



MESSENGER

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

FEBRUARY 2018



February 22nd & 23rd, Missio Ecclesia, at First UMC in Lakeland

A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

Please save the date for next year's Missio Ecclesia event. We had such an incredible gathering in the spring of 2016 at Grace Church with Deb and Alan Hirsch. This time we will gather on February 22 and 23, 2018, at First UMC in Lakeland. Dr. Martyn Atkins, a renowned church leader in England and a key movement collaborator in the work of Fresh Expressions, will join us as we explore what it means to be a church on mission. More information will be forthcoming soon. I hope clergy and lay leaders will make every effort to attend this important gathering.

Lent: A Season to Forgive and Be Forgiven

During the months of February and March, First Church will experience it's one hundred and forty-third Lent season. The Rev. Dr. Taylor Burton-Edwards (of The United Methodist Board of Discipleship) says, "The early church created Lent as a season for the church to accompany people entering the final stretch of their preparation for baptism at Easter or rites of reconciliation and restoration during Holy Week (Maundy Thursday)...Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. As we note in our official ritual for this day, 'we confront our mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith.'"

This year, we are offering Lent to be a time of receiving Christ's forgiveness as well as forgiving one another. We will be exploring Max Lucado's work, He Chose The Nails. On Tuesday's at noon (beginning February 20th), we will host a simple soup and sandwich/salad luncheon and discuss this book. (If you wish to get a copy of this book, please ask me, Pastor Fred, for a copy).

We will also have a sermon series for Lent. Here is an outline of the themes for each Sunday in February and the beginning of Lent:

Sunday, February 4th: Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany and Communion Sunday. Pastor Fred Ball will finish the sermon series on Why We Need Each Other.

Sunday, February 11th: Transfiguration Sunday when we will once again have the popular preacher, The Rev. David McGaffic back to our pulpit.

Wednesday, February 14th: We are so fortunate that The Rev. David McGaffic will lead us in this year's Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday, February 21st: The First Sunday in Lent. Pastor Fred Ball returns from the mission trip to Cuba and will share the message "He Chose the Nail: You Did This for Me?" based on Mark 1:9-15.

Sunday, February 28th: Today is the Second Sunday in Lent. Pastor Fred will give the message "He Chose the Nails-'I Forgive You': God's Promise in the Nails.

It is my hope for each and every one of us that this year's 143rd Lent Season will be a time of exploring the meaning of the words of Jesus when he told us to pray: "Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." (Matthew 6:12) By living out the words of Jesus, we will experience the better life that He hopes for each of us and all of us.

May this and every issue of our Church newsletter, the Messenger, serve as your invitation and the welcome to others into the life that Jesus has for all of us to live in His Kingdom.

Blessed to Be Your First Church Pastor,

Fred Ball

Worship Opportunities

The season of Lent (40 days prior to Easter—not counting Sundays) will begin on Ash Wednesday (Valentine’s Day), February 14. This year we will be exploring Max Lucado’s book: He Chose the Nails (which is a study on receiving and conveying forgiveness. So, please remember to invite your friends, relatives, associates in business and neighbors to our Sunday morning blended worship service in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. and/or our Sunday evening praise service and Bible discussion in the Fellowship Hall so people can experience for themselves the following worship services:

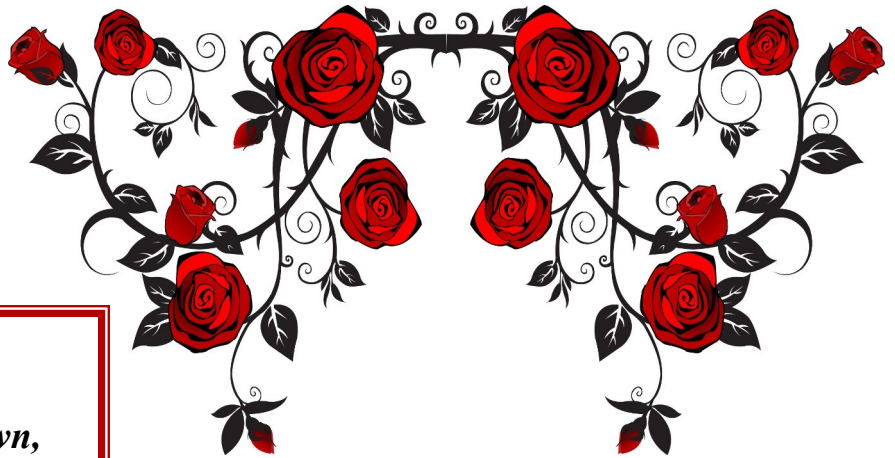
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Sunday, February 11: Transfiguration Sunday when we will once again have the popular preacher, The Rev. David McGaffic back to our pulpit.

