

The Messenger



**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
— OF ZEPHYRHILLS —**

a Global Methodist Family

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Join us for Live, In-Person Sunday Worship

Contemporary Service 9:30am

Traditional Service 11:00 am

Children's Church dismissal at both services

Adult Sunday School: 9:30-10:30am Crusaders room;

11:00am-12Noon Truthseekers room

New to FMCZ? Welcome!

First-Time Guests

Welcome! We hope you'll have a wonderful, Spirit-filled experience worshipping God with us. We have a gift for you. Just ask one of the ushers for a first-time guest gift bag after the worship service.

Children's Nursery

We offer a Nursery for children aged 8 weeks through 5 years. It opens at 9:15am each Sunday morning and is open for the full hour of each worship service. It is a safe and nurturing environment with screened and trained leaders located in the Education Building through the Cooper Hall entrance.

Children's Church

Kindergarten through fifth graders are invited to Children's Church! They are dismissed halfway through each worship service. One of our screened and trained team members will lead them to the Children's Church room in the **Education Building** for a fun, Christ-centered learning experience. Parents/guardians pick up their children immediately following the service.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the sanctuary lobby, in Cooper Hall by the kitchen, and at the end of the hallway in the Education Building. Changing tables are available in most restrooms.

Sunday Café

Drop in for light refreshments in Cooper Hall before or between worship services 9:00-11:00am. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat on your way to worship or Sunday School class, and meet some of the other friendly people in our church family!

Campus Map



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| A. Truthseeker's Room | E. Kitchen |
| B. Crusader's Room | F. Rest Rooms |
| C. Nursery | G. Choir Room |
| D. Children's Church | |



April Worship Services

Sunday, April 07 : DAY OF MUSIC, CELEBRATION, AND COMMUNION

9:30am Contemporary Service ~ Songs of Praise

11:00am Traditional Service ~ Cantata "Covenant of Grace"

Sunday, April 14: New Worship Series Begins

Moving Forward: "From Sorrow to Joy" John 20:11-18

Mission of the Month : Healing Hearts, Speaker 9:30 service

Sunday, April 21:

Moving Forward: "From Doubt to Belief" John 20:24-29

Sunday, April 28:

Moving Forward: "From Fear to Foundation" John 21:1-14, 15-19

WORSHIP: Making Disciples for Christ

MUSIC MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Salvation's Rock [Contemporary Service 9:30am]

Music Worship Leader: Eric Gale

Praise Band Members: VOCALS: Eric Gale, Wanda Rakocy, Sarah Gale, Tamela Davis, Patricia Pedigo, Conway Theel, Jolie Romera; GUITARS: Bill Berger, Dee Treanor, Quintin Smith; DRUMS: Eric Gale, Quintin Smith; PIANO: Patricia Pedigo, Conway Theel; BASS GUITAR: Tom Sharp; VIOLIN: Marilyn Pauls; UKULELE: Eric Gale

Practice Schedule: Tuesdays: 7:30—9:30pm, Sundays 8:00am

Chancel Choir [Traditional Service 11:00am]

Music Worship Leader: Miriam Ezra

April Connolly, Debbie Salminen, Phyllis Blanchard, Lyn Sears, Geneva Dunford, Karen Ezra, Pam Williams, Linda Ashline, Teresia Gale, Sandy Scheer, Marilyn Pauls, Wanda Rakocy, Beth Wyer, Janet Davis, Becky Hess, David Cox, David Friedman, Monty Theus, Lorne Becker, George Rood, Jim Brown, Robert Kowroski, George Patterson, Pete Brock, John Hess, Bob Scheer

Hand Bell Choir [Periodically at Traditional Service 11:00am]

Marilyn Pauls, Rylie Rakocy, Diane Ingram, Linda Singleton, Lyn Sears, Robyne Nelson, Phyllis Blanchard, Karen Ezra, Daniel Ezra, Wanda Rakocy, Teresia Gale, Dave Hafey, Rosemary Couture, David Cox, Tana Day

Practice Schedule: Mondays: Bells 6:00—7:00pm; Choir 7:00—8:00pm

SANCTUARY SUPPORT [Team Leader ~ Karen Harwell]

Activities include Sunday ushers, Narthex greeters, Sanctuary preparation, and Guest assistance.

