



# The Lighthouse Beacon

Sharing the Light of Christ

May  
2019



## Pastor's Peace

As the high point of our Christian year, the Easter season was an explosive time, with special activities, studies, and services! Our Lenton luncheons, studying Max Lucado's book "He chose the Nails", were fruitful traveling through Lent. The Sunrise Service brought 400 folks to the beach to celebrate the joy of Easter. The Methodists and Baptists shared the Resurrection power on a beautiful morning! In addition the sunrise participants raised \$2400 for Hope Park!! With the scent of lilies filling our sanctuary we met again for the Sunday morning worship service to praise God for His resurrected son Jesus. Thank you to Marie Allen for orchestrating the children's release of butterflies following the service. Praise God. He is Risen!

An Easter egg hunt at the park brought in 15 neighbors from Eastpoint !! Mission and trustees as well as prison workers made the Park a site to behold!! Great mission teams and our own laity have surpassed any expectations of missional stewardship in April.

The announcement on Sunday April 28th, is a joy for your pastor and Irina as we have been asked to serve another year, 7/1 /2019 to July 2020!

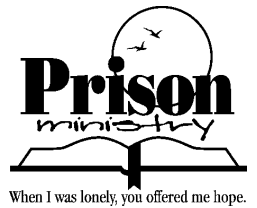
The joy continues

## Ministry News



**Thursday, May 2nd is the National Day of Prayer.** We will meet here at 12:00 noon at the church for a time of prayer, as one of many locations around the county. Please see Marilyn McCann for details.

**The SGI UMC Prison Ministry Program** continues to make disciples for Christ despite the challenging METH drug culture in Franklin County. On May 24, the prison ministry will celebrate the graduation of three inmates from Fresh Start Visions County Jail Ministry Program. Fresh Start is a two part (in-side & outside phases), faith-based character developmental program that teaches pro-social behavior. The three ex-offenders will next transition to transitional houses in Charleston, SC and Panama City, FL. Currently, 10 church volunteers are involved in prison ministry and work diligently with men and women inmates in the county jail & local prisons during the year to deliver biblically-based curriculums that includes Bible Study, Celebrate Recovery Substance Abuse, Character Attributes, Anger Management, GED, etc. Inmates are taught to *accept responsibility for their actions, deal respectfully with authority and be accountable* as they break the chains of drug addiction and recidivism. While incarcerated they develop a closer relationship with God and are introduced to His plan for them to have a more abundant life. Most importantly, ex-offenders go on to become law-abiding, tax-paying citizens and use their personal experiences and testimonies to help bring others to Christ.



## Music Notes

The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. Please see Irina if you are interested in joining or for more information.



## *Mission Updates*

Joyce Estes , Chair of Missions

Hope Park. This past month we have had mission teams coming down helping with Hope Park. If you want to experience a miracle, just go see what's been done in a months time with a desolate piece of property. With the sheriff department, Parks and Recreation, Fonda, and mission teams, we have created a beautiful space for the families and children of the fire devastated area. The swings are in place and were used Easter afternoon by the children who came to the Easter egg hunt. Pastor Brian gave a talk to the children and they listened attentively. We had two teens who had a great time playing corn hole, the beanbag game. We must stay focused on why we are building the park. We all want to share the love of Christ with the children and the their families. Building relationships is most important to change lives and make a difference in healing these families.

In the next few weeks, volunteer mission teams will paint the inside and outside of the building to make it bright and cheerful for us to hold classes and bring families in. It's an exciting event and you can help to witness a miracle. We do need volunteers.

Hope you can find time to help with some of the projects that are on going.

## *Activities and Opportunities*

The next **Administrative Council meeting is Monday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at Church. All members are welcome to attend. Each committee head is asked to meet with their respective committee members prior to the Council meeting and prepare a written report for the council.

Would you know what to do to help in a medical emergency? A **CPR class will be offered in the church on May 14th** to anyone who needs to learn what is necessary or would benefit from a refresher course. Contact Marie Allen for more information.



The church will host the **Monthly Fellowship Brunch on Sunday, May 26th** immediately following the worship service. Please bring your prepared food to the kitchen before the service. All members and guests are welcome to join us.

