



OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS

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

As of 04/30/21

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,009.00
Paid/set aside thru April		<u>-12,808.00</u>
BALANCE DUE	\$	5,201.00
Starting Balance	\$	4,145.00
Income April	+	18,253.00
<u>Expense April</u>	-	<u>22,031.00</u>
Ending balance	\$	367.00

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

Your Finance Team



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 6 – National Day of Prayer

May 9 – Mother's Day

May 17 – Leadership Team Meeting

May 15 – Armed Forces Day

May 31 – Memorial Day

What's Happening



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OUR MISSION



"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!"

Happy May and Happy Mother's Day!

Have you ever considered the qualities, the attributes of God, that are motherly? This gets lots of heated debate in this day and age, but motherly attributes start with God. One of my favorite texts regarding this is found in Matthew and in Luke. It is at the top of this page.

Now we have all heard the term "mother hen" given to very protective mothers. Jesus, God in flesh, expresses how much he wishes he could be the "mother hen" and gather up all the chicks together under his wings. Now I have to say, that imagery warms my heart and creates a deep desire to be drawn that close to Jesus.

There is something tender, caring, protective about being sheltered under the wings of the hen or in the arms of a loving mother. It is where we can rest because we can trust the mother who holds us. Consider if you will, when you or your children were little, whom did they cry to when they were hurt? Mom's because Mom could make it better. Now don't get me wrong. Dads are great too, especially if you wanted risky rough housing or fighting boogey men. Dads could teach you how to mow the lawn and change a tire and the oil in your car. But it is Mom you turned to for comfort, kisses on boo-boos and nurturing.

That is what God wants to do for us. Not just be our "Father who is in heaven," but be our Mother who desires to gather her children together into her arms. What a wonderful invitation. But then we come to the end of the verse we see our normal response. We do not cooperate.

Again, consider when you ran to your Mom for comfort, nurture, and love. After a few minutes when we felt better, we pushed her away and went off to do our thing. She never forced us to stay, but was always ready when we returned, and we always returned. So, it is with God. But maybe we need to learn not to push away so fast and so often.



Happy Mother's Day to you who are mothers, stepmothers, spiritual mothers and the motherly in their nurture and comfort of God's children. You display the motherly aspects of God's love for us. We honor you this month and praise God for each of you.

Blessings,
Pastor Shirley



Prayer Walks are coming to a neighborhood near you. The church is on the march to reach our communities for Jesus Christ. Get ready!!!!!!





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, Sennie Lansdowne, Beatriz Lowery, Betty Lou McLuckey, Bob & Katie Michalski, Dr. Randall & Karen Morgan, Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney, Chip & Betty Newberger, Jim & Harriet Newcomb

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer is shown against a background of mountains and a cloudy sky.

The prayer focus for May will be:

- **A healthy congregation**
- **Develop meaningful relationships with individuals in the groups who meet on our campus**
- **A church of wisdom and discernment**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.

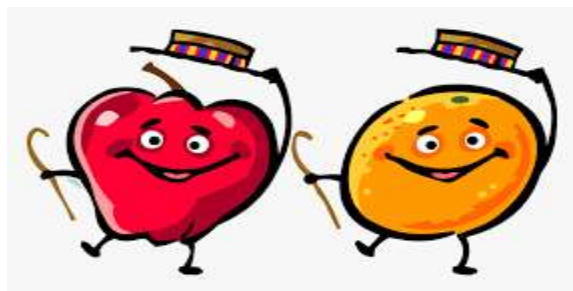




The yoga classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a certified instructor for each session. Please call for more information.

Postponed
until further notice

community center
There is a charge of \$5 each session.



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 May



May 10

Paula Sanders

May 14

Jim Winding

May 15

Cyndi Andrasi

Toni Swails

May 23

Bee Rudawsky

May 24

Beatriz Lowery

Anniversaries in May



May 14

Mike & Kandy DeWitt

May 20

Bob & Katie Michalski

May 31

Rob & Jenny Carrico

** 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

...All those who helped with the Holy Week Worship Services, from folding bulletins, preparing the worship areas, serving communion, vocalists, musicians, bell ringers, running the sound booth, readings and many other tasks

...The prayer team for meeting weekly and faithfully praying for Saint James members, their families, friends and others who are in need of prayer.

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



"Pray for your pastor the way you expect your pastor to pray for you."



Did you know...?

- † The front parking lot lights are now working
- † Because of your generosity we have paid/set aside 71.1 % of our apportionments for this year, that's over half of the total 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.**



Bags of Hope

Twice a year we collect snacks and personal items to place in back packs for clients of the Remnant Café. The Remnant Café is open 4 days per week in the Remnant Church for those that are currently experiencing homelessness. They can receive free coffee, a freshly prepared meal, hot showers, clean clothes and respite from the streets. The back packs we provide offer those who receive them a place to keep their personal belongings along with items we include in the bags. A Bible also goes into each bag with a label that states "God is nearer than you know. Read and be blessed." As Pastor Shirley has mentioned in worship the last few weeks, the Bible is a treasured item for many who receive them. For additional information you may access the Remnant Church's website at:

www.remnantchurchsarasota.com/ministries/remnant-cafe-homeless

Memorial Day

WORD SEARCH

- AMERICAN
- ANTHEM
- CEMETERY
- CEREMONY
- COMMEMORATE
- DECORATION
- FALLEN
- FLAGS
- FLOWERS
- FREEDOM
- GRAVE
- HALF MAST
- HEROES
- HOLIDAY
- HONOR
- MAY
- MEMORIAL
- OBSERVANCE
- PATRIOTIC



REMEMBRANCE

SACRIFICE

SALUTE

SERVICE

SOLDIERS

TAPS

VETERANS

WAR



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I want to thank everyone for the recognition of Administrative Assistant's Day during worship on April 25, 2021. I appreciate the expressions of kindness shown to me. I love being a part of the staff as well as being a member of the family of Saint James.