9:30 am Service – Ken Emery , Virginia Gray, Gary & Carole Oesch, Greg & Diane Belles

11:00 am Service – Eugene Williams, Rich Vogel, Dave Harwell & Karen Harwell, Bonnie Hazelett

Communion Stewards and Preparation: 9:30 am Service ~ Bobby and Johanna Theel; 11:00am Service ~ Karen Harwell and Lorraine Hall

TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES [Team Leader ~ Todd Kramer]

Activities include live audio and projection control, streaming video control, and audio/video preparations.

9:30 am Service – Druann Briggs, Richard Briggs, Daniel Ezra, Terri Kramer, Kevin Smith, Janet Toth, James Treanor, Johanna Theel

11:00 am Service – Tom Caldwell, Don Freiermuth, Dave Houghtalen, Ginger Ouellette, Dan Pride, Terri Kramer, Daniel Ezra

The Technology Team continues to invite those with audio/video equipment skills and/or an interest to learn, to join this vital service group. As technology grows in our daily lives, using it wisely and with purpose is a great way to give to our church family while also developing new skills and insights. **Contact: tkramer@fmcz.org**

SUNDAY CAFÉ—COOPER HALL [Team Leader ~ Michelle Hill]

The Sunday morning cafe is located in Cooper Hall from 9:00 am until 11:00 am every Sunday.

It is designed for people to come and fellowship before and after service. The volunteer is for making sure there are refreshments and beverages including coffee, juices and water bottles, hot water for tea and hot chocolate. The volunteers arrive between 8:30-8:45 a.m. to begin preparing, setting up the tables with the food which range from muffins, cookies, danishes, rice crispy treats, fruits, granola bars and much more. Then they begin making the coffee, both regular and decaf and hot water. They also prepare the setup for the coffee and tea, creamers, stirrers, sugar, artificial sweetener, etc. Lastly, they put out the donation box at the end of the table. We are blessed with 21 volunteers in our ministry. We strive ourselves to serve everyone with a smile and a "good morning." What the congregation can do to support our ministry is mostly through donations to cover the cost of the supplies.

Our hardworking volunteers are: Cricket Linn, Terri Hensley, Carol Feiermuth, Susan Smith, Tamela Davis, Terri Parmer, Nancy Swartz, Terri Kramer, Karen Laukat, Todd Parmer, Rex Milligan, Karen and Ken Emery, Virginia Gray, Julie Cotton, Alice Perry, Amber Wood, Nancy Raia, Karen Hawell, Bonnie Hazlett, Carol Oesh and Dudley Delcamp.



MINISTRIES: Making Disciples for Christ

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY [Team Leader ~ Polly Adwell]

In recent weeks, our ministry leaders and an handful of volunteers have been diligently scraping, patching, sanding, and repainting our nursery rooms after the installation of brand new flooring. While it is still a bit of a work in progress, the renovated nursery was officially reopened Easter Sunday to the delight of the parents and children alike. Come, check out the bright colors and happy atmosphere that give flight to the imaginations of our little ones.



Easter Sunday Egg Hunt



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Beginning on Easter Sunday our children were split into two new groups during the 9:30 am service. The K ~ 2nd grade group are in the smaller "Sunshine" room and the 3rd ~ 5th grade group in the main "Blue Sky" room. All aged groups will remain together during the 11:00am service

YOUTH MINISTRY [Team Leader ~ Karen Ezra]

Wednesday, April 10th, 5:30—7:30pm

NOODLE NIGHT

Dinner is included in this youth time of fun, fellowship, and learning about God. Themed entirely around NOODLES, this event is certain to be uniquely fun.

Wednesday, April 24th, 6:00—9:30pm

BOWLING NIGHT

We'll meet at the church at 6:00pm then go bowling at Zephyrhills Pin Chasers and back to the church by 9:00—9:30pm. Cost is \$15.00 per youth. The group will get snacks at the bowling alley but not dinner so eat prior!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY MORNING DURING 9:30 SERVICE



Adult Classes and Studies

Wednesday Night Refuel Spring Session ~ With several faith growing classes offered for all age and interest levels, guided activities for children and youth, and affordable family dinners offered each week, this past session proved a success in both attendance numbers and growing interest in faith studies.

After a short break we hope to offer other opportunities for young and older alike to study, discuss, and come together in a spirit of learning, sharing, and discovering the real impact of God's Word in our daily lives.

Praise and Prayer Group [Team Leader ~ Connie Norton]

Every Tuesday 9:00am in the Truthseekers Classroom Education Building. Each week this dedicated group meets to focus on encouraging those that have issues that are troubling them, and to bring them peace through prayer.

