



MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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As I opened my computer browser this evening, I discovered an article in Psychology Today by Daryl R. Van Tongeren Ph.D. which began with this quote: “We need humility now more than ever. Recent trends in America suggest that by several different metrics, narcissism may be on the rise. Self-aggrandizing and entitlement have poisoned relationships and wreaked havoc in workplaces, sewn increasing division in politics, and fueled the culture war.” These words resonate with me because I need to hear them as much as everyone else.

We have sadly become a nation that is too often arrogant and entitled. It’s not just the people who we automatically think it is; it’s all of us. I hear older people talk about the entitlement of younger people and younger people using the same words about older people. The same goes for people of different ethnicities.

It’s sad because we know there is only one creator, one creation, and one race—the human race. I think that somewhere deep inside we also know we have prejudices that we need to examine but we are afraid to admit our prejudices. We fear we will be used and taken advantage of by others if we humble ourselves. We fear we will become lesser than the other. Our culture has for decades told us we must look out for “number one” indicating that every person is above every other person primarily based on something we have, whether it be a house, a car, a job, or even benefits. We are made to believe we need to protect our place in the pecking order or we will miss out on what is due us. It’s actually ironic that we look at others and make the assumption that what **we** think of as good and right is what **they** think. As someone recently said, we think our ignorance is as valid as their knowledge.

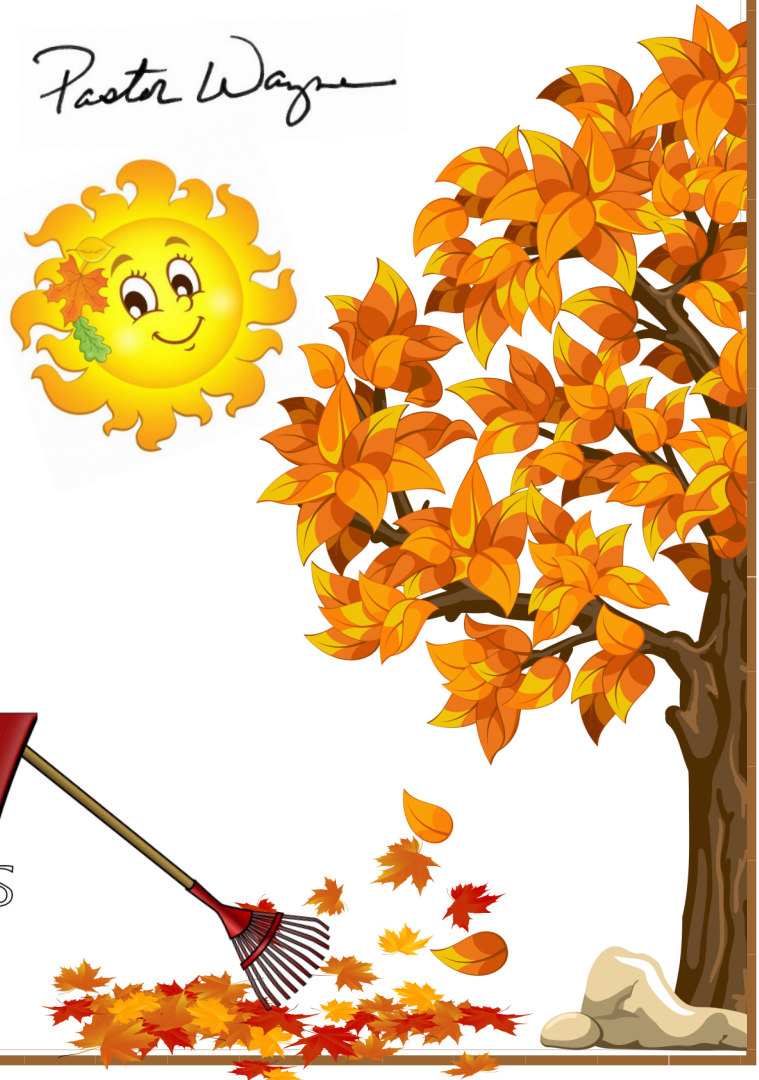
Too often we look at sin in the same way. We decide our sin is not as bad as someone else’s sin and even in our sin we are proud that we aren’t as bad as others are. Jesus calls us to a different way of life: a way of life that puts others first. In Philippians 2:3 (Common English Bible) Paul

writes, “Don’t do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves.” Jesus, who is our standard, calls us to emulate his own life and sacrifice for us and all humanity. In His life, we find the life we are called to live, a life that is given to the world for the spread of the Gospel by our words, and more importantly, by our actions. In settling a dispute between the disciples, Jesus tells them, “for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for many.” Mark 10:45 (NRSV) As Jesus came to serve and give his life he calls us to do the same.

