



MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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AUGUST 2018



Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche community in France, said, "People may come to our communities because they want to serve the poor; they will only stay once they have discovered that they themselves are the poor." He was referring to the people without intellectual disabilities who come to live in community with those who have intellectual disabilities. Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount makes a similar statement: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3 (NRSV) This is an interesting concept that may seem foreign to us as twenty first century Americans. We live in one of the richest countries in the world and yet Jesus and this modern day theologian are saying that realizing our poverty helps us to remain in community and bring us the blessing of being a part of the kingdom of heaven. I have often wondered how we as economically middle and upper class Americans understand these statements. As the disciples said to Jesus, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" John 6:60 (NRSV) I know for me I have wondered if I can be blessed without becoming financially poor. I have struggled with the fear that accompanies being poor and the uncertainty of life that it brings. But does it mean we have to be financially poor?

Matthew says the "poor in spirit" unlike Luke who simply said the poor. So what does it mean to be poor in spirit? Does it mean we are depressed and dejected? Does it mean we are hopeless and afraid? Does it mean we are broke and penniless? I believe it means something completely different. Dr. Billy Graham says "We must be humble in our spirits. If you put the word 'humble' in place of the word 'poor,' you will understand what He meant." Blessed are the humble for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Interesting. I know many people struggle with the concept of being humble as well. I have been told that if you believe yourself to be humble then you are not because you have pride in your own humility. So what does it mean to be humble or to live humbly? When we are humble we come to realize our own inability to provide for ourselves everything that we need. We submit our lives to one who is greater than we are in deference to their ability and rule over us. We can come to help others with the attitude of seeing the others' need for us to intervene in whatever situation they find themselves. We can have an attitude of superiority and self-greatness. The publican thanked God that he was not like the sinner as both were praying in the temple. The king looks over the peasants and reminds himself that he is better than they are. Yet for every person on the planet there are things which they cannot provide for themselves. We cannot make air, we cannot make water, we cannot make the sun shine or the earth spin and yet all these things are required for our lives to continue. When we come before God and accept his greatness and his dominion over us we have the opportunity to come to see our total dependence on his grace, mercy and love to provide for us that which we are unable to provide.

Vanier has seen those who come to serve others out of their abundance and those who have come to serve out of their realization of total dependence on God. He has seen who stays and who leaves. He has experienced what happens when we humble ourselves to reach out to the community in our own need for God and to offer from the blessing we have received to bless others. The difference is astonishing. When we give of ourselves we soon reach the bottom of our bucket, when we give as we receive from God our bucket is bottomless. I struggle with humility, as I'm sure most of humanity does. I struggle with knowing I rely on God for all things and with the need to provide for myself. The key is learning to provide for myself as God enables me; to see the hand of God as actively working in my life to give me the strength, ability, and courage to live each day in full dependence on his grace. As we serve this community together I pray we can look not at the need of others and how little they have but realize that we, too, are fully dependent on God for every breath.

I feel so blessed by this congregation and I am thanking God each day for sending me here to love and be loved. I have felt His love in so many ways in the last few weeks and I am excited about sharing that love with the community as we grow and serve God together. — Pastor Wayne

Vacation Bible School

July 23rd — July 27th

Photos by Naomi Johnson



YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

What an exciting and productive summer it has been here at FUMC Titusville! And we still have a month to go!!!! I'm excited to share some things with you, to give a short update on all that has transpired these last 6-8 weeks, what has happened, what's happening now, and to say THANK YOU to some very fine friends of us all, persons in our church who continue to lead us faithfully and graciously through this time of transition, without complaint or personal agenda, only to serve GOD, to serve this church and its loving congregation.

So, what has happened? A quick review:

Only four short weeks ago, we welcomed our new senior pastor, Wayne Cook, and his wife, Janet, to our church family. What a breath of fresh air they have already been and we look forward to getting to know them, to hearing the word of GOD from Wayne each and every Sunday, and to work beside him and Janet in meetings concerning leadership and direction for our church moving forward. Weeks before they arrived, Trustees was BUSY (and still is!!!) getting the parsonage improved, updated, and ready for Wayne and Janet. A new roof, a new kitchen, new kitchen appliances, new flooring, new window coverings, the entire parsonage interior re-painted. And there's more to do. But we're forever thankful to those in our congregation who have volunteered both their time and monetary donations to the church PARSONAGE FUND to help in these endeavors. If you haven't yet made a donation, please pray and consider doing so. Our goal is \$50,000. WE CAN DO IT!

