

ATTENDANCE

September 2, 2018–92

CHURCH FINANCIALS

January-July 2018: Actual income– \$153,479.24 | Actual expenses- \$156,556.48

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 September Mission is designated for “General Missions.” If you would like to donate to this fund on Sep. 2, please mark *Communion Offering* on your check or envelope.

AV System Fundraiser: Our AV Upgrade Project collection continues! To date, we have received \$15,360.50 out of the total \$32,000 needed. Should you choose to donate, please note “Audio/Visual System Upgrade” on your offering envelope.

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 the meeting. The church provides beverages while attendees may bring appetizers to share.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

SCREENS: 10:00 a.m.	Carina White
SOUND: 10:00 a.m.	Raines White
USHERS: 10:00 a.m.	Claudia Gable, Lynette Powell, Nan Shoeib, Lorin Shropshire

OUR STAFF

MINISTERS – EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION			
SENIOR MINISTER	Dr. Matt White	561-526-3869	SeniorPastor@gofaithunited.org
MINISTER	Rev. Parker Bennett	954-651-2636	Pastor@gofaithunited.org
Music Director/Organist	Tom Bates	678-386-9102	Tombates14@gmail.com
Treasurer	Norma Ashley	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
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

“Rich Living”

Matthew 13:44

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MORNING WORSHIP
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Matt White

***PASSING THE PEACE** Congregation

PRELUDE
 “Prayer (from ‘Hansel and Gretel’)” Engelbert Humperdinck

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
 Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved.
Congregation: In good times and in bad times, we trust in the Lord our God.
 Leader: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, God’s people are surrounded, from this time on and forevermore.
Congregation: We are surrounded by God’s goodness and mercy; we are surrounded by God’s love and peace.
 Leader: The Lord does good to those who are upright in heart and do good.
ALL: We come to worship the Lord who surrounds us, does good to us, and invites us to trust.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” p. 103

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
 “The Apostles’ Creed” p. 881

*** GLORIA PATRI**


ANTHEM
 “In the Shadow of Your Wings” John Leavitt

INVITATION TO OFFERING
 “Holy Architect of the Universe! You, Lord, created the earth and the oceans, shaped with Your hands and Your breath; as we offer our gifts this morning, may they mark our resolve to be faithful stewards of the resources of this precious planet. Amen.”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Ushers

OFFERTORY
 “Chorale (from ‘Finlandia’)” Jean Sibelius

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 9	8:45 a.m.: Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) 8:45 a.m.: New Member Class (Historical Room) 9:00 a.m.: JOY Sunday School Class (Parlor) 10:00 a.m.: Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, September 10	6:00 p.m.: AA Meeting-Beginners (Agape Room) 6:30 p.m.: Hand Bell Rehearsal (Bell Room) 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting-Open (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Closed (Agape Room)
Tuesday, September 11 In Remembrance of 	6:30 p.m.: Followers of the Way Bible Study (Faith’s Conf. Rm.) 6:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Women’s Closed (Agape Room)
Wednesday, September 12	11:00 a.m.: Wednesday Bible Study (Parlor) 6:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 6:00 p.m.: Adventure Club, Youth Group, Ladies’ Bible Study (Faith) 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: 18-2-Life (YA Ministry) (Arrabiata’s in Boynton Beach)
Thursday, September 13	7:00 p.m.: Trustees’ Meeting (Parlor)
Friday, September 14	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, September 15	No Activities Scheduled

SAVE THE DATE

Sep. 17: Sarah Circle at 7 p.m. (Parlor)
 Sep. 19: Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Sep. 22: Young at Heart meets at 9:30 a.m. (Golden Corral, Boynton Beach)
 Sep. 23: Beach Baptism at 4:00 p.m. (Oceanfront Park)
 Oct. 14: Leadership Fait after the service (Fellowship Hall)
 Oct. 25-28: Men’s Emmaus Walk
 Nov. 1-4: Women’s Emmaus Walk
 Nov. 4: Stewardship Sunday
 Nov. 8-11: Men’s Ministry Retreat
 Nov. 11: Church Conference (formerly Charge Conference)
 Jan. 24-26: Lifetouch Portrait Days

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the parlor.

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 front of the Sanctuary after the service.

YOUNG AT HEART: Everyone 55+ is invited to join in the fun at Golden Coral on September 22 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Pastor Parker with questions.

