

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 8, 2020

First Service–81 | Second Service–102

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	Damiana Cleary
SOUND:	Ralph Hayden/Gary Robeson	Matt Schwinge
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 15, 2020**



First United Methodist Church

Boynton Beach, FL

“The Good Shepherd”

John 10:7-10

Senior Minister – Dr. Matt White

Minister – Rev. Parker Bennett

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**MORNING WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

MARCH 15, 2020 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

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

PRELUDE
 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” **Harold DeCou**

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT
 “I Will Come and Bow Down” **Martin Nystrom**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
 Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.
 Congregation: *We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert.*
 Leader: Let us worship God, who created streams of mercy to flow.
 Congregation: *We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship Him!*
 Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.
 ALL: *We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!*

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
 “Lead On, O King Eternal” **p. 580**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
 “The Apostles’ Creed” **p. 881**

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM
 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” **David Schwoebel**

INVITATION TO OFFERING
 “God of Boundless Goodness: use these gifts we give as part of our praise, and use them in mission in this world so that even those who feel lost and unloved will know they have a God who loves each of them dearly. With praise and thanksgiving, Amen.”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS **Ushers**

OFFERTORY
 “Blessed Assurance” **Phoebe Palmer Knapp**

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 15	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) 11:00 a.m.: Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, March 16	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 17	6:30 p.m.: AA Meeting-Women’s Closed (Agape Room)
Wednesday, March 18	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 19	9:00 a.m.: Ladies’ Bible Study (Faith’s Conference Room)
Friday, March 20	Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 21	10:00 a.m.: Young at Heart sing-along & lunch (Fellowship Hall)

SAVE THE DATE

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 10: Good Friday Services
 12:00 p.m. at First UMC; 5:00 p.m. dinner at Faith followed by the 6:00 p.m. service
April 12: Easter Sunday
April 23-26: Men’s Emmaus Walk
April 30-May 3: Women’s Emmaus Walk
September 2: Financial Peace University Information Meeting (classes start September 16)

RUTH CIRCLE: Apr. 14 at 10 a.m. in the Agape Room. We invite everyone to attend. 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).

WALKING PRAYER GROUP: meets Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in the parking lot near the second building. Contact: Teressa White at teressaannwhite@gmail.com.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: New Bible Study coming soon. Contact Kay Billington (440-796-7587) with questions..

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD

There is always a place in ministry for everyone!

Ushers, Sound and Screens Technicians, Bible Study Leaders, Worship Team Leader, Sunday Morning Drivers, Sunday School Teachers, and/or Preschool Helpers.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" p. 128

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"God, You know our hearts, our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new awareness of Your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may follow You. Amen."

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (words appear on screen)

SERMON

Rev. Parker Bennett

"The Good Shepherd" (John 10:7-10)

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" p. 381

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

"The Greatness of the Lord" Richard Miles

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 Coopriider, Corkie Corkran, Jim Cronin, Charles D'Augustine, David Deyoe, Reba Friedland, Tara Herdegen, Connie Lehman, Ronald McPherson, Chris Metcalf, Carol Miller's Brother, Ann Morgan-Cronin, Debbie Peterson, Policemen/First Responders, Dr. William Quirk, Ron Smith, Ronald Smith, and Curtis Weaver.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church
Sermon Notes - March 15, 2020
Gospel of John Series: "The Good Shepherd"

John 10:7-10 (NLT) ⁷ So Jesus explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

John 10:14-18 (CEB) ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd. ¹⁷ This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

John 10:25-30 (CEB) ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, but you don't believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you don't believe because you don't belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Life Application:

- 1) Who is your shepherd? Who do you trust and follow?
- 2) What does the Good Shepherd do for his sheep?
- 3) Give God thanks and praise that you are never lost when you belong to Jesus.

Prayer:

Gracious God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our good Shepherd. Help us to listen and respond to Your voice and leading today. We're so grateful to be in Your flock, to have You, the good Shepherd, taking care of us and giving us eternal life. 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 Susan Oyer, Harvey Oyer III, Christian Macoviak & Patrick Dooley, in memory of their grandfather, Harvey E. Oyer Sr.

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

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: Easter Flower order forms are available in the Narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH PICNIC & EASTER EGG HUNT: has been cancelled.

GOOD FRIDAY: will be held at both churches; on April 10, 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: 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.