LUTZ Love Letter

September, 2018



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Please contact pastorjody@timschurch.org



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In 1947, a group of faithful believers from First Presbyterian Church of Tampa felt called by God to start a new church in Lutz. Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church was the fulfillment of that call. For over 70 years, Tims has faithfully served God in the Lutz Community. During those 70 years, people have come to know Christ, community has been formed, and people have been loved and served in the name of Jesus.

In early 2018, the Session of Tims felt another call. This time, to change the name to reflect, more directly, our mission to serve God in this community. After months of prayer, and input from the congregation, a new name was chosen. In order to discern the voice of the Spirit, Session took the list of every name suggested from the congregation, prayed over it, then each session member was asked to write down the three names he or she was drawn toward. Of that shorter list, the top three names were selected. Then, each Session member voted. Lutz Community Church was the result.

On August 26, 2018, our church was relaunched with a mission to LOVE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, and LOVE OUR COMMUNITY. We will accomplish this mission through authentic worship and evangelism, Bible based small groups and youth and children's ministries, and loving outreach.

Saturday, September 8, from noon to 4, we will launch our outreach with a Back to School Block Party for the community. We will have a bounce house, water slide, games for all ages, face painting, balloon art, photo booth, and food. Everyone is invited. In October, we will be launching small groups with 40 Days of Community, and we will have Trunk or Treat; stay tuned for details. We will have more after school music and arts classes, and a children's musical for Christmas. This is going to be an exciting year and you are in the right place to get first news of all the details!

Welcome to Lutz Community Church.

Pastor Jody

BACK2SCHOOL BIGOCK PARTY

Celebrate fresh starts with us: back to school and our new name on Saturday September 8 from noon to 4!

Activities will include a bounce house, water slide, games, a DJ, face painting, balloon art, and food. Fun for all ages! Invite all your friends to help us celebrate what's to come at Lutz Community Church!

We need all hands on deck to make this event a success! We will be having an informational volunteer meeting on **Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30** in the Sanctuary. Please come if you can help in any way, big or small!



A Note from the Preschool

Tims Preschool is back in session and we are excited about the opportunities ahead of us this school year. This year we have 60 VPK, 38 three year olds, and 10 two year olds. The preschool staff is ready to help each child grow and develop through the love of God and the grace he shines on us.

The preschool doors are always open to our Lutz Community Church family. You are welcome to come by and see the great work we do. Volunteers are always needed if you want to help out in the classroom or with one of our special events throughout the year. Mark your calendars and join us for our annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction on Sat., Nov. 3rd.

Our first special event will be our Fall Festival on Oct. 25th and 26th. We set up fall themed booths around the courtyard and the kids have a blast feeding our pretend horse, finding treasure in the sand, getting their faces/hands painted, and throwing bean bags at a large pumpkin (just to name a few).

Please add the preschool to your prayer list. Ask God to watch over our staff and our families in the year ahead that he may guide us and strengthen us.

In His Name,

Danielle Volinsky



If you would like to recognize an occasion in your family (birth of child/grandchild, wedding, graduation, etc., consider making a lasting memory in the church with a brick in the Memorial Garden walkway.

Pick up a form in the Narthex of the Sanctuary, in the church office, or print out online at www.lutzcc.org under the Love One Another tab. The deadline to submit the forms is Sunday September 23 and the bricks will be installed by All Saints Day.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Moose at 813-949-7967.



Where is Fall?!!! As September is around the corner, the weather is causing us to call this "Throw in the Trowel" week. Between the "dog days" of summer, and deciding the start of planting season is the hardest for us gardeners. We want to get our seed starting materials out, washing tools and planning our seedbeds and all the varieties that we long to plant. Math comes into play when we know days to harvest, frost dates (yep, we have one in Central Florida), and how soon food will be available. So, lots to consider....

And getting the planting beds ready this **September 15th** will include the widening of two beds, replacing /repairing any boards that have become unstable, sifting compost, and sowing seeds into flats. Small beautification projects are on our to-do list as well.

