

Steeple Echoes

May 2009

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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A Few Short Words...

by Pastor Phillip Short

May marks the one-year anniversary of The Honor Campaign.

The Stuart First United Methodist Church will be marking the anniversary by inviting everyone to a picnic on

Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 at the new property. You are invited. It is sure to be a special day. We will have a worship service there. We will have a great opportunity for fellowship and relaxation. We will also have plenty to eat. "Iron Chef America" Danny Clark will be roasting a pig, and that will be the main course. It is a day that you will not want to miss.

I believe in The Honor Campaign. It has been successful on a number of different fronts, even in the face of a downturned economy. This speaks of the faithfulness of the Stuart First United Methodist Church.

The original goals of The Honor Campaign were to renovate the sanctuary, pay off the property, and raise funds for "new ministries." Well, as I'm sure you've noticed, the renovation of the sanctuary is completed. The Church Council voted to delete the goal of raising funds for new ministries. The cost of the property is now before us. And

this leads me to say that these goals are noble, and paying off the property is especially noble. This is our opportunity to become debt free.

Allow me to invite you to participate in The Honor Campaign.

Some of you are new to the church and have not yet had the opportunity to participate in this worthy endeavor. I invite you to make a two-year pledge toward The Honor Campaign.

Others have already met their pledges to The Honor Campaign. Thank you! That's remarkable. As we near completion of the goal, perhaps you are being inspired to continue support. May I encourage you to do so.

Others still have been reluctant to participate in The Honor Campaign. I have heard the objections and the expressions of reticence. Let me share with you.

Some have said: "I am going to wait for the church to develop a realistic budget before I donate." I am glad to say that after much hard work, the 2008 Charge Conference passed a realistic budget that is set and fixed within our yearly patterns of giving.

Others have said: "I am going to wait to give until church

spending is under control." I am glad to report that spending is 20% less than it has been compared to last year.

Others have said: "I'm going to wait until I'm sure that the church is going to do what it says it is going to do before I make a donation to The Honor Campaign." I hope the fact that the sanctuary is renovated, completed, and beautiful is ample evidence that the leadership of the church is staying well-within the goals and objectives that have been stated in The Honor Campaign.

Some have said: "We shouldn't pay 'interest-only' loans." I agree!!! Let's get out of debt!!!

Others may be asking why we are trying to pay off property during a time of economic downturn. I do not have a good answer for this. But I believe that God is in control. This reminds me of God leading Israel into the Promised Land in the book of Joshua. God told them to receive the land that He had set aside for Israel. The people would have to cross the Jordan River in order to receive it. The problem is that they would have to cross the Jordan during flood

Honor Campaign First Anniversary Pot Luck at our new property, 6050 Kanner Hwy Sunday, May 17th 4:00pm Service followed by potluck at 5:00pm Bring a potluck covered dish and lawn chairs. The church will provide drinks and paper goods.

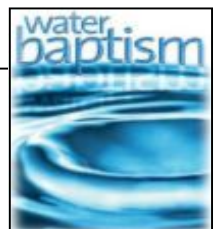


stage in order to receive the gift of the Promised Land. Now to me, this doesn't make sense. Why wouldn't God ask Israel to cross the Jordan during a drought? I mean, that way they would only have to get their feet wet? Why would God ask them to cross while the Jordan was raging over its' banks? - The answer to that is that God wanted to show His people that it was something that only He could do, and He was choosing to do it through them.—The same question might be asked: "Why don't we wait to raise this money during a economic boon?" The answer would be: "Because we would be doing this in our own power, and we would have a tendency to take credit for the accomplishment and maybe even deprive God of the glory.

Our leadership will be communicating with us about completing The Honor Campaign and seeing our church getting out of debt. We will be talking about getting "the train into the station." We'll be talking about being a church, a whole church, and nothing but a church. I'm looking forward to being a part of this with you!!!

Baptisms at Jensen Beach, Sunday, May 31

If you would like to be baptized or renew your baptism, please call the church office at 287-6262 by Wednesday, May 27th. 4:00pm service & fellowship; 4:30pm- baptisms. Please bring a picnic for your family and stay to eat afterwards.





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

Update on the "30 Hour Famine"



In March our youth group participated in World Vision's "30 Hour Famine."

We fasted for 30 hours and raised money to help feed starving children worldwide.

In the last Steeple Echoes we reported that we raised \$3500. Since that time the donations kept coming and we actually raised \$4,500!

This money will feed 12 children for one year. In view of the thousands of children that die each day from hunger, that is not a significant number.

