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OUR MISSION



OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS

We want to keep you up to date on the financial status of the church.

As of 03/31/21

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,009.00
Paid/set aside thru March		<u>-11,190.00</u>
BALANCE DUE	\$	6,819.00
Starting Balance	\$	2,610.00
Income March	+	21,347.00
<u>Expense March</u>	-	<u>19,812.00</u>
Ending balance	\$	4,145.00

Thank you for being such faithful givers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Finance Team



What's Happening

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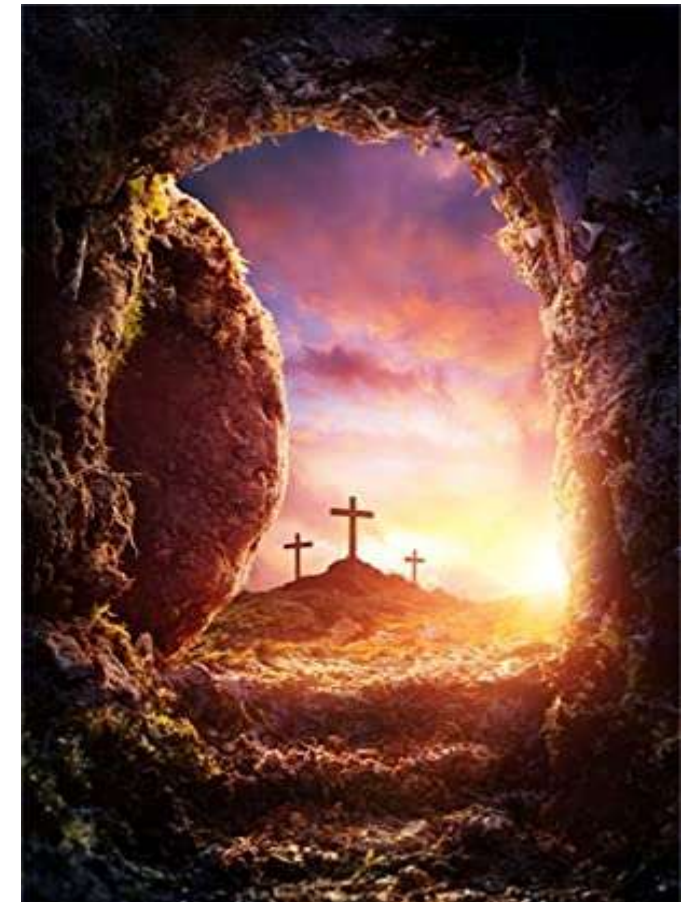
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 1 – Maundy Thursday

April 2 – Good Friday

April 4 – Easter Sunday

He is Risen





"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be



HAPPY EASTER!!!! I realize that if you are actually reading this, it is probably not Easter yet, but we know it is coming. But as we arrive at the empty tomb, remember what we have learned this journey. God doesn't just redeem us and forgive us and renew us so we can go back to our old lives. Remember, God's Holy Spirit invites us to join Him in mission.

I have to say, I never noticed that the Gospel of Mark ends with a mission. We know the end of Matthew does because we quote it most often. But the end of Mark has the same message. Baptized believers are to go into the world and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Call folks to repentance and baptize them. Share what God has done in your life here and now as well as forever. Tell them about the God who loves them. Tell them about the God who wants to heal their wounds and help them fulfill their purpose of existing.

And then I love the last part, those who believed are and baptized will be saved. Those who do not will be condemned. Notice that judgment has already been made. We don't have to decide who's in and who's not. God makes that decision based on the hearts of those before him. But God is calling us to proclaim the Gospel, not sit and home and think it is all about us being saved.

So as we get to Easter and we start talking about our "Easter Lives" again, hear the call of God to enter mission. Let's do this together. Let's reach our family, neighbors and friends with the Good News. I am so ready! Come Lord Jesus. May Easter not be wasted on us but may we live as true Easter people answer the call to proclaim!

