

The Messenger



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— OF ZEPHYRHILLS —
a Global Methodist Family

Pentecostal Days *May 2025*



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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 Mothers' Room

Read about our accommodations just for new mothers. See 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 | |



May 2025 Worship Services

Worship Series: Always Communicating - continued from April 27

As individuals we are evaluated and classified by four external actions: what we do, how we look, what we say, and how we say it. These are ways in which we communicate with other people and to the world around us. And we are ALWAYS communicating. Even in times of silence and solitude, we communicate with the world around us. This worship series will deepen our understanding of how and what we are sharing with the world and examine ways to connect that with our daily faith.

Sunday, May 4: Communion Sunday

"What Fathers/Men Should Communicate" Deuteronomy 4:5-6, 9

"What messages are we passing on to the next generation by our words and actions?"

Sunday, May 11: Mission Celebration - **Mother's Day**

"What Mothers/Women Should Communicate" Ephesians 5:2

"Women have unique opportunities to pass on positive legacies to children."

Sunday, May 18: Promotion/Graduation Sunday

"Living With Integrity" Titus 2:6-8

"What message are we sending others by who we are and how we live? Is who we are on the outside congruent with who we are on the inside? Are we the same person when we're by ourselves as when there are people around us?"

Sunday, May 25:

This Sunday marks the transition between this current and the following worship series and will have a stand alone theme centered around Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus from John 3:1-17. Join us and experience how the Word of God can intersect with our daily lives.

WORSHIP: Witnessing Boldly

Music Ministry Our Music Ministry groups are always open to welcoming new members! If you are interested in serving through music, talk to a group member!

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

Music Worship Leader: Eric Gale

Practice Schedule: Thursdays - 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

Sunday Study and Discussion Groups

Weekly study groups offer adult Bible study each Sunday morning through services. Choose from the Crusaders group from 9:30 - 10:30am and the Truthseekers group from 11:00am - 12:00pm. Each group has its own unique curriculum and make up, with study focus and themes changing regularly.

Crusaders Class is facilitating a new 5-week study from April 27 through the end of May. Study leader, Jeanne Narum describes the class; *"The ancient world thought of water as an unknown realm of danger and negativity. But from Genesis to Revelation, water is a central image. The five lessons show us how Jesus is the living water and how that living water is important in many of the best-known events in Jesus' life. Come explore and drink in the living water that Christ gives us! All are welcome to join and share"*

Truthseekers Class begins a new 4-week study for May titled: A Harmony of the Gospels. Based on the text by Robert L. Thomas and Stanley N. Gundry, this study examines side-by-side comparative gospel narratives starting with pre-Christ preface material and journeying through to Jesus Christ's ascension; allowing Bible students to follow the Gospel story as it weaves through the distinct works of each of the four gospel narrators.

Sanctuary Support [Team Leader ~ Karen Harwell]

Everyone is welcome at the Big White Church on 5th Avenue! That is our invitation to the growing communities around us. Our greeters and ushers put friendly faces and outstretched hands to that welcome every Sunday morning. First impressions do count and contribute directly to the continued growth of our membership. Fill out a Ministry Interest Form or speak to an usher if you would like to be a part of this impactful Sunday team.

Technical Support Services [Team Leader ~ Todd Kramer]

Do you have some skills running and mixing live audio and/or computer presentations? Would you like to learn how technology can be used to help form and present important narratives? The FMCZ family is always looking to get our faithful stories out to the community and attract new members in. Our most public presence is through Sunday worship services which rely on presentation equipment to engage our audiences. No experience needed! For information, contact the Technical Director at tkramer@fmcz.org

Sanctuary Mothers' Room [To the Right Side of Altar Stage Through Door]

Mothers of very young children, stay connected in the Sanctuary Mothers' Room which is especially furnished to provide a comfortable and safe place as needed through all Sanctuary services. With live streaming provided you won't miss a moment of devotion or the day's message even if you need to be away from the main sanctuary.

