



FUMCHS News

January 2023

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New Year's Greetings to the Saints in Christ,

Ecclesiastes 3:1 -8 indicates there is an appointed time for everything. There is a time for every event under heaven—A time to give birth and a time to die...a time for war and a time for peace. What is evident is that for every action, there is in the proper time, an equal and opposite reaction. Every activity, either positive or negative, has its season, and the seasons have their own rhythm in the cycle of life. Permanence is not part of the human condition. People are not the shapers of life, rather people are recipients of life. We become preoccupied with toil as part of our God-given lot in life. We toil by the sweat of our brow thinking we accomplish nothing that is enduring. We are afflicted by busy-ness, often without aim.

Because of sin the universe is cursed, but our activities should not be meaningless. Our activities become futile because we are rarely satisfied. We fail to trust the wisdom of a sovereign God. The goal of Solomon's message is identified by the phrase "to rejoice and to do good." When asked, "what is our purpose,?" We can with assurance reply; to rejoice in God and to do good things because the God who made us is good. (Cont. page 6)

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven..."

(Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV)

Watch For It!

In the first couple weeks of January, there will be a Satisfaction Survey. The scale will probably be 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). All of your anonymous opinions will be put together before our Visioning Workshop, the third week of January.



Fresh Start & Spirit Rising by Don Brown

On January 5, at 7 PM in the Administrative Building's Workroom and Online, the growth group, Spirit Rising begins the video series, **"You're Not the Boss of Me,"** by Andy Stanley. Have you ever thought: "I can't believe I said that." "Why did I do that?" "Where did that come from?" Emotions can get the best of us. If we're not careful, things like anger, lust, greed, fear, and envy can shape our actions much more than we want them to. Monitoring our behavior is not enough. We need to monitor our hearts.

On January 9, at 7:00 PM in the Administrative Building's Workroom and Online, the growth group, Fresh Start begins "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at the Table.," a video series. Find freedom when you let Jesus lead the battle for your heart! Scripture makes it clear that Satan will do anything to tempt you into poor decisions and self-defeating mindsets--- including anxiety, rage, lust, and despair. But by examining Psalm 23 in fresh ways, Louis Giglio helps you reject enemy voices and receive encouragement, hope, and strength.

To access videos, go online to www.fumchs.org/video-studies. To access the online link to a study group, go to <https://www.fumchs.org/studies-on-zoom>.



Banner Lake Suppers are coming up in January.



The Craguns are expected in February.

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

Monday, 7 PM Fresh Start (Workroom & Online)

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

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

Wednesday, 11 AM Midweek Bible Study (Workroom & Online)

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

Thursday, 7 PM Spirit Rising (Workroom & Online)

January 2023 Events



Monday, January 2, 2023
Office is closed.

Communion
Sunday, January 8, 10 AM
Sanctuary




PARENTS
NIGHT OUT

Parents Night Out
Saturday, January 14, 5-8 PM
RSVP Kathy Gordon 772-546-3303

Youth Family Game Night
Sunday, January 15, 4 PM
Fellowship Hall



Youth Chili Cook Off
Wednesday, January 18, 6 PM
Fellowship Hall

Leadership Summit
Saturday, January 21, 10 AM to 2 PM
Fellowship Hall

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2Gather Evening Worship
Wednesday, January 25, 5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Singles Night Out
Saturday, January 28, 4 PM
RSVP Linda 772-546-0107



SINGLES
NIGHT
OUT

2022 Christmas Tea



On Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00 PM, Karen Hayes, in collaboration with the Breakfast with God Study Group hosted our annual Christmas Tea in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the event will benefit missions of our church.

Catherine said, "That tea party was fantastic and fancy and fun."

