

Steeple Echoes

February 2009

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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A Few Short Articles... by Pastor Phillip Short



Gary Carter Night

New York Mets catcher/baseball legend Gary Carter will be the guest speaker in the Sanctuary of Stuart First United Methodist Church, Thursday, February 5th at 7:00p.m.

In addition to being a Christian, Gary Carter is also a World Series champion. Gary Carter's biography is entitled: "Still a Kid at Heart." His book and his talk will be about lessons learned through walking with Christ, winning, losing, and life in general.

This event is open to everyone; men, women, boys and girls. Come on out and enjoy it!

A freewill offering will be taken.

FUMC Winter Event

First Annual Chili Challenge & Pot Luck Family Fun Day!

February 28th, 4:00-7:00p.m. at our new property - 6050 S. Kanner Hwy.

This is a fellowship event that is open to every person in the church. This is a chance to simply enjoy ourselves and get to know one-another better. This event will feature a covered dish dinner. For those who are willing to compete, we are holding a "chili challenge." Just who has the best tasting chili recipe?

The new members of the church will be introduced as the guests of honor. There will be games for the kids. There will be relaxation and great conversation for the adults. There will be a bonfire in the evening.

More information is available in this very edition of Steeple Echoes. Come on out and get to know your church a little better.



Lent at Stuart 1st UMC

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, is February 25th.

We will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall each of the Wednesdays of Lent at 12:10-12:50p.m.

We will have a hymn, a guest homily, and then lunch. We will even offer the traditional imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Lunch will be simple; soup and a sandwich, perhaps a salad. It will be very reasonably priced. The worship and lunch will be set to conclude at 12:50 so that those who are going back to work will have time to make the drive. Members of our church staff will be giving the guest homilies. They will be bringing brief messages from their areas of ministry, passion, and Spiritual gifts.

These have been great times of gathering, worship and fellowship during the past years. Please make a point of joining us for the Lenten worship experience!

Christian Seder

scheduled for Ash Wednesday Evening February 25th, 6:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Christian disciples have grown up hearing about the story of Israel, how they were oppressed by Pharaoh, and held captive in Egypt. We have long heard the story of how God raised up Moses and how God moved through him with the power of the judgments against Egypt. We have always heard the story of how Israel was told to spread the blood of the lamb over their doorposts so that the angel of death would pass over them and inflict judgment only on the house of Egypt. We may even remember that the Law told Israel to practice a certain feast that would remind them of their salvation.



That feast that is celebrated on Passover is called a "Seder" and it symbolically points to the Messiah Jesus. Rabbi Bruce Elman of Le'Chiam Messianic Congregation will be our guest teacher and host as he walks us through this symbolic feast/time of worship.

Plan on attending! This will deepen our understanding of Holy Communion as Jesus introduced the sacrament at the Passover Seder.



Any Youth, age 11 - 18, is invited to check out our exciting Youth Group!

Sunday Night Youth

6:00 to 8:00pm

Dinner at 6:00 — cooked each week by Cathie McCarthy.

The cost for dinner is \$2.00 per person!

From 6 to 7pm — games, 9-square, hanging out with friends.

We now have a "Quiet Room" in Room 1. This is a place for "calm" hanging out. There are bean bag chairs, board games, video games, etc. No "loudness" allowed!

At 7pm we go into the Sanctuary for announcements, some great praise and worship and a lesson.

Bring a friend and come join us!

"Young Youth" Sunday School

6th to 8th grade

9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Choir Room (Except the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, when all youth attend the 9:30 church service.)

Taught by Julie Arrighi and Dian Bush (with occasional help from Alex Kumpf and Chris Buehler)

The class is currently doing an exciting study on the life of Jesus!

United Methodist Youth Summer Camp at Leesburg

Rising 6th to rising 12th grade
July 6—11, 2009

Cost of camp is \$365. The church will scholarship each student who is an active member of the youth group and/or church family, half the cost (\$182.50). The cost to the parents will be \$182.50.

There are scholarships available through the Methodist Conference. Scholarship applications are available through the church or youth office and must be postmarked by April 1, 2009.

Camp applications are available from the youth/church office and should be returned to Chris Buehler by Sunday, Feb. 8.

For more info on the Youth Group contact: Chris Buehler, Youth Director "Torch" Kumpf, Youth Ministry Assistant/Spiritual Growth Director
Church Office: 287-6262

Confirmation Class

6th grade and up

Classes will begin Sunday, February 8 in Room 2 from 5 to 6pm.

