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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 01/31/21

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,009.00
Paid/set aside thru January		- 6,074.00
BALANCE DUE	\$	11,935.00
Starting Balance	\$	1,675.00
Income January	+	23,561.00
Expense January		- 19,049.00
Ending balance	\$	6,187.00

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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*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 2 – Groundhog Day

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 15 – President's Day

February 17 – Ash Wednesday



...the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

Revelation 5:8

Welcome to February, the month of love. I don't know about you, but where did January go? It seems to be speeding by in a flash! But there is a way to slow things down a bit. I find when I slow down and pause for prayer and communion with God, things slow down. I find rest and a deeper awareness of things around me. I find peace, focus and vision. In writing this, I realize I need to do this more often than I do.

This month's text talks about our prayer time in a real time description. When you read the Book of Revelation, we are not reading what will be, but what **is** when it comes to worship. These descriptions were happening when John had his visions and are still happening today. Consider what this text says:

...they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

When we pray, our prayers are held up by the 24 elders in front of the throne. Have you ever considered this regarding your prayer time with God? It is our prayer time that brings us into worshipful communion with God. It is the sweet incense that joins the heavenly worship. It is where our will is drawn into God's will.

This year, your Leadership Team has three goals for the congregation. Two of them are going to carry over from last year and they are:

- 1. Everyone bearing fruit, sharing the Good New everywhere out loud.**
- 2. People that do visit Saint James, we will strive to make loving followers of Jesus Christ by:**
 - Connect - Connecting them to God and to us as community
 - Care – Involving them in study, fellowship, spiritual growth
 - Commit – Involving the in service to the world as a child of God.

This year we have added this goal for the congregation:

- 3. Actively pray for one another and the prospects of 2021.**

This means we will be engaging you to join us in prayer as we have specific needs over the year regarding meetings, contracts, etc. as it pertains to the sale and building of our property and our mission going forward. It also includes our prayers for those who are sick and suffering and in need. We will also be praying for those neighborhoods we will be planning to minister to next year.



As we engage you to join us in prayer, remind yourself, that your prayers will be the incense in the bowls of the 24 elders worshipping at the throne as you pray.

Praying with you,

Pastor Shirley

Thank you we received



FRIENDS OF THE HAVEN

December 22, 2020

St James United Methodist Church
Judy Snodgrass
2049 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34235

Dear Judy,

Thank you for your donation to The Friends of The Haven Your December 22, 2020 donation of \$250 (via check #1590) is very much appreciated. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Friends of The Haven is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN 81-2471310.

The Haven has been serving children, teens, and adults with disabilities in our community for 66 years, and with your support, they will be able to continue to provide support such as early intervention education, occupational training, employment, and residential services.

The Friends of The Haven is appreciative of your continued support and your generous gift.

Sincerely

Patrick Barnett
President
Friends of The Haven, Inc.



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

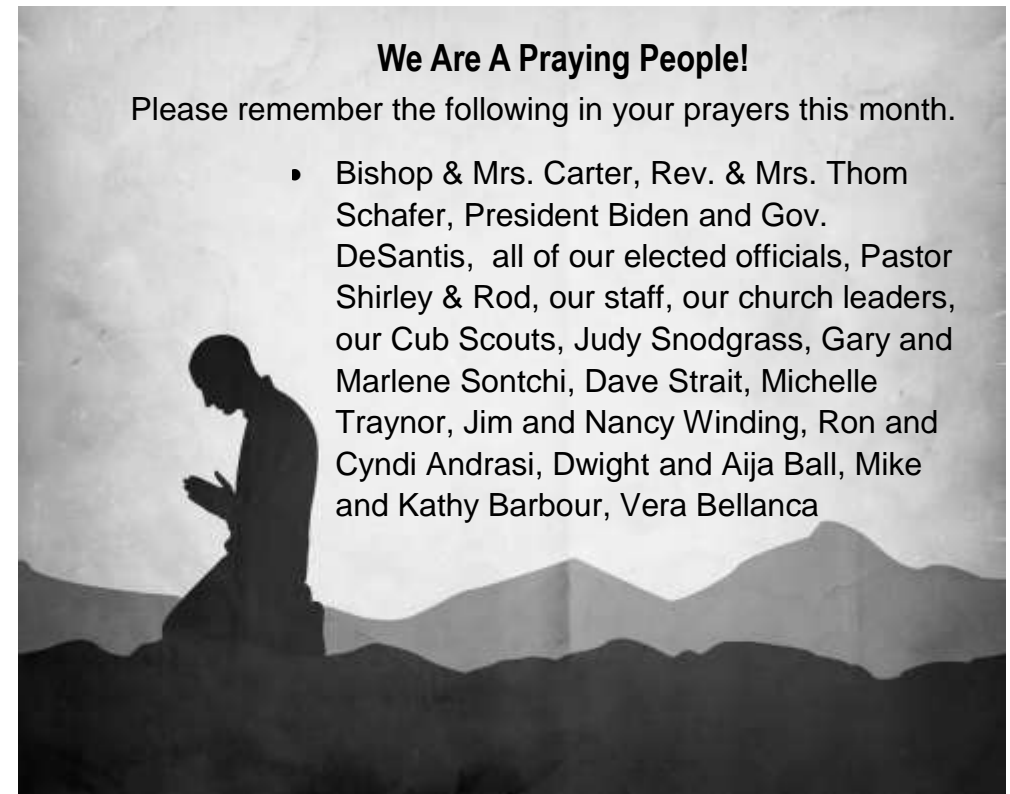
Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment

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, Judy Snodgrass, Gary and Marlene Sontchi, Dave Strait, Michelle Traynor, Jim and Nancy Winding, Ron and Cyndi Andrasi, Dwight and Aija Ball, Mike and Kathy Barbour, Vera Bellanca

Thank You!

Thank you to all those who helped take down and put away the Christmas decorations. Working together is what makes this church so special. Without everyone coming together we wouldn't be able to accomplish all that we do.

**Mike & Kathy Barbour
Bill & Rose Johnson
Sara Fleming
Bill and Bernice Highberger
Beatriz Lowery
Bonnie Kitzmiller
Pastor Shirley**

**Nancy Winding
Karen Kehrli
Dave Strait
Michelle Traynor
Judy Snodgrass
Marlene Sontchi**



The yoga class is held in the Fellowship hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a certified instructor. There is a charge of \$5 each session. Please bring your own mat. We are \$5 each session. Please bring your own mat. We are \$5 each session. Please bring your own mat.

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 February



February 7

Cecil Mulvaney

Sandy Russell

February 18

Nancy Cozy

Rosanna Brown

February 19

Lucy Gabriel

February 25

Gary Sontchi



Anniversaries in February

February 10

Bill and Rose Johnson

** 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!



Kudos this month go to

...Sara Fleming and Aija Ball for all they do as they serve as volunteer receptionists
 ...the Shepherds for keeping in touch with their sheep throughout the year and especially through the pandemic
 ...the prayer warriors for their faithful service praying for others, and as we have seen those prayers work!

Prayer List

Just a reminder if you have submitted a name for the prayer list, don't forget to let us know when the name can be removed. We want them to remain as long as necessary but also want to have room for new requests. 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)

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...?

- † Because of your generosity we have provided The Remnant Café with laundry and shower supplies to assist the staff as well as the clients.
- † Because of your generosity we have paid/set aside 33.7% of our 2021 apportionments in just one month!
- † Because of your hospitality we have had 3 or 4 children in our Sunday school class recently
- † 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.

CARING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Please keep in mind if you or a family member are admitted to a health care facility, please have a family member or the facility notify Pastor Shirley or the church office. There are times the church doesn't know someone has been admitted and we feel this an important time for the church to be aware so we can offer prayers on the patient's behalf. Due to COVID things have been different and we know visits are limited but phone calls can be made provided the patient is feeling up to it. And calls to those under the weather (if they are feeling up to it) can be uplifting for them.

What if the family hasn't called Pastor Shirley or the church and you find out someone from the congregation is in the hospital or ill at home? Does HIPPA apply? As long as you ask the patient (person under the weather) for permission to let Pastor Shirley or the church know then HIPPA no longer applies.

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.**

Valentine's Day Word Search

c g f l o w e r s i p
 j s w e e t h e a r t
 e f p a c u p i d a e
 v h o i k a c p s r t
 a o g u y h e a r t s
 l o v e r r d e g o f
 e k r a p t r r o w r
 n r i r o s e s p x i
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 i s u h s p i n n h n
 n r g a r e l l k t d
 e o s c h o s r o s h
 s w e e r t s f r i e
 v c h o c o l a t e k

