The Beacon

A light of information & inspiration

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

260 SW Prima Vista Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
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Thankful for Jesus, Our Lord

[6] So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, [7] rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. *Colossians 2:6-7*

As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, my number one reason to be thankful is to have Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I would be lost without Him. I need the Lord for forgiveness, growth and empowerment. I depend on God for every aspect of my life.

I still remember the altar call when I felt the urge to give my life to Jesus and accept Him as my Lord and Savior. As a teenager in our church in Cuba, pastors imprinted upon us that it was not enough to be just a believer. Being a disciple implies full surrender to the Lord. When we put Christ at the center of our lives, everything else falls into place. An interesting note: the pastor making the altar call was Rev. Juan Dominguez, now retired and a member of our Aposento Alto congregation.

Your pastors have selected the book ***Jesus Is Lord***, written by our Florida Bishop Tom Berlin, as the resource for our Advent Study small groups. Even though it is not explicitly about Christmas, this book explains that the Bethlehem baby was born King and Lord. Receiving Him as Savior implies that we seek his will and obey his commands. This is what Paul meant in the Colossians text above, when he wrote that we need to, "just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him."

What does the affirmation "Jesus is my Lord" mean for your life today? Which aspects of our being need to be brought closer in line with the lordship of Jesus? In regards to our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, are each of us contributing generously and out of love to the mission of our church? What does it mean to surrender our finances to the Lord? We will approach these and many other similar questions as we study the ***Jesus Is Lord*** book. I pray that it will be a life-changing experience.

The Colossians text above continues, "strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." May this be the theme that guides us through Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year. This is a time to grow stronger in our faith, and overflowing with gratitude in such a way that our testimony will move others to surrender their lives to the Lord.



To Him be all glory now and forever.

In Christ's love, wishing you a joyful Thanksgiving,

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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 & Youtube
9:30a & 11:00a

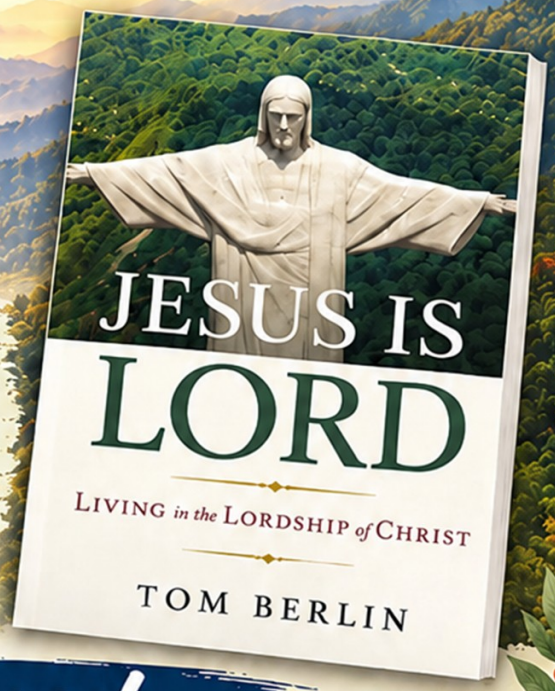
Churchwide Advent Study

STUDY • SHARE • GROW TOGETHER

Join us for a churchwide Advent study as we explore what it means to know and follow Jesus — our Lord.

"Jesus is Lord is a clear, compelling, and deep invitation to move beyond nominal faith into a life genuinely shaped by Christ. Confessing Jesus as Lord is not merely a statement of belief but a door to real transformation in how we love, live and engage the world.

– AUTHOR TOM BERLIN



We need LEADERS

Let us know if you would like to LEAD or JOIN a group.

Time to start forming your study groups!

ADVENT BEGINS
NOVEMBER 29

Call the church office to sign up.

Books can be purchased from Christianbook, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Cokesbury.



Hello!

My name is Robyn Farias, and I'm excited to be joining the church as your new Church Administrator.

I have spent over 25 years working in education, administration, and leadership. Much of my career has been focused on supporting children, families, and the community. I have always enjoyed connecting with people, building relationships, and helping whenever I can.

On a personal note, I'm thankful for my two sons and daughter- in- law, as well as my mom and dad. I'm also thankful for John, who is an important part of my life. Family and loved ones are very important to me.

I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and learning about the church and its ministries. Please feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you!