It will be an 8 week class and the "Claim the Name" curriculum will be used.

Attendance will be very important and a large percentage of classes will be required for the student to be confirmed.

The students in the class will be received into the membership of our church on Palm Sunday, April 5.

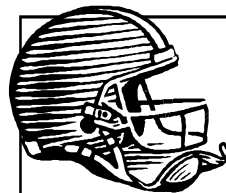
We are going to ask members of the congregation to "sponsor" each confirmand. This would involve prayers, notes, calls of encouragement and, possibly, standing up with the students as they are confirmed. We want our church family to take seriously the task of welcoming and shepherding our youth as they join the church!

These classes will be taught by Alex "Torch" Kumpf, Pastor Short and Chris Buehler

Please contact the youth depart for more info and to sign your child up!

Summer 2009 Youth Dates for Early Bird Planners:

- Vacation Bible School: June 15-19
- ReCreation Experiences
Home Repair Mission Trip to North Carolina: June 20-27 (Year #8!)
- Leesburg Summer Camp — July 6-11
- Senior High Alumni Mission Trip to the Bahamas — July 26 to August 1



FYI — No youth group on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 1). The senior high will have a party at the Clark house in Palm City. Church bus pick-up at the church at 6pm and return to the church at half time.

Handbell Choir

Any youth interested in being in an "intergenerational" (that means youth and adults together) handbell choir contact the youth department.



First United Methodist Pre-School



Enrollment for the next school year begins February 2nd for church members. Open enrollment starts March 2nd. For information and a registration form, please contact the Pre-School at 287-6265.

Our Church Family

Nursing Homes

We wish to extend Christian Sympathy to:

- The family of Betty Green
- The family of Eleanor Kendal
- The family of Pam Valentjas

In Loving Memory of:

Jack Bridget

Kathy Garlington
Jane Rahn
Charlotte Felter
Clark & Sandra Raynor
Larry & Genie Buchanan
Al & Dorothy Schink
Ernie & Elizabeth Dike
Sue Richardson
Joe & Jane Essinger
Bob & Sarah Johnson

Shirley Economan

Clark & Sandra Raynor
Sue Richardson

Adele Cisco

Artie Timmerman
Ruth Hammerstrom

Anniversary Wishes

We wish to congratulate Tom and Billie Boyd who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on January 16th!

We wish to congratulate Marshall and Mary Ray Evans who celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on January 26th!

Thank You

Thank you to Theresa and Mark Vallejo for their support and help during the recent birth of our fourth child, especially the babysitting and meals. Thank you to Michelle Deen, Giova Short, Gayle Petit, Rankin Holloway, Victoria Waldbauer and Wendy Skinner for providing meals while Amy was recovering. Your help was much appreciated, and you have a special place in our hearts. You all were the hands and feet of Christ to us in a time of need.

Joe & Amy Ritter, Justin, Leah, Ethan and Ava

PALM CITY HEALTH & REHAB

Karen Wheelus
Lavinia Howard
Martha Anderson
Bill Wade

PARKWAY HEALTH CARE & THE PLACE ASSISTED LIVING

Diane Rashidi
Janet Sonstroem
Edna Culler
Edith Bouse
Mary Jane Lewis
Naoma Gonzalez
Betty Derington
Wes Tagg

MARTIN NURSING & RESTORATIVE

Gloria Wuterich

LIFE CARE

Jeannette Butcher
Richard Thomas

HARBOR POINT ASSISTED LIVING

Clyde Coutant

SUMMERVILLE ASSISTED LIVING

Muriel O'Donnell
Vernell Adams
Mildred Hefinger
Arline Hawken
Barbara Fogt

SALERNO BAY MANOR

Anna Daneker

OCEAN PALMS

Polly Parker

BRIGHTON GARDENS

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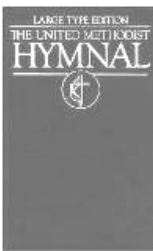
STERLING HOUSE

Stanley Campbell

STUART NURSING & RESTORATIVE CARE

Ruby Tripp

If we have inadvertently left the name of someone from our church off the nursing home list, please contact Sue Farrow in the church office at 287-6262.



New hymnals have been purchased for the sanctuary. If you wish, you may purchase a hymnal for \$18.50 and give it in honor or memory of someone. Please call Sue Farrow in the church office at 287-6262.