In our effort to be the counter cultural kingdom of God, being humble is the most countercultural thing we can do.

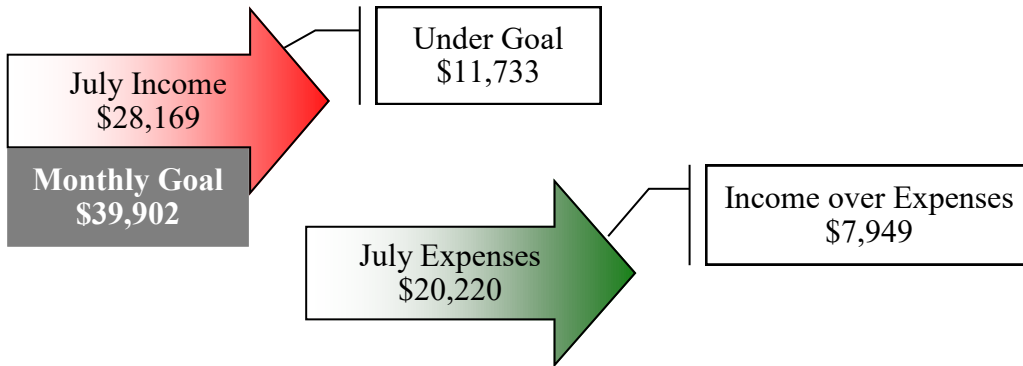
Your fellow traveler,

Pastor Wayne



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 the generosity of our congregation, have we been able to pull through this difficult time! Thank you for your loving commitment to God, to this church, and to our community!



September Birthdays

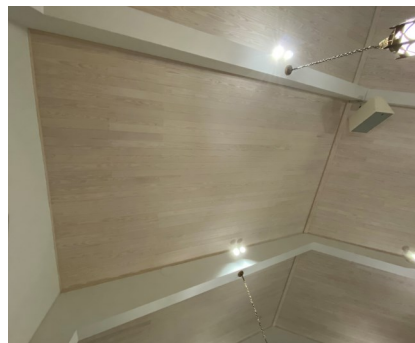
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| 2 JD Daniel | 13 Floyd Lee | 23 Olivia Crews |
| 5 Brenda Honaker | 17 Helen Beeker | 24 Lyla Hoats |
| 6 John Bradford | 17 Sandi Ahrens | 25 Vivian Johnson |
| 7 Andrew Tabin | 19 George Nolan | 26 Patsy Gadapee |
| 7 Jan Kikta | 19 Norma Phelps | 28 Dan Everling |
| 7 Pat Cutter | 20 Nancy Burgess | 28 Sharen Talbert |
| 8 Bill Baldwin | 22 Margaret Coveney | 30 Pinky Yount |
| 10 Jutta Yarber | 23 Mary MacPherson | |
| 12 Larry Gilreath | 23 Millie Ross | |

September Anniversaries

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| 1 Hal & Barbara Row | 18 Harold & Pinky Yount |
| 12 Henry & Eva Jenkins | 26 Bernie & Margaret Coveney |
| 15 Mike & Kay Mustard | |

Sanctuary Renovations

Our sanctuary renovations are still underway, but the light at the end of the tunnel is nearing. Once finished, we'll be back to live services (with limited capacity) in the sanctuary!



Memorial Gifts

We would like to acknowledge and thank the families and friends who have designated gifts to our church this year in memory of those who have gone to be with our Lord and Savior.

