



# MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE  
206 S. HOPKINS AVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32796  
APRIL 2020

I believe the time has come for us to once again hear the words of a great and highly respected American president who brought us through a horrible financial situation, a World War, and the fear that stood to paralyze us as a nation. This is an excerpt from the First Inaugural Address of Franklin Delano Roosevelt on March 4, 1933:

“I am certain that my fellow Americans expect that on my induction into the Presidency, I will address them with a candor and a decision which the present situation of our people impel. This is preeminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly. Nor need we shrink from honestly facing conditions in our country today. This great Nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper. So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.”

Roosevelt understood what greed had done to our country. The situation created by greed created the roaring twenties, the easy credit investing, and the financial collapse. In many ways, we are in the same place today. Fear of disease and of a financial collapse are driving decisions – important decisions – that will affect the future. Roosevelt is not the only voice we need to hear. Actually, it is not the most important one in my opinion. The most important voice is that of the Psalmist. Psalm 27 (believed to be one of David’s Psalms) asks us two very important questions in the first verse: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1 NRSV) David surely understood fear

and terror of King Saul who desired to kill him and later his one son, Absalom, who also wanted to see him dead. We can almost hear David’s steadfast assurance that God is in control and is able to preserve him. “When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.” (27:2 NRSV) We see in other situations that believers in the old and new testament put the same faith in God and God’s ability to make good out of the bad. Please notice I didn’t say to make the bad good but for us to find blessing and growth even in the midst of the problems of life. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, facing death at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, still refused to bow down to his statue. When asked if they thought God would save them, their reply was we don’t know if he will, but we know He can and regardless we will serve Him. (My paraphrase). They did not let fear stand in the way of their faith in God just as David did not. Today we are faced with possibly the biggest fear of a generation, the fear of a horrible disease and a financial crisis. So, how do we proceed?

We pray, we trust God, we do the things we need to do to survive physically. We trust God is able to give us the wisdom to rebuild the economy here and around the world – we trust God is able. I know we are frightened and confused, but God always works on the side of human life over money and wealth. He calls us to trust in Him not in horses or chariots, the Rolls and Bentley’s of the day. Psalm 20:7-8 (NIV) “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.”

This day I am choosing to place my life and my trust in the ability of God to continue to create a new world in our presence as we grow in His grace, wisdom, and LOVE. Let us choose who we will follow: the fear

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and anxiety of this world or the peace of God found in Christ Jesus. I encourage you to read Joshua 24 over the next few days and continue to pray Psalm 91.

May you be blessed in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Pastor Wayne*

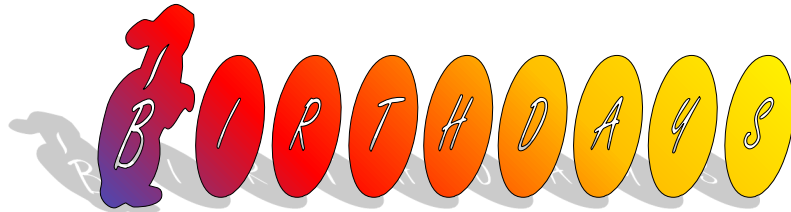
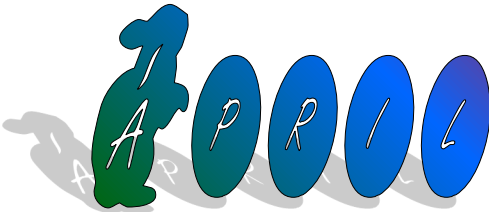


**APRIL**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Nancy & Gene Burgess
- 10 Kurt & Sue Erlenbach
- 11 Pat & Sara Coniglio

- 17 Dale & Donna Mays
- 25 Bob & Peggy Moyer



- 2 Dot Hudson
- 3 Don Worner
- 4 Ann Kennedy
- 4 Red Honaker
- 7 Sharlene Raulerson
- 7 Susan Russell
- 8 Kendell St. Jean
- 8 Matt Driscoll
- 9 Mileena Crews

- 10 Boe Wooten
- 11 Joan Headlough
- 12 Ann Thompson
- 12 Imogene Smith
- 12 Keneisha Jeanty
- 16 Bill Walls
- 18 Florence Llewellyn
- 19 Jackie Mooney
- 23 Barbara Scarborough

- 24 Bernie Coveney
- 26 Nancy Clough
- 28 Kathy Owens
- 30 Bill Page
- 30 Judy Brooks



## April Prayer Focus

April 5 – 11 — Help us understand Jesus' suffering

April 12 – 13 — Help us understand the hope in Jesus' resurrection

April 19 – 25 — Pray for those affected by the global pandemic

April 26 – May 2 — Pray for those who lost loved ones to the pandemic

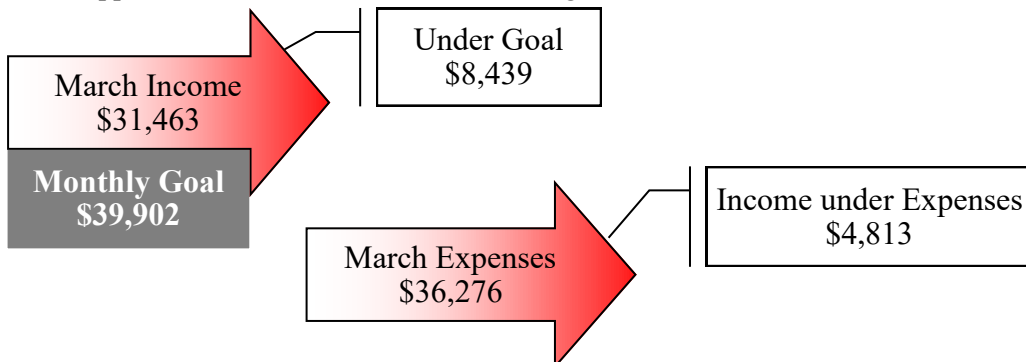


*“He comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us.”*

— 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NCV)

## The Church's Budgeted Finances

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.



