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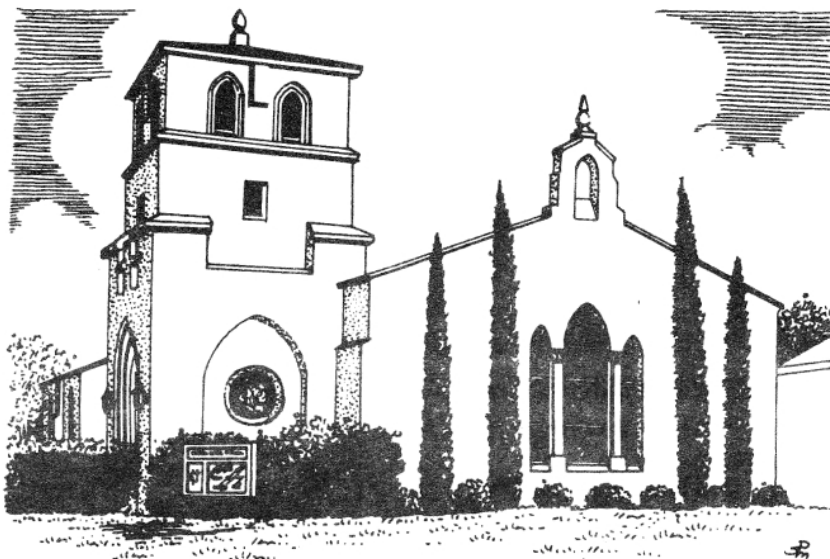
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A Word from Don

Diana and I are so blessed to be a part of First Church. Through our strenuous move we have found strength in both the incredible grace-filled goodbyes of Keystone UMC, only to be so lovingly welcomed here at FUMC in Boynton Beach. We feel home as we continue to build our nest, and prepare to serve our glorious God. This transition has made me realize how wonderful it is to be centered in God's will, and "touched by Jesus." I am reminded that it is this "touch" we all seek. Whether it is for healing, strength, encouragement, wisdom, or forgiving love, it is the "touch of Jesus" that frees and sustains us.

Touch is one of the five senses, and probably gets the least notoriety of them all. Seeing and hearing are the big two, and smell, well, it is unavoidable, and taste gets the most practice. But touch is often left untouched. Many persons seem to go out of their way to avoid another's touch. Yet, the most meaningful moments of our lives come through touch; a mother's touch upon her baby, a father's touch of approval, a lover's caress, a friend's encouragement, a protector's warning, and every touch gives new, corrective direction. Touch cancels estrangement. Scripture reveals Jesus' touch cleanses the unclean to return to community (Mk 1:41), dispels fever to serve (Matt 8:15), turns blindness into sight to see God's work (Matt 9:29), and casts out fear to behold glory (Matt 17:7). Touching brings connection.

I remember how significant the touch of Bishop Cornelius Henderson was in my confidence as a new pastor in the Florida Conference. I really didn't think he knew who I was (with so many pastors to look after), but I learned differently. Every time I was in his presence he would ruffle my hair (usually on the long side), and I came to realize the two-fold message, I love you Don and time to get a haircut. This touch, like Jesus' touch, conveys comfort and a new direction, belonging and a new purpose.

I have been "touched by Jesus." Actually, people think I've been "touched" for years, and I won't argue. But having been "touched by Jesus" makes all the difference. I am learning how to love, in spite of all my blunders and mistakes. I am discovering that grace through forgiveness reaches toward the righteousness of Christ. I've been

"touched by Jesus," how about you? Have you been "touched by Jesus?" Then go touch someone else.

Growing in His Gift of Grace for His Glory,

Your Pastor,

Don

August Lectionary / Preaching Schedule

A life of faith provides every means for living in victory. Where are some of the risky places Jesus leads you these days? How have you learned to trust him as you follow him?

August 1 – 7 : 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 105 : 1 – 11

Genesis 37 : 1 – 4, 12 – 28

Romans 10 : 5 – 15

Matthew 14 : 22 – 33 "Walkin' on Water!"

August 8 – 14 : 9th Sunday after Pentecost

(Guest Preacher)

Psalm 133

Genesis 45 : 1 – 15

Romans 11 : 1 – 2a, 29 – 32

Matthew 15 : (10 – 20) 21 – 28

August 15 – 21 : 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 124

Exodus 1 : 8 – 2 : 10

Romans 12 : 1 – 8 "Gifted To Serve!"