3rd Annual

Breakfast with Santa

Vendors

Proceeds to benefit the FUMC Food Pantry - An Equal Opportunity Provider

Saturday, December 5th 9 am - 1 pm

- Face Painting
- Cookie decorating
- Fun activities
- Giveaways
- Kid's Mystery Gifts
- Santa's Mailbox
- Take a picture with Santa
- Pancakes
- Eggs
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Coffee
- Hot chocolate

$10 Adults
Kids 10 & under FREE



Get some great Holiday Gifts from our vendors!

First United Methodist Church
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Charge Conference

November 8th
4 pm

Fort Pierce Haitian United Methodist Church, 735 Orange Ave, Fort Pierce 34950

The United Women in Faith held a Bake Sale Fundraiser on October 11th. All proceeds

$735.50

were donated to the church.

Thank You!!!

United Women in Faith



Worship Team

Sunday, November 22nd

12:30 pm ~ Room 101 ~ Beacon Life Center

A light lunch will be served!

THANK YOU

- Counters for your weekly assistance.
- The Men's and Women's Prayer Groups who pray for everyone for whom prayers were requested and send out prayer cards.
- The Visitation Team for reaching out to those needing home visits.
- Our Lay Servants for all they do.
- All those helping in the food pantry each Tuesday morning.
- All those helping in Hope's Corner sorting and organizing the clothing donations and disbursement.
- Our church family volunteers who keep the landscape and memorial garden weed free & beautiful.
- All of those that have spent countless hours keeping our Facebook Live Services running each week.
- Our office angels that help in the church office.
- The ladies that prepare the pews every week.
- All Committee members, Praise Teams, Tech Team, Choir, Communion Team, Greeters & Ushers and Librarian who work tirelessly all year long.
- The entire congregation for working so diligently helping the youth at the Pumpkin Patch.
- All those offering their time, talents and donations to make the Trunk or Treat such a success!

Christmas Decorating

Let's make our church shine for the Christmas season!

Inside the Church
Saturday, November 28
at 9:00 am
Sponsored by the Worship Team

Outside the Church
Saturday, November 21
at 9:00 am
Sponsored by the Witness Team

All are welcome to help!



Let's Get Painting



Missions is having a Paint Party Fundraiser

Proceeds to benefit our Northport K-8 * Haiti * Residing Hope Children's Home * Cuba * Angola * Missions

Saturday, November 7th

At First United Methodist Church 260 SW Prima Vista Blvd, PSL
In the Youth Room of the Outreach Building

2 sessions to choose from: 9 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m.

Cost is **$35** per paver —- all supplies provided
Choose from a Fall Decor or Christmas-Winter Decor

Register in the office (772) 878-1155

Our Witness Team presents . . .



November 14th
4-7 pm



Music & fun for the whole family!

Hot Dogs available for purchase for $2

Chili Tasting Ticket $10

*****We are looking for Contestants*****

Please contact Janet at (772) 370-0183 for more information.

United Women in Faith

Toy Drive



November 1st through December 2nd

We will be collecting unwrapped new toys for Treasure Coast Foster Children *("Community Connected 4 Kids")*

Monetary donations payable to:
UMW, FUMC.

The Visitation Team is in need of 1 or 2 men to join the team. We have 2 men in need of visitation. Visitation is based on your schedule and you can visit as often as you wish. Preferably once a week or every 2 weeks. If interested in joining this Church Ministry, please call Rita Etherington, (772) 678-1449. Thank you.



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

ADOPT-A-Family



The Witness Team is looking for Families or Seniors in need for **Christmas!**

If you know of anyone who needs help with Christmas, please contact Janet Pederson at janetpederson1227@yahoo.com or call the church office. The applications for families in need are due by November 20th.



Prayer Shawl

These ladies (and sometimes gentleman) meet to crochet or knit prayer shawls, hats, baby blankets, afghans, etc. Some shawls are donated to the church for shut-ins, those who are ill, or to outside agencies like Hospice or to a Veteran's Nursing Home in Port St. Lucie. This group also partners with the New Baby Ministry by providing baby blankets to new mothers. You do not have to have experience to join. All are welcome. They

Lighthouse Quilters

This group fellowships together while working on quilted and sewing projects. Quilts have been made for our shut-ins, veterans, and Mustard Seed Ministries. They have sewn pillowcases for Hibiscus Children's Center in Jensen Beach, and pillowcases, laundry bags, and Christmas stockings for Residing Hope. You do not have to be an experienced quilter or sewer to join in. All are welcome. They

SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"If you are a Christ follower, the evil one is after you. When you signed on for Christ, you enlisted in a great war... It's a serious thing to be a follower of Jesus."

