

WORSHIP

July 8, 2018

LifeJourney Contemporary Worship – 9:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

(Please fill out your Response Card and place it in the offering.)

Passing the Peace

Praise Music

Prayers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH takes place after the prayers at the 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service in TFEC. Families will worship together, then the children will be dismissed to Children's Church (between 9:15-9:20) in rooms 106 and 108 for Children's Church and Bible story time.

Offering

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing and Blessing

Matthew 13:1-23

A Heart for the Kingdom

Rev. Robin Hager

Are You New to Grace's Contemporary Service?

We are so glad that you are here!

- The service will begin with announcements and about 20 minutes of singing, followed by an offering then there will be a message from the Bible. *Please feel at home.*
- After the service, stop by our Information Center. We are here to answer your questions and give you a tour.
- Check out Graceontheisland.com. It has staff listings, information, statement of beliefs, upcoming events, etc.

CAMPUS MAPS are available in the TFEC lobby in the information carousel and in the Narthex on the lobby table or on the wall near the hallway.

NEXT SUNDAY is Children's Coin Ministry Sunday. Please remember to bring your loose coins to place in the offering plate to help support children and youth ministries. Thank you for your support of **Children's Coin Ministry Sunday!**



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Traditional Service – 11:00 AM

*Please stand as you are able

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Carolyn Winfrey

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Beck

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WELCOME*PASSING THE PEACE

(All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(people read the bold face type)*

LEADER: Let us praise the LORD.

PEOPLE: In the council of the upright and in the assembly, we will praise the LORD.

LEADER: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

PEOPLE: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

LEADER: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

PEOPLE: He provides food for those who are hungry; he remembers his covenant forever.

*HYMN #465

Holy Spirit Truth Divine

(Please be seated)

OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

God of grace, we come with all we have; bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship you. We have come for a glimpse of your kingdom--a world where love rules over all, a world where enemies embrace, distinctions between friend and foe evaporating in the light of your love. We dedicate this hour of worship to you and to your kingdom come. Amen.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER, MORNING PRAYER,
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Beside the Still Waters

Andrea Ramsey

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(In Unison)*

Holy God; you call us to be holy, as we are made in your image. We trust in your generosity, and so are free to be generous ourselves, opening our hearts we give freely and generously to the work of your church in our world. Bless these gifts and us to your service. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

SPECIAL MUSIC:

As the Deer

Nystrom

Margaret Rose Green, Soprano

HYMN #454

Open My Eyes That I May See

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-23

MESSAGE

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*HYMN #402

Lord I Want to be a Christian

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord

arr. Bish

Serving as Worship Leader today: Phyllis Riedler

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KIDZ CLUB Time at 9:55 AM following Children's Church, children are taken upstairs to rooms 205, 206/207. This time will include crafts, games and sometimes a small snack. Please check your child in **PRIOR** to worship to ensure safety for your child. Pickup is upstairs (in the back lobby area) at 11:15 AM.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Sunday school meets on Sunday morning, at 10:15AM, right after the Life Journey service in TFEC, in Room 200. We will be using Cokesbury's Submerge.

ADULT CLASSES

Traditional

9:30 AM Wesleyan Class in the main building, West Wing

9:30 AM Christian Encounters in the main building, East Wing

Contemporary

10:15 AM Your Turn Class in the main building, Parlor B.

Connecting Class in TFEC Room 108

Discussing our week with Jesus and making the word connect in our daily lives with our families.

For more information, Sunday school fliers are located in the information display in the lobby of TFEC or on the table in the Narthex of the main building.

CALENDAR

Sunday – JULY 8

8:30am Coffee Time – TFEC Lobby
9:00am *LifeJourney Contemporary Worship – TFEC
9:00am *Children's Church – TFEC Rooms 106 (3-5 years) & 108 (K-5th)
9:30am *Traditional Adult Sunday school–Wesleyan, WW; Christian Encounters, EW;
10:00am Kidz Club – TFEC Rooms 205 – 207
10:15am *LifeJourney Adult Sunday school; Connections= 108;
Your Turn=Parlor B;
10:15am *Anchored Youth Sunday school – TFEC Room 200
11:00am *Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Monday – JULY 9

7:30am Grace Summer Camp – TFEC
9:15am Bible Buddies VBS Day – TFEC GYM
5:00pm Prayer Group – Chapel

Tuesday – JULY 10

7:30am Grace Summer Camp – TFEC
10:00am Grace Staff Meeting – Parlor
1:00pm Mission Teams Meeting – Parlor
5:30pm GraceTones Handbell Ensemble– Music Room
7:00pm AA Meeting – Meeting Room C
7:00pm Emmaus Men's Meeting – Library