First Annual Chili Challenge & Pot Luck Family Fun Day!

Come one - Come all -
Saturday, February 28th from 4pm-7pm at our new property
(6050 Kanner Hwy)

Enjoy some fun, fellowship and yummy food. Think you have the best chili recipe around town? Please bring a crock-pot of your favorite, award winning chili. We'll provide some taste tester judges to determine a winner!

If chili is not your specialty, we're going to have a good- old fashioned pot-luck supper. Please bring a dish to share (serving at least 10 people) Last name beginning with A-J please bring a main dish; K-Q- salad or vegetable and R-Z dessert. We'll join together and do what United Methodists do best.....eat!

Crafts, games and lots of fun are planned with you in mind.
Remember to bring your lawn chairs! Drinks and paper goods will be supplied by the church.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.
Any questions, please call Dee @287-6262.

Staff Parish News

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is the administrative unit in the local church which exists to serve the mutual interests of the staff and congregation as we all focus on the vision and mission of the church. Members are nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the annual Charge Conference. A rotating system is used to provide continuity on the committee. It consists of five to nine members who serve three year terms in three classes. Retiring members may not succeed themselves. The Lay Leader of the church is also a member.

In 2008 Dian Bush, Michelle Deen, Howard Foell, and Gary Porter completed their service on the committee. Dian served as our chairperson in 2008 and we thank her for her willingness to accept this responsibility and administer many difficult decisions at a critical time in our church. We began 2008 with only Dian, Andrew Sills and Blanche Wells returning to the committee as several members elected to retire before completing their three year term. Michelle Deen, Howard Foell, and Gary Porter agreed to fill these positions. All three made major contributions to the work of the committee last year.

This is the final year of service for Andrew Sills and Blanche Wells. Andrew has been with our church for 39 years. His wife Kristina is also a member. They have 2 daughters and are currently involved in the children's ministry. Blanche was married to Richard Wells in this church in 1980. They will both be attending the Financial Peace University this year. Blanche is a retired public school counselor and is interested in children's ministry, community outreach, and prayer ministry. Last fall she taught a parenting class.

Alice Purkey, Gordon West, and Janette Wray are beginning their second year. They all served on the Vision team for our church in 2007. Alice served as co-chair in 2008 with Dian and will be chairing the committee this year. She has been active at this church since 1987. She has been married for 55 years and has 2 adult children. She has worked in youth ministry and led numerous Bible studies. Gordon West has been with the church since 2005. Before that he was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in PBG. His wife Pat is also a member of our church. Gordon is a member of the Band of Brothers and is involved with the Emmaus and Chrysalis organizations. Janette Wray has been active in our church since 2001. She was drawn to our church through the music ministry and is a member of the Celebration Choir. She has also led several Bible studies and is currently leading the Max Lucado study on the Gospel of John.

Craig Dallas, Sandra Raynor, and Mark Vallejo are beginning their first year. Craig has been with the church for two years. His wife Pam is also a member. They have a daughter, 2 adult children, and are active in children's ministry. Sandra Raynor has been active in this church since 1978. Her husband Clark is also a member. She is also known as "Hugs" the clown. She has been a blessing to young and old alike through her talent and spiritual witness as Hugs. She has also led several Bible studies

and been active in missions. Mark Vallejo has been with the church since 2005. His wife Teresa is also a member. They have 3 children and are active in youth and children's ministries. Mark is also a member of the Band of Brothers and interested in church growth and missions.

This committee is here to serve the interests of both staff and congregation in "striving to love and honor Jesus in thought, word and deed." The mission of our church is to "PLEASE GOD in all we think, say and do." We want to be known as the church that helps each other "become like Jesus." One of the ways God speaks to us is through each other. In order to do our job effectively, we need to hear from you. Please feel free to communicate your suggestions and concerns to anyone on this committee. We all share a common goal; as Pastor Phillip says, "We love this church." May God be with us and guide us in all our ways throughout this year.

In His Service,

Nick Blount (Lay Leader)	Alice Purkey, Chairman	
Craig Dallas	Andy Sills	Gordon West
Sandra Raynor	Blanche Wells	Janette Wray
Mark Vallejo		

Music Ministry

The New Year has already been full of new beginnings. Perhaps the most exciting has been the return of worship to the sanctuary. And what a beautiful place to worship it is! The choir finds itself front and center with a greater opportunity to provide musical leadership during worship. I, too, have had a new beginning as the director of the Celebration Choir. This wonderful group has made me feel welcome in the midst of a difficult transition.



