



MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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He Chose the Cross So We Can Gain Easter



When you read this article, we will be in the middle of the season of Lent. This year, we are following and being inspired by Pastor Max Lucado's work: He Chose the Nails. In this book, Rev. Lucado says, "Lent is the season of preparation before Easter. The word "Lent" comes from an old English term meaning 'springtime.' Lent lasts 40 days, starting on Ash Wednesday, and ending the Saturday before Easter which is a span of 46 days, but the 6 Sundays are not counted. The purpose of Lent is to set aside time to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice by practicing repentance and self-denial. Christians who observe Lent commit to giving up something – a habit, a food, or a pleasure – and to fast from that thing during Lent. What if we imagined Lent as a season not to *give up* something (like chocolate or Snapchat) but as a season to *receive* gifts from a loving God?

For the next 6 [really for us it is 4 or less] weeks we are going to be preparing ourselves for Easter by looking at several items associated with the death of Jesus on the cross. These items may appear to be rather crude, or even horrifying, yet from another perspective we are going to see how they are symbols of beautiful gifts to us right from God."

A great way to understand and receive God's gifts of Lent is to read an Easter book. We are challenging everyone to join many in this the church and read *He Chose You* by Max Lucado in the weeks leading up to Easter. Reading this book will not feel like homework—we promise! It will give us a fresh look at the symbols of the Easter story, and it will help Easter be more meaningful than ever before.

While Max Lucado can inspire us to have a more meaningful Lent and Easter Season, we also invite you and your friends to join us for the following Lent/Easter Events:

Every Sunday Worship Services will focus on "He Chose the Nails" at our 10 am service.
Every Tuesday, Lent Lunch Series at noon: "He Chose the Nails" as a means of Forgiveness.
Every Wednesday, Lent Worship Experiences. Our 5 Area Methodist Churches 6:30 pm.
Our Annual Easter Cantata on March 25th at 10 a.m.
Holy Thursday Service (March 29th) at 7 p.m.
Good Friday (March 30th) at 2 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church on S. Palm Ave. & Pine St.
Holy Saturday (March 31st) Childrens' Egg Hunt and Festivities – Mt. Top Bldg. & Courtyards.
Easter Sunday (No foolin' April 1st) Sunrise Svc. at 7 am at Space View Park
Easter Sunday, our traditional Service in our sanctuary at 10 a.m.

We hope that this (and every) issue of The Messenger will service as your invitation to an Easter Life in Christ Jesus. Also, please use this newsletter as an invitation to others to join us in Christ's life at First United Methodist Church of Titusville.

A blessed Lent and Easter to you and your love ones.

Blessed to be your Florida Pastor,

Fred Ball

Worship Opportunities

The season of Lent (40 days prior to Easter—not counting Sundays) will begin on Ash Wednesday (Valentine's Day), February 14th. This year we will be exploring Max Lucado's book: He Chose the Nails which is a study on receiving and conveying forgiveness. 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 Bible discussion in the Fellowship Hall so people can experience for themselves the following worship services:

Sunday, March 4: Today is the Third Sunday in Lent and our monthly communion service. Rev. Ball will share the meditation, "I Will Not Abandon You" God's Promise in the Path. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. (Colossians 1:13 NIV)

Sunday, March 11: Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Pastor Ball will continue the message Series: He Chose the Nails with the message, "I Understand Your Pain" God's Promise in the Wine-Soaked Sponge. "Praise be to ...our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles..." (2 Corinthians 1:3-5 NIV)

Wednesday, March 18: Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Rev. Fred Ball will share the teaching: "I Will Love You Forever" God's Promise in the Cross based on, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10 NIV)

Sunday, March 25: Annual Easter Cantata

Thursday, March 29: Holy Thursday Communion Service in our sanctuary.

Good Friday, March 30: Meditations on the Last 7 Words of Jesus – Combine Svc.

