



The Beacon

A light of information & inspiration

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Putting the Lord First

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. Matthew 19:29



This past March 30th, our church held a joint Worship Service dedicated to celebrating the 31-year ministry of Mrs. Gladys Dolan as our church administrator. The occasion for this was Gladys' upcoming retirement. Her last day in our church will be April 17th.



Gladys' career in our church is remarkable, not only on account of length but because of its fruitfulness. Gladys has facilitated the financial stability of our congregation by implementing

sound stewardship policies, saving every penny possible, and contributing many fundraising ideas. In addition, her impact goes beyond money, as she leaves her imprint on other areas such as staff management and relations, outreach strategies, and even pastoral guidance. Audrey Delaune, our SPRC Chairperson, stated as she presented Gladys with a gift from our church last Sunday: "Throughout her time with us, as Administrator, Gladys has warmly welcomed and trained numerous pastors and assistant pastors, and others helping them navigate their roles within our ministry." I fully agree with this assertion. Gladys has equipped us pastors to better serve our church.



In Matthew 19:29, Jesus tells his disciples that anyone who leaves family or possessions for Jesus' sake "will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life." I don't think Gladys left anyone to serve in our church. But she sure sacrificed time, sleep, and leisure activities to go beyond the call of duty, even while sick or in the hospital, serving God in our church! Everything she did was guided by the love of Christ.

Gladys, as you move into a new chapter, we thank God for you and pray that you will enjoy the many rewards God has in store for you.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Armando

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Our Vision & Mission

"Shining the Light of God's Love"

Through:

**Inspiring Worship
Personal Growth
Intentional Outreach**

 Church Webpage
www.pslfumc.com

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:30a -4:30p

Sunday Morning Worship
8:00a Traditional Worship
9:30a Contemporary Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:30a Spanish Worship
Worship with us online at

Facebook Live
9:30a & 11:00a



First United Methodist Church Port St. Lucie

*Shining God's
Light Since 1960*

Celebrating 65 Years: Help Us Improve Our Church Home!

As we mark our 65th anniversary, we're working to enhance our beloved church property and create a welcoming space for all.

Our **Wish List** includes:

- Mortgage assistance
- Improved property maps & signage
- Renovation of Sanctuary doors & windows
- Enhanced security buzzer
- Parking lot restriping
- New dry erase boards
- New mailbox & stand
- Steam cleaning chairs
- Upgraded lighting

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 19th 10 am–1 pm
Sportsman's Park West 

Egg Hunts
Face Painting
Bounce Houses

Food Trucks
Music
Fun



Free Childrens Books!!!

Bring your children to meet the Easter Bunny!!!

We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS**. If your group would like to have a tent we would love to have you join us. Please contact Janet Pederson by calling or texting her at (772)370-0183. Come join us in Sharing God's Love with our Community. Please bring individually wrapped candy (no chocolate please), plastic Easter eggs and bottled water!!!

EGG STUFFING PARTIES

Wednesdays, 10a–12p
Room 101, Beacon Life Center



JOIN US FOR THE FUN!

To invite others to our church, Dawn & Gary Stannis have committed to buying a flag for each birth country represented by our church membership. The flags will be placed on our property to show that all are **WELCOME!** Please let us know your birth country by calling the church office or by indicating on your Attendance Sheet.



**Saturday
April 12th
8am - Noon**

Please come join us to
beautify the property for
Easter!!!

CHURCH WORKDAY

• HAPPY •
EASTER

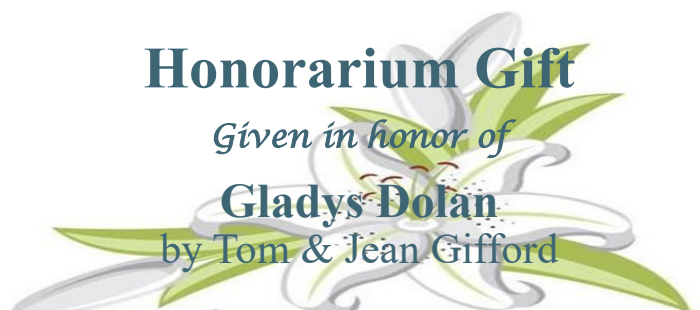


Honorarium Gift

Given in honor of

Gladys Dolan

by Tom & Jean Gifford



FOOD PANTRY

Current Needs

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Tuna
- Canned Soup
- Pasta Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese



An Equal Opportunity Provider

Special Need this month: RICE!!

In the month of March, 304 individuals visited our Food Pantry, providing meals for 1,137 family members. Hope's Corner provided clothes for 104 families. We received approximately 1,100 pounds of food from our church family. Thank you to all who have donated clothes and food and a special thanks to the Missions team for sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive.



Hope's Corner is a clothes pantry that distributes clothing to those in need. We serve the people that visit our Food Pantry every Tuesday, from 10am till noon. Please help us by donating your unwanted or outgrown, gently used, seasonal clothing items for men, women and children of all sizes.

