

The Messenger



**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
— OF ZEPHYRHILLS —**

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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–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 | |



October Worship Services

Sunday, October 6: World Communion Sunday

Supernatural: "Spiritual Warfare" 2 Kings 6:8-17 – New Living Translation

"Renounce forms of spiritual oppression; leave idols at the altar "

Sunday, October 13: Mission Sunday, Worship Series Concludes

Supernatural: "Healing" Luke 4:16-21; Luke 5:12-16; John 14:12;

"Invitation to healing " Luke 7:21; 2 Cor 1:3-5

Sunday, October 20:

Sermon Theme To Be Announced

"Know that God has the world in his hands."

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 "

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

Due to temporary schedule conflicts throughout October, weekly practices for Salvation's Rock will vary between Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the FMCZ Sanctuary. Please check the web calendar for each week's practice schedule.



Sanctuary Mother's Room

Now open for use is our refurbished Sanctuary Mother's Room, especially furnished with new Moms and parents with infants in mind. Enter the side hallway through the door to the right of the alter rail (as you face the stage) and you will find that this convenience room provides 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 best help.

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 feedback is no accident. Be sure to thank our Sanctuary Support team, when you see them in the lobby, for often being the very first impressions visitors have of our church family. This is how we help make more Disciples for Christ!

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 their presence online impacts how much and how well we engage those who may be looking for a church to attend.

Fill out a Ministry Interest Form if you are interested in joining this important team.

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) are now sharing 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. September's topics include:

Lesson 7: God's Word Is Complete

Lesson 8: Don't Change God's Word

Lesson 9: The Gospel Is Good News

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.

Youth Ministry [Team Leader ~ Karen Ezra]

Once again the FMCZ Youth Ministry group is planning to attend Universal Studio's ROCK THE UNIVERSE concert, our area's largest annual Christian music event. This unique weekend-long event is scheduled for January 24th and 25th, 2025 and will feature well known music groups and Christian solo artists, as well as special activities and inspirational speakers.

Featured for the 2025 event will be Brandon Lake, Forrest Frank, Bethel Music, Matthew West, Rend Collective and more!



Any of our young members interested in going to this extraordinary Christian Music event will need to sign up with Karen Ezra by **October 6**. A deposit of \$50 is needed to order tickets and accommodations. All youth 6th grade and older are welcome to participate.

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 asks requestors to provide complete contact information in order for them to follow up with phone calls or cards.



Edwinola Outreach Devotional Services

*Outreach Ministry
Continues Through the Fall*

Several members of our church family are providing regular 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 **October 20th**.

If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Roz Hill at 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]

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

Walk to Emmaus Monthly Meetings for those who have completed a Walk are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Crusader's Room at 6:30 p.m. October's meeting is on 10/03 and November's meeting is on 11/07. For more information, contact Roz Hill at 443-834-8621.

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

Adult Studies and Classes

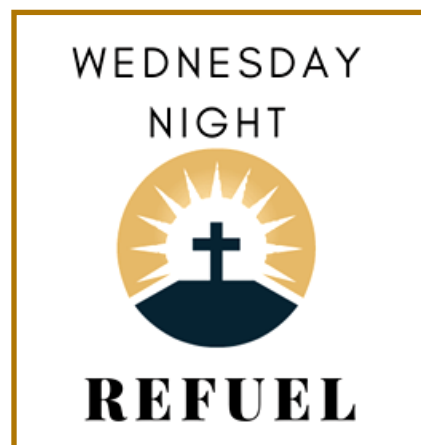
REFUEL HAS RETURNED

This popular series of weekly classes and family friendly meals continues every Wednesday night this fall.

New classes! New chances to grow, connect, be involved.

SEPTEMBER 11TH ~ NOVEMBER 13

This is a great way to dive deeper into faith and learning. Even if you are not in one of the seven groups or classes you can enjoy a savory Wednesday night dinner and lots of fellowship on the side. Meals are served 5:45 - 6:30pm



Participation numbers in this season's classes have been gratifying, with class rosters totaling over 60 adults. Larger groups include "Footsteps of the Savior" - 16; "Growing Strong" - 13; "Deuteronomy" - 10; and "The Chosen Watch Group" - 10; Our smaller, intimate groups are giving members more chances to engage in discussion fully: "Sermon on the Mount" - 6; "Stepping Up" - 4.

