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

SEPTEMBER 2019



*"Let me live in my house
by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by-
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are
strong,
Wise, foolish - so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
and be a friend to man."*



These words by Sam Walter Foss began to bounce around inside my head during the last few weeks...I was thinking about our human condition and about some of the things that have been going on in our world. At first as I contemplated these words, I wondered about what they really mean in our current world condition. Instead of seeking to desire to live by the side of the road where people of all kinds pass, we want to live in a house segregated and walled off from others. Our current sermon series, *The Five Lies We Tell Ourselves*, focuses on who we are and who we are not.

These lies focus on who we come to believe ourselves to be based on the lies that society tells us about others and ourselves. The lies are a means of dividing our society by factors that are a part of what others see in us, not who we are. It is interesting that there is a sixth lie that is not included in the series but perhaps Henri Nouwen did not think this lie to be as critical as the others did. That lie is, "I am my religious affiliation." I am pained when we divide people we meet based on their spiritual beliefs. It is actually ironic. We could look at how different religions separate their adherents from others based on who or what they see as God, or how they choose to worship. Those are big categories and are difficult to overcome. By the way, they should not affect the way we see or treat others. I want us to take a second to look at a more pointed method of separation based on religion. We, within the Christian

religions, separate ourselves on practice, doctrine, social matters (liberal/conservative).

Often we question others beliefs when we really do not even understand our own because we do not really understand our own. We do not know what a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Assembly of God, or Seventh-Day Adventist is "supposed" to believe. It's sad to me that we often split hairs over method of baptism—sprinkling or dunking, infant or adult, method of communion—intinction or receiving the elements separately, literal or objective presence, and many other issues. These have been the issues of murders and other atrocities. However, we can close the circle even narrower to within denominations and then even to congregations. The current problems in our own denomination centers around six verses in the Bible, some in the Old Testament and some in the New Testament. We are on the brink of dividing a Denomination and congregations over this because we see differently. One group says the other does not hold the scripture as authoritative, the other says we do but not literally. So we have a disagreement on something...I am shocked!

I am shocked because we have so many more things in common than things we do not. We are standing on the world stage and we are being watched and noticed regardless of who is correct. We are all losing; Christianity as a whole is losing. We need to find a place to live together and disagree with each other. At least this is more important than the color of the carpet. (Yes, congregations have divided over carpet color.) There are issues that are important but none so important as to call names or stop the conversation; continuing is usually harder said than done. It seems we have become so sure of our beliefs that we are afraid if we listen to others we might lose our faith. If that is the case, our faith is not very deep or strong. In addition, we cannot expect anyone to listen to our views if we refuse to listen to theirs. So here we are as a denomination, a nation, and a world divided, angry and broken. We are not living in a house by the side of the road realizing we are just like everyone else: good,

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bad, weak, strong, wise, foolish, and HUMAN. We need to hear the words of Christ. An expert in the law asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life and turned the question on the man. The man answered: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Luke 10:27 (NIV) Jesus affirmed his statement and then the man went further to ask who is my neighbor, an effort to trap Jesus. Jesus’ response was to tell the parable we know as the Good Samaritan. He ends his teaching by asking who this man’s neighbor was. If we want to bring people to Christ or even to our point of view, it is important that we respect them and see them as we are:

broken and searching for the path we need to take for the next part of our journey.

So, anybody know where I can buy a house by the side of the road?

I love being your pastor.

Wayne Cook

September Prayer Focus

Sept. 1–7 — God, Give us a breakthrough in evangelism

God, remove the blinders from the eyes of unbelievers so that the gospel we are sharing will connect with their minds, hearts, and wills. Empower us, as you’ve promised to do, to be faithful in sharing our own faith stories and the life-changing story of Jesus’ death for the sins of the world. Help us to faithfully proclaim the life-changing power of the message of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Sept. 8–14 — God, give us a breakthrough in discipleship

God, help us to identify people into whom we can pour our time, our lives, and our knowledge. Help us to dive deeper into our personal relationships with you than ever before and to be formed by your Spirit and your Word into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Help us sustain a multiplying movement of disciple-makers.

