



The Vision

Where there is no Vision, the people perish.
Proverbs 29:18



December

December 2017

Satellite Beach United Methodist Church



As we enter December and a brand new year (yes, the Christian year begins with the first Sunday in Advent, not the first of January), I am filled with great hope for Satellite Beach UMC. Advent is a season of hope. As we light the Advent Candles this December, we remember and celebrate each of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The First Sunday in Advent is one of great expectation as we remember not only that Christ came, but that Christ will come again. That is our hope, that he will not abandon us and leave us as orphans.

Interestingly, Advent goes back to at least the fifth century as a known celebration. Although some say it was celebrated prior to the 400's, records of that period of time are hard to find. But we do know the early celebrations of Advent were a time of fasting and prayer as one prepared for the coming of Christ. We have come a long way from fasting during December to eating a bit more than we should.

I have found that while it is fun to decorate, sing Christmas songs, attend parties and buy and exchange gifts, it is important to remember Christmas is about a great light that has come into our darkness. Each of us has darkness in our lives. Some are dealing with the first time without someone special in their lives this season. Some are dealing with loss of work at a time when they want to give to others. Some are dealing with loss of a home, while to some, the short days brings about a melancholy. For many, it is simply the sin in our lives that keeps us from fully enjoying the season.

When we take time to contemplate the fact that God so loved each one of us, that He sent His one and only son into the world to take our darkness away, we can find great comfort in that. I find a peace that makes it worthwhile to get up and enjoy the day, enjoy friends and to simply relish in that love. Christ gave up all glory in heaven simply out of his love for you. That is what we remember in Advent. It is the hope that propels us to Christmas and to life itself.

So this December, take time to contemplate on the greatest gift ever given. Share that gift with those you meet. Invite friends to come and see our Hanging of the Green service or the Cantata or if you know someone struggling this time of year, invite them to our Blue Christmas service. These are wonderful opportunities to share the love of Christ with a neighbor.

I pray that each and every one of you has a blessed December.

Blessings and Peace
Pastor Harry

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 3:	Hanging of the Green Alternative Christmas Market Blue Christmas
Tuesday, Dec. 5:	Young At Heart Luncheon
Sunday, Dec. 10:	Preschoolers sing at both services Cookie Walk Alternative Christmas Market Parsonage Open House Family Promise Week
Wednesday, Dec. 13:	Volunteer Appreciation
Friday, Dec. 15:	Christmas Homes Tour
Sunday, Dec. 17:	Christmas Cantata-Both Services
Sunday, Dec. 24:	10:00 am Combined Service 5:00 pm Candlelight Service 7:00 pm Candlelight Service
Monday, Dec. 25:	Christmas Day



Remember in Prayer

Please remember to pray for the needs in our church body and community. In our weekly worship bulletin, you will find recently occurring prayer concerns.

The following prayer concerns are of a more ongoing basis.

Men and women of our armed forces: *Rob Bird, Ben Brown, *Chuck Fischer, James E. Harris IV, *Zach Heim, *Bill Intille, Matthew Joubert, Tim Joubert, Sean Keane, Craig Lambert, Vance Lambert, Patrick Miller, Jeff Peppers, Justin Peppers, Andrew Peppers, Mike Taylor, Hanz Welo, Connor Whitson.

Missionaries: John & Lynn Lehn, Croatia, Kathy Harris, Moscow; Jim, Kathy, Stephen & Hillary Mehl, Salvador; Pastor Victor, Mir Iglesia Metodista in Cuba; Larz & Karen, Asia; and Bobby & Katie Hamlett in Thailand. All storm and natural disaster victims throughout the world.

Prayers of Concern: Johnny Adair, *Charlotte Attridge, *Bernhart family, *Michael Capozzi, *Joe Cocchiarella, *Nancy Conover, *Floyd Denney, Jenny Dillon, Mar Ferrer, Richard Hascall, *Charlie Heim, *Emery Jones, *Gloria Keys, James Kutcher, Ann Lachle, *Joyce Marks, James Miles, Ruth Miles, *Shirley Pollak, Joan Powell, Kim Ruoff, Bernie Sandy, *Nolan Singletary, *Velma Smith, *Molly Sutherland, *Jim Tate, *Ace Taylor, Donna Taylor, *Ginger Thoms, *Mary Lou Tutt, Whitsell Family