Wednesday, February 14: We are so fortunate that The Rev. David McGaffic will lead us in this year's Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday, February 18: The First Sunday in Lent. Pastor Fred Ball returns from the mission trip to Cuba and will share the message "He Chose the Nail: You Did This for Me?" based on Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, February 25: Today is the Second Sunday in Lent. Pastor Fred will give the message: “He Chose the Nails -'I Forgive You' = God’s Promise in the Nails”
Message Series: Living in Christ’s Community – God’s Authority from Mark 1:21-28



February Prayer Focus

*“It’s not the load that breaks you down,
it’s the way you carry it.”*
— *Lena Horne*

January 28–February 3 — Rededicate our Lives to Christ

February 4–10 — Areas still suffering from the effects of natural disasters

February 11-17 — Those who have never heard of Jesus

February 18–24 — Effectiveness in Witness

February 25–March 3 — Nations in Turmoil

Lay Liturgists/Readers for February 2018

February 4 — Rayelynn Henderson

February 11 — Glenda Waring

February 18 — Mike Mustard

February 25 — Patsy Clark

The Five North Brevard United Methodist Churches cordially invite you to spend a Wednesday evening in prayer, worship, and reflection about the Lenten discipline of repentance and the experience of lamentation. See the schedule and location below. Please come and bring a friend!



LAMENT: THE FORGOTTEN WAY OF THE FAITH

Lenten Gatherings:

- 2/21 @ 6:00pm: First UMC, Titusville
- 2/28 @ 6:30pm: First UMC, Port St. John
- 3/07 @ 6:30pm: Indian River City UMC
- 3/14 @ 6:30pm: Mims UMC
- 3/21 @ 6:30pm: St. Andrew UMC

Tuesday Lenten Lunches

Every Tuesday starting on February 20th, you and your friends are invited to join us for a simple Lenten Lunch (soup, salad/sandwich) in Fellowship hall at noon.

This year, we are offering Lent to be a time of receiving Christ's forgiveness as well as forgiving one another. We will be exploring Max Lucado's work, He Chose The Nails. We will host a luncheon and discuss this book. (If you wish to get a copy of this book, please ask Pastor Fred for a copy). This is also a follow-up as a part of a sermon series for Lent.

If you would like to join us, then please let us know by Monday of each week (so we can better plan for you). The cost will be a free-will gift (any offering will help). Also, if you want to volunteer to cook, let us know!

(Please fill out and return to the church office, offering plate, or staff member)

Your Name: _____ Number attending with you (including self): _____

Your Phone Number: _____ Your E-mail address: _____

Date to Volunteer: _____ Volunteer to cook? (yes/no) _____

A Journey with Christ

(Reprinted from www.upperroom.org programs)

“While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.” - Luke 24:15

Both the Walk to Emmaus (for adults), Face to Face (for those who are 60 +), Journey (for young adults) and Chrysalis (for High School Sophomores-Seniors who are 16-19) weekends are experiences of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God’s grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus, Journey and Chrysalis weekend experiences begin with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God’s time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle. (Please talk with Richard & Grace Barron and/or Fred & Kaye Ball for sponsorship.)

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant’s individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Face to Face is an experience in the Emmaus tradition for persons 60 and older. This event takes place in our local church and allows participants to “go home at night” as well as possibly meeting once a week for 8 weeks.

Upcoming Dates for Walk to Emmaus are:

Men's Walk to Emmaus #152 March 01, 2018

Women's Walk to Emmaus #152 - March 08, 2018

Women's Walk to Emmaus #153 - April 05, 2018

News from Cuba!

God bless you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. We are thankful that First United Methodist Church of Titusville made it possible to have our annual Christmas dinner at Santa Cruz Church for our whole community. The brethren are very grateful for the help you sent to us to make our Christmas celebration possible. Please receive our thanks for everything. Greetings to Pastor Fred and his family and to our Sister Church in Titusville, Florida.

