



The Chronicle
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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From Pastor Renee,

On January 31, I announced from the pulpit that this will be my last year of active ministry. It may be no surprise to you that my health is creating more and more obstacles to effective ministry. Some days I am able to function at a normal level, and others make even the simplest of things difficult. As I do not know when my difficult days will happen, I am unable to schedule someone else to do my work. If you have felt that you did not receive ministry from me because of my health issues, I beg your forgiveness.

God made it very plain to me last May that this would be my last year at this church. God also told me it would be my last year in active pulpit ministry. I am seeking disability, called incapacity leave, to begin shortly before the end of this conference year. A new pastor will be appointed here beginning July 1. I earnestly ask you to pray that the Florida Annual Conference Cabinet, the appointment making body, will send the just the right person to lead this church in the next stage of its story. It is very important that you pray faithfully and often for the appointment process. We will be able to know who the next pastor will be in late April, or early May.

I ask that you also keep in your prayers my application for disability, as it will affect our retirement considerably.

Sometimes when the pastor announces that they are leaving, people began to pull away emotionally. Others may give up on the church entirely choosing to make the break right away, as if it were a certainty they would not like the next pastor. Some others will leave before the next pastor comes at the beginning of the appointment year without giving the new pastor a chance. You gave me a chance, so I appeal to you to eagerly accept your new pastor.

My precious friends, going to a church should not be about the pastor. If it is not about faithfulness to Jesus Christ and the family of God, then the loyalty and faithfulness is misdirected. Like me or dislike me, the ministry of His church is not about me.

When I arrived here 10 1/2 years ago, I heard from several of your former pastors, that serving this church was the best time in their ministry. It has been mine as well. John and I will grieve when our time here is done. We will always love and support this congregation in our prayers.

In the richest blessings,

Renee

Pastor Renee

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Our Purpose

We Exist:
To Know And Share
Jesus Christ
To Relieve
Suffering
To See God Work in
LIFE Group
Ministry
& To Pray About
Everything.

Church Webpage

www.pslfumc.com

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Youth Corner

Sarah's Kids Closet.

We wish to thank everyone for donations of hangers and kids clothes for Sarah's Kids Closet. We went from tables to hanging, and that made everything easier. We were able to give clothes to 21 children and families; we also were able to give 2 bikes away that were donated. One little girl had her bike stolen a month ago so when we gave her the bike she yelled, "Yes!", so many times in life we don't get to see the positive, so we feel very fortunate. We are looking forward to painting and decorating our room to make it more kid friendly. We saw many smiles from children as they picked out cloths from the variety that we had.



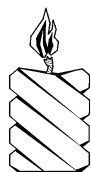
A Big THANK YOU to our church family that support us SO much. Thank you to Dick Ashley and Joe Antonelli, for building our cloths racks. We went from tables to hanging, making everything easier!

Important February Youth Dates:

- Feb 7th Super bowl party at Pam's house
- Feb. 18th Feeding Ministry 4:45 meet at church
- Feb. 21st Pancake Breakfast between services
- Feb 22nd No High School Youth
- Feb 27th Erma Jeans Yard Day (cutting bushes, little weeding, maybe planting some flowers.)
- Feb 28th First Mission Trip Payment



Thank you to Joshua, Colton, Chelsea and Cody for helping weed Ms. Erma Jean's Yard.



**HAPPY
HAPPY
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

February Birthdays

- 9th - Brian Pavlick
- 23rd - Brian Dessi
- 26th - Joshua Szymczyk
- 28th - Natanael Velasquez



The Mission Team would like to give the congregation heartfelt thanks for all your support in 2009. The Mission Team's budget is not very big. However, through your dedication to helping others in need, we were able to go beyond our budget and accomplish the following:

Haiti / Christian Alliance School & Church / Pastor Bazile:

Raised over \$15,000 to put a new roof on the school and church in order to keep these children in school, which is also the place where many of them get their only meal each day. We have since adopted this as our sister church. Funding efforts included the Avenue D Boys Concert, Raise the Roof Concert, photography fundraiser by April Holmes and countless donations, including donations to the Blessings Jar on Sunday mornings. We were also able to send a team of 6 (2 of which were sponsored by various church members) to Haiti on a mission trip. We have also been able to send financial assistance to Pastor Bazile in order to help support his mission efforts in both the Bahamas and Haiti.

