



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE

206 S. HOPKINS AVE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32796

MARCH 2020



I just saw a meme on Facebook that said “ An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it’s going to launch you into something great. So just focus, and keep aiming.” I wonder how much we focus on the pulling backward part and not focus on the aiming part? We might have to pull back to get the tension we need to shoot the arrow but the direction of the arrow is forward. In order to hit

your intended target, the arrow must go forward. This concept seems so simple and yet, in our world today, we have made it so complicated. The same concept can be applied to business, schools, churches, and many, if not all, other institutions in our world. We look at the direction in which life is moving and we aim in that direction. We shoot or plan to reach the world in the future, even if that future is tomorrow, not yesterday. To aim for yesterday is to already be defeated because it is in the past and it cannot be changed, only the future can be changed.

A good example of this is found in Exodus. God, through Moses, had gained the freedom of the people of Israel from Egypt and led them to the desert on the way to the promised land. It didn’t take long for the people to become unhappy with the situation and to lose sight of the future and the promised land. They complained about dying in the desert and how much better they had it being slaves in Egypt. This complaining continued as they made their way to the border of the Promised Land. When they arrived and God called them to enter the land and take it, they sent spies to see what was there. The first set of spies returned with produce from the land telling of how wonderful the place was, how beautiful it was and how prosperous they would be. The second set returned telling about the giants that lived there. The people wept, wailed, and worried about their own destruction.

They came to the point of no longer trusting Moses and Caleb and wanting to return to slavery. They talked among them selves saying, “Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” So they said to one another, “Let us choose a captain, and go back to Egypt.” (Numbers 14:3-4 NRSV)

We pastors affectionately call this the Back to Egypt group. They are constantly telling others how wonderful it was before, and how much better everyone’s life was. They want to go back to the way it was. I lived with a “Back to Egypt” person who still wants to go back to the old days. I ask how they will live not having electricity and indoor plumbing and other modern day conveniences. The answer is the same. “Not those old days.” We tend to remember the good parts of the good old days and forget the bad. That’s a positive to a point, but it skews our vision and causes us to miss the journey we have in front of us, and paralyzes us to steal our joy.

We can’t go back to Egypt; we can’t go back to anywhere. Like an arrow, we can only go forward into the future. We can only reach the world as it is with all its broken people and strange ways. We can only minister in the present so as to influence the future as we make plans for ministering in the future.

We have a choice, we can embrace change and determine ways to tell the Gospel story in new ways and find new ways to reach people or we can barricade ourselves behind our walls and wait to die. Why am I telling you this? Well in our current mess of a denomination, we have two sides: traditionalists and centrist/liberal as identification labels. Neither is bad. We need to remember the traditions of the past but we don’t need to be bound by them; we have learned much over the years. We also don’t need to accept every new idea as wonderful. We have to find ways to continue to grow, learn, and become the children of God we already are. We continue to learn more about the past, the present, and the future. We must find ways to be open to ideas and listen to others to hear and understand and then to make a decision not because we

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were taught something in the past or the present but because we are able to think and reason as God created us to do. The power to think and reason is what separates us from other animals. It is what has brought us away from a religion none of us would recognize and will lead us to one we won't likely recognize...even though all three eras share the same story and truth.

Let's look to the future and change and see it not as things to be avoided but as things to be experienced as

we take the best of the past and the future and make them our present. We have to change...mainly, because the only constant in life is change.

Blessings

Pastor Wayne



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 John & Sally Bradford	17 Jerry & Carole Copeland
1 Frank & Ann Kennedy	20 Fred & Carol Henn
13 Ed & Ingrid Patterson	27 Jeff & Beth Williams
15 Eric & Katherine Crickon	29 Daniel & Angela Mayer

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Dale Mays	13 Michael Waring	20 Randy Coleman
5 Jim Clark	13 Gene Burgess	21 Kessandra Jeanty
6 Emily Hermanson	13 Selina Bowling	23 Joshua McKelvin
6 Judith Riddle	14 John Stephens	26 Jeanne Mays
10 Debbie Huether	16 Louise Detorres	29 Keith Cooke
12 Linda Russell	16 Charlotte Rose	30 Christine Cooke
12 Florace Hensley	19 Debbie Preston	

February Prayer Focus

- March 1 – 7 — Prepare us for the Lenten season
- March 8 – 14 — Help us understand the priorities of Jesus
- March 15 – 21 — Help us understand the grace of Jesus
- March 22 – 28 — Help us understand the work of Jesus
- March 29 – April 4 — Help us understand the example of Jesus