Sept. 15–21 — God, give us a breakthrough in community

God, help us to live authentic lives with others, studying the Bible, holding each other accountable, offering encouragement, and going deeper together. Give us friends who make us more like Jesus and help us to reflect God’s love to others.

Sept. 22–27 — God, give us a breakthrough in ministry and serving

God, thank you for giving, entirely by grace, gifts for each of us to use in ministering to each other. Point us toward having the hearts of servants. Open our eyes to the needs of other people around us and give our pastors wisdom as they equip us all for the work of the ministry.

Sept. 29–October 5 — God, give us a breakthrough in our mission

God, help us to want what you want – the joy and gladness of all the nations as they hear your story of redemption. Open doors and empower us to go to new fields and people groups with the gospel. Help us to live missionally in our everyday lives, representing you in our neighborhoods and workplaces. Help us bring the nations into the white-hot enjoyment of your glory!

God, help us also to see our role in our communities as redemptive. Use your good news about Jesus to bring about reconciliation between ethnicities and factions. Help us to be healers in a hurting world.

Memorial Gifts

*We would like to acknowledge and thank the families
and friends who have designated memorial gifts to our
church this year in memory of those who have gone to
be with our Lord and Savior.*

<i>Vance Alexander</i>	<i>Grace Lazzari</i>
<i>Ruth Alman</i>	<i>Jan Lichtenwalter</i>
<i>John & Joanne Baker</i>	<i>Michael & Dina Maurer</i>
<i>Bill & Kitty Baldwin</i>	<i>Joseph & Cheryl Maxwell</i>
<i>Helen Becker</i>	<i>Walter & CJ McAllister</i>
<i>Robert C. Bessen</i>	<i>Sammy McGraw</i>
<i>Vic & Yvette Boodhoo</i>	<i>Trudy Metzger</i>
<i>Barbara Borman</i>	<i>Ed & Ingrid Patterson</i>
<i>Marion & Joy Brady</i>	<i>John & Marie Pridgen</i>
<i>Lew & Barbara Brinkley</i>	<i>Bill & Lois Queen</i>
<i>Nancy Bunting</i>	<i>Michael & Laurie Richards</i>
<i>M.J. and R.S. Carrabba</i>	<i>Judith Riddle</i>
<i>Randy & Lynn Coleman</i>	<i>Frank & Ann Rist</i>
<i>Keith & Libby Cooke</i>	<i>Bob Russell</i>
<i>N. Lucille Deeter</i>	<i>Frank & Linda Russell</i>
<i>Ken & Louise DeTorres</i>	<i>Truman Scarborough</i>
<i>Teresa Fannin</i>	<i>Barbara Schwartz</i>
<i>Joseph & Judy Fine</i>	<i>Betty, Eric, & Jean Shearouse</i>
<i>Patsy Gadapee</i>	<i>Georgia Smith</i>
<i>Paul & Jan Grimard</i>	<i>John & Carol Stephens</i>
<i>Ed & Debbie Grimes</i>	<i>Kay Stewart</i>
<i>Gary & Joanne Hamilton</i>	<i>Tommie & Michelle Suggs</i>
<i>Alfredo Hernandez & Greg Morgan</i>	<i>Jim & Sharen Talbert</i>
<i>Sydney Herndon</i>	<i>William & Rachel Terry</i>
<i>Adrienne Herrrell</i>	<i>Laurilex Thompson</i>
<i>Kaye Hooper</i>	<i>Bill & Natalie Walls</i>
<i>Jake & Debbie Huether</i>	<i>John & Maxine Watkins</i>
<i>French & Naomi Johnson</i>	<i>Herman Wattwood, Jr.</i>
<i>Jewell Johnson</i>	<i>Rich & Linda Wilson</i>
<i>John & Debra Jones</i>	<i>Jim & Carolyn Winn</i>
<i>Frank & Ann Kennedy</i>	<i>Richard & Amy Yunker</i>
<i>Kerry Kennedy</i>	<i>Caroline Zaffery</i>
<i>Carol Key</i>	