Matthew 16 : 13 – 20

August 22 – 28 : 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 105 : 1 – 11 or Psalm 34

Exodus 3 : 1 – 15

Romans 12 : 9 – 21

Matthew 16 : 21 – 28

"Devil's at the Back Door!"

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Rev. Don Corbit

David Block

Evelyn Lindstrom

Trish Newlands

Grace Bergener

Kevin VanMeter

Peggie Nasin

Rich Powers

Jennifer Desjardins

Summer Church Services

We are still on our summer schedule of one worship service at 10:00 am on Sundays, with Sunday School classes at 9:00 am.

We will return to our normal hours on Sunday, September 4, when worship services will be at 8:30 am and 11:00 am, with Sunday School at 9:45 am. Thank you for helping us to curb expenses and be good stewards of God's resources.

Prayer List

The prayer list in Sunday's Bulletin begins anew each week. If you have a prayer request, please call Ann Morgan at 732-4614 or the church office at 732-3435. Please let us know if you or another member of our church family is going into the hospital, even if this is an outpatient procedure. Prayer request cards are also available in the pews. For those who have computers, there is a prayer page on our web site which is available for all to view, at www.fumcbb.com/prayercircle.

Church Publicity

Shirley Hall is the Publicity Chairperson for the church for newspaper articles and would like to be notified 2-3 weeks prior to events being planned in the church. Her phone number is 732-2210 or emailed at flogeo3028@bellsouth.net.

Tape Ministry

If you know of anyone who cannot attend church and would like to receive a CD or a DVD of the Sunday service, please contact the church office at 732-3435.

Cookbooks

Cookbooks can be purchased in the church office every Tuesday from 9:00 am – noon. For more information, please contact Joan Bade at (561) 292-1100.

Dutch Treat Brunch Bunch

Tired of eating Sunday brunch alone? Please join the others at the back of the sanctuary after the Worship Service for a time of food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.



MISSION PROJECTS of our church have long been supported by small gifts placed on the altar rail during the time of Communion. Your participation in this significant ministry of First UMC is greatly appreciated by those who receive your gifts.

We Are In Need Of Prayer Warriors!

Agapé Fellowship

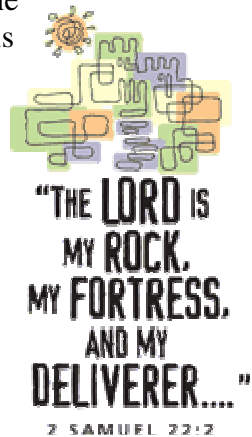
The Agapé Fellowship meets from 8:00 am – 9:00 am on Tuesdays in the Parlor. Park in the west parking lot and come through the office door.

The purpose of this group is to mature as believers and to grow into the people whom God intended for us to become when He created us. We will explore prayer through study of the Bible as well as books on prayer so that we will learn to pray the Word and make our prayers applicable to Kingdom living. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Joanne Kean is leading this group and you can reach her at 732-4947.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets at 1:30 pm on Wednesdays in the Historical Room under the direction of Ann Morgan. The group meets to join in prayer for people on the church list and for the needs of our church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please phone Ann at 732-4614.



In Remembrance

We would like to extend our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathy to the family and friends of
Larry Admire, Lethia Barclay,
Blanche Moores, Betty Thomas and Robert Wood.

Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar is in the Narthex and there are several dates available. For those wishing to place flowers on the altar, the cost is \$40 for both arrangements. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one in this way, please write your name by your chosen date on the calendar in the Narthex, complete a form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the Church office, along with your check or envelope marked "Altar Flowers."



The Scholarship Committee wishes good luck and good grades to the following fifteen students who were awarded grants by FUMCBB:

- ♠ Alexis Bowers
Hagerstown Community College
- ♠ Megan Capuano
Florida Atlantic University
- ♠ Jasmine Dabuet
University of Florida
- ♠ Wesley Davisson
Palm Beach State College
- ♠ Raymond Gallo
Tri County Technical College
- ♠ Erin Gelsomino
Florida Gulf Coast University
- ♠ J.R. Ibarrosa
Valencia Community College
- ♠ Zachary Joyce
Xavier University
- ♠ Alyssa Kennedy
University of South Florida College
of Medicine
- ♠ Tyler Kennedy
University of South Florida
- ♠ Andrew Martin
MCI Institute of Technology
- ♠ Kristopher Peterson
Grove City College
- ♠ Bo Pleasanton
University of Florida
- ♠ Mollie Pleasanton
University of Florida
- ♠ Kevin VanMeter
Palm Beach State College