United Women in Faith [Team Leader ~ Phyllis Blanchard]

Notes from September 12th Meeting

Beth Aker from Meals on Wheels of Pasco spoke to us today about food choices. Did you know canned vegetables are full of salt and preservatives and should be rinsed before being prepared to serve? You know, I sort of remember that from Home Economics a hundred years ago! But I heard it again today. It's worth the extra step to rinse green beans before adding them to the saucepan. Then Beth reminded us how important we are to each other. A knock on the door to our neighbor only takes a minute, but may be the only contact that neighbor has all day or week. When routines change unexpectedly at the neighbor's house, a quick call to ZPD for a Wellness Check helps too.



Plans have begun for our Annual Christmas Dinner December 12th. We'll have entertainment by the Hispanic Dancers from Farmworkers Self Help Incorporated this year. I'm looking forward to seeing their beautifully colored dress and choreographed dance. Tickets will be \$15.00 and available to all in October.

WHO ARE THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH? We are a sisterhood of grace; we tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. We show up. We take action. We get it done.

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. [See our spotlight page to learn more!](#)

Next Circle meeting ~ Monday, October 7th, 12:00pm—2:00pm

Spotlight < “Miriam Circle”

Miriam Circle is Back!

Who is Miriam?

Moses' Sister - who watched over baby Moses as he floated into the Nile River to escape Pharaoh's order to kill all the male Jewish infants. Miriam's quick wit as a young girl helped change the course of Israel's history by protecting its greatest spiritual leader.



Later in her life she became a leader and prophetess among Jewish women. After the crossing of the Red Sea, Miriam led the Israelite women in praise to God for their miraculous deliverance. In Exodus 15:20, we find a recounting of this event:

“Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing.”²¹ Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.”



On Monday, September 9th, Miriam Circle of United Women in Faith of First Methodist Church resumed its meetings beginning with prayer and devotions. They continued with a discussion of UWF business and then the group sharing of joys and concerns.

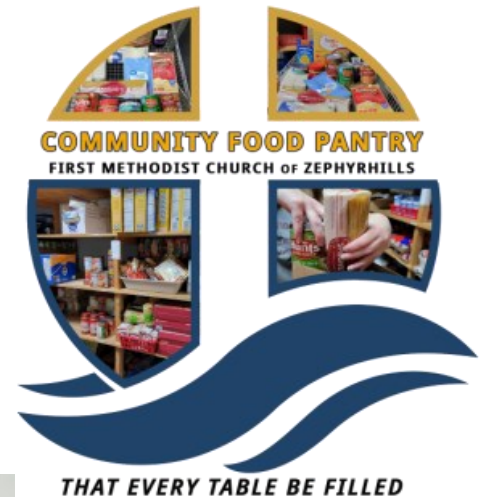
At noon, on the first Monday of each month September through May, Miriam Circle meets in the Crusader's Classroom of Cooper Hall. Programs shared include readings and discussions from “Women of the Bible”, poetry, and articles from the Upper Room periodical. This month, Gaynell Jeffries shared a reading from Donna Ashworth's “To the Women: Words to Live By”. She speaks to all women with her words of comfort and inspiration. This book and others like it are available to read from the United Women in Faith Reading Closet. Come to a meeting and check one out!

Miriam Circle is a component part within the larger United Women in Faith unit. The Unit meets 2nd Thursdays and Miriam Circle meets first Mondays at noon from September through May. Please check the website calendar for the most up to date meeting dates and times each month. Both gatherings are women's groups meeting for fellowship and to serve the needs of women and children both locally and across our nation and world. Missions we've supported recently are: The Oasis at Florida's Lowell Correctional Institute for Women, family dinners for a local foster family through the Caterpillars to Butterflies program, a letter writing campaign to lift the spirit of isolated patients at Zephyrhills' Advent Hospital, and even a luncheon to thank grade school teachers and staff for their service to our local community.

MISSIONS: Community Outreach

Food Pantry [Team Leader ~ Tana Day]

Food Pantry is an important part of the church's outreach ministry. Funded entirely by donations, the Food Pantry provides a bag of food to more than 140 families each and every month. With the onset of the holidays and today's still high food prices, the need is only expected to grow. The current donation needs are for canned vegetables, saltine crackers, canned spaghetti sauce, and small jars of peanut butter and jelly. However, any and all donations are sincerely appreciated!



"Because the good news to a hungry person is bread."

Desmond Tutu

Food Pantry Distribution Days are October 14, 15, and 16.
THIS MONTH'S DONATION COLLECTION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 20TH.

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



Featured In the Annex

Furniture, recliners, tables and storage pieces for your home!!

