

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 29, 2018

First Service-77 | Second Service-86

CHURCH FINANCIALS

January-February 2018: Actual income- \$67,851.01 | Actual expenses- \$71,070.04

Online Giving: is available on the church website's homepage.

Monthly Communion Offering: Every first Sunday of the month, the church collects for a special mission. Our May Mission is designated to "CROS Camp." Please mark *Communion Offering* on your check envelope.

AV System Fundraiser: Our AV Upgrade Project collection continues! To date, we have received \$14,216.50 out of the total \$32,000 needed. Should you choose to donate, please note "Audio/Visual System Upgrade" on your offering envelope.

Easter Donation: During the Easter Sunrise Service, \$1,645 was collected and donated to the Community Caring Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council meets on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and is a terrific venue to find out what's happening in the life of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

SCREENS:	8:30 a.m. Melanie Bynum	11:00 a.m. Jason Ibarrosa
SOUND:	8:30 a.m. Ralph Hayden/Gary Robeson	11:00 a.m. Rose Ibarrosa
USHERS:	8:30 a.m. Bud Deyoe, Rudy Neuendorf, Bill Richert, Roger McCord 11:00 a.m. Jack Bevan, Roger McCord- In need of two more people!	

OUR STAFF

MINISTERS – EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION			
SENIOR MINISTER	Dr. Matt White	561-526-3869	Matt.White@flumc.org
MINISTER	Rev. Parker Bennett	954-651-2636	Parker.Bennett@flumc.org
Music Director/Organist	Tom Bates	678-386-9102	Tombates14@gmail.com
Treasurer	Joanne Ambrosino	561-732-3435	fumcfinancial@yahoo.com
Church Secretary	Brenda Wood	561-732-3435	firstumcbb@bellsouth.net
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WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BOYNTON BEACH

May 6, 2018



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

“Ask, Seek, Knock”

Matthew 7:7-11

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MORNING WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Parker Bennett

***PASSING THE PEACE** Congregation

PRELUDE
 "Samson and Delilah" Saint-Saens

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
 Leader: Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd!
 Congregation: God, help us to hear the Shepherd's voice and follow Him.
 Leader: Refuse to listen to the hireling or the wolf!
 Congregation: Hirelings don't care, and wolves snatch and scatter.
 Leader: Refuse to follow bandits and thieves!
 Congregation: Thieves come to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus came to give us an abundant life!
 Leader: Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd!
 ALL: We turn our hearts and attention to the Good Shepherd who loves the sheep and knows each one of us by name.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" p. 599

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
 "The Apostles' Creed" p. 881

*** GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM
 "One Bread, One Body" Douglas Wagner

INVITATION TO OFFERING
 "O Lord, You are the victorious King! Use our gifts to help more people to know of Your steadfast love, that will continue forever, through to the day when this world is made new in Your Kingdom. Amen."

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Ushers

OFFERTORY
 "Hymne" Vangelis

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 6	8:30 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:45 a.m.: Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) 9:45 a.m.: JOY Sunday School Class (Parlor) 9:45 a.m.: New Member Class (Historical Room) 11:00 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, May 7	Teacher Appreciation Week
Tuesday, May 8	6:30 p.m.: Cub Scouts (Faith's Loft) 6:30 p.m.: Followers of the Way Bible Study (Faith's Conf. Rm.) 7:00 p.m.: Holy Hands (Faith's Admin Bldg.)
Wednesday, May 9	11:00 a.m.: Wednesday Bible Study (Parlor) 6:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 6:30 p.m.: Youth Group Meeting (Faith's Café) 6:30 p.m.: Faith Kid's Adventure Club (Faith's PreK Bldg.) 6:30 p.m.: Ladies' Bible Study (Faith's Admin Bldg.) 6:30 p.m.: Bible Study Fellowship (Faith's Conf. Rm.)
Thursday, May 10	7:00 p.m.: Trustees' Meeting (Parlor)
Friday, May 11	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, May 12	8:30 a.m.: Men's Ministry– Mother's Day Breakfast (Faith's FLC)

SAVE THE DATE:

May 6 & 13: New Member Class at 9:45 a.m. (Historical Room)
 May 7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week for our Church Preschool
 May 13: Mother's Day
 May 14: Sarah Circle at 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)
 May 16: Family Picnic (Faith's Fire pit)
 May 28: Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
 Jun. 3: Launch of Summer Hours
 -Worship Service will be held at 10:00 a.m.
 -Sunday School classes will be held at 8:45 a.m.
 Jun. 4-Jul. 27: Faith Summer Program
 Jul. 3: Annual Baseball Game at Roger Dean Stadium

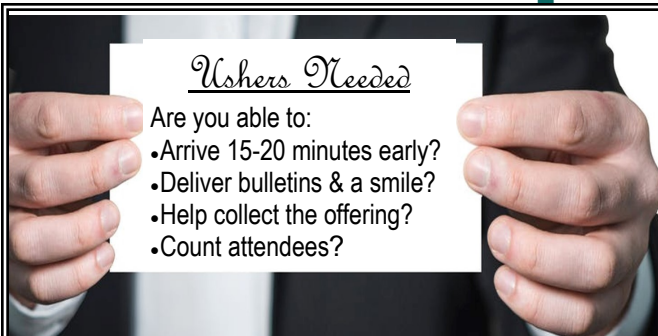
PRESCHOOL NEWS

TEACHER APPRECIATION is the week of May 7. In appreciation of our Church's preschool teachers, please consider a plant or item for the garden on the church playground. There is a box in the Narthex to collect donations. Thank you!
2018-2019 REGISTRATION continues! Please spread the word to family and friends! Tours can be scheduled by calling Anastasia, the Preschool Director. There is a wait list for our VPK program, but the three-year-old program still has openings.
VOLUNTEERS are always welcome! Please contact Anastasia if you would like to become a special reading guest or help in some other way.

