

Celebrating Sixty Years in Ministry

Merrell On The Move



open hearts
open minds
open doors

Vision:

Merrell UMC is a Christian community sharing the love of Jesus Christ through the practice of our gifts and graces to become Christian disciples of excellence. Christian disciples are believing and those yet to believe (Christians and pre-Christians) being transformed in a life giving faith community, living the gospel out of biblical learning, with inspirational worship, growing in generosity, committed to transform communities with our service and accepting God's presence for all people through prayer.

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Spirit-led • Equipped • Empowered • Disciples

Mission: To create Spirit-led, Equipped and Empowered Disciples for the world.

FROM THE PASTOR



Message to the Churches from General Conference of the United Methodist Church

To the people of The United Methodist Church:

The Council of Bishops brings you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has called us to be servant leaders of the church. In 1812, Bishop Francis Asbury, Bishop William McKendree and General Conference Secretary Daniel Hitt sent the first letter to churches following General Conference. This letter seeks to revive that tradition. Many bishops will also be communicating individually with their own areas.

Hundreds of lay and clergy delegates from around the world gathered in Portland, Oregon, along with bishops and pastors, church members and staff, volunteers and visitors, to engage in Christian conferencing, to make decisions for our church's future, to affirm our global connection, to worship and to celebrate God's faithfulness.

We celebrated the success of our Imagine No Malaria initiative, which seeks to raise \$75 million in the fight against malaria, a disease that takes the life of a child in Africa every two minutes. We celebrated our ecumenical partnerships as we move into full Communion with the Uniting Church in Sweden and toward full Communion with the Moravian church. We celebrated our heritage: the 250th anniversary of our oldest church, John Street United Methodist Church, the 200th anniversary of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the 150th anniversary of United Methodist women, the 25th anniversary of Africa University and others.

We continued in our acts of repentance with a presentation from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes about the Methodist involvement in the 1864 Sand Creek massacre. We shared in the consecration of deaconesses and home missionaries and the commissioning of missionaries. We moved toward a global Book of Discipline and global Social Principles. We voted to add five new bishops in Africa after 2020, and approved a church wide study on our ecclesiology.

The Episcopal address set the tone for the event, focusing on humility and lifting up our accomplishments. We heard from our laity an invitation to members to be more involved in making disciples and getting involved in ministries to bring the love of Christ to others. We heard our young people say they “are engaged in Christ’s journey with energy and love.” We also heard them say clearly that they do not want a divided church and urged us to “be in unity even if we do not have unanimity.” They give us hope for our future.

The body had difficult and challenging work before it as we acknowledged our differences over human sexuality. Amidst those differences, the delegates affirmed they want their bishops to lead and we found ourselves with an opportunity for a holy moment. We spoke candidly about what divides us and what our church might look like in the future if we dared to consider new possibilities. We offered a way forward, postponing decisions about sexuality matters and committing to having a different kind of global conversation that allows all voices to be heard.

Our differences do not keep us from being the body of Christ. They do not keep us from doing good in the world. They do not keep us from making a difference – and so we set forth bold new goals: to make a million new disciples of Jesus Christ; to engage 3 million new people to make a difference in the world; to transform 400 communities for vital abundant living; to reach a million children with lifesaving health interventions; and to double the number of vital congregations.

Most importantly, we affirmed our commitment to stay united. We proved that we are more than debates and divisions, more than rules and resolutions. We stood together as the body of Christ. As we reflect on our time in Portland, our prayer is for unity in the church for the advancement of our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As John Wesley reminded us, “Best of all, God is with us.”

Signed on behalf of the Council of Bishops,
Bishop Bruce R. Ough, president of the Council

From Christ’s servant in ministry with the saints,

Bancroft Williams.

Rev. Bancroft Williams

Fathers are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises as often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be the man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts and nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily to live up to "HIS IMAGE"
As protector and provider and "hero or the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason we sometimes get the notion,
That Fathers are not subject to the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart, Where no one else can see
You'll find he's sentimental and as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day in the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff to his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just WONDERFUL in a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments and accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires to fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him and to bring them happiness...

