

SATELLITE BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

450 Lee Avenue
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Upcoming Sermons & Scripture

- ◆ **April 7, 2024 God is Light 1 John 1:1 - 2:2**
- ◆ **April 14, 2024 A Call to Repentance Acts 3:12-20**
- ◆ **April 21, 2024 The Good Shepherd John 10:11-18**
- ◆ **April 28, 2024 The True Vine John 15:1-8**

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The Vision

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



April 2024

Satellite Beach United Methodist Church



Message
from
Pastor Harry

We have just celebrated Easter. It is the event that makes our faith effective for without the resurrection, there is nothing to have faith in. It is a time when the churches around the country have some of their highest attendance. And we are no different. Easter still means something and without it, we would only have the law as our hope. Paul preached that the law was only designed to show us sin in our lives and our need for God. But Easter reminds us that Christ has ushered in a new covenant and this Good News has changed the lives of so many people down through the ages since.

Scripture calls us to follow Christ's example which is to humble ourselves – to take up our cross and follow Christ where ever he goes. The problem for many churches is that while they begin walking with Christ and carrying their cross, over time they begin to drift from that initial enthusiasm and settle in to a routine for the sake of routine. They call on God to bless what they are now doing and God doesn't. People then wonder what happened to the church and to the enthusiasm they once felt.

Now most of the time, this is not an intentional decision. It happens because our tendency is to drift from God. We don't drift toward righteousness, but toward the natural desires of our body. That is why Paul says he dies every day. Individually we must seek God each day, and as a church, collectively we must seek God each day. Walking with Christ is an intentional act every day.

And what is so wonderful about walking with God is that he prepares for us the work we are to

do. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Paul reminds us that we were created for good works which God has prepared for us. And in Revelation, we hear these words written to the church at Philadelphia. John writes, "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens: I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut." God is the God of open doors and God will open doors for us to be in work with God and to be blessed by God.

As we move forward as a church, God will open doors for us to be successful as his people. And it is important for us a people to seek those open doors. And we, as the church, need to once again, go from our places of comfort and out into the "highways and by-ways" to share the Good News of Jesus. We can no longer afford sit back and wait for them to come and ask us about it. Many don't even know what to say to a follower of Christ. We have become an object of misunderstanding and strangeness to them.

I find it fascinating that the word "go" appears over 200 times in the New Testament? The word "stay" only appears 20 times. We are people who are being sent. We are called to go and share the good news.

Going through the open doors God has for us takes faith, takes trust and takes the humility of Christ. But it also takes a willingness to go, to move, and to be active. I pray that we can move forward together through the doors God will open up for Satellite Beach UMC as we seek his will and his presence.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Harry

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 an ongoing basis:

Men and women of our armed forces: *Rob Bird, *Zach Heim, Bryan, nephew of Mike & Pat Hunter, Matthew Joubert, Tim Joubert, Sean Keane, *Craig Lambert, Ellen Lambert, *Vance Lambert, *Laura Lehnerz, Patrick Miller, Jason Snedeker, Mike Taylor

Missionaries: John & Lynn Lehn, Croatia, Jim, Kathy, Stephen & Hillary Mehl, Salvador; and Pastor Alexis, Mir Iglesia Metodista, Cuba. Larz & Karen Welo

Prayers of Concern: Sydney Arnold, *Jean Denney, *Ada Fields, Thomas Fuller, Carolyn Hibbs, Anne Joyce, *Jerryan McClure, *Ruth Miles, Sarah Miller, Eldon & Iris Moen, Marty Peischel, *Melissa Phillips, *Shirley Pollak, Joan Powell, Carl & Catherine "Bunny" Sanderson, *Linda & Ravi Shah, *Al & Patty Smith, *Barbara Stasko, Erin Sullivan, *Jim Tate, Linda Tippins, Frank Traino

Long Term Care: Victoria Landing - *Hilda Gray, *Doris Tantum; Zon Beachside - *June Brittingham, *Maddy Klasen, Donna White Chateau Madeleine - *Joe & Francene Intille; *Pete & Judy Wehner; Riverview Senior Resort, Palm Bay *Jean Webb; Brookdale - *John Stroud

*denotes church family

Mission News

Healthy Food for Those in Need

In our community some families do not know where their next meal will come from. Parents skip dinner so that their children do not go to bed hungry. Children have trouble concentrating at school because of the rumble in their stomachs. Over 40 million people in the US struggle with food insecurity each year.