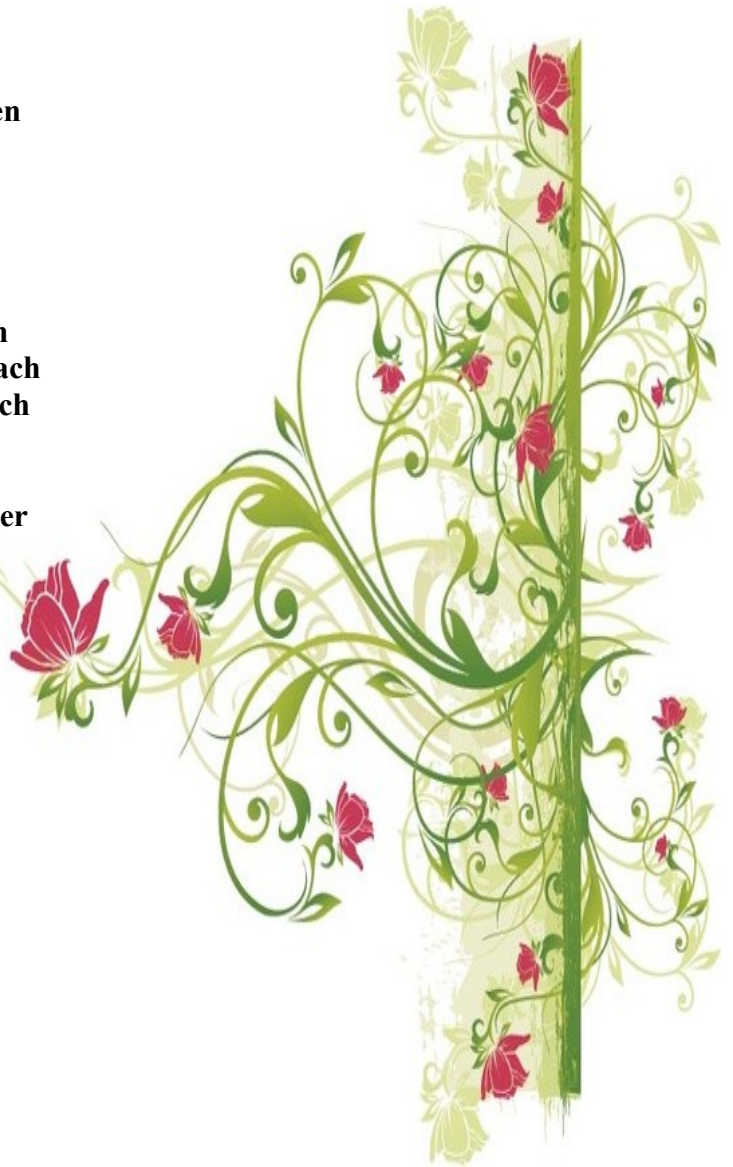
On January 14th, Pastor Danilo sent: “God bless you my brother in Christ. Many congratulations on your wedding anniversary. Please pray for help for my assistant Pastor, Obismar. He is seeking to be in mission to start a new church in Cuba. Also, please remember Yoanqui’s wife, Yarelis, who is our church facility manager who is also praying about going into ministry in Cuba. Yarelis needs medical treatment (omega 3,6,9 capsules of 500 mg or 1000 mg). That’s all I have to say.

From your younger brother in Christ,
Pastor Danilo Bello



February Birthdays

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| 1 Betty Carothers | 16 Jim Mewborn |
| 1 Brenda Pittman | 16 Jason Wilson |
| 1 Jacob Rinehart | 17 Debbie Grimes |
| 2 Chris Stallard | 17 Nancy Torneden |
| 4 Ruth Laurene | 18 David Stallings |
| 4 Alice Stadig | 20 Kaye Ball |
| 4 Charlotte Studstill | 20 Jackson Crews |
| 5 Jason Kline | 20 Grace Lazzari |
| 6 Tom Johnsons | 21 Ed Patterson |
| 7 Brian Mewborn | 22 Richard Barton |
| 8 Christopher Alex | 24 Adrian Erlenbach |
| 8 Grey Cooke | 24 Alison Erlenbach |
| 8 Billy White | 24 Fay Kikta |
| 10 Jeanette Hamed | 24 Murray Nance |
| 10 Kathy Metott | 25 Charlene Harper |
| 11 Sara Coniglio | 25 Ashley Mays |
| 11 Ken DeTorres | 26 Bob Preston |
| 12 Russ Beeker | 27 Carolyn Glass |
| 13 Libby Sherrill | 27 Bonnie Segó |
| 14 Duane Torneden | 28 Matt Mustard |



February Anniversaries

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| 3 Bob & Debbie Preston | 15 Murray & Marty Nance |
| 5 Richard & Grace Barron | 15 Ted & Hillary Page |
| 5 Marion & Joy Brady | 16 Donnie & Sharon Godfrey |
| 9 Steve & Crystal Townsend | 25 Steve & Michelle Clark |



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Celebrate Recovery

Do you have a hurt, habit or hang-up? (Is there a bad habit or addictive behavior that you would like to work on in a Christian 12 Step Group?) Do you want to talk about it in a confidential small group meeting? Celebrate Recovery has started again and meets every Saturday at 9:30 am in the Adult Studies Room.