18-2-LIFE: This new *relatable, relational and retainable* ministry for young adults (18-28 year olds) occurs every Wednesday at Arrabiatas (8260 Jog Rd., Boynton Beach) from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Come have pizza with Pastor Wayne Masiker (561-364-5840)!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR IS BACK IN SESSION! Please pray for a successful school year, as we enter our second month for the VPK students and our first month for our 3's.

ONGOING THINGS TO REMEMBER

POP TABS: Help support Ronald McDonald House by bringing your pop tabs, and placing them into one of the collection containers that can be found in the Narthex. A second location is on the share table that is located in the preschool hallway.

"THE BEACON" NEWSLETTER: Copies are available in the office and Narthex. 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.

ELEMENTARY CONNECTION: School has begun, and with it, your chance to become a reader for Galaxy Elementary School. Also, we are still collecting uniforms, socks and underwear in children's size 4 and up. Please contact Pastor Parker (954-651-2636) for more information.

BLESSINGS & BARGAINS: Is in need of volunteers, who always receive a 40% discount on all purchases! Store hours are Tue.-Sat., from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the store at 561-296-9935, or Kay Billington at 440-796-7587. (In the Buttonwood Plaza; 3032 S. Jog Rd., Greenacres.) Donations may be dropped off at the store or church office.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER: 561.622.5423 ext. 1 or email: info@cccpcb.org. Licensed Counselors and a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner on staff. www.cccpcb.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There is always a place in ministry for everyone!

Contact the office for more information about the following, available positions: Ushers, Sound and Screens Technicians, Bible Study Leader, Worship Team Leader, Sunday Morning Driver, Sunday School Teacher (one Sunday per month), Preschool Helper, and/or Medical Appliance Coordinator.

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" p. 92

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Blessed are You, God of all life! Let our whole being resonate in praise to You; let every aspect of our lives show that we live for You; praise be to You, our God, for ever and ever. Amen."

SPECIAL 9/11 TESTIMONY

Barry Isenburg

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (words appear on screen)

SERMON

Dr. Matt White

"Rich Living" (Matthew 13:44)

*** HYMN OF DEDICATION**

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" p. 540

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

"God Be with You till We Meet Again" p. 672

POSTLUDE

"How Excellent Is Thy Name" Tedd Smith/Don Hustad

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

**Please stand, if you are 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: Unspoken Requests, Christine, Edith, Shameika, Joan Alt, Grace Bergener, Tom Cady, Craig DeJong & Family, Penny Glenn, Shirley Hall, Tara Herdegen, Lolita Howard, Greg Keiper, Debbie Loyal, Andrew Martin, Debbie Peterson, Policemen/First Responders, Howard Sievert, Thomas Strongosky, and the friends & family of Deborah Lacktman, Senator John McCain, and Jack Robinson.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - September 9, 2018

Current Issues Series - "Rich Living"

Scripture: Matthew 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life

Life Application:

- 1) Have you ever struggled with materialism?
- 2) Why should we put our hope in God instead of the things of this world?

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for reordering our lives in a way that brings glory to you. Help us to entrust you with all that we have and all that we are. Let us have an eternal perspective in all areas of life. Empower us to pursue & serve you with all our energy and strength. 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, by Bill & Jean Kapler, in memory of their parents.

The rosebud is presented by Sandy Hedges, in memory of Dean Hedge's 82nd birthday.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: at First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale is Saturday, December 1. Contact Tom Bates (678-386-9102) to purchase your tickets; Artist Circle Seats (1 available) cost \$65/person, and Main Floor Seats (6 available) cost \$48/person. Transportation is available for those interested, for \$25/person. (There is no lunch this year.)

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS: continues every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Tom Bates for more information.

HANDBELL REHEARSAL: will begin on September 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the handbell room. We are still searching for a few new ringers. Being able to read music helps but is not necessary. See Tom if you are interested in more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Faith. Attendees will be reading the book "Hearts of Fire," printed by The Voice of the Martyrs. The book brings the true stories of courageous women, heroines of the faith, who are representatives of countless women facing similar situations around the world. These role models of faith and passion will inspire you to pursue Christ with a heart aflame, no matter what the cost. For more information about acquiring the book, please contact Teresa White at tess142@juno.com.

BEACH BAPTISM: Sunday, September 23 at 4 p.m. at Oceanfront Park (6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Boynton Beach). Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

PAIRS & SPARES: meets Sundays at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and all are welcome.

JOY CLASS: meets every Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Parlor for an adult Bible Study.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Janet Fetty with questions.

SARAH CIRCLE: will meet September 17 at 7:00 p.m. 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 information.

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