

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2019

First Service-97 | Second Service-128

CHURCH FINANCIALS

January 2019: Actual income- \$20,326.10 | Actual expenses- \$26,647.46

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 March Mission is designated for our "Scholarship Fund." If you would like to donate to this fund on March 3, please use one of the pew envelopes marked *Communion*.

AV System Fundraiser: Our Audio Visual Upgrade Project collection continues! To date, we have received \$17,114.01 out of the total \$32,000 needed. Should you choose to donate, please note "Audio/Visual System Upgrade" on your offering envelope.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

SCREENS:	8:30 a.m. Melanie Bynum	11:00 a.m. Jason Ibarrosa
SOUND:	8:30 a.m. Ralph Hayden/Gary Robeson	11:00 a.m. Rose Ibarrosa
USHERS:	8:30 a.m. Lorin Shropshire, Lynette Powell, Claudia Gable, Nan Shoeib	
	11:00 a.m. Jack Bevan, Fran McManus, Rich Steiner, Leslie Lecina	
We need ushers for the 2nd service; please see Roger McCord to help.		

MINISTERS – EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION

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**WELCOME TO
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BOYNTON BEACH
MARCH 3, 2019**



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

“Olive You”

James 1:2-4

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MORNING WORSHIP

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

MARCH 3, 2019 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Parker Bennett
*PASSING THE PEACE	Congregation
PRELUDE	
“Aria”	J. S. Bach
LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES	
CHORAL INTROIT	
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
Leader: The veil of Moses has been lifted from our faces.	
<i>Congregation: When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.</i>	
Leader: We gather today in hope, with bold spirits and renewed minds.	
<i>Congregation: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.</i>	
Leader: Let us now come to worship together.	
<i>ALL: Let us now see the glory of our Creator! Amen.</i>	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	
“Higher Ground”	p. 127 (Cokesbury Hymnal)
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	
“The Apostles’ Creed”	p. 881
*GLORIA PATRI	
ANTHEM	
“Total Praise”	Joel Raney
INVITATION TO OFFERING	
“Transforming God, in our worldly attachments, we have often missed the opportunity to transform our lives to Your will. May our offering this morning be an invitation to living a life radically transformed by Your power, love and grace. In Your name, Amen.”	
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	Ushers
OFFERTORY	
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”	C. Tomlin/J. Rees
*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	
“Give of Your Best to the Master”	p. 187 (Cokesbury Hymnal)

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 3	8:30 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Confirmation Class (Faith’s Café) 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)
Monday, March 4	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, March 5	6:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Women’s Closed (Agape Room)
Wednesday, March 6	10:00 a.m.: French Al-Anon (Agape Room) 11:00 a.m.: Ash Wednesday Lunch (Fellowship Hall) 12:00 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service (Faith UMC) 6:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room)
Thursday, March 7	No Activities Scheduled
Friday, March 8	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, March 9	8:30 a.m.: Men’s Ministry Meeting (Faith’s FLC) 9:30 a.m.: Motorcycle Prayer Ride (meet at Faith)

SAVE THE DATE

- Mar. 10: “For Me and My Gal” (Tom Bates and Linda Freeze duet) at 3 p.m. (Sanctuary)
 Young at Heart: gather to watch the show followed by dinner at Cracker Barrel
- Mar. 12: Ruth Circle at 10 a.m. (Agape Room)
- Mar. 20: Sarah Circle at 7:15 p.m. (Parlor)
- Mar. 24: Leadership Council Meeting at 12 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mar. 30: Wonderfully Made Social for the Adult Special Needs Community (Faith)
- Apr. 7: Preschool Singing (Sanctuary)
 Church Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt (Faith Campus)
- Apr. 14: Palm Sunday “One Holy Lamb” Cantata (both services)
- Apr. 19: Good Friday (First– 12 p.m. service) (Faith– 5 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. service)
- Apr. 21: Easter Sunday
- May 4: Dinner Church Launch at 12:30 p.m. (Faith’s FLC)

RUTH CIRCLE: March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Agape Room, come hear guest speaker Kay Billington present "Volunteer for God: the Hands and Feet of Jesus." Also, our collection continues for toiletry items that go into our hygiene bags for the homeless. Contact Joan Alt with any questions. 561-732-7989.