And like OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, he's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on to be ALWAYS ON OUR SIDE.

Helen Steiner Rice

Merrell 60th Anniversary Events

"Discerning God's Leading"



The Man Van Comes to Merrell during our July Health Fair

As part of our 60th Anniversary events, Merrell is hosting a Health Fair on July 23, 2016. The Man Van will be in our parking lot to offer tests and screenings for a host of health issues. It is quick (between 15 and 30 minutes) and painless. The Man Van is a bit of a misnomer, because it is for men AND women. Screenings include blood test for cholesterol, thyroid

function, complete blood count and metabolic profile, blood pressure check, BMI and pulse oximetry and prostate specific test for males. Most Insurances accepted. There is a \$75 charge without insurance. We need to register 30 persons for the Man Van. Please check with the Church Office.

FREE IMMUNIZATION FOR CHILDREN

Merrell is coordinating a free immunization event for school children without insurance coverage. Two documents are needed: 1) your child's immunization record and, 2) a completed Patient Information Sheet. Please check with the Church office for pre-registration.

The Anniversary Celebration continues:

Church family, we are continuing our joyous celebration of our 60th Anniversary. We just completed our first Mom & Dad banquet at the fabulous Woodlands Country Club. It was a wonderful event, full of fun and surprises.



Now, get ready for the mighty gospel sounds of Sis. Novelette, 2nd Chance, Dwight Richards, Gerry Thompson and more in our 60th Anniversary Concert. Our own youth dancers also

will perform. The big event is on Saturday, September 17, 2016 in the auditorium of Plantation High School, 6901 NW 16th St., Plantation, FL. Ticket prices are \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

It's Happening at Merrell

JUNE 20

11:00am -

4:00pm -

Ragsdale Hall

MERRELL

bread ministry



Bread Cart Ministry

JUNE 20

2:00—3:00 PM—RAGSDALE HALL

Please Note: You will be required to sign in.

VBS STARTS THIS MONTH!!!

MONDAY—FRIDAY JUNE

20-24, 2016

6:00PM—9:00PM



VBS wraps up with our annual community picnic

**Saturday, June 25 on the
church grounds.**

Join us for fun and games and refreshment from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Sunday Worship Times

Contemporary Worship	8:00AM	Sanctuary
Adult Bible Study	9:00AM	East Lounge
New Members Class	9:10AM	Room 17
Youth Bible Study	9:30AM	Ragsdale Hall
Traditional Worship	10:00AM	Sanctuary
Every Fourth Sunday	6:00PM	Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Prayer Meeting	Tuesday	6:30PM	Sanctuary
Men's Choir	Wednesday	7:00PM	Music Room
Dance Rehearsal	Wednesday	7:00PM	Ragsdale Hall
Dunamis Youth	Friday	7:00PM	Ragsdale Hall
Choir Rehearsal	Saturday	4:00PM	Music Room

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



TOWARD A NEW CREATION

All saints, ladies and gentlemen, are encouraged to come out and study the Word...

When: Every Sunday morning at 9am

Where: The East Lounge

Topics:

Judgment and Salvation;
A World gone wrong. Life
on God's terms.

Adult Bible Studies

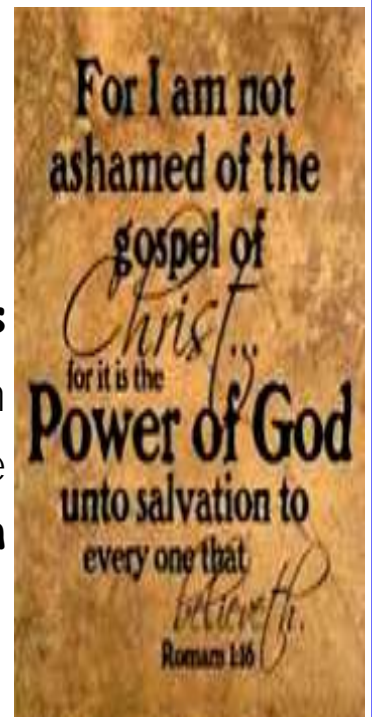
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Toward a New Creation



This quarter's lessons

reminds US that in spite of the darkness in our world that results when we fail to live **life on God's terms, God has worked in Christ** to redeem us and to bring restoration, reconciliation, healing and hope.





