

The Messenger



**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
— OF ZEPHYRHILLS —**

a Global Methodist Family

Please note: Sunday, November 3rd marks the end of Daylight Savings Time. Clocks should be set BACK 1 hour on Saturday night into Standard Time. Enjoy your extra sleep!

***Safe Harbor
November 2024***



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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-12:00pm 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.

Sanctuary Mother's Room

Read about our accommodations just for new mothers. Page 4 of this publication.

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 | |



November Worship Services

Sunday, October 27: New Sermon Series "So That We May Know"

A Study of Christian Assurance from 1 John

That We May Know: "Walk in the Light" 1 John 1:5-22

"We can be certain of eternal life through Jesus Christ"

Sunday, November 03: Communion Sunday, All Saints Sunday

That We May Know: "Obey God's Word" 1 John 2:3-29

"Obedience to Christ's commands is evidence of salvation "

Sunday, November 10: Mission Sunday, Sunday Before Veterans Day

That We May Know: "Love One Another" 1 John 3:1-24

"Practical love for our brothers and sisters help us become more like God"

Sunday, November 17:

That We May Know: "Test What You Hear" 1 John 4:1-21

"To honor God, we must discern true teaching from false teachings "

Sunday, November 24: Sermon Series Concludes

That We May Know: "Believe in Jesus" 1 John 5:1-17

"Jesus is the source of our spiritual birth and our assurance of faith"

WORSHIP: Witnessing Boldly

Music Ministry Are you interested in joining a music group? Fill out a Ministry Interest Form on our website and bring it to the church office!

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

Men Of God [Periodically at Traditional Service and other functions]

Practice Schedule: Varies

As of this writing, weekly practices for Salvation's Rock will return to its normal practice schedule on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings prior to service; held in the FMCZ Sanctuary. Please check the web calendar to confirm each week's practice schedule.

A safe harbor is usually a naturally occurring inlet where ships of all kinds may find anchorage secure from storms and heavy seas. Such a location attracts attention and regular use so over time, communities of sea-faring folks build up in and around the water, growing steadily over time, adding land-focused support and services. A truly safe harbor rarely remains unpopulated for long and quite often grows into a hub of activities and services that reach for out miles around. Those who call the harbor home are not exempt from the severities of sea storms, but by its natural security and a strong sense of shared purpose that it promotes, the harbor offers a unique resilience and tenacity that weathers even the worst the sea has to offer.

Not unlike our church and many in our area where, attracted by the assurances of God's word and building a shared community on that faith, we find a safe harbor in which to anchor together against life's storms. And like those harbor towns, our unique security allows us to build on our blessings and be there to reach out to others in times of trouble and to minister through the assurances we find by anchoring in a Christ-like way of life.

Sanctuary Mother's Room

Now open for use is our refurbished Sanctuary Mother's Room, especially furnished to provide a comfortable and practical environment for private on-the-spot childcare needs through all Sanctuary services and events. We will continue to expand and refine the amenities and services this room provides. Please let us know how we can improve this service by writing to us at info@fmcz.org.

Sanctuary Support [Team Leader ~ Karen Harwell]

With friendly faces, welcoming voices, and engaging personalities, our Sunday greeters rank high in visitor surveys returned to us. This positive first impression is how we help make more Disciples of Christ! Please fill out a Ministry Interest Form if you are interested in joining this team. [Ministry Interest Form](#)

Technical Support Services [Team Leader ~ Todd Kramer]

Activities include live audio and projection control, streaming video control, and audio/video preparations. The quality of our live services and online streams impacts how much and how well we engage those who may be looking for a church home. Fill out a Ministry Interest Form if you would like to join this important team. [Ministry Interest Form](#)

Sunday Café ~ Cooper Hall [Team Leader ~ Michelle Hill]

The Sunday Morning Café is located in Cooper Hall from 9:00 am until 11:00 am every Sunday. Join us as we greet the day with coffee and fellowship!



MINISTRIES: Making Disciples for Christ

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

Currently Children's Church (grades 2 and 3) and Youth Group (middle school) continue to share a parallel multi-lesson Sunday School plan developed by the same folks who brought the Great Jungle Journey to our campus for Vacation Bible School this past summer. Each lesson works with strategic bible based themes using detailed lesson plans, printables, and fun learning opportunities. Units are usually 8 weeks long, interspersed with occasional special Sunday events. All lessons work within a narrative theme and are anchored in one or more key scriptural passages.