However, to those 12 children, it is quite significant!

Our youth group is learning what it's like to be "servants of God." They are learning to care about those who have less than they do and how to serve others in God's name.



For more info on the Youth Group contact:
Chris Buehler, Youth Director
Alex "Torch" Kumpf, Youth Ministry Assistant/Spiritual Growth Director
Church Office: 287-6262
cbuehler@stuartfumc.org akumpf@stuartfumc.org

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, volleyball, hanging out with friends.

We now have a "Quiet/Game Room" in Room 1. This is a place for "calm" hanging out. There are bean bag chairs, board games, video games, etc.

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

The class is currently doing a study on the life of Jesus! (The class will take a break for the summer beginning in June.)

Sunday Night Youth Group Schedule for May

May 3 — Regular Youth Group — 6:00pm to 8:00pm

May 10 — No Youth Group

(Mothers Day — be extra nice to Mom!)

May 17 — Church wide picnic/service at the "new" church property (6050 S. Kanner Hwy.) Gather at 4pm and eat at 5pm. (Danny Clark will be cooking a pig on the grill!)

There will be Youth Group that night at the church, except no dinner served! Come from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

May 24 — No Youth Group (Memorial Day Weekend)

May 31 — Church wide "Beach Baptism" at Jensen Beach. Worship service and baptisms begin at 4pm. Bring a picnic dinner (food and drink) and we'll eat together afterward. No Youth Group at the church that night, but come join us at the beach!

Staff Parish News

Children and Family Ministry with Donna Lewis

At the beginning of this year many of us were wondering how we could maintain a high standard of ministry at our church with the limited resources available. But God has demonstrated time and again that He delights in doing what seems impossible to man. Your staff and volunteers have taken on huge assignments believing God would come through if what we attempt is truly honoring Him and Him alone. God has taken even the most difficult circumstances and used them for good. When Pastor Phillip was grieving, our church embraced him with God's love in ways no human could conceive. There is nothing more beautiful than the sight of God's people coming together to be all God intends them to be.

By now most of you have heard the news about Dr. Susan Schmidt and Alex "Torch" Kumpf. Staff Parish has voted to give them new titles in line with the actual duties they are performing for our church. These positions were effective April 1st.

Susan's new title is Administrative Pastor. She will retain responsibility for Missions and Caring Ministries, but her job description now includes the administrative and pastoral duties she has been performing. Susan has been with the church for nearly five years and has demonstrated willingness and the ability to do whatever is asked of her.

Torch's new title is Ministerial Intern. He received His call to ministry ten years ago and has a passion for preaching and teaching God's Word. He has been working part-time for Chris Buehler with our youth, who have been truly blessed through his love and knowledge of God's Word. Many of us first experienced his passion for the Good News when Torch filled in for Pastor Phillip. I think we all agree "Torch" is truly "on fire" for the Lord. As a volunteer he organized the Christian Life Ministry Team, which is responsible for seeking God's perfect timing for the right classes to equip God's people to do God's work. He will continue assisting Chris Buehler with our youth, but will now be on staff full-time and be compensated for his additional duties. He is also in the process of pursuing certification as a "Local Pastor" in the Methodist Church.

As Staff Parish continues the process of reviewing and updating job descriptions and the needs of the church, we anticipate more changes. However we are committed to staying within our budget for staff salaries for 2009. May each of us be faithful to our mission to PLEASE GOD in all we think, say, and do.

Staff Parish Relations Committee,

Nick Blount (Lay Leader)
Craig Dallas
Gordon West
Blanche Wells
Mark Vallejo

Alice Purkey, Chairman
Andy Sills
Sandra Raynor
Janette Wray



REGISTER NOW!

Vacation Bible School June 15-19, 9am-12 noon

Registration forms (for kids aged 2– rising 5th graders) are available in your Sunday bulletin, in the church office or online at www.stuartfumc.org. If you would like to volunteer for VBS this year, volunteer registration forms are also available online and in the church office.

We also have a list of items needed for VBS:

1. An old clapboard sided (think...old FL cracker style home) building façade
2. Does anyone have any contacts with any drama/scenery departments or scenery prop companies that may be willing to loan us scenery like this for a week in June? Otherwise, we'll need a few good men (and women!) to build it!
3. Along with the above, we are also looking for an old rowboat (does not need to be sea worthy – actually, the older looking, the better) that can be cleaned up to bring in.
4. Wooden pilings with rope wrapped around them, a replication of a boardwalk/dock.
5. Fishing gear including fishing poles, nets, safari/fly fishing vest and the like.
6. Silk plants (tropical in nature), as well as "moss" (the kind found in a craft store.)