Joining you in mission,

Pastor Shirley



A Thank You from the Children's Home



March 5, 2021

Saint James United Methodist Church
2049 N Honore Ave
Sarasota, FL 34235-9138

Dear Friends:

Spring is coming, and you can feel it! As the days begin to warm and the sun is setting a little later, new beginnings can be seen everywhere. Those new beginnings of spring and the approaching Easter holiday remind me of the love that our Father showed us through His son, Jesus Christ. It also reminds me of the new beginnings our children have because of your generosity.

Through your love and support, our children are able to realize a new beginning that they never thought was possible. Chloe is a 17 year old girl who came to us after a failed adoption. She was originally removed from her birth home as a result of abuse, and she still carries that trauma with her today. Through the support of her therapist and house parents, as well as the other staff at the Children's Home, she's learning that the past isn't her fault and her future is wide open.

Chloe recently was accepted into the GED program at Daytona State College and is expected to complete the program by summer. Now she is setting her sights on college, and is looking forward to beginning classes in the fall, all thanks to your support.

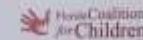
New beginnings for children like Chloe are only possible through your loving gifts, which translate into providing the children with therapy, education, clothing and daily living necessities to reach their potential. The Lord tells us in the book of Job, "And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great." And you are certainly making great things happen here at the Children's Home.

We greatly appreciate your congregation's recent gift of \$1,500.00. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of our children.

From our children and staff, thank you for your continued love, support, and prayers.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Gadd, MNM, CFRE
Chief Development Officer



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Connect – To be a family of believers who connect to God and each other

Care – To shine the light of Christ and welcome all we encounter encouraging worship, life groups, and spiritual growth.

Commit – To grow in faith through service to others both locally and globally.

CORE VALUES:

Loving Relationships:

Honest & loving relationships:
With God through a worshipful attitude and prayer
With others through acceptance and grace to all

Spiritual Growth

Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment

Compassionate Service

Offering help to others with humility and mutual respect



Teamwork

Accomplish ministry in the context of relationships.

We Are A Praying People!

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.



- Bishop & Mrs. Carter, Rev. & Mrs. Thom Schafer, President Biden and Gov. DeSantis, all of our elected officials, Pastor Shirley & Rod, our staff, our church leaders, our Cub Scouts, Otto & Jan Guenther, Bill & Bernice Highberger, Harvey & Charlene Howze, Betty Johnson, Bill & Rose Johnson, Cal & Pat Johnston, Karen Kehrli, Eugene & Bonnie Kitzmiller, Debbie Kleinsorge

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, facing left, against a background of a mountain range under a cloudy sky.

The prayer focus for April will be:

- **Spiritual maturity in our giving**
- **Sell the property**
- **No broken equipment**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.





The yoga classes are held in the Community Center Township hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a certified instructor. Please call for more information. There is a \$5 charge for each session. Please call for more information.

Postponed
until further notice



Please remember to bring items for the Mayor's Feed The Hungry Program and place those items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Also, you may drop them off in the office or even by the door during office hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10 am and 2 pm and we will be sure they are picked up.

Thank You!

Birthdays in April



April 1	Marcia Mulvaney Richard Gabriel Harvey Howze
April 2	Nancy Winding
April 3	Vicki Babiarz
April 9	Rob Carrico
March 17	Marlene Sontchi
April 28	Dwight Ball
April 29	Patti Fortin

Anniversaries in April



April 5	Dwight & Aija Ball
April 8	Wes & Toni Swails
April 12	Jim & Harriet Newcomb

** If you know someone is having a special year birthday (90+) or special anniversary (25, 30, 35 etc.) years please let the office know.

Thank You!



2021 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd

Aija Ball	(A - Bn)
Rose & Bill Johnson	(Bo – D)
Judy Snodgrass	(E – Ha)
Cyndi Andrasi	(He – J)
Beatriz Lowery	(K – Mc)
Marcia & Cecil Mulvaney	(Mi – N)
Nancy Winding	(O – Z)
Bonnie Kitzmiller	(Snowbirds)



Kudos this month go to

...Chip & Betty Newberger for the beautiful flowers by the sign
 ...Chip & Betty Newberger for the donation the battery operated weed eater and blower
 ...Karen Kehrli for polishing the handbells
 ...Judy Snodgrass and Karen Kehrli for displaying the palms for Palm Sunday

2021 Leadership Team

Trustees Judy Shannon, Mike Barbour, Sara Fleming, and Jean Flugel
Finance Sennie Lansdowne, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff
SPRT Cyndi Andrasi, Pat Dixon, Chip Newberger and Judy Snodgrass

Lay Leader Dave Strait

Nurture Team Leader Pat Dixon

Outreach Team Co-Leaders Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

Lay Delegate Dave Strait





Did you know...?