valentine
 arrow
 cupid
 hearts
 love

red
 fourteenth
 hugs
 chocolate
 pink

roses
 friend
 flowers
 sweetheart
 kisses



If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14-16

Dear Church Family,

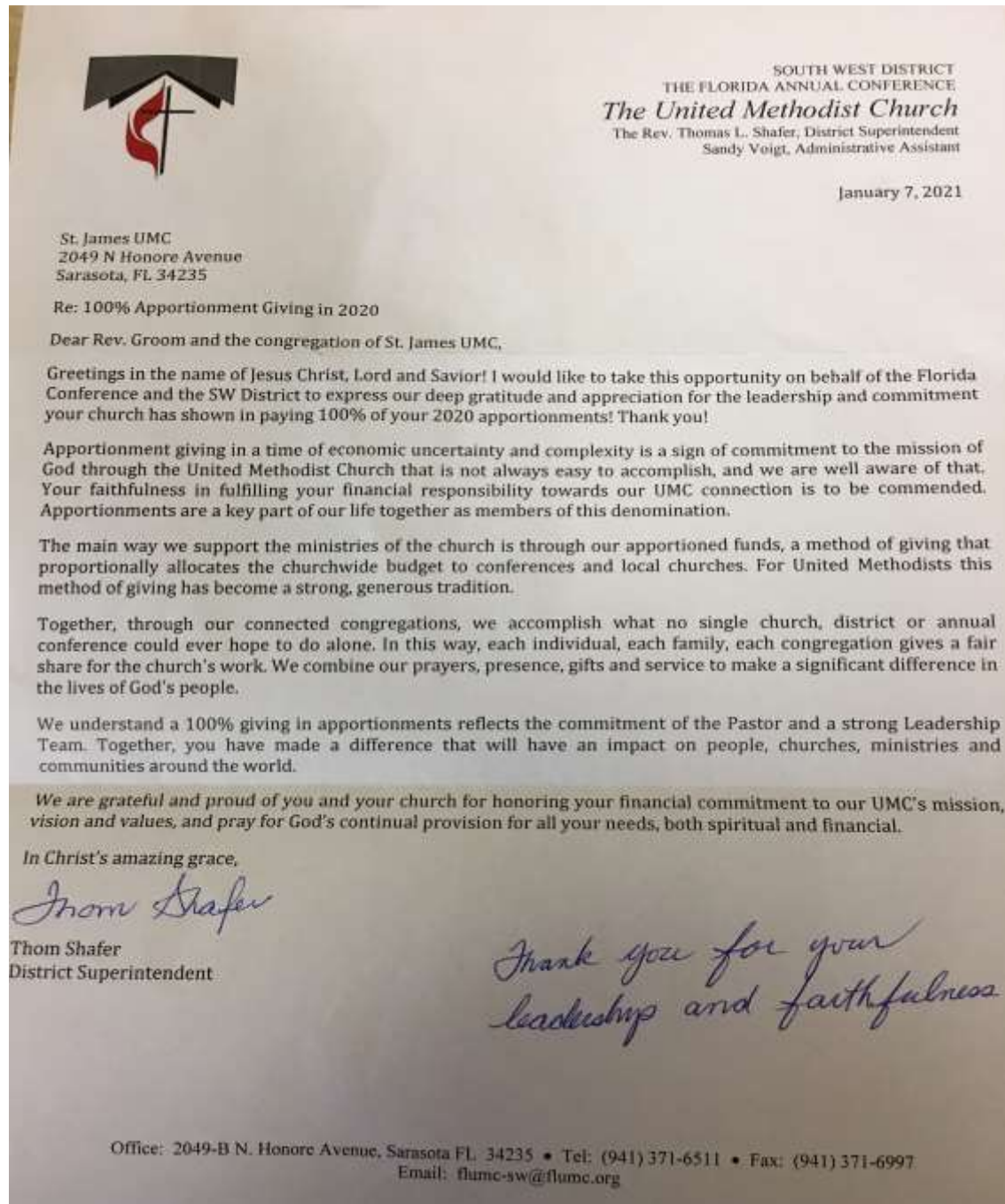
I am writing you today to invite you and encourage you, to join with the Leadership Team in what will be very important prayer meetings this year, 2021. The Lord knows we have much to pray about every day..... but what I am asking you to consider is to plan to attend "2021 Prayer Emphasis" meetings that will coincide with paramount events in the life of our church. Important events and decisions we will focus on are: Sale of the Property, and all the decisions that will surround the sale; future of Saint James as a church and the upcoming Methodist Church Protocols. And other events as they occur. Meetings will be emphasis focused, and about 60 minutes in duration.

We should not forsake the opportunity to gather (even if by zoom) and seek fervently God's will and wisdom for decisions in the year ahead. As important dates are upcoming, we will be sending you an invitation to participate. Say yes, now, that you will make every effort to join. If you need technical support we will do our very best to provide, so that everyone has opportunity join.