November's themes build on this summer's VBS Great Jungle Journey, traveling through lessons on creation and the impacts of Genesis on today's world.



10/27 - Lesson 11: The Seven "C's" of History

11/03 - Special Theme: Thankful Sunday

11/10 - Lesson 12: God Creates the Universe

11/17 - Lesson 13: Creation - Days and Kinds

11/24 - Lesson 14: Creation - Animals and Man

Bring your children and youth to Sunday Service from where they will head to the Cooper Hall Education Building for their own prayerful fun and bible-based activities led by Carol and Karen. Children meet in the Children's Ministry Room and Youth meet in the Chapel Classroom.

Youth and Family Ministries [Team Leader ~ Karen Ezra]



FMCZ presents it's next annual family friendly Chili Cook Off Night where our members show off their best chili recipes in multiple categories and compete for the best of the best, chosen by you the taster!

Have fun! Eat well! Go spicy or mild as you wish! Sign up to enter or show up to eat.

Saturday, November 16th
Cooper Hall - attendance is free!
5:30 - 6:00 set up
6:00 - 6:30 taste and vote
6:30 - 7:30 eat and fellowship

Spotlight < Children's Church – Thankful Sunday November 3rd

This Sunday, stop over to the Education Building through Cooper Hall where our Youth and Children's Church groups will have a "Thankfulness Tree" to remind them how much we all have to be grateful for every day. Grab a leaf out of the pile, write on it what you are thankful for and post it on the board with the others. Even while we still clean up from recent tough times, we keep in mind how many blessings fall upon us every day for which we can be grateful.



Some Things We Can Be Thankful For

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A smile from a stranger | <input type="checkbox"/> A hot shower | <input type="checkbox"/> Good listeners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A bright, moonlit night | <input type="checkbox"/> A hot, tasty meal | <input type="checkbox"/> A new hairstyle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A comfortable bed | <input type="checkbox"/> A good night's sleep | <input type="checkbox"/> Starting a new journal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshly cleaned sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> A clean house | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh cut grass |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading a good book | <input type="checkbox"/> A refreshing drink | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing whistler ducks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing a funny joke | <input type="checkbox"/> Being part of a team | <input type="checkbox"/> A quiet hike |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A beautiful sunset | <input type="checkbox"/> A new personal best | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The feel of flannel | <input type="checkbox"/> Finishing a puzzle | |

Share what you are thankful for at the Thankfulness Tree!



Praise and Prayer Group [Team Leader ~ Connie Norton]



Every Tuesday Morning 9:00am
Truthseekers Classroom Education Building

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

Our weekly prayer lists in the Sunday bulletin and e-Blast are the dedicated work of our prayer team, who personalize the needs of each name you see on these lists with the power of group prayer.

Edwinola Outreach Devotional Services

Assisted Living Outreach Ministry

Several members of our church family are providing on-going devotional services at the Elevated Estates (Edwinola) Assisted Living in Dade City on the **3rd Sunday of each month** at 2:00pm. Services include praise and prayers, hymns, scripture readings, and a spiritual message. This month's service will be held on **November 17th**. *Contact Roz Hill for more information, 443-834-8621.*



Making Disciples of Christ - Through our ministries, we desire to share the whole counsel of God with all peoples and to advance the presence and fulfillment of the Kingdom of God in every part of the world and at all levels of societies and cultures. The Global Methodist Church is committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, and the work of the Holy Spirit in conveying God's truth and grace to all people.

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



A Testimony:

There was wonderful food, fellowship and worship on Saturday, September 14th as First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills hosted about 70 devoted Christians for a 4th day Emmaus gathering.

For those who are not familiar with the Walk to Emmaus program, it is a 72 - hour, Christ-centered weekend where you are immersed in the love and joy that Christ brings to all who truly want a deeper relationship with him. After experiencing the Walk weekend, you will return to your own church and family with a renewed enthusiasm and dedication to further his kingdom.

If you feel this is something you want or need, the next Walk to Emmaus weekend for men is March 20-23, 2025 and the ladies March 27-30, 2025. You can contact myself or Dave and Roz Hill for more information and an application. You will be rejoicing and be blessed for the rest of your life!!

