

# Celebrating 50 years of serving God in our community!



## FUMCHS News

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### Greetings to the faithful,

It is widely agreed upon that Jesus preformed His first miracle at a wedding in Cana, of Galilee. Cana was mostly an area for shepherds to graze their flocks and herds. It was not far from another small village, Nazareth. It would not have been uncommon for the two villages to celebrate religious occasions together. On one occasion there was a wedding. Jesus, his disciples, and mother were invited guests. During the festivities, their good wine ran out early. The groom would have been embarrassed or at least ashamed by such a situation. Knowing the situation, Jesus' mother quietly asks that Jesus does something to correct the situation. Jesus then changes water into wine. Weddings were important and sacred in the Bible and weddings were celebrated for days. The longer the wine held out the longer the after party lasted. A good party lasted a week or more. Weddings are just as important today. It is in a wedding where we see a man leave his father and mother and join with a woman, becoming one flesh (Gen. 2:24). *Continued on page 7*

## Fresh Start & Spirit Rising Study Groups by Kathy Gordon

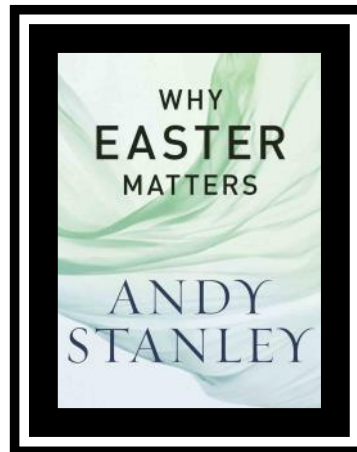
Fresh Start Study Group (which meets Mondays at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall Room 10 or online) is geared towards those beginning a small group for the first time, with adult participants of all ages in mind. Spirit Rising Study Group (which meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall Room 10 or online) takes more of a transformative role for adults seeking a deeper spiritual connection. Although both study groups have differently focused participants, the next topic of “Why Easter Matters” applies to all. Videos can be accessed independently online at [www.fumchs.org/class-materials-wem](http://www.fumchs.org/class-materials-wem).

Don Brown is facilitating the next topical study, by Andy Stanley, called “Why Easter Matters” in both the Fresh Start study group (March 13 to April 3), and the Spirit Rising Study Group (March 9 to March 30). In this video-based study, there is a study guide and opportunities to discuss these topics:

- The High Cost of Following Christ
- The Risk of Surrendering to God
- The God Who Can Be Trusted
- The Foundation of Our Faith

*“Have you resisted, defied, or tried to bargain your way out of what you thought God wanted? You aren’t alone. Scripture documents similar stories.... Andy Stanley looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus. As you’ll see, there’s a little bit of them in all of us.” (Amazon)*

Contact Don Brown at 772-546-3303 with questions, or at [browndonray@fumchs.org](mailto:browndonray@fumchs.org).



online study access

## Light for the Way Bible Study

This study group meets on Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Youth Building. We use “The Message: Solo: An Uncommon Devotional” by Eugene Peters. Feel free to grab a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall before coming to our meeting in the Youth Building. All are welcome! Below are the plans:

- March 5, Day 31, “Life-Light,” John 1:12-18
- March 12, Day 32, “Trusting and Expectant,” John 3:9-11
- March 19, Day 33, “Do You Want to Get Well?” John 5:1-9
- March 26, Day 34, “No Condemnation,” John 8:1-11

## Pastor's Bible Study by Kathy Gordon



Diving into a study of the Parables, the Pastor's Bible Study, led by Rev. Dr. Doug McClain, meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, Room 10 or online. This adult Bible-based study welcomes people of all ages and knowledge levels. They have studied 13 parables so far, but there's more:

- The Tenants, Mt 21:33-45, Mk 23:-23, Lk 20:9-19
- The Wedding Banquet, Mt 22:1-14
- The Fig Tree, Mt 24:32-44
- The Ten Virgins, Mt 25:1-13
- Bags of Gold, Mt 25:14-30
- The Growing Seed, Mk 4:26-29
- The Absent Householder, Mk 13:33-37
- The Creditor & Two Debtors, Lk 7:41-43
- The Good Samaritan, Lk 10:25-37
- A Friend in Need, Lk 11:5-13
- The Rich Fool, Lk 12:13-21
- The Watchful Servants, Lk 12:35-40
- A Faithful Servant and an Evil Servant, Lk 12:42-48
- The Barren Fig Tree, Lk 13:6-9
- The Great Banquet, Lk 14:15-24
- Build a Tower and a Warring King, Lk 14:25-35
- The Lost Sheep, Lk 15:1-7
- The Lost Coin, Lk 15:8-10
- The Lost Son, Lk 15:11-32
- The Shrewd Manager, Lk 16:1-15
- A Rich Man and Lazarus, Lk 16:19-31
- Unprofitable Servants, Lk 17:7-10
- The Persistent Widow, Lk 18:1-8
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Lk 18:9-14
- The Ten Minas, Lk 19:11-27



## Small Group Studies



**Sunday, 9 AM Light for the Way** (Youth Building)

**Monday, 7 PM Fresh Start** (Room 10 & Online)

**Tuesday, 10 AM, 7 PM Pastor Bible Study** (Room 10 & Online)

**Wednesday, 8:30 AM Breakfast with God** (Old Dixie Café North)

**Wednesday, 11 AM Midweek Bible Study** (Room 10 & Online)

**Wednesday, 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study** (Youth Building)

**Thursday, 7 PM Spirit Rising** (Room 10 & Online)



## “River of Faith” by Kathy Gordon

In February 2018, the Flowing Rivers of Faith Weekend ended with the unveiling of Hobe Sound Mural #23, “River of Faith” which is painted on the east side of our Youth Building by Nadia Utto. Our youth group helped with the painting. The mural symbolizes and celebrates the divine and individual creative spirit as colorful ribbons flowing together in a river of faith and unity.

