

**ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

First Service-72 | 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 \$16,737.01 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 \$125,212.00 . Pledge cards will continue to be collected through January.

**Stewardship Pledge Cards:** Please prayerfully consider your pledge amount; cards are available in the Narthex and will be collected through the end of December.

**OUR SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS**

<b>SCREENS:</b>	8:30 a.m. Melanie Bynum	11:00 a.m. Jason Ibarrosa
<b>SOUND:</b>	8:30 a.m. Ralph Hayden/Gary Robeson	11:00 a.m. Rose Ibarrosa
<b>USHERS:</b>	8:30 a.m. Bud Deyoe, Rudy Neuendorf, Robert Harris	
	11:00 a.m. Charles D'Augustine, Carol McCord, Roger McCord	
<b>**We need ushers for the 2nd service; please see Roger McCord to help.**</b>		

**OUR STAFF**

MINISTERS – EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION			
SENIOR MINISTER	Dr. Matt White	561-526-3869	SeniorPastor@gofaithunited.org
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WELCOME TO  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 BOYNTON BEACH  
 DECEMBER 2, 2018



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

**“Advent Adoration”**

**Mark 1:1-8**

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**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 2, 2018      8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.**

<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Rev. Parker Bennett
<b>*PASSING THE PEACE</b>	Congregation
<b>PRELUDE</b>	
"Lo, How a Rose"	Lani Smith
<b>LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES</b>	
<b>CHORAL INTROIT</b>	
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	p. 204 (sing twice)
<b>LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE</b>	Louise Wood and Ann Bennett
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	
Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.	
<i>Congregation: To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In You, O God, we trust.</i>	
Leader: He who comes will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.	
<i>Congregation: We are filled with the sure hope of God's enduring promises.</i>	
Leader: Teach us Your ways, O God of our salvation.	
<i>ALL: We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.</i>	
<b>*HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	p. 211
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	
"The Apostles' Creed"	p. 881
<b>* GLORIA PATRI</b>	
<b>ANTHEM</b>	
"Christmas Communion Song"	Susan Naylor Callaway
<b>INVITATION TO OFFERING</b>	
"Holy God of Light and Love: As we offer our gifts to you, open our hearts to the joy of generosity, that we might give compassion recklessly, judgment sparingly, and forgiveness unconditionally. In the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen."	
<b>PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>	Ushers
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	
"Ave Maria"	Bach/Gounod - Benita Dzhurkva, Violinist
<b>*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>	

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 2	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) 12:00 p.m.: Decorating for Advent 3:00 p.m.: "Music in Miami" Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday, December 3	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, December 4	6:30 p.m.: Followers of the Way Bible Study (Faith's Conf. Rm.) 6:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Women's Closed (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, December 5	10:00 a.m.: French Al-Anon (Historical Room) 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.: Sarah Circle (Parlor) 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, December 6	No Activities Scheduled
Friday, December 7	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, December 8	8:30 a.m.: Men's Ministry Breakfast (Faith's FLC) 1:00 p.m.: Christmas Caroling (Blessings & Bargains)

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Dec. 9: Preschool singing during the 2nd service
- Dec. 9: Bells & Carols Handbell Choir Concert at 3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- Dec. 11: Ruth Circle at 10 a.m. (Sorting toiletries in the Agape Room)
- 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 String 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:** For 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:** Join us every third Wednesday of the month 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 information.

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

**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 Teresa 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**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" p. 234

### **INVITATION TO PRAYER**

"Mighty Counselor, lead us through this season of journey, not only in our worship, but also in our living. Ignite not just candles, but the flames of our faith, that we might more fully trust You with all we are and all we have. Amen."

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (words appear on screen)

**SERMON** Rev. Parker Bennett

"Advent Adoration" (Mark 1:1-8)

**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**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" p. 196

### **BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Anna Laura Paige

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

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS:** available from ushers.

### **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, Cliff Bade, Scott Burns, Tammy Cady, Don Coker, Cook Family, Susana Cremin, Patti DiNardo, Paul Erickson, John Featherston, Thom Gable, Marie Garza, Sandie Hardy, Tara Herdegen, Donna Kennelly, Kile Family, 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, Marie Williams, and the family & friends of Law Clark, Richard Eyler and Shirley Hall.*

## Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - December 2, 2018

Christmas Hymns Series - O Come, Let Us Adore Him

“Advent Adoration”

Mark 1:1-8 (CEB)

The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God’s Son, <sup>2</sup> happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah: Look, I am sending my messenger before you. He will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> a voice shouting in the wilderness: “Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.” <sup>4</sup> John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. <sup>5</sup> Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He announced, “One stronger than I am is coming after me. I’m not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Life Application:

- 1) What do you think it means to prepare the way for the Lord?
- 2) What are you doing to be ready for Jesus?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, on this first Sunday in Advent we begin a spiritual journey as we anticipate the coming of Christmas Day, a reminder of the birth of our Savior Jesus. We thank you for becoming one of us and experiencing all that life has to offer. May it give us strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. We lavish You with our worship. We come to adore You today. Help us to love You with all of our heart, all of our soul, all of our mind and all of our strength. 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 Bud & Alice Deyoe, in honor of their three children, Lane, Leanne & Lora, eleven grandchildren, and great-granddaughter.

**\*\*Both bouquets ARE 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:** TODAY 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 “Sing Joy to All the World!” 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

**DECORATING FOR ADVENT:** Please stay after the second service TODAY to decorate the tree and church. *Many hands make light work.*

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PARTY:** Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at Faith, in the FLC. Everyone is invited to come enjoy this festive gathering. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

**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).

**RING IN THE NEW YEAR:** on December 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Faith’s’ FLC. Come for the entire time or just a portion. This event is for all ages (children must have a parent or guardian), and will include food (please bring a potluck dish), a service, prayer, games, and of course, watching the ball drop!

## MINISTRY CONNECTION GROUPS

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