

The Messenger



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
— OF ZEPHYRHILLS —
a Global Methodist Family

Connect and Engage
June 2024



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Church Office: (813) 782-5645
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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 place with screened and trained leaders located in the Education Building through the door to Cooper Hall.

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. All parents/guardians please pick up your 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 | |



June Worship Services

Sunday, June 02: Communion Sunday

"Life Lessons From Peter" Matthew 16:13-19 (NIV)

Sunday, June 09: VBS Celebration Sunday

Special Schedule: **One Combined Service Only at 10:00am**

Sunday, June 16: Worship Series Completes

"Life Lessons From Paul" Acts 9:19b-28 (NIV)

Sunday, June 23: Special Guest Minister ~ Richard Schmidt

Healing ~ "Just What I Don't Need!" Mark 2:1-12

Sunday, June 30: Special Guest Minister ~ Richard Schmidt

Joy ~ "Lazarus Laughed: A Divine Comedy" 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

WORSHIP: Making Disciples for Christ

Music Ministry

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

Music Worship Leader: Eric Gale

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

Chancel Choir [Traditional Service 11:00am]

Music Worship Leader: Miriam Ezra

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

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



This month's Messenger looks at the vital difference between connecting and engaging in regards to our church and faith family. In pursuit of our denominational mission, we are called to "make disciples for Christ", which asks us to reach out and connect with those around us. But connections (as this age of social media and electronic communication make abundantly clear) can be fleeting by themselves. To be effective, connections need to lead to a deeper and fuller sharing; greetings that may become conversations and even understandings, or coffee times that become friendships. Now in post-Covid days, we begin to reclaim the face to face engagement that the isolation of 2020 undermined. There are so many ways to share our unique talents and gifts within and without our congregation and in doing so, helping to shape new disciples for Christ.

Sanctuary Support [Team Leader ~ Karen Harwell]

Activities include Sunday ushers, Narthex greeters, Sanctuary preparation, Communion stewards, and Visitor assistance.

Often, first impressions of a Sunday church service will temper the experience for first time visitors and determine the chances that visitors may eventually become active members of our congregation. The impact of smiling faces, open hearts, and honest, welcoming demeanors can never be overstated.

Contact: kharwell63@aol.com if you are interested in helping to grow our church family.

Technical Support Services [Team Leader ~ Todd Kramer]

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

We are constantly moving forward in utilizing technology to reach out in new and exciting ways to our in-person congregation and those who visit on-line. To be a part of this vital ministry, contact: tkramer@fmcz.org

Our recent past Sunday worship services can be found on our website. Did you enjoy some particular song or hymn? Would you like to share an impactful sermon with friends or family? Visit our PAST SERVICES web page at: <https://fmcz.org/services/>

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.

Before SOCIAL MEDIA there were coffee shops and cafes where folks could meet face to face in real time. Share some real face time at our own Sunday Café.

Our two live sanctuary services are great ways to **connect** to both Word and Message of our faith. But it takes spending time and sharing thoughts to really **engage** with other members of our congregation. The Sunday Café is a great place to really get to know other members of our family in a friendly, welcoming space.



MINISTRIES: Making Disciples for Christ

Children's Ministry [Team Leaders ~ Carol Runyon and Polly Adwell]



VBS ~ The Great Jungle Journey

From Genesis to Revelation

Our VBS kids and volunteers have been busy adventuring around our campus Monday through Friday, June 3 to 7. The GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY culminates in a special combined service Sunday, June 9th at 10:00am when our VBS Kids will share what they discovered and learned throughout their week long adventure. Please join us!

Youth Ministry [Team Leader ~ Karen Ezra]

Wednesday, June 12th, 6:00—8:00pm Cooper Hall



FAMILY WALK – IN MOVIE NIGHT

Under a contract with the Christian Video Licensing International Corporation, First Methodist Church is able to offer in-house showings of major commercial films from a number of well known studios and cinema distributors.

Our first feature will be the 2005 Walden Media/Disney production of the beloved 1950 novel by C.S Lewis, **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**, the first book of The Chronicles of Narnia, a seven book fantasy adventure detailing the adventures of human children caught up in the mythical world of Narnia. This live action version is a stunningly filmed, family friendly, action drama that faithfully captures both the substance and meaning of the original story. As a visual introduction to the wondrous world of Narnia, this production engages both young and old alike.