*Ronnie Alexander
Ruth Alman
Bill Baldwin
Fred Ball
Barb Bender
Victor & Yvette Boodhoo
Barbara Borman
Curtis & Sue Burnett
Ted & Carolyn Cantrell
Paul & Barbara Carlton
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Alice Johnson
French Johnson
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The Maurer Family
Trudy Metzger
Mountaintop Class
Nancy Oliver
Ed & Ingrid Patterson
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Jackie & Imogene Smith
Ann Snodgrass
James & Barbara Storek
Jim & Sharon Talbert
Mary Jean Thompson
Clayton Till
Duane & Nancy Torneden
Trinity Class
Bill & Natalie Walls
Douglas & Janet Watkins
Michael Watkins
Rich & Linda Wilson
Jim & Carolyn Winn*

September Prayer Focus

- August 30 – September 5 — Teach us to be a voice for the voiceless**
- September 6 – 12 — Teach us to be a beacon for the wayward**
- September 13 – 19 — Teach us to forgive and love our enemies**
- September 20 – 26 — Help us to be friends to the friendless**
- September 27 – October 3 — Help us to see your face in those around us**



Dear Friends,

I wish to convey my deep gratitude and congratulations to you on reaching your \$12.00 per member goal (donations totaled \$13,248.90) of giving to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home during 2019.

We are incredibly proud of our long history as a connectional ministry of the Florida Annual Conference, partnering with churches to serve those in great need. Pastors and churches have been the main source of referrals to the Children's Home here in Florida. We look forward to continuing to serve alongside you as we seek to meet the growing needs of children and families in crises.

We are so grateful that you have continued to support your Children's Home, as the vital ministry that we provide to children and families wouldn't have happened without you.

Gratefully yours,

Rev. Ryan Frack, MDiv, MSW
Director of Church Relations
Florida United Methodist Children's Home



Congrats, Grads!

Nikki Zubowicz (pictured left) graduated from Mount Dora High School. This Spring, she plans to attend Santa Fe college then transfer to University of Florida to major in Agriculture business. Nikki's dream is to one day be the agriculture commissioner of Florida.

In June, Julia Springfield, granddaughter of Ruth Alman, completed her residency training in pediatric dentistry at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine in Newark, NJ.

LOCAL CHURCHES SHOW RESILIENCE IN CRISIS

By Heather Hahn

June 18, 2020 | UM News

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/local-churches-show-resilience-in-crisis>

The first week East Stone Gap United Methodist Church held online-only worship, the pastor shared the good news of Christ but found sobering news when he looked at the offering receipts.

Worshippers gave a total of only \$20.

“I thought that we were ruined,” said the Rev. Brad Stapleton, the pastor of this church in rural southwest Virginia. “I was calculating how many weeks before we would go bankrupt.”

However, in the following three months, the church has seen not only online viewership exceed its usual attendance but also giving exceed its usual collections.

Stapleton joins many United Methodist pastors across the United States in being more hopeful about their church finances and the future than at the beginning of the pandemic that shuttered in-person worship around the globe.

“We have a link to give to the church, and people are doing it,” Stapleton said. “We have people who used to attend our church but moved, and they’re giving. We have people in our community who have given for the first time.”

The congregation has used the added revenue — and cost savings on utilities — to provide \$100 grocery gift cards



and other financial assistance to people in the community who have lost their income in the coronavirus-battered economy.

While the East Stone Gap congregation is in the minority of churches that actually saw giving go up during the time of online-only worship, other United Methodists report that their congregations are holding their own in the crisis and continuing vital ministries.

In a United Methodist Communications survey of 1,016 U.S. churches, about 74% reported the same or higher worship attendance after moving online, and 62% reported about the same or higher giving. The survey, intended to guide agency work, was conducted June 10-14.

The June findings showed a marked improvement [over a similar survey taken in March](#). Significantly, churches that are seeing a drop in giving report a less steep decline than before. Some 56% of churches say money is tight but they are managing, and another 36% say finances are not a concern.

“I think what churches found is that they are much more resilient and capable of adjusting than they expected,” said Charles C. Niedringhaus, United Methodist Communications senior director of marketing, research and evaluation.

The Rev. Daryl L. Williams, senior pastor of St. Paul at Oxon Hill, is among those with hopes that the changes

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The Rev. Brad Stapleton, pastor of East Stone Gap United Methodist Church in Big Stone Gap, Va., preaches next to his backyard fire pit for the church's Pentecost online service on May 31. Video image courtesy of the East Stone Gap United Methodist Church Facebook page by UM News.

made now will bolster future ministry.

His predominantly African American congregation near Washington had long wanted to start online worship but did not make the jump until the pandemic forced the issue.

“It has been challenging but great,” he said. “It is a real opportunity for the church in a lot of ways.”