Meanwhile, a farmer has three cartons of heirloom tomatoes left over after a long day at the weekly farmers market. She knows that they are beautiful and ripe today, but won't be edible if she saves them to sell next week. Should she compost them or feed them to her animals so they don't go to waste? More than 1/3 of the produce grown in the US is lost as waste.

The Society of St. Andrew steps in. Volunteers pick the produce up, package it and drive it to local distribution sites. They might even offer to pick any produce from her fields that is blemished and can't be sold. The family now has the basics of a good, healthy meal.

On Sunday, **April 14**, we will be collecting for the Society of St. Andrew to help support their efforts to reduce food insecurity by providing fresh fruit and vegetables to those in need. Please consider a donation.

Focus on Cuba

Mark your calendars! May 19th will be a Cuba dinner! Our Cuban brothers and sisters will bless us again with an authentic Cuban meal and share a message on the status of the country. We'll look at the new obstacles coming into daily life and how our friends are walking around them and over them living in fervent faith! Thanks to all our missionary sponsors. We have raised the monthly salary from \$25 to \$30 and they are so grateful! We sent an extra \$400 for food and they fed the entire church a full hot meal. Thanks for your continued generosity and faithfulness in prayer!!!

Stacy Jones



Prayer Ministry

Something Wonderful Happens When You Pray

The Greek philosopher, Zeno said: "The reason we have two ears and only one mouth is that we may listen the more and talk the less."

David cries out to the Lord in Psalm 86, "Hear, O Lord, and answer me." We pray in gratitude, in earnest and sincerity, but how often do we take the time to listen for the Lord to answer us?

Allow a few moments in your prayer time to listen for God's guidance.

Prayer Ministry
Ada Fields



Preschool News! (cont'd.)



The Students of Mrs. Govea's Threes class made race cars during their transportation module and were visited by Timekeeper Mom (Ms. Siemer) and Pit Boss Dad (Mr. Siemer) who came to read the book "Let's go Racing" by Susan Siemer about a family that goes to the race track with their race car. They students learned about the importance of all the safety rules and equipment.



Mrs. Resnick's Threes class getting ready to do an art project.



Playground time.



Preschool News!



Mrs. Locke's VPK Class on Cat in the Hat day.



Mrs. Halsey's Class went on a Gingerbread Man Hunt with Mrs. Siemer



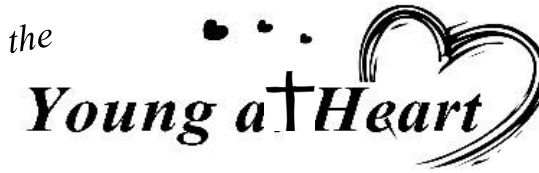
Ms. Hascall's VPK class was visited by Leprechauns and so they had a St. Patrick's Day party.

Sand play on the playground. →



SENIOR NEWS

for the



Georgia Garrett

Beyond 50 Ministries - ReFired Servants

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

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

- 3 Margaret Broussard
- 4 Rose Ann Wiebe
- 9 Pete Wehner
- 13 Joyce Slosser
- 19 Jerryan McClure
- 20 Bob & Judy Peterson Anniversary
- 21 Marcia Chamless

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

- Isaiah 60:1

ORGANIZATIONS SENIOR MINISTRY SUPPORT

Humane Society
(Still collecting)

- 4 cans of cat food
- 1 bag of cat litter



"Sweet April showers do bring May flowers."

- Thomas Tusser

Lunch and a Movie

Lunch and a Movie will be held every other month; i.e. May, July, etc.

The Community Band of Brevard

Ten seniors went to hear the *Swing into Spring* concert on Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 pm at Merritt Island High School. Thank you to Tara Jones who drove her vehicle with passengers and I drove the church van which was full. We will continue to attend these concerts as we learn they are being performed.

Upcoming Events

The following performances will be held at the Henegar Center in Melbourne, on Sundays at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$39.00. Please sign up in the book in the office if you want to attend.

"The Bodyguard" May 5, 12, 19, 26

Rachel Marron has a stalker, so she hires former secret service agent Frank Farmer to be her bodyguard. He becomes closer to her as they spend more time together. When Rachel wins an award for Best Actress, the attacker points a gun at her. Farmer leaps in front of Rachel and is wounded. However, Frank recovers and bids farewell to her at the airport.