SARAH CIRCLE: the next meeting will be March 20 at 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: 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 second 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: The current study is using the book: "Experiencing Spiritual Revival" by Margaret Feinberg, which can be purchased at most online bookstores. 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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us Your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us to receive Your word with joy and to live Your message with love. Amen."

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (words appear on screen)

SERMON

Rev. Parker Bennett

"Olive You" (James 1:2-4)

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**

"Spirit Song"

p. 347

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

p. 672

POSTLUDE

"Lily of the Valley"

Eric Lewis

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: Shirley, Fred Akhand, Grace & Sally Bergener, Delores Beylo, Tammy Cady, Betty Carter, Don Coker, Alysa Duritas, Paula Emons, Cheryl & Paul Erickson, Carrie Fisher, Drew Flynn, Heather Hall, Mary & Norma Harrington, Tara Herdegen, Jill Landrum, Pastor Ron Leighbrower, Cathy Loyal, Chris Metcalf, Clover & Jeff Miller, Fran Mooney, Ann Morgan, Rudy Neuendorf, Bob Nickerson, Amador Padron & Family, Debbie Peterson, Policemen/First Responders, Barbara Redmond, Mary E. (Betty) Ritz, Magreacia Saintizaire, Colin Smith, Curtis Weaver, Patrick White, and the friends & family of Marlene Ginaven & Bonnie Pawlowski.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - March 3, 2019

“Olive You”

James 1:2-4 (CEB)

² My brothers and sisters, think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy. ³ After all, you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ Let this endurance complete its work so that you may be fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing.

James 1:12 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Life Application:

- 1) What have you endured in your life that is a testimony to God's promise?
- 2) How can your experience be used to encourage others?
- 3) Take time this week to thank God for his unconditional love.

Prayer:

Gracious God, help us to consider it an occasion for joy when tests and challenges come at us from all sides. Help us to be thankful for the ways they shape and grow us, even when they are difficult. Thank you for promising us the crown of life that cannot be taken away. Empower us to persevere through the power of your Holy Spirit.

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 an anonymous donor, in honor of Polly Glenn, and Debbie & Donny Loyal.

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 \$60.00, in the offering plate.

FINE ARTS SERIES

FOR ME AND MY GAL: On March 10 at 3:00 p.m., Linda Freeze and Tom Bates will perform a musical journey of well-known duets.

PALM SUNDAY: Join us on April 14 during either service for our Easter Cantata “One Holy Lamb.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY: On March 6 there will be an 11 a.m. fellowship meal (\$5/plate) in the Fellowship Hall followed by a service at 12 p.m.; the lunch sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please place your payment (marked *Ash Wednesday*) in the offering plate. There is an evening service at Faith UMC at 6 p.m. *SERVERS & GREETERS NEEDED AT 10:00 a.m. Call the office if you are able to help.

MOTORCYCLE PRAYER RIDE: on March 9 at 9:30 a.m., a group of motorcyclists will be traversing Palm Beach County, with stops along the way to pray. If you don't have a motorcycle, you can follow in your car. Contact: Pastor Wayne Masiker (561-364-5840).

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING: March 24 after the second service. Please bring a finger-food to share. Come learn about what's happening in the church.

PRESCHOOL SINGING IN CHURCH: April 7 during the second service.

CHURCH PICNIC/EASTER EGG HUNT: April 7, after the second service, at Faith. Please bring a dish to share. Parents: bring twelve filled plastic eggs (no chocolate)/child.

MINISTRY CONNECTION GROUPS

YOUNG AT HEART: Everyone 55+ is invited to attend the “Me and My Gal” concert on March 10 at 3 pm. After the show, we will caravan to Cracker Barrel (1475 SW 8th St., Boynton Beach, FL 33426) for dinner. Contact Pastor Parker (954-651-2636) with questions.

PAIRS & SPARES: meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and all are welcome. Our new Bible study series is Max Lucado's “Unshakeable Hope.”

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.