



open hearts  
open minds  
open doors

# OCTOBER 2015

## **Vision:**

*Transforming our world one soul at a time by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people. We will be Spirit-led, focused on our children and youth, as we build disciples and leaders for the future.*

**Merrell On The Move**



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Spirit-led•Equipped•Empowered•Disciples

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

# FROM THE PASTOR



## ***"Season of Change"***

The fragrance of the grace of God still lingers with us from the Fall Revival. Many of us experienced a coming of the Lord. We did receive blessing in preaching, song and testimony. The grace of God which goes before us also give us room for spiritual transformation in Christ in the company of the saints. This spiritual transformation is not only possible, it is necessary for our Christian life journeys. The church through the ages speak the one message of good news in truth and love within the transforming Christ. Christians as the body of Christ are constantly being transformed in the renewing and healing love for God. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Evangelism committee, the musicians, praise team, choirs, Revs. Desmornes and Byer our speakers, who helped to help proclaim that

all persons in Christ are "Destined To Live."

For the next three months our Sunday worship services will move into times of celebration. This Sunday we reflect on the sharing of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on World communion Sunday. In John's gospel Jesus prayed that the church may become one as Christ and the Father are one (John 17). It is at the Lord's Table where all are invited to come and develop in their faith and service for Christ. The second Sunday of October is the annual United Methodist Men service. The preacher will be Rev. Ansel Aiken at 10 a.m. The following Sunday (September 18) is United Methodist Laity Sunday where we celebrate the witness of our discipleship in daily lives. The last Sunday of the month is Youth Sunday. Then the first day and Sunday of November is All Saints Day. We take time to remember those among us who worked hard in sharing their faith and who now rest from their labors awaiting the coming of the Lord. We will again remember these dearly departed saints and loved ones. We will also listen to selected stories of the fruit of Christian lives.

Although doing Sunday events may seem routine we are seeking new ways to be open to serve God in the world. We are prayerfully seeking our seasons of change in and through the ordinary times through spiritually impacting experiences. This change should move us to really love God with all our full faculties. The gospel of Mark 12: 30-31 reminds us in this way:

"and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these." Through our worship and work let us learn ways to accomplish this commandment.

***Rev. Bancroft Williams***



# October

minister  
appreciation  
month

**HONOR** those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. 1 Thess. 5:12b

## PASTOR

With Appreciation For Your Ministry,

What I Pray For You:

***GUIDANCE***

For the paths your feet will daily follow...

***WISDOM***

for the counsel you are asked to give...

***COMPASSION***

for those you are called upon to help.

What I Wish For You,

***STRENGTH***

to stand for what is true and right, even when there is opposition...

***COURAGE***

to press on, even when things seem routine...

***PERSEVERANCE***

to follow the desires God has placed in your heart, even when you doubt.

What I Give To You:

***SUPPORT***

for your leadership...

***APPRECIATION***

for your calling and gifts...

**THANKS**

For the person you are in Christ.

G O D B L E S S Y O U P A S T O R

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## 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

Bible Study	Monday	7:00PM	Ragsdale Hall
Bible Study	Tuesday	12 Noon	Chapel
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	5:00PM	Music Room



### Bread Cart Ministry Tomorrow

**October 5 & 19-** 2:00 PM—3:00 PM  
RAGSDALE HALL

Please Note: You will be required to sign in with your telephone #, and show your ID.



### FEEDING WITH COMPASSION

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 17  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**SPPRC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
TUESDAY, october 6 - 7:00pM room 17

**VISION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Saturday, october 17 - 3:00PM



**LYDIA CIRCLE**  
Thursday, october 8  
7:00pM east Lounge



**RUTH CIRCLE**  
TUESDAY, october 20  
10:00 AM-RAGSDALE HALL

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
SATURDAY, october 10  
10:30AM—ROOM 17

**TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
TUESDAY, october 20  
7:30PM-ROOM 17



**TUESDAY, october 13**  
7:00PM - ROOM 17

**Merrell Preschool Advisory Meeting**  
WEDNESDAY, october 21

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
SATURDAY, october 17 - 2:00PM  
ROOM 17