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunrise at 7am and 10am Communion Service Pastor Fred Ball will give the meditation, "Turning Tragedy into Triumph" – The Burial Cloth. John 20:1-10 "And the God of all grace... in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you..." (1 Peter 5:10 NIV)

March Prayer Focus

*"Under the shelter of each other,
people survive."
— Celtic saying*

February 25–March 3 — Nations in Turmoil

March 4–10 — Our Church

March 11–17 — Seek Wisdom

March 18–24 — Acknowledge Our Shortcomings

March 25–March 31 — Accept God's Peace

Lay Liturgists/Readers for March 2018

March 4 — Jake Huether

March 11 — Linda Russell

March 18 — Grace Lazzari

March 25 — Richard Baron

YOUR Administrative Council

Just a quick reminder that our next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 26th, 7 pm, in FELLOWSHIP HALL. An AC meeting happens quarterly, so this one, upcoming, is our first of the new year, 2018.

As with any new year and with most committees, members “come on” in January to serve the church and its congregation in some specific capacity, usually for 3 years. And, people “rotate off”, having served the church faithfully, donating their time and expressing their love of church during their tenure.

As chairman of Administrative Council, I’d like to welcome 3 new council members: Faye Kikta (Chairman, Outreach and Witness), Teresa Ortiz (Chairman, Finance), and Mike Mustard (Stewardship Chairman).

And it is with great respect, admiration, and heart-felt thanks that we say goodbye to 2 very special FUMC ladies: Carolyn Winn and Linda Wilson. Both served the AC and this congregation with the grace and dignity one always experiences when working alongside either of them.

Another person who deserves fond recognition and many thanks is John Stephens who acted as a spectacular caretaker of this church’s finances. John is coming off the AC as Chairman of Finance and he is sharing his talents and love for this church as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Like most of you, I’m proud of ALL our many church ministries and committees. These groups, small or large, are GOD-led....and they are vital to the continued spiritual good-health of First Church and its loving nature.

I’m excited about the many positive gifts and possibilities God will be placing before us this coming year....and THANK YOU for all who said “YES!” to serving in 2018 and beyond.

Respectfully,
Dale Mays
Administrative Council Chair
(2016-2018)

LAMENT: THE FORGOTTEN WAY OF THE FAITH

Feb 28th @ 6:30 p.m. — First UMC, Port St. John
March 7th @ 6:30 p.m. — IRC UMC
March 14th @ 6:30 p.m. — Mims UMC
March 21st @ 6:30 p.m. — St. Andrew UMC

The Five North Brevard United Methodist Churches cordially invite you to spend a Wednesday evening in prayer, worship, and reflection about the Lenten discipline of repentance and the experience of lamentation. See the schedule and location below. Please come and bring a friend!

Lenten Lunch Study (6 weeks)

“He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado

Tuesdays 12:00 PM Starting Feb 20

This year’s Lent season will be a time of receiving Christ’s forgiveness as well as forgiving one another. This study is a video & discussion. Soup and sandwiches will be available.

Please sign up in the back of the church or call Sandi at

269-7631 ext. 206

Reservations are important.



News from Cuba!

God bless you my brethren in Christ. I want to thank all the brothers and sisters of The First United Methodist Church in Titusville, Florida, who made their visit to the church of Santa Cruz possible. Our church is very grateful for all the support they have given us and for your prayers. All members of the Church of Titusville support their Pastor Fred. He is passionate about the affairs of the Kingdom (few men are passionate in this way). To God be the glory!