SPR would also like to welcome Rayelynn Henderson as the newest member of our church staff. Rayelynn takes over for Sandi Bandieri as Director of Adult Ministries, and what an outstanding job she is doing. You may already know Rayelynn from her singing in our Chancel Choir and being very active in our church before. We are blessed and fortunate to have her. Stop in and say hello to her when you can, and she'll share her thoughts and listen to yours about program needs.

The June 8th Spaghetti Luncheon for the "United Methodist Children's Home" was a sellout! I believe over \$800 was raised for those kids...OUTSTANDING! A huge thank-you to Ingrid Patterson and Kitty Baldwin, as their Christian leadership was on display, an inspiration for all who attended.

Amy Martin, Director of Children's Ministries, has been busy for months preparing for Vacation Bible School, July 23-27, 9am-noon. Knowing Amy, she'll knock it out of the park once again! Always a special week for those attending, all credit to Amy! And "thanks" to her many loyal and faithful volunteers, as they love those kids and the kids love them.

Then we have held the "Christmas in July" madrigal feast and musical celebration on Sunday, July 29th at 3pm. All proceeds from this event go to the United Methodist Women's "Christmas Store", a highly successful and much-anticipated annual event, where area children who might be in need or are less fortunate than others can come and receive a wonderful gift of their choosing. Last year, these ladies served 170+ children. Can't come? Then please consider making a donation sometime soon, designate it to THE CHRISTMAS STORE.

In closing, it has been a pleasure serving you these last 3 years. Being able to work with/beside some of the finest people I've ever had the pleasure to know has been a treat. Leadership is hard! But the rewards far outweigh the headaches. The headaches go away, but the rewards of serving Christ and serving you and this church are our legacy.

Blessings,

Dale Mays

Administrative Council Chair, 2016-2018



August Anniversaries

8 Paul & Beverly Marsh
10 Larry & Jan Gilreath
15 Robert & Molly Titus
16 Chris & Karen Styles
18 Bill & Natalie Walls
20 Michael & Jennifer Evans
20 Gil & Diana Garcia
23 John & Carol Stephens

24 Jackie & Imogene Smith
28 Mike & Nancy Boffo
28 Ruth & Billy White
29 Richard & Susan Barton
31 George & Fran Nolan

August Birthdays

1 Robert Titus	12 Katrina Cusmano	23 Mark Heltzel
2 John Watkins	13 Kade Davis	23 David Lewis
3 Donnie Godfrey	13 Scot Styles	24 Eva Jenkins
3 Madison McLean	15 Nancy Boffo	24 Stephanie Shivel
4 Karl Leech	15 Angela Mayer	25 Jan Gilreath
4 Kathy Melvin	15 Samuel Quigg	25 Steven Waring
5 Ronald Maust	16 Greg Hoover	26 Carole Copeland
5 Caren Shivel	18 Justin Kennedy	26 Eric Crickon
6 Veronica Hawthorne	18 Marty Nance	27 Richard Cherry
7 Joy Brady	19 Carol Henn	27 Pat Manning
7 Adelyn Cooke	19 Linda Wilson	27 Trudy Metzger
8 Alexis Colon	21 Shawna Cherry	28 Carissa Dalquest
8 Scott Dike	21 Caroline Sandusky	28 Gary Pittman
8 Karin Lewis	22 Jennifer Alex	29 Scott Geiser
8 Audree McDaniel	22 William Canfield	29 Jonah Thomas
9 Darin Craig	22 Brett Clark	29 Gabrielle Williams
9 Elizabeth Erlenbach	22 Rita Clark	30 Katherine Crickon
10 Patty Hildebrand	22 Jeff Moxley	31 Olivia Metott
10 David Sandusky	22 Sue Whitson	31 Peggy Moyer
11 Jill Hanson	23 Janice Dike	31 Carolyn Tulley
11 Gabrielle Metott	23 Joey Fisher, Jr.	

Worship Opportunities

August 2018

We would like to invite you, your friends, relatives, associates in business, and neighbors to visit First United Methodist Church of Titusville.

