



The Lighthouse Beacon

Sharing the Light of Christ

March
2019



Pastor's Peace

We appreciate your prayers as we travel out of the country to Chili and Argentina, where we will be connecting with our Global Methodist office in Buenos Aires and visiting churches in Santiago as well. In my absence, Sandy Ratliff is filling the pulpit on March 3rd. Irina and I will be returning on March 5th.

The Joy continues, Pastor B.

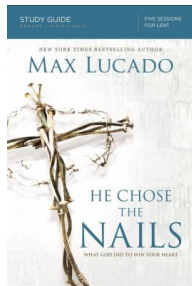
Ministry News

"Laity Sunday" March 3. Please join us for this special service conducted by members of the SGIUMC congregation. Sandy Ratliff will deliver a message entitled "A Glimpse of the Kingdom" that morning at the 10:15 Worship Service.

Ash Wednesday Service March 6. We will have a special prayer time from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm with the anointing of ashes or oil.

Lenten Luncheon Series In preparation for the Easter celebration in April, you are encouraged to join Pastor Brightly as he leads a new Lenten Luncheon Series from 12:00—1:30 pm , beginning on March 13. Bring a bag lunch and drinks will be provided. The 6-part study, "He Chose the Nails, What God did to Win your Heart" by Max Lucado, will meet on the Wednesdays of March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17.

No Love gift reveals the depth of God's love more clearly than the gift of the Cross. In this luncheon series, which includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration, and personal study, we will examine the many priceless gifts that Christ provided as we unwrap these Gifts of Grace in forgiveness, love, redemption, and ultimate victory for all believers!



We encourage you to sign up for the study books as we approach the Lenten season. They will be available for distribution at either the Ash Wednesday Service on March 6th at 5:00 pm or on Sunday, March 10 at the Morning Worship service.

Sign Up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office (850)927-2088, or email sgiumc201@gmail.com

March 24: Dedication Ceremony for Hope Park. At 5:00 pm. We have closed on the 2 acre property located at 159 Bear Creek Road in Eastpoint. Future plans for the park include a playground, basketball court, and pavilion.

March 25: Welcome a mission group from NE Ohio who will come and help clean up the site.

Music Notes

We are privileged to welcome guest pianist, organist, and violinist Martha Gherardi on March 3rd to provide the music during Irina's absence.



Mission Updates

One arm of missions at our church is the Third Grade Outreach at Franklin County Schools. This program reaches out to children in order to give them a hand up. By building a lifelong interest in reading, we are helping them with language and speech development, expanding their vocabulary, and teaching children the correct pronunciation of words.

Reading to children helps them to understand grammar and correct sentence structure, builds attention spans, helps hone listening skills, and exposes them to new places and situations. Curiosity, creativity, and imagination are developed with books and hands-on crafts. The treats we bring show we love them - and it's fun. According to a Commission on Reading, "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."

How can you assist with this important outreach? We need volunteers once a month to read to one class, help with a craft, or bake / buy cookies, or purchase juice boxes.

If you would like more information: call or write Jane Hawkins at 918-804-5203; mjchawk@gmail.com.

Activities and Opportunities

Pancake
Breakfast



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser—March 2nd

Join us on Saturday, March 2nd for the Annual SGIUMC Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee in exchange for a \$7.00 donation. Volunteers are needed. See Fred Genter or Carlton Ethridge if you are interested in helping out that morning.

Church Family Dinner—March 24

Mark your calendars for the next church -wide Fellowship brunch. Bring your friends, family, and a dish to share.

UMW

Pearle Wood—UMW



March 8-10—Florida Conference Women's Retreat, Fruitland Park, Florida. The theme is "Got Joy?"

March 13th---UMW potluck lunch/ meeting with Sue Genter, hostess, in the fellowship hall

March 24-26th---Florida Advocacy Days This three day annual event, which advocates on behalf of children, begins with a dedication of children's handprints, including those from Franklin county, in response to the "Hanging of Hands" display on Sunday, March 24th, at 4 PM at the State Capitol. This celebration will be followed by a worship service at 6:30 PM and a reception at the FSU Wesley Center, in Tallahassee. The public is invited, and you do not have to be registered for the whole three day event to attend.

March 25th---Celebrate ladies' March birthdays with lunch out at the Red Pirate Restaurant in Eastpoint, at 11:45. RSVP by Sunday afternoon, March 24th, with Pearle Wood, 927-2354. To carpool from SGI, please be ready to leave the church at 11:30.

April 6th---District UMW Day Apart, a one day retreat, at Salem UMC, near Havana, Florida

Throughout the year---All are encouraged to continue to bring individually packaged nonperishable food items for Backpack Buddies, our year round project, and place them in the box in the narthex. Backpack Buddies serves students at both the Franklin School and the ABC School who do not have enough food for meals on the weekends.

Dates to Remember

- March 2** - Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- March 6** - Ash Wednesday anointing service
- March 13, 20, 27** - Lenten Luncheon Study
- March 24** - Monthly Fellowship Brunch
- March 24** - Dedication Ceremony for Hope Park

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

Our appreciation goes to those who have hosted our Fellowship Coffee after Sunday Worship. Thank you for 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 March calendar posted just inside the kitchen.

Equal opportunities are available. Men are needed also to help clean up after Fellowship time on Sundays.

Birthdays

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| 3/1 George Wilkerson | 3/26 Dale Watkins |
| 3/3 Franz Roeland | 3/27 Linda Clark |
| 3/4 Kimberly Crossen | 3/27 Bill Trimble |
| 3/7 Tim Howard | 3/31 Jerry Thompson |
| 3/15 Sharon Hutchinson | |
| 3/23 Lydle Brinkle | <i>Anniversaries</i> |
| 3/25 Jacqueline Peek | 3/11 Anne & Bill Trimble |
| | 3/13 Carol & Tony Wheeler |

Prayer Concerns

If you would like to be on our newsletter prayer list, please contact Bill Mills, Sandy Ratliff, or call the church office.



God's Good News

March 23, 2019, is the 150th anniversary of the United Methodist Women. Though various names of the organization have been used in the past, this milestone year represents an opportunity to celebrate UMW members, both past and present, and their lasting affect on the lives of women, children, and youth all over the world.

Opportunity to Serve

From time to time, members of our church family and community need transportation within the county or to Panama City and Tallahassee for appointments. If you would be willing to offer your name as a means of transportation, would you contact Marie Allen at dmijaMEA@gmail.com.

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

- January Budget : \$14,750
- January General Fund giving: \$11,080
- January General Fund Expenditures: \$10,078

March 2019



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31	<p data-bbox="297 1850 1263 1944"><i>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.</i></p> <p data-bbox="1089 1969 1284 2003"><i>Matthew 5:16</i></p> 					