The choir invites all singers to join us for rehearsal at 7:00p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the Choir Room. If you are only here in Florida a few months, come and SING FOR A SEASON! Choose either the 8:00 or 11:00 Sunday morning service to participate - or sing for both.

All are welcome.

The Wesleyan Ringers are also eager to begin rehearsals. If you would enjoy ringing for the season please join us Wednesday evening, February 4 at 6:30p.m. in the Choir Room.

Thank you all for the warm welcome to First United Methodist Church. Don't hesitate to call me if you have questions about the choirs.

In His Love, Sherry Rasmussen 334-5780

Jubilee Ringers—our children's chime choir, occasionally provides music for all three Sunday morning worship services (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am) Children who are in 1st through 5th grade are welcome. Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5:45pm in the Choir Room. Contact Yun Lew at 287-6262 ext. 2224 for more information.

Do You Know God's Plan for YOUR New Year?

God Speaks!

What do I find most important with day to day living? That we all hear from God each day. God wants to speak to us, but we have to be careful that we don't develop a closed mindset about how He has to speak to us. God can speak to us through supernatural revelation, through natural things, through internal peace, through conviction, but whichever way He chooses, He does promise to direct our path.

Proverbs 16:9 says "A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure."

I know from experience that God can open doors of opportunity that no one can close and He can also close doors that we simply cannot open. From time to time when I think about how I started my journey with the First United Methodist Church, I think of how God opens doors. Let me share how I know God opens the right and only door for us.

I lived 1200 miles away when I applied for the position as Director of Caring Ministries, so I really started off not living in the county, not even in the same state. As I researched the position more I thought "ok, I'll apply, but always having a but, I thought I don't have a prayer in heaven to receive this position." Then I asked for a job description. As I looked at what the church needed, I said "I can do this job." So, I applied and time went on with no response. I started to think "ok, God, I'll wait on you." When I received a phone call from Pastor Mike Shirley, asking me to come for an interview, I replied with "yes, I'll come." But I still couldn't help wonder why it took a couple of months to receive the phone call? Well, I was not the first candidate chosen by Staff Parish, but God knew His plan for me. The position was given to another person, but they did not accept it. The door was now open for me to be called in for an interview. This is how God works, not only does He direct our steps, He also controls the timing for His plan.

Why was the timing so right? I had

just completed working with families who had been devastated by Hurricane Isabel. Many small Islands on the eastern shore of Maryland were under water. I had been asked by the government to put lives back together, lives that would never be the same. My first reply to headquarters in Washington D.C. was "NO! I just can't be your crisis intervention person, not this time." This time was totally different for me as the devastated families were only miles from my Dad's home, some of the families had known my father for over 40 years.



Well, once again God had to intervene. He had to direct my steps. I was called again by head quarters, giving me case histories on the families. There were so many needs and displaced children and families. You guessed it, I said yes. That next 18 months prepared me for the other hurricanes that I would face. How is God's timing perfect? Let me share: My first phone call on my first day at the Mission House was from the Red Cross. They were asking if our church would open as a shelter for the coming hurricane! I was speechless and most of you know that's almost impossible with me. God controls the steps and He makes them sure, just as Proverbs tells us. God had prepared me for my work ahead.

This is where my daily prayer comes in. I depend on daily pray for God to close the doors I am trying to walk through if I am, in fact, making a mistake. My prayer continues that God will open only the doors through which He wants me to pass, doors that agree with His prefect plan for me. I challenge and encourage you to adopt my prayer and let it become part of your

daily prayer. God will give us favor and make things easy for us when we seek His will and His perfect timing.

In writing to the church of Philadelphia, the Apostle John, inspired by the Holy Spirit said, "These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, He Who has the key of David, Who opens and no one shall shut, Who shuts and no one shall open" (Revelation 3:7).

There are times in life when we must take a step forward in order to find out, one way or the other, what we should do. Some doors will never open unless we take a step toward them. At other times we may take a step and find that God will not open the door. If we trust Him for guidance and the door opens easily, we can trust that He is leading us to enter into opportunity before us. In 1 Corinthians 16:9, Paul stated that God had opened a wide door of opportunity for him and his companions. He also mentioned that there were many adversaries, so we must not mistake opposition for a closed door.

