



MESSENGER

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

JULY 2019



On November 19, 1863, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Abraham Lincoln began a speech with these words: “Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” He was referring to the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence, which states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights”. Another 156 years have passed and we are still discussing what it means for people to be “created equal.” We seem to know in our hearts that we were created equal, all in the image of God, but we struggle with what that means when the person we are talking about is different in any number of ways. Before we condemn others for this struggle, we have to consider this is not a new struggle nor one that belongs only to persons of European descent. We find the same struggle in the Bible.

Peter, who is very careful to remain clean, is called to go to a Gentile household and to witness to the grace of Christ and offer salvation. God, knowing Peter would struggle with this direction, gave Peter a very pointed vision; one in which God left no doubt in Peter’s mind that he was the God of all persons. Peter goes. His initial comment to Cornelius is “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” Acts 10:34b-35 NRSV. Peter, the loud-mouthed, impetuous follower of Jesus and who is careful to maintain the law, admits that God calls all people to follow the way of Christ. He changes his understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus, of who God calls to be His servant, and of who God accepts. Paul shares the same message in Galatians 3:28 using different words. Paul even dares to challenge the need to follow the law to be a follower of Christ at the church in Jerusalem. He calls the

apostles to create space in the assembly of believers for those who have traditionally been on the outside—the Gentiles, who were considered pagans beyond hope.

Before I finished this article, I went to North Carolina to do my friend Ben’s funeral. One of the other clergy used Revelation 21:24-25 “The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.” (NRSV) She went on to explain the gates will never be closed because all will be welcome, there will be no enemy to keep out and no fear of others to cause us fear. I hear the fear we have of others in the ways we seek to protect ourselves from those we see as “other” and the harm or death they may cause us. We carry guns and live in houses with alarms. Then I see the Amish people who do not fear “others.” I marveled several years ago at how they forgave the man who raped and murdered several young girls at their Amish school. They replied when asked how they could be so forgiving, “The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.” I am tired of living in fear and long too see others as equal and as my brothers and sisters but I still have a ways to go to be in that place. But if I don’t take the first step and take the risk, I will never arrive at that place. I invite you to come and walk beside me as we come to see all as our equals, our brothers and sisters in Christ, those for whom he died on the cross. This truth comes from scripture: Galatians 3:28.

Happy Fourth of July, may our beloved country lead the way in bringing peace and equality.

Wayne Cook

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT



June 28, 2019

Here are a few images of all the fun we had during our Summer Drama Camp's production of The Velveteen Rabbit.



Now Hiring Nursery Worker

First United Methodist Church

206 S. Hopkins Ave.
Titusville, FL 32796
321-269-7631
office@fumctitusville.com

Description

First UMC Titusville is looking for a part-time nursery worker on Sunday mornings, 8:45-11:30, Tuesday nights, 6:15-7:45, and other occasional events. Applicant must be a believer in Jesus Christ, have a heart to share God's love with children, pass a background check and take a church provided child and youth abuse prevention course. Position is available immediately. Please send a letter of interest with qualifications and references to office@fumctitusville.com or come by the office between 9am-4pm.

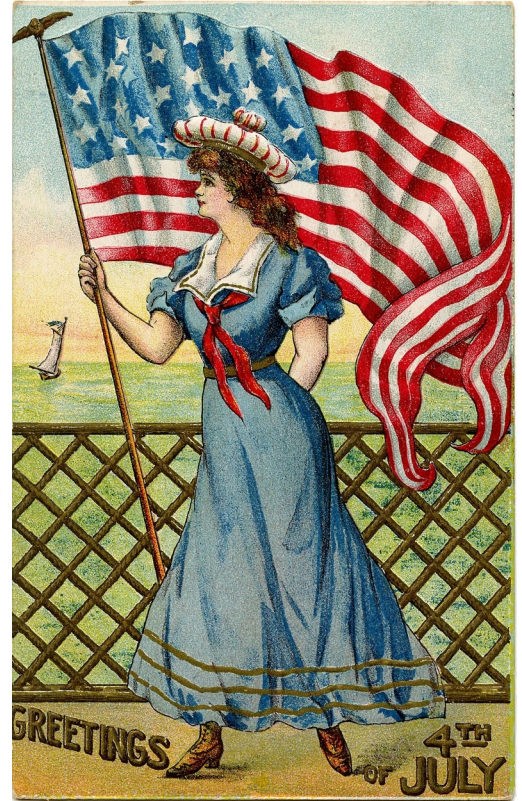
Responsibilities:

The Nursery worker is to welcome and care for children who come to the nursery with a goal of teaching them that church is a fun place to be. This includes:

1. Providing age-appropriate care which includes: feeding, changing diapers, maintaining a safe environment, putting children down for naps, holding, sitting with, and cheerfully interacting with children through games, stories, songs, crafts, and play.
2. Keeping the nursery clean and hazard-free.

Expectations:

1. Arrive in the nursery at least 15 minutes before the start of the service or event.
2. Let the church office know of future absences at least one week in advance. Notify the Church office and nursery committee as soon as possible when there is to be an unexpected absence due to illness, etc.
3. Be a believer in Jesus Christ and a Christ-like example of His love and care to each child and their parents.
4. Pray for the children
5. Notify the nursery committee when supplies are needed.
6. If no children are present, spend that time creatively such as:
 - helping in children's church
 - attending worship
 - or assisting with other needs as required



Now Hiring Director of Adult Ministries

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Description

Part-time (15 hours/week on average)

The First United Methodist Church in Titusville, FL is seeking an outgoing spiritual leader to direct the spiritual growth and educational activities of the church's adult ministries. Our congregation celebrates worship through a blended worship service with a growing focus on discipleship and outreach. Titusville is a quiet community; we are looking for ways to reach the community through meeting needs and providing opportunities for community members to be involved in growing in Christ beyond Sunday. The ideal person will be discipleship focused, work with existing programs to develop leaders and provide guidance and resources, and work with the pastor to identify possibilities for church beyond the doors of the sanctuary. For more information please contact office@fumctitusville.com.



Note from Trudy Metzger

Dear Friends,

I am so blessed to be a part of the FUMC Family. Your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, and goodies lifted me up and relieved the tedium of the days in rehab. It is so good to be home.

I thank you all,
Trudy Metzger

Note from French Johnson

To My Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. Your support has been wonderful.

During my post surgery visit a week ago, the surgeon was pleased with my recovery.

Thank you,
French Johnson



"It is our boast, that a man's religious tenets will not forfeit the protection of the Laws."

— George Washington

Lay Liturgists/Readers for July

June 30 — Diana Barnhart

July 7 — Patsy Gadapee

July 14 — Jake Huether

July 21 — Linda Russell

July 28 — Debbie Grimes

July Prayer Focus

June 30–July 6 — Our Nation

July 7–13 — The Border Crisis

June 14–20 — International Affairs

June 21–27 — A safe hurricane season.