HOLD the Children: 14 children have been adopted so far. This program will provide them with basic resources as well as Christian Development.

Sarah's Kitchen: Partnering with four local churches and a synagogue to provide a free meal every Monday in the Beacon Life Center. Attendance has consistently increased since inception and is currently serving well over 200 individuals.

Habitat for Humanity: Raised over \$3,307 for Habitat for Humanity through a very successful Walk a Thon and general pledges. \$3,000 of this went towards the Apostle Rehab, which provided the Couluris family with a newly refurbished home. Volunteers also provided labor hours and lunches for the build.

Food Pantry / Thanksgiving & Publix Food Drives: Provided those in the local community, who are experiencing hard times, with countless pounds of canned and non-perishable food items. This ministry has had more demand than ever, feeding up to 50 families a week.

Feeding Ministry: Cooked and served full meals in Ft. Pierce every other Thursday, while ministering to the homeless and hungry.

Avenue D Boys Concert: Not only did this amazing concert raise money for the school roof in Haiti, but we were able to give half of the offering (almost \$1500) to this worthy ministry, which keeps these boys off the streets and teaches them Christian principles and discipline.

Adopt a Family: Provided presents and gift certificates for 21 local families that experiencing economic difficulties.

Sister Church in Cuba: Supported, as we were able, our sister church in Cabezo, including sending clothes and supplies down with the last caravan. The church continues to battle the legal restrictions in getting money and supplies into Cuba.

Crop Hunger Walk: Raised \$2,618 to fight hunger both locally and throughout the world.

Operation Christmas Child: 245 shoeboxes were filled for children around the world living in impoverish conditions. Samaritan's Purse also shares the story of Jesus Christ with each of these children.

Witness NEWS

December proved to be a busy month for your Witness Team. Angel ornaments were made by several team members, to give with the purchase of every Christmas tree sold by the youth and our team. It was another successful year with the tree's and the totals are in. We sold 400 trees and 9 wreaths. This gives each group a profit of over \$3000 which will be a big help to continue our outreach to the community this year. We have to thank all that volunteered their precious time, at such a busy time of the year. We cannot do these projects without you. Thank you so much.

Eight members of the team, along with Sassafrass (Laura Keaton's dog) and Jody Dugan's daughter and three friends visited resident at the Lymoore Assisted Living Facility. They sang Christmas carols, passed out goodies, Angel ornaments, and Nativity Story pamphlets. The staff and residents were thrilled to have the team and everyone is looking to making this an annual event.

The team is continuing to serve Hospitality on the second Sunday of every month to thank all of you for all the donation of supplies and your time during the year. When we send the message out for help, you never let us down.

May God give us more thoughts and visions towards His directions for us all, this year.

God bless and Happy New Year!
Your Witness Team

SIGN UP
To join the
CROP Hunger Walk



**Come joins us on the
CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, February 28**

What?

The CROP Hunger Walk is a Spiritual Walk where we walk together to take a stand against hunger in our world, by raising awareness and raising funds. Walkers can choose to walk from 0 to 5 miles and will get sponsors who will make a donation. 25% of the funds raised will go to the Mustard Seed in order to help our local community. The source of the remaining funds can be specified by the sponsor (such as UMCOR, Catholic Charities), with any undesignated funds going to Church World Service.

Where?

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 210 S. Indian River Drive in Ft. Pierce.

When?

Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 pm

How?

Sponsorship forms will be available in the church office. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information. **T-Shirts for walkers will be available to order for \$5.00. To order please contact Genevieve Mills at 343-9281.**



Haiti Relief Efforts

Over the last year, our church's has come to know and love the people of Haiti. We have members who grew up there, members who have adopted children through the HOLD the Children program, and countless people who have contributed to the roof for The Christian Alliance School and Church, who we have since adopted as our sister church. This makes hearing about and seeing the footage of the earthquake that much more difficult. Relief efforts just do not seem to go fast enough and the headcount of those lost continues to climb at staggering rates. Through all this we feel helpless. The mission team is continually exploring what options are available. The destruction of the port and backlog at the airport have limited these options. Please know that the mission team is actively researching the most efficient ways we can help. The following options are available right now. As the rescue efforts progress and turn into plans of recovery, more opportunities will arise.