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

The Sunday Morning Café is located in Cooper Hall 9:00 until 11:00 am every Sunday before and between worship services.

Join us as we greet the day with coffee and fellowship! It's a great time to meet or make friends, share viewpoints, or prepare to take part in one of the Sunday Bible Study classes.



MINISTRIES: Making Disciples for Christ

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

Children's Church (grades K - 5) continues through May with themes from Genesis using the curriculum entitled, "What's in the Bible With Buck Denver".



Both kids and youth ministries will be spending time in May preparing for June's Vacation Bible School to be held June 9th through 13th all around campus. This year's theme is Wonder Junction and you can follow current developments at our VBS web page <https://fmcz.org/children/vbs-summer-2025/>. On Sunday, May 4th there will be a VBS Planning Meeting and Child Protection Training beginning at 12:15pm in Cooper Hall. Be a part of this awesome and inspiring experience and sign up now.

Bring your children and youth to Sunday Service from where they will be dismissed 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]

Youth Sunday School curriculum continues to explore themes from Genesis with tie-ins to other key passages in both the Old and New Testaments, using material from "Answers in Genesis". This summer will see a new and exciting Vacation Bible School experience, from the team that developed The Great Jungle Journey, with brand new Bible-based adventures, activities, and learning. See our VBS feature on page 9!

May Youth Lesson Plan ~ Unit 3 continues

May 04 ~ Lesson 36:	Topic - God's Covenant with Abram
May 11 ~ Lesson 37:	Topic - Isaac: Child of Promise
May 18 ~ Lesson 38:	Topic - Abraham's Test
May 25 ~ Lesson 39:	Topic - A Bride for Isaac



Family Ministries Graduation and Promotion Sunday

On Sunday, May 18th, Karen and Carol will recognize those of our membership who are rising third graders, high school or college graduates this school year. These milestone achievements, and the total family efforts that make them possible, are so important to the spiritual and cultural health of our church membership. Help honor the NEXT WAVES of our congregational family as they mark their growth in learning about God and the world around them.

Praise and Prayer [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 lifted in prayer. The team also asks that requestors provide complete contact information in order for a group member to follow up with phone calls or cards. Your requests can also be made using our sanctuary CONNECT cards. Fill one out and hand it to an usher or put it in the collection plate.

Prayer sessions are focused, reflective, and personal; and members feel that this allows them to connect deeply as spiritual caregivers.



FMCZ Outreach Devotional Services

Regular devotional services, facilitated by members of FMCZ, are held at American House Assisted Living Community on the **3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30pm**. Each Sunday service includes praise, prayers, hymns, scripture readings, and a message. This month's service will be held on **May 18**.

Contact Roz Hill for more information, 443-834-8621.

Invitation Stations [Narthex and Cooper Hall]

Spread the word about the many blessings our church offers and extend your hand in invitation! Now available at Invitation Stations in Cooper Hall and the Narthex, pocket-sized invitation cards offer a perfect way to actively get the message out into our area communities and open doors to potential visitors who may be looking for a new church home. Help our membership grow by keeping a few of these cards in your pocket or purse to hand out any time you say, "Hi! We're the Big White Church on 5th Avenue!"



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

Testimony to a Walk

Where do I begin? When Roz Hill began talking to me about the Walk to Emmaus, I listened not quite understanding.

That was a couple of years ago and now we come to today. I decided that the time was right to take this journey and what a journey it was. Seventy-two hours of joy, coupled with new friendships, renewal of my love of God and the promise of tomorrow.

Besides my wedding day to Dan Tacker, Emmaus was the most incredible weekend of my life. I am renewed. Please consider taking the journey for yourself and your spirit.

Submitted by Ilene Tacker

The next Emmaus Reunion Meeting, for those who have been on the Walk, will be held on Thursday, May 1st 2025 at 6:30pm in the Crusader's classroom. This will be the last meeting for this season. We will resume in September 2025.

