



The Beacon

A light of information & inspiration

 **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Fathers for the Next Generations

*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children;
instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* Ephesians 6:4

When I reminisce about my childhood, there is a recurrent memory: Upon returning from school and going straight to playing, my mother would tell me. "Son, you are so good looking and well behaved, would you please change clothes out of your school uniform to keep it clean for tomorrow?" Five minutes later, I still had not obeyed, so my mother would say again, "Son, you are so good looking and well behaved, would you please..." To make the long story short, this disobedient kid would only change clothes after hearing a threat of disciplinary action from my mother or father. However, my parents always treated me with patience and love. It was as though they always kept Paul's exhortation in mind: "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

How about if the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) did not say "go and make disciples of all nations" but rather, "go and make disciples of your own next generations?"

Well, as a matter of fact, the Bible *does* command us to raise our children as disciples of Jesus Christ and to train them in our faith. In addition to Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:7-9 instructs us to "Impress [God's commandments] on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." This is a famous OT verse which Israelites take very seriously!

Instructing our children in the Lord requires a combination of patience, firmness, and love. Anytime I am about to lose patience with my children or grandchildren, I simply remember that I was not an easy child to raise. At the same time, my parents' gentle insistence that I should dedicate time to pray, read the Bible, and attend church activities, ended up giving me a solid Christian foundation upon which my faith stands.

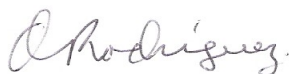
Our work is to carry Jesus and He will carry all our work. In a culture of increasing religious pluralism and secularism, we are being told that it does not matter what religion you belong to as long as you "turn into a better person." While I agree that there is value in all forms of belief, Christianity offers something unique that every single person would do well in accepting: salvation is possible only by the incarnation, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As per the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20), it is our duty to not only go to all the nations, but to carry this saving knowledge to the next generations here and now.

Here are three simple practices which can assist us in discipling our children:

1. At home and everywhere, express gratitude for the blessings we have and give God the glory for anything in which we experience success. Simple but frequent phrases such as "thanks be to God" let others know that "Every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17).
2. Lead a life of holiness. Children learn more from what they see than from what they are told. Even before we say a word, they will understand that our faith is the inspiration for our Christian behavior.
3. Use every opportunity to testify to the practical value of our faith. Sharing an expression of encouragement when they are in distress, or mentioning that Jesus answers our prayers, opens a line of communication that will expose our kids and grandkids to the truth of redemption in Jesus for the here and now.

Happy Father's Day in June, and may we train ALL our kids and youth already in our church on the present-day and eternal value of our Christian faith.

In Christ's love,



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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

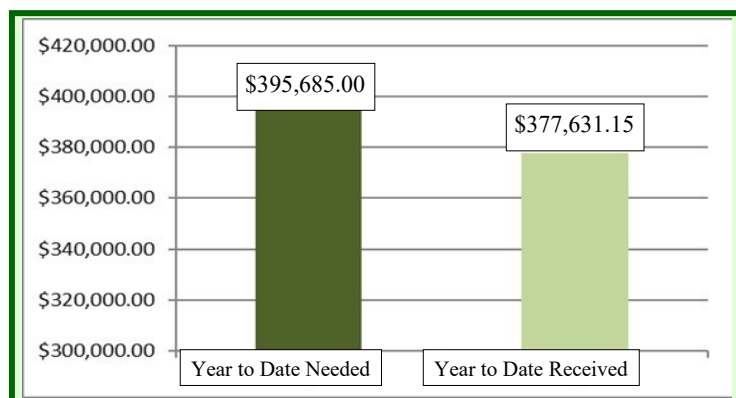
9:30a & 11:00a

Record of Our Faithful Attendance

	5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24	5/31
8:00 am	75	96	84	80	73
9:30 am	103	113	115	87	109
11:00 am	128	122	148	128	136
11:30 am (Hispanic)	100	95	92	94	69
Sunday School	48	37	41	44	57

Budget

In the month of May we received \$81,567.79 toward our monthly need of \$79,137. Your financial dedication is appreciated.



