

Belleview United Methodist Church (352)245-2100

February 2018



It's that time of year again!

Come on out on Souper Bowl Sunday and enjoy your choice of 12 different homemade soups made by the United Methodist Women.

For only a \$3.00 donation, you can enjoy homemade soup, crackers, dessert and beverage.

February 4, 2018 following the 11:00am service

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From the Pastor's Desk

This is a Love Story

It's February, and love is in the air, as we think about Valentine's Day and all the chocolate and flowers that will be exchanged. But there is an even more important love story that we will be focusing on, as the liturgical season of LENT begins on February 14. The story of God in the flesh dying for us out of his unfathomable love is the greatest love story ever written. We will recognize the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on Wed. Feb 14 @ 6:30pm in the main sanctuary.

But there is more that we can do to live into the calling that Jesus left us. Are you curious? Come to our North Central District Wide training & after party event on Sat. Feb 17 from 8:30am-3pm, with lunch being catered by Moe's. You will hear a dynamic speaker from Asbury seminary, and then experience a "taste" of many of the successful fresh expressions happening around our District as you go from room to room in the First UMC Ocala campus. Our own dinner church (The Open Table) will be one of the featured fresh expressions! The cost is \$10. To register, call or email the office, and we will give you the link or else you can pay cash at the office and we will register you on line.

Finally, during the week of March 17-24, our district will be having our 2nd annual Steeple to the Streets event. This is where each person in our district (that means you!) makes an intentional effort to go out into the community to pray over it, to engage with people, and the seek God's heart for how He wants to engage with His people in unique and fresh ways. This is vital, as church attendance in Florida is at about 17% of the total population. Since most people will not walk into our church, we need to reach them in the places where they go....restaurants, bars, sporting places, lakes, community centers, golf courses, etc. We'll be talking about some opportunities to do this as we get a little closer.

May you experience the boundless love of Jesus Christ as we enter into the season of Lent and set our faces toward the resurrection.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Kris

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Prayer & Witness Ministry

We meet Thursdays in the church library at 10 a.m. Please join us to pray for our friends and church.

YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH. (PSALM 119:105 *NIV)

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for us! For,

When You say, "It's impossible".

God says: "All things are possible". (Luke 18:27)

When You say, "I'm too tired."

God says: "I will give you rest". (Matthew 11:28-20)

When You say, "Nobody really loves me". God says: "I love you". (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

When You say, "I can't go on."

God says: "My grace is sufficient." (2 Cor 12:9 &
Psalm 91:15)

When You say, "I can't figure things out."

God says: "I will direct your steps." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

When You say, "I can't do it."

God says: "You can do all things in Me." (Phil 4:13)

When You say, "It's not worth it."

God says: "It will be worth it." (Romans 8:28)

When You say, "I can't forgive myself."
God says: "I forgive you." (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

When You say, "I can't manage."

God says: "I will supply all your needs." (Phil 4:19)

When You say, "I'm afraid."

God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear." (2 Tim. 1:7)

When You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated"..

God says: "Cast all your cares on ME (1 Peter 5:7)

When You say, "I don't have enough faith."

God says: "I've given everyone a measure of faith."

(Romans 12:3)

When You say, "I'm not smart enough."
God says: "I give you wisdom." (1 Cor 1:30)

When You say, "I feel all alone."

God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you."

(Hebrews 13:5)

Always remember that; EVERY WORD OF GOD IS FLAWLESS; HE IS A SHIELD TO THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM. (PROVERBS 30:5) FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE! Amen. (HEBREWS 4:12)



This dinner was originally scheduled for January 20th and was postponed. Keep your tickets, all will be honored, sorry for the inconvenience.

February 24, 2018 Serving 4:30-6:30 pm

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Baby Carrots
Cole Slaw
Dessert
Beverage

-Eat In or Take Out-\$10.00 Donation

Sponsored by the Methodist Men United for their missions.

PAGE 5 From the Finance Committee - Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Though to Ponder -

Faithfulness

He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much (Luke 16:10)

Attendance December 2017 - 141

December 2016 - 152

Giving and Operational Expenses

	December 2017	Year to Date	
Giving	\$21,209.66	\$214,486.92	
Operational Expenses	\$20,487.98	\$215,768.24	
+/-	\$41,697.64+	\$1,281.32-	

Roof Loan Repaid \$ 40,300.00

Year to date our giving has totaled \$214,486.92 while our operational expenses were \$215,768.24 leaving us a year to date deficit of \$1,281.32. We paid off our Roof Loan with income received from the Emma Smith Trust.

