



Wear Red On Pentecost Sunday. May 23rd, 2021

Dear Church Family,

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well. We are sending the newsletter by means of email as well as through the postal system. We are now at a time in the pandemic where we believe that we can renew this wonderful tradition of the monthly newsletter in the mail. I thank all those who volunteered to make this possible.

This May we will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9, 2021 and Pentecost on Sunday, May 23, 2021 . The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna Jarvis grew to resent the commercialism of this day that was to honor mothers. Her goal was that we each in some way honor our mother for her love and sacrifice.

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon the first disciples and empowering them to begin to fulfill Jesus' command to preach the good news of the Cross and Resurrection. That same Holy Spirit resides in every Christian, to empower us to live out this relationship with God and those around us. I hope that you will be able to attend either of these services in-person or virtually.

If you were present in worship last Sunday or watched online, you heard Bruce Martens, the Staff-Pastor Parish Chair, announce that I will be returning as your pastor for another year. I am grateful to Bishop Carter and the cabinet of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to be able to serve as your pastor for the seventeenth year. There is no other place I would rather be than here in ministry with you.

This year we have one of our members graduating from Sebring High School, Beckham Donovan. We congratulate him and pray that God will lead him in all his future endeavors and education at Florida Atlantic University. If you wish to write a card or note of encouragement to Beckham, you may do so and leave it at the Church and we will make sure that Beckham receives it by graduation on Saturday, May 29, 2021. We also extend congratulations to Sidney Donovan who graduated from Florida State University in April 2021

May God's Grace and Peace be yours,

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr
Senior Pastor

Preaching Schedule

May 2, 2021

"It's All about Love!"

1 John 4:7-21

May 9, 2021

"A Godly Woman"

Proverbs 31:10-31

May 16, 2021

"It's Easy to Just Stand Around"

Acts 1:1-11

May 23, 2021

"The Power of God"

Acts 2:1-21

May 30, 2021

"The Holiness of God!"

Isaiah 6:1-8

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School Class has resumed. Class is being held in the Fellowship Hall between services from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You are welcome to join us! Also, the Youth Sunday School has resumed with Miss. Gwen and all Youth are welcome!



June Newsletter Articles

Mark your calendar! Newsletter articles for June 2021 will be due Tuesday, May 18th

GOING NORTH?



We know that many of you will soon be leaving the Sebring area for your northern home.

We would love to keep in touch with you while you are north. Please contact the church at 863-382-1736. Or mail us your northern address with a possible return date. You may also email us your information at stjohnsebring@centurylink.net

United Methodist Women



The South West District UMW will be hosting a ZOOM Social Action Event with the reading of a novel,

Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown by Dr. Jeffrey Staley. The author will join us on-line to discuss how his book came to be when he was sleuthing the story of a White House postcard signed by Teddy Roosevelt. Set in 1908, this book is about women in Chinatown surviving horrible conditions by singing. It is a fascinating true life story. It is a Virtual Zoom event on May 15, 2021 from 10a-noon. If anyone is interested in attending, contact me. 863-414-6530 (leave message)

Ruth Hollandsworth,
Unit President

UPPER ROOMS

The Upper Rooms for May-June are now available in the narthex & Church office. The cost is \$1.00 per Upper Room



She
IS CLOTHED IN
strength
AND
dignity,
AND SHE
laughs
WITHOUT FEAR
OF THE FUTURE.

PROVERBS 31:25



1	Evelyn Tack
1	Esther Forrest
1	Dick Wolfram
2	Cliff Wood
3	Diana Neel
3	Susan Lenihan
3	Suzie Sigmund
6	Homer Nichols
11	Betty Ankele
11	Sue Hemberger
12	Pat Johnson
10	Diego Serrano
13	Karen Serrano
14	Richard Miller
16	Chet Marsh
17	Connie DeMaria
19	Marilyn Stafford
20	Cathie Bates
23	Skip Baxter
23	Kris Ratliff
27	Roger Maddux
22	Carl Stevenson
26	Judy Lyons
28	David De Genaro
29	Michael Sturgille
29	Chuck Thomas
30	Ruby Beckman
30	Joni Gulick

Anniversaries for May

4	Curtis & Stacey Donovan
6	Jerry & Sharon Stickler
8	Dennis & Pat Peters
9	Arnie & Dee Sumter
15	Joe & Dottie Pratt
19	Verl & Sylvia Shaffer
23	Dave & Pat Johnson
25	Skip & Janet Baxter
27	Raymond & Beverly White



The Palms
 Claire Crenshaw
 Ruth Harrison
 Joyce Houska
 Barb Squires

Fellowship Home at the Fairway
 Vince & Sidney O'Neill
 Opal Hickman-Stebbins
 Neal Winters

At Home
 Neil Muir
 Ellen Thorne
 Joyce Tucker
 Ed Vickers

MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS

Denise Bayler
 Joanne Gamber
 June Hiltner
 Stan & Bonnie Hoover
 Arline Hunter
 Bill Jarrett
 Roxie Lawson
 Fran Palmer
 Martha Dora Ramos
 Dick Rice
 Margaret Runnalls
 Marilyn Stafford
 Evelyn Tack

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

John Babson USCG
 Grandson of Setchell & Ebbert
Reese Bell
 Friend of John Cook
Isabella Hernandez
 Granddaughter of Susan Maddux
Toni LAREau
 Sister-In-Law of Patti LAREau
Reta
 Niece of Elaine Hammel
Kim Wills
 Daughter of Ray and Bev White

Attendance

March 28: 177
 Online: 626

April 1: 41 Holy Thursday
 Online: 466

April 2: — Good Friday
 Online: 443

April 4: 182
 Online: 674

April 11: 146
 Online: 558

April 18: 188
 Online: 576

Offering

March 28: \$6,637.00
 April 4: \$8,643.00
 April 11: \$24,334.00
 April 18: \$24,941.95

Total received to 4-18-21:
 \$280,869.95

Mortgage Balance as of 4-1-21:
 \$294,655.07



UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST

OUR GOAL is to maintain a current list of those who request ongoing prayer. Contact the church office if you know a friend or relative whose needs have been met and can be removed, or someone you want to be added.

Sympathy

Beverly Butler
 4-19-21

Bev's Memorial Service will be Saturday May 1, 2021. 3:00 p.m. At St. John. You may also watch virtual (Online).

Shirley Myers
 4-12-21



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Wednesday** 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from Noon-1:00 p.m.)
Thursday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Like Us! Contact us on **FACEBOOK** to get the latest news at St. John United Methodist Church of Sebring. **TELEPHONE** (863) 382-1736 **FAX** (863) 382-1365 **E-MAIL** stjohnsebring@centurylink.net
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Sunday Morning In-Person

Worship Services

7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

(Reservations required)

&

Online Ministries:

The Daily Word 2:00 p.m.

Monday-Saturday

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

available on stjohnsebring.org or

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