborough, Jr.	28	Nancy Nichols
17	Marie Pridgen	30	Jake Huether



January Anniversaries

10	Gary & Janet Letchworth	22	Tom & Lisa Mosier
11	Fred & Kaye Ball	26	C.B. & Phyllis Till
20	Randy & Lynn Coleman		



January Prayer Focus

*“Our scientific power has outrun our
spiritual power. We have guided missiles and
misguided men.”*

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

December 31–January 6 — Have Hope in our Lives

January 7–13 — Our Pastor & his Family

January 14–20 — To Be a Christian Role Model

January 21–27 — The Unemployed

January 28–February 3 — Rededicate our Lives to
Christ

Wise Men
Seek Him Still





Color Me Christian

Celebrate Recovery

Do you have a hurt, habit or hang-up? (Is there a bad habit or addictive behavior that you would like to work on in a Christian 12 Step Group?) Do you want to talk about it in a confidential small group meeting? Celebrate Recovery has started again and meets every Saturday at 9:30 am in the Adult Studies Room.

Do You Know of a Church Member or Church Attendee Who Needs a Visit?

Please e-mail the church office at office@fumctitusville.com or call us at 321-269-7631 ext 204 or 207 and tell us.

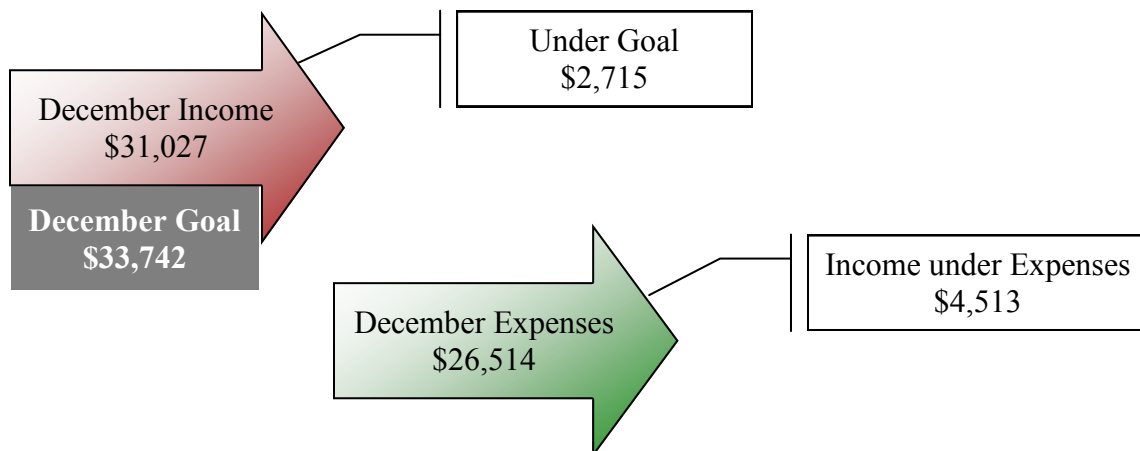
United Methodist Beliefs Class

Whether you have never heard of The Christian Church: "United Methodist" or you have been a United Methodist all of your life, you are cordially invited to a three week Sunday school class on United Methodist beliefs. This class will begin on Sunday mornings after the morning worship service (about 11:20) and last until noon in The Adult Studies room. It is being taught by Pastor Fred Ball.

The class covers such topics as: sharing your life's story and Christ's story; telling the story about the Christian and First United Methodist Church; what First Church does and how you can participate in our ministries. This class will begin on Sunday, September 3 and finish on Sunday, September 17. If you want to join our church, you'll want to attend these 3 sessions. If you cannot stay after worship services to attend these classes, please contact Pastor Fred and he will be happy to arrange a special class for you during the week (this would be about 90 minutes). Everyone is welcome 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 2017 was **\$404,897** which was divided evenly making each month's goal \$33,742 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year. The budget for 2018 has been set at **\$426,004.58** making monthly goals for 2018 \$35,500.38.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Happy New Year!

What makes us happy – maybe fulfillment is a better word.

As followers of Christ, I think fulfillment comes when we follow Jesus' call.

Following Jesus is our mission and Jesus said to follow Him we are to share the Good News with the world.

With 2018 before us, how can we best do that?...

