



# MESSENGER

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

JULY 2018



As I am thinking about how we begin, I realized we begin in a transition. I received an email the other day and it started with, "And so it begins." I laughed to myself and began thinking about the comment. I realized that most if not all the times of our lives begin with transitions. Transitions are a time of uncertainty and can be a time of emotions that range from excitement of great expectations to great fear of what is to come. At the moment we are all in a time of transition together. The pastor who is well known to you has left to go to a new appointment and a pastor that you don't know has arrived. And speaking for myself as that pastor, I too am leaving a congregation that I have come to know and coming to a congregation that I don't know. I am sure we will all have expectations and concerns about what the future holds. Will there be changes that are unsettling? Will the person/people be a good fit? What is the best way to get to know each other and become comfortable with each other? I am sure there are many other questions to go along with these. Transitions are difficult no matter how good they turn out because we are living into an unknown future. But how many more of our life transitions have turned out to be good than may have been less than positive. We were all born and lived as children and teens and then had our first big transition, high school graduation. Some of us began careers and some of us went to college. Some of us got married and had children. While we may not think of these as transitions, they were. Hopefully it is as true for you as for me that the great majority of transitions in my life have turned out well. You see as we fear the future and the unknown; we are called to remember that God is the God of transitions and is already in the future waiting for us as we walk through the unsettling changes of our lives whether those changes are big or small.



When I look at Biblical transitions three huge transitions come to mind. The first is the call of Abram. God calls him to leave everything he knows and his whole support system and culture and begin a new life in an unknown place. I cannot imagine the feeling of going to some place that I not only don't know about but don't even know where it is. But, Abram is faithful and he follows God to this new land and is blessed even though he never fully possesses the land. Abram trusts that the place he is called to is good because he is following the God he trusts. Abram's trust leads to the entire nation of Israel and to the birth of the savior.

The second Biblical transition that comes to mind for me is the release of Israel from Egypt. Wow, can you imagine packing up what you can carry and heading out into the desert following a guy who says he has been sent by God to set you free from slavery. Today we might call him crazy. The people followed him to a new land, even if it took them 40 years. They grumbled but as they were able, they continued to follow and trust God. It turned out well for them eventually but it was stressful.

The biggest Biblical transition for me is the coming of God as a human and living among us as one of us. That one was a shock to many and many couldn't believe he was God in the flesh and they fought against Him. The pharisees were afraid of losing their place of respect and the zealots were angry that He didn't start a revolution. It was a time of change and fear for many and yet through his coming we are all blessed. We didn't and likely still don't fully understand the reasons for His coming or the full effect of it but we are still following and seeking to grow and understand.

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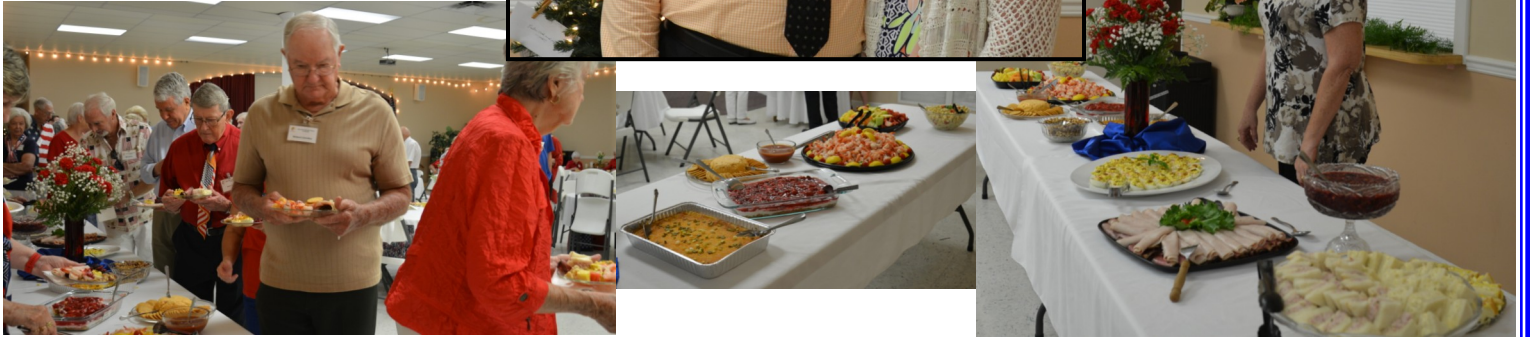
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While, I don't believe our current transition is anything like these huge Biblical changes it still causes us to wonder what the future holds. The one thing I am sure of is that God is already in the future which we will share and is inviting us all to walk together as He leads us into a wonderful and blessed future. Jesus told the disciples "Let not your hearts be troubled, you believe in God believe also in me." John 14:1 He tells them this because he knows another frightening transition is coming for them in His death and wants them to know the future is already in His hands and they will continue to be in His Love.