GATHER G2G GROW

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



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

Our next Gathering will be

Sunday, 11/15
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Please RSVP by calling the church office no later than 11/10.

It's Flocking Season



Want to help a loved one celebrate a special event in an unusual way? Try Yard Flocking- the Missions Team's new fundraiser! We will provide yard flamingos and we will place them and take them down for a fee. $75 for 25, $100 for 50 or $125 for 75 birds.

Reservation form can be printed at pslfumc.com!

2027 ENJOYMENT BOOKS

GREAT GIFT IDEA



$35

Have a great new year of entertainment!

Available from United Women in Faith members on Sundays or the church office!

Caring Cards

Please join our Visitation Team by wishing a

Happy Birthday to:

Barbara Metts 11/10
302 Rio Mar Drive, PSL, 34952

Violet Millenbruch 11/30
Addington Place of Stuart
3400 SE Aster Lane #109, Stuart, 34994

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

6:30-7:30 pm
Room 101

Join us as we seek God together!

First United Methodist Church
FOOD PANTRY

FUMC FOOD PANTRY

(An Equal Opportunity Provider)

Our Food Pantry serves families in need on Tuesdays from 10 am - noon in the Outreach Center. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. Special needs this month: tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta sauce, rice, toilet paper and empty bags (reusable & plastic).

In the month of September, 315 individuals visited the pantry, providing meals for 1,162 family members. We received 550 lbs of food from our congregation.

Thank you to all who have donated. A special thanks for your donations of reusable bags...saving us a lot. Keep them coming.

Our congregation is truly appreciated as we continue to be a blessing to the community in need.

WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



HOPE'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 9:30 - 11:30 am.

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 Needs this month: Women's clothes & shoes of all sizes!

First United Methodist Church
Port St. Lucie
Shining God's Light Since 1960

YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS
6:00-7:30 PM

6th-12th Grade

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

Record of Our Faithful Attendance



Budget

In the month of October we received $61,226.75 toward our monthly need of $79,137. Your financial dedication is appreciated.

	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
8:00 am	77	69	65	51
9:30 am	95	84	83	85
11:00 am	112	104	99	89
11:30 am	102	92	88	59
Sunday School	50	49	47	30



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



FUMC will be ringing the bells on:
December 12th (10 am–8 pm) & December 19th (10 am–8 pm)
(2 hr shifts) at St Andrews Publix on St. James Blvd.
Sign up November 15th & 22nd between church services or text Chris Bogley at (772) 359-8118.

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





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!





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

The Florida Conference Of The United Methodist Church

South East District

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES
2026 LAY SERVANT CLASSES
November 2026

First UMC-Stuart
1500 S Kanner Highway
Stuart, Florida 34994

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY BASIC COURSE

The Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course is designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders. It is the foundation course for other leadership training. This course covers the 3 core categories of LSM: Leadership, Caring & Communication. It also emphasizes ministry in daily life and sharing faith stories.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY ADVANCED COURSE

Shaping the Prayers of the People (the art of intercession) by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher

SCHEDULE EITHER IN PERSON CLASS
Saturday, November 14, 2026

7:30 AM Registration & Breakfast
8:00AM - 12:00PM Course Instruction
12:00PM – 1:00PM Working Lunch
1:00PM – 6:00PM Course Instruction

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Course Fee: $50.00 Includes course materials, light breakfast and lunch
To register click on this link

SE District Lay Servant Classes for November 2026

OR for additional information contact
Connie Bookholt, Lay Servant Ministry Director at 954-440-4187 or
Ed Sossaman, Certified Lay Speaker at 832-361-0078



Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. We learn about Jesus, sing worship songs, play games, and have fun together.

Lighthouse Kids





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





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TRUNK OR TREAT

We would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in our Trunk or Treat this past Saturday! Whether you provided a trunk or helped with all that goes into providing this event for our community, we can't tell you how grateful we are for ALL of you! Without YOU this event could not happen.

IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks again, Your Witness Team















