



Weekly Update for

Dade City First United Methodist Church

Week of February 5-12, 2023

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This Week's Highlights:



The holidays have past but the Metropolitan Ministries is still in need of food to help feed families in need. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to help support them.



Church Council invites everyone to an information meeting on March 5 in the Christian Life Center, from 2:00 to 4:30. At this meeting you will hear from Rev. Nako Kellum, a former United Methodist pastor and leader in the Global Methodist Church; as well as Rev. Dr. David Allen, our District Superintendent here in the North Central District. Both will offer their perspectives on continuing with the United Methodist Church, and we invite you to come and hear both speakers and prayerfully reflect on how it may affect us here at Dade City First UMC. No voting will occur at this meeting, and light refreshments will be provided. We invite you to submit your questions to Revs. Kellum and Allen as they prepare their presentations. Please turn in your questions by March 1 to the church office or email them to info@1stmethodist.org so Valerie can send them to our two speakers.

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, 2/5	Communion Sunday
	9: 00 am Contemporary Worship Communion
	10:00 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Traditional Worship
	12:00 Acolyte Training
5:30 to 7:30 pm DC4JC Gives Back	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner
	6:30 to 7:30 pm Children and Youth
	6:30 pm Living Faithfully
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Thursday	6:00 pm Trustees Meeting in the Lounge
Friday	Office Closed
Saturday	
Sunday, 2/12	9:00 am Contemporary Worship
	10:00 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Traditional Worship
	12:00 to 2:00 pm Acolyte Lunch & Field Trip
	5:30 to 7:30 pm DC4JC Gives Back

Robert's Ramblings:

We just walked through the Beatitudes last week. We were reminded, though we often try to turn them into imperatives - get out there and be peacemakers, be meek, be hungry and thirsty for righteousness – Jesus doesn't present them that way. He presents them as indicatives. He is describing, not commanding.

Likewise in these verses that follow those first twelve in the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus doesn't say, "Get salty!" He doesn't say "Light up!" He says, almost as a matter of fact, "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world."

If you're like me, you can't help but wonder, "When did that happen?" When did I become salt for the earth? When did I become light for the world? I'm just me. Just doing my best. Just watching out for me. Just trying not to get trampled underfoot. Jesus wants me to shine, to give light to the whole house? Really? Like I don't have enough going on right now?!"

See that's the thing about light; it doesn't exist for its own sake. And salt, salt on its own, for its own sake is not really a good thing. But as an enhancer, as a preservative, it is invaluable. In Jesus' day, it was a common practice for farmers to salt their fields to add in the right mix of minerals to help crops to grow. That's our job: Not to be the center of attention, but that which helps things grow.

During the last couple of weeks you've probably seen the difficulty in getting things to grow in a world filled with hopelessness, drug abuse, and violence against innocent people, sometimes perpetrated by the very ones who are supposed to help. Sometimes the church has been one of those offenders. Here in the scriptures, Jesus reminds us who we really are, and reminds us to not get sucked into the darkness of bitterness or despair, but to use what we have already been given to make a better world, full of the light and salt of God's love.

Prayer List

Don't be anxious about anything; rather bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with thanks. Philippians 4:6

During your times of prayer this week please remember . . .

Those in need of sustaining prayers

Donna Swart	Frankie Croft	Katherine
Drake Peto	Brent Sutton	Terri Hennessy
Michele Sutton	Jerry Boss	Joan Hamm
Matt	Emily	Missy, Andrew
Kevin Shepard	Luke Komons	Peggy Morant
Anna Grace Hill	Kerry Westbrook	Kathy Norman
Susan Schmitz	Cayden Brierley	James Shepard

Those who grieve -
The Family and Friends of

Angie C.	John Vickers	Noah
Winfield Webster	Sid Lafayette	George, Jim, Angie

Those who are homebound, in assisted living facilities or in nursing homes:

Anne Caviness	Mary Osenbaugh	Hjama Johnson
Bill Diener	Richard Ricks	Betty Jo Lossing
Esther Shelton	Stanley Burnside	Carol Collier
Mary Wise	Barb	Darren Kozak
Eva Hill	Frankie Craig	Barbara Ossman
	Jack Hunt	

Those who give thanks
and praise God for His Blessings

If you'd like to add a name to our prayer list, please put a completed prayer card in the offering plate, or



February Birthdays

Judi Betz	1	Nicole Lopez	15
Tim Polk	1	Shirley Finch	16
Karen Matchus	2	Esther Shelton	16
Todd Sumner	3	Nancy C. Johnson	17
Pat Luke	6	Mary Pruett	17
Cindy Harper	7	Carol Scheckler	17
Joshua Polk	7	Jeanne Bittman	18
Michael Durden	9	Tom Geyer	21
Patti Novy	9	Sharon Polk	21
Patricia Guyette	13	Roger Bostock	25
Valerie Desautel	14	Gayle Hogan	25
Michele Durden	15	Donna Swart	27
Doug Johnson	15		

February Anniversaries

Ed & Jeanne Bittman	4	Keith & Sharon Sumner	23
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INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING WITH
DC4JC?
SCAN THE BARCODE BELOW!

MONTHLY CALENDAR
FEBRUARY 15TH
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
5:30-7:30PM, CLC
FEBRUARY 19TH
DC4JC SUNDAY SCHOOL CREW
10-10:45AM, CLC
DC4JC IPOD NIGHT
5:30-7:30PM
FEBRUARY 22ND
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
5:30-7:30PM, CLC
FEBRUARY 26TH
DC4JC SUNDAY SCHOOL CREW
10-10:45AM, CLC
DC4JC WORSHIP
5:30-7:30PM

WEEKLY UPDATE
FEBRUARY 5TH
DC4JC SUNDAY SCHOOL CREW
10-10:45AM, CLC
DC4JC GIVES BACK:
CARD MAKING
AMERICAN HOUSE, CLC
5:30-7:30PM
FEBRUARY 8TH
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
5:30-7:30PM, CLC
FEBRUARY 12TH
DC4JC SUNDAY SCHOOL CREW
10-10:45AM, CLC
NO YOUTH EVENTS
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

LET'S BE SOCIAL!
FACEBOOK: DC4JC
INSTAGRAM: DC_4_JC
TIKTOK: DC_4_JC

**CONNECTED
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Power Up Kids Sunday School
Children 3yrs old (potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to Power Up Kids every Sunday morning from 10:00-10:45! Meeting in the upstairs Education Building, each Sunday is filled with games, friends, and scripture lessons. In February we will be learning about Jesus' life and ministry on earth. Come "Power Up" for your week and recharge with God!

Wednesdays with Connected Kids

Wednesday evening Connected Kids activities are back! Following the church Wednesday Night Dinner schedule, children ages preschool through 5th grade gather from 6:30-7:30pm with Ms. Holly after dinner for a scripture lesson and game time. Meet in the CLC to sign in. Please email Ms. Holly if your child(ren) will be joining.

Holly Carter
Director of Children's Ministries
holly.carter@1stmethodist.org

Connected Kids Classtag



Church Staff

Ministers - ALL OF US Pastor - Reverend Robert Roseberry	Church Administrator - Valerie Desautel
Director of Youth Ministries - Katie Sutton	Administrative Assistant - Sharon Briggs
Director of Children's Ministries - Holly Carter	Facilities Manager - Frank Redman
Nursery - Kristen Rigau	Contemporary Worship Leader- Maggie Merryday
Children Min. Assistant - Sara Alexander	Traditional Worship Leader- Charlotte Lewis
Pianist - Barbara Friedman	Organist - Dale Master

Attendance for January 29, 2023

Generosity

2023 General Fund
Received to Date
Needed to Date:

\$72,816

\$43,671

Attendance:

Contemporary	66
Traditional	150
Total	216
Sunday School	27