I am anticipating the wonderful things God will accomplish through us as we seek to share His love and grace with each other and the world as we work with him to build His kingdom. I look forward to being your pastor and serving God with you.

Blessings,

Pastor Wayne



# Worship Opportunities

**July 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 1st — "Transitions 1" — Good Endings**

**July 8th — "Transitions 2"**

**July 15th — "Transitions 3"**

**July 22nd — "Prayer" — Overview**

**July 29th — "Lord's Prayer 1" — Our Father, hallowed be your name**



# Christmas in July

July 29, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church  
206 S. Hopkins Avenue  
Titusville, FL 32796  
321-269-7631



Hear ye! Hear ye! The Christmas season is upon us! Yes, Christmas has come early to First United Methodist Church of Titusville. For that reason we will be having a great feast to celebrate the birth of our most Holy Saviour, Jesus Christ!

The United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Music Department will be holding a medieval madrigal feast. All proceeds raised will go to our Christmas Store to help families in need during the December Christmas season. Come join in the revelry and music of this medieval-themed Christmas event. Cost of ticket includes the medieval dinner and the musical entertainment.

The Christmas Store is for community children, who might not have much of a Christmas without the free shopping their parents are able to do in our store. The items are all new toys and gifts. Each is worth approximately \$20. Parents must register their children in November to shop in the store.

Tickets for the feast are available through the church office at 321-269-7631.

Ticket prices: \$10  
Children under 4 eat free

*Seating is limited so get your tickets before they are gone!*





# JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 JD & Pascale Daniel      | 7 Christopher & Jennifer Alex |
| 3 Debbie & Ed Grimes       | 11 Dan & Dotty Everling       |
| 4 Frank & Pamela Delnero   | 17 Lacy & Sarah Taylor        |
| 4 Winston & Enis Nathaniel | 30 Bill & Lois Queen          |

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Ryan Cooke        | 12 Dotty Everling  | 22 Jim Marshbourne    |
| 2 Richard Barron    | 12 Keith Meck      | 23 Mary Jean Thompson |
| 2 Denise Fitzgerald | 12 Ryan Nolan      | 24 Frank Russell      |
| 3 Frank Kennedy     | 14 Lisa Mosier     | 24 Connie Springer    |
| 5 David Hanson      | 15 Lois Queen      | 24 Ruth White         |
| 7 Donna Mays        | 16 Joy Merckson    | 26 John Pridgen       |
| 8 Mike Boffo        | 19 Fred Gilman     | 27 Joanne Albro       |
| 8 Kendra Jeanty     | 19 Chris Styles    | 27 Rich Wilson        |
| 8 Bill Queen        | 20 Barbara Borman  | 29 Crystal Townsend   |
| 9 Larkin Isaksen    | 20 Joe Fisher, Sr. | 30 Dennis Metott      |
| 9 Kennedy Jeanty    | 20 Linda Haas      | 31 Melinda Bouchez    |
| 10 Vivian Metott    | 22 Lois Brown      |                       |

## Lay Liturgists/Readers for July 2018

- July 1 — Jerry Copeland  
July 8 — Nancy Burgess  
July 15 — Glenda Waring  
July 22 — Michael Evans  
July 29 — Nancy Burgess

## July Prayer Focus

*“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” — Anne Frank*

July 1–7 — Smooth transitions for Pr. Fred & Kaye Ball and Pr. Wayne & Janet Cook