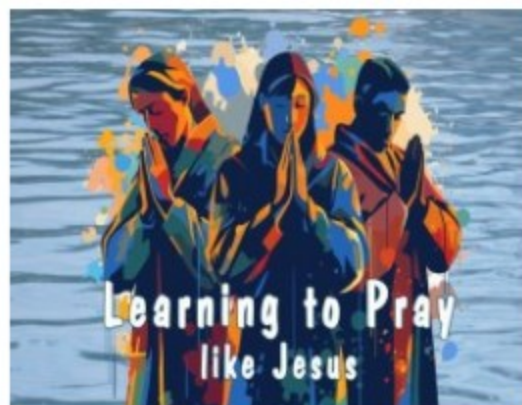


Adult Studies and Classes [Wednesday Night Refuel]

New Wednesday Afternoon Study Class In May

Beginning April 30th, a five week stand-alone study class will be held in the Education Building Crusaders Classroom from 4:00 - 5:30pm. Titled, Learning to Pray Like Jesus, the study will be facilitated by Gaynell Jeffries, who led the recent GriefShare group in the same timeslot.

Church members who are interested in developing study groups through the months before the Fall return of Refuel should Speak with Pastor Steve and then coordinate times, days, and classroom availability with our Office Manager.

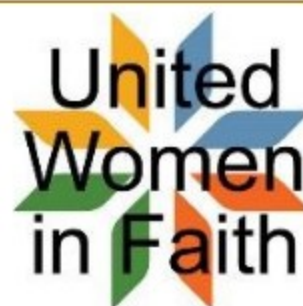


United Women in Faith [Team Leader ~ Phyllis Blanchard]

Spring is prom time and although the 2025 Zephyrhills High School event has already passed by, now is a great time for families to consider what to do with prom dresses and tuxedos that were purchased for this year's special event. One idea is to follow the example of our UWF team who donated 25 gowns to the ZHS Prom Closet, a 15-year-old school program that offers gently used prom and homecoming outfits to those students who cannot afford to buy them new or rent. There are a number of these organizations nationally, all with the goal of providing joyful experiences to those young people who might otherwise be left out.

In today's uncertain economy, more and more families, big and small, are struggling to afford extra-curricular activities that many of us older adults took for granted as teenagers. On-going cuts to school budgets shifts greater economic responsibility for music, drama, sports, and social engagements squarely on parents and families. Happily volunteers step up to fill the gap, donating, organizing, and processing appropriate event-wear to make available annually to those in need of a little help.

What a joyful way to recycle! Read more about UWF on page 10.



Project Others [Team Leader ~ Deann Harrington]



**Meeting faithfully for hand crafts, fellowship, and prayer
Every Friday morning, 8:00 - 11:00am in Cooper Hall West**

MISSIONS: Community Outreach

Food Pantry [Team Leader ~ Tana Day]

Donating to any food pantry or thrift store should always be a thoughtful, considered process. What you donate is as important, if not more so than the act of giving itself. As social services and political groups struggle with the idea of removing so called "junk food" from SNAP benefits, there is much national debate on both sides of the issue.

At a local level the issues are much more clear. When donating to the Food Pantry you individually make the choice of what items you will donate. Whether canned or boxed goods, most items are definitely processed foods, but some more so than others. Most items now offer "healthier" options.

Our food pantry focuses on providing basic meal components to recipients, not ultra-processed junk food. Those wanting to donate food can purchase "better" options with lower sodium canned goods or whole grain pastas. The best rule of thumb in donating is that you should give only what you would put on your own table.



"Food donation empowers individuals to be agents of positive change in their communities."

Anonymous

Food Pantry Distribution Days are May 12, 13, and 14.
THIS MONTH'S DONATION COLLECTION SUNDAY IS APRIL 18th.