If you have articles you are willing to loan us for VBS, please put your name on the article so we can promptly return it to you after VBS. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you! Contact Heather Hochstetter 370-2054 (cell); 288-2232 (home).

Sunday, May 31:

Special 5th grade Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 7: Promotion Sunday

"METAMORPHOSIS" Changing lives with Proverbs Summer Sunday School Model K-5



Wacky Wednesday Back this Summer!

June 24
July 8
July 15
July 29

(more information to follow)

Leesburg Elementary Camp

Elementary Camp has been full for several weeks. All of our children that had registered have a spot in camp. Parents will receive further information and a health packet to be completed.

When John Saw Jesus

by Pastor Susan Schmidt

Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him saying, 'I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?' But Jesus answering said to him, 'Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he permitted Him. And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him; and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased' (Matthew 3:13-17).

Let us understand this prophet, John the Baptist. According to Scripture, John was filled with the Holy Spirit. "even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:15-17). We are also told his coming was in the spirit and power to Elijah. Historians tell us that John's penetrating, uncompromising ministry led nearly one million people to repentance. Vast multitudes left their cities and towns and went into the wilderness to hear the prophet and be baptized into repentance in preparation for the Kingdom of God.

Only Jesus knew the fallen condition of the human heart more perfectly than John. No class of people escaped the Baptist's judgment: soldiers and kings, sinners and religious leaders alike were all brought into the "valley of decision." John's baptism was more than a simple immersion in water. He required a public confession of sins as well as the bringing forth of righteousness (Matthew 11:9-11).

Jesus testified that John was "more than a prophet." He said, among those born of women, "there had not arisen any greater than John" (Matthew 11:9-11). John was a "seer prophet," which meant he had open visions into the spirit realm. He testified that he "beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven" (John 1:32-33). He saw "the wrath to come" (Matthew 3:7). He witnessed "the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 3:2). John had insight into the secrets of men's hearts. His vision penetrated the veneer of the well-respected Pharisees; within their souls he saw a "brood of vipers" (Matthew 3:7). Understand this about prophets, they are aware of things that are hidden from other men.

But when Jesus came to be baptized,

before the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended, John saw something that was overwhelming even to his standard of righteousness. He gazed into Jesus' heart and he saw no sins, no lies, no lust. John saw a level of holiness that, without knowing he was gazing at the Messiah, caused him to utter with astonishment, "I have need to be baptized by you (Matthew 3:14).



Jesus, as the "Lamb of God" (John 1:35-36), was without spot or blemish. This is exactly what the prophet beheld in Jesus: spotless purity of heart. Christ's virtue took John's breath away! The powerful emanation of Christ's inner purity made John immediately aware of his own need. When John saw Jesus he discovered a level of righteous that was higher, purer than his own. This great prophet looked into the heart of Jesus and in the brightness of Christ's holiness he cried, "I have need!" And so it is with us. Each time we see Jesus, each successive revelation of Christ's purity makes our need more apparent. As Christ's holiness unfolds before us, we cannot help but echo the same cry of John the Baptist: "I have need to be baptized by You!"

Yet, in the beginning of our walk, we embraced life in our own strength, trusting in our own skills for success and attainment. Yes, we turned to God, but mainly in times of grief or trial. But as the Lord brings us into maturity, what we once considered strengths are actually discovered to be more subtle and, therefore, more dangerous weaknesses. Our pride and self-confidence keep us from God's help; the clamor of our many ideas and desires drown the whisper of the still small voice of God. Indeed, in God's eyes, the best of human successes are still "wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked" (Revelation 3:17).

In time, we discover that all true strength, all true effectiveness, yes, our very holiness itself, begins with discovering our need. We grow weaker, less

confident in our abilities. As the outer shell of self-righteousness crumbles, Jesus Himself becomes God's answer to every man who cries for holiness and power in his walk.

We may think we have spiritual gifts, we may presume we are holy, we may rejoice with human successes, but until we see Christ and abandon our reliance upon our-self-righteousness, all we will ever have, at best is religion.

