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FUMCHS News

A Monthly Newsletter Highlighting Events at our Church!



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From Pastor Tim

Once a year, my grandmother left her Dayton, Ohio, home to visit us in Orlando. I cherished those visits, and I'll say more about that in a minute. Like many women of her generation, she used a new product called "Oil of Olay." (Now called "Olay.") First developed in the 1950's in South Africa, "Oil of Olay" became popular in the United States as a beauty cream, its pale pink color and heavy glass container standing out on increasingly crowded shelves of beauty products. My Grandmother introduced "Oil of Olay" to my mother, who began using it as part of her morning routine. She really didn't need it, as she was a beautiful woman. My father told the story to me, that one day I watched my mother apply the oil to her face, and I said to her, "Mom, why are you using 'Oil of Old Age'?"

As I move into my seventies, I'm discovering a variety of ointments that are not beauty creams: Voltarin among the most liberally used! I suppose it is an "oil of old age" for me. A small price to pay for the privilege of living into my eighth decade.

May Birthdays

There is another kind of “oil of old age” that comes to older persons of faith; not an ointment to smooth facial wrinkles or ease stiffening joints but rather a wisdom gained from experience and a faith that holds steady against the headwinds of later life. The Bible speaks of this:

Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? Job 12:12

For wisdom is a defense as money is a defense, but the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it. Ecclesiastes 7:12

When I look back on my childhood, the number of days I spent in the presence of my grandmother was few. But they were significant. She always made time to talk with me, which first and foremost meant listening. When she spoke to me, she offered not “pat on the head” responses but rather comments that offered wisdom born of long experience. She was a person of faith in Jesus, and I remember her patterns of daily devotions and her reticence to ever speak poorly of anyone.

In my later years of full-time, active ministry, I met monthly with a leadership coach. Given the challenges of those last years, she was an important and creative guide who helped me navigate considerable conflict and uncertainty. As I neared retirement and thought about what serving the Lord might look like, she said to me, “You have gained a lifetime of experience that you can offer to those coming behind you. You can offer wisdom and understanding; that’s what a ‘sage’ does.” At first, I reacted against that word, “sage.” I had the mental picture of a wizened old man with a long gray beard! But I thought about what she said. I prayed on it. And I felt an affirmation of this calling in this “third-third” of my life. Like my Grandmother, I have acquired wisdom and understanding animated by my faith in Jesus.

I write all of this to say to you living in your “third-third” of life. You have precious wisdom and understanding to share with those willing to listen. You have a “lived” faith in Jesus, and you’ve discovered how He has been with you in the joys and sorrows, and the victories and the crushing challenges of life. How our world, our nation, our community, and our church need what you have acquired. Prayerfully consider offering these gifts as your acts of service to the Lord. Consider how you might mentor someone younger in age or in faith (or both!) in our church. O, and pass the Voltarin, please!

Yours in faith, hope and love, Pastor Tim

**Beverly
Janet
Brady
Isla
Thomas
Emily
Becky
Janette
Don
Alexander
Stephen
Madeline
Honey
Clayton
Savannah
Nadia
Sharon
Keith
Barbara
Bertha
Khloe
Joyce
Claire
Colette
Thomas
Lydia
Mason
Liam
Coach**



Gracious Uncertainty

By Julie Collett

“Beloved, now are we children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be...” — 1 John 3:2

Change has a way of making us want answers before we are ready to live them.
We want to know what comes next.
We want the plan.
We want the timing.
We want the details wrapped up neatly with a bow and maybe a church bulletin insert.
But faith does not always work that way.

As we move into a season of pastoral change here at First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound, we may feel a little uncertain. That is natural. Pastors help shape the rhythm of a church family. They preach, lead, pray, visit, teach, encourage, and walk with us through holy moments and hard ones. So when that leadership changes, we feel it.

We want to take a moment to thank Pastor Tim Smiley for his leadership, service, prayers, teaching, and care for our church family. We are grateful for the ways he has served among us and for the impact he has made in this season of our church’s story.

We also want to warmly welcome Pastor Susan Horner as she joins us in this next chapter. We look forward to getting to know her, praying for her, supporting her, and walking together as God continues to lead First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound.

A pastoral transition is not the end of the story.
It is part of the story.

The same Lord who has carried this church through every season before will carry us through this one too. The same God who planted seeds, watered growth, strengthened love, and kept calling us forward is not stepping away from His church.

We may not know every detail of what comes next.
But we know Who goes with us.
That is gracious uncertainty.

Not fear.
Not panic.
Not pulling back.

But faithful expectation.

So in May, let’s keep loving well. Let’s keep serving where we are needed. Let’s keep encouraging one another. Let’s keep praying for Pastor Tim, Pastor Susan, our leadership, and our church family.

Because the church was never built on one personality, one season, or one plan.
The church belongs to Jesus Christ.

And while seasons change, **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” — Hebrews 13:8**
God has not changed.