Sermon Topics:

July 29th — “Lord, Teach Us to Pray 2”

August 5th — “Lord, Teach Us to Pray 3”

August 12th — “Lord, Teach Us to Pray 4”

August 19th — Dangerous Prayers: Search Me & Know Me

August 26th — Dangerous Prayers: Break Me



August Prayer Focus

“Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise.” — Victor Hugo

July 29–Aug. 4 — The peace of God in our lives

Aug. 5–11 — Church Leaders

Aug. 12–18 — Help for people with addictions

Aug. 19–25 — The manifestation of God’s abundance

Aug. 26–Sept. 1 — Teachers preparing for the School year

**Lay Liturgists/Readers
for August 2018**

July 29 — Nancy Burgess

August 5 — Debbie Grimes

August 12 — Libby Cooke

August 19 — Jerry Copeland

August 26 — Fay Kikta



Adult Ministries

ADULT COLORING – First Monday each month (August 6th) @ 10:30 a.m.

Teas & More at Titusville (née Searstown) Mall (near the Movie Theater) — Coffee, tea, and pastries are available! Many adults find coloring relaxing, a time to reflect, and fellowship. Bring a coloring book and colored pencils. We will have extra supplies on hand. You don't even have to stay in the lines!!!!

LINE DANCING – Thursdays @ 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We turn the AC down and the music up. Join Adrienne for fun and exercise.

LADIES DAY OUT – 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

August 2nd @ 11:30am – Andrei's Restaurant @ Walkabout. Located in the clubhouse at the Indian River Preserve Golf Course. A Key West style restaurant with a great lunch menu.

August 16th @ 11:30am – Victorio's Oyster Bar and Grille. Great Seafood, Burgers, and Italian food. Yummy!!!!

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

Bible Study - Thursdays 1:00PM — Adult Studies Room — Leader: Adrienne Harrell.

This study is on vacation July and August. Keep this time open on your schedules for the Fall. We will be starting another study in September.

Friday Fellowship – New York, New York Restaurant – Friday, August 24 @ 5:30 pm

What better way to cool off than with a great salad while watching the dolphins play in the river. Join us at New York, New York Restaurant for dinner. They have great salads and burgers cooked to perfection. We will have a great meal and a good time! Sign up at the rear of the sanctuary or call Rayelynn at 321-269-7631 ext 206

**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.**

We're now on YouTube!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	6 10:30am Adult Coloring 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm SPR Committee Mtg.	7 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir) 7:00pm Vision 2020 Mtg.	1 9:30am Patchwork Friends	2 9:30am Ladies Day Out 2:30pm Line Dancing	3 12:00pm Instruments of God 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	4 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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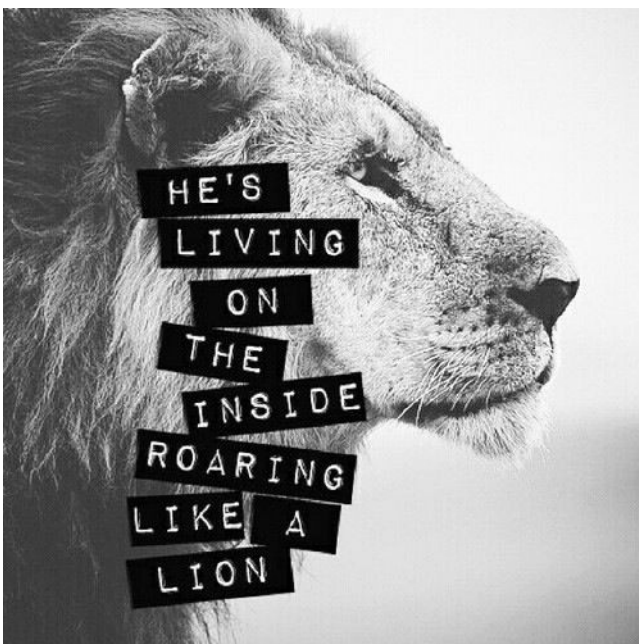
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| 6 | Nursery | Ext 208 |
| 7 | Reception Desk | Ext 201 |
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| 12 | Steve Rossi - Sound Tech | |
| 13 | Josh Huss - Lights and Visuals | |
| 14 | Jim Burt - Custodian | |