

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2018

First Service-83 | Second Service-90

CHURCH FINANCIALS

January-October 2018: Actual income- \$199,652.30 | Actual expenses- \$223,811.76

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 December Mission is designated for "Gifts of Hope (CROS Ministries)." If you would like to donate to this fund on Dec. 2, please mark *Communion Offering* on your check or envelope.

AV System Fundraiser: Our AV Upgrade Project collection continues! To date, we have received \$16,450.01 out of the total \$32,000 needed. Should you choose to donate, please note "Audio/Visual System Upgrade" on your offering envelope.

Stewardship Sunday: Pledge amount to date is \$71,824.00. Pledge cards will continue to be collected through January.

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. Due to Thanksgiving, our next meeting will be Thursday, November 29.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

SCREENS:	8:30 a.m. Melanie Bynum	11:00 a.m. Rose Ibarrosa
SOUND:	8:30 a.m. Ralph Hayden/Gary Robeson	11:00 a.m. Jason Ibarrosa
USHERS:	8:30 a.m. Lorin Shropshire, Claudia Gable, Lynette Powell, Nan Schoeib	
	11:00 a.m. Ed Fisher, Ruth Besecker, Charles & Joan Alt	
We need ushers for the 2nd service; please see Roger McCord to help.		

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

NOVEMBER 18, 2018



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

"Fish and Chips"

Matthew 14:13-21

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MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 18, 2018 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Parker Bennett
*PASSING THE PEACE	Congregation
PRELUDE	
"A Quiet Blessing"	Vivian Vevenger
LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
Leader: As Abraham was a blessing to many nations,	
<i>Congregation: We long to make a difference in this world for You, Lord.</i>	
Leader: Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts, good Lord.	
<i>Congregation: To whatever You have already entrusted for the good of Your people.</i>	
Leader: Our souls are poured out before You, O God.	
<i>ALL: Let Your servants find favor in Your sight. Amen.</i>	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"	p. 694
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	
"The Apostles' Creed"	p. 881
* GLORIA PATRI	
ANTHEM	
"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"	Healey Willan
INVITATION TO OFFERING	
"Father above, we bring our gifts to You this morning, and ask that You please accept these humble tokens of our appreciation for all You have done and continue to do for us. We pray that what we give will further the mission You have set us upon. Amen."	
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	Ushers
OFFERTORY	
"This Our Song of Praise"	William Stickles
*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 18	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) 11:00 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 2:00 p.m.: Young at Heart (Willow Theater, Boca Raton)
Monday, November 19	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, November 20	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, November 21	Office Closed 10:00 a.m.: French Al-Anon (Historical Room) 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room)
Thursday, November 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING— Office Closed
Friday, November 23	Office Closed
Saturday, November 24	No Activities Scheduled

SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 25– Poinsettia Orders are due.
Nov. 28: Sarah Circle at 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)
Dec. 2: Decorating for Advent– please stay after the 2nd service to help!
Dec. 2: "Music in Miami" Concert at 3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Dec. 8: Christmas Caroling at 1:00 p.m. (Blessings & Bargains)
Dec. 9: Bells & Carols Handbell Choir Concert at 3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Dec. 12: Christmas Potluck Party at 6:00 p.m. (Faith's FLC)
Dec. 16: Christmas Cantata (both services)
Dec. 19: Christmas Caroling at 6:00 p.m. (Barrington Terrace)
Dec. 24: At First UMC: 6:30 p.m.- Stradivarius Chamber Ensemble
 7:00 p.m.- Candlelight Service
 At Faith UMC: 4:30 p.m.– Pre-Service Music
 5:00 p.m.– Candlelight Service
Jan. 31– Feb. 2: Lifetouch Portrait Days

HANDBELL REHEARSAL: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the handbell room. Still searching for a few new ringers (reading music helps but is not necessary). See Tom for more info.
YOUNG AT HEART: TODAY at 2 p.m. we will be heading to the Willow Theater in Boca to see “Approaching the Speed of Life.” For tickets (\$15 each) and information, contact Pastor Parker (954-651-2636).

PAIRS & SPARES: meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and all are welcome.

JOY CLASS: meets every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor for an adult Bible Study.

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

RUTH CIRCLE: We will be sorting items on December 11 at 10 a.m. in the Agape Room.

Please come to help, as many hands make work light. All are welcome.

SARAH CIRCLE: Due to Thanksgiving, the November meeting will be held on November 28 at 7 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: *The Bible study is not meeting this week (on Nov. 21) due to Thanksgiving, but will resume next week.