Thank you

Special Need this month: Men's shirts and long pants!



Joyce Tyson turned 95 years old on March 10. She has been volunteering at the FUMC Food Pantry every Tuesday since early 2021. She is in charge of recording all the new patrons who visit the Food Pantry. All information she enters weekly is used to prepare our monthly report which is submitted to the Treasure Coast Food Bank. We wish Joyce a Happy 95th Birthday and we are happy to have her on our team.

We are making a difference together!



MISSIONS TEAM Food Drive

During the 40 days of Lent, we ask you to be the hands and feet of Jesus and purchase one non-perishable food item for each day, and bring your offerings to church on Sundays. We will have large baskets set up with signs to hold all the food items. The food drive will begin on Wednesday March 5th, Ash Wednesday. Please provide this gift to our neighbors in need and show them the love of God through our congregation! THANKS TO ALL! Benefits the FUMC Food Pantry and our local community in need!

YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAYS
6:30-8:00 PM

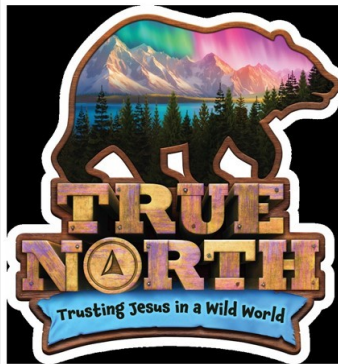
6th-12th Grade

A gathering to meet fellow Christian students, to experience the life of the Church, and to learn more about Jesus!



Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. We learn about Jesus, sing worship music, play games, and have fun together.

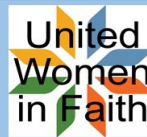
Lighthouse Kids



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 23rd - 27th
6:00-8:30 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PSL
Student registration starts May 15th
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

<https://vbspro.events/p/ecad37>



April Unit Meeting

April 16th ~ 1 pm
Room 101, BLC

SEDER

Guest Speaker:
Susan Yermes



Refreshments to follow

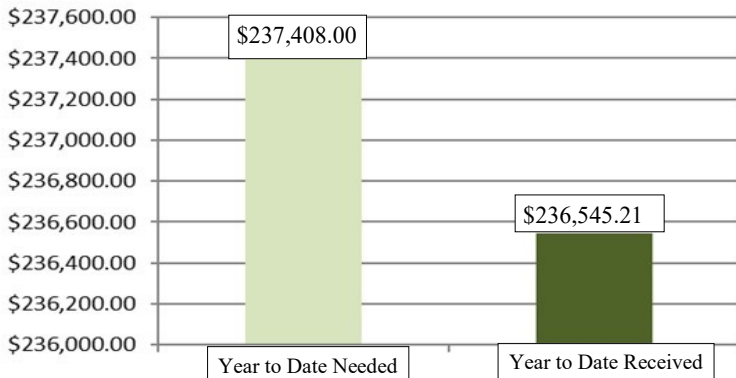
Remember: you don't have to belong to a circle to attend. The men are invited too!

Record of Our Faithful Attendance

	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30
8:00 am	74	63	77	64	
9:30 am	105	85	101	76	288
11:00 am	133	124	125	132	
11:30 am (Hispanic)	88	91	73	80	
Sunday School	13	60	58	49	

Budget

In the month of March we received \$86,185.66 toward our monthly need of \$79,137.00.
Your financial dedication is greatly appreciated.



Kaitlyn Barber	Zacchary T. McClure
Chris Barber	Jeremiah Megerle
Robert Davis	Zachary Michel
Tyler Ewald	Carole Moody
Douglas Gifford	Johnna Moody
Ezra Gordon	Judi Moody
Torey Griffith	Rob Preston, Jr.
Lily Hamel	

Please pray for our Service Personnel Please call the church office if someone should be added to the list or is no longer on active duty.



SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

God's definition of what matters is pretty straight forward. He measures our lives by how we love.

- Pastor Francis Chan



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Our Love & Prayers Go to Our Friends with Our Visitation Team



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Desmond & Phyllis Brice 401 SE Starflower Ave, PSL, 34983

Ruth Cooke Watercrest Assisted Living, 279 NW California Blvd, PSL 34986

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Marge Owens 1600 Petroglyph Point Dr, #310, Prescott, AZ 86301

Evelyn Reis c/o Diane Ewald, 3709 Morning Dove Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Fred Stevens— 418 SE Verada Ave. PSL, 34983

Paul Wade Hidden Lake Senior Community, Room 11D, 1006 33rd St., Vero Beach, 32960

Martha Watson Harbor Place Room 340, 3700 SE Jennings Rd. PSL, 34952

Patricia Whiddon Freedom Plaza, Apt 510, 1010 American Eagle Blvd., Sun City, FL 33575

