

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 1, 2020

First Service-101 | Second Service-97

CHURCH FINANCIALS

January 2020: Actual income- \$26,766.57 | Actual expenses- \$20,776.89

Online Giving: is available on the church website's homepage.

Monthly Communion Offering: Every 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, please use one of the pew envelopes marked *Communion*.

Air Conditioning Replacement: Our next big church project is to replace some of the A/C units, and we are asking for your help in raising the funds for the \$25,000 cost. Should you choose to donate, please note "Air Condition" on your offering envelope.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

	8:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
SCREENS:	Melanie Bynum	Janelle Ibarrosa
SOUND:	Ralph Hayden/Gary Robeson	
USHERS:	Bud Deyoe, Robert Harris, Roger McCord, Rudy Neuendorf	Jack Bevan, Leslie Lecina, Fran McManus, Rich Steiner

If you would like to serve as one of our ushers, please see Roger McCord.

MINISTERS – EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION

DR. MATTHEW WHITE, Senior Pastor	SeniorPastor@GoFaithUnited.org	561-526-3869
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**WELCOME TO
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BOYNTON BEACH
MARCH 8, 2020**



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

“Blind Spots”

John 9:1-5

Senior Minister – Dr. Matt White

Minister – Rev. Parker Bennett

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**MORNING WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

MARCH 8, 2020 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Parker Bennett**
***PASSING THE PEACE** **Congregation**

PRELUDE
 "Jesus Paid It All" **John T. Grape**

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT
 "I Will Come and Bow Down" **Martin Nystrom**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
 Leader: Dearly beloved,
 Congregation: The shadows are deep,
 Leader: But the Light is rising.
 Congregation: Dearly beloved,
 Leader: Who will we be?
 ALL: We're water-washed and Spirit-born. We're anointed, beloved and free!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
 "Amazing Grace" p. 378

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

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM
 "I Will Sing Praise" **Joseph M. Martin**

INVITATION TO OFFERING
 "Generous God, as You have watched over and cared for Your creation, so we acknowledge in our giving that You are calling us to do the same. We surrender our treasure, knowing our hearts will follow. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS **Ushers**

OFFERTORY
 "Ah, Holy Jesus" **John Ferguson**

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 8	8:30 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m.: Confirmation Class (Faith) 9:45 a.m.: Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) 9:45 a.m.: JOY Sunday School Class (Parlor) 9:45 a.m.: Trustee Meeting (Historical Room) 11:00 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:00 p.m.: Jason Ibarrosa and Friends Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday, March 9	6:00 p.m.: AA Meeting-Beginners (Agape Room) 6:30 p.m.: Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting-Open (Agape Room) 7:00 p.m.: LIFT Meeting (Faith's Café) 8:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Closed (Agape Room)
Tuesday, March 10	10:00 a.m.: Ruth Circle (Agape Room) 6:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Women's Closed (Agape Room)
Wednesday, March 11	10:30 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.: Wednesday Family Night Ministries (Faith) 6:00 p.m.: Blindsided Bereavement Group (Faith's Conf. Rm.) 7:00 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: AA Meeting (Agape Room) 8:30 p.m.: 18-2-Life (Cici's Pizza- 3024 Jog Rd., Greenacres)
Thursday, March 12	9:00 a.m.: Ladies' Bible Study (Faith's Conference Room)
Friday, March 13	Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 14	8:30 a.m.: Men's Breakfast (Faith's FLC)

SAVE THE DATE

March 15: Church Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30 p.m. (Intracoastal Park)
 March 21: Young at Heart sing-along and lunch at 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
 March 22: Leadership Council Meeting at 12:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
 April 4: Walk for Life at 7:30 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. (John Prince Park)
 April 5: Cantata "What Love Is This?" at both services (Sanctuary)
 April 12: Easter Sunday
 April 23-26: Men's Emmaus Walk
 April 30-May 3: Women's Emmaus Walk

RUTH CIRCLE: Mar. 10 at 10 a.m. in the Agape Room. We invite everyone to attend and hear Pastor Wayne Masiker's devotional. Also, our collection for the following supplies continues and items can be dropped off in the Narthex: travel-sized soap, shampoo and lotion; full-sized deodorant, toothbrush & toothpaste, and disposable razors. Contact Joan Alt with any questions. 561-732-7989.