I think it is partnering with each other. The early church worked together (read Acts) and at times it was messy. However, it produced fruit and Jesus' mission to share the Good News was realized.

One of the main reasons we need to work together is the world has changed. ...

In the AC District, this reality is playing out. There are 2.6 million people in our District yet, on an average weekend, less than 16,000 people attend our churches across the District representing about 0.6% of the population.

This doesn't mean we are not reaching people and serving those in need – we are! It does mean we need to adapt so we can reach more people.

My hope is in 2018 we will be willing to take big risks for the sake of the Kingdom and allow our preferences to take a back seat to God's mission to bring His Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Let me close with a few Biblical themes suggested in the book Better Together, that we will need to do this work:

Humble	“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in Humility consider each other better than yourselves” (Phil. 2:3, emphasis added)
Purposeful	“Being like-minded...being one in spirit and purpose” (Phil 2:2, emphasis added)
Stronger	“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work” (Eccles. 4:9, emphasis added)
Fruitful	“This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (John 15:8)

Peace and love,

Gary Spencer



News From Our Sister Church in Santa Cruz, Cuba

December 16, 2017

God bless you Our Sister Church in Titusville. We are in preparations for the celebration of Christmas dinner Santa Cruz Church. The brothers and sisters are very grateful for the help you sent (\$200) for making this Christmas dinner possible. Please receive our thanks for everything. Greetings to you, Pastor Fred and your family, as well as The Church in Titusville, Florida. That's all for now.

Your younger brother in Christ,
Pastor Danilo Bello



Left to right: Church Christmas Dinner; The Christmas Pig; Pastor Danilo w/Yams; Santa Cruz Methodist Parsonage Family

United Methodist Men

There will be a meeting of the United Methodist Men in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service on January 14th to discuss the direction of the United Methodist Men. Members, non-members, and men interested in joining the group are ALL invited. This meeting will not last more than 30 minutes.

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.

Patchwork Friends

Patchwork Friends is another group of United Methodist Women who meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Here we make an average of 100 quilts which are distributed to various members of our congregation who are sick, doing rehab, in the hospital, to families with a new baby or who have lost a loved one.



We also give quilts to our service men and women currently serving, to veterans, and to family members entering the service. Our red, white and blue quilts are used to decorate the sanctuary for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Labor Day, and World Prayer Day.

You do not need to know how to sew to join us. We break down the process into many small jobs. If you can iron, use scissors, tie a knot, or match colors, we can use your help. This is a small group who would welcome new members. Each quilt we make is done so with loving hands and with healing prayers.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
For more information, contact Glenda Waring at GLW43@cfl.rr.com.

JANUARY ADULT MINISTRIES

KNIT WITS – Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m. resuming September 5th.

Anyone wishing a beginners class is welcome. Hope to see you there.

A quilting class will begin on Tuesday September 5th @ 10:30 a.m. Pascale Daniel will be teaching a beginners class as well as anyone wanting to refresh their skills.

LINE DANCING – Thursdays @ 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join Adrienne for fun and exercise.

ADULT COLORING – 2nd Monday, January 8th @ 10:30 a.m. at Downtown Gallery

Many adults find coloring relaxing, a time to reflect and fellowship. Bring a coloring book and colored pencils. We meet at Downtown Gallery across the street from MacSweets.

GOOGLE AND THE INTERNET – Monday, January 22nd from 10:30am–Noon in the Adult Studies Room

Learn about safe surfing, Google vs Bing, and how to use the Search Window to get results. We will have useful internet tips that include safe internet use.

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays @ 10:00 am - Adult Studies Room starting Jan. 17th - led by Jan Gilreath

Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m. - Adult Studies Room starting Jan. 18th - led by Adrienne

“Lazarus Awakening” by Joanna Weaver.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – **Movie Night!** Friday, January 19th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The movie is “HUGO.” When wily and resourceful Hugo discovers a secret left by his father, he unlocks a mystery and embarks on a quest that will transform those around him and lead a safe and loving place he can call home. Directed by Academy Award winner Martin Scorsese. Bring finger desserts. We will provide the popcorn and coffee.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL & WELCOME NEW 2017 MEMBERS – Sunday, Jan. 21st @ 11:15 a.m.

All are invited to the Fellowship Hall after Sunday Service as we welcome our new members and enjoy time with our church family. Refreshments will be provided.