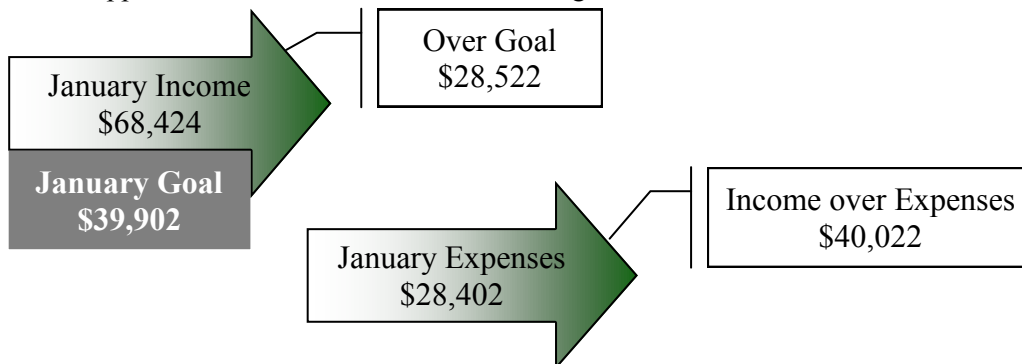
“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”
— Romans 8:26

Lay Liturgists/Readers For February 2020

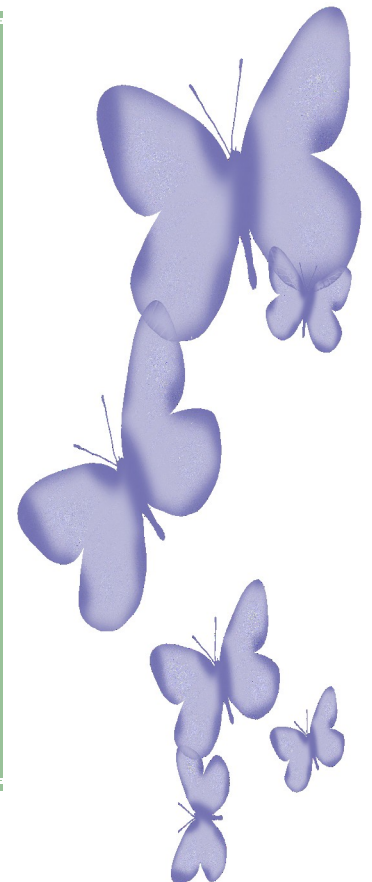
- March 1 — Diana Barnhart
- March 8 — Debbie Grimes
- March 15 — Jennifer Evans
- March 22 — Linda Russell
- March 29 — Jan Gilreath

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. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to cover all of our expenses and have a surplus of \$5,702 to help cover the expenses of 2020. We have some building improvements and repairs coming up for this year and will need your continued support to make those improvements happen as well as fund our expanding outreach programs.





What's Happening!

Ladies Day Out

March 5th – 9:00am - Sugar Mill - Brunch

March 19th – 11:30am - Pier 220

CHANGE!

We will be eating in town on the 3rd Thursday of each month and travel by bus on the 1st Thursday each month.

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



The March meeting will be on March 10th, at 10:00 am, in the Mountaintop Classroom.

The program will begin at 10 am, **Heidi Waugh from Food and More** will be the guest speaker. She will be talking about the feeding program for our local children during the summer when they are not in school.

This is a great community outreach program and your chance to become involved.

Everyone is invited!

The meeting will begin after the program is completed for all those who wish to stay.

What's Happening!

Spring Festival

Saturday, April 4th 10am

First United Methodist Church

This Spring join us for a multigenerational Spring Festival!

Free to the public!

Games//Prizes & Giveaways

Bounce House//Car Show//Craft Fair

Chick-fil-A & Hot dogs

For Car show and Craft Fair please sign up in back of the church or call Lauren at 321-269-7631 Ext. 205

To Volunteer with children's bounce houses and games sign up in the back of the church or call Lisa at 321-269-7631 Ext. 205

NORTH BREVARD UMC

LENTEN SERIES

PORTAIT OF JESUS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30PM

03/04/2020 | FUMC | CHARLEY WATTS

Portrait of Jesus

03/11/2020 | PORT ST JOHN | BILL CORRISTAN

Portrait of Jesus

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

Blessed are those who mourn

03/18/2020 | MIMS | PATRICIA PENA

Blessed are the Meek

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

03/25/2020 | ST. ANDREW | DAVID CHARLETON

Blessed are the Merciful

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

04/01/2020 | IRC | WAYNE COOK

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Blessed are You when People Persecute You