Kaitlyn Barber	Lily Hamel
Chris Barber	Sara Hume
Andrew Ryan Connow	Lorena Barbara Martinez
Robert Davis	Zacchary T. McClure
Tyler Ewald	Jeremiah Megerle
Douglas Gifford	Zachary Michel
Ezra Gordon	Carole Moody
Torey Griffith	Johnna Moody
	Judi Moody

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.



Sunday, June 7th

12:30 pm ~ Room 101 ~ Beacon Life Center



USHER TRAINING

June 13th

9-11 am

Room 101

Beacon Life Center

Light refreshments included!

For all current ushers and anyone wanting to join the team!



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

Kathy Banks 19 S. Tallyho Dr, Springfield, MA 01118
Desmond & Phyllis Brice 401 SE Starflower Ave, PSL, 34983
Miriam Busch 8 Lake Vista Trail #105, PSL 34952
Sandy Fercho 9890 SW Coral Tree Circle, PSL, 34987
Carol Gary 5018 Heskett Lane, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Althia Griffith 2034 SE Ellington Ter. PSL, 34952
Betty Grace Heaton Colliers Assisted Living, Room 210, 9825 S US Hwy 1, PSL, 34952
Barbara Metts 302 Rio Mar Drive, PSL, 34952
Violet Millenbruch Addington Place of Stuart, 3400 SE Aster Lane #109, Stuart, 34994
Marge Owens Highgate Senior Living, 1600 Petroglyph Point Dr #103, Prescott, AZ 86301
Fred & Deanna Stevens 418 SE Verada Ave. PSL, 34983
Paul Wade Hidden Lake Senior Community, Room 11D, 1006 33rd St., Vero Beach, 32960
Patricia Whiddon Freedom Plaza, Apt 510, 1010 American Eagle Blvd., Sun City, FL 33575
Kati White Watercrest, 279 NW California Blvd. Room 124, PSL 34986
Ginny Young The Gardens 1699 SE Lyngate Dr. Apt. 252, PSL, 34952



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!



Please join our Visitation Team by wishing a

Happy Birthday to:

Deanna Stevens June 3
418 SE Verada Ave. PSL, 34983

Paul Wade June 15
Hidden Lake Senior Community, Room 11D,
1006 33rd St., Vero Beach, 32960

GATHER G2G GROW

Connect with your church family and others through conversation at the table, while enjoying a light meal.

WE WILL NOT BE MEETING IN JUNE OR JULY

Our next Gathering will be
Sunday, 8/16
5:30 to 7:00 pm

A ministry where people can gather to connect and grow together in relationship with one another and with Christ.

FOOD PANTRY

Current Needs

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



An Equal Opportunity Provider

In the month of May, 282 individuals visited our Food Pantry, providing meals for 1060 family members. Hope's Corner had 117 patrons offering clothing for their families. Thank you to all who have donated clothes and food. A special thanks for your donations of bags and toilet paper.

It's truly appreciated and helped us.

WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

H O P E'S CORNER

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

We are in desperate need of Men's Clothing in all sizes!

EXCITING NEWS!

FUMC APP

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

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



Watch Church Services, Announcements, Events & Programs, Membership, Prayer Requests, and more!

Full Directory of all church members

Contact the church office to get your individualized code for accessing our new FUMC APP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

6:30-7:30 pm
Room 101

Join us as we seek God together!



WE ARE HIRING

PART TIME CUSTODIAN

Every other weekend
 10-15 hours per week

Please call Phil at
 (772) 878-1155 or send
 your resume to
Phil@pslfumc.com



SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Endurance is where faith is proven. It's where character is built and where purpose is secured."

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you seen the plastic jars with labels saying "It's All About Change" around out church campus? Ever wonder what they are for?

The jars are for families to take home to use for their extra change! The money collected is used to help pay down the principal on our Mortgage.

Won't you consider donating your loose change to help the church with these funds? It is amazing how quickly the change adds up. We are very grateful to all those who currently support our efforts with the change jars.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE CHANGE CAN MAKE!