- † We are getting closer to having the electric moved on the Grimm property which will allow us to then demolish the house and make a safer environment
- † We will soon have the lights in the front parking lot working
- † Because of your generosity we have paid/set aside 62.3 % of our apportionments for this year, that's over half way in just 4 months!
- † Because of your faithfulness, we are making a difference in the community that surrounds us.
- † God is moving in wonderful ways. We just wanted to make sure you knew!

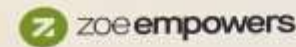


Kingdom Kids We welcome all children and grandchildren (K-5th grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.

We also have an Adult Class that meets before Worship please join them at 8:45 in the west wing room 310.

Classes will resume when we return to a normal schedule. We will advise you when they start meeting again.

A Thank You from Zoe



Empowering vulnerable children beyond charity

March 3, 2021

St. James United Methodist Church
2049 A N. Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34235

Dear St. James UMC:

Thank you for your generous gift of \$3,500.00 received on 3/1/2021 for your partnership with a ZOE Empowerment Group. This gift will have generational reach and make a tangible and sustainable difference in the lives of many orphans and vulnerable children.

We look forward to sharing updates and stories from your ZOE group with you. We invite you to stay connected to ZOE in any of the following ways:

- Sign-up for updates from ZOE by visiting our website at www.zoempowers.org.
- Follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/ZOEempowers>.
- Follow us @ZOEempowers on Twitter and on Instagram.

We are truly thankful for your continued commitment to helping orphans. The children in ZOE's program are amazed that someone who may not have even met them would intervene in their lives in such a powerful way. Thank you!

Grace and peace,

Gaston Warner
Chief Executive Officer, ZOE
gaston.warner@zoempowers.org

No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution. ZOE is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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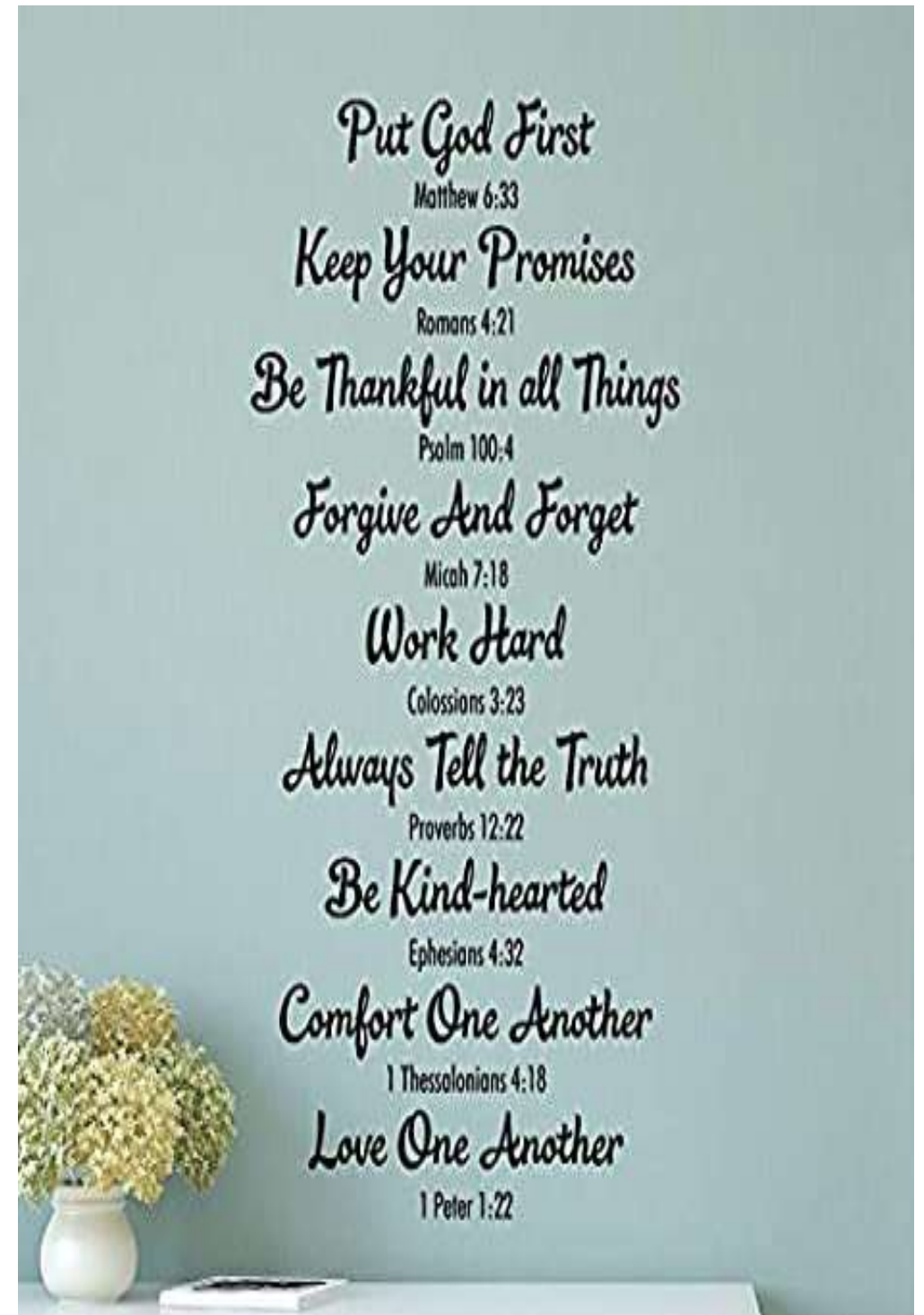
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info@zoempowers.org