Oh, let us grasp this truth with both hands, let it never slip from us! Jesus Himself is our source of holiness! We are so eager to do something for Him; anything, as long as we do not have to change inside! God does not need what we can do, He wants what we are. He wants to make us a holy people. Let us have a deep inner work of preparation. Jesus lived thirty years of sinless purity before He did one work of power! His goal was not to do some great work, but to please the Father with a holy life! Please hear this. Our goal, likewise, is not to become powerful, but to become holy with Christ's Presence. **GOD PROMISES TO EMPOWER THAT WHICH HE FIRST MAKES HOLY.**

Do you want your Christianity to work? Then seek Jesus Himself as your source and standard of holiness. Do you want to see the power of God in your life? Then seek to know Christ's purity of heart. If we are becoming the people God calls His own, we should be growing in holiness. A mature Christian will be both holy and powerful, but holiness will precede power.

I really enjoyed teaching this some years ago. I was so pleased to see how many were able to see what need God has. The need for Him to call us His own, what a joy to one's heart, to know it belongs to God. To know this is the joy of life, no matter what we face from day-to-day, we face it with a heart that is owned by God.

I pray that all who read this message will begin to think of their very own, Christianity. I shared with many when teaching this, that your Christianity will be towards loving God, and to love God is to give our heart to His need. That we become the people God calls His own.

Love, Susan

Give your heart to Jesus!



United Methodist Women's Circles

Faith: First Thursday of the month at 9:30am in the Lounge. Leader: Ada Caby, Ph: 286-5794.

Hope: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 5:30p.m. in the Lounge. Nursery available (please call the church office the day prior). Leader: Michelle Deen.

Ruth: Ruth Circle's next meeting will be a picnic, May 5th at 12:00 noon. We will picnic in the park at the end of S.W. Flagler Avenue, under the Roosevelt Bridge. Please call Brenda Daly-Horvath, 286-4604 or Kitty Saal, 287-4714.

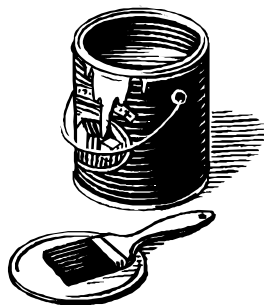
Susanna: First Monday of the month at 6:00p.m. For information please contact Pat Langhorne at 221-7550

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

ADMINISTRATION CORNER

If you have been in the church office lately, you've seen newly painted walls. We will also be installing the new carpet that was purchased last year. Our church surroundings are really looking good, clean and light.

There are certain areas we will be treating for termites. These areas are the church office, fellowship hall and rooms 1, 2 and 3. The tent will stay up three days. The days the tent is up the church will be closed. Please make note of these dates. MAY 20, 21, 22. The tent will come down Saturday the 23rd.



Our church reception area will be painted and changed around. We will move the copiers to a room we now call the copy room (Michelle's old office). Then we will move the divider that is in front of the copiers. This will give us a larger area for when people come to visit. It will look great. Stop by and visit.

I'm so proud to be part of the church's administration team: even more pleased to work with a team of co-workers that have a smile and bright positive attitude.

Thank you church and co-workers for your love in Christ. There is a great future for our church and for those who are searching for a home church.

May we all be blessed through "LOVING" Christ

Please make a note of all the up-coming events and dates: Come and be part of the fellowship.

Love, Susan

May Mission of the Month

Caring Ministries

There is always so much to talk about when it comes to Caring Ministries. Church, you really bless many through your donations-not only by food, clothing, hot meals, prescriptions, rental assistance or utility bills, but by showing those in need you care about the less fortunate.

In 2008, we served over 6,000 clients. Let me share a client case with you, and how your support for Caring Ministries was able to help.

"A family in need" The needs were EVERYTHING!!! That is everything to continue their daily walk of life. Loss of employment, loss of home, loss of family vehicle, loss of family health insurance - are you thinking what I was thinking, as I heard the story? Where does this family begin.

Well, they started by coming to the First United Methodist Church of Stuart. Now I'll share how you helped a desperate family in need.

First, How could we provide for this family living in the woods in a tent? What plan could Caring Ministries come up with to place better times upon this family? We started with food that could be prepared without a kitchen; clothing from Manna Kitchen for school and for job interviews and a list of soup kitchens the family could eat at each night of the week. Next - job listings - for employment would be hardest of all to gain.

Caring Ministries knew very well that our own policy to provide financial aid for rental help could only be done if there was an income in the house to cover the following month's rent. So, abiding by our own policy, a job was the most important. If we could find them employment, then I could ask other agencies to help. A few years ago other agencies adopted our policy that an income would be the only way financial help would be given. While waiting to hear back on some of the job interviews, we provided a bike for transportation— not as comfortable as the family vehicle, but it would provide a way to get to interviews and the employment we were praying for.