Love & blessings,
fred

The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples.

John Wesley

@wlestone



At the end of May we will be filling the Bags of Hope for The Remnant Café. We will be collecting the below listed items for the summer months. Please continue to watch the bulletins to see an updated list as we begin to receive items.

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| hats/visors | toothpaste | hand towels |
| toothbrushes | toilet paper | fruit cups |
| bar soap | flip flops | power bars |
| band aids | shampoo | combs |
| 8 oz bottled water | feminine products | |
| sunscreen (wipes/lotion only) bug repellent** (wipes only) | | |

**it is hard to find the bug repellent wipes, therefore if you'd like to provide this item please submit payment with your offering and make a note on the payment that is what you'd like to do and we will order them online.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will worship live and live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups live and/or 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.

- 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

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day in the U. S. is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general as well as the positive contributions that they make to society.



Memorial Day is an American holiday honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. It originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Our Cuban Sister Church

Below is a letter our Outreach Team received from the Pastor of our Sister Church in Cuba introducing himself and his family to us. He included a little information about the Methodist of Ceigo de Ávila, Cuba church as well.

Hello Karen,

My name is Andrés Rodríguez Rodríguez and I am the pastor of the Methodist Church of Ciego de Ávila, Cuba. A few days ago, my District Superintendent informed me that your church had accepted our church as a sister church in Cuba. I want you to know that I, my family and church are very happy for this opportunity that God and you are giving us to walk together in the extension of the Kingdom of God in our communities.

I wrote to Brother Dan Christopherson to explain how I could communicate with his church, he sent me his email and suggested that I write to you first. So, I would like you to share this email with Pastor Shirley Groom and the brethren at your church.

As I said before, I am Pastor Andrés, my wife is named Yudith and I have a daughter named Elizabeth. I am 47 years old, my wife 45 years old and Elizabeth is a young woman in her 20s. I can communicate a little bit in English, I have visited your country

several times, I have very good friends and brothers there. I met them through UMVIN groups who have visited our church, while we were building our new temple. My daughter Elizabeth speaks English very well and can communicate easily. So you can write to me in English, we are used to communicating like that. My Wife Yudith only speaks Spanish

We have been pastors in Ciego de Ávila for the last 8 years. Before we were shepherds for 11 years in a small town in the province of Cienfuegos. Ciego de Ávila, is one of the smallest cities in Cuba, and is located in the center of the country. Right now we are having many problems with Covid-19 in Cuba. Over the past year we have only been able to meet for a few months. Our congregation is around 400 people. We are helping as many as we can with the offerings and tithes that the brothers send to the church. We mainly help the elderly with food and personal care. Also to the sick and mothers who take care of their children alone. It is very difficult work, but it is wonderful to be able to help our brothers in Christ.





The economic situation in Cuba is very difficult, especially in these times of Covid, but God has always been with us. Every day we see the mighty hand of God, supplying the needs of our brothers. I feel that I am very privileged to serve God and to be a pastor of the Methodist Church in Cuba. I can also feel in my spirit that God has a plan and a purpose with the twinning of our churches.

In other moments, I will write again. Please, say hello for everyone. I wait for your news. Blessings.

Andrés



May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 10:00 Worship Service	3 10:00 DLT 7:00 Prayer Gathering via Zoom	4 6:45 Cub Scouts	5 6:30 Worship – live & live streaming 7:00 DLTs – live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	6  Office closed 4:30 DLT via Zoom	7 Office closed 7:00 AA F/H	8
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2021

Date	Reader	Prayer Warriors	Audio	Visual	Worship Welcome Team	Children's Sunday School	Communion Servers	Discovery Devotion Leader	Counters	Building Closers	LAWN TEAM
MAY 2ND 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - WHITE	Judy Snodgrass	Corporate Prayer		Karen Kehrli Sara Fleming	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	Bill & Rose Johnson Judy Snodgrass Beatriz Lowery	5/5 Pastor Shirley w/ Communion		N/A	5/1
MAY 9TH 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – WHITE MOTHER'S DAY	Mike Barbour	Cyndi Andrasi		Karen Kehrli Pat Dixon	The Sontchi's	Fred Fowler		5/12 Dave Strait		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	5/8 Dave Strait Rod Groom
MAY 16TH 6TH Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday White	Judy Shannon	Rose Johnson		Sara Fleming Cyndi Andrasi	The Barbours	Judy Snodgrass		5/19 Judy Snodgrass		Rod Groom	5/15
May 23rd Pentecost Sunday Red Prayer Walk Week	Jan Dougherty	Pat Dixon		Karen Kehrli Pat Dixon	Jean Flugel, Katie Michalski	Fred Fowler		5/26 Chip Newberger		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	5/22 Dave Strait Rod Groom
May 30th 2nd Sunday of Pentecost Red Outreach Sunday	Dave Strait	Rod Groom		Karen Kehrli Cyndi Andrasi	The Highbergers	Judy Snodgrass		6/2 Pastor Shirley w/ communion		Pastor Shirley & Rod	5/29 Dave Strait Rod Groom PS