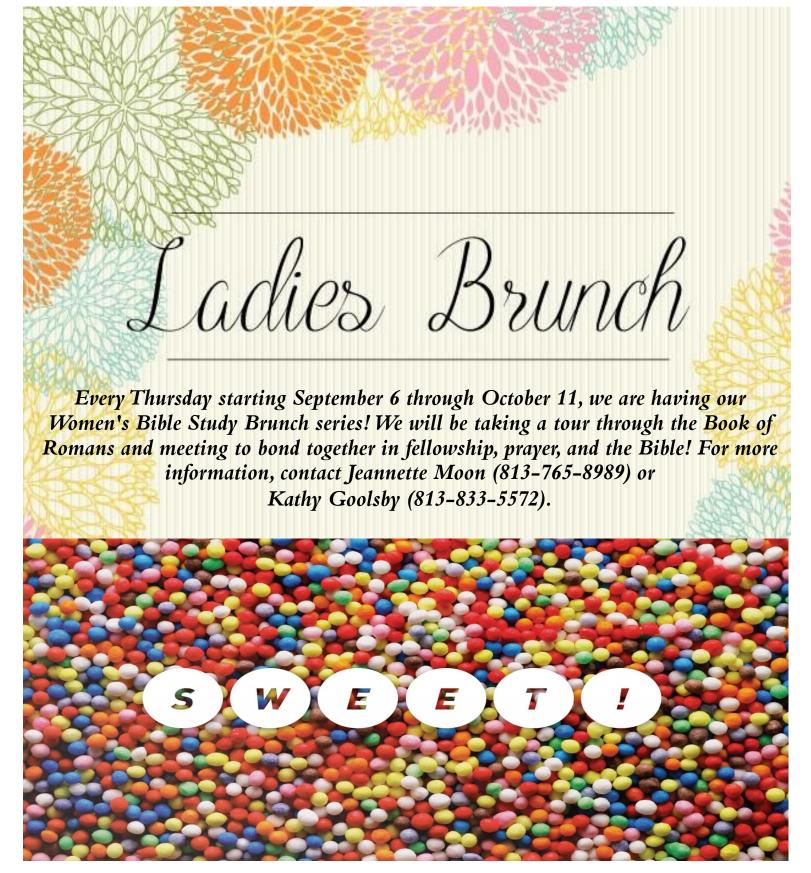
We have partnered with the Boy Scout Troop 212 and the USF Morning of Service event to provide helping hands for making this project successful. This opportunity will give us a chance to meet new people, expand our Faith In Action ministry to include information to the freshmen students from USF.

We are in need of a few project managers to help get these projects done. If you are interested in helping us on this date, please call **Renee White at 949-4895 or email retiredrenee@aol.com**. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, just willing hearts!

No reservations needed! If you just want to be a part of this great opportunity-come with hat, water, and sunscreen! Fellowship at the planting table, serving cold drinks to those working, re-organizing the tool shed, or re-painting our bird houses-just some of the projects that we would like to finish up on!

We are always happy to share any information on gardening with you and look forward to this planting season!

As always, LETTUCE pray and ROMAINE faithful!

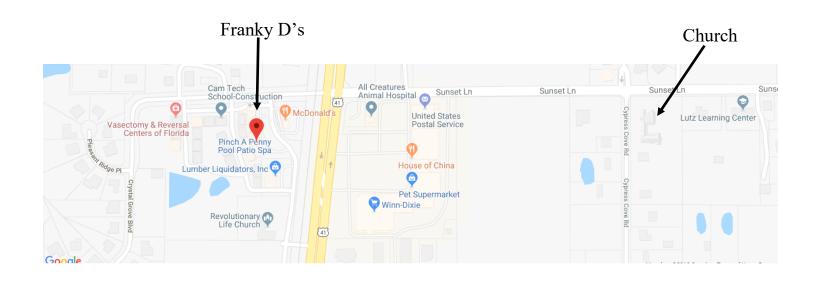


Faith in Action us starting a new ministry called the *Sweet Ministry!* Parishioners are encouraged to make fresh baked goods to donate to the homeless.