LADIES DAY OUT – 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

January 18th - Bus leaves at 9:30am for lunch and shopping in New Smyrna Beach.






February 1st - 11:30 a.m. - Andre’s for lunch at Walkabout.

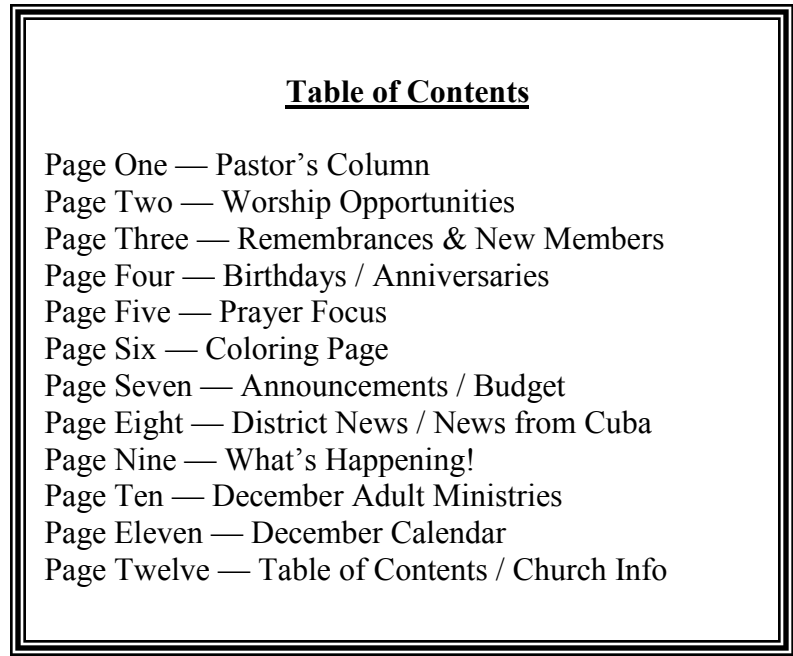
**To sign up for any of these programs, check the table in back of the sanctuary
or**

call Sandi at 269–7631, ext 206.

January 2018

First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day 	2 9:30am Love Sewing & Quilting 11:00am Knit Wits	3 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 9:00am Patchwork Friends	4 11:30am Ladies Day Out 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Instruments of God	5 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	6 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery
7 Epiphany 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 	8 10:30am Adult Coloring 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm SPR Committee Mtg.	9 9:30am Love Sewing & Quilting 11:00am Knit Wits 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)	10 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 6:00pm Men's Quartet 7:00pm Chancel Choir	11 9:15am Retired Teachers 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Instruments of God	12 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	13 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery
14 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 3:00pm Vision 2020 11:15am UMM Meeting	15 MLK Jr. Day  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 9:30am Love Sewing & Quilting 11:00am Knit Wits 3:30pm Dove Circle 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir) 7:00pm Finance Meeting	17 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Vision 2020 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:00pm Men's Quartet 7:00pm Chancel Choir	18 9:30am Ladies Day Out 1:00pm Bible Study 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Vision 2020 6:00pm Instruments of God	19 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway 6:30pm Friday Fellowship	20 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery
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An illustration of three camels with riders, likely representing the 'Three Kings' or 'Three Camels' in a traditional Indian story. The camels are brown and walking in a line from left to right. Each rider is wearing a large, colorful shawl (dupatta) with intricate patterns and a matching turban. The first rider's shawl is blue and purple, the second is green and purple, and the third is pink and purple. The background is a simple, light brown ground with a white sky. The artist's signature 'Y.N.M.L.M.' is visible in the bottom left corner.

1	Rev. Fred Ball / Pastor	Ext 204
2	Mario Davis / Administrative Assistant	Ext 207
3	Keith Meck / Facilities Manager	Ext.202
4	Sandi Bandieri / Director Adult Ministries	Ext 206
5	Carol Henn / Music Director	Ext 209
6	Nursery	Ext 208
7	Receptionist / Volunteer	Ext 201
8	Amy Martin / Director Children's Ministries	Ext 205
9	Dr. Bob Titus / Pastor Emeritus Home:	321-362-5241
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10	Keith Cooke / Financial Secretary	
11	J.D. Daniel / Organist	
12	Steve Rossi / Sound Tech	
13	Josh Huss / Lights and Visuals	
14	Jim Burt / Custodian	