FUMC FOOD PANTRY

Needed: Toilet Paper, plastic & reusable bags and egg cartons.





PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING

Ark Academy Preschool is now offering enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. Please call 878-3099 with any questions.

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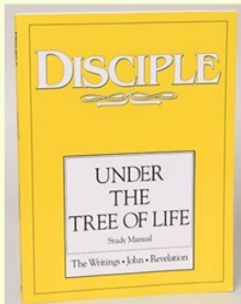
A Huge Thank You to everyone who came out for the UWF Fashion Show on Saturday, May 23. We had over 100 in attendance and made a very good profit we can use for the missions of the church. Thank you to all who helped with ticket sales, food, greeting, set-up and take-down, our 6 beautiful models and everything else that needed to be done. A big thank you to our church secretary, Stephanie, for advertising, making and selling the tickets and everything else she does. It was a Great Success and we could not have done it without Everyone pitching in. Thank you to Pastor Armando for getting the microphones working and even helping set up an extra table at the last minute. Thank you to our custodians, Gloria Walker and Bob Andrade for all their hard work. With Heartfelt Thanks, Joan MacGuire UWF President

DISCIPLE IV begins this fall!

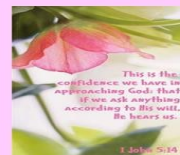
Disciple IV Under the Tree of Life is the final study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program, open to those who have completed Disciple I, II and III.

The study concentrates on Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally, Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel's hymnbook and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. Present through the entire study is the sense of living toward completion – toward the climax of the message and the promise, extravagantly pictured in Revelation.

Rad Orlandi will facilitate the 32-session study. We will meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in Rm 101, from August 11 to November 24 (Old Testament section) and January 5, 2027, to April 20 (New Testament section). Please call the church office to sign up – 878-1155. Student manuals may be purchased from Cokesbury.com, Christianbook.com, Amazon.com, and others in various formats. There is ONE manual for the entire study.



Women's Prayer Group



We're Praying!

- * for you
- * for ourselves
- * for our church
- * for our church family
- * for our nation
- * for the sick
- * for the poor
- * for the lonely
- * for EVERYONE!

Won't you join us?

Thursday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Beacon Life Center

Men's Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 6:45 am
Conference Room
Please join us!

"Where two or three are gathered in my name I am in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20

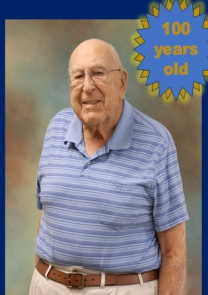


We will be celebrating our GRADUATES on June 28th at the 9:30 am service. If you are a FUMC High School or College Graduate for 2026 please let us know. Forms are available in the BLC Lobby, the Narthex and the church office. If you have questions, please call the church office at (772) 878-1155.

Mr. Levant Bender, a World War II Veteran, celebrates his 100th birthday on June 6th.

As his church family let's make his day by sending birthday greetings to:

482 NW Sherbrooke Ave.
Port St Lucie, FL 34983



prayer shawl ministry
knit-crochet-pray

Crochet? Knit?
Want to learn?

We meet every Monday, 1 pm
In Room 102 of the BLC.

Join us for fellowship, fun and sharing!

United Women in Faith Lunch Out Gator Trace

June 20th
12 pm

RSVP to Ricka Marsh
(no later than June 18th)
772-203-0290

4302 Gator Trace Dr, Fort Pierce, FL 34982



LIGHTHOUSE QUILTERS

We meet every Thursday, 9-11 am in Room 101 of the BLC!

WON'T YOU JOIN US?



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GIVE HERE



You can make your donations at pslfmc.com by clicking on the easyTithe link, use the easyTithe app or scan this QR code.



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JULY 13-17 6-8:30 pm

Registration now open for volunteers and participants at:
<https://www.vbspro.events/p/5c9a12>

Memorial Gifts

Given in memory of

Linda Cox

by Violet Millenbruch, the Women's
Prayer Group & Nancy Warner

Evelyn Reis

by James & Martha Zimmerman

in loving memory