Long Term Care: Life Care Center, Palm Bay - **Donna Maxwell;** Discovery Village - **Nancy Mabrey, Nancy Conover;** Century Oaks - **Bill Yeager;**

**denotes church family*



A Look At Our Faithfulness October 2017

		Month-to Date	Year to Date
Budget Required	Budget	\$ 52,835.00	\$ 464,948.00
et Received		\$ 46,955.62	\$ 470,363.09
Variance		(\$ 5,879.38)	\$ 5,415.09

Extra Mile Giving - Missions

Miscellaneous Missions	\$ 767.50
Children's Home	\$ 1,880.00
Croatia Mission	\$ 550.00
Thailand Mission	\$ 25.00
Good Samaritan	\$ 68.00
Cuba Missionaries	\$ 875.00
Cuba General Fund	\$ 1,228.00
School Supplies	\$ 5.00
UMCOR	\$ 150.00
Total Missions	\$ 5,548.50

Fellowship Hall Upgrade	\$ 355.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 7,543.50
Capital Improvements	\$ 100.00
Roof Repairs	\$ 19,585.00
TOTAL	\$ 33,132.00

OPEN HOUSE AT PARSONAGE

On Sunday, December 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Pastor Harry and Marilyn Holloman are having an Open House at their home, 675 Caribbean Rd., Satellite Beach. Everyone is invited to stop by and say hi and grab some goodies. This is a good time to see what our parsonage looks like and all the recent improvements made to the house. Hope to see you there!



A donation has been made in memory of:

Jewell Mitchell
by Frank Conover

Tom Dillon
by Margie Solliday

If there is someone who has touched your life whom you would like to remember with a donation in honor of them, you may designate any ministry in the church as the recipient of your gift. For more information, call Dyann Wagner at 321-773-9889.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We're having a volunteer appreciation gathering on Wednesday, December 13, beginning at 11:00. If you have given of your gifts and talents in ANY way this year, please come to the office on December 13, so that we may honor you. There will be food, laughter and fun. Just show up and let the staff express our gratitude for all you do for God and His Kingdom.

December 15, 5:30 P.M. Christmas Homes Tour

We still need one family that would be willing to open their home. If you would consider this, please contact Georgia at 321-773-5535 and leave a message. We always look forward to this event. We will meet at the church at 5:30 pm. Please bring \$5.00 for transportation. We will spend 30 minutes in each home and should be back by 8:30 pm. Please sign up in the church office if you plan on coming with us. If you plan on driving, please let Georgia know.



SENIOR NEWS

for the

Young at Heart

Georgia Garrett

Beyond 50 Ministries - *ReFired Servants*

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

**December
Calendar**



December

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| 1 | Don Mann |
| 3 | Raymonda Luginbuhl |
| 5 | Barbara Stasko |
| 8 | Shirley Aitken |
| 11 | June Brittingham |
| 13 | Don and Gina Zimmerman (anniversary) |
| 14 | Bob Peterson |
| 17 | Georgia Garrett |
| 18 | Jean Tate |
| 21 | Mary Small |
| 25 | Celebration of Jesus' birth |
| 26 | Frank Armitage |
| 29 | Iris Moen |
| 30 | Donna Maxwell |
| 31 | Kay Aiken |

"GO-GO"

Activities for 55+



I am moving our walking group for those who like to be on the "go." On the second week in January, we will be walking on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 1 mile to 2 miles around the church (when the weather is good.)

We meet in front of the church.

If you need more information, please call the church office at 777-0116 or Georgia Garrett at 773-5535.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 12:45 p.m. COCOA VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE

The Cocoa Village Playhouse will be "A Christmas Carol" on December 2. Miser Ebenezer Scrooge is awakened on Christmas Eve by spirits who reveal to him his own miserable existence, what opportunities he wasted in his youth, his current cruelties, and the fate that awaits him if he does not change his ways. We meet in the parking lot—the bus leaves at 12:45 pm. The play starts at 2:00 pm. Dutch treat supper after the show, returning approximately 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendar. If you are on the permanent list and are not attending, please call Georgia at 321-773-5535 so someone can take your seat.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 11:30 p.m. YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

We are into our 50th season of Young At Heart (YAH) Luncheons here at SBUMC. This program will be a Christmas Concert by DeLaura Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Al Dodd. We will be collecting litter or cat food for the Humane Society and Taste of the Wild for dogs or puppies for Paws for Vets or you may put your donation in the lobby. We will also be collecting a donation of \$5.00 for the children at the Haven at the luncheon. If you would like to be on the permanent reservation list, please let Georgia Garrett know. The cost is \$8.00, payable at the door.