Submitted by: Lyn Sears, Walk to Emmaus attendee

Walk to Emmaus Monthly Meetings for those who have completed a Walk are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Crusaders Room at 6:30 p.m. This month's meeting is on November 7th. For more information, contact Roz or Dave Hill at 443-834-8621.

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

Adult Studies and Classes [Wednesday Night Refuel]

Due to time lost with recent storms the following changes have been made to the Refuel Class schedules:

These classes will not continue but will "reset" in January:

Growing Strong in God's Family w/ Steve Ezra
Sermon on the Mount w/ Virginia Gray
In the Footsteps of the Savior w/ Karen Laukat
Stepping Up Men's Group w/ Tom Sharp and Bobbie Theel

These classes will proceed with altered schedules:

Living in the Word w/ Gene Williams - schedule unchanged
The Chosen Watch Group - will continue episodes to the end of season 1
Bible Backroads will finish through end of Book of Matthew

Pastor Steve is offering a special three-part combined group for all who want to continue in "study" activities. This group will meet through November 13th.

Wednesday night dinners will continue with healthy servings of fellowship on the side. Meals are served 5:45 - 6:30pm and cost \$5 per person or \$10 per family



United Women in Faith [Team Leader ~ Phyllis Blanchard]

Upcoming November Meeting

This month, our Unit meeting is November 14th at noon. The program is the **World Thank Offering** taken each year. Some women drop a coin in a box each day to give thanks for their daily blessings, while others put in coins and dollars on special occasions. Through the World Thank Offering program we support the total program of missions carried on through United Women in Faith's national office in the United States and around the world. You can read more about the World Thank Offering on the UWF blog page: <https://uwfaith.org/blog/2022/world-thank-offering/>

Our United Women in Faith **Christmas Dinner** will be on **December 12th** this year from 5:30 to 8:00pm in Cooper Hall. We're inviting everyone to join us again. Tickets are \$15 and we'll feature **Margareta Romo's Dancers** for the meal's entertainment. Our menu is still not firm, but we plan to have it catered by Fresh Country and have asked Judy Peavey to bake her fantastic rolls for us!

submitted by Phyllis Blanchard, President UWF - Zephyrhills



Miriam Circle [Team Leader ~ Ann Crawford]

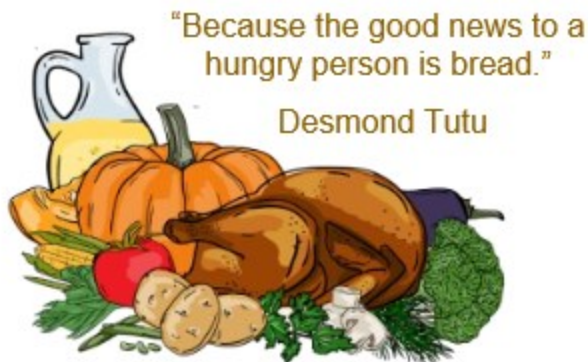
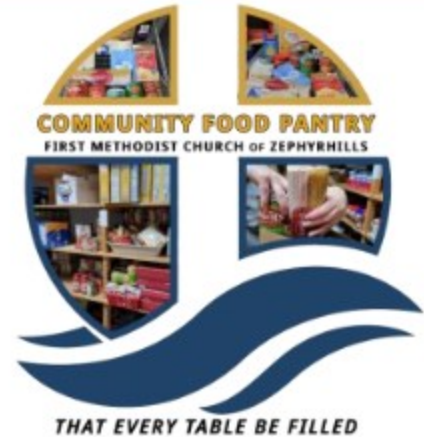
The Miriam Circle, a ministry group within United Women in Faith, is a gathering of women dedicated to nurturing faith, fellowship, and service. Join the circle to explore and share your personal faith journey with a community of supportive and understanding women, diving into the many teachings of the Bible through engaging and thought-provoking study sessions.

Next Circle meeting ~ Monday, November 4th, 12:00pm—2:00pm

MISSIONS: Community Outreach

Food Pantry [Team Leader ~ Tana Day]

October saw a great food need in our community with so many local homes and families directly affected by the two hurricanes. Our Community Food Pantry responded by reaching out to area residents and businesses for increased donations of canned goods, shelf-stable milk, dry goods, and no-cook food items. Many of the food items we give out regularly are suitable as pantry storm supplies and are shelf stable over the entire Florida storm season. When you donate food supplies be mindful how these items can often be "saved for a rainy day" on a home or apartment shelf.