Current Members: Marilyn Pauls, Cathy Mosure, Tamela Davis, Connie Norton

We encourage anyone who would like to join the ranks of these prayer warriors to contact Connie Norton at the email address below.

Prayer requests can be sent by email to **cnorton40@tampabay.rr.com** and must confirm the approval of the person or persons being prayed for. The team also requests complete contact information in order to follow up with phone calls or cards.

Walk to Emmaus [Team Leader ~ Dave and Roz Hill]

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in way appropriate to being "a servant of all."



**The Next Emmaus Reunion meeting is
Thursday, April 4th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
(For Those who have been on a "Walk")
in Crusaders Room, Cooper Hall.**

Miriam Circle [Team Leader ~ Ann Crawford]

The Miriam Circle is a gathering of women dedicated to nurturing faith, fellowship, and service. Join the circle to explore and share your faith journey with a community of supportive and understanding women. Together, we'll dive into the teachings of the Bible through engaging and thought-provoking study sessions.

Next Circle meeting ~ Monday, May 6th, 12:00pm—2:00pm

MISSIONS: Community Outreach

FOOD PANTRY [Team Leader ~ Tana Day]

Every month each participating family receives a 12 oz. box of cereal, mac and cheese, 1 lb. rice or powdered potatoes, 1 lb. spaghetti, and saltine crackers. They also receive several canned items: spaghetti sauce, vegetables, meat (usually tuna), 15-16 oz pork as well as small jars of peanut butter and jelly.

In addition, we provide bags for those that have no ability to cook, plus a side table from which they can take one other item. That table offers a variety of miscellaneous items from human food to pet food to toiletries and paper products.

Once a month we provide carts in front of the sanctuary and in Cooper Hall for any donations. However, ALL donations are welcome any time the church office is open.



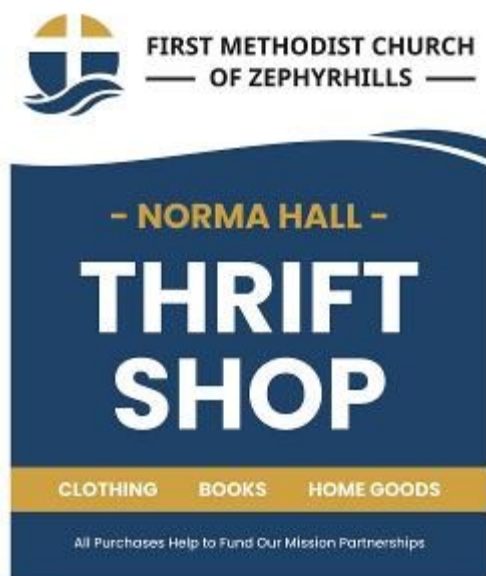
THIS MONTH'S FOOD DONATION COLLECTION SUNDAY WILL BE ON APRIL 21ST

THRIFT SHOP [Team Leader ~ Lyn Sears]

As part of the campus rebranding process, our Thrift Shop is slated to be updated with brand new signs, reflecting our new visual identity and helping to generate positive buzz in those neighborhoods surrounding our campus, and attract new attention to all that we have to offer even those who are not members of our congregation.

As always, thrift shop hours remain:
MONDAYS 8am–12pm
Donations only

Wednesday & Saturday 8am–12pm
Both Sales & Donations



PROJECT OTHERS [Team Leader ~ Deann Harrington]

Part of our dedication to missions is our sewing program, which allows us to lend a hand to communities in need all over the world. The items created by Project Others add a personal touch to our outreach efforts, creating a sense of community with practical, hand-crafted items.

Donations: We are in need of backing material for lap throws.

Volunteers: Join us in using our sewing machines to craft items for missions.

Weekly Sewing Sessions

When: Fridays 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Where: Cooper Hall



ADDITIONAL SEWING CRAFT MISSIONS

PRAYER SQUARES—Karen Wright

These pocket prayer squares have been blessed by pastor Steve and have been part of our welcome packets given to first time visitors.

PRAYER SHAWLS—Barbara Sheldon

These beautiful, hand made shawls are made to be a source of comfort for those in need of prayerful support.. For more information call 813-602-3087

APRIL MONTHLY MISSION [Sunday Speaker 04/14 ~ Michelle Hill]

HEALING HEARTS CAFE

The Healing Hearts Café is a refuge for all those who may need a hot meal and basic necessities for living. It serves 3 meals a day, offers shower facilities 3 days a week and laundry once a week. Inside the building patrons can receive a welcome and a quiet respite from the hectic life outside.

