

**ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 16, 2018**

First Service-115 | Second Service-127

**CHURCH FINANCIALS**

January-November 2018: Actual income- \$222,990.26 | Actual expenses- \$254,406.76.

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 January Mission is a Food Drive designated for "CROS Community Caring Kitchen." On January 6, please bring a non-perishable food item and leave it on the marked table in the Narthex.

AV System Fundraiser: Our Audio Visual Upgrade Project collection continues! To date, we have received \$16,73.01 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 \$133,542.00. Pledge cards will continue to be collected through January.

Hurricane Michael Matching Gift: If you would like to participate in First UMC of Ormond Beach's matching gift up to \$500,000, please indicate "Hurricane Michael" on your check. This ends December 31.

**OUR SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS**

<b>SCREENS:</b>	8:30 a.m. Melanie Bynum	11:00 a.m. Carina White
<b>SOUND:</b>	8:30 a.m. Ralph Hayden/Gary Robeson	11:00 a.m. Raines White
<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
MINISTER	Rev. Parker Bennett	954-651-2636	Pastor@gofaithunited.org
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WELCOME TO  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 BOYNTON BEACH  
 DECEMBER 23, 2018



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

**Matthew 2:11**

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**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 23, 2018**      **8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Dr. Matt White  
**\*PASSING THE PEACE**      Congregation

**PRELUDE**  
    "Silent Night"      Joel Raney

**LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES**

**CHORAL INTROIT**  
    "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"      p. 204 (sing twice)

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**  
    8:30 a.m.: John & Ann Hawken | 11:00 a.m.: Speer Family

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
    Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.  
*Congregation: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.*  
    Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,  
*Congregation: For great is the Holy One in our midst,*  
    Leader: Blessed is the One who comes,  
    *ALL: He comes to dwell amongst us, our most precious Christmas gift.*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
    "Angels from the Realms of Glory"      p. 220

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM**  
    "Worship Christ, the Newborn King"      Lloyd Larson

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**  
    "Heavenly Father above, please use the gifts we bring to You this morning to bless those who need the Good News the most. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who gave in love all there was to give for us. Amen."

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**      Ushers

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 23	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) 8:30 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, December 24	At First UMC: 6:30 p.m.: Stradivarius String Ensemble Performance (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary) At Faith UMC: 4:30 p.m.: Preservice Music 5:00 p.m.: Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 25	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Women's Closed (Agape Room)
Wednesday, December 26	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room)
Thursday, December 27	No Activities Scheduled
Friday, December 28	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, December 29	No Activities Scheduled

**SAVE THE DATE**

Dec. 31: Ring in the New Year! Party from 8 p.m. to Jan. 1 at 1 a.m. (Faith's FLC)  
Dec. 31-Jan. 1: Office Closed  
Jan. 2: New office hours will be: Mon., Tue., Thu. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
    Wed. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
    Fri. 9 a.m.-12:00p.m.

Jan. 2: Chancel Choir rehearsals resume  
Jan. 7: Handbell Choir rehearsals resume  
Jan. 8: Ruth Circle meets at 10 a.m. (Agape Room)  
Jan. 13: South Florida Flute Orchestra at 3 p.m. (Sanctuary)  
Jan. 16: Sarah Circle meets at their new time- 7:15 p.m. (Parlor)  
Jan. 16: Bonfire Picnic at 6 p.m. (Faith's fire pit)

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

We are currently using video lessons to learn more about the “History of Christianity.”

**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:** Everyone is invited to attend our next meeting on January 8 at 10 a.m. in the Agape Room, when we will be planning our future meetings. Also, the Ruth Circle members thank everyone for all the toiletry donations; we were able to create 90+ hygiene bags at our December meeting! Contact Joan Alt with any questions. 561-752-7989.

**SARAH CIRCLE:** the next meeting will be January 16 at our NEW TIME of 7:15 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:** will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 9 at 11 a.m.

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

**18-2-LIFE:** Is not meeting December 26 or January 2. When they resume on January 9, 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:** will resume meeting in January. 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.

### **OFFERTORY**

“Heavenly Peace”

Mary McDonald

### **\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“The First Noel”

p. 245

### **INVITATION TO PRAYER**

“Lord, this morning we remember Mary and how Your blessings come in the most unexpected ways. Give us eyes to see the wealth of ways You have blessed us and the opportunities to be an unexpected blessing to others. Amen.”

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER (words appear on screen)**

### **SERMON**

Dr. Matt White

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Matthew 2:11)

### **\* HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

p. 251

### **BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

p. 672

### **POSTLUDE**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Austin C. Lovelace

### **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!

CCLI Music License No.: 2254126 | CVLI Video License No.: 504161134

### **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: Kristy, Cliff Bade, Grace Bergener, Scott Burns, Tammy Cady, Don Coker, Cook Family, Susana Cremin, Thom Gable, Marlene Ginaven, Sandie Hardy, Tara Herdegen, Clover & Jeff Miller, Bob Nickerson, Bonnie Pawlowski, Debbie Peterson, Policemen/First Responders, John Rogers, Zack Shalvey, Bert & Pam Shaw, Carol Smithwick, Shiely Voltz, Curtis Weaver, Marie Williams, and the family & friends of Rip Manning, Marlana of the Federico, Baker & Sweet Families.*

## Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - December 23, 2018

Christmas Hymns Series - "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

### Scripture:

Matthew 2:11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Luke 2:16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Matthew 28:10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

### Life Application:

- 1) What message should we proclaim from the mountain tops?
- 2) With whom should we share our good news?

Prayer: "Dear Lord, thank you for enabling us to see Jesus and to tell the whole wide world about his great love and forgiveness. Please bless our Christmas celebration with spiritual sight. 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 Susan M. Eyth, in memory of her father, Theodore A. Eyth's, 18th birthday in Heaven (12/21).

**\*\*Both bouquets ARE available to be taken to a shut-in or someone in need of cheer.\*\***

*THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR IS NOW HANGING IN THE NARTHEX.*

*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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: December 24, there will be a Pre-service Concert presented by the Stradivarius String 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., preceded by special music at 4:30 p.m.

SOUTH FLORIDA FLUTE ORCHESTRA: January 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

STAFF LOVE OFFERING: If you would like to show your appreciation of our Staff, please designate "Staff Appreciation" on your check's memo line, or use one of the special Love Offering envelopes found in the pews. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, December 30, you're invited to visit with Pastor Parker and Ann at the parsonage. Please see the flyer in the Narthex for more information.

WATCH SERVICE AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATION: on Monday, December 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Faith's FLC. Bring a finger food to share and join us for fellowship and to see the ball drop. Feel free to stay the entire time, or just a small portion.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Sign up for your portrait session for our church directory. You will receive a free 8X10 and church directory. Pets are welcome in the photos. Dates are January 30, and February 1 & 2. Pictures will be taken in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or schedule through the church office.

## MINISTRY CONNECTION GROUPS

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS: This Wednesday's rehearsal is not meeting due to Christmas, but will resume on Wednesday, January 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Tom Bates for more information.

HANDBELL REHEARSAL: Will resume on January 7 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).