Do You Know of a Church Member or Church Attendee Who Needs a Visit?

Please e-mail the church office at office@fumctitusville.com or call us at 321-269-7631 ext 204 or 207 and tell us.

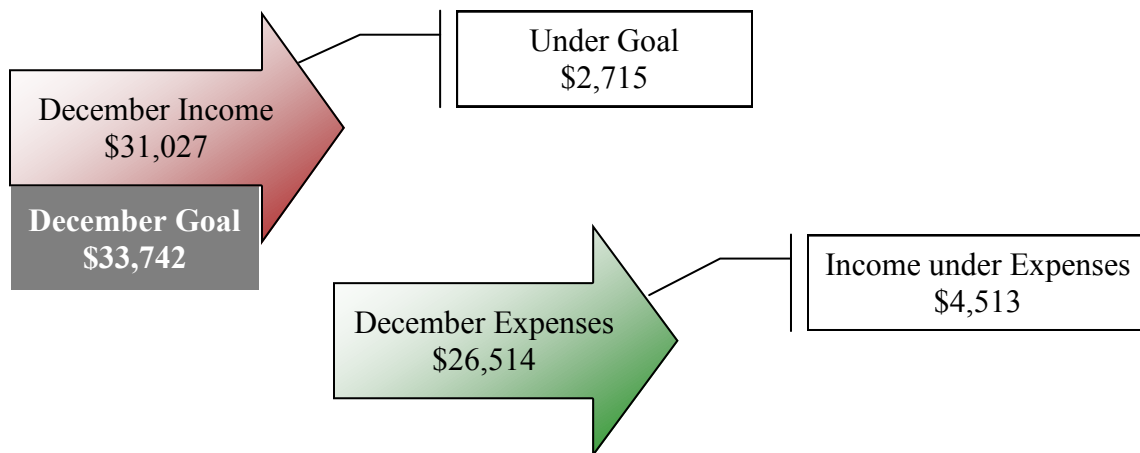
United Methodist Beliefs Class

Whether you have never heard of The Christian Church: "United Methodist" or you have been a United Methodist all of your life, you are cordially invited to a three week Sunday school class on United Methodist beliefs. This class will begin on Sunday mornings after the morning worship service (about 11:20) and last until noon in The Adult Studies room. It is being taught by Pastor Fred Ball.

The class covers such topics as: sharing your life's story and Christ's story; telling the story about the Christian and First United Methodist Church; what First Church does and how you can participate in our ministries. This class will begin on Sunday, February 4th, 18th, 25th. If you want to join our church, you'll want to attend these 3 sessions. If you cannot stay after worship services to attend these classes, please contact Pastor Fred and he will be happy to arrange a special class for you during the week (this would be about 90 minutes). Everyone is welcome to attend!

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 the 2017 was \$404,897 which was divided evenly making each month's goal \$33,742 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year. The budget for 2018 has been set at \$426,004.58 making monthly goals for 2018 \$35,500.38.

What's Happening

WEIGHT → FOR GOD!™

In 2012, several local Churches met at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church and launched a revolutionary new weight loss program...**just for men!** They gathered weekly to learn how to eat, what to eat, even how to make what we eat – and all taught from a biblical perspective!

35 men stayed with the program over that first year, losing nearly 1,000 pounds! A few of us (including me, your Pastor) have gained some back. So we are bringing the program back! This is a competitive team competition, and it's flat out fun! Will you join our team from 1st United Methodist of Titusville and enter this enjoyable competition with other men from Titusville area Churches?

Classes meet at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church on Thursday evenings for 10 weeks starting January 25th @ 6pm, then monthly follow-ups till the end of the year. (Nutritious meal is provided at a cost of \$5 p.p.)

To sign up: call or see me (Pastor Fred)
at the church office: 321-269-7631, ext. 204.



Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, February 3rd @ 9 a.m.



Please save the date of Saturday, February 3rd in order to volunteer to work around First UM Church at 9 a.m. Your grounds committee has a few volunteer jobs that need to be done so that your church can be a more beautiful place in which to worship God and do ministry and mission. We are in need of people to do various tasks inside and outside the church. Please bring your work clothes, a pair of work gloves, and yard tools (we may also do some inside work as well). We will meet at the church's office complex at 9 a.m. and receive our assigned tasks. Thank you in advance.