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



Featured In the Annex

Furniture and a wide variety of larger home goods

Featured In the Main Shop

Clothing, books, and smaller home goods and decor

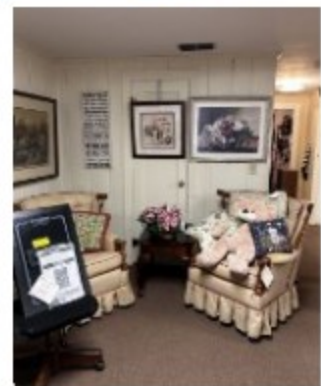
All at low prices!!

Ask a floor volunteer about any special sales of the day.

Remember that the proceeds from all sales go directly into the ministry work of our church.

Mondays 8am–12pm
Donations only

Wednesdays & Saturdays 8am–12pm
Both Sales & Donations



Vacation Bible School [June 9th through 13th, 9:30am - 12:15pm each day]



The information page for this year's Vacation Bible School is up to steam and ready to welcome all who would like to sign up as volunteers, register their children, or just explore all the themes and contents of this latest VBS Adventure. You will find additional links for registration and volunteering when you check out our web site page at <https://fmcz.org/children/vbs-summer-2025/>. This summer will be a grand, western-style adventure with crafts, fellowship, fun, food, discovery, and learning more about God's hand in our world. Reserve your seat soon on the train to WONDER JUNCTION!

Long Term Prayer List [For March, April, and May 2025]

Along with the weekly list of those connected to our congregation in need of prayer support, our team of prayer warriors has now added a special focus on those who are in need over a long period of time; prolonged illness, lengthy recoveries, uncertain circumstances, or protracted personal challenges. The Praise and Prayer team asks all church family members to keep these individuals in your own prayers as well throughout the spring. As Jesus reminded us, "Ask, using my name, and you will receive."

Ellise Braddon, Gary Bridges, Michele Devine, Jim Elliot, Barbara Kehr, Olga Kolonova, Gary McLean, Steven Noh, Terri Stanley, Trisha Stevens, Roxanne Young.

Commission on Missions Committee [Team Leader ~ Kay Milligan]

May's Mission of the Month is the Pregnancy Care Center of Zephyrhills, which recently celebrated 25 years of dedicated and compassionate family services to residents of Zephyrhills. A member of the East Pasco Chamber of Commerce, the Center educates, supports and empowers women and couples facing unplanned pregnancies with professional guidance and medical care. Utilizing a mobile ultrasound bus developed in collaboration with the Pregnancy Care Center of Plant City and Image Clear Ultrasound of Central Florida, the Center offers free pregnancy testing and limited ultrasound services every other Tuesday. Appointments can be made by calling 813-763-5437. A faith-based organization, the Center also offers regular Bible studies in both English and Spanish. You can find more information and donation opportunities on their website: <https://pcczhills.com/>



Cuba Sister Church 2025 Mission Trip [Team Leader ~ Karen Laukat]

Please visit the special website gallery documenting our mission team's recent trip to Cuba: <https://fmcz.org/missions/cuba-mission-trip-2025/>

Spotlight < United Women in Faith



Are you ready for Mothers' Day? How about Summer Vacations!

Our unit of United Women in Faith is pretty busy this year! Our Radio Play performance of The Prodigal in March was a lot of fun. Sandwiches were pretty good too. Our thanks to everyone who helped and attended.

May promises to be a busy one for us here in Zephyrhills.

1. We'll start with our unit meeting, May 8th. Our speaker will be Judy Williams from the ABC Program (Assist, Believe, and Care) at ZHS. Judy does such wonderful work ensuring our children on the fringe receive a warm hug and a full plate as often as she can. Last quarter, our unit and Crescent Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star donated 25 gowns to the Prom Closet for students to shop for prom, graduation, and even wedding wear. Please see the photos of ZHS Prom Closet on page 7.

2. For Mother's Day on May 11th, our members will greet worshipers as they enter the Narthex. Mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and widows will each receive a beautiful carnation and a hug at the door to our sanctuary. We've been digging through our trunks for hats and gloves, and would love to see YOURS! Selfies will be posted!!