Oddeit Love 06/01
 Andrea Williams Laura 06/01
 Jennifer Hartley Wilson 06/04
 Gianna Royes 06/04
 Junette Stevens 06/04
 Colin Smith 06/05
 Alicia Bennett 06/06
 Andrew Christie 06/07
 Matthew Holder 06/07
 Patricia Tabois 06/07
 Zelda Alcock 06/09
 Cleon Tabois 06/09
 Nicole Barnaby 06/10
 Laila Fletcher 06/10
 Sheyanne Myrie 06/11

Taniya Richards 06/11
 Lloyd Murray 06/12
 Steve Myers 06/12
 Hyacinth Perderaux 06/12
 Joyce Browne 06/16/
 Martha Royes 06/16/
 Iceline Allen 06/17
 Dahlia Campbell 06/17
 Justice Forbes 06/17
 Semaj Morton 06/17
 Cameron Shaw 06/17
 Casmine Pelle 06/18
 Versel Reid 06/18
 Ann Rose 06/18
 Sonia E. Passley-Rhule 06/19

Dorothy Bennett 06/20
 Michaelah Ward 06/20
 Theodore Parrish 06/21
 Olive Rice 06/21
 Winnifred DaCosta 06/22
 Vivian McGeachy 06/22
 Linda Davis 06/23
 Reneka Burleigh 06/24
 Daphnie Chang 06/24
 Daisy Riviears 06/24
 Jaden Bennett 06/25
 Pauline Richards 06/25
 Joan Nichols 06/26
 Michael Howson 06/27
 Horace Clayton 06/30

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MEMBERSHIP AND DISCIPLESHP

Merrell welcomes interested persons to become members.
 We invite you to contact the Pastor by calling the Church Office.

BAPTISMS

Performed at the Sunday Service, contact the Church Office.

MARRIAGES

Performed after consultation with the Pastor

In time of **illness or sorrow**, please call the Pastor
 or the Church Office promptly.



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Our Church Leaders

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| <p>Church Council
Sis. Eileen Tucker</p> <p>Lay Leader
Sis. Patricia Tabois</p> <p>Lay Member to Annual Conference
Sis. Lorna Smith</p> <p>Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee
Sis. Diana Dann</p> <p>Admn. Assistant to Pastor
Sis. Claudette Meatley</p> <p>Finance Committee
Bro. Wayne Ranger</p> <p>Treasurer
Bro. Eric Royes</p> <p>Financial Secretary
Sis. Norma Williamson</p> <p>Prayer Ministry
Sis. Uliet Black</p> <p>Trustee
Bro. Franklyn Coombs</p> <p>Evangelism/Outreach Ministries
Sis. Valerie Henry</p> <p>Preschool Board Chair
Sis. Thelma McGeachy</p> | <p>United Methodist Women
Sis. Thelma McGeachy</p> <p>United Methodist Men
Bro. Lovell McKail</p> <p>Visitation Ministry
Sis. Dizzierene Cox</p> <p>Stewardship
Bro. Winston Chang</p> <p>New Members Committee
Sis. Rose Farquharson</p> <p>Membership Secretary
Sis. Rowena Martin</p> <p>Campus Ministry Representative
Sis. Judith Gohagen</p> <p>Disaster Coordinator
Bro. Lovell McKail</p> <p>Worship Ministries
Sis. Deloris Ellis</p> <p>Youth
Judy Gohagen
Keisha Coombs-Newman</p> <p>Thrift Shop
Interim Coordinator
Sis. Phylis Brown</p> |
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Bulletin Announcement Forms are available in the church office area on the office door. Please return form(s) via email: office@merrellumc.org or place it in the box on the office door. Deadline for announcements: **WEDNESDAY at NOON.**