1960's Concert

Sunday, Feb. 11th @ 3pm
in the Fellowship Hall



Broadstreet and Soliloquy will be providing great 1960's pop music from the *Beach Boys*, to *The Chiffons*, from *The Mamas & The Papas* to *Aretha Franklin*. We'll have snacks to take you back and groovin' to keep you movin'!

Patchwork Friends

Patchwork Friends is another group of United Methodist Women who meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Here we make an average of 100 quilts which are distributed to various members of our congregation who are sick, doing rehab, in the hospital, to families with a new baby or who have lost a loved one.

We also give quilts to our service men and women currently serving, to veterans, and to family members entering the service. Our red, white and blue quilts are used to decorate the sanctuary for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Labor Day, and World Prayer Day.

You do not need to know how to sew to join us. We break down the process into many small jobs. If you can iron, use scissors, tie a knot, or match colors, we can use your help. This is a small group who would welcome new members. Each quilt we make is done so with loving hands and with healing prayers.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at
9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

For more information, contact Glenda Waring at
GLW43@cfl.rr.com.





FEBRUARY ADULT MINISTRIES

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

February 1st - 11:30 a.m. - Andre's for lunch at Walkabout.
To reserve a space, call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600.

ADULT COLORING – Monday, February 5th @ 10:30 a.m. at Downtown Gallery

Many adults find coloring relaxing, a time to reflect and fellowship. Bring a coloring book and colored pencils. We meet on the 1st Monday of each month at Downtown Gallery across the street from MacSweets.

LOVE SEWING & QUILTING TOGETHER – Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m.

Pascale Daniel teaches a class for beginners as well as anyone wanting to refresh their skills.

KNIT WITS – Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m. resuming September 5th.

Anyone wishing a beginners class is welcome. Hope to see you there.

BIBLE STUDY – “Lazarus Awakening” by Joanna Weaver

Wednesdays @ 10:00 am - Adult Studies Room - Ongoing - led by Jan Gilreath
Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m. - Adult Studies Room - Ongoing - led by Adrienne Herrell

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION – Tuesday, Feb. 13th @ 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We will serve the traditional Shrove Pancake Supper. This year it will also be a Valentine's Dance. JD will play piano for our dancing. Come one, come all for fun and surprises!

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

Join Adrienne for fun and exercise.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP – Friday, February 16th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Bunco & Subs Night!!! It's time for Bunco! We'll have sub sandwiches and drinks. Bring finger desserts.

CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, Feb. 25th @ 11:30 a.m. at Sand Point Park

Let's come together for fellowship and fun. Bring a covered dish. We provide drinks, paper goods and John Rinehart's special recipe for Pulled Pork or Pulled Chicken. We'll have activities for children too.

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

or

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

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

February 2018

First United Methodist Church








Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>4 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship</p>	 <p>5 10:30am Adult Coloring 3:00pm Worship Design</p>	 <p>6 9:30am Love Sewing & Quilting 11:00am Knit Wits 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)</p>	 <p>7 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 9:00am Patchwork Friends 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:00pm Men's Quartet 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>1 11:30am Ladies Day Out 1:00pm Bible Study 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Instruments of God</p>	<p>2 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway</p>	<p>3 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery</p>	
<p>11 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 3:00pm 60's Concert</p>	<p>12 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm Finance Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>13 Shrove Tuesday 9:30am Love Sewing & Quilting 11:00am Knit Wits 6:00pm UMW Social 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)</p>	<p>14 Ash Wed. Valentine's Day 8:00am Pastors' Meeting 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Svc. 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>  <p>WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>15 9:30am Ladies Day Out 1:00pm Bible Study 2:30pm Line Dancing 6:00pm Instruments of God</p>	<p>16 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway 6:00pm Friday Fellowship</p>	<p>17 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:30am Celebrate Recovery</p>	
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First United Methodist Church

206 S. Hopkins Ave
 Titusville, FL 32796

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Services: 10:00 a.m.

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 Closed from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

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5	Carol Henn / Music Director	Ext 209
6	Nursery	Ext 208
7	Receptionist / Volunteer	Ext 201
8	Amy Martin / Director Children's Ministries	Ext 205
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10	Keith Cooke / Financial Secretary	
11	J.D. Daniel / Organist	
12	Steve Rossi / Sound Tech	
13	Josh Huss / Lights and Visuals	
14	Jim Burt / Custodian	