

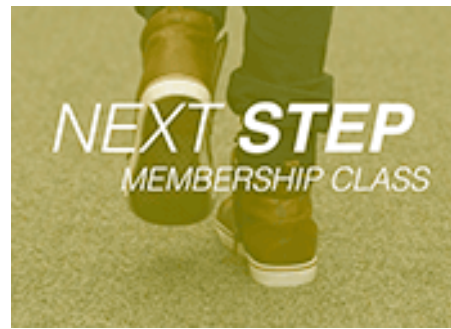
# The Messenger

## July and August Edition

First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills  
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## New Members Class on July 23, 2023



If you've been considering church membership or want to know more about what it means to be a member at First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills, please join us for our next New Members class on **Sunday, July 23 from 12:00–1:30pm in Cooper Hall** (which is behind the Sanctuary). Lunch will be provided for everyone. Whether you are transferring your membership from another church or you haven't been a member of a church before, this class is for you! To sign up, call the church office at 813-782-5645 or email [officemanager@fumczhills.org](mailto:officemanager@fumczhills.org).

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## VBS Volunteers Needed!! July 24th - 27th

**Child Protection Training  
is required**

**Child Protection Training will be held on July 16th,  
12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.**

A short VBS organizational **meeting** will be held at 2:00 p.m.  
for those already helping with VBS.



**Young at Heart!**  
**Seniors' Luncheon**  
**Thursday, [July 20th](#), 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.**  
**in Cooper Hall**

**Indoor Picnic**  
**Admission: Bring your favorite picnic dish**  
**Guest speaker: Pasco County Sheriff Department**  
**Q & A**

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**Young at Heart!**  
**Seniors' Luncheon**  
**Thursday, [August 17th](#), 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.**  
**in Cooper Hall**

**Admission: One covered dish of your choice**

**Special speaker: Pastor Steve Ezra**  
**Church Disaffiliation**  
**with Q & A**



## Mission of the Month for June, July and August

During June, July, and August we will have our own food pantry as the Mission of the Month. This is a very important mission for our church and our community. Throughout the past three years, many in our community have become food insecure. Due to the wonderful and faithful volunteers and donors, they have continued to give food bags to over one-hundred families a month. This has been done through the support of our congregation. The food pantry is always in need of staple foods, special items (for example: condiments, cleaning supplies, pet food) and financial donations to purchase needed items.

As funds allow, our pantry provides additional special items for the holiday season. If you would like to donate items for the pantry, please bring them to the church office Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Since most of the recipients are families, of 2-4, please donate smaller sized items.

**Items needed:**  
evaporated milk  
jelly  
canned tuna  
canned chicken  
canned fruit  
canned vegetables  
beans (dry/canned)  
rice (plain or flavored)  
instant potatoes  
pasta and sauce  
macaroni and cheese

Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

Matthew 25:37 "Then the godly answered Him, 'Lord, when did we see You go hungry or thirsty and give you food and something to drink?'"

**When making a monetary donation by writing a check, please be sure to write "Food Pantry" in the memo section, and write for Missions on the outside of the envelope. Thank you!**



## Children's Church 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services!

During our 9:30 a.m. contemporary worship services each Sunday, children age 6 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed to Children's Church approximately midway through the worship service. There will be someone in the front right corner of the sanctuary to take the children to our newly renovated Church's Church room, across from our Nursery (through Cooper Hall).

Parents can pick them up after the worship service. Children - infant through 5-years-old will continue to be welcomed into our Nursery during the entire hour of worship. Questions? Wanna help with children's ministries? Contact our Interim Director of Children's Ministries Karen Ezra at [childrensdir@fumczhills.org](mailto:childrensdir@fumczhills.org).



**VBS is July 24th thru 27th  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Come fly the friendly skies of  
"All Thing Are Possible With God!"**

Games, Crafting and of course, growing in faith and friendships. Don't miss out! Registration is open. Just go to [Fumczhills.org](http://Fumczhills.org) and click on "groups" at the top and then "Children's Ministries"

Scan the QR code and your ready to register .