Featured In the Main Shop

Halloween costumes and tees at a great price!
Fall sweaters and light jackets
Fall home decor

All at super low prices!!

We always have weekly sales on clothing and super sales for just \$1.00!!

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 blouse protectors, arm chair covers, lap quilts for children and adults, and ditty bags to donate to local schools and care facilities



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

Activities are beginning to ramp up as fall approaches and local schools reopen.

With members returning after summer travelings, our roster is expanding to normal levels and production is increasing to meet the needs of the new season.

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 ministry.

Commission on Missions Committee [Team Leader ~ Kay Milligan]

Zephyrhills High School ABC Assistance Program is our mission focus for the month of October. There are high school students in our community who attend school without adequate food, clothes and hygiene supplies. For some the only food they have to eat is what is served to them during the school day. Many live in homes with no electricity, running water, or adequate plumbing. Some are even homeless, sleeping wherever they can find whether at a friend's, a car or even outside.

The program, through community support, helps provide basic essential items for students in need, thus enhancing the possibility for their success in school and for a brighter future. The program provides food, clothing, school supplies, hygiene products and other needs. They host several food drives each year to make food boxes during the holiday school breaks as well as hosting a Christmas angel tree.

Please support these local teens in need with your prayers and donations. Please mark your contribution as for ZHS ABC. Thank you for your prayers and support for this vital program.



ASSIST - BELIEVE - CARE

Submitted by Kay Milligan

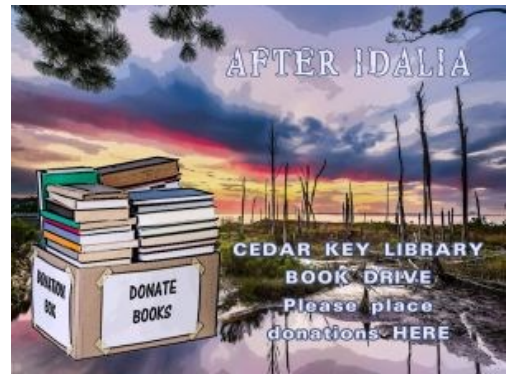
Spotlight < Cedar Key Book Drive

At the end of August last year, Category 4 Hurricane, Idalia, blew up along the west coast of Florida and made landfall at the small fishing and tourist town of Cedar Key, one of our favorite places to go to relax and eat some of the best sea food our west coast has to offer. Jutting into the Gulf in the Big Bend area of Florida, the tiny town has seen its share of major storms. Idalia sent major storm surge directly into the center of town and caused major water damage to many homes and businesses, a number of which are still being repaired over a year later.

Right about this time I was considering paring down my personal library so I contacted the Cedar Key librarian to ask if they would be interested in receiving book donations to replace any that were damaged in the flood waters. Luckily, many of the books had been moved to a more secure location inland, but the library itself suffered extensive interior damage that required a year of repair, remodeling, brand new electrical work and all new shelves at great expense. Seeing the full extent of the need, I opened up the donation drive to our members and was gratified by the swift and generous response that ultimately filled 18 boxes with books of all types and genres, and all in excellent condition.

Unfortunately, repairs to the little library dragged on for months as the flooded 1st floor was gutted, rebuilt, rewired, and repainted. At last, as the one year storm anniversary approached, a full set of brand new book shelves were obtained and set up, and the arduous task of returning and reshelving all the books began. In mid-September, Teresia and I rented a mini-van and drove the books up to Cedar Key. Ironically, the day proved to be wet and rainy, but the trip was made successfully and all the donated books arrived without incident and are now stacked neatly in a side hallway waiting to be sorted, labeled, and shelved along with the other returning books. The library's goal is to open back up for their town readers by the end of this month.

Sadly, we saw in the news that a major part of the Cedar Key dock business area, including our favorite restaurant, Steamers, caught fire and was heavily damaged just a week before Hurricane Helene roared ashore with destructive storm surge. Please keep the folks of Cedar Key in your prayers as their strength and tenacity continue to be tested daily.



SERVICE TEAMS: Community Self-Care

Parish Nurses [Team Leader ~ Druann Briggs RN]

October Blood Pressure Checks, Sunday 10/27, 10:30 - 11:00am

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN COOPER HALL FOR UPDATES



YOUR BEST PROTECTION AGAINST FLU

Millions of people get flu every year, hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized and thousands or tens of thousands of people die.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), public health professionals, and our practice recommend that everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent serious flu complications that can result in hospitalization and even death.^{1,2} A flu vaccine is the best way to help prevent flu and its potentially serious complications. Remember that flu vaccine not only protects you, but it also can help protect those around you.