VISION STATEMENT

(Sometimes called a Purpose Statement)

*Growing and showing the love of Christ to all as
we trust in His guidance.*

MISSION STATEMENT

(How we accomplish our Vision Statement)

*We serve with Praise to God on our lips,
Love of Jesus in our heart,
Arms outstretched to all people.*

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FALL 2011 - 2012

3 year old class: This year we will offer a two day-a-week program or a three day-a-week program.

Tuesday/Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Children must be 3 years old on or before 09/01/11.

Registration Fee - \$75.00

Tuition - \$115.00 per month

Class starts September 6, 2011

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Wednesday class will be held in the Preschool Library and will focus on early literacy skills.

Registration Fee - \$75.00

Tuition - \$175.00 per month

Class starts September 6, 2011

4 year old / VPK Class – registration to begin in February 2012

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Children must be 4 years old on or before 09/01/11 to be in this class. Class will begin in August. VPK students will need an enrollment form from Family Central in West Palm Beach.

Call Peggie Nasin for more information - 732-3435 or 329-5614 cell.

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city," he said, "but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." The boy asked, "What happened to the flea?"



Contributed by Grace

MEDICAL APPLIANCES

This loan-based program, administered by the Discipleship Team, continues to be utilized. So far we have walkers, canes, wheelchairs, commodes, a tub/shower seat, blood pressure monitor, even a cane with a little seat!

The hospital bed has been delivered to a needy person and many other items are in use.

Everything is clean, in good condition and immediately available to folks in our church family.

If you would like a loaner, or if you have an item that you could donate, please call the church office at 732-3435.



Special Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Your warrior prepares for battle. Today I claim victory over Satan by putting on the whole

armor of God!

I put on the **Girdle of Truth!**

May I stand firm in the truth of Your Word so I will not be a victim of Satan's lies.

I put on the **Breastplate of Righteousness!**

May it guard my heart from evil so I will remain pure and holy, protected under the blood of Jesus Christ.

I put on the **Shoes of Peace!**

May I stand firm in the Good News of the Gospel so Your peace will shine through me and be a light to all I encounter.

I take the **Shield of Faith!**

May I be ready for Satan's fiery darts of doubt, denial and deceit so I will not be vulnerable to spiritual defeat.

I put on the **Helmet of Salvation!**

May I keep my mind focused on You so Satan will not have a stronghold on my thoughts.

I take the **Sword of the Spirit!**

May the two-edged sword of Your Word be ready in my hands so I can expose the tempting words of Satan.

By faith your warrior has put on the whole **armor of God!**

I am prepared to live this day in spiritual victory!

Amen!

From Ephesians 6

Submitted by Joanne Kean, Worship



Sink or swim? People's stories about learning to swim often sound like this: "My dad tossed me into the water. I didn't have a choice — I flailed around until I found myself swimming!" But an elderly Christian tells a variation of this story: "Wanting to teach me to swim, my father threw me off the dock into the lake. I sank." But then he goes on: "So my father jumped in with me." The storyteller's wisdom shines in his application: "God doesn't toss us into life and leave us alone to sink or swim. By sending Jesus, God jumped right in with us to save us from death, hold us protectively and help us navigate life."

Let Go! Much attention is being paid to the heavy backpacks kids now lug to school. My fifth-grader's backpack weighs nearly 20 pounds — more than one-quarter of her body weight!

This year I bought my kids backpacks with wheels to ease the muscle strain. Problem solved? Wrong. They continue lugging the packs on their backs, and I keep reminding them to put the packs down and roll them.

I don't understand it — or do I? We adults carry heavy burdens, too. They pile up and weigh us down. The cumulative weight can be crushing. But we don't have to carry our troubles. Jesus tells us to let him shoulder the load (see Matthew 11:28). Jesus already took away our biggest burden by dying on the cross. So we can truly "Let go ... and let God."
— Kari Myers

Praying Twice. According to legend, the early Christian theologian St. Augustine of Hippo said, "He who sings prays twice." (The Latin wording is actually "He who sings well prays twice," but more on that in a moment.) Singing, a common element of worship, is a handy way to help children pray.