3. Cornerstone Ministries' Baby Shower and Action Day is May 17th and we'll collect items for their nursery and day care....the one we visited just last year!

4. Vacation Bible School starts June 9th. The theme is "Wonder Junction", a weathered, whistle stop town, set in the Old West. It's a complete VBS experience with crafts, science activities, Bible learning, dramatics, and snacks, of course. Have you volunteered your time and talents to make THIS year's experience a forever one for our children? Teach skills, share Christ, and watch faith in action as our "Next Waves" grow in their faith and community.

As regular UWF activities slow down during the summer months, we stay in touch with off-campus lunch meetings on 2nd Thursdays. Let's plan our first get-together for June 12th at noon at ABC Pizza! SO, If you would like to join us for lunch on the 2nd Thursday of any month, we'll welcome you with a big hug and a smile.

September through May, we meet in Cooper Hall on the second Thursday of each month at noon for lunch and a little work. There are no fees to belong to our group, but we may ask for your support either through your purse or from your time and attendance. June, July, and August we meet off-campus for lunch and may even plan a field trip. Last year we visited Cornerstone Ministries in Tampa. This year, wouldn't it be fun to drive to Dogs, Inc. to see the Puppy Campus in Palmetto? Come help us make plans!

See you on the flip side!

Submitted by: Phyllis Blanchard, President
Zephyrhills Unit, United Women in Faith

**Next UWF meeting ~ Thursday, May 8th, 12:00pm—2:00pm
in the Truthseekers Room**

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 divorce, grief, 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.



Faith Responders Local Update

Faith Responders continues to coordinate and manage multiple volunteer groups to complete hands-on repair and disaster restoration projects throughout Central Florida, including Zephyrhills, Dade City, and Ridge Manor. FMCZ is an active volunteer base for work being done in our area and members of our church family are encouraged to participate according to your skills and abilities. Visit our web page to find current volunteer opportunities: <https://fmcz.org/missions/faith-responders-spring-2025/>



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.

We offer Christ in tangible ways following a disaster or community crisis through debris removal, home cleanout, tarping, rebuild, prayer/ emotional support and distribution of supplies

Training and Opportunities:

We offer training and support to congregations and community organizations for disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

- Understanding Disasters for Churches
- Disaster Response Team Training
- Spiritual and Emotional Care Training
- On-Site Training Support After a Disaster
- Base Camp Coordination for Mobilizing Volunteer Teams
- Rebuild Mission Team Coordination and Long Term Recovery Support

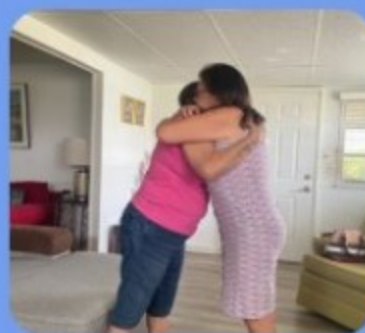
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Our vision is to empower, engage and equip churches to share the restorative love of God through disaster response and recovery

SERVICE TEAMS: Community Self-Care

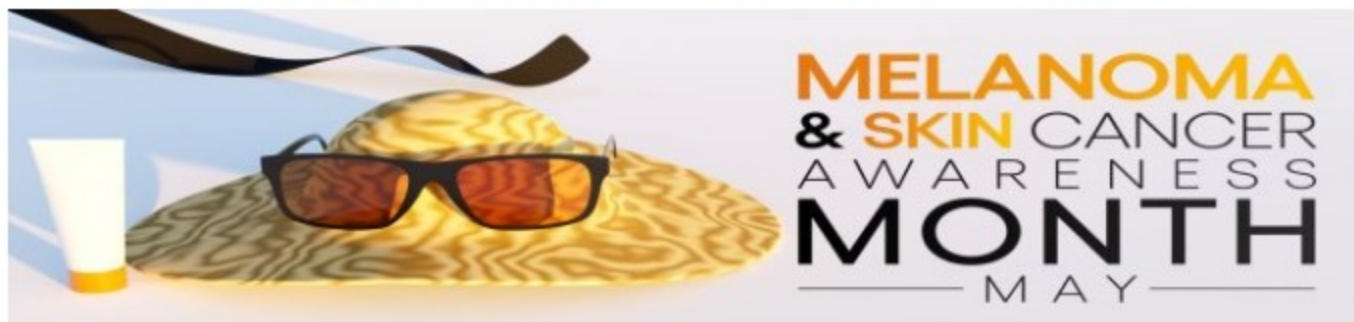
Parish Nurses [Team Leader ~ Druann Briggs, RN 813-420-7919]