In the crisis, the congregation has embraced a range of new online ministries that it plans to continue into the future. St. Paul at Oxon Hill streams

its services on multiple platforms. It also has introduced weekly online hangouts each Thursday for people to check in.

About five people have joined the church through the digital connections, Williams said.

“Whatever the new normal is, we are going to have a continued digital presence like this,” he said.

The Rev. Martin McCain attests to how online worship has boosted giving at predominantly African American Grace United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

“I’ve even had people who don’t go to our church watch the virtual and then come around the corner and drop off a check,” said McCain, the church’s pastor.

The number of churches [resuming in-person worship](#) is accelerating. East Stone Gap United Methodist, for example, held its first in-person worship service with social-distancing restrictions on June 14.

“Wearing masks, not singing, and taking communion from pre-packaged packets was different,” Stapleton said, “but did not stand in the way of having a joyful and blessed service.”

However, a number of U.S. churches remain online only in areas that have experienced surging COVID-19 cases. As of June 18, [Johns Hopkins University reported](#) that more than 117,700 people in the U.S. have died of the disease.

La Trinidad United Methodist Church in downtown San Antonio is in a ZIP Code where the virus has infected hundreds of people.

The Rev. John Feagins, co-pastor with his wife Raquel of this largely Hispanic church, said staying online is the safe thing for now. And like many churches, La Trinidad has seen increased engagement even with limited in-person contact.

The church tracks that growth not through online views but in how many receive the sacrament on communion Sunday. People pick up the already-consecrated elements at the church curbside on the Saturday before, or the pastors deliver the elements to those who aren’t able to make the trip. Worshippers then synchronously celebrate Eucharist the next day during the livestreamed service.

Since the crisis began, the church’s communicants have increased from about 150 to about 220.

“I actually believe once the pandemic ends — and it will end — a lot of these gains are going to continue because of the relational steps that have been taken,” Feagins said.

The monthly kits also include copies of the Upper Room devotional booklets, a gift such as roses for Mother’s Day and a remittance envelope for offering. Giving has held steady and expenses are down, he said, and La Trinidad has seen no need to seek additional financial assistance.

However, other congregations have. A [United Methodist Communications survey](#) in late April found that 44% of churches that completed the study had applied for financial help under the U.S. CARES Act.

Among those churches is First United Methodist Church in Flushing, New York, which received about a \$100,000 loan through [the act’s Paycheck Protection Program](#).

The predominantly Korean immigrant congregation — which in non-pandemic times averages about 2,000 in weekly attendance — is in New York City, [the epicenter of the U.S. pandemic this spring](#).

“The church doors were closed, but the church members have been very active,” said the Rev. Chongho James Kim, the congregation’s senior pastor. “They have been making masks and organized a food pantry for the daily workers in the street.”

The congregation, for the first time, also has started using online giving. “We broke the cultural barrier because of this,” he said. Because of the congregants’ faithful stewardship and the loan, the church has remained financially sound and has found new ways to reach out to its neighbors.

The church recently held a memorial service for George Floyd, a black man who whose death under the knee of a police officer [sparked protests and calls for racial](#)

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[justice worldwide.](#)

“Because of the coronavirus, every communication we produce is bilingual now,” Kim said. “We want to be intentionally connecting with the larger community. We also want to be a center where people can come together to combat racism.”

Stapleton of the largely white East Stone Gap United Methodist speaks for many pastors when he talks with relief about how his congregation has responded to God’s call in this time of uncertainty.

“I think our church has done what we can do,” he said. “But the blessings that we’ve received in this time are not due to process. I think it’s due to people who love Jesus and are faithful to the church.”

Member Search

If you have mailing addresses for any of the following members that differ from the addresses listed in our directory, please contact Glenda Waring at 321-269-7631, ext. 204 or glenda@fumctitusville.com. Thank you!