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 Cici's Pizza (3024 Jog Rd., Greenacres).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: meets from 6-7:30 p.m. in Faith's Admin Building. The study uses Max Lucado's participant guide "Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine" available at any major online book retailer. Contact Teresa White at teressaannwhite@gmail.com with questions.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: This video Bible study uses "Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer, and meets Thursdays from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in Faith's Conference Room. Talk to Kay Billington (440-796-7587) about purchasing a Study book.

A MEAL AND A MESSAGE: April 4 at 1 p.m. in Faith's FLC. Contact Pastor Wayne (561-364-5840) to see how you can be part of this outreach ministry that focuses on "bringing church to the unchurched."

"BLINDSIDED" GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in Faith's conference room. Led by therapist Anthony Intagliata PSYD, CTTS, CPLC. For information call Anthony at 561-926-9031 or email traumaispersonal@gmail.com.

ONGOING THINGS TO REMEMBER

ARE YOU INTERESTED? in becoming a new member or being baptized? If yes, call the church office (561-732-3435) or see one of the pastors.

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: Available to borrow and located above the Agape Room. At this time, we are not accepting donations of any more equipment.

ELEMENTARY CONNECTION: Volunteers 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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" p. 454

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Holy Spirit, please fill us with Your awesome gift of love and peace. Allow us to accept the changes You wish to occur in us, and let us always act in ways that will be pleasing to You. In Your name we pray, Amen."

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (words appear on screen)

SERMON Rev. Parker Bennett

"Blind Spots" (John 9:1-5)

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

"Lord of the Dance" p. 261

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

"Jesus Loves Me" p. 191 (vs. 3)

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune" Henry Purcell

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: Joan Alt, Andrea Burch & family, Sharon Calvo, Bonnie Coopridner, Corkie Corkran, Jim Cronin, Charles D'Augustine, Reba Friedland, Tara Herdegen, Connie Lehman, Ronald McPherson, Chris Metcalf, Carol Miller's Brother, Ann Morgan-Cronin, Debbie Peterson, Policemen/First Responders, Ron Smith, Ronald Smith, and Curtis Weaver.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Sermon Notes - March 8, 2020

Gospel of John Series: "Blind Spots"

John 9:1-5 (CEB)

¹As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. ²Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

³Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. ⁴While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 9:35-41 (NLT)

³⁵When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶The man answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him." ³⁷"You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!" ³⁸"Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. ³⁹Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment, to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind." ⁴⁰Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, "Are you saying we're blind?" ⁴¹"If you were blind, you wouldn't be guilty," Jesus replied. "But you remain guilty because you claim you can see."

Life Application:

- 1) What challenges in your life are creating an obstacle between you and God?
- 2) How can these issues be an opportunity for God's power to be put on display?

Prayer:

Gracious God, thank you for your love and your grace. Thank you for your wisdom and peace. Whatever difficulties we face in this life help us use them as an opportunity for your power to be put on display. Give us eyes to see like Jesus, to see everyone we encounter with open, hopeful and glorified futures, and nothing less. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR GUESTS!

We are delighted and thankful to have you join us today, and our ushers are here to help answer any questions you may have.

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 Judy Sansweet, in memory of her husband, Charles Sweet.

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

JASON IBALARROSA CONCERT: Join us TODAY at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for this performance that will include other students from A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Art.

EASTER CANTATA: Join us for our annual cantata that helps to prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday. At both services, our Chancel Choir will perform "What Love Is This?" by Lloyd Larson, which is sure to be spiritually uplifting.

EASTER SUNDAY: April 12 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

CHURCH PICNIC & EASTER EGG HUNT: Sunday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m., we will gather in fellowship at Intracoastal Park (2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach, FL 33435). Please bring a potluck dish to share.

MINISTRY CONNECTION GROUPS

YOUNG AT HEART: This ministry group for those aged 55+ meets monthly. Join us on March 21 at 10 a.m. at First UMC in the Fellowship Hall for a sing-along with guest Bruce Andrews - The Minstrel. Bring a covered dish to share for lunch.

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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 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.