Paul and his coworkers Silas and Barnabas did not sit and wait for an angel to appear or a vision to be given to them while praying for direction. They took steps in the direction they felt was correct. Many times God opened the door, but there were times when He closed the door. This did not discourage them. They were not afraid of "missing God." They were men of faith and action. They also knew to back off quickly when it became evident that God was not permitting them to follow their own plan. We can test the waters. Just as we put our toe in the swimming pool to see if the water is cold or warm, we can take a small step toward what we think God wants us to do and see if the path is warm and inviting or cold and dark. I encourage you to take one step; if God opens the door, then take another step. If He closes the door, then back off, try another direction, or wait a while. Always pray and step out again.

Remember "A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure (Proverbs 16:9)

Love In Christ, Pastor Susan

2008 Children & Family Ministry Recap

by Donna Lewis

Director of Children and Families Ministry

It's almost VBS time again! The materials for VBS are ordered and will arrive shortly. Our registration forms for children and volunteers are on our website. We are looking forward to serving many more children this year as we will be studying God's leading of Moses. Last year we ministered to 223 children and utilized over 100 volunteers in the preparation, teaching and follow-up of Vacation Bible School

Seventeen children attended the United Methodist Elementary Camp at Leesburg last summer and registration is currently open for summer of 2009.

Wacky Wednesday was also successful last summer as we had an average of 43 participants in that program of Biblical learning, fun and building relationships.

In September, we began Mission 412 and Little Lambs on Wednesday evening. During the September – December timeframe, the average participation was 60 with our high attendance of 96 and our low of 45.

The children presented a Christmas musical that involved 90 individuals as participants, leaders and support. Sixty children actively participated in the Family Christmas Eve service.

The average Children's Sunday School attendance for the last twelve weeks was 110 with a high attendance of 139 and a low of 91. Our high attendance Sunday was "Friend Day" when children and families were encouraged to invite their friends to Sunday School. That special Sunday School was followed by an afternoon at the Indian River Park where we played and enjoyed a wonderful fellowship time together.

We have 20 families participating in Mom's Morning Out, Monday and Wednesday morning program.. Ten families in the 1 year old class and ten families participating in the 3 year old class.

September through mid December 2008 there were three different parenting classes offered as follows: Parenting by Grace, taught by Blanche Wells on Wednesday evenings. There were 18 parents registered and eight different families touched by this class. Love and Logic and The Five Love Languages were Thursday morning offerings taught by Debbie Llopiz touching additional families.

Children's Ministry sponsored "See You at the Pole" in September at 6 local elementary schools.

Four Parent's Night Out, Friday evening events, were sponsored averaging 25 children and seven volunteers.

Please check out Children's Ministry link on the church website for The Parent Link monthly newsletter, Kidz News monthly newsletter and Children's Ministry calendar.

Our Children's Department is blessed with loving, caring volunteers that are willing to serve Christ through serving our children. God is so good!
Miss Donna

Wednesdays @ 6:15pm



Mission 412
Kid's K thru 5th grade

6:15-7:15
in Rooms 4/5



Little Lambs-Nursery thru 4 year olds

Little Lambs class will be offered each week.
6:15-7:15pm in Rooms 10/11
Bible story, craft, music.

Fun learning about Jesus. Extended childcare will be provided for those attending classes which extend past 7:15pm. Reservations are required for this class by 5:00pm Monday prior.

Parents!

Leesburg Summer Camp,
4th & 5th grade.

July 6-11, 2009

Registrations required by February 15th.



SATURDAY WORKSHOP

EARLY CHILDHOOD
PARENTING MADE FUN

DATE CHANGED TO
SAT. MARCH 14th

9:00am – 2:00pm
Facilitator: Donna Lewis
Cost \$25 (includes
workbook and lunch)

The Love and Logic Process:

Love allows children to grow through their mistakes.
Logic allows children to learn from the consequences of their choices.

Guided Principles of Love and Logic:

Shared control
Shared thinking and decision making
Apply empathy before delivering consequence
Provide opportunity for building self-concept

Our website, www.loveandlogic.com, provides parents and educators with up-to-date information about Love and Logic, products, articles, handouts, and a listing of Love and Logic seminars in cities throughout the United States.

Free childcare is available by
PRIOR RESERVATION.