July 8–14 — Prayers for our country

July 15–21 — Healing in our bodies & minds

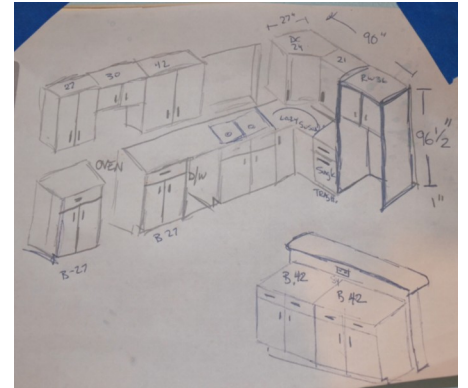
July 22–28 — Praying effective prayers

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

# What's Happening

## Parsonage Renovations

The flooring has been ordered. The window treatments have been ordered. The cabinetry has been ordered. We still need to schedule the roofing to be done. The kitchen has been gutted and new appliances are coming. There is a long way to go yet, but we are well under way thanks to the hard work and dedication of our all those helping to make this desperately needed renovation happen! Thanks to the generous spirits of this congregation, we have raised \$8,700 toward the renovations of the church parsonage so far. The physical labor involved in the renovation is important, but your financial giving is a blessing that is equally as vital to making this renovation a success!





## Adult Ministries

**ADULT COLORING** – First Monday each month @ 10:30 a.m.

Teas & More at Titusville (Searstown) Mall — Coffee is available if you don't drink tea and pastries, too. 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.

**LINE DANCING** – Thursdays @ 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Join Adrienne for fun and exercise.

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

July 5th @ 11:30am – Lunch at 3rd Culture Kitchen on Hwy 50.

July 19th @ 11:30am – Lunch at the Irish Pub and a 2pm movie.

To reserve a space, call Carol Stephens at 321-267-2600.

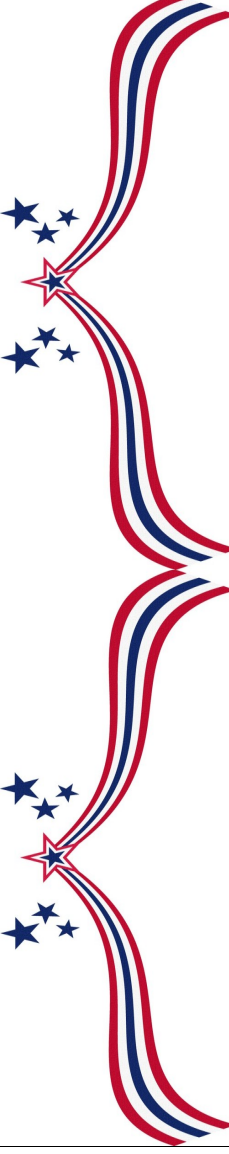
**To sign up for any of these programs,  
check the table in back of the sanctuary  
or**

**call at 269-7631 and leave a message.**

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

# July 2018

## First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Welcome Reception	<b>2</b> 10:30am Adult Coloring 3:00pm Worship Design	<b>3</b> 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)	<b>4</b> <b>4th of July</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30am Ladies Day Out 2:30pm Line Dancing	<b>6</b> 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	<b>7</b> 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast	
<b>8</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	<b>9</b> 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Worship Design 5:30pm Finance Comm. Mtg.	<b>10</b> 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)	<b>11</b> 9:00am Patchwork Friends	<b>12</b> 2:30pm Line Dancing	<b>13</b> 12:00pm Instruments of God 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	<b>14</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast	
<b>15</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	<b>16</b> 3:00pm Worship Design 7:00pm Trustees Mtg.	<b>17</b> 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11:00am Ladies Day Out 2:30pm Line Dancing	<b>20</b> 12:00pm Instruments of God 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	<b>21</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast	
<b>22</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	<b>23</b> 9:00am Vacation Bible School 3:00pm Worship Design	<b>24</b> 9:00am Vacation Bible School 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)	<b>25</b> 9:00am Vacation Bible School	<b>26</b> 9:00am Vacation Bible School 2:30pm Line Dancing	<b>27</b> 9:00am Vacation Bible School 12:00pm Instruments of God 1-3:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm Youth Getaway	<b>28</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast	
<b>29</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 3:00pm Christmas in July: Madrigal Dinner	<b>30</b> 3:00pm Worship Design	<b>31</b> 5:00pm Joyful Noise (bell choir)					



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 206 S. Hopkins Ave  
 Titusville, FL 32796

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

Church Office Hours: 8am – 4pm, Monday - Friday  
 Closed from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

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**FUMC Staff**

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|----|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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  | Dr. Bob Titus - Pastor Emeritus Home: 321-603-0235 |                    |
|    |                                                    | Cell: 321-289-1657 |
| 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                               |                    |