Next Blood Pressure Checks ~ June 8th ~ 10:30 - 11:00am in Cooper Hall

Next One Blood Blood Drive ~ May 25th in front of Sanctuary, 9:00 - 11:00am



PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN COOPER HALL FOR OTHER UPDATES



Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States . Not surprisingly, Florida has the second highest rate of melanoma in the nation.

- It is estimated that one American dies every hour from skin cancer. Each year there are more new cases of skin cancer than the combined incidences of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung and colon.^[1]
- One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime. Melanoma is the second most common form of cancer in young adults 15-29 years old.
- Whether from the sun or an artificial source (tanning beds), ultraviolet radiation is a proven human carcinogen.

When caught and treated early, skin cancers are highly curable. And in the early stages of skin cancer development, you're the one with the best chance to see changes. That's why it is recommended that you examine your skin head-to-toe every month, especially if you spend time outside regularly in and out of the sun. It's a simple but powerful way to look at yourself with a new focus that can save your life.

Cancers of the skin can be characterized in many different ways including:

- Growths that increase in size and appear pearly, transparent, tan, brown, black, or multicolored.
- A mole, birthmark or brown spot that increases in size, thickness, changes color or texture, or is bigger than a pencil eraser.
- A spot or sore that continues to itch, hurt, crust, scab or bleed.
- An open sore that does not heal within three weeks.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SKIN CANCER AND ITS PREVENTION

AIM at Melanoma Foundation: <https://www.aimatmelanoma.org/melanoma-state-florida/>

SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION: <https://www.skincancer.org/early-detection/the-big-see/>

MELANOMA FOUNDATION: <https://melanoma.org/melanoma-education/prevention/>

Submitted by: Druann Briggs RN Parish Nurse Ministry Coordinator 813-420-7919

Support Groups On Our Campus

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Family Dysfunction

Wednesdays from 12:00 - 1:00pm in the Chapel Parlor.

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

ACA is a 12-step international fellowship of healing from past traumas as a child and growing through the pain to become a happy and content adult! The program focuses on emotional sobriety for those affected by dysfunctional families, whether alcohol is involved or not.



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.



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 meets weekly on our campus

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.



Alcoholics Anonymous

AA Meets on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. in the Truthseekers Room.

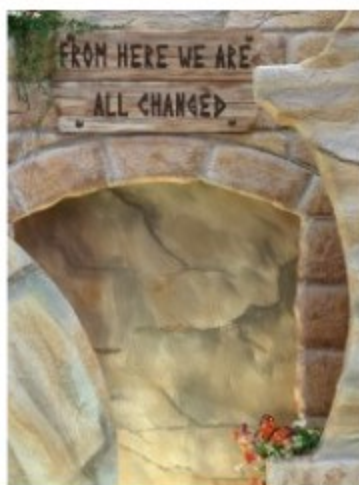
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Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who utilize the 12-step program to achieve sobriety and support others who share that path.



Easter at First Methodist Church [photos from Tom and Teresia Gale]



Around Town [Off-Campus Meetings and Events of Interest]

Local churches and ministries are invited to come together for coffee and fellowship at Sunrise Eatery on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00am. Stop by the Eatery for interdenominational prayer, encouragement, and local networking. Discover common ground and share your joy.