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27- 7:00PM  
RAGSDALE HALL

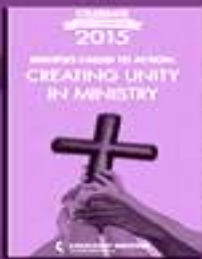
# OCTOBER EVENTS

NEXT SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 11TH



*You Are Invited....Appreciation Luncheon*

God is Good! Merrell Men's Fellowship and the Stewardship Committee extend sincere appreciation and thanks to Merrell Church family and parishioners for the tremendous and unflinching support received during the year! To show their appreciation a luncheon will be provided next Sunday in Ragsdale Hall immediately following the 10AM worship service. Please join them for a time of fellowship and sumptuous eating Merrell style! All are invited!



October 18  
is  
Laity Sunday

## Ministry of the Laity

The ministry of the laity is the work of mission or ministry to which each believer is called. As Christians we are all called to this ministry or priesthood – not just clergy. Each of us has a responsibility to proclaim the Good News and reach out to others in love.



## MERRELL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2015 FUNDRAISER

Please join the United Methodist Women on their trip to  
the Holy Land Experience!

**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

Donation: \$110.00 per person (including bus trip, driver gratuity & admission fee).

**(Final payments are due Oct. 11, 2015)**

**Bus leaves exactly 5:45 a.m.**

**Please see any Member of UMW OR the Flyer for more information.**

## MERRELL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PRESENTS

## Our Annual Fall Yard Sale

ON

**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

**7:00am – 2:00pm**

COME JOIN US!!!

LOTS OF GOODIES TO CHOOSE FROM!!!  
GET YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND COME  
TAKE A STROLL AND FILL A BAG OR TWO  
SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!



# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



## *Acts of the Apostles:*

Come and join our lively discussions...

When: **Every Sunday morning at 9am**

Where: in the **East Lounge**

Why: To study **Acts of the Apostles** and the growth of the early Christian church. We are exploring the power of prayer, witness, worship and faith in community. Prayer was a serious pursuit of Jesus, let it be yours too...



MERRELL WELCOMES  
INTERESTED PERSONS TO BECOME MEMBERS!

CONFIRMATION & NEW MEMBERS  
**EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:15AM - ROOM 17**  
PLEASE SEE **SIS. ROSE FARQUHARSON**  
AFTER TODAY'S 10:00AM SERVICE

OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **954-731-2323**



## INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Merrell's computer classes are about to start again in

**Room 17**. Sister Eileen Tucker will start the classes

**Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m.**

If you're interested, please contact Sister Tucker through the church office at (954) 731-2323 to register.

Please register to participate!!! Come along and we will show you how to: Create a document • Set up email address • Learn how to send emails • Search the internet • Book a flight • Pay a bill.



JOIN US FOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**MONDAY NIGHT 7:00PM & TUESDAY NOON DAY**

Pastor Bancroft leads the group as they study the book by

Adam Hamilton titled "Revival—Faith as Wesley Lived It"

*"Hamilton takes us on a pilgrimage to the places where the Methodist revival began, and it quickly becomes a journey into the heart and soul of what it means to follow Christ in the Wesleyan tradition."* James A. Harnish

Book will be available for purchase.

# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT

Fall National College Fair - Broward Convention Center

Monday, October 12, 2015

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

High school students it is never too early to start the college process. Please go online, register and attend.

To register and to get more information:

<http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/default.aspx>



Exhibitor  
REGISTRATION

STUDENT  
REGISTRATION

Greater Ft. Lauderdale National College Fair

Location:

[Greater Ft. Lauderdale-Broward County Convention Center](#)

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1950 Eisenhower Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335  
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CONFERENCE  
20 YEARS

## OVERWHELMED by caregiving challenges?

- I can't balance family, work & caregiving
- My adult child will never be independent
- My family members won't help
- Mom doesn't listen to me
- Dad won't stop driving

Bring your questions  
to the experts

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Oct. 15, 2015 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL



CORAL RIDGE  
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5555 N Federal Hwy  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

8:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Lunch included

Limited FREE Tickets  
Register at [caregiver.com](http://caregiver.com)  
Questions? 954.362.8126  
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## ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

3:00 - 3.50 pm

First UMC

St. John

3:30

Wesley

New Life

Harris Chapel

3.50 -5.00 pm

Refreshment and worship.