**Need help?**

Contact Karen Ezra at [childrensdir@fumczhills.org](mailto:childrensdir@fumczhills.org)



## Youth Ministry

**Every Sunday!**

**Come grow in Faith and Friendship  
and Fun!**

**4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

**in Cooper Hall.**

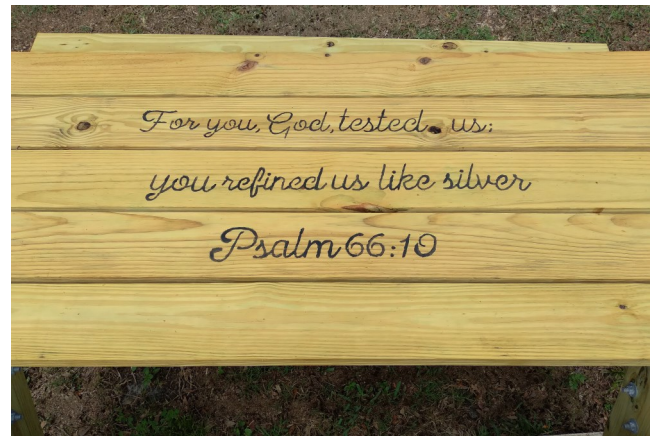
**(Grade 6 thru 12)**

**Join us!**



## Dynamic Youth of FUMCZhills!

We have two new, beautiful and inspiring picnic tables in our court yard! These tables were made by our member, Conway Theel and Boy Scout Troop 72 of Zephyrhills assisted in set up. Conway is working towards Eagle Scout rank and chose the picnic tables for his project. Both tables have an inspiring bible verse that has been wood burned on each top. Be sure to take a moment to enjoy this wonderful gift!





Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting  
FRIDAYS@4

Are you having trouble staying away from a drink?  
Join us on Fridays at 4:00 p.m.  
In the Crusader's Room  
Park on 6th Avenue  
Between 10th & 11th Avenue

The only requirement for membership is  
A desire to stop drinking.



**Attention Winter Visitors**

If you are a winter visitor of our church and receive mail from us, we would appreciate your calling the church office (813) 782-5645 and letting us know when you return north for the summer and give us your summer mailing address as well as your expected date of return.

This is an attempt to keep you up-to-date as to things happening here, as well as to cut down on the amount of mail being returned.

Thank you,  
Membership Committee



**Know before you vote on  
September 17th  
You must be a full member to vote.**

**Do you need to confirm that you are a full member and not an  
affiliate, associate or  
contributor of FUMC?**

**Call the church office  
Monday – Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**The North Central District set our Church Conference for voting on  
disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church for Sunday,  
September 17 at 1:00pm. We will gather in the sanctuary under the  
leadership of the district superintendent or a representative from the  
district office to vote on disaffiliation from the UMC or  
remaining in the UMC. Disaffiliation will require two-thirds approval  
from all present and voting members. Following that vote, we will take a  
second vote to reaffiliate with the Global Methodist Church, and that will  
require a simple majority vote. Only full church  
members will be able to vote. Membership will be verified upon  
getting a ballot. All members present will constitute a quorum  
regardless of the number of voting members present. The rules we are  
required to follow are clear that affiliate members will not be  
allowed to vote and that no early voting, proxy voting or mail-in  
ballots will be accepted. Only members who are attending this vote in  
person can cast a ballot. You must be an official member on our mem-  
bership list at least two weeks prior.**

**If you are unsure of your membership status,  
please contact the church office as soon as possible.**





## Stephen Ministry Commissioning Sunday, June 4th, 2023

On Sunday, June 4th, five new Stephen Ministers were commissioned at the First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills. Jeanne Narum, Judy Peavey, Michelle Hill (from First United Methodist Church, commissioned here on June 11th.), Sue Williams and Eileen Roan (from First Presbyterian Church) completed fifty hours of training which began in January 2023. Stephen Leaders Denise Lay, Tina Hannold, Joanne Combs and Dave Hill provided the training. We are very happy and proud to introduce our newest Stephen Ministers.



From Left to right: Sue Williams, Judy Peavey, Jeannie Narum, Michelle Hill, Eileen Roan



Blessing of Jeannie Narum by Denise Lay



Blessing of Judy Peavey by David

Stephen Ministers are laypeople - Christian men and women - trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. If you should find yourself in a difficult time of life, please know we have trained Stephen Ministers who are here to walk with you through this place. Contact the Church Office for more information.

## Project Others

Project Others meets all summer in Cooper Hall at 8:00 a.m. New members are welcome. Donations may be brought in during our work time too. Prayer shawls and squares are available in Cooper Hall each Friday. Hope to see you this summer!