From your brother in Christ,
Pastor Danilo Bello



March Birthdays

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| 1 Jan Lichtenwalter | 16 Charlotte Rose |
| 3 Dale Mays | 16 Emily Wilson |
| 5 Jim Clark | 17 Betty Snyder |
| 6 Judith Riddle | 19 Debbie Preston |
| 8 Billy McLean | 20 Randy Coleman |
| 10 Debbie Huether | 20 Bob Yerkes |
| 10 Jonathan Lewis | 21 Kessandra Jeanty |
| 12 Florace Gay Hensley | 21 Gary McCurdy |
| 12 Linda Russell | 23 Jim Burt |
| 13 Gene Burgess | 23 Angela Wilson |
| 13 Michael Waring | 26 Richard Hoffman |
| 14 John Stephens | 26 Jeanne Mays |
| 15 Mark Crofton | 27 Joshua Ball |
| 15 Amy Grimes | 28 Ruth Yerkes |
| 15 Jayson McDaniel | 29 Keith Cooke |
| 16 Cassidy Dalquest | 29 Mark Lewis |
| 16 Louise DeTorres | 30 Christine Cooke |



March Anniversaries

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| 1 John & Sally Bradford | 17 Jerry & Carole Copeland |
| 1 Frank & Ann Kennedy | 20 Fred & Carol Henn |
| 11 Richard & Brenda Cherry | 27 Jeff & Beth Williams |
| 13 Ed & Ingrid Patterson | 29 Daniel & Angela Mayer |
| 16 Wes & Rachel Sumner | |



THE SONG OF SOLOMAN

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BEAUTY
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 BLOSSOMS
 CANTICLES
 CHORUS
 CHURCH
 DAUGHTERS
 DESIRE
 DIALOGUE

GARDEN
 IDYLLIC
 JERUSALEM
 LILIES
 LONGING
 LOVERS
 OLD TESTAMENT
 PASSOVER
 PASTORAL

POEM
 PRAISE
 ROYAL
 SCROLLS
 SHEPHERD
 WISDOM
 ZION



Presentation on Cuba with UM Women

Come join us for our UMW Meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. **Everyone** is invited to come hear Mrs. Naomi Johnson present our program about the Mission trip to Cuba visiting our Sister Church in Santa Cruz, Holquin District.

Our UMW meeting will follow the program. All women are invited to stay and join us for our meeting.

Hope to see all of you on March 13th at 10am!

Photo by Naomi Johnson showing medicines delivered to Cuba.



United Methodist Children's Home

There will be a trip to the UM Children's Home on March 17th. All those interested in participating in the trip, please contact Fred Ball at 321-269-7631, ext. 204, or email pastor@fumctitusville.com.

Children's Home Needs

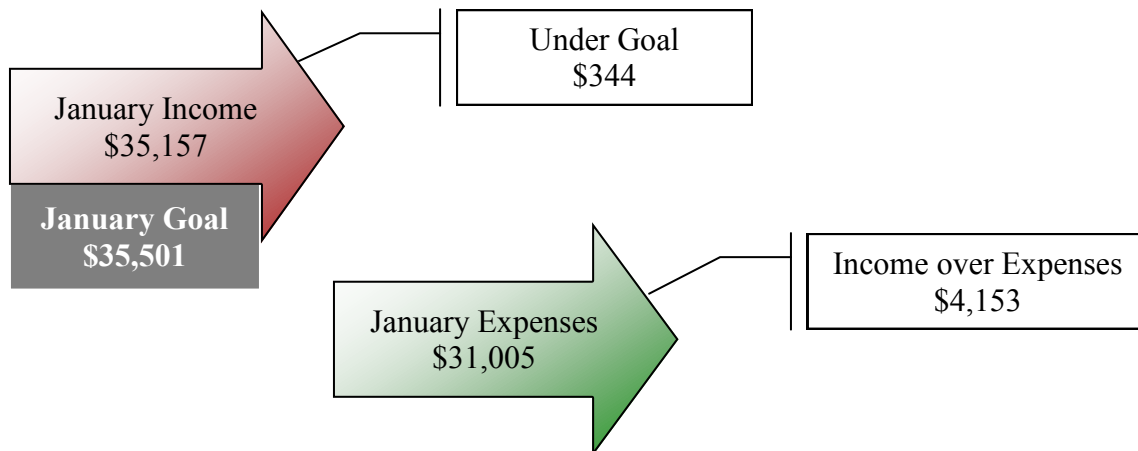
There is a box located in the narthex of the church to collect items needed by the Children's Home. A list of items they could use are:

Toothpaste
Shampoo
Conditioner

Bath Towels
Electric Alarm Clocks
Bar Soap

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

What's Happening



Volunteer Work Day



Saturday, March 3rd @ 8 a.m.