This month highlighted by the Thanksgiving holiday is especially important for our food pantry ministry because it is focused on both food and gratitude. Because of this, our current need is for a variety of canned vegetables and items that could be part of a holiday meal, including canned soups, fruits and desert/bread boxed mixes. Think of it this way, if it would be a part of your own holiday meal, it will be most welcome on any table in our community.

Food Pantry Distribution Days are November 11, 12, and 13.
THIS MONTH'S DONATION COLLECTION SUNDAY IS November 17.

Thrift Shop [Team Leaders ~ Lyn Sears, Main Shop; Terry Dutkiewicz, Annex]



MONDAYS 8am–12pm
Donations only

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

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 and healing through practical, hand-crafted items. Currently, the members are working on a number of ongoing projects to donate to local schools and care facilities

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

Material craft and sewing activities are in full swing. Members are working hard on a variety of holiday focused projects for distribution through cooperative ministries on our campus and in our community. If you love working with your hands and putting your crafts to good, positive use, now is a great time to reach out and discover the satisfaction found in this active, hands-on ministry.



Commission on Missions Committee [Team Leader ~ Kay Milligan]

Transforming young lives through the love of Christ



For over a century, the Children's Home has been guided by an unwavering commitment to serving children and families throughout the state of Florida with compassion, integrity, and faith. Since our beginning in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage, we have expanded over the years into a diverse organization serving abused, abandoned, and neglected children. That expansion has brought the realization that we have now outgrown the Children's Home name and needed something that better represented the purpose we serve and the care that we provide. That new name is **Residing Hope**.

In selecting a new name, we wanted a name that reflected the organization we have become while staying true to our history. It also reflects our steadfast mission as a faith-based organization: *Empower children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through evidence-based care and holistic services.*



Cuba Sister Church 2025 Mission Trip - Update

Throughout November, the Commission on Missions will start collecting hygiene and personal care items for the upcoming trip to Cuba. Many of these items are in short supply in that country and will be greatly appreciated! There will be a collection box set up in Cooper hall for the following most needed items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, full size bar soap (no bottled bath washes please), plastic adhesive bandages, deodorant, and mosquito repellent (including wipes).

Stephen Ministry [Team Leader ~ Dave Hill]

New Steven Ministry Class to Begin January 2025

Classes begin mid-January and will be held one day per week for 2 and 1/2 hours for a total of 50 hours.

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



In the calmer days after intense experiences such as we had with the recent storms, are often the times when we begin to experience depression or additional anxiety, reliving parts of the crisis or second guessing decisions made in haste. If these thoughts start impacting our ability to move forward and return to a "normal" daily routine, spending some time with a willing friend and counselor can be just that "medicine for melancholy". Here's what one Stephen Minister writes about their calling:

Stephen Ministers will never talk about their experience with a care receiver because Stephen Ministers are pledged to total confidentiality. However, a person who has met with a Stephen Minister may tell of their experience. Here is an experience from an actual Stephen Ministry care receiver:

Susan tells us, "Although my needs changed as I went from wife to caregiver to widow, my Stephen Minister's love and support remained a constant. She was there at every stage of my journey, helping me through some of the most difficult moments of my life—so I could begin to heal."

Many of us are feeling sad, depressed, or lost by the recent storms. It's difficult to look at piles of debris as we clean up and repair our homes and see our neighbors who have lost everything. We are blessed to have an active group of Stephen Ministers available now to meet with people. If you or someone you know would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please call David Hill at 410-409-9132 or the church office to speak with Pastor Steve 813-782-5645.

Open Arms Village [A local ministry supported this month by our Commission on Missions]

Open Arms Village of Ocala Florida has a mission to combat homelessness by providing transitional housing to men and women in need and supportive services to equip them to become independent, productive members of the community. St. Mark's United Methodist Church established their men's facility in 2015.

Open Arms Village is more than a homeless shelter. It's a restoration program. Residents are carefully screened to determine their desire and their willingness to do what it takes to become self-sufficient. They receive case management and other supportive services to help them overcome the challenges that keep them homeless.

Open Arms Village has received approval from the Ocala Planning & Zoning Commission for a zoning change that would clear the way for the establishment of 16 bed facility for women at the southwest corner of Southeast 17th Street and Lake Weir Avenue. This property belonged to the former Druid Hills United Methodist Church which closed in 2018.

