**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

 ***“Share the Love of God … Experience the Joy!”***

**Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Ascension and Memorial Day Sunday**

**May 24, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

**WELCOME!**

On behalf of the family of First United Methodist Church of Madison, we welcome you

to worship. We pray that you will encounter the love and grace of Jesus within our hearts.

**ENTRANCE**

 THE GATHERING WITH MUSIC Analine Acosta, Pianist

 WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Lamar Albritton, Pastor

 PRELUDE ***As We Gather*** Analine Acosta, Pianist

by M. Fay and T. Coomes

OPENING PRAYER Bailey Barefoot—Liturgist

**\***HYMN ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty***  #64 UMH

**\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **A Modern Affirmation** #885 UMH

**\***THE GLORIA PATRI #70 UMH

**THANKSGIVING**

 THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON  **Acts 1:1-11**

SILENT PRAYERS

 CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER **(in unison)**

**Eternal God, our Father, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, You revealed a compassion and passion for our souls. We magnify, glorify, and worship You because of such grace! We praise and thank You for such unconditional love! What more can we do but bless You now and forever!**

**Grant us, O Lord, a passion for lost men and women. May the passion of Jesus be ours. May that which causes His heart to beat cause ours to beat as well. Pour out Your Holy Spirit afresh and anew upon our lives, so that we may be faithful witnesses of the Good News of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. AMEN.**

 PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Lamar Albritton

 THE LORD’S PRAYER

 PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

**(Please, at this time send your offerings to P.O. Box 294, Madison, FL 32341)**

 OFFERTORY  ***There Is a Higher Throne*** Analine Acosta, Pianist

 by Keith and Kristyn Getty

\*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***  #95 UMH

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

 SPECIAL MUSIC ***I Know That My Redeemer Liveth***

 Barbara McCauley - Soloist by George F. Handel

 THE GOSPEL LESSON **Mark 1:14-20**

MORNING MESSAGE **Beginning Anew**

 Pastor Lamar Albritton

\*HYMN  ***Freely, Freely***  #389 UMH

**{The altar of your heart, or that special place at home, is always open for Prayer, Commitment, New Beginnings, Prayer for Healing, or to Express Thanks to God. If you have a prayer need that you would like to share with Pastor Lamar, to pray with you about, please email him at** **pastorlamar@embarqmail.com****. Remember, the Holy Spirit knows no bounds. He is not self-quarantined.}**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*THE BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE Analine Acosta, Pianist

 **\*Indicates those who are able will please stand in Honor of God**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Church Staff**

Lamar Albritton – **Pastor** **Vacancy**– **Youth Pastor**

Mary Helen Studebaker – **Admin. Secretary**  Vivian Albritton – **Nursery Supervisor**

Jeannie Christmas – **Assistant Secretary**  Brett Bailey – **Audio/Visual Tech.**

Patrick Chiu – **Director of Music Ministry** Joshua Moore - **Assist. A/V Techs.**

Analine Acosta – **Pianist/ Organist**

***Services are being streamed***

 **through June 14th**

**\*\*\*\*Due to COVID-19 Virus**

**No Public Worship, No Ministry Events and No Office Visits**

**will take place through**

 **Monday, June 15th \*\*\*\***

 **For Week of May 24th – 31st**

**BIRTHDAYS**

 26th Steven Catron 26th Chris Christmas

26th Mason Gaston 26th Harper Sowell

27th Wanda Waring 28th John Lewis

28th Garry Brashear 28th Ralph Edmondson

31st Mary Jane Beggs 31st Ryan Casler-Smith

31st Patrick Chiu

 **NO WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**❖USHERS FOR MAY❖**

 John Paul Maultsby, Head Usher

 Don Dickinson, Steve Hart,

 Sandy Howerton, Allen Welch



**OFFERINGS THROUGH JUNE 15th: Due to the COVID-19 virus, the office is closed for visits from the outside. Please mail your offerings and donations to our P. O. Box 294, Madison, FL 32341. Thank you so much for your understanding and continued support.**

**UMCOR COVID-19 RESPONSE:** Since the start of the novel coronavirus outbreak, UMCOR has been working with health boards, medical professionals, disaster management

coordinators and faith leaders to prevent the further spread of this disease. Through the UMCOR COVID-19 Response fund, grants will be released to equip partners to assist vulnerable populations around the world impacted by COVID-19, including racial/ethnic and indigenous communities in the United States. Grants will be disbursed to address health concerns, food insecurity, water and hygiene limitations and other pressing needs. **Please mail your check to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 294, Madison, FL 32341 and we will send these donations to UMCOR COVID-19 RESPONSE. Thank you for your support.**



**FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN’S HOME:** For more than a century, the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home has cared for children and youth who have experienced varying levels of trauma. It is a privilege to care for them like our own. May has a fifth Sunday **(May 31st)**, which means we will be celebrating the Fifth Sunday Offering. This Offering is one of the best ways to ensure the Children’s Home can continue to provide the vital support to those we serve. We know that there are some who are unable to support the Children’s Home at this time, due to the financial effects of the pandemic. **If you would like to give a donation for our Fifth Sunday Children’s Home, please mail it to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 294, Madison, FL 32341 and put Children’s Home in memo. Thank you!!!**

**MEMORIAL GIFTS:** When you send a gift to the church in memory of someone the funds will go into the Building Fund unless they are designated. Thank you.