DR. VERNON BOUSHELL CONCERT SERIES Sunday, December 3, 3:30 pm

Indialantic Chamber Singers & Brevard Youth Chorus
Riverside Presbyterian Church, 3400 N. Atlantic Ave.,
Cocoa Beach, FL

Dr. Vernon Boushell concerts are part of music ministry to our community and are free to the community. Their concerts can only seat 450-500, so to control attendance, a free ticket is required. Tickets are available 4 weeks before each concert. Tickets can be printed on-line at www.RiversidePres.org. Or tickets can be reserved for Will-Call pickup at the concert by calling 321-525-7825.

ORGANIZATIONS SENIOR MINISTRY SUPPORTS

1. **Paws for Veterans**—They rescue dogs and train them to support Veterans struggling with PTSD and other disabilities. The main thing they need is specifically "Taste of the Wild" dogfood.
2. **Humane Society**—They save abused kittens and cats. They need food, cat litter and donations.
3. **The Haven**—in December, we provide McDonald's Certificates for the children at *The Haven*.

"I bring you good news that will cause great joy which will come to all people for unto you a Savior has been born."
Luke 2:10-11

Georgia Garrett, Senior Ministry Director

Children's Ministry Update

Shawna Brkich, Children & Youth Director
(321-604-9959)



- 1) The children of SBUMC will be participating in the first Christmas Eve service at 5:00PM by singing a Christmas song with a little set, and while in costume. I'll be teaching them the song during Sunday School, between now and then. If you want your child to participate, please bring them as many Sunday mornings as possible, so that they can learn the song and I can gauge how many kiddos I'm working with. I will need a Mary, Joseph, 3 kings, etc. This should be super cute, and I just know it will be enjoyed by all. Thank you in advance!
- 2) Attention SBUMC parents: I am planning a Christmas outing for the children and a parent to go watch the animated movie, The Star, about the first Christmas story - but a day and time has not been decided on just yet though, because I will be asking my moms and dads what works best for them. The cost will be covered by SBUMC, so keep an eye out in the weekly bulletins for further info.

For the best ever Gingerbread cookie recipe that won't spend during baking, visit: <https://thekitchenpaper.com/gingerbread-cookies-wont-spread/>

Bible verse of the month:

Luke 2:11 ~ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The holidays can be difficult for us all—the stresses and strains of trying to offer a time of celebration take its toll. This time of year, too many people find they have trouble feeling “in the spirit” of things, whether because of recent (or anticipated) death of a family member or friend, the end of a marriage, the loss of work, or other trying change. Some people are still dealing with the effects of the hurricanes this last summer.

This year we will be gathering together for Blue Christmas Service. The name is because – despite the trappings of gifts, special meals, and Christmas carols – the season can cause us to be a bit “blue” or a bit darker than normal times of the year. The service speaks to our real feelings and we are reminded of the great promises of God and the love of Christ.

So on December 3rd, at 4PM, come and join us for this special service as you begin to prepare for the Christmas celebration that a great light has come to shine in our darkness.

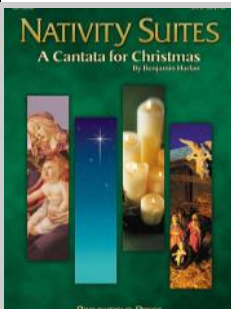
MINISTRY OF CARING

“Oh my, the holidays are here again and they will not be the same this year. A sadness so soft is settling in on me. It lingers like a winter fog.”



A caring Stephen Minister is ready and trained to help you find yourself through the “mist” He/she would like to care for you at this time. They will not judge you or push you to get better, instead, your Stephen Minister will listen and care for you while you work through your feelings.

If this ministry sounds like it would benefit you, please call Pastor Harry , 777-0116 or Mary Mutter, 777-0509.



Music Ministry News

Christmas is one of my favorite times of year, and the music of Christmas perfectly captures the glorious birth of our Lord Jesus through song. That being said, you don't want to miss our cantata, "Nativity Suites" by Benjamin Harlan on Sunday, December 17 at both services, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. This work features music of the season with narration and congregational singing. The choir has worked hard, so invite your friends, family, neighbors and anyone else you can think of to this event. It will truly be a celebration and I can't wait to see you there!