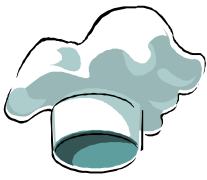
Next we needed to find health insurance. We could do this for the children through Florida health insurance for kids. This didn't cover the parents with health insurance, but it gave peace to Mom and Dad, to know that the children were covered in case of sickness.

Yes, our prayer was answered twice for employment! Mom and Dad have jobs and the family found help through the First United Methodist Church of Stuart to start over. God lives here at our church and through His strength we could provide a plan and know God would work it out with us. God protected this family and provided the resources to help.

I thank you for your support, for it is you that make the impossible times possible to start over. It is your love for Christ that provides your stretched out arms and caring heart.

May all of you receive God's blessing!

Love, Susan



Cooking For Kindness

Our Cooking for Kindness ministry proves to be quite successful and needed! These entrees are being shared with our loved ones and people of our community almost

as fast as we can make them! Thank you volunteers and church for your support!

I would like to invite you to join us on Thursday, May 28 @ 10:00 in the church kitchen to cook, fellowship, and just have fun! Don't forget your aprons!

Our recipe for May is Beefaroni.

Ingredients needed are:

- 20 - (10 - 12 oz. bag) elbow macaroni
- 20 - jars Prego spaghetti sauce
- 2 - (.75 oz.) bottle of Italian seasoning
- 1 - (standard size bottle) ground thyme
- 20- small yellow onions
- 10 - green bell peppers
- 3 - heads garlic
- 1 - (8 oz. container) grated parmesan cheese

You can help by praying for this ministry, donating ingredients, volunteering to cook, and monetary donations. You may drop ingredients off in the church office. Thank you. For more information contact

Leah Davids @ 475-4821.

"Sharing Christ's Love One Dish at a Time"



Blue Jeans Ministry

We need new and gently used, clean blue jeans. All sizes (especially men's). Please bring your donations to the church office. The jeans will be distributed through the Mission House.

Attention All Ladies—Praise Aerobics

Back by popular demand...

This is a fun way to meet new friends and fellowship together while honoring our Lord by caring for 'our earthly temples'.

These classes will be appropriate for any age group and every physical ability. All are welcome!!!

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
9:30 - 11:00am in Room 1,
beginning Monday, May 4th



Childcare will be offered by prior reservation only.

The aerobics classes will be free of charge. Donations towards care for your children will be appreciated.

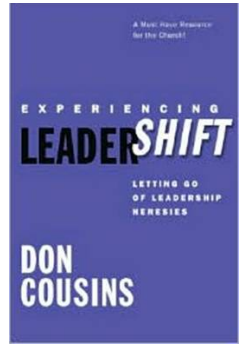
If you have questions, or to confirm childcare in advance, please call Liz at 223-9370.

Christian Life Ministries

"moving forward in Christ"

This summer Christian Life Ministries will be leading and hosting Leadershift. For years churches have adopted worldly ways in which leaders function in the local church. This has caused many churches to suffer. Leadershift takes away the worldliness and brings in biblical concepts to help support the leadership of the church. As the book states, "Fueled by the drive to be bigger and better, today's church has adopted principles and practices created by the corporate world. The result is a toxic mix of the spiritual and the secular, where success is measured in numbers... In short, the world is influencing the church. How do we get back to a biblical foundation of leadership and church development." So join us this summer on this incredible journey of leadership. If you are interested in more information and/ or wish to lead a small group, please let me know by calling the church office 287-6262.

Alex "Torch" Kumpf





UMVIM Mission Trip

Anyone interested in going on the UMVIM Mission trip to Henderson Settlement, Frakes, KY (October 11-18, 2009) please call Jack Sizemore at (772) 285-4120. Husband and wife teams welcome.

New Volunteer Opportunity

Believing Bakers

You can bake, share and volunteer when it fits your schedule!

Believing Bakers is a new ministry inviting people to express their love for Christ by baking for special events and occasional Courtyard Café dates. If you are one of those people who have not stepped forward to volunteer or serve because of time commitment or scheduling conflicts, or if you just love baking, Believing Bakers could be for YOU!!!!

If you would love to participate in this ministry or if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call Debbie Spahn at 220-0088.



Easter Breakfast

Many thanks to the members of the United Methodist Women for providing breakfast after the sunrise service and before the 8:00am service on Easter morning. Inviting tables and delicious food made such enjoyable fellowship time so early in the morning. We appreciate the leadership of Rae Ford and Jean Ford Deal coordinating this special time. Thanks to Carolyn Bogdanski for the yummy quiches!