To register for the seminar and for childcare, please call the church office at 287-6262 or visit www.stuartfumc.org

Our Church Finances
General Expense Fund Through
December 31, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenues:		
General Income	1,387,272.93	1,534,019.26
Expenses:		
Conference Expenses	53,522.82	147,700.44
Operating Expenses	1,178,883.79	1,291,778.08
Inviting Expenses	43,308.06	64,712.59
Worship Expenses	24,632.22	26,022.06
Discipleship Expenses	106,863.56	118,091.86
Serving Ministry Expenses	<u>9,714.05</u>	<u>13,902.18</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,416,924.50</u>	<u>1,662,207.21</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>(29,651.57)*</u>	<u>(128,187.95)</u>
* FUMC was \$90,502.75 in arrears for apportionments @ 12/31/08.		
Net assets, beginning of year	239,787.77	367,975.72
Net assets, end of month	210,136.20	239,787.77

The Finance Committee is hopeful for our 2009 finances due to operating with a realistic budget. Please be in prayer about the plans God has for us in 2009.

Children's Ministry is the February Mission of the Month.



Support FUMC
Vacation Bible
School
and Leesburg
Summer Camp
for Elementary
Children.



Our Camp funds are currently exhausted and there is also a substantial need in our VBS Fund.

Checks may be made payable to FUMC, marked "Children's Ministry."

Every Volunteer Operations Team (EVOT)

The EVOT team want to thank all of you for your loving hearts and volunteer commitment for the programs at FUMC, Stuart.

The Jack Bridget Visitation Team is becoming established and 12 volunteers are being trained at this time. We still have a need for more volunteers..

The Cabbies for Christ program is under way for those who want to come to church, but do not have transportation. Initially we will provide transportation for the 11:00a.m. service. If you would like to be involved in this ministry or need transportation, please call Dee Blount at 287-6262.

This month we are recognizing the ministries of Children and Families; Youth; Music and Caring Ministries/ Manna Kitchen:

The Children and Families Ministry is growing under the leadership of Miss Donna— see article on page 6.

Ignite Youth Ministry under the direction of Chris and Torch has up to 90 participants and a cadre of 15-20 volunteers on Sunday nights. Youth information page 2.

The Music Department under the direction of Miss Yun and Miss Sherry is developing new opportunities with the Celebration Choir, 99 for One praise team, bells and chimes— 55-60 participants and 6 volunteers assist with the worship services. They also look forward to the formation of a youth choir. See music information on page 4.

Caring Ministries under the direction of Pastor Susan has been busy through the Mission House and our Tuesday night community meal, Manna Kitchen, caring for those in need. The average participation of the total program is nearly 350 individuals with a core of more than 53 volunteers. Read Pastor Susan's article on page 5.

New volunteers are always welcome—come and be blessed with the joy of serving your church.

Faithfully,

Debbie Llopiz and JR Steadman

Every Volunteer Operations Team (EVOT)

Altar Flowers

If you would like to give altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Sue Farrow in the church office at 287-6262. Cost for an arrangement is still \$40.



Prayer Ministry



The FUMC Prayer Ministry sent out 633 prayer-grams in 2008. We always need more people to pray in the prayer room. If you are interested, please call Kay Krout at 221-7479.

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United Methodist Women's Circles

Faith: 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30a.m. in the Lounge.
Leader: Ada Caby.

Hope: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 5:30p.m. in the Lounge. Nursery available. Leader: Michelle Deen.

Ruth: Ruth Circle will have a Valentine Dessert Tea on Tuesday, February 3rd at 2:00pm in the Lounge. Our guest speaker will be Amanda McGee, Director of Development, Children's Home Society of Florida, Treasure Coast Division. Please call Brenda Daly-Horvath at 286-4604 or Kitty Saal at 287-4714 for your reservation.

Susanna: First Monday of the month at 6:00p.m. in the Lounge. For information please contact Pat Langhorne at 221-7550

Priscilla: First Thursday of the month at 9:30a.m. in Room 1.

Find out more about First United Methodist Church, Stuart at www.stuartfumc.org

Sunday Worship: Traditional at 8:00 and 11:00am; Contemporary at 9:30am.
Tuesdays: Manna Kitchen (Free Community Meal from 5-6:00pm.)
Wednesdays: Family Dinner from 5-6:00p.m. Classes at 6:15pm
Fridays: Celebrate Recovery: Worship at 7:00pm; Small Groups at 8:00pm

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