Any questions about our group may be directed to leader,  
Deann Harrington (813) 713-4119 or  
leave a message for us in the church office (813) 782-5645

## “Picnic on the Lawn”

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm



**Tickets are Free!**

**Come join us for a fun afternoon on the lawn,  
in front of the Sibley Building – Church Office  
Yard Games. Bean Bags. Sack Races.  
Pastor Steve's grilling burgers and hot dogs!**

**Please bring a picnic dish to share and join us for a fun afternoon!**

**Phyllis Blanchard   Lyn Sears**

## PARISH NURSE MINISTRY TEAM JULY-AUGUST 2023

**The next Blood Pressure screenings and rechecks:**

**August 20th in Cooper Hall from 10:30am-11:00am**

Check the bulletin board in Cooper Hall for Health Info and Tips.



### **Hurricane Preparedness For Those With Special Needs**

If you have special needs or are caring for someone with special needs, it is good to think about preparing for a hurricane or other disaster well in advance. What do we mean by special needs? Do you or someone you take care of require special medication in times of turmoil? How about oxygen, tube feeding, dialysis, or other life sustaining equipment? Will you need a wheelchair, walker, a special bed, or special toilet items? If you need to evacuate, will you need transportation? Will you require a special needs shelter? Think about what your special needs will be should you be involved in a disaster.

**Here are some of the problems they can cause for you:**

- require you or the person you care for to vacate your home or living quarters.
- prevent you from obtaining the water, food, and medication you need.
- prevent you from obtaining the electrical power you require for dialysis or oxygen.
- interfere with other home health care you may require.
- if you have an illness such as heart disease, increase episodes of illness or cause you to need medication for stress and anxiety.
- **Register With Your County Emergency Management Agency--**Pasco County, like other counties in Florida, are required to voluntarily register people who need evacuation assistance in the event of an emergency such as a hurricane. **In an evacuation, appropriate vehicles will be sent to transport pre-registered residents to a public shelter, Special Needs Unit, or hospital.** Transportation will not be provided to private destinations such as a relative's home.
- **Make sure you explain your special needs clearly when registering**, since dialysis, respirators, etc. may require very special accommodations while oxygen may be offered at several Special Needs Shelters. If your special needs require that you go to a hospital, consult with your physician about the need for a signed letter from him/her authorizing pre-admission. When you arrive at the hospital, staff will contact your physician for admission authorization.

### **YOU MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR**

**How To Register--Pasco County, Florida:** Call the Pasco County Emergency Management at **(727) 847-8137**. For more local disaster planning information online (including Personal Preparedness), go to Pasco County's Emergency Management web site, **pascocountyfl.net** and click on **Personal Preparedness**, or <https://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/55592>

### **Make a Disaster Preparedness Notebook**

**Being prepared does not end with registration for evacuation assistance.** You need to do more to feel confident that you have everything that you will need to take with you. Decide what you will need to take and what you will need to do before you evacuate. Instead of just making a couple of lists, consider making a Disaster Preparedness Notebook. A 3-ring binder works well because you can add insurance papers, etc. For pages of your notebook, use ruled paper, magnetic photo pages, envelopes, etc. Be sure to label the notebook and keep it in a place where you can find it quickly.

**Inside the front cover, tape a sheet of paper with your name, address, phone number, and social security number. On this same sheet, also list the following:** The evacuation zone you are in: A, B, C, D, E, or none (see telephone book or your current County Hurricane Guide for information).

All other names and addresses you might need quickly:

1. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of family and friends you will notify with your location if you have to evacuate.
2. Your doctor's name and telephone number.
3. Name, address and telephone number of the person such as a veterinarian or friend with whom you have made prior arrangements to care for your pet when you have to evacuate. Do not plan to leave pets at home or expect to take them with you to a shelter.

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS PLEASE CALL PARISH NURSE COORDINATOR NOW, DO NOT WAIT FOR A HURRICANE, AS PASCO COUNTY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS NOW. THE CHURCH IS NOT AN EVACUATION PLACE.**

**Other Considerations-If you live in a non-evacuation zone or are planning to evacuate to the home of a relative or friend in a non-evacuation zone, check with your suppliers and the power company about whether there are emergency plans for oxygen, respirators, etc. Also talk to your home health agency if you have one or to your doctor.**

**Proverbs 27:12 "A prudent person foresees the danger ahead and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences."**

**Through Christ, Druann Briggs RN  
Parish Nurse Ministry Coordinator 813-420-7919**

ALF AND LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES (FUMC MEMBERS)

AMERICAN HOUSE 38130 Pretty Pond Rd., Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Edythe Miller Apt. 336  
Neal Slingerland Apt. 207  
Ruth Palmer Apt. 334  
Lyden & Sue Green Apt. 333