"April is a promise that May is bound to keep."

- Hal Borland

With lots of love and prayers,
Georgia Garrett, Director,
Senior Ministry



In Our Prayers

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to the family of Janet Baker. Janet went to her heavenly home on March 25, 2024. Her service will be held April 6th.

Children & Youth

Many thanks to each of you who supplied treats, donated a love offering to purchase candy, and stuffed thousands of Easter eggs. Our Easter Egg Hunt was a total success as always!

Family Game Night will be Friday, **April 19th** from 6:00-8:00PM. Family Game Night is always free, but I need parents to RSVP to ensure that I have enough food.

I will be holding an Acolyting Training Class during the Sunday School hour (10:15-10:45AM) on Sunday, **April 21st** in room S3 located behind the Children's Ministry room. This class will cover what acolyting is, why the UMC incorporates acolyting into our worship, and the proper way to acolyte. Since there is fire involved, we typically start children off at around age 9 - however, we have made exceptions. I sent emails out to invite families to this class. However, if I unintentionally missed your family, please contact me and/or show up the morning of.

The youth group will meet at Pelican Beach on Sunday, **April 28th** from 5-7PM for sun, fun, food, and games. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from. All teens are welcome. Bring a friend!

If your child is between 4th-12th grade and has any interest in attending Warren Willis' Summer Camp, please reach me ASAP so that we can get the ball rolling on registration and the scholarship forms to receive a discount on camp costs.

VBS 2024 is **July 22nd-26th**. Please contact me if you are able to help! There is also a volunteer sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary by the sound booth. If you are a church member and would like to register your child(ren), please visit our website or mobile app with the link to do so. There are also paper copies in the front office.

Shawna Brkich
Children & Youth Director

Hello Satellite Beach UMC!

Choir News

I hope that you have enjoyed the music over the course of this Lenten season and Holy Week and that you have found time to offer up praise to the Lord and Savior who gave up His life for us. I wanted to take some time to research "praise" and came across this great article that helped break it down for me. I hope you find it insightful!

The roar of the crowd when their team wins the Big Game. The cheers at the dining room table as you take the Scrabble championship. The thunderous applause as the orchestra performs the symphony's finale. The mom and dad cheering wildly as their son takes his bow as "Rock #2" in the Kindergarten play. The tears and exuberant "YES" as he asks her to be his wife. Praise is inherent in each and every one of us. It is something we were created to do. Life is full of praise:

Parents praise their kids. Grandparents praise them more. Teachers praise their students. Coaches praise their teams. Praise is something we were born with deep in our spirit-man. It is an integral part of life. We praise what we value. We praise what we support. We praise what we love.

For those with a healthy spiritual life, praise is natural. It easily flows from the heart of one who has a relationship with God. For others, "religious training", lack of understanding, fear of embarrassment, and pride inhibit the spirit-man from thriving in health - causing praise to be silenced. How can you incorporate praise into your everyday life giving you access to God? You can turn on praise music while you clean the house, while you are in the car, while you are cooking in the kitchen, while you are sitting by the pool.

You can praise Him before your prayer or Bible Study time. You can sing to Him before you pray. You can praise Him before you open your Bible. You can turn on praise music as you are driving to church. Till up the soil of your heart with praise, and then allow God to plant His words into fresh soil.

I hope these are helpful tools to keep in mind as you go about your daily lives. Thank you, and God bless!

Michel Avey

Happy Spring



SPRING WORD SEARCH

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BLOSSOM	CHICK	KITE	NEST	SPROUT
BUD	EGGS	LADYBUG	PUDDLE	TULIP
BUNNY	FLOWER	LAMB	RAIN	WORM

Upcoming Events

Special Church Conference

April 7 3:00 pm Church Members are invited to come discuss and vote on the decision of whether to sell current parsonage and buy a new, more energy efficient home.



Church Picnic!

April 14 12:30 PM Pelican Beach Pavilion Please Sign up so we know how many hamburgers and hot dogs are needed. Bring your favorite picnic side dish. To sign up for parking pass, go to this website.

www.parksatellitebeach.org/annual-passes. There is also the option to pay hourly at the kiosk. Be sure to park legally as they are well known to place a boot on your wheel.



Cuba Dinner

May 19 Save the Date - More information will be available next month. For more information, see page 2 for the *Focus on Cuba* article or see Stacy Jones.