PRAY – Please pray for these people who are suffering and in great need; for those who are hurt, hungry, and mourning; for the families of the lost loved ones. Pray for all the volunteers there to help. Pray that some good come from the worldwide attention this is getting, to relieve the poverty and corruption, and put these people in a better position to provide for their daily needs than before the earthquake.

GIVE – Earmark any cash donation for Haiti and the church will be sure all collections go to support this disaster, whether it be through UMCOR (the United Methodist Church's disaster relief organization), to purchase supplies, or for Pastor Bazile (who needs funds to allow him to fly to Haiti to bury three of his family members lost in the earthquake and to provide for those in Haiti once he gets there).

STAY INVOLVED – If you are interested in providing donated items or volunteering your time in assembling health kits or with future aid plans, please email Kim Mullins (kimmullins8@comcast.net) with your name and email address. I have compiled a "Friends of Haiti" email list to keep people up to date on the latest opportunities to help. Later in the year, UMVIM (United Methodists Volunteers in Ministry) will be sending rebuilding teams to Haiti.



In Times of Great Distress Due To Natural Disaster or Humanly Devised Evil

God, our help and our hope in every time of life: we bow before you in distress and confusion.
Devastation and death seem to rule your world today.
We know not where to turn, nor even how to pray.

Assure us that you know our thoughts before we think them, that you accept petitions that have no words, prayers that are inarticulate anguish, even anger in the face of events we do not understand.

Remind us of your presence with Jesus
in his hours of agony,
in the face of abandonment by many whom he trusted,
in the pain of crucifixion,
and even in death itself.

Enable us to know that you do not desert us but in times of need stand even closer than before.

Comfort those who mourn.

Give hope to those who seem to have lost all hope.

With your healing power, touch any who are injured;
to all medical and rescue workers give patient endurance, wisdom, and skill.

As you give us opportunity to serve those in need,
grant also generous spirits and the wise and efficient use of our abilities
in offering aid. If today our words of praise are mute,
if today we find it easier to curse than to bless, point us to the empty tomb,
which lies beyond the cross.

Remind us that it may be Friday now, but in your Providence Sunday's coming,
and your love will see us through
every darkness,
every doubt,
every desolation.

For you, O God, are our hope and our strength, an ever present help in times of trouble;
to you we pray through Jesus Christ who triumphs over all things. Amen.

Our Connectional System

On Sunday night following the earthquake in Haiti, I got a wonderful glimpse of the power of the connectional system of the United Methodist Church. As you surely know by now, Dr. Sam Dixon and Rev. Clint Rabb both died in the rubble near Hotel Montana in Port-au-Prince. Sam Dixon was the secretary general of the Gen. Board of global ministries UMCOR ministry. Rev. Rabb had given much of his ministry life to service to the poor. They had been in Haiti to work on a conference with other relief organizations to improve medical care for the poor in Haiti. They had been at the Hotel Montana less than five minutes. They were buried in the rubble together for over 50 hours.

Rev. Rabb was extracted from the rubble alive, but a double amputation was required to take him out. He was flown to a hospital ship, then to South Florida to hospital, where he subsequently died. Dr. Dixon remained in the rubble, and a mistaken rumor made his family believe he was alive. On Saturday following the earthquake, his body was found.

Getting a body out of Port-au-Prince and back to the United States seemed an overwhelming task. In stepped Rev. Anna Gail Workman, who serves on the conference staff of Virginia annual conference, and who is a very close friend of Sam Dixon's for many years. Her daughter is part of the NASCAR media group, and had only recently met a contact (God's prevenient grace) in Hendricks' Motorsports, who was aware of Missionary Flights International in Fort Pierce. Calls were made, and MFI made arrangements to get Dr. Dixon's body and two long-term missionaries to Haiti back to America.

Our church was very honored to we pick up the missionaries at the airport, get them a motel in West Palm Beach, and got them on any early-morning flight the next day. They left behind the luggage which had belonged to the two deceased man, equipment from Gen. Board of Global Ministries, and the luggage of a surviving member of their team Jim Cully.

This is no achievement on the part of this congregation, but it is a celebration of what connectional ministry means. Because we are all part of the same connection, United Methodists from all over the world are part of problem solving situations everyday, and have resources with which to get things done because we are more than just a national organization, we are a global one.