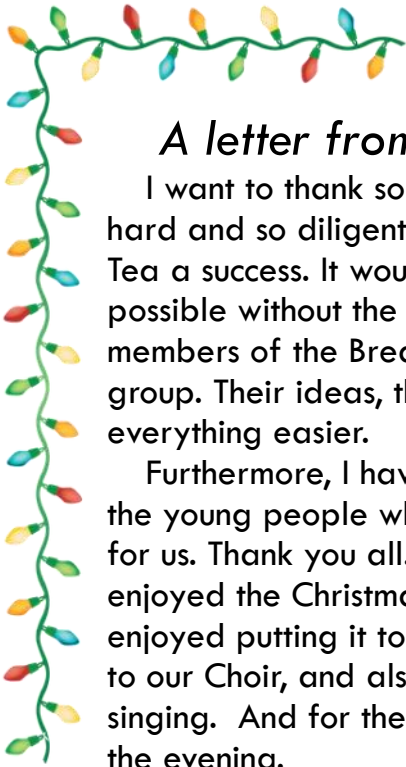
We had 10 tables of 7 guests and a hostess for each table. Hostesses set up the tables, often using china and decorations from home, and are rewarded with smiles from guests and a memorable evening. Our Chancel Choir sang joyful Christmas songs, with our special guest, "Elvis, out of the box" (our own Pastor Doug).

Our youth did an excellent job with serving sandwiches and cookies, and filling our cups.

The food was planned and prepared by the Breakfast with God Study Group. They normally meet on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM at the Old Dixie Café, in Hobe Sound, to have devotionals, fellowship, and enjoying breakfast.



2022 Christmas Tea, cont.



A letter from Karen Hayes

I want to thank so many who worked so hard and so diligently to make the Christmas Tea a success. It would not have been possible without the hard work of the members of the Breakfast with God study group. Their ideas, their enthusiasm, made everything easier.

Furthermore, I have to give much praise to the young people who helped serve the tea for us. Thank you all. We hope all of you enjoyed the Christmas Tea as much as we enjoyed putting it together. A special thanks to our Choir, and also “Elvis” for their joyful singing. And for the laughs they added to the evening.

After all expenses were paid the tea made a profit of \$686.23 to be divided between El Bosque Church in Cuba and Lion of Judah Academy Tanzania. Looking forward to another successful tea next year.



New Year's Greetings to the Saints in Christ

(Cont. from page 1)

Therefore, we can find good in the work we do. God has given us an ability to look at our past and to glimpse our eternal future. Sensing the eternal and toiling with the polarization of life's activity are part of the God given human drama. We struggle to grasp control of our life's affairs. We continue trying to make some sense of our work and our labor. Yet there is reason to rejoice, because God is on our side, Emmanuel has come. God is with us.

God allows for busy-ness and God offers us precious moments of joy that should not be taken for granted. God is simply trying to make us aware of our finitude. There is life and death. It is only

through the grace of God that humans can sense eternity. Awe is our appropriate response to the mystery of "a time to be born and a time to die, a time to laugh and a time to cry...et.al. The past cannot be changed; therefore, our posture should be of gratitude for life's pleasures, even in the pleasure of toiling in one's work. Whether our work is in the home, at school, on the job, or in ministry, know this, God is right there with you.

We have been appointed for this time. I pray that we all will rejoice in God and do good things, because the God who made us, is good.

Pastor Doug

Save the Date: Hobe Sound Art Festival will be Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5, 2023. Sign up at the Welcome Desk!

Light for the Way Bible Study by Mike Jones

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:

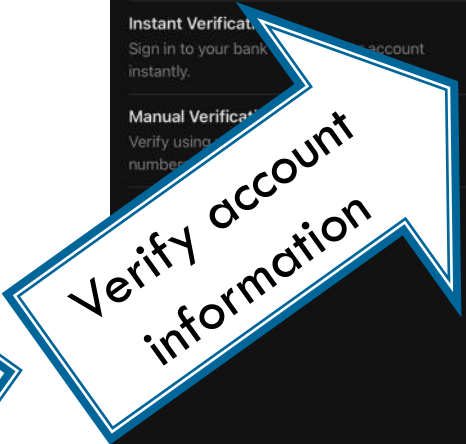
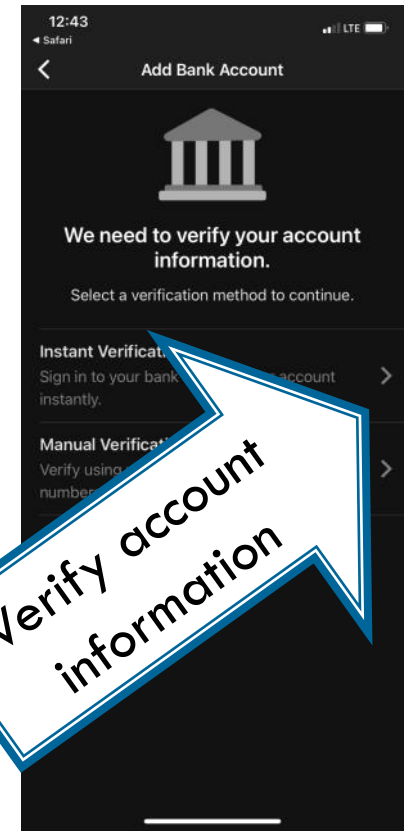
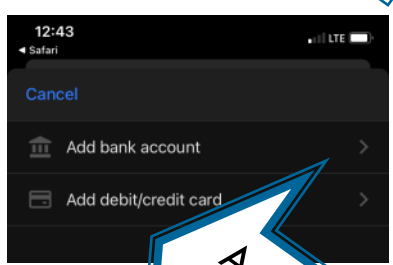
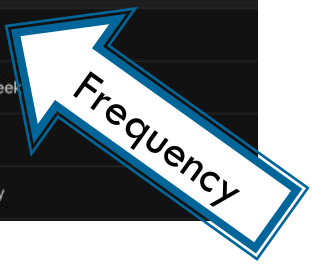
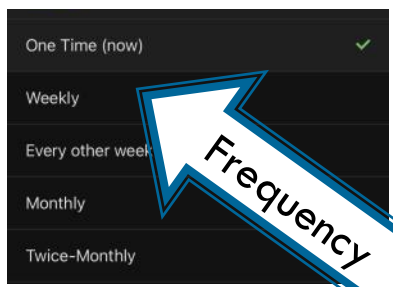
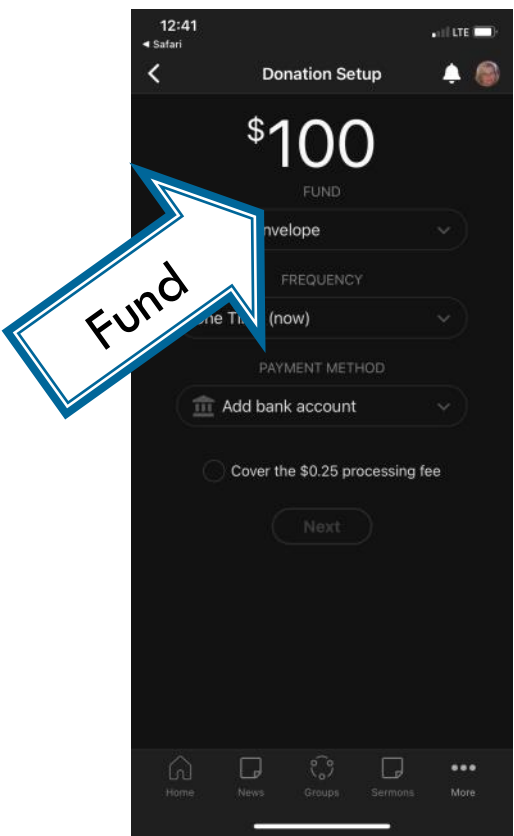
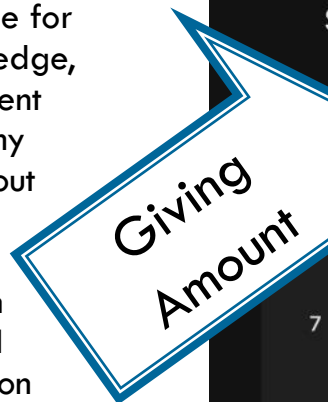
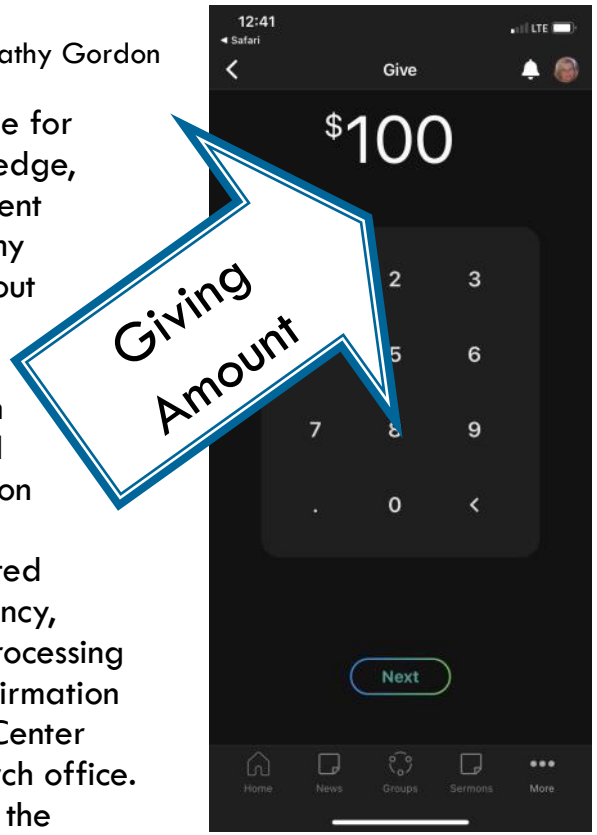
- Jan. 1, Day 20-"The Main Character in this Drama", Luke 3:16-20
- Jan. 8, Day 22: "No Run-of-the Mill Sinner", Luke 6:27-39
- Jan. 15, Day 23 of Solo entitled "Do You See This Woman?", Luke 7:37-47
- Jan. 22, Day 24, "Sitting Before the Master", Luke 10:38-42
- Jan. 29, Day 25, "Living In God-Reality", Luke 12:25-34
- Feb. 5, Day 26, "Lost and Found", Luke 15:1-10
- Feb. 12, Day 27, "Returning To Say Thank You", Luke 17:11-19
- Feb. 19, Day 29, "Healing The Enemy", Luke 22:47-53
- Feb. 26, Day 30, "Looking For The Living One in a Cemetery", Luke 24:1-12