***“Humility is not cowardice.
Meekness is not weakness.
Humility and meekness are indeed
spiritual powers.”
— Swami Sivananda***



**Lay Liturgists/Readers
for September**

Sept. 1 — Jerry Copeland

Sept. 8 — Faye Kikta

Sept. 15 — Mike Mustard

Sept. 22 — Linda Russell

Sept. 29 — Jennifer Evans



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 J.D. Daniel
5 Brenda Honaker
6 John Bradford
7 Pat Cutter
7 Jan Kikta
7 Andrew Tabin
8 Bill Baldwin
10 Jutta Yarber
12 Larry Gilreath

13 Floyd Lee
17 Sandi Ahrens
17 Helen Beeker
19 George Nolan
19 Norma Phelps
20 Nancy Burgess
22 Margaret Coveney
23 Olivia Crews
23 Mary MacPherson

23 Millie Ross
24 Lyla Hoats
25 Vivian Johnson
26 Patsy Gadapee
28 Dan Everling
28 Sharen Talbert
29 Susan Barton
30 Pinky Yount

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

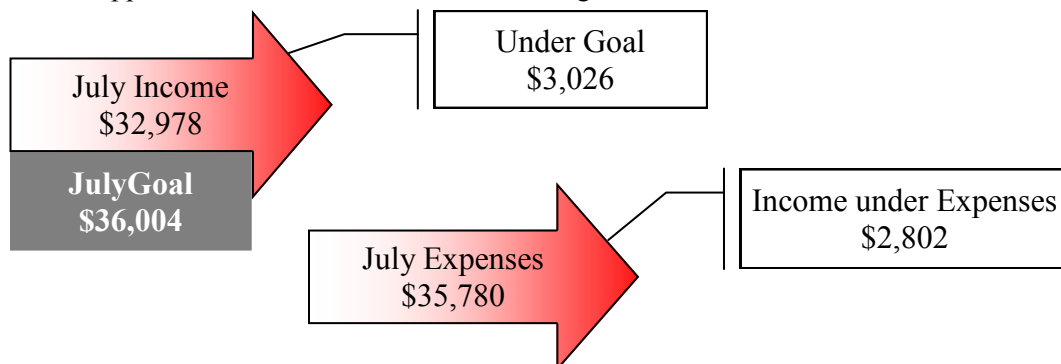
1 Hal & Barbara Row
12 Henry & Eva Jenkins
15 Mike & Kay Mustard
18 Harold & Pinky Yount

22 Gary & Christina McCurdy
22 Walter & Susan Tilliett
26 Bernie & Margaret Coveney
29 Michael & Marion Meara



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.



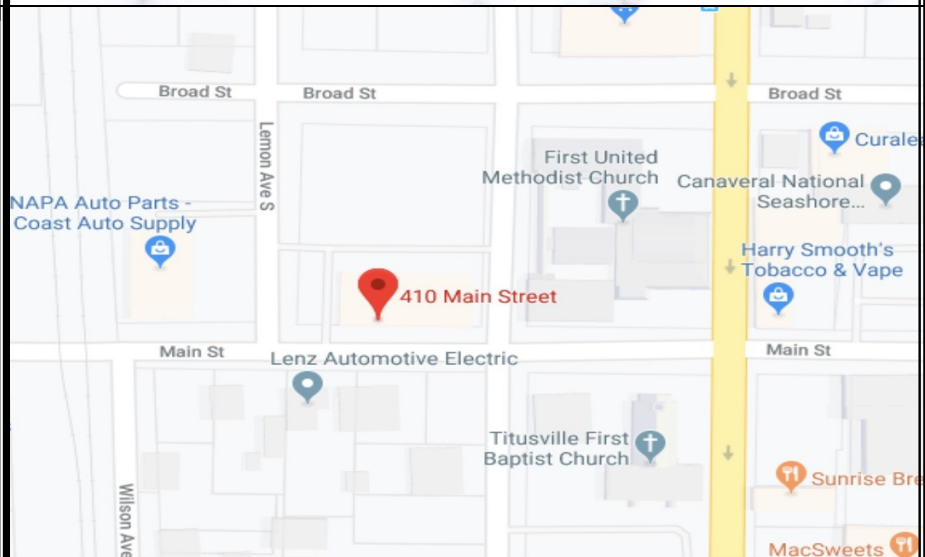
The budget for 2019 is **\$432,047** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$36,004 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year.