We need volunteers to help go out and spread the ministry to the homeless on the 5th Sunday of every month! Contact Chuck Berkins (813–240–0239) or Alayne Berkins (813–220–9609) if you can help out.



If you are a single senior and would like to chat and have lunch with others like yourself, think about joining *The Lunch Bunch*, a new small group. All we want you to bring is a smile and maybe an old joke or two! We will have our first gathering at Franky D's on Thursday, September 6th at 11:30AM. Please call Marty Rolfsen at 813-949-5605 if you would like to come.





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Flu season is back, but have no fear...

We have the best reason to get your flu shot: receive a free \$10 Publix gift card when you get your flu shot at any Publix Pharmacy!

No appointment necessary.

You can bring your gift card and place in the offering plate.

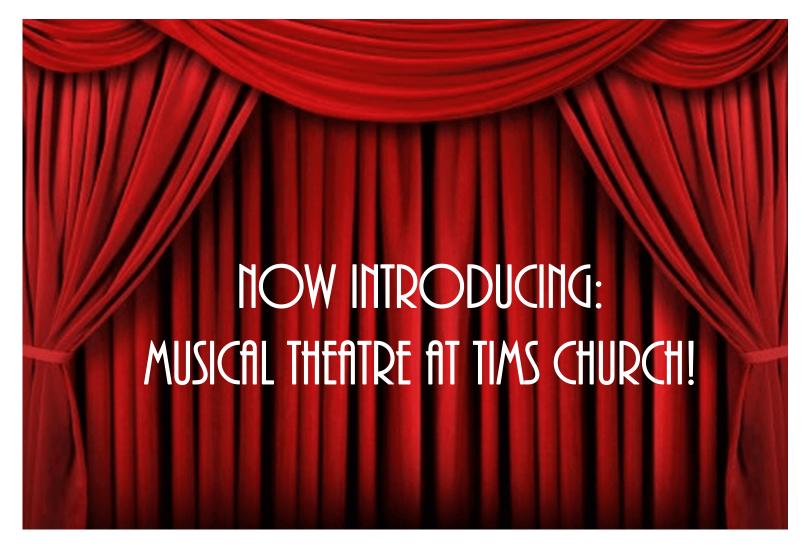
These funds will be utilized by Faith In Action to benefit
Feeding the Homeless and Mustard Seed Garden Ministry!

Exercise Angels Mon. & Thurs.

For more Info Contact Teri Bauer: teri@timschurch.org or 813-949-5713

In the Tomlinson Bldg.

3pm - 4pm



When: Mondays, 3-5pm (Tims Church)

What: Dec. Performance: "Meet Me At the Manger"

Spring Performance: "Malice in the Palace" (The Story of Esther)

Age: Elementary

Cost: \$45 per month for Tims Church attenders/\$60 per month for community

(One time registration fee of \$10)

Description: Every Monday from 3-5pm, we will spend time learning an actual musical for performance. We will learn basics of performance, the importance of projection, stage left, stage right, have a time of singing and talking about quality singing on the stage, learn our play and culminate with a final performance each semester. We will have costumes, makeup and blocking that we will work on in the midst of the production, as we learn what makes a good performance. And, you won't want to miss the message we are delivering. It is a fun way to communicate the importance and place of our one, true God in our lives, as we have fun learning about Him.

Sign up now!

knechtpiano@gmail.com or 813-924-3226



Lisa Pennington 9/1

Joe Whitacre 9/1

Sue Whitmore 9/7

Nancy Ferguson 9/8

Margie Boger 9/9

Kathy Schwanebeck 9/11

Adam Balic 9/12

Gayle Gordon 913

Ron Bauer 9/15

Joe Jacobovitz 9/18

Gayle Stephens 9/18

Jane Miller 9/21

Sarah Randles 9/21

Jeff Geurink 9/22

Matthew Walker 9/22

Anthony Waters 9/22

Emma Bauer 9/24

Jerry Harrold 9/26

Kayla Stanley 9/26

Jillian Adams 9/29

Renee White 9/29

Mike Zern 9/29



Check out what's going on around the church with our live time calendar!

http://lutzcommunitychurch.org/calendar