The Café's slogan is : **"Come in as a stranger and leave as a Friend"**. All the volunteers at the Healing Hearts Café take this motto to heart. They are welcoming with prayers, bible readings and sometimes a minstrel will liven up the place with music.

The Café receives all their donations of food, clothes, personal care items and cleaning supplies from groups and individuals. Churches and other organizations come in sometimes and provide a healthy meal.

The Café is especially in need of cleansing wipes, shower cleansing spray and white vinegar but all donations are welcome.

The Healing Hearts Café is located at the corner of 12th Street and State Rd. 54, right across from Zephyrhills High School. If you would like to donate please indicate on your check in the comment section or on the envelope if you want to give cash.

CUBA SISTER CHURCH [Team Leader ~ Karen Laukat]

Amancio Rodriguez Methodist church is located in the small town of Amancio in Cuba's Las Tunas Province in the southeastern part of Cuba.

First Methodist of Zephyrhills entered into a sister church covenant relationship with Amancio over twenty years ago. Both churches have pledged to pray for each other, share information, culture and fellowship. First Methodist Zephyrhills has supported Amancio over the years in several ways. We send annual support for the pastor; helped restore the existing church building and to build a parsonage next door to the church; we send money for the members of the congregation to have a Christmas celebration dinner and for food and medicine. All thanks to generous donations.



Amancio has a very active and large congregation with Bible studies, several active youth programs, and support of three "house" mission churches outside the main church.

We are in contact with the church and keep each other updated on what's happening in each of our churches.

God is working mightily in Cuba and it is a blessing and joy for us at First Methodist, to be a part of it, through our relationship with Amancio

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH [Team Leader ~ Phyllis Blanchard]

Salad and Pie Luncheon & Fashion Show

Sunday, April 14th 12:30—2:30pm

Featuring fashions from

**THE NORMA HALL
THRIFT SHOP**

&

**Chic Thrift Shop
Volunteers**

Tickets: \$10

**Available after church in
Cooper Hall, from any UWF
member, or at the church office.**

All proceeds go to
United Women of Faith
Pledge and Projects



SERVICE TEAMS: Community Self-Care

PARISH NURSES [Team Leader ~ Druann Briggs]

Sunday, April 14th
Blood pressure checks in Cooper Hall
and
One Blood's Big Red Bus
will be parked outside the sanctuary.
GIVE A GIFT OF LIFE TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS!



Tuesday, April 16th

Get an Advance Directive

Advance Directives are a way to make your healthcare wishes known if you are unable to speak for yourself. They provide a way for you to communicate your wishes to family, friends and healthcare professionals. These critical documents may also be known as **Designation of a Healthcare Surrogate** and a **Living Will**.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR MORE INFORMATION
THE CONVERSATION PROJECT ~ <https://theconversationproject.org/>
PROJECT GRACE ~ Offers a free Advance Care Planning Document at
http://www.projectgrace.org/acp_doc.html

Aging With Dignity (Five Wishes) ~ <https://agingwithdignity.org/>
Or call—850.681.2010

Organ Donation Choices: www.organdonor.gov or www.donatelife.net

Need assistance? Call or text Parish Nurse, Druann Briggs RN at 813-420-7919

STEPHEN MINISTRY [Team Leader ~ Dave Hill]

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, terminal or chronic illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. If you 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.

Please call Dave Hill at 410-409-9132 for more information.



ALCOHOLICS ANNONYMOUS

AA Meets on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. in the Truthseekers Room.
Please enter through the back door of Cooper Hall, on 6th Avenue
between 10th and 11th Streets; (a sign will be there).
For more information contact the Church Office, 813-782-5645.





Al-Anon is now meeting here at First Methodist Church again, starting Friday, February 9th, 6:30 p.m., in Truthseekers Room.

This group is for family and friends of alcoholics.

Please enter through the back door of Cooper Hall, on 6th Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets; (a sign will be there).

For more information contact the Church Office, 813-782-5645.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

ACA holds weekly meeting on **Monday evenings at 6 pm in the Parlor, Cooper Hall here at our church!** (From 10th Street, enter through the white gate, next to the Chapel and go to double doors in courtyard)
ACA is a fellowship of healing from past traumas as a child and growing through the pain to become a happy and content adult!