Our missions team voted to send \$250 to Open Arms Village to assist with purchase of some needed supplies for these women in transition as they seek to expand their mission to include homeless and abused women. Our Women in Faith group has been involved with this ministry.

Submitted by Kay Milligan for FMCZ Commission on Missions

Parish Nurses [Team Leader ~ Druann Briggs RN]

Next Blood Pressure Checks, Sunday 12/15, 10:30 - 11:00am
One Blood's Big Red Bus will be on campus Sunday, 11/24



PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN COOPER HALL FOR OTHER UPDATES



DIABETES

AWARENESS MONTH

NOVEMBER

WHAT IS DIABETES?

People with diabetes either don't make enough insulin (type 1 diabetes, autoimmune disorder) or can't use insulin properly (type 2 diabetes). Insulin allows blood sugar (glucose) to enter cells, where it can be used for energy. When the body doesn't have enough insulin or can't use it effectively, blood sugar builds up in the blood. **High blood sugar levels can lead to heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and amputation of toes, feet, or legs.**

SOME FACTS ABOUT DIABETES

- Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the United States.
- Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, lower limb amputation, and adult-onset blindness.
- Risk factors include being overweight, having a family history of type 2 diabetes, being physically active less than three times a week, or having a fasting blood sugar result above 100.

HEALTH COMPLICATIONS FROM DIABETES

- **Heart disease and stroke:** People with diabetes are twice as likely to have heart disease or a stroke as people without diabetes—and at an earlier age.
- **Blindness and other eye problems:** Diabetic retinopathy (damage to blood vessels in the retina), cataracts (clouding of the lens), and glaucoma (increase in fluid pressure in the eye) can all result in vision loss.
- **Kidney disease:** High blood sugar levels can damage the kidneys long before a person has symptoms. Kidney damage can cause chronic kidney disease, which can lead to kidney failure.
- **Amputations:** Diabetes damages blood vessels and nerves, particularly in the feet, and can lead to serious, hard-to-treat infections. Amputation is sometimes necessary to stop the spread

PREDIABETES: OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE

More than a third of American adults—around 86 million—have prediabetes, and 90% of them don't know it. With prediabetes, blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as diabetes. People with prediabetes have an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.

Find out more about diabetes and what you can do: <https://diabetes.org/>

Support Groups On Our Campus

GriefShare

After a lengthy absence through and after the Covid crisis, a new GriefShare grief recovery group will be meeting on our campus beginning September 4th.



This 13 week session will feature a video seminar, group discussion, and personal workbook designed to create a safe and comforting place where anyone recovering from significant loss can find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through the challenges inherent in the grieving process.



Meeting Information:

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:30pm

September 4th through December 4th, 2024

Truthseekers Classroom - Education Building in Cooper Hall

For information, contact Gaynell Jeffries at: eldis.jeffries@gmail.com or pick up a flyer in the sanctuary lobby. You can register directly at <https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup>



Al-Anon meets regularly here on the FMCZ campus.

Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm, 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 a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics can bring positive changes to their individual situations.

Overeaters Anonymous will begin meeting regularly on our campus starting September 4th, 2024

1:30 - 2:30pm every Wednesday

in the Chapel Classroom, Education Building of Cooper Hall

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

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a community of people who support each other in order to recover from compulsive eating and food behaviors.

OA welcomes everyone who feels they have a problem with food.



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.

Alcoholics Anonymous is fellowship of people who utilize the 12-step program to achieve sobriety and support others who share that path.

TOPS Meetings

Every Thursday morning 10:00am - 12:00pm

Truthseekers Classroom, Education Building of Cooper Hall

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

Founded in 1948, TOPS is the first of its kind noncommercial weight-loss support group, with ties to the medical community and thousands of chapters in the U.S. and Canada.



Campus News [FMCZ Trustees]

While so much recent buzz around campus has been focused on the storms Helene and Milton, other upgrade and repair projects have continued despite storm related logistical challenges. Teresia Gale, our office manager, has been working diligently for weeks to price out, collect bids, and finally coordinate the purchase and install of new exterior carpets at all the entrance doors, replacing the old existing tattered and worn coverings. Along with these, we now also have smart looking high traffic mats, sporting our name and logo, to help keep down the volume of dirt that is tracked into our buildings. All this helps us put our best face forward to neighbors, visitors, and prospective members.



