



# Merrell On The Move

## Vision:

Merrell UMC is a Christian community sharing the love of Jesus Christ through the practice of our gifts and graces to become Christian disciples of excellence. Christian disciples are believing and those yet to believe (Christians and pre-Christians) being transformed in a life giving faith community, living the gospel out of biblical learning, with inspirational worship, growing in generosity, committed to transform communities with our service and accepting God's presence for all people through prayer.

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Spirit-led•Equipped•Empowered•Disciples  
*Mission: To create Spirit-led, Equipped and Empowered Disciples for the world.*



## **“Pour More Living Waters On Us, Lord!”**

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

As I write the season of Pentecost has begun and Easter season is at an end. The resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ now makes room for the activity of the church directed by the Holy Spirit. The apostles and disciples of Jesus all waited in “one place” or “in the upper room” for the pouring of living waters to empower, enable and enlarge the work of God in the world. The Scripture describe in Acts 2: 1-21 the signs of the empowered, enabled and enlarged witnessing church. These are described as howling or mighty wind, flames of fire, speaking to the understanding of the common people the good news, and later in the same chapter 2 of Acts of the Apostles’ in relation over 3000 new converts the experience of changed hearts and minds to follow Jesus.

Since them the constant pouring of the Spirit into “needy vessels” is still significant to the Church today. The Holy Spirit ushers into being one Apostolic, Evangelical, and Pentecostal body of Christ with the sole purpose of living out the gospel in complex and sometimes confused and hostile settings. Christ’s body the church is one in unity of the faith. This unity consists of diversity, ethnicity, several self-definitions, theological or national emphases, and differing life patterns, within ideological, political and religious social constructs. In short, the refreshing waters of the Holy Spirit is needed in the real world for development of church living with the “mind of Christ.”

Let us pray that the empowering, enabling, and enlarging witness of the Holy Spirit may be with the Church in new way today. Let us pray as United Methodists for Christian unity at this hour of discerning ministry directions and its many tensions. Pray for the Spirit leading the Florida Annual Conference to affirm the heritage of Scriptural holiness of hearts and lives as we consider the theme: “Revive us, Again”. Some members of this congregation will be attending the Annual Conference along with Sis. Lorna Smith and myself.

May God of wisdom and power pour more “living waters” of the Spirit in local ministries to empower, enable and enlarge our work in Christian witness. It is the Spirit in us that purposes the spreading of scriptural holiness throughout this and other lands.

*Rev. Bancroft Williams*

## **Tribute to Fathers**

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support.

Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Kirk Loadman



# Pentecost

## Our Christian Roots: The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God's present activity in our midst. When we sense God's leading, God's challenge, or God's support or comfort, we say that it's the Holy Spirit at work.

In Hebrew, the words for *Spirit*, *wind*, and *breath* are nearly the same. The same is true in Greek. In trying to describe God's activity among them, the ancients were saying that it was like God's breath, like a sacred wind. It could not be seen or held: "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes" (John 3:8). But the effect of God's Spirit, like the wind, could be felt and known. Where do we find the evidence of the Spirit at work?

### In the Bible

The Spirit is mentioned often throughout the Bible. In Genesis a "wind from God swept over the face of the waters," as if taking part in the Creation (1:2). Later in the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible), we often read of "the Spirit of the Lord."

In Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism, Jesus "saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him" (3:16) and he "was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted" (4:1). After his Resurrection Christ told his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). A few weeks later, on the Day of Pentecost, this came to pass: "And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind....All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:2, 4). As the Book of Acts and Paul's letters attest, from that time on, the early Christians were vividly aware of God's Spirit leading the new church.

### In guidance, comfort, and strength

Today we continue to experience God's breath, God's Spirit. As one of our creeds puts it, "We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength" (*The United Methodist Hymnal*, No. 884). We sense the Spirit in time alone—perhaps in prayer, in our study of the Scriptures, in reflection on a difficult decision, or in the memory of a loved one. The Spirit's touch is intensely personal.