SPECIAL EVENTS: Information and Entertainment

YOUNG AT HEART PRESENTATIONS [Team Leader: Harry Kehr]



Guest Speaker: Billy Poe,
Zephyrhills City Manager

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

**Thursday, April 18th
11:30am—1:00pm**

Cooper Hall

Presentation includes a
question and segment



ADMISSION:

**ONE COVERED
DISH OF
YOUR CHOICE**

CONCERT AND OTHER EVENTS

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL MUSICAL CONCERTS,
PRESENTATIONS, AND EVENTS OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS**

Is your group having a fund raiser, award ceremony, breakfast or luncheon? Be sure to contact the Communications Desk at tjgale@fmcz.org with all the pertinent information.

MEMBER HAPPENINGS: Monthly News

THOSE WHO SERVE

Budurka, Michael, Drill SGT, US Army, Fort Moore, GA, grandson of Bob and Barb Stankiewicz
Clark, Matthew, 1ST LT. Army, Ft. Drum, N.Y., Grandson of Jack & Louise Smith
Cotton, Collin, J., YNSSA, US Navy, son of Richard & Julie Cotton
Daniels, Clay, Major, US Army, Ft. Bragg, Grandson of Ed Fisher
Dilks, Alayna, US Army, Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA, Granddaughter of Carolyn Dilks
Hill, Nathaniel, Colorado National Guard, Son of David Hill
Hunter Hollaway, Army National Guard, Great Nephew of Lori Hollaway
Hurley, Luka, MSGT., Grandson of Gordon & Norma Hurley (Omaha, NE)
Kramer, Hunter, LT., Army MP, Fort Lewis-McChord, WA
Lenz, Alexander, MM3, Navy, Norfolk, Va., Grandson of Richard & Linda Bice
Monteira, Jared, U.S. Coast Guard, Grandson of Debbie Huffert
Mueller, Hannah, US Army, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Daughter of Lorraine & Tom Mueller
Nipp, John, Captain, USAF, Mississippi, Brother of Bob Nipp
Noel, Tim, MSSGT., Air National Guard, Japan, Son-in-Law of Ann Crawford
Parks, Andrew, Senior Airman, US Air Force, South Korea, grandson of Bob and Barb Stankiewicz
Shoup, Justin, Deployed
Tindall, Tyler, US Army Specialist, Texas, Grandson of Ed Fisher
Turner, Nicholas, CAPT., USAF, Husband of Kristen Beville Turner
Wagner, Jeff, CAPT., USAF, Colorado, Nephew of Elton & Pat Wagner
White, Darrel, 1ST SGT. Army, Texas, Nephew of Gerald & Virginia Swank
Williams, Andrew, Lt. COL. USAF, grandson of Bob & Barbara Williams

REMEMBER THEM ALWAYS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Sandy Coon	4/15	Alice Hajek
4/1	Tamela Davis	4/15	Dennis Nutt
4/2	Marcia Wregg	4/15	Barbara Sheldon
4/3	Barbara Friedman	4/16	Mary Crook
4/3	Patricia Pedigo	4/16	Keith Kunkel
4/3	Alison Scheuerman	4/19	James Wregg
4/3	Kimberly Smith	4/20	Steve Shaughnessy
4/3	Mary Spink	4/22	Miguel Guillen
4/3	Conway Theel	4/23	June Britton
4/4	Mary Kent	4/23	Kathy Cady Cross
4/4	Devyn Sheffich	4/23	Gerald Swank
4/4	Coral Voorhees	4/24	Joan Demastrie
4/5	Bruce Cimorelli	4/24	James Wyman
4/6	Kurt Bjorkner	4/25	Kari Adams
4/7	Shirley Caudill	4/26	Jean Simpson
4/8	Gary Oesch	4/27	Shayna Morrell
4/8	Eugene Williams Jr.	4/27	Joanna Smith
4/9	Susan Smith	4/29	Teresia Gale
4/13	Casey Harrison	4/30	Cheryl Bjorkner
4/14	Joyce McDuffie	4/30	Frances Mayo
4/14	Robert Packard		

ANNIVERSARIES

4/4	Teresia and Thomas Gale
4/12	David and Shirley Carlson
4/14	Dennis and Terry Dutkiewicz
4/18	Bruce and Virginia Cimorelli
4/19	Terri and Todd Kramer
4/20	Greg and Judy Peavey
4/21	Allen and Carol Scheckler
4/24	Blake and Tammy Donaldson
4/28	Pamela Manapat and Tommy McCormick



CELEBRATE!