Sunrise Eatery, 5883 Gall Blvd. Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Phone Lawrence at 813-312-8103 or email at foodandfellowship@yahoo.com



SPECIAL EVENTS: Information, Fellowship, Music

Young At Heart Presentations [Team Leader ~ Harry Kehr]



Planned Speaker:
Maribel Rivera Shanks
RDN, LD, CBC
AdventHealth

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 15th

11:30am—1:00pm

Cooper Hall

Presentation:

**AdventHealth Diabetes
Education**

Presentation includes a
question and answer segment.



**ADMISSION: BRING
ONE COVERED DISH
OF YOUR CHOICE TO
SHARE.**



Conway Theel Senior Piano Recital Saturday, May 10th at 1:00pm

All our church family members are cordially invited to an afternoon of beautiful and exciting piano music as Conway celebrates his senior year in high school and prepares for his further music education in college. Conway is often seen playing at the 9:30 am Contemporary worship service with the praise band, Salvation's Rock, and regularly shares his musical skills with other church performance groups. The concert will be

held in the Sanctuary with light refreshments after. Please RSVP to conwayrtheel@gmail.com

"Just because you can see how a piano makes sounds, doesn't mean you can know how a musician can make them soar." Anon.

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."*

Whether we are singing in a choir or band on Sunday, packing food bags to distribute to those in need, answering telephones, greeting visitors, cleaning class and office rooms, preparing food for special events, repairing a broken door handle or a leaking faucet, sweeping a sidewalk, or leading a study class; we are working to a deeper purpose than our outward activities show. Every member of FMCZ is part of an active Christian culture, committed to the service of others and the sharing of God's word with the world around us. Evangelism happens every time we reach beyond ourselves.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Information and Fellowship

Church Merch Available to Purchase

In answer to multiple requests from the congregation for items that feature our official brand colors and logo, FMCZ has worked with a local vendor to produce a small line of items that will be available to buy for a limited time this month. Items include a men's and a women's style cotton tee shirt, a sturdy tote bag, and a color vehicle decal complete with our home page QR code!

Church Merch (short for merchandise) will be available for order in **Cooper Hall on Sunday, May 4th and Sunday May 11th**. Check our bulletin insert for times! At this time, payment can be made by **cash or check** and all items must be paid for completely at the time of ordering. All orders will be sent as a single order to the vendor and will have an approximate turn-around time of two weeks. Completed orders will be verified and distributed in Cooper Hall by our Church Merch volunteers. This is a fun and exciting opportunity to show our support for the FMCZ community and its ministries, and to put our name and brand out into the community. Show our neighbors how proud we are to be The Big White Church on 5th Avenue!



All cotton men's logo tee shirt. Single color available in an array of sizes: \$13.00 each

Rugged fabric tote with logo in white silkscreen: \$20.00 each



All cotton women's logo tee shirt. Single color available in an array of sizes: \$13.00 each

Color, weather-resistant adhesive vehicle decal: \$2.00 each



Did You Know? [Helpful Hints for Staying Connected]

- Despite having an electronic circulation of nearly four hundred, only about half of those who receive it actually open and read our eBlasts. With so many active ministries and events on our campus, the weekly eBlast features items on the most current activities and news that directly impact our congregation. Make it a habit to check the eBlast for updates, time changes, news, and calendar additions so that you don't miss anything of interest to you!
- We are slowly moving much of our ministry and activity information onto dedicated pages on our web site to make it easier to update information and provide one-click convenience to our members. Our goal is to develop a vibrant and dynamic web presence that's easy to use and accessible to all. Let us know how we can best service you!
- For safety and insurance purposes, all room use on campus must be scheduled through Teresia in the church office. Stop by or call to be sure your campus activities are up to date. Thanks!