So Many Ways to Serve [Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes, and talents]

Regardless of your skill set, talents, or interests, there is always a way for you (and perhaps a friend or a family member) to become involved directly supporting the many ministries of the church in helping to make disciples for Christ. Whether it's swinging a hammer, painting a wall, patching a hole, giving an other church member your undivided attention, or lending a supportive arm, your actions help to move forward the very human business of our church.

If you are uncertain how to serve, click on the form below, fill it out, and return it to the church office.
A team leader will contact you to help you activate!

[MINISTRY AND GROUP INTEREST FORM](#)





Cuba Café Returns **Sunday, November 10th** **11:00am - 1:00pm Cooper Hall**

The Missions' Committee is sponsoring a Cuban meal fundraiser from 11 AM to 1PM on Sunday, November 10th, 2024 in Cooper Hall. The meal will include pulled pork, black beans, yellow rice, Cuban style bread and a variety of Cuban-style desserts. We are asking for a \$10 donation for each meal. You may dine in or get your meals to go.

The money raised will be to help sponsor the mission trip to Cuba leaving January 31st, 2025. A small group including the pastor will be going to our sister church in Cuba for fellowship and to bring some needed supplies. Please support the mission trip with your prayers and donations. Please join us at our own Cuban Café after church on Sunday, November 10th! Thank you for all your support!

SPECIAL EVENTS: Information and Fellowship

Young At Heart Presentations [Team Leader: Harry Kehr]

SENIOR LUNCHEON AND HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, November 21st



11:30am—1:00pm
Cooper Hall

Old Fashioned Thanksgiving Meal

Complete with turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, and cranberry salad.



ADMISSION:

**BRING YOUR
MOM'S FAVORITE
HOLIDAY SIDE
DISH TO SHARE.**

NOVEMBER REFUEL MEAL MENU

Family Friendly Meals served 5:45 - 6:30pm
\$5 per person or \$10 per family - fellowship is free!

November 6th
meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, dessert

November 13th
goulash, side salad, homemade rolls, dessert

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT**



REFUEL

Spotlight < Hurricanes Helene and Milton

The big stories this past month, of course, were mostly related to the back to back tropical storms, one that gave our area a glancing blow at the beginning of October and the other that charged straight through the state just two weeks later. Leaving behind record high waters, area wide wind damage, and an incredible number of broken and toppled trees, Milton came and went quickly, but its effects are still very much with us. The principle take-away has not been from the damage as much as the way our communities and our church family came together so quickly afterward, sharing time, money, and often literal helping hands to begin cleaning up, repairing, comforting, and making sure everyone makes the best and quickest recovery possible. At times it seems such a daunting task, but within our own safe harbor of God's Word and Christ's Way, we strive to share both troubles and joys equally and together grow stronger in our faith.



MEMBER HAPPENINGS: Monthly News

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., YNNSA, US Navy, son of Richard & Julie Cotton
 Daniels, Clay, Major, US Army, Ft. Bragg, Grandson of Ed Fisher
 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
 Monteiro, Jared, U.S. Coast Guard, Grandson of Debbie Huffert
 Mueller, Hannah, US Army, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Daughter of Lorraine & Tom Mueller
 Noel, Tim, MSSGT., Air National Guard, Japan, Son-in-Law of Ann Crawford
 Parks, Andrew, Staff SGT, US Air Force, Shaw AFB, SC, grandson of Bob and Barb Stankiewicz
 Shoup, Justin, Deployed
 Tindall, Tyler, US Army Specialist, Texas, Grandson of Ed Fisher
 White, Darrel, 1ST SGT. Army, Texas, Nephew of Gerald & Virginia Swank
 Williams, Andrew, Lt. COL. US Air Force, grandson of Bob & Barbara Williams

REMEMBER THEM ALWAYS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Ilene Tacker	17	George Gano
02	Marjorie Nelson	17	Evelyn Panzer
03	Elizabeth Fields	18	Elizabeth Boggs
03	Jaimie Gant	18	Dylan Freiermuth
04	Delbert Bice	19	Connie Stuby
04	Vicki Eller	22	Dawn Floyd
06	Josh Hinson Sr.	22	Barbara Williams
06	Madalon Janoski	23	Thomas Gale
06	Jodie Obenour	23	Shirley Wellington
07	Gideon Boggs	26	Jesse Harmon
08	Adam Perez	28	Bob Shaw
11	Linda Mersing	29	Katelyn McFatrige
12	Donald Parsley	29	Mirtza Springfield
13	Jeanette Horner	29	Sami Sykes
15	Judith DenHerder	30	Glennis Daniels
	Loving	30	Dale Delcamp
15	Harry Howell		
15	Amber Wood		
16	Todd Kramer		
16	Marilyn Pauls		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7	Diane and Gregory Belles
20	Kay and Stephen Hadley
27	Sandra and James Wyman