**OUR SPECIAL $1.00:** Please remember to bring your $1.00 to the altar each week to help those in need. We have $1,608.70in this account. Thank you! **(During this time of streaming, you can mail in a donation for our food vouchers—Dot Davis Fund, or to the Altar Fund which helps with gas cards for doctor visits and other needs.)**

**BUDGET FOR 2020:** We need $7,225.00 per week to meet our budget obligations for this year. The monthly budget is $31,308.50. The total income received for the month of May 2020 so far has been $15,515.01 and the total expenses have been $19,991.87. *(Thank you so* *much for mailing in or coming by the church with your tithes and offerings!!)* **You can set up automatic payments for your tithes and donations by calling your local bank to have a check mailed to the church. If you have any questions, give the church office a call.**



**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Welcome to God’s House! The First United Methodist Church might be the place you are looking for. We already love you in Christ and wish to know you in a personal relationship. As members of First United Methodist Church of Madison, Florida, we would count it a privilege to welcome you into this community of faith. If you wish to explore membership, please tell any of our members or contact Pastor Lamar or the church office at 973-6295.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2020 occurs on Monday, May 25.

**Have a safe and blessed**

 **Memorial Day weekend!!**

**Calendar of Events**

**and**

**Announcements**

**for the Week**

**of**

 **May 24th – 31st**

**![welcom17[1]]()**

**THE ALTAR IS OPEN FOR PRAYER**

**DURING THE WEEK WHEN THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN**

**Email:** madisonfumc@embarqmail.com

**Website:** [www.madisonfumc.org](http://www.madisonfumc.org)

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN**

**Say a Prayer, Send a Card, Make a Call**

**The Family of Aaron Barefoot The Family of Donald Gary O’Quinn**

**(Ethel & Bailey’s son)** The Family of Daniel Pfeiffer

Randy BuchananMary & W. C. Ragans

Ginger Bullard John Reid

Lauren Camba (Judy & Carl Dean’s granddaughter) (Garry & Deanna Brashear’s friend)

Darlene Cannon Peggy Scruggs

(Cecil & Rose Pittman’s daughter) (Mary Ann Sanders’ stepmother)

Marcy Cherry (Gladney & Carson’s daughter) Ola Sircy

Kathleen Bell Cooper Ryan Casler-Smith

(Garry & Deanna Brashear’s friend) Andy Stauffer and son, Grant

Vickie Dabrowski (Dianne Phillips’ aunt) (Chan Rains’ friends in Dunkirk, NY)

Nell Dobbs (Hilda Dixon’s sister) Billy Sullivan

Walter Dugan Virginia Tansey

(Gaines Starling’s brother-in-law) (Tomye Barnhart’s mother)

Becky Flythe (Dale Sowell’s friend) Pastor James Taylor of FUMC Perry

Jim Fountain (Michael’s father) Stefanie Thomas

The Family of Louanna Forness **The Family of Troy Turner**

Kristina Freeman (**at home**) Pat Warren

Sharon French Melissa Williams

The Family of Sara Gwin (Hilda Dixon’s niece) (Gene Hanners’ friend)

**The Family of Patsy Hardee** Sylvia Williams

Ann Marie Conrad Harris (Ann & Larry’s daughter) First Responders

Polly Howerton (Sandy’s daughter-in-law) Our Military & Nation

Tony Hughey Our Schools, Teachers & Students

Pastor Bob & Traci Laidlaw Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Earthquakes

Denise Marr Fires, Flooding, Loss of Electricity

Nadean Martin (Gene Hanners’ cousin) COVID-19 Pandemic & all sicknesses

**Susan Maultsby** Those in our community that have tested

Frederick Mickler (Dowling Park) positive with COVID-19 & their families

**The Family of Reginald “Reg” Moore**

Marteal Norris **& her son Jimmy**

(April Phillips’ mother **& brother**)

 **Please let us know of any changes for the names above. Thank you.**

On weekends, holidays and when church office is closed, please contact Alston or Kay Kelley

for prayer chain requests: home 850-973-4317, Alston’s cell 850-464-0896, or emails:

 alstonk@centurylink.net or kaykelley@centurylink.net

**EXTRA ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CANNED GOODS FOR NEEDY:** There are many that need food in our community. **We appreciate your donations.** As of now, New Testament Christian Center, 2558 East US HWY 90, has a “drive through” for food distribution on the first Saturday of each month. Consolidated Christian Ministries is giving canned goods through Upholds warehouse on the 2nd Monday of the month.

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION:** Please contact Julie Maultsby, Directory Administrator, at the address or number below for any questions, corrections, updates or for directory access information. There is also an insert in each black pew registration pad for your convenience. **If you want a printed copy of our church directory,** please let her know. Call her at 850-973-0120 or email her at fumcconnect@embarqmail.com

**MISSION MOMENT:** If you are currently involved in a mission project, or are organizing an upcoming project, I would like to hear from you! A "Mission Moment" will be added periodically over the year to our church service. This will be a 2 to 3-minute time slot for a designated individual to advertise a current or upcoming mission activity.  The purpose is to inform the congregation of details concerning mission activities and to invite members to participate in those activities. If you would like to provide a Mission Moment, or know someone who may, please e-mail me back and I will get you on the list. <juliemaultsby@gmail.com> *Yours in Christ, Julie Maultsby*

**CDS AND DVDS:** Our church offers CDs and DVDs of the weekly church service. If you would like one, you can see Brett before or after the service and he will make you a copy, or you can call the church office Monday-Friday to request a copy. If you would like to give a donation toward this ministry, please put CD or DVD in the memo of your check and place it in the offering plate.



**ACOLYTE COORDINATOR:** We need someone willing to help organize those who light the candles each week. Please let the church office know if you are interested to serve in this ministry.

**2003 COOKBOOK SUPPLEMENTS:** We have found 2003 cookbook supplements. They are in the office for $5.00 each and have some great recipes to add to your collection. You can write a check and put cookbook supplement in the memo.