LUNCH BUNCH: If you would like to have lunch at a local restaurant, please meet at the front of the Sanctuary after the service.

18-2-LIFE: All 18-28 year olds are invited to have pizza with Pastor Wayne Masiker (561-364-5840) Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Arrabiatas (8260 Jog Rd., Boynton Beach).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at Faith. Current study: “The Purpose of Christmas.” Contact Teressa White at tess142@juno.com.

ONGOING THINGS TO REMEMBER

POP TABS: Help support Ronald McDonald House by bringing your pop tabs. Collection containers are in the Narthex and the share table 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: Readers for Galaxy Elementary School are still needed, as are uniforms, socks and underwear in children’s size 4 and up. Please contact Pastor Parker (954-651-2636) for more information.

BLESSINGS & BARGAINS: Open Tue.-Sat., from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Buttonwood Plaza (3032 S. Jog Rd., Greenacres). Donations may be dropped off at the store or church office. The store number is 561-296-9935.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD

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.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“For the Beauty” p. 92

INVITATION TO PRAYER

“We all know we have not lived up to the disciples we could be, and often not even the human beings we ought to be. Today, may we receive the confidence to stand before You in worship because of what Christ has done for us. Amen.”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (words appear on screen)

SERMON Rev. Parker Bennett

“Fish and Chips” (Matthew 14:13-21)

*** HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“We Gather Together” p. 131

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” George J. Elvey

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: Victims of California shooting and wildfires, Brenden, Craig, Emory, Scott Burns, Tammy Cady, Don Coker, Susana Cremin, Patti DiNardo, Paul Erickson, John Featherston, Thom Gable, Marie Garza, Sandie Hardy, Tara Herdegen, Donna Kennelly, Rip Manning, Clover & Jeff Miller, Bob Nickerson, Stanislaw Ostasiewicz, Bonnie Pawlowski, Debbie Peterson, Policemen/First Responders, John Rogers, Zack Shalvey, Bert & Pam Shaw, Shiely Voltz, Curtis Weaver, and the family & friends of Shirley Hall.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church
Sermon Notes - November 18, 2018
Examples of Thanksgiving - “Fish and Chips”

Matthew 14:13-21 (CEB)

¹³ When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. ¹⁵ That evening his disciples came and said to him, “This is an isolated place and it’s getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.” ¹⁸ He said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. ²¹ About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

Life Application:

- 1) In what area of your life do you most notice God providing for you?
- 2) What’s one ordinary thing about you that God could use in a big way?
- 3) What can you do this week to bless someone who needs you to “feed” them?

Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for all of your blessings. Help us to be generous in sharing with others. Thank you for giving each of us something that we can give back to you. Help us to remember that when we give what we have to you, even a little bit is more than enough in your hands.

In Jesus' name we 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,
by Robert & Jean Swanson, in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary.
****Bouquets are NOT available to be taken to a shut-in or someone in need of cheer.****
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.

FINE ARTS SERIES

“MUSIC IN MIAMI” CONCERT: December 2 at 3 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Join us to celebrate the holidays with the Music in Miami chamber players.

CAROLS & BELLS: December 9 at 3 p.m., our Handbell Choir will be performing a program of sacred and secular Christmas music that is sure to delight.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: December 16 during both services, we will gather to hear the story of Emmanuel, God With Us!, presented by our Chancel Choir.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: December 24, there will be a Pre-service Concert presented by the Stradivarius Chamber Ensemble at 6:30 p.m., followed immediately by our Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. A Candlelight Service will be held at Faith UMC at 5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC: If you would like to make a donation to help support the music ministry's Stradivarius Chamber Ensemble for Christmas Eve, please mark “Christmas Eve” on your envelope.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: We pray you enjoy this time of Thanksgiving and Blessings with your family and friends. The church office will be closed Nov. 21-23.

POINSETTIAS: Order forms are available in the Narthex, and are due by Sun., Nov. 25. Either place your completed form in the offering plate or turn it into the office. Plants are \$10 each, and will be available to be picked up after the Candlelight Service, or by Dec. 27.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT: Please stay after the second service on Dec. 2 to decorate the tree and church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Join us at one or both of our two Christmas Caroling events! Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. at Blessings & Bargains (3032 S. Jog Rd., Greenacres), or Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at Barrington Terrace (1425 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach, FL 33426).

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider your pledge amount; cards are available in the Narthex and will be collected through the end of December.

MINISTRY CONNECTION GROUPS

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