Kati White Wickshire Apt.117, 9825 S US Hwy 1, PSL, FL 34952

Helen Williams Edgewood Park Place, Room 108, 1930 E 12th St., Casper, WY 82607



Please join our Visitation Team by wishing a

Happy Birthday to:

Desmond Brice April 20
401 SE Starflower Ave,
PSL, 34983

Volunteer opportunity with Northport K-8

April 14-17
Spring Holiday Shop

Will need to complete:
* background check
* volunteer application

Apply / register as a Volunteer at:
<https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/our-district/volunteers/>



For more info:
Danielle Robinson
danielle7869@gmail.com
(772) 530-3800

Thank you for your support



Hello, I am Phil Raiford. I have been married to my wife Kelly for 43 years. We moved to Florida 10 years ago after selling our business in North Carolina. We now live in Jensen Beach. We raised 3 sons, Phil III, Walker and Timmy, who are now grown. Phil and his wife Eunice are parents to our grandchildren-Ian and Hannah. I enjoy playing tennis and spending time at the beach.

I am excited to be here at First United Methodist Church and look forward to meeting all of you.



The lighthouse quilters currently have two projects for missions as well as our personal projects.

First is the on-going blankets for the homeless. These small quilts are given to Mustard Seed Ministries for distribution.

Our newest project is making Teddy Bears for Dolls of Hope. This organization distributes handmade dolls and Teddy bears to children around the world in refugee camps. They also distribute new Matchbox/Hot Wheels cars that we will be sending as well.



Our Tuesday night Bible Study Zoomers have been going strong since the spring of 2020 and recently welcomed Paul and Ruth Watkins to our group. We are making our way through the Bible 2-3 chapters per week with great fellowship, healthy discussions, accountability, and staying in God's Word.

Good Grief  **April 14th**

We generally meet the first Monday of every month at noon in Room 101 of the BLC. **This month we will meet on April 14th** instead.

Bring a brown bag lunch!
Anyone who has lost a loved one is invited to join us. 

For more information, call Kim Nelson at (772) 448-4209.

Caregivers Support Group 

Due to lack of interest the Caregivers Support Group has decided to discontinue their meetings.

If you are interested in a similar group, please contact Larry at "Caring 4 Caregivers" @ (443) 848-7400.

EXCITING NEWS!

FUMC APP
Available NOW! Contact the church office by email at secretary@pslfumc.com to receive your individualized code for downloading and accessing the App. Please include your address & phone numbers.

Stay connected with your church community all the time, anywhere with the MyUCD App at no cost.

myUCD

- Watch Church Services Anytime, Anywhere
- Announce Events & Programs
- Members are able to contact staff easily
- You/Version Bible for daily verses and study
- View Church events for immediate access
- Full Directory of all church members
- Easy to Give
- Call or Message the Church
- Engage Church
- Call & Message
- Calendar
- Contact the church office to get your individualized code for accessing our new FUMC APP

RAD'S RUN
HALF MARATHON FUNDRAISER EVENT

We collected \$4225 for the 65th Anniversary Wish List

HE MADE IT!
Rad completed the Marathon, that's 13.1 miles!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated!!!! 



Dear Administration and Staff of First United Methodist Church of Port St. Lucie,

On behalf of Southeast Florida Chrysalis, I would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for graciously allowing us to use the facilities of First United Methodist Church of Port St. Lucie for our events on February 20 - 23 and February 28 - March 2, 2025. Your generosity and hospitality played a pivotal role in making our experience both memorable and successful.

The space you provided was ideal for our needs, allowing us to conduct our activities in a comfortable, welcoming, and peaceful environment. We are truly grateful for the church's willingness to accommodate us and for creating such a warm atmosphere that significantly contributed to the positive outcome of our gathering.

Please convey our thanks to the church staff and volunteers who worked diligently behind the scenes to make our time at your church so smooth and enjoyable. We are deeply appreciative of your kindness, and we hope to have the opportunity to partner with you again in the future.

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

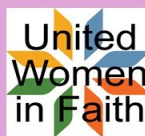
Perry West
Southeast Florida Chrysalis



Our latest new members class joined the church on March 9th!

- Susan Blank
- John Eggleston
- Connie Hennings
- Bob & Sandy Humphrey
- Greg & Robin Leffard
- Theresa Raniero
- Terry & Donna Rice
- Karleen Watson
- Andrea Weir

Welcome to the FUMC family!



Recognition of Mother's Day

May 3rd ~ 10 am

Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd

Admission \$5



Everyone is invited to join us!

Holy Week Calendar



April 17

Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm Beacon Life Center

April 18



Way of the Cross 12 pm Meet at Beacon Life Center

Tennebrae Service 7 pm Sanctuary

Servicio de Viernes Santo 7:30 pm Beacon Life Center

April 20



Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7 am River Park Marina



Traditional Worship 8 & 11 am Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Beacon Life Center

Spanish Worship Service 11:30 am Beacon Life Center