MPAA Rating: PG For Battle Sequences and Frightening Moments

SHOWING DETAILS:

- Due to length, our feature will start promptly at 6:00pm
- Doors open at 5:30pm: come early and bring your blanket or beach chair
- Hot dogs, popcorn, and snacks will be available
- Admission is free but donations gratefully accepted to help defray costs.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY MORNING DURING 9:30 SERVICE

FMCZ Family Walk-in Movie Night

Presents
Walden Studios/Disney 2005 Production
**The Lion, the Witch,
and the Wardrobe**



Wednesday, June 12th
6:00 - 8:30pm in Cooper Hall
picnic dinner, popcorn, and snacks
bring blankets or beach chairs

Praise and Prayer Group [Team Leader ~ Connie Norton]

Every Tuesday Morning 9:00am

Truthseekers Classroom Education Building

We encourage anyone who would like to join the ranks of these prayer warriors to contact Connie Norton at the email address below. The FMCZ prayer group work very closely with the specific intents and needs of all prayer recipients to personalize and focus every prayer.

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 ask requestors to provide 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 experience begins with a 72 hour short course in Christianity, comprises of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it truly means to be **the church**. The course Includes prayer and meditation, special times of worship, and the daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus Community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus Weekend, support the 72 hour experience with a prayer vigil, preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love.



Next Walks: Men's ~ March 20 - 23, 2025 Women's ~ March 27 - 30, 2025

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, diving into the many teachings of the Bible through engaging and thought-provoking study sessions.

Next Circle meeting ~ Monday, September 9th, 12:00pm—2:00pm

No meetings in June, July, and August. Meetings will resume in September

Adult Studies and Classes

July Prayer Workshops ~ [Pastor Steve Ezra]

As Martin Luther wrote hundreds of years ago, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing"! As a church, prayer will clarify God's vision for us as we continue "moving forward." Individually, prayer will keep us closely connected with our Heavenly Father.

I am once again inviting our church family to join me for prayer this summer, not for prayer "meetings" but for prayer "workshops." **We'll meet in our chapel** (entrance off 10th Street) to learn more about prayer and to then pray together. We'll revisit the basics of prayer with very practical insights, and then we'll pray. We'll pray for our community, our church, and individual needs.

Please join me on the following days and times:

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 17th, 24th, and 31st ~ 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Chapel

MISSIONS: Community Outreach

Food Pantry [Team Leader ~ Tana Day]

Every month, participating community families receive bags of non-perishable food items. Currently our pantry is assisting an average of 120 families each month with a useful variety of essential groceries and home items that may otherwise be outside of a family's budget. In these days of high inflationary prices, the pantry serves as a vital part of keeping hunger at bay in our own neighborhood.



Once a month we provide carts in front of the sanctuary and in Cooper Hall to accept any donations from our congregation. However, all donations are welcome to be dropped off any time at the church office during regular business hours.

FMCZ's Mission focus of the Month for June, July, and August will be our own Food Pantry Mission. Please read more about the pantry in our Monthly Mission article elsewhere in the Messenger. Help us continue to serve by giving generously to our neighbors in need.

THIS MONTH'S FOOD DONATION COLLECTION SUNDAY WILL BE ON JUNE 16

Thrift Shop [Team Leader ~ Lyn Sears]

The Norma Hall Thrift Shop and Thrift Shop Annex are both ongoing vital components of our community ministries. Proceeds from all shop sales go directly to supporting all of our other local ministries such as Food Pantry and United Women in Faith.

Currently, the Thrift Shops are looking for several more volunteers to help staff the sales floors and to process donations. Please see a shop staff member for information on how to join this essential team.

**MONDAYS 8am–12pm
Donations only**

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



Thrift Shop ~ Special Sale Days This Month [Team Leader ~ Lyn Sears]

June 26th and 29th, the Thrift Shop and Annex will be featuring its extensive collection of seasonal décor and collectable items as part of their **Christmas in June Sale**. If you are already tired of the summer heat, come down to the Annex and surround yourself with the cool, bright fun of Christmas time.

LARGE SELECTION. EXTRA GREAT PRICES. CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN JUNE!



IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JUNE [6/26 & 6/29] AT THE THRIFT SHOP

Project Others [Team Leader ~ Deann Harrington]

Our sewing program 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 that help create a sense of community through practical, hand-crafted items.