NEW MEMBERS

Our congregation is growing! *Warm welcomes to our new family members.*



Dale Delcamp and
Nancy Raia



Bill and Sally Bair



Todd and Terri
Palmer



B. Cricket Linn



Pam Spencer



James Treanor



Karen Groves



Judy Renault



Wesley and Kati
Lonquist



Scott and Teresa
Stewart



Amber Wood



Sharon O'Hara



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Our congregation is growing! *Blessings flow in when doors are open wide.*



Monty and Sandy



Bob Cartwright



Janet Davis



Ray Lambert



George Pattison
and Beth Wyer



Sherry Bauer



Ron Brodeur



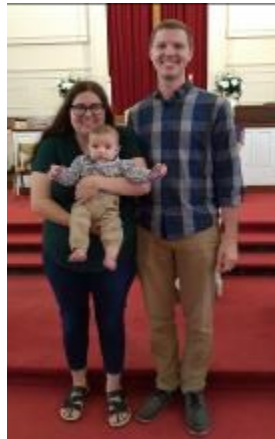
Tom and Barb
Burgmeier

BAPTISMS

Our congregation is growing! *Committing to a Christ way of life*



Dalton Clay Herriman
with Alex Herriman



Caspian Elliott Cox
with Miriam Ezra and
David Cox



Ian Andrew with
Jason & Lena Phillips

NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING

For all our friends, family, and church members who are in long term care facilities we keep them in our prayers and our hearts that they always remain a vital part of who we are as a church family and are never far away from our thoughts.

AMERICAN HOUSE ~ 38130 Pretty Pond Rd., Zephyrhills

Lyden and Sue Green Apt 333

Neal Slingerland Apt 207

Pat Meelheim Apt. 330

EDWINOLA ~ 14235 Edwinola Way, Dade City, FL

Peggy Fetch

Beulah Zeller

HEARTLAND ~ 38220 Henry St., Zephyrhills, FL

Ginger Shaeffer Room 313B

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

Roberta Hubbart

SOLARIS ~ 7350 Dairy Rd., Zephyrhills, FL

Shirley Forbes Washington Unit

CONSECRATION OF NEW SANCTUARY GRAND PIANO

Thanks to the generosity of a family within our congregation, our sanctuary is graced with a new Yamaha grand piano while Cooper Hall becomes home to a beautiful new upright piano.



Pictured:
Barbara Friedman
FMCZ Pianist



It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name.

GIVING BACK

We make many investments in our lives, perhaps one of the most significant is the investment we make in our spiritual life and community. Whether we give of our talents, our energies, our time, or our financial resources, when we give back, we invest in the practical application of our faith. In this way, our generosity comes back to us in many and often unexpected ways.

At First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills we appreciate the sacrifices and commitment that you and your family make to your church home. It is our goal to provide our members with several convenient options for their regular giving.

Automatic Bank Transaction

Most banks have the ability to do automatic bill pay. It is simple and easy to set up and once established continues without interruption. Access your bank's bill pay features and choose a new pay to account. You can choose the amount, frequency, and duration of your payments. Please make sure your contribution is sent to:

First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills
38635 5th Ave, Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Automatic Bank Draft

The church has the ability to set up a batch file through our bank that will draft from your checking account 2x each month. This is similar to the Vanco giving as you will need to provide your account number plus the routing number for a one time setup. Usually there are two separate batches each month so you can choose to give, for example, on the 5th or 20th of the month. There is no fee charged to the church for this service. Contact our Church Treasurer in the church office to sign up.

Secure Online Transaction

First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills has partnered with Vanco to provide safe and secure processing of church contributions using credit cards, debit cards, and bank accounts. Vanco provides these services to many churches across America and is a partner with the Global Methodist Church. With this option you can choose the frequency and the amount of your contribution. The preferred method and most economical for FMCZ is to utilize bank draft.

To sign up or learn more you can visit www.fmcz.org, click on GIVE on our home page and click the GIVE ONLINE button there.

Offering Envelopes

You can order a book of offering envelopes that are dated for each Sunday to use in placing your tithes and offerings in the offering plate each week. These offering envelopes are ordered annually and can be picked up in the narthex or church office in December. This is a great benefit because the envelopes are already preprinted with your family name and number, and the weekly envelopes are a good reminder. If you would like to receive envelopes or cancel your envelopes, contact our Church Treasurer in the church office.

Plate Offering

Simply place your offering in the plate each Sunday as it passes you.

To ensure that your contribution is credited to your account for tax purposes, please clearly mark your envelope with your family name.

Donating Appreciated Stock

The IRS allows for donation of appreciated stock to a qualified 501(c)(3) organization. This method requires some setup with the church. If you are interested in this, please contact our Church Treasurer in the church office.

Thank you for your support!



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