Wednesday – JULY 11

7:30am Grace Summer Camp – TFEC
9:00am Piecemakers – Punch Hall & East Wing
1:30pm VOTI Communion – VOI
5:15pm Snack Supper – TFEC
6:00pm Grace Kidz & Anchored Youth – TFEC
6:00pm Grace Grow Groups – TFEC
6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #77 – PH/EW/WW
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
7:00pm Al Anon Meeting – Meeting Room C

Thursday – JULY 12

7:30am Grace Summer Camp – TFEC
7:00pm AA Meeting – Meeting Room C
7:00pm Life Journey Praise Team Practice – TFEC Main Hall

Friday – JULY 13

7:30am Grace Summer Camp – TFEC

Saturday – JULY 14

9:00am Life Group – Parlor
11:00am Rock Event – TFEC

STEWARDSHIP

Figures from Sunday, July 1, 2018
General Offering Received: \$18,393.25
Weekly Offering General Fund Goal: \$17,930.00
*Loan Balance as of 5/30/18: \$16,729.67

*We do **NOT** have a building fund. This would imply we are gathering/saving funds to start a new building project. In addition we do **NOT** have a mortgage. What we have is a **loan** from building the Preschool and renovation of TFEC. If you plan to give directly to pay the loan – please note on check "LOAN REDUCTION" and we will know these funds go to the principle of the loan. Thank you!

Attendance: 303 (One Year Ago: (309))

Mission Support

Pat & Karen Burroughs-Campus Crusade
Sara Flores-Ecuador (Global Mission Partner)
Sister Methodist Church in Herrera, Cuba

CHURCH STAFF

Kenneth Carter, Florida Conference, Resident Bishop
Rinaldo Hernandez, District Superintendent, SW District

All Members of the Church, Ministers

Robin Hager, Pastor
Beverly McFarland, Administrator
Vicki Mackey, Student & Family Ministry Director
Suzanne Berndt, Organist/Director, Traditional Music
Mary Jeanne Moorman, Pianist
Rich Hager, Praise Team Leader
Tia Fishburn, Office Assistant
Faithe Johnson, Preschool Director
Frank Hall, Custodian
Karen Bowles, Housekeeper

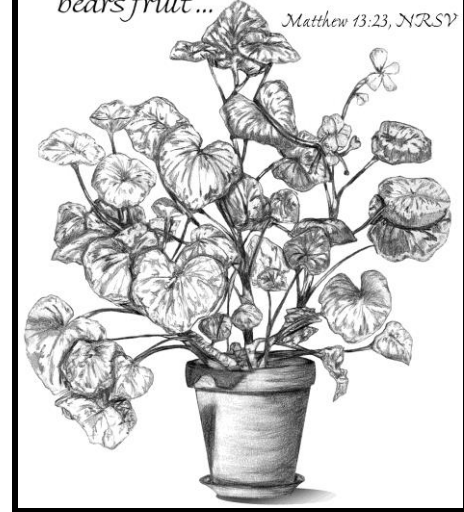
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But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit...

Matthew 13:23, NRSV



Grace United Methodist Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 8, 2018

Helpful Information

Our NURSERY is located in the main hallway of TFEC and is available during all worship services and Sunday school.
Infant & Toddler room – 104 Preschoolers – 106

Children's notebooks are located on the back wall. Children who remain in worship service are welcome to read and color the paper activities that relate to what the younger children are doing in Children's church.

In the Sanctuary

Do you wear a hearing aid? A designated seating area beside the Sound Booth is equipped with a hearing assisted loop. The loop is compatible with t-coil enabled hearing aids. For more information, please speak with Mike Ferguson, our sound technician.

Hearing amplifiers are also available from the ushers.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

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~WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES~

AT 5:15 PM IN TFEC, WE START WITH SNACK SUPPER. CHILDREN/YOUTH, FAMILIES AND ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ARE ALL INVITED.

SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$2.50 PER PERSON.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 6:00 PM & WRAP UP CLOSE TO 7:15 PM

KIDZ CLUB:

PREK - 5TH GRADE

JOIN US FOR SOME DEEP BLUE LIFE! DEEP BLUE LIFE: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES HELP CHILDREN FORM HABITS THAT CONNECT THEM WITH GOD (SUCH AS SILENCE, PRAYER, UNPLUGGING, WORSHIP, SHARING MEALS, AND BAPTISM). IT FOCUSES ON LIVING LIFE FAITHFULLY, UTILIZING BIBLE STORIES, STORIES ABOUT FAITH LEADERS, AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES. OUR KIDZ WILL BE EMPOWERED TO TAKE PART IN GOD'S GREAT STORY!