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems will Preach.

5.00 pm

Merrell

Korean-American

Trinity - Rev. Simon Osunlana



Tawana Lasne-Henry 10/01  
 Derrick White 10/02  
 Sophia Lyttle 10/02  
 Olga Service 10/03  
 Marguerita Bennett 10/04  
 Leroy Satchell 10/05  
 Kenroy Hudson 10/06  
 Perret Morton 10/06  
 Perret Cornelius-Morton 10/06  
 Grace Hudson 10/08  
 Daphne Isaacs 10/08  
 Julia Ward 10/08  
 Eileen Tucker 10/09  
 Whitney Ranger 10/10

Marcia Cadogan 10/10  
 Peta-ann Coombs 10/11  
 Astley Bowie 10/12  
 Wintworth Hudson 10/12  
 Doreen Campbell 10/12  
 Melva Sanon 10/13  
 Derrick Vickers 10/13  
 Annie Coleman 10/14  
 Jason Joseph 10/14  
 Val Browne 10/15  
 Samantha /Cameron Cox 10/16/  
 Ayeisha Vernon 10/16/  
 Henry Davis 10/17  
 Susan Harris 10/19

Barbara Plowright 10/19  
 Steven Lawrence 10/19  
 Windell Moore 10/23  
 Chester Collins 10/23  
 Naelor Scott 10/23  
 Ruth Joseph-Watt 10/24  
 Shamari Greene 10/25  
 Petylyn McCalla 10/28  
 Dhemar Cameron 10/28  
 Dorret Cooper 10/29  
 Lovell McKail 10/29  
 Thador Walford 10/30/  
 Erline Christie 10/30  
 Opal Cameron 10/30  
 Elyssa Maxwell -Stewart 10/31

**✦ The Staff ✦**

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 Mr. Leroy Satchell, Custodian

**MEMBERSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP**

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

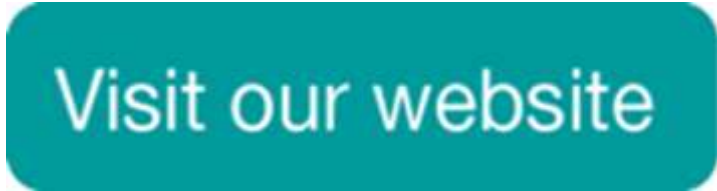
**BAPTISMS**

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**

- Church Council** Sis. Cynthia Fletcher, Chair
- Lay Leader**, Sis. Patricia Tabois,
- Lay Member to Annual Conference**  
Sis. Lorna Smith
- Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee**  
Sis. Diana Dann
- Recording Secretary**, Sis. Claudette Meatley
- Finance Committee** Sis. Vivia McKnight
- Treasurer** Bro. Eric Royes
- Financial Secretary**  
Sis. Norma Williamson
- Prayer Ministry**  
Sis. Ullet Black
- Trustee**  
Bro., Franklyn Coombs
- Evangelism/Outreach Ministries**  
Sis. Valerie Henry
- Preschool Board Chair**  
Sis. Thelma McGeachy
- United Methodist Women**  
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- United Methodist Men**  
Bro. Lovell McKail
- Visitation Ministry**  
Sis. Dizzierene Cox
- Stewardship**  
Bro. Winston Chang
- New Members Committee**  
Sis. Rose Farquharson
- Membership Secretary**  
Sis. Rowena Martin
- Campus Ministry Representative**  
Sis. Judith Gohagen
- Disaster Coordinator**  
Bro. Lovell McKail
- Worship Ministries**, Sis. Annette Smith
- Youth** Judy Gohagen
- Thrift Shop** Sis. Phylis Brown & Millicent White, Interim Coord.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are available in the church office area on the office door. Please return form(s) via email: [office@merrellumc.org](mailto:office@merrellumc.org) or place it in the box on the office door. Deadline for announcements: **WEDNESDAY at NOON.**