Sewing Sessions every Friday 8:00 am – 11:00 am in Cooper Hall

OTHER SEWING CRAFT MISSIONS

PRAYER SQUARES—Karen Wright

The FMCZ Prayer Shawl Ministry works under the umbrella of Project Others along with the Prayer Squares Ministry. Both of these ministries focuses on crafting items made from cloth, yarn, or other fabric based material into beautiful items that can offer warmth, comfort, and hope to all who may need healing in body, mind or spirit. Currently, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, under the direction of Barbara Sheldon, has more than a dozen shawls ready to be provided, at no cost, to anyone in need. Whether friend, family member, neighbor, or just someone you know who may need a warming, spiritual embrace; these prayerfully and expertly crafted shawls can be a great source not just of physical comfort but also the peace of mind that comes with the caring support of others. **Call Barbara Sheldon at 813-602-3087 to request a shawl.**

PRAYER SHAWLS—Barbara Sheldon

Missions Committee [Team Leader ~ Kay Milligan]

We also will have a Cash for Cuba display in the Narthex on Sundays and a monthly bake sale in Cooper Hall on the second Sunday each month.

The money raised will be to help sponsor a mission trip to Cuba in early 2025. The group trip will be to our sister church in Cuba. Please support this mission trip with your prayers and donations.



June Monthly Mission [Sunday Speaker 06/09 ~ Tana Day]

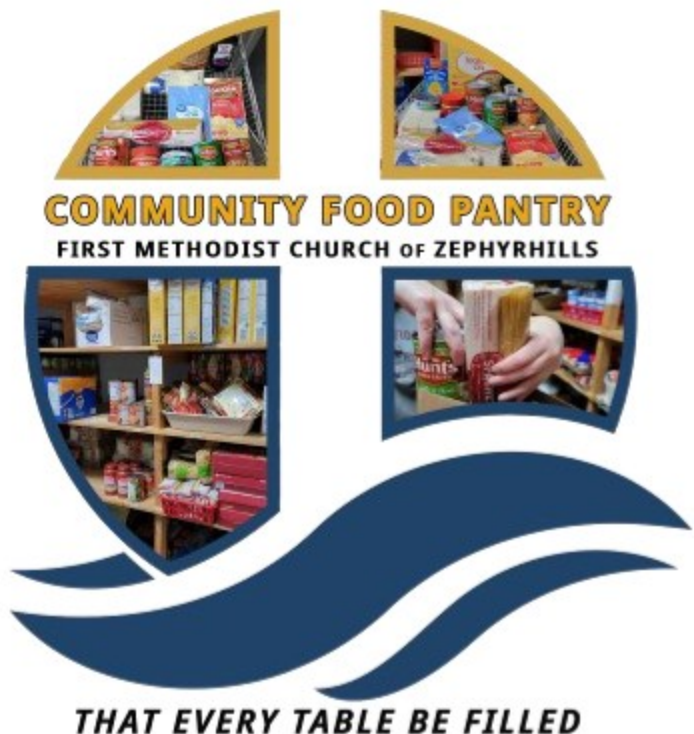


The June mission focus is our Food Pantry, which once each month provides bags of non-perishable food for an average of 120 families per month. Funding for the Food Pantry comes strictly from donations. Therefore, we are very appreciative of the generosity of individuals and organizations. Some of them: Project Others provides us with Christmas stockings for the children; two local park communities include us in their

regular food drives; a group of gentlemen from the choir donated funds they received for a performance; several folks give spontaneous monetary gifts; the Missions Committee provided funds to purchase an additional food rack. We also have a partnership with the Thrift Shop which also gives generously to the Food Pantry from their sales and allows us to hand out \$10 off coupons.

While the Pantry provides food items, we also have an 'extras' table from which our families can choose items of their choice. Those range from human food to pet food to toiletries. In addition, on occasion, we have other items: November we added Oreo cookies to the bags, December we added packs of hot chocolate and candy canes; most months we have fresh eggs that are provided by a local teacher, a few times a year we have plants given by two church members. All those items are looked forward to with excitement from our families. One summer we were able to give out basil and sage plants. One lady came back the next summer to tell us that she was still getting basil from the plant the previous year.

Any and all donations to the Food Pantry are sincerely appreciated and allow this ministry to continue and expand. Thank you for your generosity!



Florida Global Methodist Church [Notes From Pastor Steve Ezra]

Denominational News

Bonnie Hazelett and I were part of a Zoom Annual Conference meeting in mid-May to approve adding a fifth district to our conference (**Florida Conference**). In the new Global Methodist Church, district superintendents are called presiding elders, and it is not a full-time role as it is in the United Methodist Church. **Presiding elders remain full-time pastors of a church.** The presiding elder responsibilities are added to the pastor's regular responsibilities. Consequently, **districts are much smaller than they were in the United Methodist Church because one person can only do so much. But with pastors not getting assigned and reassigned every year, that takes away one of the biggest time-killers for a district superintendent/presiding elder, so we're staying with part-time roles for now—hopefully for good.** Presiding elders need to be serving a local church so they stay “close to the pews.”