Please save the date of Saturday, March 3rd in order to volunteer to work around First UM Church at 9 a.m. 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 9 a.m. and receive our assigned tasks. Thank you in advance.



The Village Gypsies
present

How the Irish Saved Civilization

A concert of story and song

March 2nd @ 7pm
in the Sanctuary



BE A PART OF SOMETHING NEW!

Be a part of the Newsletter Team! If you enjoy writing, talking to people, or editing, then please contact Mario in the front office at 321-269-7631, ext. 207. We are excited that Naomi Johnson has already volunteered to be an official photographer for the church and its newsletter. (If you see her walking around taking your photo, you know why.) We need people to put together articles and interview group members and committee members.

Not everyone can make it to our events; we need someone to tell them what they missed! Help get the word out about the activities and loving nature of this church and its congregation! If you have an aspiring young journalist in your family, let them know about this opportunity! *(Photo Credit: Naomi Johnson)*

A Post-Valentine's Valentine

by Joan Page

Valentine's Day has come and went,
What's left is no candy or no mint.
What's left is love,
'Cause it comes from God above,
Love is here and there...
Why, it's everywhere.
The end.



Dementia Family Caregiver Training

with Teacher: Leah Michaels

Are you the loving spouse, partner, good neighbor or friend and are caring for or supporting the ill loved one? This first level class gives practical and professional help in caring for your loved one and for yourself. Grow in knowledge of the unique understanding of caring for those affected by any Progressive Dementia Related Diseases. Classes are **Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (Bring bag lunch)** at Indian River City UMC, 1355 Cheney Hwy, Titusville in Wesley Hall, room 124. Cost is \$30 per person and includes materials. **For more information contact Lisa Baggett at lbaggett@ircumc.com or 321-267-7922 x24.**

Dementia Support Group

This group is open for people who are caregivers or related to a loved one or person suffering with progressive Dementia. Talk through challenges, share feelings, needs and concerns, and learn about resources available in the community. It meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM** at Indian River City UMC, 1355 Cheney Hwy. in the choir room. **For more information contact Lisa Baggett at lbaggett@ircumc.com or 321-267-7922 x24.**

***There will be a special meeting with Shine on April 10th - Please RSVP for this meeting.**



Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to Gay Hammond and Kathy Owens for decorating our hall. It was beautiful! We learned what Shrove Tuesday was all about. To also celebrate Valentine's Day, J.D. played listening music, dance music, and tunes from movies. It was great fun for everyone. As an Englishman would say about the celebration, "we had a merry old time."





MARCH ADULT MINISTRIES

LINE DANCING – Thursdays @ 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Join Adrienne for fun and exercise.

KNIT WITS – Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m.
Anyone wishing a beginners class is welcome. Hope to see you there.

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays @ noon - Lenten Lunch Bible Study - Ongoing - Led by Pastor Ball
Wednesdays @ 10am - Adult Studies Room - Ongoing - Led by Jan Gilreath
Thursdays @ 1pm - Adult Studies Room - Ongoing - Led by Adrienne Herrell

LADIES DAY OUT – 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
March 1st - 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Victorio's
To reserve a space, call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – Friday, March 16th @ 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at La Marimba
It's time for Mexican food! Join the fun for a casual night of dining and fellowship.
Reservations are a must. Please call Sandi to reserve space before Wednesday, March 13th.