FLU VACCINE REDUCES YOUR RISK OF FLU



During the 2019-2020 influenza season, influenza vaccination prevented an estimated 7.5 million illnesses, 105,000 hospitalizations, and 6,300 deaths associated with influenza.⁴



Recent studies show that flu vaccination reduces the risk of flu illness by between 40% and 60% among the overall population during seasons when most circulating flu viruses are well-matched to the flu vaccine.



During the 2019-2020 influenza season, there were 199 influenza-related pediatric deaths reported to CDC. A CDC study was the first of its kind to show that influenza vaccination can significantly reduce a child's risk of dying from influenza.⁵

While some people who get a flu vaccine still get sick, vaccination can make their illness less severe. Two recent studies among hospitalized flu patients showed that flu vaccination reduced intensive care unit admissions and duration of hospitalization.⁶

Remember that a flu vaccine not only protects you, but it also can help protect those around you, including people who are at higher risk for serious flu illness, like babies, young children, older adults, pregnant people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

FLU VACCINATION ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR SOME

Flu vaccination is especially important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious complications from flu, including children younger than 5, pregnant people, adults 65 and older, and people with certain chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma.

Our local not for profit hospitals are once again combining efforts to conduct the 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This shared data collection strategy ensures we're able to capture robust data and hear from more community members, particularly those underserved to support the development of programs and services to meet community needs.

A list of the partnering organizations is below.

- Advent Health
- BayCare
- Orlando Health
- Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
- Lakeland Regional Health
- Moffitt Cancer Center
- Tampa General Hospital



TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY, YOU CAN FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW OR USE THIS QR CODE

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/All4HealthFL25>

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.



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]

For two days in September, our church campus shut down to allow the sanctuary to be tented for termite treatment. After moving out all food items into a parked rental truck, all interconnected buildings were inspected by the fumigators and the sanctuary was tightly sealed with huge sheets of plastic. Watching the workmen crawl up and down the roof was both scary and impressive. Obviously the roof walkers had done this all before!



24 hours later, the tenting was unceremoniously removed and the buildings were left to completely air out. By Wednesday afternoon around 1:45 pm we were given the all-clear and began setting up for Wednesday Refuel which started right on time (with a sigh of relief)!

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](#)



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We are blessed to have Pastor Steve here on our staff and we would like to collect a "love offering" in recognition of his commitment and dedication to our church.

If you would like to show your appreciation, here's how:

Cash or Check payable to FMCZ -Memo Line- "Pastor Apprec"

Online at: fmcz.org/online-giving Choose: Other Designated Funds

Note: "Pastor Apprec"



Please have your love offering in by October 20th, as the presentation to Pastor Steve will take place on Sunday, October 27th.

Submitted by Staff Parish Relations Committee

SPECIAL EVENTS: Information and Fellowship

Young At Heart Presentations [Team Leader: Harry Kehr]



Planned Speaker:
Tracy Hanson
Founder

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

**Thursday, October 17th
11:30am—1:00pm**

Cooper Hall

Topic:

Caterpillars to Butterflies

Presentation includes a
question and answer segment.



ADMISSION:

**ONE COVERED
DISH OF
YOUR CHOICE**

Pumpkin Carving Contest and Chili Cook Off

**\$5/person or \$10/family
for dinner and a pumpkin**

**Pick up a flyer in Cooper Hall or
the church lobby, fill it out,
and place in the basket provided**

First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills



Spotlight < Caterpillars to Butterflies – October's Young at Heart Presenter



FOUNDER: TRACY HANSON



This local program, based out of Dade City, helps children prepare for the school year with brand new shoes and various needed school supplies. They fund after school activities that help build self esteem, such as football, baseball, dance, karate, gymnastics, acting, swimming and volleyball. These athletic opportunities can help foster children gain the confidence to rise above their home circumstances.

Caterpillars to Butterflies is a resource for local foster families that support children in their care with bags, books, toiletries and toys. In December, they host an annual Christmas Carnival that hosts over 400 children with super fun activities for the kids, a visit with Santa, and gifts for all.

Caterpillars to Butterflies aims to help children accomplish goals, explore passions, and to participate in activities that can boost their enjoyment of life. Both your prayers and your donations can go a long way in helping in the life of our area foster children.

In January of 2024 there were 21,642 Florida children in out of home care

Want to help directly? Use the link below to fill out a volunteer application.