ONGOING THINGS TO REMEMBER

POP TABS: Bring your pop tabs to us in any container and leave it in the Narthex or hallway. Help support Ronald McDonald House!
"THE BEACON" NEWSLETTER: Copies are available in the office, Narthex & hallway sharing table. Call the office to be added to our mailing list.
MEDICAL APPLIANCES: You are welcome to borrow from the varied equipment we have in inventory, located in the Acolyte Room.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: There is always a place in ministry for everyone! Contact the office to see what openings there are.
GALAXY ELEMENTARY CONNECTION: Join in serving Galaxy Elementary through their Reading Program; also, we are collecting new or gently-used shoes and uniform pants, shorts and/or skirts (tan, navy or black); and new socks and underwear in children's size 4 and up. Please contact Pastor Parker (954-651-2636) for more info.

Can You Step In?



Ushers Needed

- Are you able to:
- Arrive 15-20 minutes early?
 - Deliver bulletins & a smile?
 - Help collect the offering?
 - Count attendees?

Ushers serve on teams that commit to a full month, rotating throughout the year. Please contact Roger McCord (561-364-0002) for more info. **Currently, the greatest need is at the 11:00 a.m. service.**

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Are you able to provide congregants with a lift to church on Sun. mornings? Call the church office if you're able and willing to help someone in need!



*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" p. 624

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Gracious Heavenly Father, with joyful songs we rejoice in Your marvelous deeds. Let our voices and actions reflect Your saving power. Amen."

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERMON

"Ask, Seek, Knock" (Matthew 7:7-11)

Rev. Parker Bennett

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

"Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession and Pardon"

Rev. Parker Bennett

p. 12

"The Great Thanksgiving"

p. 13-14

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We invite you to come to this table set for you. Please follow the ushers' direction.

* HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Wonderful Words of Life"

p. 600

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

p. 672

POSTLUDE

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

American Folk Hymn

EXITING CHARGE: "You Are Now Entering the Mission Field"

**Please stand, if able*

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS: available from ushers.

Please silence all cell phones in the sanctuary, thank you!

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PRAYER LIST

To add someone's name to the list, or provide an update, call the office or complete a prayer request card located in the pew racks, and leave it in the collection plate during Offertory. Let us pray for: Joanne Ambrosino, Ann & Don Coker, Pauline Colston, Charlie Coppa, Corkie Corkran, Ann Morgan Cronin, Frank Denton, Bob & Shirley Hall, Tara Herdegen, Ken Herndon, Nancy Jungemann, Debbie Lactkman, Connie Lehman, Bob Nickerson, Police Officers/ First Responders, Naomi Oliver, Debbie Peterson, Elaine Piter, Sandi Prentice, Patrick White, John Wichert, and the family & friends of Suzie Baldwin, Bill Merkle and Violet Karroum.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - May 6, 2018

Sermon On The Mount Series - "Ask, Seek, Knock"

Matthew 7:7-11 (NLT)

⁷ "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ "You parents, if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Life Application:

- 1) What are you praying about right now?
- 2) Why does Jesus say to keep asking, seeking and knocking?
- 3) Have you quit praying about something because you didn't get an answer right away? Don't stop! Be persistent! Keep knocking!

Prayer: Gracious God, help us to remember to ask you for the answers to the difficult decisions that we face each day. May we keep seeking you with all of our heart and be persistent in our prayer life. Thank you for the privilege and power of prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR GUESTS!

We are delighted and thankful to have you join us today. Restrooms are in the Narthex, and our Ushers are here to help answer any questions you may have! God bless!

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are presented by Curtis & Nainie Weaver, in memory of Nainie's parents, Dr. Nat Weems, Tealy Weems and Margaret Weems.

BOTH OF TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE DONATING FAMILY.

To honor or remember a loved one, print your name on the Flower Calendar (in the Narthex) beside your chosen date; then complete an Altar Flower Order Form and return it to the church office by placing it, with payment of \$50.00, in the offering plate.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

On June 3, we will revert to our Summer Hours of having one worship service on Sundays, which will be at 10:00 a.m., with the Sunday School classes meeting at 8:45 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on May 6 and 13 for anyone wishing to join the church. The class will be held at 9:45 a.m. in the Historical Room.

FAMILY PICNIC: Please plan to attend this picnic on May 16 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Faith's fire pit (behind the Admin Building). Everyone is invited to bring a side dish to share. There will be games, fellowship and music and will be fun for all ages!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: Saturday, May 12 at 8:30 a.m. in Faith's FLC. All are invited to join Faith's Men's Ministry group as they celebrate mothers.

SARAH CIRCLE meets Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. All women are invited to attend this Bible study filled with food, fellowship and fun. Contact Janie Alpert, Sally Smith or the church office for more info.

YOUNG AT HEART: The next meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall at First UMC, on Sat., May 19 at 10 a.m. The meeting will begin with fellowship and games, followed by the potluck lunch. Please bring something to share, and see Pastor Parker with any questions.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Parlor. Come join us!

LUNCH BUNCH: Every Sunday after the second service, a group meets at a local restaurant to spend time in fellowship. If you would like to participate, please meet at the back of the sanctuary after the service.

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