I know you are keeping Dr. Dixon and the Clint Rabb family in your prayers. I also know that you have been extremely generous with our Haiti relief operations.

One great new awareness for me is the enormity of the Missionary Flights International program. Instead of taking our Haiti supplies to Alabama to be shipped to Haiti, MFI allows us to deliver health bags and many badly needed supplies directly to Fort Pierce for shipment to Haiti. We have been told that is what Dr. Dixon would want: that relief supplies reach the disaster area as soon as possible.

MFI can only continue to fly, but needs funds and volunteers to work at the distribution site in Ft. Pierce. Please keep them in your prayers. Their website is www.missionaryflights.org.

Huntley Brown in Concert **Sunday, February 21** **4:00 PM**



Free Admission
A "love offering" will be taken to support the ministry.

Huntley Brown grew up in a Christian home on the island of Jamaica. His parents, Myrtle and Alpheus Brown, taught him what it means to be a Christian, and at an early age he accepted Christ. Without knowing how to read music, he learned to play the piano by imitating his brothers. His Father who played the accordion and a little piano gave Huntley some basic instructions, and he also received instructions from Mr. Paul Tucker, a family friend. Mostly, though, he learned by listening to different recordings.

Dr. MJ Montague, current church pianist at First UM Church of PSL, was teaching music at Iona High School in Jamaica when Huntley was a young boy attending there. He attributes her with having a part in inspiring him to become a musician.

Huntley's music ministry has taken him all over the world. He also was the regular crusade pianist for the retired Dr. Ralph Bell, an associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Association and is now the pianist for Ruth Graham and Friends Ministries.

We are very excited to have Mr. Brown in concert at our church and encourage you to join us for this very special concert. His music is exciting and inspiring! Copy and paste the following for a one minute promo:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73tmcIYN17o>

UMW EVENTS

RUMMAGE



UMW Rummage Sale - Saturday, February 6, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm., in Room 100 of the Beacon Life Center. Please bring in donations for the sale beginning Thursday,

February 4, 2010 to Room 103 in the Beacon Life Center. We will accept most items except large pieces of furniture, computer equipment and children's clothing (all children's clothing should be taken to the youth for the Sarah's closet). Set-up for the sale will be at 9:00 am on Friday, February 5, in the BLC. All members of the UMW are needed to come out and help work this event.

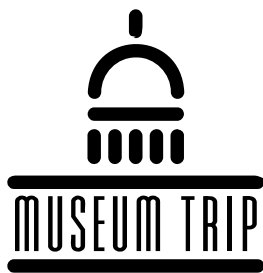
The United Methodist Women are planning a trip to the St. Lucie County History Museum in Fort Pierce on February 24.

The director of the museum will tell us about the Seminole display and history. This is in conjunction with our mission study about Native

Americans. Everyone is invited to come.

The entry fee for the museum is \$2.50. We will meet at the church parking lot and leave by 9:15 AM on Feb.

24. We are planning to eat lunch at Mangrove Matties. This is optional. Please call Marge Owens (344-1857) by Feb. 20 if you plan to join us or for more details.



Come Join Us for Connections Café

Wednesdays, 5:45 PM , Beacon Life Center

Menu for February

February 3 - Chicken Cacciatore

February 10 - Beef Roulades

February 17 - Stuffed Shells

February 24 - Chicken Cordon Bleu

All dinners include Salad and/or Soup, Bread, assorted desserts and drinks, all for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.

SARAH'S KITCHEN



Sponsored and staffed by: Episcopal Church of the Nativity, First United Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church, New Jerusalem Worship Church, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Sunlight Community Church, Temple Beth El Israel, and Vineyard Community Church.

Name: Sarah's Kitchen: Named after Abraham's wife Sarah: Genesis 17: 15-16.

Purpose: In response to God's Love and in the scriptural spirit of hospitality, the purpose of Sarah's Kitchen is to welcome and feed those in our community who are hungry.

Where: First United Methodist Church: Beacon Life Center
260 SW Prima Vista Blvd
Port St. Lucie

When: Every Monday Evening
Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM

How may Congregations help?

