



MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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APRIL 2019



We are half way through the Lenten season and well on our way to Easter. On our journey, we will encounter a few more things we need to see, hear, experience, and understand. As we continue forward, we also will be tempted to stop and “camp” instead of moving forward. A few weeks ago was Transfiguration Sunday – the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. That feast day celebrates the vision and experience of seeing the Lord’s Glory. Only Peter, James, and John went up the mountain with Jesus and saw his transfiguration. Peter, always the one to break the silence (I often feel like Peter), breaks in and says to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” (Matthew 17:4 NRSV) Peter believes he has arrived at the best place and wants to stay there forever, but Jesus knows this vision was to give them strength to be the resting place forever. We need to learn that lesson. We need to learn not to lie down next to the low points in our life, obviously, but we also need to learn not to lie down with the high points, which is not as obvious or even desirable.

In the next weeks, we will encounter two events in the life of Christ that will tempt us to stop our journey, build houses, and live in these events. We might think we have reached the end of the journey – and commonly as Christians, we act as we have through one of these events. The first event is the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. The Lord will come riding into Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey appearing as one of the kings of Rome or some other dignitary would: Riding into the town amid shouts of joy and admiration claiming Jesus as our King and with palm branches laid in the path. It would be great to stop and live here just having Jesus as our earthly king, providing all our needs and giving us relief from the things that cause us pain in this world. Nevertheless, Jesus would not be who he came to be, would he? Jesus did not come to build an earthly kingdom, as other kings in this world; he came to change the world. So we can’t rest beside an earthly kingdom no matter

what we want.

The second event is a sad one, we will come to the cross of Jesus and be tempted to set up camp and live at the foot of the cross. We will want to rejoice in his taking away of our sins, not a bad place to hang out. We are tempted to see the cross as the be all end all of Jesus’ work. While it is a center point for us, we have to remember that forgiveness with nothing else after is a bit pointless. If we are forgiven but just hang out, it does not really change anything. The cross is the hinge that gives us the possibility. As much as we want to stay there as forgiven people, we must journey further; we must live beyond the cross.

The last event is the one we celebrate the most and realize the consequences of the least. We come on Easter Sunday to celebrate an empty grave, a grave that has lost its battle to contain the life of humanity. We are not people of the cross but people of the empty tomb. This is where we stake our ground...not Jesus’ death, but his resurrection. We too often even get this wrong. The resurrection is not only about going to heaven when we die. Resurrection is about being set free from the fear and the hold of death in our lives to live in this world in a new way. Resurrection points us to live a life that reflects the life of Jesus, to live boldly, and to be the people of God by living without fear of doing the right thing for others. I really have to laugh at myself about life. I am one of the most fearful persons I know. I worry about getting hurt. I worry about having enough money to last throughout my retirement. I worry about my kids. While it is very human to worry about these things, Jesus has opened the door to a life beyond these things. He has set us free from the temporal world by destroying our last and most fearsome enemy—death. I know this in my heart, but my mind forgets to focus on an empty tomb and sees the Roman soldiers standing around looking for someone to arrest for taking the body. This year I am going to focus on the emptiness of that grave and the way it teaches me how Jesus has overcome all the obstacles right here in this world. I will focus on his call to take up my cross, to embrace

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the means of my death, to make peace with it, and to come and follow Him regardless of my fear and of the horrors of this world. He calls me to live in the now, not the future. Heaven is not the goal of our salvation, a changed world that fully relies on God is the goal.

Heaven is the prize we receive.

Happy Easter. I love you all.

Wayne Cook



Holy Week Services

Good Friday - Friday, April 19th

5:30pm – *Dinner* – Vegetable soup and salad supper in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the adult studies table if you can bring a crock pot of MEATLESS vegetable soup. The church will provide crackers, salad, and drinks.

7pm – *Good Friday Service* – Stations of the Cross A special dramatic musical presentation. There will be dramatic readings with performances by Broadstreet. Pick up invitation cards to share with your friends and family.

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 21st

7:00 p.m. – *Sunrise Service @ Veterans Park*

Bring your own chair. There will be donuts and coffee/tea in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

9:00 a.m. *Sunday School*

10:00 a.m. *Worship Service*

Invite your un-churched friends and family to join us on this day to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.



Lay Liturgists/Readers

March 31 — Jennifer Evans

April 7 — Patsy Gadapee

April 14 — Patsy Clark

April 21 — Trudy Metzger

April 28 — Debbie Grimes

Prayer Focus

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.”

— Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

March 31–April 6 — Children in Poverty

April 7-13 — Prepare our minds for Holy Week

April 14–20 — Help us to be a better reflection of Christ

April 21–27 — Reflect on the meaning of Christ’s resurrection in our lives.

April 28–May 4 — Rejoice in the meaning of Easter

DIDN'T SEE IT COMING



Didn't See it Coming:
*Overcoming the Seven Greatest
Challenges That No One
Expects and Everyone
Experiences*

A Book Study every
Tuesday @ 6:30pm
and
Wednesday @ 4pm
in the Fellowship Hall
Led by
Pastor Wayne Cook

This will be a study that expands on the sermon topic of
each week during Lent.