Some participants will join electronically (and that is perfectly okay); others may gather collectively in the Sanctuary. What is important is that we gather. Some will gather, but are not comfortable praying out-loud. This is more than okay – being present is what is important. We will be gathering, as believers, to seek God, and **bring our requests before His Holy throne. Please plan to participate, and watch for more information, and your invitation to gather.**

Always,
 Pat Dixon
 Philippians 1:3

A Thank You from The District Superintendent



Trustee Wish List

It would very helpful for the lawn team to have a battery operated weed eater and blower to use and not have to worry about having to have the right mix of fuel readily available, etc. The battery operated ones are also much lighter to carry and we have a large area of property to cover on foot when using that equipment. It would be helpful to have the new equipment by next mowing season if not before. 😊

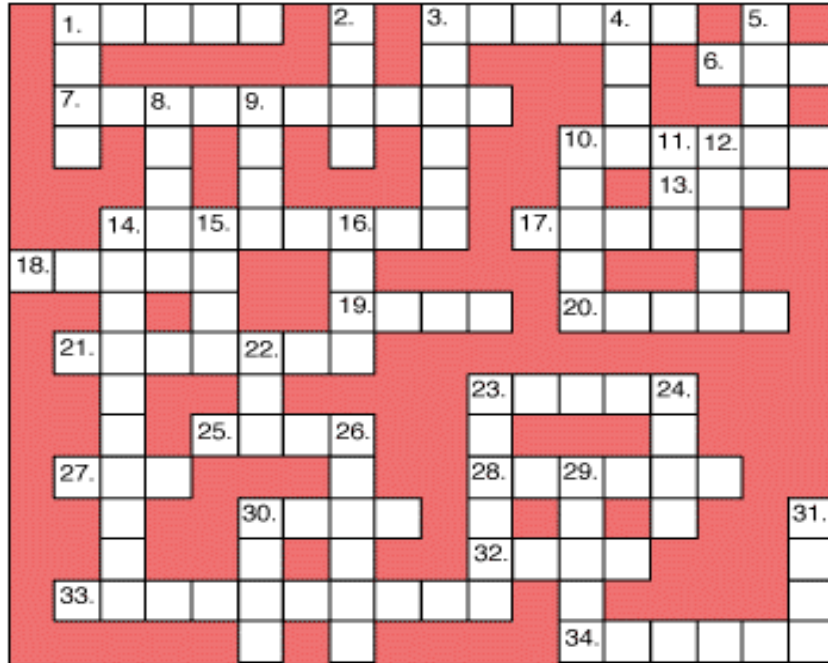


DLT Information

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.

- 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
rod.groom@gmail.com

Valentine's Crossword



Serving Wisdom
 Giving Mercy
 Spiritual Gifts
 Teaching Prophecy
 Faith Healing Miracles
 Exhortation Administration

Just a reminder if you'd like to take the **Spiritual Gifts Class** there is still time to sign up. The class is six (6) weeks long and run from February 9 through March 16, 2021 at 2:30 pm. Each class will run approximately 60 to 90 minutes. This would be a great time to determine what your gifts are as we move forward in God's plan for our congregation! It'll help you fit into the right spot and help the church know who is gifted in each area. Give it some thought! But you will need to sign up ASAP to get into the next class which will begin soon.

Across:

1. Opposite of boys
3. Valentine colour
6. ___ goes there?
7. St. _____ Day
10. The targets of Cupid's arrows
13. This little piggy is one
14. Valentine month
17. Tolls paid
18. _____ change, pocket money
19. Sign above door
20. Donald's girlfriend
21. Crayon maker
23. He shoots love arrows

25. Short form for animal doctors
27. Valentine's colour
28. Cupid shoots these
30. Valentine colour
32. Choose
33. Sweet valentine gifts
34. _____ admirer

Down:

1. Bestow
2. _____ the bottle
3. Attractive
4. Frilly trim
5. Valentine colour
8. Mickey _____ Minnie
9. Close to
10. Listened

11. Past tense of eat
12. Red flowers
14. February ___ is Valentine's
15. ___ valentine.
16. Length x width
22. Single, __, 2, 3, ...
23. Winners
24. Opposite of up
26. First day of the week
29. Speed contests
30. Scheme
31. Pepper_____ candy





**Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
February 17, 2021
7:00 pm**

We will offer in person as well as live streaming for our Ash Wednesday worship service. Please join us as we begin our Lenten Journey.

No DLT's on Ash Wednesday

Please keep an eye out for articles in future issues of the newsletter as we share more information on the groups our Outreach Team focuses on throughout the year.



Thank you to all who brought shower & laundry items for the **Remnant Café!** As always you exceeded our expectations and the staff as well as the clients of the cafe are very appreciative of all we do as a church!




Household Shower

What an outpouring of caring you all have shown to Theresa as she begins a new chapter in her life; being out on her own for the first time. What a wonderful way to show God's love to another. Thank you for your generosity!





February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10:00 DLT – via Conference Call 7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom	2 6:45 Cub Scouts	3 6:30 Worship – live streaming 7:00 DLTs – via Zoom 7:00 GA	4 4:30 DLT – via Zoom	5 Office closed	6
7 10:00 Worship Service	8 10:00 DLT – via Conference Call 7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom	9 2:30 Spiritual Gifts class 6:45 Cub Scouts	10 6:30 Worship – live streaming 7:00 DLTs – via Zoom 7:00 GA	11 4:30 DLT – via Zoom	12 Office closed	13
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