The Advent Offering was \$5,635 and was evenly divided between the Red Bird Mission and Shepherds Lighthouse. Thank you to all who gave.



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped me with the Marion County coat/ jacket drive for toddler-teens!

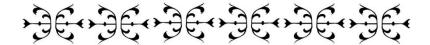
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FROM THE EDITOR

Please submit articles to cam9508@embarqmail.com or leave them in my box outside the church office. Articles must be in by the 15th of the month.

Thank you! Cindy Monroe



Friendly Neighbors

February 6, 2018

We meet at noon and eat at 12:30 in the fellowship hall.

Please bring your own table service and a dish to share.

All are welcome, so way not bring a friend or neighbor?



"I'm a little groundhog, it's my day.

Wake and stretch, go out and play.

Down in my burrow, down so deep,

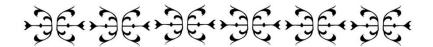
Time to wake, from my long winter's sleep.

Grumble, grumble, scratch, scratch,
Grunt, grunt, yawn.

I'll eat my breakfast in your front lawn.
I'm a little groundhog, it's my day.

Wake up and stretch, go out and play.'

- Author Unknown





A donation was made by Lionell Lockhart in memory of Velma E. Lockhart.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10 am Girl Scout Leaders 6:30pm Trustees 6:30 pm	2 Thrift Shop 9-3 Parents Night Out 6pm	3 Thrift Shop 9-12 Girl Scouts 8am Men's Group 9am
Worship 8:30am Sunday School 9:40am Worship 11:00am Souper Bowl Sunday 12:00pm Open Table 5pm	5 Thrift Shop 9-12 Stretching 10am Bible Study 11am Square Dance 12pm Choir 3pm Bell Choir 4:45pm Cub Scouts 7pm	6 Sitercize 9am Bible Study 10 am UMW & MMU 11am Friendly Neighbors 12pm Jump Start Mtg. 6:30pm		8 Thrift Shop 9-3 Prayer Group 10 am	9 Thrift Shop 9-3	10 Thrift Shop 9-12 Taylor Memorial Service 10am
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We are trying something new this year! We will be having an Easter event for the community right here at our church. This is an exciting new event that we hope will grow into a success as we spread the word around town.

Due to the overwhelming response to our Fall Festival, we hope that this event will also draw in the children and families of our community.

OK-here's how you can help......

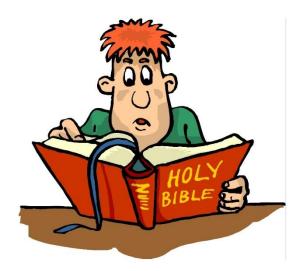
We will have games, a bounce house, food, a craft table and four egg hunt areas divided by age groups. We need many of you to help in order for this to be a success. This event will take place on March 31st (the day before Easter). If you will be in town that weekend, please pray about volunteering to help in this great event. We need to reach out to our community and get some children back in this church.

This is a free event, participants will not have to pay for anything. We will need volunteers like you to run the games, help in the egg hunt area, serve the food, supervise the bounce house, help at the craft table, and help at the registration table. We can also use help before the event by setting up, passing out flyers, etc.

If you have a tent that we could borrow for this event, please let me know!

If you are willing to help at this event, please see me, email me, or call me. I can usually be found in the booth at 11:00am and would be glad to talk to you after church if you have any questions. Thank you!!!

Cindy Monroe cam9508@embargmail.com (352)208-2976



Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities

Sunday 9:40am: The Wired Word—looking at a current event through a Biblical perspective. Room 304

Sunday 9:40am - Pastor Kris' Sunday School class studies scriptures relating to each Sunday's message, enabling the members, through discussion, to go deeper into the study of the day's topic. Room 303.

Sunday 9:40am - Pursuer's Class. Studies various books of the Bible. Room 302

Sunday 9:40am- Women's Class Room 301

Monday 11am - Bible Study - Revelation

Tuesday 10am - Bible Study - Revelation

Wednesday 6:30pm - Bible Study on Matthew

Wednesday 6:00pm - GriefShare

First Saturday of every month at 9am - M.E.N. (More Encouragement Needed)

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Worship Schedule
Worship
8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School
9:40 am
Open Table 5pm
(Fellowship Hall)