



open hearts
open minds
open doors

SEPTEMBER 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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+ Merrell United Methodist Church +

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Spirit-led•Equipped•Empowered•Disciples

*Mission: To create **S**pirit-led, **E**quipped and **E**mpowered **D**isciples for the world.*



"A Change of Direction"

A change of pace or direction can be a good thing as I found out recently. With a tired body and mind I decided to take a one day trip to anywhere that would accommodate me. I ended up in one of those old historic towns in Jamaica named Port Antonio. While moving in and around observing the historic buildings, trying to walk the narrow streets and crowded side walks, with the smell of jerk cuisine under the canopy of a bright but cool day, I found one truly inspirational moment.

I stopped by a small wooden restaurant on the outskirts of the town. Of course by now you know I am really looking forward to satisfy my **hunger. I ordered fish (and chicken just in case...) and it was a really good purchase.** I commended the chef and inquired how long he was in the business. The young man said they were around for a few years and it was a family run business. Then he knocked me off my feet with this information. The family business was operated by four brothers with cooking, door to door delivery and cashier. That was great because it was a family working together to achieve one goal. I later discovered that they also advertised and marketed their business. I pray every success for this family of working young men.

Then this thought came to me, as part of the family of God we can use our different ideas and skills towards one purpose of living and sharing the good news. Our leader and guide is Christ Jesus who keeps equipping us for the task of establishing the reign or rule of God. The bible has an inspirational moment about an united community witness in Acts of the Apostles.

"The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.

All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and **possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them."**

Acts of the Apostles 2:42, 44-45 CEB

Let us pray to the Lord that we may work in unity for the renewal of God's work among us. Where there has been success and change, we offer praise. Where we have fallen short of expectations, we offer thanks for the experience. Where we see potential for increase and development, we humbly declare **"release us Holy Spirit and set the pace before us."**

Have a marvelous September and spiritual renewal month.

Rev. Bancroft Williams

MISSION MINISTRY CORNER



The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization **dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe.** UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more.

UMCOR is a ministry of [The United Methodist Church](#) through the [General Board of Global Ministries](#), and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

[UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify.](#) When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.



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	TBA	
Bible Study	Tuesday	TBA	
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

September 7 & 21- 2:00PM—3:00PM
RAGSDALE HALL

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

FEEDING WITH COMPASSION



SATURDAY
September 19
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING
SATURDAY, September 12-
10:30AM—ROOM 17



RUTH CIRCLE
TUESDAY, September 15
10:00 AM—RAGSDALE HALL



TUESDAY,
September 8
7:00PM - ROOM 17

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, September 15
7:30PM— ROOM 17



LYDIA CIRCLE
Thursday, September 9
7:00pM east Lounge

Preschool board MEETING
wednesday, September 16 - 7:00PM
RAGSDALE HALL

Church council meeting
tuesday September 29 - 7:00PM
RAGSDALE HALL

Youth meeting
Friday, September 18 - 7:00PM
RAGSDALE HALL

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



leadership passion
motivation discipline heart
excellence dedication faith

ALL MINISTRY LEADERS!!!!

Please plan to attend the Special Leadership Meeting
with Pastor

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2015

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Ragsdale Hall

Please call the Church office to confirm your attendance.

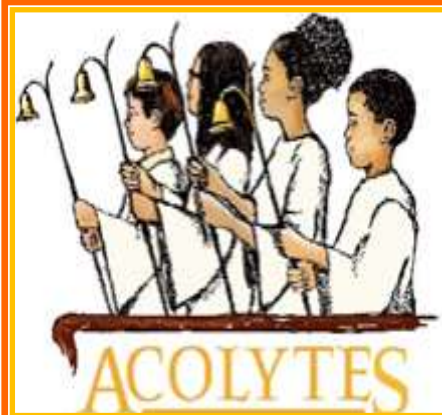


ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!!!

Learn about the vision of our church and the
role you can play in helping carry out the
vision

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

FOLLOWING THE 8:00AM & 10:00AM
WORSHIP SERVICE



RECRUITING FOR NEW ACOLYTES

ALL ACOLYTES AND PERSONS INTERESTED IN TRAINING
TO BECOME AN ACOLYTE.

PLEASE MEET WITH SIS. DIZZERIEN COX AND SIS. ANNETTE SMITH
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE:

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

We are appealing to the Youth to consider this meaningful role to assist
the ministers as they lead the congregation in worship.

Fall Revival September 23-27

"Destined To Live"

We trust you have been anticipating our upcoming REVIVAL! It is a time of increased spiritual interest and renewal in the life of our church with emphasis on making new disciples for Christ. We encourage all congregants to make a special to attended these Revival Prayer Meetings at 7:00pm **Monday and Tuesday—September 21 and the 22.** Let us pray together in preparation for a mighty move of God among us as we affirm the team of our Revival....**"DESTINED TO LIVE."** **Get excited about what is going to happen during this revival!!!...start spreading the word...Flyers are available in the Narthex...**

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. [You must register to participate!!!](#)

Come along and we will show you how to :

- ◆ Create a document
- ◆ Set up and email address
- ◆ Learn how to send emails
- ◆ Search the internet
- ◆ Book a flight
- ◆ Pay a bill



ALL OF US TOGETHER





Pauline Clayton 09/01
 Joel Forbes 09/01
 Shanquita Harris 09/02
 Lola Smith 09/04
 Laura Williams 09/06
 Joan Griffiths 09/07
 David Shomers 09/08
 Claris McDonald 09/08
 Victoria Saunders 09/09
 Beverly Johnson 09/10

Claudette Meatley 09/11
 Erna Brown 09/12
 Cynthia Whitley 09/12
 Aleeyah Fletcher 09/12
 Vincent Gayle 09/13/
 Akiel Reynolds 09/13
 Andrew Clayton 09/14
 Owen Tabois 09/15
 Norma Barnaby 09/17
 Renea Hennis 09/17

Dorothy Clarke 09/20
 Mabel Hill 09/22
 Genevieve Christie 09/23
 Dornia James 09/23
 Oliver Anglin 09/24
 Carlton Brown 09/27
 Winsom Allen 09/29/
 Elmy Morales 09/30
 Deja' Thurston 09/30
 Myrtle Smith 09/30

✦ The Staff ✦

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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.

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

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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.

Visit our website

www.merrellumc.org

**CHURCH
 NEWSLETTER**



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.**