His love has not changed.
His faithfulness has not changed.

And by His grace, we will keep walking forward together.
With love, Julie



Shopper's Paradise Thrift Store

Shopper's Paradise has had a busy season of change, blessing, and growth! You may have noticed our new sign on the store building facing US-1, making our thrift store easier to see and more welcoming to the community. We are also rocking a new sunshade to help keep Don as cool as possible while he faithfully serves outside. Around here, even shade becomes ministry when the Florida sun starts acting personally offended.

We are excited to share that **three new volunteers** have joined the Shopper's Paradise team! What a gift to have more helping hands and willing hearts serving our church and community.

This month also brings tender changes. Marty has retired, and we are so grateful for the time, care, and service given through the years. We also remember Janet, who has gone home to heaven, with love and gratitude for the part she played in the life of Shopper's Paradise and our church family.

Through every change, God continues to provide. Shopper's Paradise is more than a thrift store — it is a place of service, connection, kindness, and quiet ministry.

Thank you to everyone who shops, donates, volunteers, prays, and helps keep this ministry moving forward. Love grows here — and sometimes it comes with price tags, clothing racks, and a really good bargain.



Shoppers Paradise Thrift Shop

Tuesday to Saturday
10:00am to 1:00pm

First United Methodist Church, 10100 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455



DONATE

Apples and oranges are making a real difference in young lives. To find out more about the Backpack Ministry program, contact Maureen Copeland or Marlyn Patterson



WEDNESDAYS BY NOON



Weekly Campus Activities

First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound

Sunday

Sunday Service	10:00am–11:00am
Sunday Kids	10:10am–11:00am
Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30pm–6:30pm

Mondays

Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30pm–6:30pm
B.L.E.S.S. Study	6:30pm–7:30pm
Boy Scout Troop 812	7:00pm–8:00pm

Tuesdays

Shopper's Paradise Thrift Store	10:00am–1:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30pm–6:30pm

Wednesdays

Coffee with God	8:30am–9:30am
Carol Werner Prayer Shaw	10:00am–11:30am
Shopper's Paradise Thrift Store	10:00am–1:00pm
Midweek Study Group: Bible Study	10:45am–12:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30pm–6:30pm
B.L.E.S.S. Study	6:00pm–7:00pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:00pm–8:30pm

Thursdays

Shopper's Paradise Thrift Store	10:00am–1:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30pm–6:30pm

Fridays

Shopper's Paradise Thrift Store	10:00am–1:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30pm–6:30pm

Saturdays

Shopper's Paradise Thrift Store	10:00am–1:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30pm–6:30pm



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May 2026

Special Events

- May 1 — Food Truck RTD — 7:30am–8:30am
- May 3 — Communion
- May 7 — National Day of Prayer
- May 7 — Fellowship Meeting — 9:00am
- May 7 — Prayer at Harry and the Natives — 6:30pm
- May 10 — Mother's Day
- May 15 — Food Truck RTD — 7:30am–8:30am
- May 17 — Clatter Collection — 10:00am–11:00am
- May 23 — Helping Hearts Saturday — 9:00am–10:00am
- May 23 — Singles Night Out: Sophia's — 4:00pm–6:00pm
- May 25 — Memorial Day — Office Closed
- May 28 — Church Council — 7:00pm–8:00pm
- May 31 — Coffee and Fellowship — 9:00am–10:00am

Finance Snapshot

from the

FUMC Finance Committee

WE'RE BLESSED!

A generous bequest has been received from the Estate of James T. Britton. He was the 101-year-old gentleman with a wonderful head of white hair who always sat in the middle section on Sundays, and whose 100th birthday we all celebrated.

Over the years, gifts such as this have blessed this church. Individuals support the church in so many ways while alive, and remembering the church as a named beneficiary of an account or in a will is a really special way to express devotion to the church and all it has meant to that individual.

Thank you, Jim, for your many years as a valued member, and now for your generous gift!



'MEDICAL' REPORT!

Hot days are approaching and the sanctuary air conditioners will be working hard. Right now they are being 'treated' by air conditioner 'doctors', but the prognosis is pretty grim!

Maybe we could all stash some dollars away toward air conditioners replacement by envelope donations to our designated 'Deferred Maintenance' or 'Capital Reserves' account. Even small gifts will add up to big dollars!



Thank you for helping care for our church and its future.

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Pastor Tim Smiley's Sermon Plans

Join us in worship each Sunday at 10AM, where we stand at the foot of the cross and hear Jesus speak to us.

May 03 - Begin in Prayer, Ephesians 1:3-6 MSG

Mother's Day

May 10 - Listen Up!, Luke 18:35-42 NLT

May 17 - Eat a Meal Together, Matthew 9:9-13

Pentecost

May 24 - Serve Freely, Galatians 5:13-16 NLT

May 31 - Share Your Story, John 1:35-41 NLT