We now have 138 churches in the Florida Conference of the Global Methodist Church with more on the way. Praise God for growth in our new movement! They also mentioned 3 Korean Global Methodist Churches in Florida, but for some reason they're not counted in the 138. (Right now I don't understand how or why, and I may be using the terminology wrong.) But that means there are 141 Global Methodist Churches in Florida. Overall, there are over 4,600 churches in the Global Methodist Church with more being added frequently. And we are truly global, with churches active in multiple countries.

Presently **First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills is in the Central South District** in the Florida Conference, with Rev. Corky Calhoun as our presiding elder. But with today's Annual Conference voting (all approved by 100%), the Florida Conference will be moving to 5 districts starting July 1. The 5 new districts are organized geographically and somewhat along Interstate routes, which makes it easier for presiding elders to travel to churches in their districts.

Here are the new districts, effective July 1:

- **Atlantic North District – 29 churches roughly along I-95 north (Jacksonville etc.)**
- **Atlantic South District – 24 churches roughly along I-95 south (Miami etc.)**
- **Central District – 28 churches roughly along I-4 (Orlando etc.)**
- **Gulf North District – 28 churches roughly along I-75 (Tallahassee/Gainesville etc.)**
- **Gulf South District – 29 churches roughly along I-75 (Tampa/Naples)**

Starting July 1, First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills will be in the Gulf South District, and our presiding elder will be Rev. Vicki Harrison, who is the pastor of New Hope Church in Brandon. We are at the extreme north or northeast of this new Gulf South District. When we were United Methodists, we were at the extreme south end of the North Central District. I don't know why they keep putting us on the extremes, but somebody has to live on the borders, I guess. We are, as a denomination and annual conference, **MOVING FORWARD!** I praise God for the enthusiasm and focus of our new Methodist movement, and I praise God that I get to be on this journey with YOU!

~ Pastor Steve

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]



MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES

Our special thanks to members of the United Women in Faith who helped our Sanctuary Support team to hand out carnations to every Mother in our church on their day of recognition!



CUBA SISTER CHURCH [Photo Page]

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



Church's Youth at Easter Service



Children Singing Praises



Pastor Osmar and family



Children on Palm Sunday

SERVICE TEAMS: Community Self-Care

Parish Nurses [Team Leader ~ Druann Briggs]

Monthly blood pressure checks will be available this month
on Sunday, June 23rd between 10:30 and 11:00am

JUNE IS NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH MONTH!



The Men's Health Network provides this maintenance schedule for men as a reminder of your need to take responsibility for safeguarding your health. Regular checkups and age-appropriate screenings CAN improve your health and reduce premature death and disability. You should consult your health care provider about the benefits of earlier screenings, especially if you are a member of a high risk group or have a family history of disease.

MEN'S HEALTH FACTS

- On average men die six years earlier than women.
- Men are 4X more likely to commit suicide due, in part, to undiagnosed depression.
- Testosterone has been linked to elevated levels of LDL or bad cholesterol.
- Studies have indicated that men, on average, have fewer infection fighting T-cells and have weaker Immune systems than women.
- By age 100, women outnumber men by eight to one.

HEALTH HELP RESOURCES FOR MEN

Most men don't know what the prostate is and what it does. But you really should. More than 30 million men suffer from prostate conditions that negatively affect their quality of life. Each year over 230,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and about 30,000 will die of it. Learn more!

<http://www.prostatehealthguide.com>

For more information on MEN'S HEALTH go here:

<http://www.menshealthnetwork.org>

AS ALWAYS CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN COOPER HALL FOR HEALTH INFORMATION AND TIPS

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 any place or time of need.

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



Alcoholics Anonymous

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 adjacent to our Chapel!**

(From 10th Street, enter through the white gate into the courtyard, and go to the double doors)

ACA is an international 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:
Rev. Laura M. Lambert

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, June 20th
11:30am—1:00pm

Cooper Hall

**Topic: Global Methodist Disaster
and Recovery Ministry**

Presentation includes a
question and segment.



ADMISSION:

**ONE COVERED
DISH OF
YOUR CHOICE**

In 1961, when newly elected president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy gave his now famous inaugural call to engagement and service, he inspired a generation of young citizens to step up into a lifestyle of sharing and civic participation. The most famous line from that speech still resonates today at many political, social, and personal levels; **“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you--ask what you can do for your country.”** As Global Methodists, we are inspired by a like call to service, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. We engage the world around us through service both large and small, global and local. If you are searching for a way to share and serve, this form on our website may help to identify your own best way to connect and engage.

https://fmcz.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/fmc_ministry_interest_form_new.pdf

Global Methodist Disaster Relief [Rev. Laura M. Lambert]



Our Story :

We were established by GMC pastors and laity following Hurricanes Ian and Idalia to support the work and mission of the Global Methodist church through disaster response and recovery.