## *UMW*

Pearle Wood, President of United Methodist Women

Thanks to all who have continued to help with the Backpack Buddies year round project. Remember to bring non-perishable, individually wrapped food items to the box in the narthex of the church.

On Wednesday, **May 8th**, we'll meet for a picnic lunch at the Lighthouse Park at noon. Bring a friend and a covered dish to share!

On Tuesday, **May 14th**, at 11 AM, we're invited to the annual Sopchoppy UMW Program and Luncheon. RSVP with Pearle Wood, 850-567-1253, by May 7th if you plan to go. (The lunch is free, but we need to RSVP.) Dr. Karen Bartley, of the Wakulla Medical Center, will be the speaker, and the Sopchoppy ladies are hoping to make a donation to help her publish the cookbook HEALTHY DOLLAR GENERAL EATING. To carpool, be ready to leave the church at 9:30. on that Tuesday.

To celebrate the May birthdays, we plan to have lunch at the Red Pirate In Eastpoint, Monday, **May 27th**, at 11:45. To RSVP, contact Pearle Wood by the afternoon of May 26th. If you'd like to carpool, be ready to leave the church at 11:30. Thanks!

### *Dates to Remember*

- May 2, - National Day of Prayer
- May 8 - UMW picnic lunch 12:00 noon
- May 12 - Mother's Day
- May 13 - Administrative Council meeting 10:00 am
- May 14— CPR class
- May 26 - Monthly Fellowship Brunch
- May 27 - Church office closed for Memorial Day

### *Weekly Schedule*

- Sunday: Worship Service 10:15 am, Fellowship 11:30am
- Monday: Low-Impact exercise 9:00 am, Yoga 4:30 pm
- Tuesday: Prayer Team Meets 9:30 am
- Wednesday: Men's Breakfast 8:15 am, Low-impact exercise 9:00  
Choir Practice 6:00 pm
- Thursday: Thrift Store 9:00-1:00, Yoga 4:30 pm, AA Mtg 7:30 pm
- Friday: Chair yoga 9:00 am
- Church Office Open: Monday—Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

### *Lighthouse Care*

#### *Hospitality - Sue Genter*

Thank you to those who have hosted our Fellowship Coffee after Sunday Worship. We all appreciate your gift of hospitality.

Volunteers are needed to bring snacks to share with our members and guests. If you are willing to help our hostesses provide food, call Sue Genter at (850) 734-0265 or sign up on the May calendar posted just inside the kitchen.

#### *Birthdays*

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| 5/4 Kelley Carrell   | 5/22 Tony Smith          |
| 5/4 Fred Genter      |                          |
| 5/6 Barb Parfitt     | <i>Anniversaries</i>     |
| 5/10 Mary Noel       | 5/7 Kathy & Neil Carlton |
| 5/15 Pam Tullous     | 5/18 Karen & Jerry       |
| 5/19 Martha Ann Dail | Thompson                 |
| 5/22 Dawn Radford    |                          |

#### *Prayer Concerns*

The Prayer Team meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. If you have a prayer request please contact Sandy Ratliff or email to prayer\_team@sgiumc.org



#### *Opportunity to Serve*

We need help in providing meals to church members who are in need because of illness, difficulty, or loss of a loved one. If you are willing to assist with the preparation or delivery of food, please contact Sue Genter at (850)734-0265.

#### *God's Good News*

We welcome our newest Affiliate members, Amy and Rick Shetrom, who are coming to us from Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania . Their home church is Trinity United Methodist in Philipsburg, PA .

### *Church Contacts*

- Brian Brightly— Pastor (941) 214-0335
- Church Office - (850) 927-2088
- Fred Genter - Trustee (207) 565-3301
- Pam Tullous - Council Chairman (214) 392-6222
- Marie Allen - SPRC Chairman (850) 653-6729

### *Financial Report*

- March Budget : \$ 44,350
- March General Fund giving: \$ 42,952
- March General Fund Expenditures: \$ 45,055

# May 2019



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 <p><i>Go therefore and teach all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19</i></p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:15 am</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Thrift Shop 9:00am—1:00m</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
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