Celebrate Recovery



EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

\$3 Dinner at 6:30

Large Group Meeting at 7:00

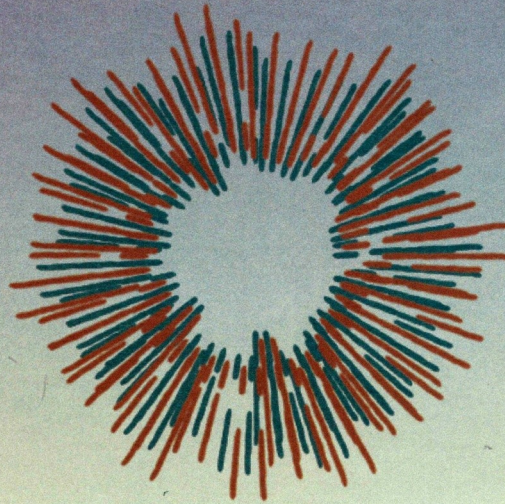
Small Confidential Groups

Evening Refreshments

**1355 Cheney Hwy
Titusville, FL 32780**

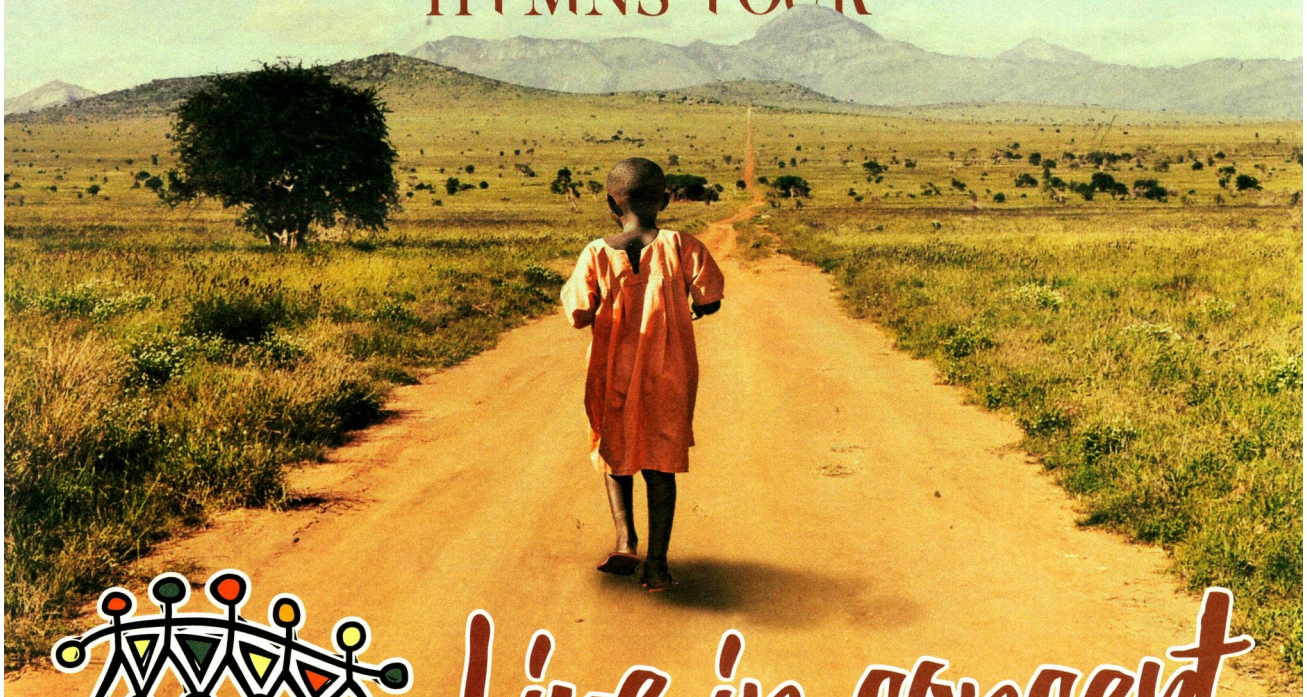
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Childcare Available by Donation



JUST AS I AM

HYMNS TOUR



AFRICANCHILDRENSCHOIR™

Live in concert

Sunday, March 22, 2020 | 7:00 PM
Titusville, Florida

First United Methodist Church
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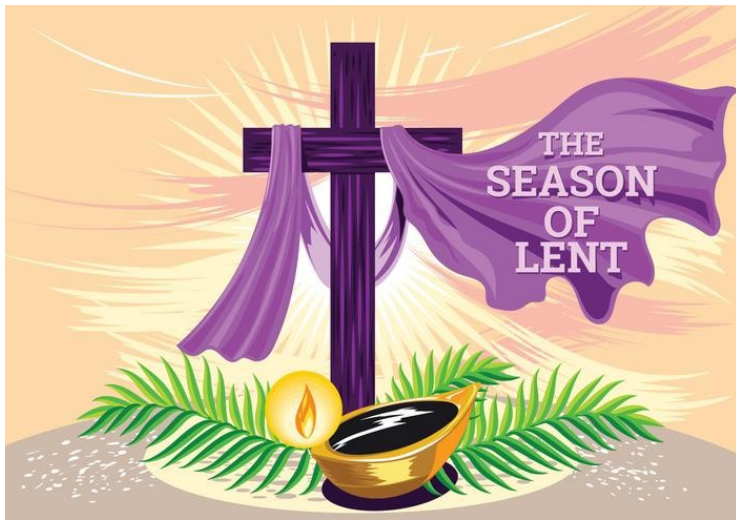
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	2	3 10:30pm Finance Team Meeting 11:00am Knit Wits 3:00pm Worship Design 4:00pm Lenten Book Study 5:30pm Handbells 6:00pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	4 9:00am Patchwork Friends 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service @ FUMC 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 9:00am Ladies Day Out 1:00pm Bible Study	6 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	7 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
8 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	9 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Worship Design	10 10:00am UMW Meeting 4:00pm Lenten Book Study 5:30pm Handbells 6:00pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 7:30pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	11 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Ladies Choir 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service @ PSJ UMC 7:00pm Chancel Choir	12 Via de Cristo 1:00pm Bible Study	13 Via de Cristo 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	14 Via de Cristo 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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