LOOKING AHEAD

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL – Sunday, April 8th

SPECIAL SPRING TEA TASTING – Sunday, April 15th - 2pm-4pm
Relax in Tea World's cozy environment and experience samplings from around the world. We'll share tips for brewing the perfect cup, explore tea lore and legends, and end the class with an "English Cream Tea." Enjoy a featured tea and one of their homemade scones served with Tea Lady Scone Cream and Jam. Participants also receive 10% off purchases made the day of the tea tasting. The price is \$22.95 + tax per person. Reservation & pre-payment deadline is March 30th. Space is limited so sign up early!

FESTIVAL OF GOD'S CREATION – Saturday, April 21st

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – Friday, April 27th

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

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

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

March 2018

First United Methodist Church







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	5 10:30am Adult Coloring 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm SPR Comm. Mtg.	6 11:00am Knit Wits 12:00pm Lenten Lunch 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)	7 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 9:00am Patchwork Friends 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:00pm Men's Quartet 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Chancel Choir	1 11:30am Ladies Day Out 1:00pm Bible Study 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Instruments of God	2 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway 7:00pm Celtic Concert	3 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery
11 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	12 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm Finance Com. Mtg.	13 10:00am UM Women 11:00am Knit Wits 12:00pm Lenten Lunch 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)	14 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:00pm Men's Quartet 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Chancel Choir	15 9:30am Ladies Day Out 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Instruments of God	16 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway 6:00 p.m. Friday Fellowship	17 St. Patrick's Day Children's Home Visit Departure time: TBA 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery 
18 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	19 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm Trustees Mtg.	20 1st Day of Spring 11:00am Knit Wits 12:00pm Lenten Lunch 3:30pm Dove Circle 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir) 	21 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:00pm Men's Quartet 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Chancel Choir	22 2:30pm Line Dancing 4:00pm Stop Gap 6:00pm Instruments of God	23 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	24 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery
25 Palm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 	26 3:00pm Worship Design	27 11:00am Knit Wits 12:00pm Lenten Lunch 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)	28 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:00pm Men's Quartet 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Chancel Choir	29 Maundy Thurs. 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Instruments of God 	30 Good Friday 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway 	31 Holy Saturday 7:30am UMM Breakfast 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery 



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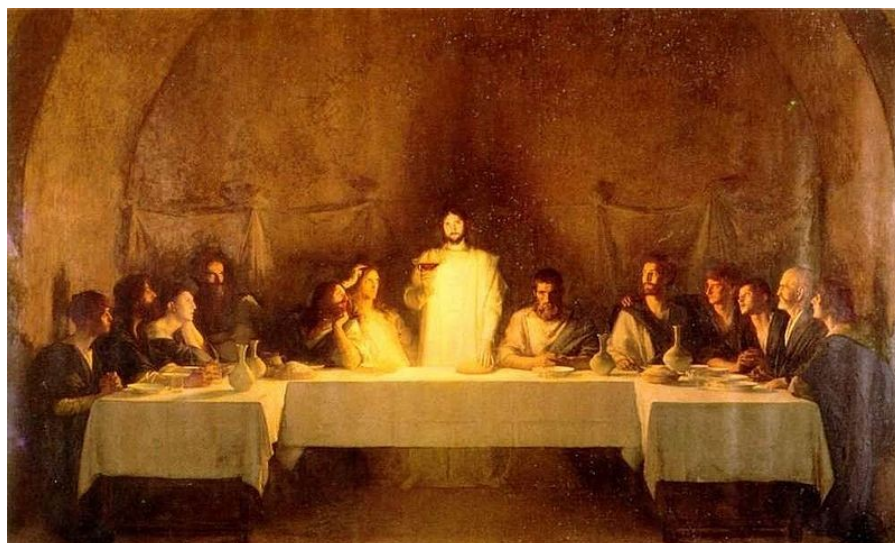
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5	Carol Henn / Music Director	Ext 209
6	Nursery	Ext 208
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