The budget for 2020 is **\$478,826** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$39,902 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all feeling the financial pinch. If you are able to still contribute during these lean times, please help us to maintain our regular operating costs as you find you are able. Only with the generosity of our congregation have we been able to weather the storms of the past and we can do so again this time!

Thank you for your loving generosity!



# What's Happening!

## Ladies Day Out

April 2nd — 9:30am—Lew Gardens and Church

April 16th — 11:30am—Lunch at Lew Gardens

WE!

We will be starting to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month and

the 1st Thursday each month.

For more information, please call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600.

**Postponed!**

## Spring Festival

Saturday, April 4th 10am

First United Methodist Church

This Spring join us for a much needed community festival!

Public

Giveaway

Incense burner // Craft Fair

Hot dogs

For sign up and information sign up in back of the church or call Lauren at

321-269-7631 Ext. 205

Volunteers with children's bounce houses and games sign up in the back of the

church or call Lisa at 321-269-7631 Ext. 205

**Postponed!**

# The Grace & Love of Christ!

**Not Postponed!**

# What's Happening!

**United Student  
Ministry**  
PARENT RESOURCES

Keep up to date  
with your student.

Parents of our students at FUMC Student Ministry!

Join us on Facebook for a parent group where Lauren will post devotionals, lesson series information, forms and important calendar dates!

To access the group go to United Student Ministries - First United Methodist of Titusville and Like the page. Lauren will send you an invite to join our parent resource page!



WELCOME

## *DIGITAL DISCIPLE*

REAL CHRISTIANITY IN A VIRTUAL WORLD

During this time of social distancing, video services, and zoom group video calls we run into the question of what does it mean to be the Church?

Are we just a group of like minded people meeting in a building on Sunday mornings to hear a pastor speak? or are we more?

Students! Join Lauren through a discovery of what it looks like to be a Digital Disciple.

# COVID-19

## What is the church doing?



### Virus-Side Chats *With Pastor Wayne*

Weekdays @ 11am

As long as social distancing and self-quarantining is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pastor Wayne will be doing live webcasts on our [Facebook](#) page. Join him every weekday at 11am for scriptural meditations and interact with him through the comment section. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can find the live video at, [www.functitusville.com](http://www.functitusville.com).

### Live-Streamed Services

Every Sunday @ 10am

Church services in our sanctuary are suspended in concordance with CDC recommendations.

Join Pastor Wayne as he leads us through virtual worship services online. You can catch the Sunday morning live streams on our [Facebook](#) page or on our [website](#) through your computer, phone, or tablet. If you miss the live stream, the video will still be available to watch at your convenience. We look forward to having you there! Say hello in the comment sections and let everyone know that God and our communion with Christ and each other exists even beyond the four walls of our church sanctuary!

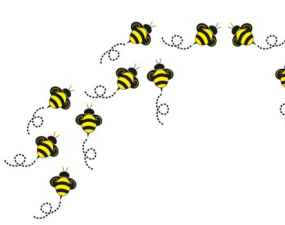
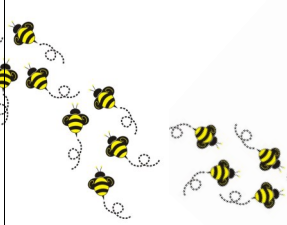









### Let us know how you are doing!

Have you run out of supplies? Do you need food?  
If you are quarantined and have a need, please call the church and let us know.  
**If you are in need of homemade masks, please contact the church for masks made by our members, Rayelynn Henderson and Glenda Waring.**

# April 2020

## First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service Live on our <a href="#">Facebook</a> page	<b>2</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>3</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>4</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> 10:00am Worship Online 	<b>6</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>7</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 4:00pm Lenten Book Study Online	<b>8</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>9 Holy Thursday</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 	<b>10 Good Friday</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry 	<b>11 Holy Saturday</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 
<b>12 Easter</b> 10:00am Worship Online 	<b>13</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1:00pm Staff Meeting	<b>14</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>15</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>16</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>17</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>18</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
<b>19</b> 10:00am Worship Online	<b>20</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>21</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>22</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>23</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 5:30pm Leadership Team Mtg.	<b>24</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>25</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
<b>26</b> 10:00am Worship Online	<b>27</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>28</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>29</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	<b>30</b> 11:00am Virus-Side Chat		

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## FUMC Staff

Reception Desk	Ext. 201
Rev. Wayne Cook - Pastor	Ext. 202
Mario Davis - Administrative Assistant	Ext. 203
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Rayelynn Henderson - Finance Secretary	Ext. 204
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Lauren Peterson - Student & Adult Min.	Ext. 205
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Carol Henn - Music Director	
J.D. Daniel - Organist	
Steve Rossi - Sound Tech	
Josh Huss - Lights and Visuals	
Dr. Bob Titus - Pastor Emeritus	

## **First United Methodist Church**

206 S. Hopkins Ave  
Titusville, FL 32796

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. — Cancelled for April  
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m. — Online Only!

Church Office — Closed until further notice!

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