<https://caterflies.org/volunteer-application-to-feed-foster-families/>



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., YN SSA, 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

BIRTHDAYS

10/2 Elisabeth Ezra Jenkins	10/18 Sharon O'Hara
10/2 Cricket Linn	10/19 Susan Gionet
10/3 Charles Flanagan	10/20 Garrett Reutimann
10/4 Shirley Carlson	10/21 Kati Lonquist
10/4 John Gaines	10/22 Dawn Harrison
10/4 Lin Weitzel	10/22 David Hill
10/5 Nichelle Anouar	10/25 Richard Cotton
10/5 Lynn Jeffries	10/26 Geneva Dunford
10/5 Karen Laukat	10/29 Joan Wall
10/7 Trudy Adams	10/30 Richard Gottschalk
10/7 Henry (Bud) Sykes	
10/7 Johanna Theel	
10/7 Jim Wencel	
10/9 Jerry Wymore	
10/11 Nancy Bowers	
10/12 Tom Burgmeier	
10/13 John Kennard	
10/15 Eddie Gionet	
10/15 James Rich	
10/18 Linda Allain	

ANNIVERSARIES

10/03 Tresea and Jerry Wymore
10/06 Eric and Sarah Gale
10/09 Bill and Sally Bair
10/17 Dave Houghtalen and Debbie Williams
10/17 Wendy and Kenny Leslie
10/23 Irl and Mary Crook
10/24 Connie and Kenneth Stuby
10/26 Carol and David Freiermuth
10/30 Wanda and Joe Rakocy
10/31 Jim and Joanne Martin



Charge Conference Celebration with Carry-in Luncheon October 12th

This year we are excited to partner with New Horizon Methodist Church, our sister church in San Antonio, for our first annual **Charge Conference** celebration! Everyone in our church family is invited to come as our two churches celebrate our new relationship with the **Global Methodist Church**.

On **Saturday, October 12 at 12 noon**, we're having 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 all our sisters and brothers from San Antonio's New Horizon!



Please RSVP to info@fmcz.org

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 ~ 7411 Eiland Blvd., Zephyrhills, FL

Roberta Hubbard

SOLARIS ~ 7350 Dairy Rd., Zephyrhills, FL

Shirley Force Washington Unit

**SOLARIS ~ Zephyr Park, 38250 A Ave, Zephyrhills, FL **

Joan Donaldson

HILLSIDE HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER ~ 38220 Henry Dr, Zephyrhills, FL

Terri Stanley
Harry Howell

ZEPHYR HAVEN MEMORY UNIT ~ 38250 A Ave., Zephyrhills, FL

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Giving Back : HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF IS ONGOING



Hurricane Helene made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane. She left an enormous path of destruction across Florida and the entire southeastern U.S. on Friday, killing at least 40 people in four states. Several of the counties in big bend area of Florida, like Taylor county, have taken direct hits from three (3) hurricanes since August 2023. They need your prayers for God's calm hand of peace.

Faith responders will use Live Oak Methodist Church as their base camp. Methodist Church of Live Oak 311 Ohio Ave., Live Oak, FL. There will also be some local teams to work out of Tallahassee Heights.

So, we need volunteers to help with the muck out of homes, yard cleanup, Relief food preparation, ambassadors for affected families, spiritual and emotional care, and much more. Anyone can volunteer. Please use one of these forms below and someone from Faith responders will get back to you as soon.

INDIVIDUAL SIGNUP FORM: <https://forms.gle/gJSxF7jrTueMNBhS8>

CHURCH GROUP SIGNUP FORM: <https://forms.gle/ZB8Zop8yTSE64Z6i9>

For additional information, please call : 850-363-6799

Donations (including gift cards from Publix, Walmart, or Dollar General) can be brought to our FMCZ church office during regular business hours or mailed directly to:

Faith Responders, 3425 Bannerman Road, Suite 105-274, Tall FL 32312

First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills, in partnership with Faith Responders, has been actively participating in disaster relief efforts in our area and nearby communities impacted by the recent hurricane. In addition to individual financial contributions, our Thrift Shop, and Commission on Missions, have already made financial donations to Faith Responders and our Food Pantry is delivering relief supplies directly to impacted areas. Our local congregation is also represented with "boots on the ground" support in Live Oak, Florida in cooperation with Faith Responders, and other relief efforts are actively being formed with church members. Please keep all these efforts in your prayers and note that 100% of all contributions to Faith Responders go to emergency relief. If you are interested in actively volunteering a relief group, please leave your name and contact information with our church office at 813-782-5645.