Volunteers: Individuals from each Congregation may volunteer to staff Monday teams. (Volunteer Forms are available in the church office)

Donations: If each family unit in each congregation gave \$10 Sarah's Kitchen would be funded for six months.

If each family unit in each congregation gave \$20 Sarah's Kitchen would be funded for a full year.

Each meal costs approximately \$250. Individuals, Families, or Businesses may donate \$250 and sponsor a Monday Meal.

Checks for donations should be made to: Sarah's Kitchen / (Name of your congregation). The checks should be given to your congregation Director or Treasurer. If you are not a member of the sponsoring congregations and wish to donate:

Please make your check out to Sarah's Kitchen / FUMC and send it to: First United Methodist Church, 260 SW Prima Vista Blvd, Port St Lucie, Florida 34983.

For more information contact Bob Carey at 834-2818.



THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

♥ It's easy to say "thank you" but harder to let you know just how much your thoughtfulness was appreciated. Hope you realize that this gratitude comes from the heart. Thank you sincerely, the family of Jason Whitehouse

♥ Thank you so much my wonderful church family for the presents under the tree and God's presence in your hearts - In His Precious Name, a grateful family.

♥ To Our First United Methodist Church Family of PSL, Diane and I want to thank you, the whole congregation for your uplifting prayers and support for us during Diane's surgery on Wednesday. All went well and was successful without complications. Pastor Renee joined me in support and prayer. We are truly blessed to have a dedicated pastor to her flock; I know the LORD is pleased with her service. Diane and I are grateful to you, the Church Family, and we are blessed to be part of it. Thanks to the prayer groups and individual prayers by you. May the LORD bless you all. Bill and Diane Gagliardi

**C.R.O.S. MINISTRIES
SUMMER MISSION INTERNSHIP**

GREAT internship opportunity for students and young adults ages 19-28 interested in ministry with children and youth at community day camps and resident summer camps in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Time of internship is approximately June 1 – August 13, 2010. Compensation room and board are provided (for those assigned away from home). Pre-application deadline is April 9, 2010. Please contact Claribel at cbaron@crosmministries.org, 561-233-9009 ext. 102.

Far away and long ago, the Magi brought gifts, valuable gifts; gold, frankincense, myrrh - to baby Jesus. Let us give valuable gifts from the heart and our resources. In this new year, let us set some time apart to be alone in thanksgiving & prayer to God. However, if you would further seek the support of a group, you are invited to be with the Women's Prayer Group, which meets every Thursday morning at 8:30 am in the conference room of the Beacon Life Center. Won't you join us?



Our Thanks Goes Out To:

- ♥ Jean Henwood, Fred & Anna Maddox for assembling the weekly bulletins.
- ♥ Montie Ramsarran, Marilyn Benda & Carol Dust for staffing the food pantry on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- ♥ Our many church family volunteers who keep the landscape weed free & beautiful.
- ♥ Bev Bostwick for tending the Memorial Garden.
- ♥ Shirley Reeder, Anna & Fred Maddox for preparing the pews each week.
- ♥ John Stetser for helping with custodial tasks.
- ♥ Counters for your weekly assistance.
- ♥ All of our committee members, choirs & ushers who work hard all year long.
- ♥ Bill Bogley, Marlis Spear, Jan Poulin, Mary Lou Stetser and Shirley Miller who help in the office on a weekly basis.
- ♥ Carla Cappellia & Bev Bostwick for managing the feeding ministry and food pantry.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will observe its HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION on February 9 at Hope Lutheran Church, 1750 SE Leonard Road, Port Saint Lucie. The program will be "Living The Challenge". Registration starts at 9:30 with the program at 10:00. All women are invited to attend. Call Jean Henwood 466-2057 for information.



"Methodist Milers"
Get fit spiritually & physically
Come join Rad Orlandi
Every Tuesday & Saturday morning
7:00 am - 8:30 am

We will meet for devotional, walk/exercise (start at BLC, walk to Sportsman's Park track, return, stretch, chat:diet, nutrition, exercise, wellness, etc.)

Services on the webpage!



Did you know that the audio of our services can be heard online at our website www.pslfumc.com? Click on "sermon audio" and listen along!