Singing His Praises,
Sharon Maslin, Choir Director choruslady1@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

*Shawna Brkich, Children & Youth Director
(321-604-9959)*



There was talk and inquiring about a possible ski trip for the SBUMC youth in January, but after speaking with several of them, it doesn't look like that's going to happen—mostly because more than half of the teens will be out of town still for the holidays, or they have extracurricular commitments and cannot miss practices. With that said, I am leaning towards taking the youth to Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party at Disney World. I mentioned it to four of the teens already, and they all expressed a genuine interest in going - even the boys! I do not have the exact day selected though, because I need to know what works best for everyone. Please stay tuned and check the weekly bulletins for further information.

Needs:

I absolutely **must** have permission slips to take the teens anywhere —especially Disney next month. I will set the slips on the table to the left, right before entering the sanctuary. They will be yellow in hopes of them standing out. Please fill one out, sign it, and put it in my box located in the church office.

Announcements:

Our Christmas celebration will be on Sunday, December 17th, during regular youth hours. There will be no youth the following Sunday, December 24th, because it is Christmas Eve.

Volunteer opportunities:

I have had a few ladies ask me if cooking the meal for our youth meetings on Sunday afternoons would be a blessing, and the answer to that is YES! Thanks so much to those of you who have already reached out to me about this. If you would like to serve by cooking or buying food for always hungry teens, please get in touch with me. (Ha!)

As you make your financial preparations for the end of 2016, please consider the tax benefits of a year-end contribution to SBUMC. You may realize a tax benefit from a direct transfer of stock or mutual funds, or a direct distribution of retirement funds. We can assist you with this transaction through the Florida UMC Foundation. By using our account at the Foundation, we avoid brokerage fees. If you would like to know more, please contact me at the church office, 777-0116. For information on the tax benefits available, contact your tax advisor.

Shirley Huffman, Treasurer



Requests for Christmas gifts from community families are on the Giving Tree in the lobby.

Please wrap and return no later than December 17. Be sure to place the tag on the wrapped gift.

Monetary gifts are always welcome. Thank you for your continued support of these sharing opportunities

You may purchase a poinsettia or make a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one for Christmas Eve. You may take it home after the 7:00 pm service. Please attach a check in the amount of \$10.00 for each poinsettia.

Last day to order is December 17.



Given in Memory
of _____

Given in Honor of

Given by _____

Want to give a gift of hope?

On the first two Sundays in December (the 3rd and 10th), Missions Committee members will be in the lobby between services sponsoring the Alternative Christmas Market. At a time when some of our friends and family members have more that they need or want, you can make a donation in that person's name to those who may not otherwise be able to celebrate Christmas. UMCOR has provided a catalog with suggested gifts in four areas—disaster response, global health, sustainable development and recovery, and missionaries. You can donate what you want in any area and with the combined gifts of other church members, we can share God's blessings with those who are truly in need. Cards will be provided so that you can tell the gift recipient what has been donated in their name. Many of our church members have found that this is a wonderful way to share God's bounty and his love at Christmas.

Ann Montgomery



FOCUS ON CUBA

Pastor Victor's wife, Pastora Betty, administers the quarterly funds we send them & works very hard to stretch every cent to provide the most assistance possible. She makes every effort to find things they really need at the best price possible. In addition, they provide a meal every 2 weeks to the seniors group. Missions provides \$575 a quarter for this mission. After costs of conversion & fees for sending the money, they receive \$500, which amounts to \$167 a month. Each person they help receives very little—one pair of underwear or socks, one package of detergent or soap, etc., & they are so grateful for the little they receive. I think Betty does a great job with so little! Please keep them in your prayers.

In addition to the quarterly support from the Missions budget, your contributions to Cuba Mission enable us to provide for many ongoing needs of the church. For example, we have been able to provide funds for repairs & construction, a projector, outfits for the praise & worship & dance teams, & so much more. This year we will once again be able to provide the funds for the churchwide Christmas celebration, thanks to your support. They realize we can't meet all of their needs, but they are so grateful for every contribution.



Come and enjoy more than 3 million twinkling holiday lights that ignite the night sky at Wickham Park in Melbourne November 20 through January 1, from 6:30pm until 10:00pm. All proceeds benefit our own Pack and Troop 309 and the Boy Scouts of America! The "Space Coast Lightfest" is a holiday themed drive-through event transforming Wickham Park into a virtual winter wonderland. Hayrides are open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Christmas Eve. A journey through the park will take your breath away as you experience the wonders of the holiday season. The climax of your journey will begin as you pass through a 200 foot "Light Tunnel" exploding with light. For ticketing and information, please visit www.spacecoastlightfest.com!

FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Justin went to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home from an abusive home situation. He was nearly three years behind academically. His therapist worked with him to help him understand that the abuse was not his fault, and to help him trust again. As he became more trusting, he also began to accept the idea that he was worthy of being loved. Up to that point, he didn't believe that he would ever experience the kind of love that most children take for granted. The on-campus school, Legacy Scholars Academy, also worked with him over the two years that he was at the Children's Home. Little by little, his grades improved and he caught up academically. The exciting part of Justin's story is that his adoption was finalized in September. He found that forever home that he always wanted, and came to experience the love that he never thought he was worthy of receiving.



In a recent letter received from the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Elizabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer wrote about how the children often reflect on what they have done and have doubts and struggle with self worth. It is the goal of the therapists and the house parents to work with the children to focus on their progress and successes instead of the traumatic situations from which they came. It is through our support of the Children's Home that allows them to help children like Justin.

Thank you for Christmas joy that you helped give the children at the Children's Home through your donations of gift cards. Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Home through the Fifth Sunday Giving. The final Fifth Sunday Giving for 2017 will be Sunday, December 31, 2017.



November was full of activity. We were visited by the Fire Department and Police Department on Community Helper Day. The Fire Department sent two trucks for us to explore, and the firefighters taught the students how to Stop, Drop, and Roll and how to stay low and go. Officer Greta showed the students how to use the speaker on her police car and taught safety lessons. The police department brought the 911 phone to teach the children how to call 911. November is preschool food drive month, and we brought all the food to the Sanctuary during Chapel Time and Pastor Harry blessed it before we took it to the food pantry.

Our Cookie Walk is December 10 and Fellowship Hall will be full of cookies for church members to buy. Preschool will be singing at the December 10 services. *Susan Siemer, Preschool Director, 777-0116, X223*



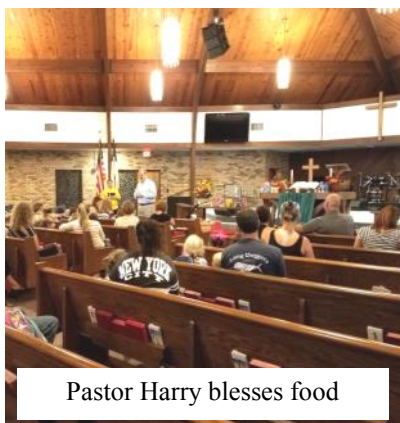
Firefighter depicting a fire



Children looking into fire truck



Learning to call 911



Pastor Harry blesses food



Fire Truck arrives at Preschool



I look inside a police car

DINING OUT IN DECEMBER

Our restaurant of choice for December is BANANA RIVER CAFÉ. Our friends and owners, Lauren and Laura Greenspan always look forward to us patronizing them in December and they are always generous in sharing 10% of our receipts with SBUMC. Remember to tell your server that you are from the church.

They are located on S. Patrick Drive in the Lori Lane strip mall, just south of the church. Their hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 7 am to 2:30 pm.

Thanks to all of you for supporting our Dining Out program. Since 2007 lots of money has been raised for the kitchen remodeling and now for the fellowship hall renovation.

Remember our friends at BEACHSIDE GRILLE generously give us 10% of our bills all year long. Just tell your server we are from the church and write SBUMC on the bill.

A special thank you to Barbara and Steve, owners, is in order.

Bon Appetit. . . everyone!!



SATELLITE BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

450 Lee Avenue
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

STEPHEN MINISTRY makes Satellite Beach United
Methodist Church a more caring place.



Ask about how *you* can be a part of a LifeTogether home group. Don't be left out of this exciting ministry. Call the Church Office.

The VISION NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

December 15 is the deadline for January 2018

January 18 is the deadline for February

February 16 is the deadline for March

Please email all news items to caroll@sbumc.net.

More Information about SBUMC

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8:30 am-5:00 pm, Mon.– Thurs.

8:30 - Noon Friday

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WEB SITE: www.sbumc.net

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

9:00 am - Contemporary

11:00 am - Traditional

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES:

9:45 am

10:10 am

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