My 6-year-old, who loves to sing, was surprised and delighted when I told him a praise song he'd just learned could also be his bedtime prayer. He sings off-key, forgets some words and doesn't want help from Mom; he just sings his little heart out. But what of older churchgoers who stay silent during hymns, fearful that they don't sing well enough? Forget the Latin translation! Long before Augustine, a psalmist wrote, "Make a joyful *noise* unto the LORD, all ye lands!" (Psalm 100:1, KJV; emphasis added). Why not pray twice today?

— Heidi Mann

Have a blessed August! See you in church!

Contributed by Grace



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| 1 Saintiana St. Firmin | 20 Walter Kimmey |
| 4 Mildred Howard | 20 Millicent Knowles |
| 5 Cash Feindel | 20 Lois Nickeson |
| 6 Bo Pleasanton | 20 Helen Wiley |
| 7 Elise Tyhsen | 23 Reba Friedland |
| 9 Matt Schwinge | 24 Jodi Davis |
| 10 Roberta Chenoweth | 24 Bette Geekie |
| 11 Dena Gallo | 25 Melanie Bynum |
| 11 Elizabeth Lamb | 26 Brian Davis |
| 11 Vivian McBride | 26 Tom Kean |
| 12 Mildred Hardy | 26 Grace Tharp |
| 12 Debbie Peterson | 27 Janet Fetty |
| 13 Donald Bollenbacher | 28 Jane Bevan |
| 13 Sara Weiss | 28 Joan Kelly |
| 18 Matthew Edwards | 30 Walter Kane |
| 18 Sarah Mosch | 31 Morgan Wright |

If you would like to be added to our "Happy Birthday" list, please call the office with the information (just the month and day).

THANK YOU!

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Dear ones,

We are so thankful for all the encouraging notes before we even arrived to serve here at FUMC. Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome of moving helpers, lunch, beautiful flowers and a plant, Toojays pastries, cookies, bread and preserves. And special thanks for the prayers surrounding our move and our new ministry here at FUMC. We are excited to be here and look forward to the great things God is doing here in Boynton Beach.

Love,
Pastor Don and Diana



First United Methodist Church,

I am truly grateful for the money towards my college education. It is a great thing you do for your youth.

God Bless,
Bo Pleasanton

Dear First United Methodist Church and Mr. and Mrs. Bade,

Thank you so much for blessing me again with a scholarship. I cannot begin to express my appreciation for everything that the church has done for me, not only for the past two years, but for my whole life. Last year at U.F. was good. I ended up changing my major to microbiology and cell science/pre-med with a minor in dance. I finished the year with a 3.1 GPA. I'm looking forward to getting back to Gainesville in a month to start sophomore year and some tough classes!

Thank you again for everything!
Mollie Pleasanton



Dearest Church Family and Friends,

Thank you so very much for your prayers and thoughtfulness. All of your cards and flowers have certainly brightened my days during my recovery. Looking forward to returning to church soon!

Fondly,
Christine Metcalf



Youth Activities

- ☀ High School Youth meets on Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
- ☀ Middle School Youth meets on Saturdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- ☀ For more information, please contact Kevin VanMeter at 853-5776.

Youth Website
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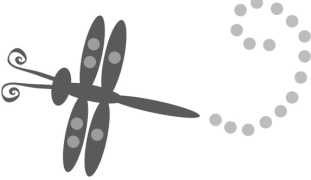

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August 2011 Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Agapé Fellowship 8:00 am, Parlor Lay Readers' Meeting 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall	3 Prayer Group 1:30 pm Historical Room	4	5 High School Youth 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	6 Middle School Youth 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
7 Sunday School 9:00am Worship 10:00 am	8	9 Agapé Fellowship 8:00 am, Parlor	10 Prayer Group 1:30 pm Historical Room	11	12 High School Youth 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	13 Middle School Youth 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
14 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	15	16 Agapé Fellowship 8:00 am, Parlor	17 Prayer Group 1:30 pm Historical Room	18 Beacon Deadline	19 High School Youth 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	20 Middle School Youth 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
21 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	22	23 Agapé Fellowship 8:00 am, Parlor	24 Prayer Group 1:30 pm Historical Room	25	26 High School Youth 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	27 Middle School Youth 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
28 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	29	30 Agapé Fellowship 8:00 am, Parlor	31 Prayer Group 1:30 pm Historical Room			

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