



# FUMCHS

## Monthly News

May 2022

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### Greetings to the Beloved Children of God,

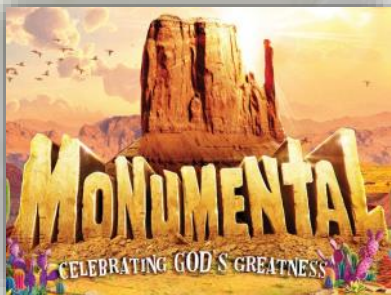
What an exciting day we had on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Arising well before sunrise, we gathered in our courtyard with sisters and brothers from Mount Zion Baptist and Peaceful Valley Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Together, we sung, prayed, and heard a pre-dawn message of hope and victory. Following the intimate gathering in the courtyard we moved to the east side of our property to watch and welcome the Easter Sunrise. As the darkness faded into light, we gathered in Fellowship Hall for some food and fellowship with our new friends.

The morning was not over, it had only just begun. It was such a joy to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior during the 9:00 and 11:00 services in our sanctuary. Sundays are always the best day of the week for me, but Easter Sunday is always my favorite day. It is on this one day, when even occasional church attenders celebrate the resurrection and its implication for all of humanity. It was my hope that all those who were present left the church grounds, renewed and aware of just how much God loves each of us. There is an excitement or a different energy on this one day, more so than on other Sundays. This year, my hope is that we captured those emotions and feelings, and we are now poised to celebrate every Sunday in the same spirit.

Remember, we are the beloved children of God and through the resurrection, God has demonstrated to us a reason to celebrate. I am prayerful that going forward we would bring that same energy and excitement into every worship opportunity. We are beneficiaries of the resurrection, let us live each day, purposefully aware of God's deliverance from sin and death, making every day an Easter celebration. I look forward to passionately worshipping with each of you as we journey together through the difficult weeks and months ahead.

Love, Pastor Doug

*“For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*  
*2 Corinthians 4:18b*



VBS July 11-15, see page 3

# May 2022 Events



Youth Lock-In  
Saturday, May 6, 8 PM to 8 AM  
RSVP Workson Louis-Jeune

Parents Night Out  
Saturday, May 7, 5 to 8 PM  
Contact: Kathy Gordon



Family Promise  
May 8 to May 22  
Contact: Dawn VanDyke

Family Covered Dish Dinner  
Wednesday, May 11, 5:45 PM  
Contact: Bette Evans



Administrative Council  
Monday, May 16, 7 PM  
Contact: Karen Hayes

Singles Night Out at Jetty's  
Saturday, May 21, 4:30 PM  
RSVP Linda Evans (772) 546-0107



Sammy's Dedication  
May 22, 5 PM  
Contact: Workson Louis-Jeune

Youth Car Wash  
Saturday, May 28, 8 AM  
Contact: Workson Louis-Jeune



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering  
Sunday, May 29, 10 AM  
Florida United Methodist Children's Home

## Worship For All Ages

Single Essence Worship  
Sundays, 10 AM in the Sanctuary  
Family Worship, Songs & Message  
Led by Rev. Dr. Doug McClain

Children's Church  
Sundays, 10:00 AM Sanctuary, Children's Wing  
Children's Worship, Songs & Lessons  
Led by Kathy Gordon

Youth Group  
Sundays, 5:30-8:00 PM, Youth Building  
Fun, Faith, Food & Fellowship  
Led by Workson Louis-Jeune

## Growth Groups



**Sunday, 9 AM Light for the Way**  
**Monday, 7 PM Fresh Start**  
**Tuesday, 10 AM & 7 PM Pastor Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, 11 AM Midweek Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study**  
**Thursday, 7 PM Spirit Rising**

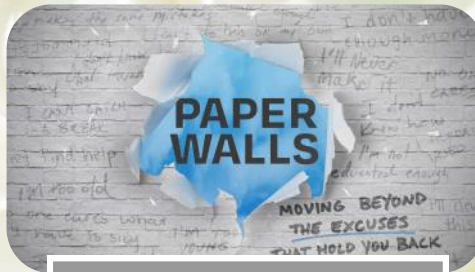


**Pastor Bible Study**



Tuesdays at 10 AM, 7 PM  
Workroom & Online  
Gospel of Mark

**Spirit Rising Study**



Thursdays at 7 PM  
Workroom & Online  
Paper Walls video series  
by Adam Stanley

*“These people are servants of the Most High God! They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!”  
Acts 16:17b*

**Children & Family Ministry** by Kathy Gordon



We all love our mothers! **Parents Night Out** will be on May 7, from 5 to 8 PM, on the night before Mother’s

Day. We’ll do activities, games, crafts and more to prepare to celebrate our mothers on Sunday. To register or to make a reservation for your child (from 3 to 11 years old), contact Kathy Gordon at (772) 546-3303 or kgordon@fumchs.org.

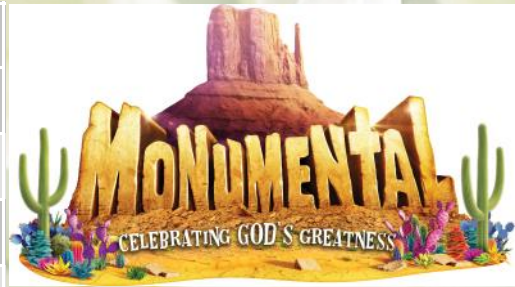
**Children’s Church** is on Sundays at 10 AM, after Acolytes serve, and the Children’s Message at around 10:10 AM. Children then go to the Children’s Wing for Bible stories, games, and crafts, and return to the Sanctu-

ary to their families. The May children’s faith word is PROCLAIM, and their Bible verse is Acts 16:17b.

We’ll go “off-road” for a Monumental **Vacation Bible School** adventure, from July 11 to 15, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, by exploring God’s awesomeness. Children (3 to 11 years old) will form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead through music, crafts, games, and stories. The cost is \$15 per child, but no more than \$40 per family. Register online by scanning here with your smart phone.



<b>Children’s Church Curriculum for May 2022</b>		
May 1	Paul Is Changed	Acts 9:1-20
May 8	Paul Escapes with Help	Acts 9:21-25
May 15	Paul and Timothy	Acts 16:1-5, 2 Timothy 1:5-7
May 22	Paul and Silas in Prison	Acts 16:16-40
May 29	Shipwrecked	Acts 27:1-44



**2022 Monumental VBS**  
July 11 to July 15, 9 AM to 12 PM

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*We are a gathering place on fire with the joy of Christ's Spirit.*

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## Rev. Dr. Doug McClain's Sunday Sermon Plans

SURPRISE! God Acts in Unexpected Ways <i>The unlikely and surprising stories of the early Church.</i>		
May 1	<b>He Can't Be My Friend</b>	Acts 9:1-20
May 8	<b>Imitation Is Not Just for Flattery</b>	Acts 9:36-43
May 15	<b>Who Changed the Menu?</b>	Acts 11:1-18
May 22	<b>Who Changed Our Direction?</b>	Acts 16:9-15
May 29	<b>Escaping to Freedom</b>	Acts 16:16-34
June 5	<b>I Don't Dislike Surprise Parties Anymore (Pentecost)</b>	Acts 2:1-21