Jennifer Alex	Kurt Erlenbach	Lyla Hoats	Audree McDaniel	Stephanie Rodriguez
James Arnold	Susan Erlenbach	Natalie Hoffman	Bayleigh McDaniel	Robert A. Russell
Jesse Arnold	Stanley Etheridge	Sandi Holloway	Jason McDaniel	Logan Shaffer
Brian Baldwin	Joseph Fisher, Sr.	Gregory Hoover	Jayson McDaniel	Jimmie Shehane
Joshua Ball	Joseph Fisher, Jr.	John Hoover	Marion Meara	Caren Renee Shivel
Richard Barton	Denise Fitzgerald	Ronald Hoover	Kathy Jo Melvin	Kristina Simmons
Susan Barton	Ryan Gadapee	Beverly Howe	Alisa Mendez	Betty Snyder
Alayna Bays	Anthony Gariti	Jerry Howe	Joyce Merckson	Angela Springer Hood
Anthony Boyles	Deidre Gariti	Kenneth Howe	Caleb Metott	Marcus Stallard
Glen Boyles	Ronald Geiser	Margaret Humphrey	Denis Metott	Scott Stallard
Daniel Brown	Scott Geiser	John Hunt	Gabrielle Metott	Mary Stamps
Joseph Butrim	John Godke	Larkin Isaksen	Kathleen Metott	James Stephens
Karen Butrim	Claude Godwin	Henry Jenkins, Jr.	Olivia Metott	Wesley Stephens
Caleigh Cherry	Bonnie Goodwin	Ian Johnson	Vivian Metott	Jason Stockwell
Shawna Cherry	Ed Gordon	William Paul Jones	Brian Mewborn	Sarah Stockwell
Steven Cherry	Landon Grantham	Joyce Kendrick	Ellen Mills	Andrea Styles
Nadine Clary	Meagan Graves	Kenneth Kennedy	Julie Mills	Ian Styles
Adelyn Cooke	Michael Graves	Michael Kennedy	Tara-Deen Moore	Scot Styles
Grey Cooke	Michele Graves	Lucy Keshavarz	Jeremy Morrison	Brandon Taylor
Kristopher Cooke	Betty Greene	Kenneth LaFlamme	Jennifer Mosier	Sarah Taylor
Ryan A. Cooke	Lu Ann Greene	Alfred Lasure	Susan Mosier	Hannah Tillet
Ryan S. Cooke	Pamela Grimard	Lorilee Lasure	Matthew Mustard	Rebecca Tillet
Carolyn Coyle	Thomas Grimes	Ruth Laurene	David Nance	Susan Tillet
Gordon Craig	Alexander Haas	Carl Lennard	Michael Nance	Walter Tillet
Misty Craig	Elizabeth Hagy	Cheryl Lennard	Glenda Nealeigh	Crystal Townsend
Eric Crickon	Jeanette Hamed	Karin Lewis	Nancy Nichols	Mason Townsend
Katherine Crickon	Thomas Hammond III	Mark Lewis	Hyun Noh	Paige Townsend
Susan Crickon	Robert Harding	Katie Luttrell	Matthew Page	Sally Townsend
Heidi Crofton	Charlene Harper	Nicole Makufka	Bobby Pangborn	Steven Townsend
Mark Crofton	Dennis Harrison	Aaron Maust	Brandi Pangborn	Tim Wade
Lori Dalquest	Earnestine Harrison	Ronald Maust	Emma Parris	Ethan Waldron
Ammie Daniel	Courtney Hart	Travis Maust	Justin Parris	Amanda Wicker
Leebert Daniel	Dianna Hart	Angela Mayer	Jessica Penney	Jeff Williams, Sr.
Kade Davis	Megan Hart	Daniel Mayer	David Phelps	Jeff B. Williams
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Janice Dike	Sylvia Harvey	Aaron Mays	Paulette Powell	Meagan Williams
Kevin Dike	Corey Hasibar	Ashley Mays	Laura Anne Pray	Michael Williams
Scott Dike	Todd Hasibar	Elaine McCarthy	Sabrina Quigg	Michele Williams
Victoria Dike	Shawn Hasibar	Christina McCurdy	Helen Rabern	Jason Wilson
Sharon Eberhart	Jessica Hawthorne	Gary McCurdy	Joshua Ray	Patrick Wilson
Bonnie Elmore	Veronica Hawthorne		Lon Roberts	Withington, Lee
Janet Elrod	Heather Heineman		Jacqueline Rodriguez	Kalyn Yeager
Adrian Erlenbach	Judy Hill		Linda Rodriguez	Warren Young

September 2020

First United Methodist Church





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00am Handbell Rehearsal 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	3	4 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	5 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
6 9:00am Worship Service 9:00am Worship Online 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	7 Labor Day — OFFICE CLOSED — 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 	8	9 10:00am Handbell Rehearsal 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	10 7:00pm Advanced Bell Choir	11 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	12 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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