



The Beacon

A light of information & inspiration

 **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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The Golden Rule Applied to Fathers

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.... If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Matthew 7:7, 11-12)

This month of June comes with two important events in the Christian calendar. First is the Day of Pentecost on June 8; second is Father's Day on the third Sunday, June 15. I want to use Matthew 7:7-12 to speak to both festivities.

This text includes the saying of Jesus that we now call the "Golden Rule." The phrase is actually a version of a saying by one of the most famous Jewish religious leaders from the turning of the First Century, Hillel the Elder, who lived before Jesus. This Sage used to say, "Do not do unto others what is hateful to you." Notice that, in Matthew 7:12, Jesus adopts this saying but introducing two critical changes. First, our Lord turns the original prohibition into a positive exhortation, asking us to "do to others as you would have them do to you." The second adaptation is very pertinent as we prepare to celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday in June:

The context that Jesus gives the "Golden Rule" in the Gospel of Matthew is that of a concluding remark to a comparison between the way God (our heavenly Father) treats His children, and the way we as human fathers should treat our kids. Jesus says that we should "ask, seek and knock," knowing that, by God's faithfulness, we will "receive, find, and have the door open in front of us" (Matt. 7:7-8). We can trust that God does so much more than we human fathers know to do.

Here is where Jesus introduces the second change to the original rule by Hillel the Elder by using it as an exhortation to us as human fathers:

Quite simply, Jesus implies that earthly fathers should imitate our heavenly Father. To paraphrase the Golden Rule, "in everything, fathers, treat your children as you want your heavenly Father to treat you." "In the same way as you want your Father to give when you ask, to help you find when you seek, and to open the door when you knock, you should provide for your children in all their needs." "In the same way as you trust your Father, you should earn the trust of your children."

Matthew 7:11 says that our heavenly Father will give "good things" to those who ask him. We, earthly fathers, should also imitate our Father in that we should only give "good things" to our children. We should provide for our children's "needs," but not necessarily for all their "wants." The most important endowment we should pass on to our kids is our faith and Christian wisdom. We should teach our children to seek the Holy Spirit and live in intimacy with our heavenly Father.

Happy Father's Day to all parents in our church. We pray that God will give us wisdom as we raise the next generations.

In the love of Jesus,

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23rd - 27th

6:00-8:30 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PSL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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



FISHING WITH FLAGS

Dawn & Gary Stannis purchased the flags being flown in the front of our property for each birth country represented by our church membership. We

will be waving the flags this Sunday from 11 am - 2 pm to show that all are WELCOME!

Please join us and help invite the community to First United Methodist Church!



9:30 - 10:30 am
Every Sunday
Outreach Center

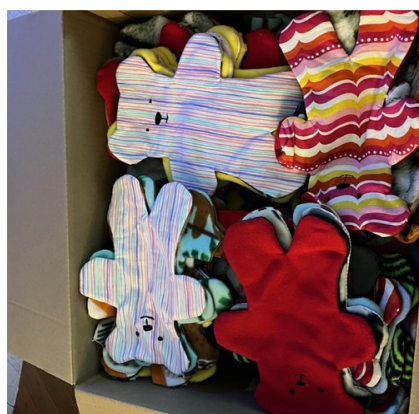
Mid High Sunday School Resumes

Won't you join us?



As is the custom, our choir is taking a much deserved hiatus from singing for the months of June and July. We would like to invite anyone who sings (solo, duet, trio, etc.) or plays a musical instrument, and would like to play or sing, to contact Cindy Forbes at cindyforbes13@gmail.com or Julie Propst at musicbyjulie@gmail.com. We are looking for numbers for the prelude or offertory during the 8 am and 11 am traditional worship services. Musically yours, Julie and Cindy

**Please help us and spread the word.
ENCOURAGE A CHURCH MEMBER!!**



Lighthouse Quilters filled an XL Home Depot moving box with 156 bears, 15 dolls and 173 matchbox/hot wheels cars and trucks for Dolls of Hope. These will be distributed to children in refugee camps around the world.

Hello to all my book buddies!

We are in need of books for grades Kindergarten thru 2nd to give out at VBS in June! Please get them to the church office by June 9th so I can sort and label them. Thank you all so very much for your help!


Pat Orlandi



Vendor Space available \$40 (\$30 for church members).
Call Jackie at @ (917) 669-9336.

VBS 2025

We need volunteers to help prepare decorations and supplies.



PREP DAYS



*Tuesdays 9-11 am ~ Ed. Bldg.

Good Grief


June 2nd

We meet the first Monday of every month at noon in Room 101 of the BLC. 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.

We had a well attended Unit Meeting on May 21st with 33 in attendance including 4 men. Icel Rodríguez gave a wonderful presentation on Women Working in the Kingdom. Our next Unit Meeting will be September 17 @ 7 pm where our Spanish Circle, Debora, will be in charge of the program and refreshments for Hispanic Heritage Month.



We are hoping to start a new evening circle in September. More information to follow as it becomes available.

Though the circles do not have regular monthly meetings for June, July and August there are other activities you can take part in:

June 21—We will have lunch at Carrabba's Italian Grill @ 11:30 am; 1900 SW Fountainview; Port St Lucie. Please RSVP to Bev Roselli @ (772) 336-7023

July 12—There will be a Pot Luck Pool Party at the home of Sue Weed @ 11:30 am; 1932 SW Swift Ave; Port St Lucie. Please RSVP by text to Joan MacGuire @ (772) 418-3173

August 16—Dinner out @ 5:30 pm @ Bonefish Mac's Sports Grille; 662 SE Becker RD; Port St Lucie. Please RSVP to Ricka Marsh @ (772) 237-5954

Have a Great Summer! Hope Everyone comes to our summer events!



All are welcome to attend our next Visitation Team meeting on June 18 at 10 am in Room 105/BLC. Hear how our ministry reaches out to seniors through visitation. Chairperson Rita Etherington at (772) 678-1449 or ritaetherington@comcast.net

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

FOOD PANTRY

Current Needs

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



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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!



Praise Team Leader

First United Methodist Church of Port St. Lucie is looking for a special person to lead our Oasis Praise Band in contemporary worship. A passion for Christian worship and experience leading contemporary music is required. This is a part time position and hours and salary will be discussed with applicants. Please send resume, three references and application letter to: Phil Raiford, 260 SW Prima Vista Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983 or email to phil@pslfumc.com.



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. Please do not assume that we already know.



If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter "The Beacon" in your email box and receive our daily e-prayers, just send an email to secretary@pslfumc.com and we'll add you to the list!

Record of Our Faithful Attendance

	5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25
8:00 am	66	67	67	65
9:30 am	74	88	80	77
11:00 am	123	137	125	120
11:30 am (Hispanic)	106	80	73	95
Sunday School	56	54	53	44

Budget

In the month of May we received \$59,656 toward our monthly need of \$79,137. Your financial dedication is appreciated.



WALL OF HONOR

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.

the Lord
is my
Strength
and my
Shield
Psalms 28:7



SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“You were not made to impress people, you were made for the applause of heaven.”

-Priscilla Shirer



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



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

Fred & Deanna Stevens—418 SE Verada Ave. PSL, 34983

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

Martha Watson 785 SW Ravenswood Lane, PSL, 34983

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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

Ginny Young Tiffany Hall Room 206A, 1800 SE Hillmoor Dr. PSL, 34952



Please join our Visitation Team by wishing a **Happy Birthday** to:

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Paul Wade Sr. 6/15
Hidden Lake Senior Community
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