Thanks to all those who were so willing to come and shine up the church on the 13th of March. A special thanks to Jean Flugel and Judy Shannon for coordinating the volunteers and inside projects and to Pastor Shirley for coordinating the outside projects.

We express our gratitude to the following who helped accomplish all the tasks:

Pastor Shirley	Jean Flugel	Judy Shannon
Rod Groom	Dave Strait	Robert
Chip Newberger	Betty Newberger	Jan Dougherty
Katie Milchalski	Kathy Barbour	Mike Barbour
Bill Johnson	Rose Johnson	Judy Snodgrass
Karen Kehrl	Sennie Lansdowne	Gary Sontchi
Marlene Sontchi	Vera Bellanca	Bonnie Kitzmiller
Melissa Sandberg	Cub Scouts and parents	





Life Line Screening will be at Saint James **May 18th** for the health screenings listed below:

Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening – Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for plaque buildup

Heart Rhythm Screening – Screens for irregular heart beat

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening – Screens for an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening – Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment – Ultrasound screen of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density

All five screenings are \$139. If you are interested in making an appointment for these screenings please call **1-866-229-0469**, online at

www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979**

There are two (2) **complimentary screenings** available in the office. Please let Fred know if you are interested and if there are more than two (2) interested we will have a drawing to select two (2).

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will worship via live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups via Zoom at 7:15 pm (If you'd like to join a DLT group and aren't connected yet please contact the office and arrangements will be made to get you connected.)

Join us as we center on Jesus.



DLT Information

You are welcome to join a DLT group at any time. If you have not joined a DLT and would like to below are the days and times the DLT groups meet. At this time, they are meeting via Zoom or conference call. Please contact the facilitator for more information on their group.

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| Women's group | Monday at 10:00 am, facilitator - Marcia Mulvaney
marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com |
| Men's group | Tuesday at 7:00 am, facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com |
| Women's group | Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon
pdixon@ringling.edu |
| Women's group | Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pastor Shirley
revgroom@gmail.com |
| Men & Women's group | Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com |
| Men & Women's group | Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
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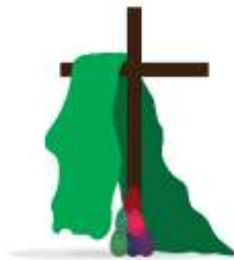
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Mayor's Feed the Hungry Program

Saint James participation in the Mayor's Feed the Hungry Program is one of several ongoing outreach ministries in our community. The program serves the needy at no charge to them.