*"We reflect on the past and look forward to the future
 but the best life is always lived in today."*

Charge Conference Celebration with Carry-in Luncheon **November 9th**

With Milton behind us, we have rescheduled our celebration and business meeting with New Horizon Methodist Church, our sister church in San Antonio, for our first annual **Charge Conference** within the Global Methodist family!

On **Saturday, November 9th at 12 noon**, we will have a carry-in luncheon in Cooper Hall followed by a time of worship leading into our brief annual business meeting.

You are invited! Bring a side dish or dessert to share, and let's celebrate with our sisters and brothers from San Antonio's own Global Methodist family, New Horizon!

RSVP to info@fmcz.org Please update your RSVP so that we can confirm attendees for the new date and prepare enough entrees and drinks for everyone.



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 318-400-2291

Lyden and Sue Green Apt 333
Neal Slingerland Apt 207

EDWINOLA ~ 14235 Edwinola Way, Dade City 800-352-6500

Peggy Fetch
Beulah Zeller

HEARTLAND ~ 38220 Henry St., Zephyrhills, FL

Currently no residents from our congregation.

ROSECASTLE OF ZEPHYRHILLS ~ 7411 Eiland Blvd., Zephyrhills 813-782-8100

Roberta Hubbard

SOLARIS NORTH ~ 7350 Dairy Rd., Zephyrhills 813-788-4300

Shirley Force Washington Unit

SOLARIS SOUTH ~ Zephyr Park, 38250 A Ave, Zephyrhills 813-782-5508

Luci Knepper

HILLSIDE REHAB CENTER ~ 38220 Henry Dr, Zephyrhills 813-715-1749

Ginger Shaeffer Rm 313B
Terri Stanley
Harry Howell Rm 113B

AT HOME ~ 37326 Rutledge St., Zephyrhills 813-783-6608

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Giving Back : HURRICANE RELIEF RESOURCES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 5510 19th St, Zephyrhills

- Food pantry every Tuesday 9 :00am - 12:00pm
- To-Go meals Monday through Friday 4:00 - 5:00pm
- Information: 813-782-7412

HEALING HEARTS CAFÉ - 6436 12th St, Zephyrhills

- Hot Meals, brunch and supper, Monday through Friday
- Charging stations available
- Information: 813-395-5500

CHANCEY ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 34921 Chancey Road, Z'Hills

- Food, clothing, hygiene products
- Mondays and Thursdays 9:00 - 10:00am
- Call to arrange alternate times: 813-317-4975

EAST PASCO FAMILY YMCA - 37301 Chapel Hill Loop, Zephyrhills

- Hot showers and charging stations
- Show driver's license or other photo ID
- Information: 813-780-9622

ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Referrals for basic health and human services
- Providing storm-related mental health resources
- Direct dial 211

DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE - THROUGH FLORIDA COMMERCE

- This federally funded program provides benefits for lost work due to storms.
- DUA-eligible counties include Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, and Polk.
- Residents who have lost work may apply for benefits by December 10, 2024
- <https://floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants/disaster-unemployment-assistance>

OPERATION BLUE ROOF - U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

- Operation Blue Roof provides "fiber-reinforced, industrial-strength sheeting to protect storm-damaged roofs in a number of area counties, including Pasco.
- Sign up at: <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Emergency-Operations/Blue-Roof-Info/> or call 8889-766-3258
- Affected residents can apply through November 5, 2024.

FMCZ LOCAL RELIEF RESPONSE

- Flood buckets, donated clothing, and personal hygiene items still available each Sunday in Cooper Hall as long as the need is there.
- You can still call **863-660-1641** for assistance connecting to the Crisis Cleanup Database. Or you can call direct at **844-965-138**

DSNAP BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

- Eligible households may receive 1 month of food assistance through the program.
- Applications for Pasco County residents will be accepted by phone November 4 and November 6 through 8. Follow link below for more information.
- <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/10/21/usda-announces-approval-d-snap-florida-disaster-areas>