Our Church Finances
General Expense Fund Through
March 31, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues:		
General Income	325,517.84	383,317.87
Expenses:		
Conference Expenses	38,307.10	11,951.84
Operating Expenses	225,914.64	304,532.30
Inviting Expenses	2,309.40	13,839.08
Worship Expenses	6,472.17	7,975.20
Discipleship Expenses	14,186.52	20,989.14
Serving Ministry Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>317.83</u>
Total Expenses	<u>287,189.83</u>	<u>359,605.39</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>38,325.01</u>	<u>(23,712.48)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	210,136.20	239,787.77
Net assets, end of month	248,464.21	263,500.28

Memorial Committee - Thank You!

The congregation of the First United Methodist Church would like to thank the Memorial Committee for purchasing the new furniture in the Narthex. The furniture arrived in time for Easter Sunday. We appreciate all the time and effort that was put into finding and getting the items delivered in time for the Easter celebration.

XYZ's & Primetimers (Over 55's singles & couples)

We will meet for dinner on Thursday, May 28th at the Palm City Grill, 3208 SW Martin Downs Blvd, Palm City. We will meet at 4:45pm for the early bird special with time for fellowship. For reservations, please call Sue Farrow in the church office at 287-6262. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 27th.



Florida's Blood Center's Mobile Unit will be in our church parking lot on Sunday, May 24th from 7:30am to 12:30pm. For an

appointment to save a life, please sign up in the narthex on Sundays, May 10, 17 and 24 or call Nancy Fuller at 286-3698.

The 23 pints of blood collected here in March could save 69 lives. Please donate if you possibly can.

Our Church Family

Memorials
In Loving Memory of:

Bill Wade
Wendell Frederick

Claire Short
Jim & Jean Eagen
Stella McCoy
Marjorie Kjellstrom
Larry & Judy Clark
Jack & Toni MacDonald
Bob & Sarah Johnson
Evelyn Nelson
Bob & Mary Ruth Whitty

Linda Smith
Lawrence & Marie Pentivelo
Daniel Whalen
Cynthia Oneglia
Larry & Theresa Bensky
Seymour & Sunny Schneiderman
Ann Beckley
Ben & Fay Maze

Elsa Whiticar
Larry & Judy Clark
Bob & Sarah Johnson
Ron & JoMarie Paradise

Charles & Wilma Bjorkland
Jim & Jean Eagen

We wish to extend Christian Sympathy to:

Curtis Whiticar and Laura Kay Darvill on the death of wife and mother, Elsa Whiticar

Clara Wilmot on the death of her husband, Estle

Anniversary Wishes

We wish to congratulate Virgil and Virginia Householder who are celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary on May 9th.

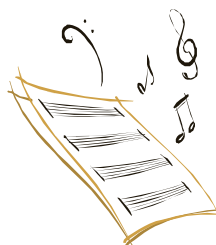
We wish to congratulate Daniel and Ella Zotta Sr. who are celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary on May 4th.

We wish to congratulate Glenn and June Adams who are celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on May 17th.

Thank You

Dear Church Family:
We would like to thank all the wonderful members and friends who have visited Tom while he was in the hospital and then in rehab. God bless you all!
Tom and Billie Boyd

Celebration Choir



The Celebration Choir would like to thank all those who participated in and supported the presentation of our cantata God So Loved the World on Palm Sunday afternoon. Mini clips of the cantata can be seen on the Church website www.stuartfumc.org/events.

Once again, the choir would like to invite any interested singers to "Sing for a Season". With some of our members returning North for the spring and summer months, we will have some empty seats.

Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. The Celebration Choir sings at either or both the 8:00am or the 11:00am worship services. All are welcome!

Music Notes!

Our Jubilee Ringers, children's handchimes, will be playing on Mother's day, May 10th!

On Memorial Sunday, May 24th, we will be honoring those who served in the armed forces!

We would like to invite our church family to wear patriotic colors for the Sunday services!

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Sunday Worship:
Traditional at 8:00 and 11:00am
Contemporary at 9:30am.
Sunday School at 9:30a.m.

Tuesdays:
Manna Kitchen
(Free Community Meal from 5-6:00pm.)

Wednesdays:
Family Dinner from 5-6:00p.m.
Adult Classes at 6:15pm

Fridays: Celebrate Recovery:
Worship at 7:00pm; Small Groups at 8:00pm

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