June 28–Aug. 3 — Peace in the Middle East

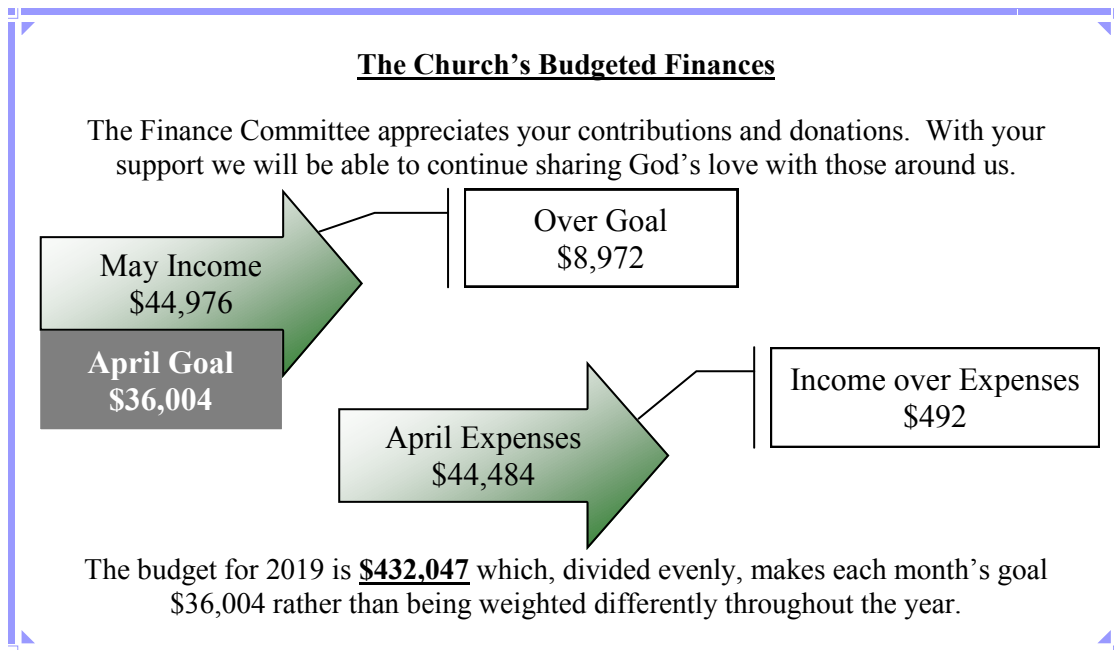
JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Ryan Cooke | 12 Ryan Nolan |
| 2 Richard Barron | 14 Lisa Mosier |
| 2 Denise Fitzgerald | 15 Lois Queen |
| 3 Frank Kennedy | 20 Linda Haas |
| 7 Donna Mays | 22 Jim Marshbourne |
| 8 Mike Boffo | 23 Mary Jean Thompson |
| 8 Kendra Jeanty | 24 Frank Russell |
| 8 Bill Queen | 24 Ruth White |
| 9 Larkin Isaksen | 26 John Pridgen |
| 9 Kennedy Jeanty | 27 Joanne Albrow |
| 12 Dotty Everling | 27 Rich Wilson |
| 12 Keith Meck | 31 Melinda Bouchez |



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 JD & Pascale Daniel | 7 Christopher & Jennifer Alex |
| 3 Debbie & Ed Grimes | 11 Dan & Dotty Everling |
| 4 Frank & Pamela Delnero | 30 Bill & Lois Queen |
| 4 Winston & Enis Nathaniel | |



Adult Ministries

KNIT WITS — Every Tues. @ 11am in the Fellowship Hall

CHAIROBICS — On break until September.

LINE DANCING — On break until September.

PATCHWORK FRIENDS – 1st Wed. of each month @ 9am in the quilting room

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – Resumes in September

— PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES —

LADIES DAY OUT

Thursday, July 18th @ 11:30am – Tea World at Titusville (Searstown) Mall

*To reserve a space, call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600 or
sign up at the rear of the church.*

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

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

STUDENT MINISTRIES

JULY 2019

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
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SUNDAY SCHOOL : (9-10AM)

Going through the Bible (Genesis)

LUNCH TEAM: (SAT. JULY 6TH)

Meet at FUMC youth room @10:30.

We will deliver lunches to local kids.

(Volunteer hours!)

Community Breakfast: (Sat. July 13th/July 27th)

Meet at FUMC fellowship hall @ 7am

(Volunteer Hours!)

PAINT DAY: (SAT, JULY 20TH)

Meet at FUMC youth room

@10:30 am.