Pledging, and How to Give Online by Kathy Gordon

I received an email after I submitted my tithing pledge for 2023, which included my yearly amount of my 2023 pledge, how I will designate the funds to be used (I prefer "Current Envelope"), Progress Updates as to how I am reaching my pledged goal, the Donation Period, and information about setting up Recurring Donations. I am grateful for having these reminders so that I am mindful of my tithing.

The option to set up Recurring Donations, was a link in the email, at <https://fumchs.churchcenter.com/giving>. I have used the Church Center App, so I opened the app on my iPhone, selected "More" on the bottom menu, which brought me to "Give" or "Forms/Requests." After I selected "Give", I followed the prompts for Amount, Fund, Frequency, Payment Method, and the option to "Cover the \$0.30 processing fee." When my recurring donations happen, I get a confirmation through text or email. If you need help with the Church Center App, just ask for Kathy Gordon or Don Brown in the church office.

Here is an example of a one-time donation, although the processing fee is now \$0.30.



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Rev. Dr. Doug McClain's 10 AM Sunday Sermon Plans

Tales from Long Ago

Dec. 25	This Little Light of Mine	John 1:1-14
Jan. 1	Having the Time of Your Life	Ecclesiastes 3:1-17
Jan. 8	The Very Wise Are Wise Women and Men of God	Matthew 2:1-12

A Ride Along with John Wesley

Jan. 15	The Image of God	Genesis 1:26-31a
Jan. 22	The Means of Grace	Malachi 3:1-12
Jan. 29	Original Sin	Genesis 6:1-7