Non-perishable food items may be brought to the church any time during business hours and on Sundays. There is a shopping cart in the lobby in which you may place the items or you may take them to the library.

In addition to food items, gift cards from any supermarkets, Target and Walmart are appreciated. These cards allow recipients to shop for items of their own choosing which allows a sense of dignity and choice.

When choosing food items the following tips have been gleaned over the past year. Many clients have difficulty using can openers or do not even have one. Cans with pull tabs are helpful. The boxes of crackers and chicken and tuna salad are a favorite of the adults. Do remember the children as well when selecting items.

The people of Saint James have been quite generous in making donations, especially this past year. Eureka, who picks up the donations, is always amazed at the quantity of food she has to load into her vehicle.

For more information on the program you may access their website at mayorsfeedthehungry.org.

Outreach Co-Leaders Kathy Barbour and Keren Kehrl

Compassion Sunday

There is still time to send in/give your Compassion Sunday Offering. Half of the total will be going to our Sister Church in Cuba (see pictures below of an example of life in Cuba). Their Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/metodista.ciegodeavila> if you are interested in seeing more about the church we will be sponsoring. The length of time we will be able to support them from this year's giving will be determined by the amount given. The other half of the total Compassion Sunday offering will be used to pay on the principle of our mortgage as we have done the last several years. We will have a total of what has been given available to share in mid-April as funds are still coming in.



Our Sister Church
Metodista Ciego de Avila



Our Sister Church's
Worship Service


Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday – Seder Dinner (live streaming only)	6:00 pm
Service of Shadows Friday (live & live streaming)	7:00 pm
Easter Sunrise Service (live only)	7:00 am
Traditional Easter Sunday Worship (live & livestreaming)	10:00 am



April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  6:00 Maundy Thursday – Seder Dinner – live streamed only	2  7:00 Service of Shadows – live & live streamed 7:00 AA F/H Office closed	
4  7:00 Sunrise Service – live only 10:00 Worship Service - live and live streamed	5 Office Closed 10:00 DLT – via Conference Call 7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom	6 6:45 Cub Scouts	7 6:30 Worship – live streaming 7:00 DLTs – via Zoom 7:00 GA	8 Office closed	9 Office closed 7:00 AA F/H	10
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2021

Date	Reader	Prayer Warriors	Audio	Visual	Worship Welcome Team	Children's Sunday School	Communion Servers	Discovery Devotion Leader	Counters	Building Closers	LAWN TEAM
April 4th Easter Sunrise Svc - 7:00 am	Rod Groom	Corporate Prayer	Rod Groom	Karen Kehrl Rod Groom Sara Fleming		N/A	Mike & Kathy Barbour	4/7 Dave Strait		N/A	4/3 Dave Strait Rod Groom
April 4th Easter White	Judy Snodgrass	Corporate Prayer		Karen Kehrl Sara Fleming	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	Sennie Lansdowne Chip Newberger Dave Strait Jean Flugel	4/14 Pastor Shirley w/ Communion		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	4/10
April 11th 1st Sunday of Easter White	Pat Dixon	Dave Strait		Karen Kehrl Sara Fleming	Kathy Barbour, Mike Barbour,	Judy Snodgrass	N/A	4/21 Rod Groom		Rod Groom	4/17 Dave Strait Rod Groom
April 18th 2nd Sunday of Easter White	Sara Fleming	Cyndi Andrasi		Karen Kehrl Sara Fleming	Jean Flugel, Katie Michalski	Fred Fowler	N/A	4/28 Rod Groom		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	4/24
April 25th 3rd Sunday of Easter White	Gary Sontchi	Rod Groom		Karen Kehrl Sara Fleming	The Sontchis	Judy Snodgrass	N/A	5/5 Pastor Shirley w/ communion		Pastor Shirley & Rod	5/1 Dave Strait Rod Groom PS