Our Work :

Hurricane Ian -

We assisted 50 families with building materials, appliance replacement, transportation needs, household goods and home repairs totaling \$162,062 from the generosity of Global Methodist congregations.

With 15 rebuild volunteer teams and local volunteers we provided 8660 hours of service.

Hurricane Idalia -

With the help of GM churches we provided donated water, MREs, tarps, tornado buckets, flood buckets, food items and household goods to 163 families

With the help of volunteers we assisted 107 families with debris removal, cleanouts and chainsaw work providing 3380 hours of service

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Our vision is to empower and equip churches to share the restorative love of God through disaster response and recovery

MEMBER HAPPENINGS: Monthly News

THOSE WHO SERVE

Budurka, Michael, Staff SGT, US Army, Hawaii, 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, Tuscon, AZ, grandson of Bob and Barb Stankiewicz
Shoup, Justin, Deployed
Tindall, Tyler, US Army Specialist, Texas, Grandson of Ed Fisher
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

6/1	David Carlson	6/17	Lois Poole
6/1	Connie Norton	6/17	Neal Slingerland
6/2	Donna Kendall	6/18	Doris Carroll
6/2	Marian Otto	6/18	Samuel Surratt III
6/3	Carol Gentile	6/19	Karen Field
6/3	Barbara Kehr	6/20	Janice Gfell
6/5	George Schipper	6/23	Sarah Smith
6/6	Corinne Ahrend	6/24	Edie Minch
6/6	Luan Gore	6/24	Rodger Peirce
6/6	Marjorie Leake	6/24	Terry Wilson
6/7	Allan Scheckler	6/24	Tresea Wymore
6/11	Cliff McDuffie Jr.	6/26	Dave Allain
6/12	Tina Downing	6/26	Tammy Donaldson
6/12	Carol Peirce	6/28	Karen Darland
6/13	Lyn Sears	6/30	Marla Martin
6/14	Marlene Mann		
6/14	Kenneth Stuby		
6/15	Jeanne Narum		
6/15	Ann Neukom		

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL!**

ANNIVERSARIES

6/06	Ruth and Alfred Gill
6/07	Fay and Karl Kingery
6/08	Gary and Linda Ashline
6/08	Julie and Richard Cotton
6/12	Sue and Lyden Green
6/15	John and Pamela Kennard
6/17	Beth Wyer and George Pattison III
6/21	Barbara and David Friedman
6/22	Gloria and Kenneth Foss
6/22	Larry and Vicki Gower
6/24	David Cox & Miriam Ezra
6/24	Joyce and Cliff McDuffie Jr.



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

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 Force Washington Unit

AT HOME ~ with daughter

Joan Donaldson

AT HOME ~ 5245 Mohawk Street, Zephyrhills, FL

Dora Burnside

The Methodist Connection ~ Building A Church of Active Engagement

“We are a global church that recognizes and deploys the gifts and contributions of each part of the church, working as partners in the gospel with equal voice and leadership. Our witness to the world is marked by mutual love, concern, sharing, and a focus on those who are most vulnerable. We watch over one another in love and bear witness to the transforming power of the Good News as we humbly, but boldly, strive to serve others as ambassadors of Christ!” ~ from the GMC Website



With a current 4,336 local churches world-wide, the Global Methodist Church will hold its Convening General Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica, September 20 – 26, 2024.

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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.

Financial investment in our home church, its missions, and its members can manifest in many areas including practical upkeep, community outreach, and support for the future of our own. FMCZ is proud to offer member funded financial assistance to qualified students to help ensure their futures as community leaders.

Seeking applications for Scholarship Assistance Awards

First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills has a Scholarship Fund that is available to provide assistance towards some of the many diverse expenses students encounter while pursuing their chosen life's dream. These resources may be used for tuition, books, fees, housing, or other school-related expenses as needed.

These funds are made available to students:

- who are continuing their education in an accredited Vocational Training Program that awards a Certificate of Proficiency upon its completion;
- who are continuing their education in an Associate or Bachelor degree program from an accredited college or university and who are continuing on to receive specialized/intensive training in their chosen career path in a Master or Doctoral level degree program from an accredited college or university.

If you are interested in applying for scholarship assistance from the Church to help you through the 2024-25 college year, please contact the Church office to request and application packet. Deadline for submission of the application is June 28, 2024.

Please Note: Award amounts are subject to available funds and the number of applicants. Applicants must be a member of FMCZ and actively participate in youth activities and/or church activities regularly.