Rev. Dr. Marta Burke was quoted in the Hobe Sound News (Feb. 2018): “Bringing together the diverse Faith communities of Hobe Sound through the universal language of beauty allows us to truly appreciate the divine,

expressed gracefully in visual arts and music. When faith and the arts initiate a dialogue, ...they empower each other and, moreover, they uplift the spirit and enrich our lives.” Rev. Burke served in our church from 2014 to 2019.

This year is our 50th anniversary since our church received its Certificate of Organization on October 28, 1973. The Stewardship Committee is planning events to celebrate, so make sure you look for more information, or contact Susan Bosshardt at 561-543-9761 or Debbie Brock at 561-420-1448 to get involved. The next Stewardship Meeting is planned for Monday, March 6 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall Room 10.



# March 2023 Events



**Stewardship Committee**  
Monday, March 6, 10 AM  
Fellowship Hall Room 10

**Covered Dish Dinner**  
Wednesday, March 8, 5:30 PM  
Contact Bette Evans 772-546-3303



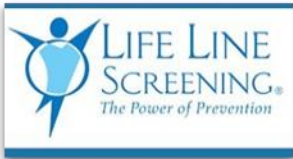
**VBS Planning Meeting**  
Sunday, March 12, 11:30 AM  
Fellowship Hall Room 10

**Reverse the Door Spring Camp**  
Tuesday & Thursday, March 14 & 16  
10 AM to 3 PM



**BINGO – Stewardship Fundraiser**  
Thursday, March 16, 4-7 PM  
Fellowship Hall

**Lifeline Screening**  
Thursday, March 23, 8 AM  
Fellowship Hall



**Singles Night Out**  
Saturday, March 25, 4 PM  
RSVP Linda Evans 772-546-0107

**Parents Night Out**  
Saturday, March 25, 5-8 PM  
RSVP Kathy Gordon 772-546-3303



**Ministry Showcase**  
Sunday, March 26, 9:30 AM  
Courtyard & Fellowship Hall



## Children's Ministry by Kathy Gordon



On Sundays in Children's Church (after the Children's Message in the sanctuary) the children are continuing their studies of Old Testament Bible stories about Joshua and Gideon. Their Bible Challenge is to remember the next 3 books of the Bible with "Jesus Just Redeemer" (Joshua, Judges, Ruth).

On **Saturday, March 25, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, pre-registered children are welcome for Parents Night Out**



while parents get 3 hours to themselves, we will be springing into spring! For our mission project in March and April, please send in silk flowers.

This Parents Night Out is **"BRING A FRIEND NIGHT."** Contact Kathy Gordon in the church office from Monday to Wednesday during office hours, or email her at [kgordon@fumchs.org](mailto:kgordon@fumchs.org) to pre-register a new child before this PNO's pre-registration deadline of March 22, 2023.

Our **Easter Family Fun** event will be on **Saturday, April 8, at 9:00 AM**, and it's **free**. Use the QR code below to register for the Easter Egg Hunt. In addition to the egg hunts (by age group), children and their families can play **outside games, create with crafts** inside, or **enjoy a sweet treat**.

Bring a dollar or two for some of the extra fun crafts or treats. **We'll see you April 8, for a hopping fun time!**


**Easter Family Fun**  
**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 10100 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
 (772) 546-3303 \* [www.fumchs.org](http://www.fumchs.org)



**Register for  
Easter Egg Hunt**  
Or go online to  
[www.fumchs.org](http://www.fumchs.org) for  
more information

## Greetings to the faithful, continued from page 1, by Rev. Dr. Doug McClain

On March 4<sup>th</sup> I will have one of the greatest honors a father could be blessed to have. Our middle son, Rev. Clark, is getting married to a beautiful Christian woman, Michelle, whom we already adore. I am so blessed to be the officiant over their marriage covenant. In other words, Liz and I are finally getting a daughter! Therefore, I will not be preaching here on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Clark has asked me to preach Sunday morning at his church, First United Methodist Church

*"If I have found  
favor in Your sight,  
let me know Your  
ways that I may  
know You."*

*Exodus 33:13 NAS*



## Upcoming Events

Brooksville. In case you did not know, Clark is also a United Methodist pastor. In my absence, I am happy and excited to let you know our District Superintendent and one of my friends in ministry, Rev. Dionne C. Hammond will be preaching that Sunday. She will also be consecrating and serving Holy Communion. I have known Dionne for over 12 years. She and her husband, Craig, have been pastoring United Methodist Churches in the Florida Conference for many years. I know she will be warmly welcomed, and her message will be received in grace.

Liz and I look forward to sharing photos and memories of the day and hearing about your time with our District Superintendent. We ask that you remember Clark and Michelle in your prayers, that their life together will grow in Christ and that they will be one in witness and ministry to the Lord.

In Christ,  
Pastor Doug

### Spring Lock-In

- Friday, March 10, 8 PM

### Youth Bake Sale

- Sunday, April 2, 8:30 AM

### Boys Lock-In

- Friday, April 14, 8 PM

### Youth Talent Show

- Sunday, May 7, 4 PM & 6:30 PM

# First United Methodist Church

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Rev. Dr. Doug McClain's 10 AM Sunday Sermon Plans		
Going to Any Length to Capture Our Heart		
March 5	Walking the Lenten Journey: Grief <i>by Rev. Dionne Hammond</i>	John 11:1-40
March 12	This Was God's Decision	Colossians 2:6-15
March 19	What's Behind Curtain #1	Hebrews 10:19-25
March 26	I Am Going to Keep on Loving You; Hail, Hail, to the Victor	1 John 3:11-24