STUDENT MINISTRY

United Student Ministry

OPEN HOUSE

games, food and fun!
Sunday, September 8th
6pm-7:30pm



United Student Ministry
410 Main Street,
Titusville, FL 32796





Color Me Christian



What's Happening?

*On behalf of Bishop Carter
Please join us for worship
as we celebrate
Reverend Dionne C. Hammond's
Installation to the office of
District Superintendent*

*Sunday, September 22, 2019
4:00PM*

*First United Methodist Church
110 East New Haven Avenue
Melbourne, FL*

Haitian food to follow!

*RSVP FLUMC-AC@flumc.org by
September 15th*



Celtic Christmas

**Friday, December 6th @ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 7th @ 7:00 p.m.**

STONECROFT PRESENTS

compel

SEPTEMBER 14, 9:00AM-2:00PM

FIRST UMC COCOA BEACH
3300 N. ATLANTIC AVENUE, COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA

Compel is a one day empowerment and training event that will propel Christian women out with intensity and focused vision to reach others with the gospel.

Our hope is to train her, resource her, pray for her and connect her with other missional-minded women. Our hope is to see her empowered and equipped and supported by a sisterhood of women all on mission to reach 1 million women with the gospel.

THE COST OF LUNCH WILL BE \$10

PLEASE RSVP TO CAROLYN WHITE @ rick-white@juno.com OR 321.446.0403



Adult Ministries

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

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

This is what everyone has been waiting for. An exercise class that lets you sit down. This class is designed so that everyone can participate. Class will be taught by Adrienne Herrell. Put your comfy clothes on and join us for a lot of fun and exercise. No need to sign up....just show up and have fun.

— PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES —

PATCHWORK FRIENDS – 1st Wednesday each month @ 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.

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

We turn the AC down and the music up. Join Adrienne for fun and exercise. No need to sign up; just show up!

LADIES DAY OUT

Thursday, September 5th @ 11:30am – Asian House

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

Thursday, September 19th @ 9:30 a.m. – Sanford St. John's Riverboat Lunch and Ride

Climate controlled main deck. 4 hours. Chef lunch. **Reservations are required.** Cost is \$68.12 per person. 9am meet at church to ride the Bus or Carpool. **You must call 321-441-3030 before September 10th.** **Tell them you are with the Carol Stephens group and pay for your reservation.**

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – September 20th @ 5:30 p.m. - See back table for signup sheet.

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.



September 2019

First United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Membership Class 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	2 Labor Day 	3 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dance Rehearsal 5:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	4 9:30am Patchwork Friends 4:00 pm Book Study 6:00pm Book Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir	5 11:30am Ladies Day Out 2:30pm Line Dancing	6 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	7 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
8 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	9 1:00pm Staff Meeting 2:30pm Chairobics 3:00pm Worship Design 5:30pm Finance Comm. Mtg.	10 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dance Rehearsal 5:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	11 4:00 pm Book Study 6:00pm Book Study 6:00pm Ladies Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	12 2:30pm Line Dancing	13 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	14 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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206 S. Hopkins Ave
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