The founding Pastor of one of North America's most influential churches, Carey Nieuwhof wants to help you avoid and overcome life's seven hardest and most crippling challenges: cynicism, compromise, disconnectedness, irrelevance, pride, burnout, and emptiness. These are challenges that few of us expect but that we all experience at some point.

We have a limited number of books available at the church for \$13.60.
The book is also available through Amazon.com. The Kindle version is \$12.00.
Please sign up at the Adult Studies table by March 6th.



Wednesday
Lenten
SERVICES



Titusville-Area United Methodist Churches

"Don't Give Up..."

The five Titusville UM congregations will worship together each Wednesday during Lent, travelling from church to church (note: each church will hold their own Ash Wednesday Service). The schedule will be:

- April 3 (6:30 p.m.) St. Andrew UMC, hosting**
David Charlton, preaching "Don't Give Up...on the Church"
- April 10 (6:30 p.m.) Indian River City UMC, hosting**
Patricia Pena, preaching "Don't Give Up...on Joy"

An offering to support the Foster Children/Families served by Brevard Family Partnership will be received at each service.

Join Us for Worship!

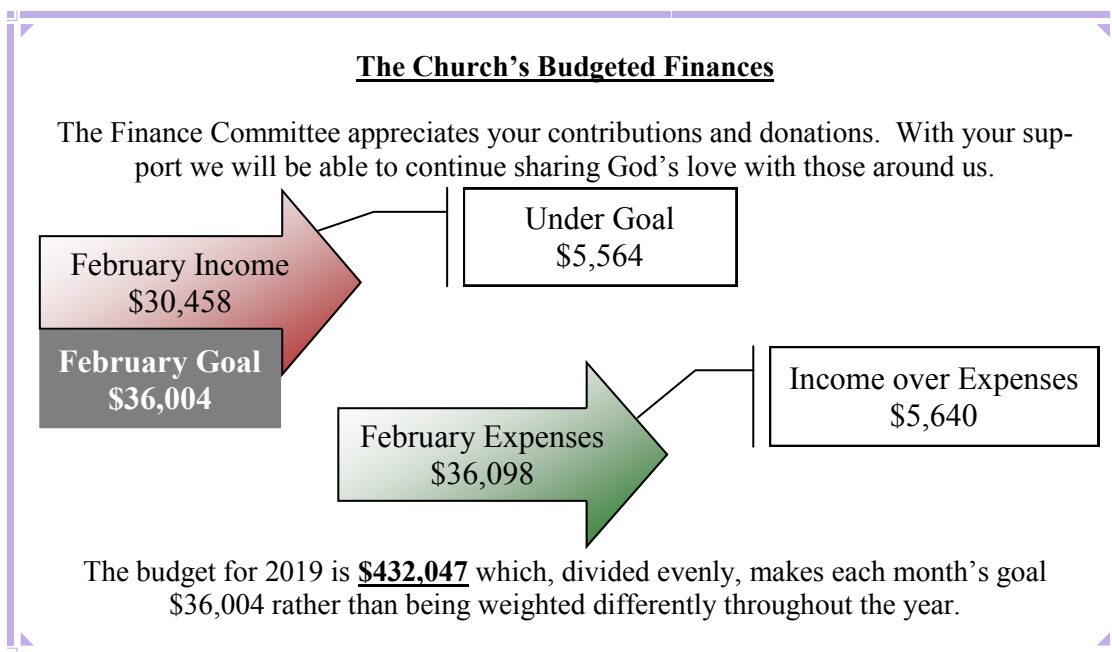
April Birthdays

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| 2 Dot Hudson | 13 Bonnie Elmore |
| 3 Don Worner | 16 Bill Walls |
| 4 Mike Brooks | 17 Chuck Caro |
| 4 Red Honaker | 18 Florence Llewellyn |
| 4 Ann Kennedy | 19 Jackie Mooney |
| 7 Sharlene Raulerson | 23 Barbara Scarborough |
| 7 Susan Russell | 24 Caitlan Clark |
| 8 Matt Driscoll | 24 Bernie Coveney |
| 8 Kendell St. Jean | 26 Nancy Clough |
| 9 Mileena Crews | 30 Judy Brooks |
| 10 Daniel Mayer | 30 Bill Page |
| 10 Boe Wooten | |
| 11 Joan Headlough | |
| 12 Keneisha Jeanty | |
| 12 Imogene Smith | |
| 12 Ann Thompson | |



April Anniversaries

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| 7 Gene & Nancy Burgess | 14 Joshua & Laura Anne Pray |
| 10 Kurt & Sue Erlenbach | 17 Dale & Donna Mays |
| 11 Pat & Sara Coniglio | 25 Bob & Peggy Moyer |

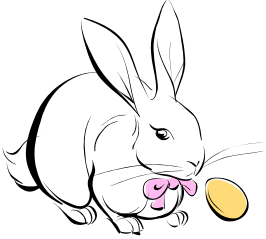


What's Happening

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13th, 10am-NOON

Invite your friends and families! We'll have lots of fun things to do.