Our Friends Residing at Care Centers

PSL Restorative Care Center

Katie Minch

Forest Park

Louise Huff

Brighton Gardens

Bradley Jones

Doris Stull

Life Care Center

Bernice McMullen

Harbor Place

Lillie Berry

Gertrude Giametta

Jessie Turner

Paradise Cove

Jeanne Smith



Please contact the church office with the address of any service personnel currently on active duty. We have many requests from members of the congregation who would like to write to them.

Please pray for our Service Personnel – Lt. Patrick Amersbach, Sgt. Dustin Armstrong, Larry Bach, William L. Baker, Sean K. Birmingham Sr., Cody Blume, Sgt. Joshua Bryant, Michael Thomas Byrnes Jr., Michael Calore Jr., Holly Chambers, Evan Craig, Chip Davis, Matthew A. Davis, Timothy Davis, David DeAtley, Lt. Daniel Doverspike, Alysyn Ellis, Frank Genua, Brian Ginter, Capt. Chris Graham Erik Gudmundson, Josh Guertin, Barbara Hager, Albert Hickey, Mark Hopkins, Kevin A. Jespersen, SFC Brian “Tigger” Johnson, Commander Marie Kelly, Erick King, Michael Kuehn, SPC Jeff Maddox, SPC John Jeffrey Latta, Ens. Joe Lopiccolo, John Lowry, Pvt. Jason Lyon, David C. Maitland, Heather Maitland, Jason McErlain, Col. Kevin McNeely, Col. Kurt McNeely, Peter Mills, Daniel Mullen, David Orlandi, SSgt. Marla Poirier, Greg Poole, Jocelyn Priola, Matthew Rabins, Dylan Randazzo, Major Christopher Rizzo, John Rosenhagen, Chuck Sachs, Mark Scales, Shawn Schroeder, Sgt. Mark Sorester, Dan St. Peters, SFC Ken Steele, Oral Sutherland, Ens. Davidson Taveras, Anthony Thompson, Jorge L. Vazquez, Narciso Villasuso, Mike Vitale, Ens. Tim Waters, Sgt. Robin R. Watkins, Reid Wilbraham, Aaron Wright, Philip M. Young.

Please call the church office if someone you know should be added to the Service Personnel list or no longer on active duty.

Please Note: If you are aware of an illness, hospitalization, or death in the family of one of our members, please notify the church office. This will help us better serve you. (We would rather receive several phone calls than none at all. So please do not assume that we already know.)



Record Of Our Faithful Attendance

Attendance	<u>12/27</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/17</u>
8:15am	118	125	112	154
11:00am	112	135	122	139
OASIS	148	165	172	174
S School	111	91	102	118

Informational Tidbits:

Food Pantry –The last Sunday of every month is “Food Pantry Sunday.” Please bring your donations of non-perishable food and supplies. Our pantry serves many less fortunate families from our congregation and our community.

Need A Ride to Church? - We have a bus ministry to pick up people on Sunday morning for the 11:00 a.m. worship service and return them home afterwards. Please call the church office for more information.

Albertson’s Community Partner Program - Every time you shop at the store, just hand them your card before the order is tendered. The church will receive a contribution from the store each quarter. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the church office to pick up a card or call us and we’ll mail one to you!

Sherwin Williams Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program Our church is currently enrolled in this program offering special savings to you and CASH BACK to the church. Every time you shop at the Sherwin-Williams store and use the Neighbor-to-Neighbor card you will save 20% on all regular priced merchandise and 5% on all sale priced merchandise! In addition, a CASH BACK BONUS will be mailed to the church with no strings attached. You can pick up your card from the church office.

WHY Ministry – We Help You! – Offers food to those going through times of unusual stress or life crisis. Remember, if you have been blessed by God, you should be a blessing to others! And the testimony of those already participating is that “we get back so much more than we give.”

Paper Drive – After reading your daily newspaper, please remember that we have a large recycling bin for them. You can now bring old magazines, phone books and old mail too! Please help the YOUTH and ecology!

**Check Out our website: pslfumc.com
Newsletter Deadline: February 15**

The Online Directory can be accessed from the church website at www.pslfumc.com You will need the id & password assigned to you in order to login to the directory. Your id & password can be obtained by calling the church office or by email to secretary@pslfumc.com



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter “The Chronicle” in your email box or receive our daily e-prayers and daily devotions, just send an email to: Secretary@pslfumc.com and we’ll add you to the list!