MEMBER HAPPENINGS: Monthly News

Budurka, Michael, Drill SGT, US Army, Ft. Moore, GA, grandson of Bob & Barb Stankiewicz
 Clark, Matthew, 1ST LT, US Army, Ft. Drum, NY, grandson of Jack & Louise Smith
 Cotton, Collin J., YNNSA, US Navy, son of Richard & Julie Cotton
 Daniels, Clay, Major, US Army, Ft. Bragg, NC, 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, US Army MP, Ft. Lewis-McChord, WA
 Lenz, Alexander, MM3, US Navy, Norfolk, VA., grandson of Richard & Linda Bice
 Monteiro, Jared, U.S. Coast Guard, grandson of Debbie Huffert
 Mueller, Hannah, US Army, Fort Sill, OK, 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 & Barb Stankiewicz
 Shoup, Justin, Deployed
 Tindall, Tyler, US Army Specialist, TX, grandson of Ed Fisher
 White, Darrel, 1ST SGT, US Army, TX, nephew of Gerald & Virginia Swank
 Williams, Andrew, LT COL, US Air Force, grandson of Bob & Barbara Williams

REMEMBER THEM ALWAYS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/02	Wendy Leslie	5/28	Jean Allen
5/03	Bill Bair	5/28	Alice Perry
5/03	Jamie LeVasseur	5/29	Frank McCafferty
5/03	Verena Ruddnick	5/29	Sandra Montgomery
5/05	Amanda Hawk		
5/09	Donna Sager		
5/10	Donna Ciukaj		
5/10	Lorraine Hall		
5/16	Fay Kingery		
5/17	Joan Donaldson		
5/21	Robert Kowroski		
5/22	Barb Burgmeier		
5/24	Larry Gower		
5/24	Teresa McDougall		
5/24	Mary Theel		
5/25	Deann Harrington		
5/26	Floyd Otto		
5/26	Teresa Proctor		
5/27	Travis Eldridge		
5/27	James Treanor		

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/02	Keith and Peggy Kunkel
05/12	Robin and Charles Williams
05/21	Joanne and Robert Harrell
05/21	Coral and Thomas Voorhees
05/22	Jim and Rita Wencil
05/28	Barbara and Bob Williams



Pentecost [The Great Fifty Days]

For most modern Christians, Pentecost is a single day, the fiftieth after Christ's Resurrection (and the seventh Sunday after Easter), that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles as they celebrated the Jewish feast of Shavuot or "Feast of Weeks" which marked seven weeks after Passover and coincided with the offering the First Fruits of their wheat harvest at the temple. As one can quickly see, this was already a very busy time of general celebration within the ancient calendar, and for Christ's followers these days gained additional importance as the forty days between his Resurrection and his Ascension, and the giving of the Great Commission. By this time in history, the Shavuot celebration had also become a time to commemorate God's giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. The convergence of the Old Law with the New Commission marks a very special point in liturgical history, but as we see, it takes the spiritual inspiration of the Holy Spirit to ignite its practical, worldly application and begin the transformation of a small sect of followers into a world-encompassing ministry.

As with many events in the Bible, this one is a complex intertwining of Jewish calendar customs with the new Christian outlook, making the entire fifty day, seven Sunday celebration cycle between Easter and Pentecost full of spiritual significance and opportunities for modern believers to rediscover ancient roots that still hold relevance today. These are truly *Pentecostal Days* in that we focus not just on the calendar "bookends", but on the full stream of days in which the resurrected Christ still walked the earth and gave practical proof of the eternal life he promised. These are days of celebration and joy, acknowledgement of eternal life, recommitment to the Great Commission, and rededication of all our labors from a focus in this life to the one still ahead of us.

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 352-567-6500

Peggy Fetch Room 703
Beulah Zeller

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

Shirley Griffin

COMPASS ROSE OF ZEPHYRHILLS ~ 37411 Eiland Blvd., Zephyrhills 813-783-8100

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

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

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

Joan Donaldson
Terri Stanley - with Comfort Keepers of Pasco in-home services

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GIVING BACK

***Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.***



Proverbs 3:9-10