We are also in need of volunteers to help manage the various events taking place during the Family Easter Egg Hunt. We also need someone to drive the bus to pick up children and youth to bring them to the event. We also need candy and plastic eggs for the hunt.

Please sign up at the children's table at the back of the sanctuary.

SMARTPHONE/TABLET LEARNING

SIGNUP IS MANDATORY

Adult Studies Room – Various Dates in March @ 11:00 am

Would you like to learn more about your smartphone or tablet? Do you need technical assistance? GPS maps and driving directions, organize and edit photos, send/receive text messages without typing, understand settings like Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, apps such as Facebook or YouTube, use voice commands on your device, and browse the internet. Nancy Burgess (321-607-6453) is offering individual sessions to answer your questions. Small groups are welcome if the type of device is the same (Android smartphone/tablet vs. Apple smartphone/tablet.)

**Available dates are Mondays & Thursdays:
April 15, 18, 22, 25, 29, May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 23.
Sessions last approx. 60-90 minutes.**

Please sign on the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary if you wish to attend or call the church at 321- 269-7631.

Adult Ministries

KNIT WITS — Every Tues. @ 11am in the Fellowship Hall

CHAIROBICS — Every Tues. @ 2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

LINE DANCING — Every Thurs. @ 2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

PATCHWORK FRIENDS – Wed., April 3rd @ 9am in the quilting room

— PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES —

LADIES DAY OUT

Thursday, April 4th @ 11:30am – Portofino's. The best Italian restaurant. They have a great lunch menu. We will meet there.

Thursday, April 18th @ 11:30am – Mystery Location. Shhhhhh! It's a secret. More detail to follow.

To reserve a space, call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600 or sign up at the rear of the church.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – Friday, April 26th @ 5:30 pm — Loyd Have Mercy Soul Food...A lot of variety with a laid-back atmosphere. Join us and have a great meal with wonderful friends.

LEARN TO SEW – Every Monday @ 1:00 pm — Quilting Room

Have you ever wanted to sew? This class is for you. Glenda Waring will show you how to properly thread a sewing machine and sew a straight seam. Then, the class will decide what project(s) they want to work on. You do not need a sewing machine to participate...we will provide them.

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**To sign up for any of these programs, check the table in back of the sanctuary
or**

call Rayelynn at 321-269-7631, ext. 206 and leave a message.

It's very important to sign up so we can prepare for the program.

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First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  1:00pm Learn to Sew 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	2 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dancing Rehearsal 2:30pm Chairrobics 5:00pm Handbells 6:30pm Lenten Book Study 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	3 9:00am Patchwork Friends 6:30pm Lenten Service @ St. Andrew UMC 4:00pm Lenten Book Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir	4 11:30am Ladies Day Out 2:30pm Line Dancing Class	5 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	6 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast	
7 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	8 1:00pm Learn to Sew 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Worship Design 5:30pm Finance Comm. Mtg.	9 11:00am Knit Wits 1:00pm Line Dancing Rehearsal 2:30pm Chairrobics 5:00pm Handbells 6:30pm Lenten Book Study 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	10 4:00pm Lenten Book Study 6:30pm Lenten Service @ IRC UMC 7:00pm Chancel Choir	11 2:30pm Line Dancing Class	12 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	13 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
14 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 	15 11:00am Smart Device Class 1:00pm Learn to Sew 3:00pm Worship Design 5:30pm Trustees Meeting	16 11:00am Knit Wits 2:30pm Chairrobics 3:30pm Dove Circle 5:00pm Handbells 6:30pm Lenten Book Study 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	17 10:00am Alpha Delta Kappa 4:00pm Lenten Book Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir	18 9:00am PEO 9:30am Ladies Day Out 11:00am Smart Device Class 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Movie Night 	19 12:00pm Band Practice 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Good Friday Dinner 7:00pm Good Friday Service 	20 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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FUMC Staff

1	Rev. Wayne Cook - Pastor	Ext 204
2	Mario Davis - Administrative Assistant	Ext 207
3	Keith Meck - Facilities Manager	Ext.202
4	Rayelynn Henderson - Adult Ministries	Ext 206
5	Carol Henn - Music Director	Ext 209
6	Nursery	Ext 208
7	Reception Desk	Ext 201
8	Amy Martin - Children's Ministries	
9	Lauren Peterson - Director of Student Ministries	
10	Dr. Bob Titus - Pastor Emeritus	321-603-0235
11	Keith Cooke - Financial Secretary	
12	J.D. Daniel - Organist	
13	Steve Rossi - Sound Tech	
14	Josh Huss - Lights and Visuals	



PALM SUNDAY

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206 S. Hopkins Ave
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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Services: 10:00 a.m.

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