ANCHORED YOUTH:

6TH GRADE - COLLEGE

TOGETHER WE ARE STUDYING RE:FORM METHODIST TRADITIONS. RE:FORM METHODIST TRADITIONS IS A YOUTH BIBLE STUDY THAT HAS THREE PARTS, ENCOUNTER, ENGAGE & RESPOND FOR EACH LESSON. RE:FORM PROVIDES A THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND ON THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED IN THE VIDEO, OFFERS SUGGESTIONS ON SUPPORTING YOUTH AS THEY TACKLE THE TOUGH QUESTIONS, AND INCLUDES INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ACTIVITIES. RE:FORM TRADITIONS - METHODIST INCLUDES 4 SESSIONS (BACKSTORY, BELIEFS, PRACTICES, AND TRADITION TODAY). DID THE METHODIST CHURCH REALLY START BECAUSE OF SOME HOLIER-THAN-THOU TEENAGERS? WHAT THE HECK IS PREVENIENT GRACE AND DO I HAVE TO LEARN GEOMETRY TO BE METHODIST? IF A METHODIST SINGS OUT OF TUNE, DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE NOT PERFECT? WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS WHEN METHODISTS ARE ON A MISSION?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE GRACE KIDZ OR ANCHORED YOUTH PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES CONTACT VICKI MACKAY AT CHILDREN@GRACEONTHEISLAND.COM

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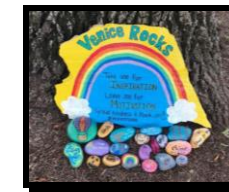
Wednesday Grace Grow Groups allows you to dig deeper into the word of God in a community setting. It is open to men, women, single or married. Our Wednesday Studies will vary from specific books of the Bible, topical studies to seasonal reflections. A perfect place to grow together with your Grace Family. Grow Groups will take place at 6:00pm, just after snack supper. Join us for that too!

This summer we will be offering the following groups for adults:

- 1. Stuck by Jennie Allen - Starts 6/13 Room: Parlor** So many of us live stuck. Stuck trying to seem perfect. Stuck in the sadness. Stuck feeling numb. Stuck pursuing more stuff to make us happy. Stuck in something we can't even name. These stuck places often go unattended inside of us and they are shaping our lives more than we would like to think. We've been trying to fix this feeling with everything but...God. He has a plan for these spaces inside of us, the places we feel broken, but we have to go to Him. Stuck is a journey to take an honest look at the fight going on inside, leading us to the God who has a plan to restore it, to restore us. Led by Sue Klinger
- 2. Stressed Out by Todd Friel - Starts Wed 6/6 Room: TFEC 103** One of the first stories in the Bible is about anxiety. God asked Cain, "Why has your countenance fallen" (Genesis 4:6)? In other words, Cain was depressed. He may have been the first human to suffer from anxiety, but he most certainly is not the last. EVERYONE, without exception, wrestles with anxiety or depression. So many people have sought relief in all the wrong places when the Bible offers clear, reliable, and effective means for not just ending anxiety, but having a peace that surpasses all understanding. There is great hope, anxiety sufferer. How caring is our God? Here is a book to let you know with no platitudes and no patronizing. Prepare to discover 12 anxiety relievers from Jesus Christ that will get to the root of your anxiety problem and give you the tools you need to replace your anxious thoughts with profound, settled, hopeful joy. Led by Nancy Klingbiel
- 3. Divine Mentor by Wayne Cordeiro - Starts Wed 6/13 Room: TFEC 108** Many believers--no matter where they are in their walk with God--settle for a spiritual routine that lacks God's presence. But what they truly want, and truly need, is a dynamic, vital, and intimate relationship with God. In his new book, Wayne Cordeiro gently but directly shows readers how to move from routine to relationship--from mundane actions to fresh encounters--by learning to hear Him speak to them through the Bible. Just as the disciples had a fresh, daily walk with Jesus on earth, God intends for Christians to have communion with Him through His Word and His Holy Spirit. Through stories, lessons, and anecdotes, Cordeiro equips readers to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as they read God's Word, enabling them to revolutionize their daily quiet time with the Lord. Led by Pastor Robin

***Sign up on Sundays at the information centers or call the church office 941-484-1374**

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Rock Painting Event

Come celebrate Venice Rocks' FIRST birthday at Grace United Methodist Church on July 14 from 11-2pm in the TFEC BLDG

All supplies to paint your rock masterpieces will be provided- if you have favorite supplies to use please bring them! This event is free and open to the public! Invite a friend and beat the heat with this indoor painting activity for the whole family!



The Piecemakers' News

The Piecemakers will continue to meet over the summer months. We are always open to new members. We have a variety of projects for quilters and machine sewers, and hand sewers as well. We meet in the East Wing on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our mission is "to support each other in fellowship and love as we create quilts for our babies, shut-ins, and friends of Grace United Methodist Church who need comfort; and to make items for sale to assist our church financially."

If you know of someone in the congregation who would like to receive a visit and a comfort quilt please let the Piecemakers know. If you have a son or daughter returning home from active duty in the military and would like to have him or her receive a quilt, please call Carol Simpson at 497-6738 or Audrey King at 497-5478.