EDWINOLA 14235 Edwinola Way, Dade City, FL 33523

Peggy Fetch  
Beulah Zeller

HEARTLAND 38220 Henry St., Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Ginger Shaeffer Room 313B

ROSECASTLE OF ZEPHYRHILLS, 37411 Eiland Blvd., Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Roberta Hubbart

WESTBROOK MANOR 6701 DAIRY Rd., Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Barbara McCarthy Room A20

ADVENT HEALTH CARE CENTER NORTH 7350 Dairy Rd., Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Shirley Force

ADVENT HEALTH CARE SOUTH 38250 A Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL 33542

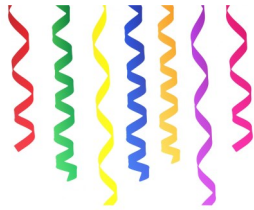
Viva Rich Room 3B

POND'S EDGE ALF 7952 Pond's Edge Ln., Zephyrhills, FL 33540

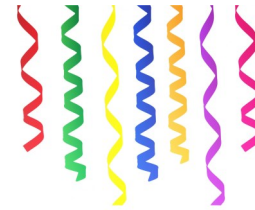
Lou Mathews Room 3







# JULY



## BIRTHDAYS

1- Monique Ferraro  
1- Suzanne Morgan  
2- Pat Bailey  
2- Orville Bowers  
3- Pat Bringer  
5- Marjorie Austin  
5- Carol Dean  
5- Ellen Garvansites  
6- Susan Phillips  
7- Julie Cotton  
9- Kevin Bjorkner  
10- Erica Bice  
10- Phyllis Wisor  
11- Shay Johnson  
12- Don Freiermuth  
12- Linda Phelps  
13- Veva Rich

15- Zachary Sheffich  
15- Glenda Wilson  
16- Grace Smith  
16- Barbara Stankiewicz  
18- Blake Donaldson  
19- Jeremy Perone  
20- Ann Hazlewood  
21- Evelyn Perez  
23- Denise Barnes  
23- Joshua Therrien  
25- Kay Hadley  
26- Angela Hernandez  
29- Glenn Burton  
29- Hailey Taylor  
30- Janice Parsley  
31- Dorothy Lundeen



## ANNIVERSARIES

3- Robert & Ella Mae Packard  
3- Jack & Lynn Weitzel  
12- Dan & Ilene Tacker  
17- David & Karen Harwell  
25- David & Martha Therrien

# August

## BIRTHDAYS

1- Miriam Ezra  
1- Karl Kingery  
1- Anne Mester  
2- Larry Crawn  
3- Roxanne Bricker-Geisenheimer  
3- Robert Harrell  
3- Patty Thompson  
4- Richard Briggs  
4- Cot Cross  
5- Marsha Dulier  
5- Debra Gregory  
6- Cassandra Abernathy  
6- Melissa Sibley  
6- Suzanne Springfield  
7- Marian Kay Crawn  
10- Nancy McGinnis  
11- Christopher Ferraro  
14- Gaynell Jeffries  
16- Julie Nipp  
16- Jennifer Perone  
16- George Rood  
17- Carole Oesch  
17- Jazzmenn Summers  
18- Pamela Kennard  
18- Claire Mullen  
19- Eric Gale  
19- Karen Harwell  
19- Troy Lindsay  
20- Aria Adwell  
20- Karen Ezra  
20- David Harwell  
20- Gail Ott  
20- Bob Williams

21- Grace Smalligan  
22- Alexandra Harwell  
22- Wanda Rakocy  
24- Cathy Gano  
24- Gary Hartman  
24- Barb Stein  
24- Robin Williams  
25- Mary Crosier  
25- Lois Hall  
25- Pamela Manapat  
26- Eva Summers  
26- Pamela Williams  
27- Jeanne Barr  
27- Terri Kramer  
28- Patricia Nugent  
29- Dora Kenzie Burnside  
29- Beth Smock  
30- Tana Day  
30- Dale [Brian] Smock  
31- Charles Parker  
31- Amy Wood

## ANNIVERSARIES

2- Cot & Kathy Cady Cross  
5- Ray & Suzanne Morgan  
7- John & Mary Winemiller  
8- John & Barbara Sheldon  
10- Dale (Brian) & Beth Smock  
18- David & Roz Hill  
23- Henry (Bud) & Sami Sykes  
25- Larry & Marian Kay Crawn  
27- Ed & Eloise Hamilton  
28- Dewey & Sandy Coon