Devotions

Why is Jesus called the Word?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

Words can be important! They tell others what you think, feel, or know to be true. Imagine a world without words!

The Bible says that Jesus "was the Word." This means that Jesus was God's message to you. Everything Jesus spoke told us how God thinks and feels. Everything Jesus did showed us what God would do.

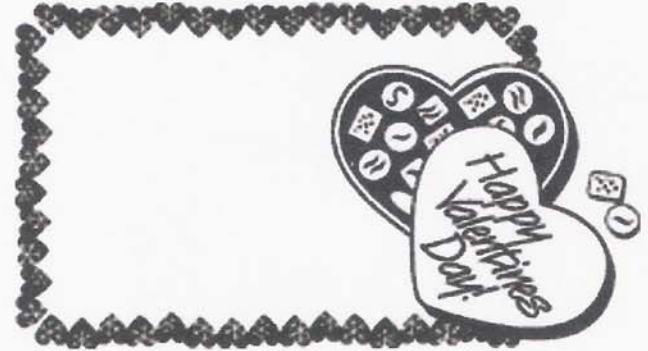
Jesus was "the Word" as He taught how God wants you to think and behave. Not only did He say it, He showed you perfectly how to do it!

Jesus also taught about God's plan for you to have eternal life by believing on Him as your Savior. He is called "the Word of life." "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes . . .

and our hands have touched . . . the Word of life" (1 John 1:1).

When people listened and looked at Jesus, they were listening to and looking at God!

Since Jesus is God's message to you, it is very important that you know Him! What Jesus said and did is found in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in the Bible. Other books may help you, too, like this devotional book
Wonderzone Devotions



Heart Placemats

Materials

11 x 17 White construction paper

Red tempera paint

Plastic bowls

Baking potatoes

A knife

Glue

Scissors

A photo

Have your mom help you slice a potato in half and cut a heart shape into it for stamping. Dip the potato in red paint and stamp heart shapes on the construction paper. Cut your photos into heart shapes and glue them to the placemats. Laminate the placemats for durability or cover them with clear contact paper.

Read John 13:34. God wants us to love each other, just as he loves us. This placemat gift is a way of telling someone that you love them.

Extreme Kids Zone

Wednesdays

6:45 - 8:15

In The Ark





Random Acts of Kindness

Random Acts of
Kindness Week is
February 12 - 18th.

I am challenging you each to launch the week of kindness by doing something really special for your parents, without being told. Make them breakfast, or clean your room or help bring in the groceries without being asked.

Take your kindness to school and open the door for your friends or teachers, bring your teacher an apple or a special treat that you know he or she likes.

Bonus ---- Write down your Random Acts of Kindness and bring your list to Miss Dawn for some extra KIDMO Dollars!!

Save the Date!!

Sunday March 7th at 12:00

First United Methodist Church 50th
Anniversary Party

Come join the fun and listen to our
kids sing!!



PARENTS

Healthy Goodbyes

As a parent, it's never easy to leave your clinging or sobbing child to attend worship service. Try some of these tips to ease the transitions:

Stay calm. Don't get frustrated when our child clings to you. Your frustration only heightens our child's feelings of sadness and insecurity.

Be positive. If you put on a sad face, the situation will only escalate. Keep a positive attitude and say things such as "You'll be fine. You're going to have so much fun here!" so your child will be confident you're leaving him or her in a safe place.

Don't linger. The longer you stay, the harder it is to leave. By lingering, you're preventing your child from getting involved in activities that'll distract him or her and alleviate anxiety.

Say goodbye. Sneaking out while your child's back is turned betrays your child's trust in you and the situation. Plus, it confirms your child's worst fear - that you're going to suddenly disappear. Give your child a hug, a time you'll return, and then say goodbye.

We have wonderful competent staff and volunteers. They would never let your child sob uncontrollably or cry for a long period of time. If you are still unsure, stop by the nursery and ask for a beeper. Make sure you inform the teacher that you have picked up a beeper and if your child is still upset after a period of time, you can be notified to return.

Play Smart

A study of three different preschool models - play based, academic, and middle of the road (not following any specific philosophy)- found that children in a play based preschool had stronger academic performance in all subject areas and were more enthusiastic and creative.

