

ATTENDANCE
AUGUST 26, 2018-101

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.	Sally Hayden
SOUND: 10:00 a.m.	Ralph Hayden
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
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WELCOME TO
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BOYNTON BEACH
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

"The Invisible War"

Ephesians 6:10-13

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MORNING WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Parker Bennett
***PASSING THE PEACE** Congregation
PRELUDE
 "Wonderful Peace" W. Elmo Mercer

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
 Leader: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.
 Congregation: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.
 Leader: Gather us in, the young and the old.
 Congregation: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.
 Leader: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.
 ALL: Gather us in, to know of God's Love.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
 "Now Thank We All Our God" p. 102

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

*** GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM
 "Communion Song" Don Besig


INVITATION TO OFFERING
 "Blessed God of all creation, at this point in worship we offer gifts that are but tokens of gratitude for the incomprehensible bounty of gifts You have given freely to us. Your generosity is never ending and we thank You for it. To Your glory, we pray! Amen."

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Ushers

OFFERTORY
 "O Rest in the Lord" Felix Mendelssohn

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 2	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 3 	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 p.m.: AA Meeting-Beginners (Agape Room) 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting-Open (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Closed (Agape Room)
Tuesday, September 4	6:00 p.m.: First Day of School for the 3's 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) 7:00 p.m.: LIFT- Women's Ministry (Faith's Café)
Wednesday, September 5	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 6	No Activities Scheduled
Friday, September 7	6:00 p.m.: FREE Family Movie Night: Rock Dog (FLC Loft)
Saturday, September 8	8:30 a.m.: Men's Breakfast (Faith's FLC)

SAVE THE DATE

Sep. 2 & 9: New Member Class at 8:45 a.m. (Historical Room)
Sep. 10: Hand Bell Choir Resumes at 6:30 p.m. (Bell Room)
Sep. 23: Beach Baptism at 4:00 p.m. (Oceanfront Park)
Oct. 20: LIFT Indoor Flea Market
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

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.

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.

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.

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: 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.

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), and/or Medical Appliance Coordinator.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Spirit Song” p. 347

INVITATION TO PRAYER

“Dear Father, You have blessed us with life and breath, sight and hearing, taste and touch — yet there is so much of Your blessing that our senses miss; we pray for senses heightened so that we may see Your masterpiece of creation. Amen.”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (words appear on screen)

SERMON Rev. Parker Bennett

“The Invisible War” (Ephesians 6:10-13)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Parker Bennett

“Prayer of Confession and Pardon” 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**

“Victory in Jesus” p. 370

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

“God Be with You till We Meet Again” p. 672

POSTLUDE

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” Arthur S. Sullivan

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: Christine, Shameika, Amy Alvarez, Stephanie Bollenbacher Andringa, Tom Cady, Craig DeJong & Family, Shirley Hall, Tara Herdegen, Lolita Howard, Greg Keiper, Andrew Martin, Cindy Murphy, Bill Richert, Howard Sievert, Thomas Strongosky, victims of California fires & flooding occurring in the Northeast, and the friends & family of Rosemary Alpert, Senator John McCain, William Robeson, Jack Robinson and Betty Thresher.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church
Sermon Notes - September 2, 2018
Current Issues Series - "The Invisible War"

Ephesians 6:10-13 (NLT)

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

Jeremiah 29:11 (CEB)

I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.

Life Application:

- 1) When we notice depression's arrival, what is our reaction?
- 2) No one should feel reluctant to seek counsel for depression. The sooner you act, the sooner you or a loved one can begin a better life.

Prayer: Gracious God, I come to you in my hour of need. I ask you to touch my mind and uplift my thoughts. I ask that you give me a sense of well-being again. I pray that you help me find my smile, both on my face and in my soul. I cannot do this by myself, so I turn to you and surrender. Thank you for always being with me. In Jesus' name I pray, 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.

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 (15 available) cost \$65/person, and Main Floor Seats (15 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.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: will occur again next Sunday, September 9, at 8:45 a.m. in the Historical Room for everyone who is interested in becoming a member of the church. Please see one of the pastors or call the church office with any questions.

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.