

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 17, 2019

First Service-99 | Second Service-134

CHURCH FINANCIALS

January-February 2019: Actual income- \$54,509.45 | Actual expenses- \$49,581.62

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 April Mission is designated for our "Ruth Circle Mission." If you would like to donate to this fund on April 7, please use one of the pew envelopes marked *Communion*.

AV System Fundraiser: Our Audio Visual Upgrade Project collection continues! To date, we have received \$17,591.00 out of the total \$32,000 needed. Should you choose to donate, please note "Audio/Visual System Upgrade" on your offering envelope.

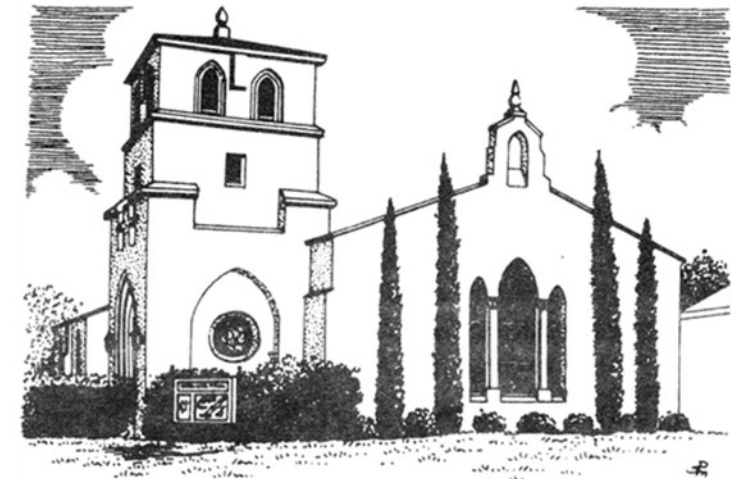
OUR SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

SCREENS:	8:30 a.m. Melanie Bynum	11:00 a.m. Carina White
SOUND:	8:30 a.m. Ralph Hayden/Gary Robeson	11:00 a.m. Raines White
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 24, 2019**



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

“Why Should We Read the Bible?”

Psalm 119:105

Senior Minister – Dr. Matt White

Minister – Rev. Parker Bennett

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MORNING WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 24, 2019 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Matt White

***PASSING THE PEACE** Congregation

PRELUDE AND CHORAL INTROIT
 "Pie Jesus" Andrew Webber
 Linda Freeze/Benita Dzhurkova

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
 Leader: Sisters and Brothers, God our God is full of power!
 Congregation: Like someone stranded in the desert looking for water, we seek the Lord.
 Leader: God's love is better than life and worthy of our praise.
 Congregation: We will praise the Lord as long as we live, lifting our hands to heaven.
 Leader: God is our help and upholds us like an eagle gathering her own.
 ALL: We will bless the Lord and sing under the shadow of God's wings.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" p. 127

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

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM
 "Lord, Tune Our Hearts" Joseph Martin

INVITATION TO OFFERING
 "God of love, we offer our gifts this morning, knowing that we have chased after things that we thought would bring joy, and then found them to be empty and unfulfilling. Lord, we long to return to You and invest ourselves in You. Help us, O Lord, Amen."

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Ushers

OFFERTORY
 "Were You There" Todd Billingsly and Barry Braman

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 24	8:30 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30 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) 12:00 p.m.: Leadership Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, March 25	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 26	6:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Women's Closed (Agape Room)
Wednesday, March 27	10:00 a.m.: French Al-Anon (Agape Room) 11:00 a.m.: Wednesday Bible Study (Parlor) 6:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 6:00 p.m.: Adv. Club, Youth Group, Women's 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, March 28	No Activities Scheduled
Friday, March 29	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, March 30	5:30 p.m.: Wonderfully Made Social (Faith's FLC)

SAVE THE DATE

Apr. 6: First Care Walk for Life at 9 a.m.
 (John Prince Park, 4759 S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth, FL 33461)

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—
 Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. (Oceanfront Park)
 Traditional worship services at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

May 4: Dinner Church Launch at 12:30 p.m. (Faith's FLC)

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: April 9 at 10 a.m. in the Agape Room. We will have devotions, prayer and make hygiene bags for the homeless. Contact Joan Alt with any questions. 561-732-7989.

Collection continues for the following items: travel-sized soap, shampoo and lotion; full-sized deodorant, toothbrush & toothpaste, and disposable razors.

SARAH CIRCLE: the next meeting will be April 17 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 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, Preschool Helper, and/or Medical Appliance Coordinator.

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" p. 152

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"I weave a silence to my lips, into my mind, and within my heart. I close my ears to distractions, my eyes to attractions, and my heart to temptations. Calm me, still me, and keep me from harm, O Lord. Enfold me in Your peace, I pray. Amen."

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (words appear on screen)

SERMON Dr. Matt White

"Why Should We Read the Bible?" (Psalm 119:105)

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

"Wonderful Words of Life" p. 600

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

"Ye Holy Angels Bright" John Darwall

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: Annie, Shirley, Joanne Ambrosino, Grace & Sally Bergener, Tammy Cady, Alysa Duritas, Carrie Fisher, Drew Flynn, Drew Gittinger, Barbara Harrington, Tara Herdegen, Barry Isenberg, Fred Jungemann, Dimitri Manta, John McAnallen, Roger McCord, Chris Metcalf, Clover & Jeff Miller, Rayqawn Mia Monique, Fran Mooney, Ann Morgan, Rudy Neuendorf, Bob Nickerson, Mary Owen, Amador Padron & Family, Debbie Peterson, Policemen/First Responders, Colin Smith, Curtis Weaver, Patrick White.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - March 24, 2019

Tough Questions Series - "Why Should We Read the Bible?"

Scripture:

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Life Application:

- 1) When is the last time that you read the Bible?
- 2) In what ways have you been able to apply Scripture to your life?

Prayer: "Dear Lord, please help us to be people that love your Holy Word. Empower us to study your ways and apply your truth to the manner that we live out our lives. Let us seek you every day of our lives. 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, and are presented by Nainie & Curtis Weaver, in honor of the many birthdays within the Weaver family this month.

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY: April 21 we will gather to celebrate the hope Jesus gave in His sacrifice and resurrection. You may attend the Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. held at Oceanfront Park (6415 N Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach, FL 33435), or one of the regular services held at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING: TODAY after the second service in the Fellowship Hall. Come learn about what's happening in the church.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to order Easter Flowers, please use the order form in the bulletin. Flowers are \$15 each, and order forms are due April 7. Please designate "Easter Flowers" on your check or envelope and place in the offering plate.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY: will be held at both churches; First UMC will host a service at 12:00 noon, and Faith UMC will host dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by the service at 6:30 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$5/person, and you must pre-register. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex, or please call the church office.

MINISTRY CONNECTION GROUPS

YOUNG AT HEART: Next meeting for this 55+ ministry will be in May. 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 "Simon Peter" by Adam Hamilton.