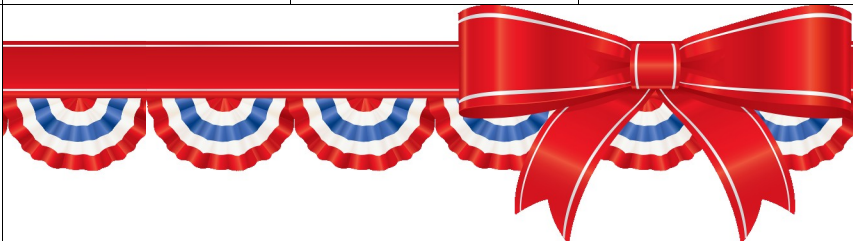
(There will be lunch!)

**UPCOMING (AUGUST 2019):
BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST!**

For volunteer hours: Bring school form to Lauren Peterson
week of event.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 3:00pm Worship Design	2 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dance Rehearsal 5:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	3 9:00am Patchwork Friends	4 Independence Day — OFFICE CLOSED — 	5 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	6 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
7 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Single Gov. Mtg.	8 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Worship Design 5:30pm Finance Comm. Mtg.	9 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dance Rehearsal 5:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	10	11	12 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	13 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
14 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	15 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	16 11:00am Knit Wits 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	17	18 9:30am Ladies Day Out	19 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	20 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
21 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	22 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm Admin. Council Mtg.	23 11:00am Knit Wits 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	24	25 1:30pm Stop Gap	26 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	27 7:30am UMM Breakfast 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
28 Parents' Day 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 	29 3:00pm Worship Design	30 11:00am Knit Wits 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	31			

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Worship Services: 10:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 8am – 4pm, Monday - Friday

Closed from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/682694095204027

Twitter Handle: @MethodistFirst

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChscOeLDe-wGkXHftvzGX9Q>



FUMC Staff

Rev. Wayne Cook - Pastor	Ext 204
Mario Davis - Administrative Assistant	Ext 207
Keith Meck - Facilities Manager	Ext.202
Carol Henn - Music Director	Ext 209
Nursery	Ext 208
Reception Desk	Ext 201
Amy Martin - Children's Ministries	
Lauren Peterson - Director of Student Ministries	
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Keith Cooke - Financial Secretary	
J.D. Daniel - Organist	
Steve Rossi - Sound Tech	
Josh Huss - Lights and Visuals	

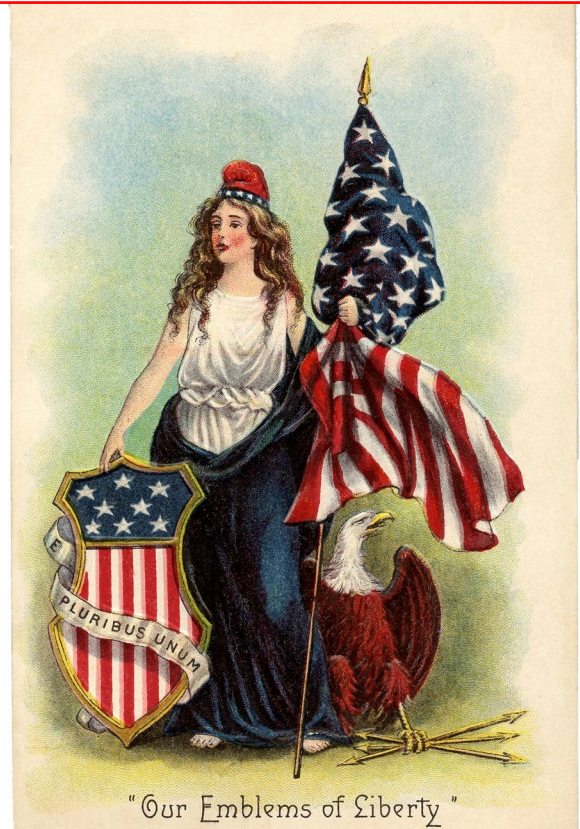


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