Perhaps we're even more aware of the Holy Spirit in the community of believers—the congregation, the church school class or fellowship group, the soup kitchen, the planning committee, the prayer meeting, the family. Somehow the Spirit speaks through the thoughtful and loving interaction of God's people. The Holy Spirit, who brought the church into being, is still guiding and upholding it, if we will but listen.

### In the gifts we receive

How does the Holy Spirit affect our lives? By changing us! By renewing us and by strengthening us for the work of ministry.

- *Fruits*: Jesus said, "You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). What sort of fruit? Paul asserts that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22).

*Gifts*: Paul also writes that the Spirit bestows spiritual gifts on believers. In 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 he lists nine, which vary from one person to another: the utterance of wisdom, the utterance of knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, the discernment of spirits, various kinds of tongues, and the interpretation of tongues.

These fruits and gifts are not of our own achievement. They and others are the outgrowth of the Spirit's work in us, by grace, through our faith in Jesus the Christ. And they are not given for personal gain. Through these fruits and gifts, the Holy Spirit empowers us for ministry in the world.

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# It Happened at Merrell







## 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	7:00PM	Ragsdale Hall
Bible Study	Tuesday	Noon	Chapel
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	4:00PM	Music Room

# It's Happening at Merrell in June

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 12-16 AT 6:00PM



SPONSORED BY MERRELL UNITED  
METHODIST MEN (UMM)

**church  
picnic**  
plan to attend!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017  
11:00AM—4:00PM

**Merrell United Methodist Church**  
**Thrift Shop**  
**Community**

**SALE**

*"Come By, Come Buy"*

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

8:00AM—4:00PM

3900 N STATE ROAD 7

LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL

954-486-8517

# Announcements



Bread Cart Ministry  
**June 5 & June 19**

2:00PM—3:00 PM  
RAGSDALE HALL

Please Note: **You will be required to sign in.**

## YOUTH MEETING

FRIDAY, June 2, 23 & 30 @ 7:00pm  
RAGSDALE HALL

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING  
SATURDAY, June 10 @ 10:30AM  
IN ROOM 17

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, June 15 @ 7:30PM ROOM 17

## Finance Committee

TUESDAY, June 20 @ 7:00PM - ROOM 17

## CHURCH COUNCIL

TUESDAY, June 27 @ 7:00pm  
RAGSDALE HALL

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE  
Meeting TODAY!!!

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
IN ROOM 17

## MERRELL UMC FARM SHARE



### Next Distribution

June 24th 10:00 a.m - 1:00p.m  
MERRELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
3900 N. STATE RD 7  
LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL 33319

Contact: 954-731-2323 for more information  
Various food items AND PRODUCE will Be  
available to Community

God Is Calling.  
*will you answer?*



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All saints, ladies and  
gentlemen, are  
encouraged to come out

**and study the Word...**

When: **Every Sunday morning at 9am**

Where: **in the East Lounge**

Topics: **Call to be strong • Calling of Prophets  
•Calls in the New Testament**

**This quarter's lessons remind us that God**  
continues to speak to us, His children, through  
the written Word. God calls ordinary people  
from diverse backgrounds to make a  
difference. From the days of the prophets to  
the early church leaders, God called and the  
faithful answered.



2017 FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**June 8-10, 2017**

**Buena Vista Palace Hotel  
1900 Buena Vista Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32830**



Andrea Williams Laura 06/01  
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 Junette Stevens 06/04  
 Jennifer Hartley Wilson 06/04  
 Gianna Royes 06/04  
 Colin Smith 06/05  
 Alicia Bennett 06/06  
 Patricia Tabois 06/07  
 Andrew Christie 06/07  
 Matthew Holder 06/07  
 Zelda Alcock 06/09  
 Cleon Tabois 06/09  
 Winston Marsh 06/10  
 Nicole Barnaby 06/10  
 Laila Fletcher 06/10  
 Sheyanne Myrie 06/11

Taniya Richards 06/11  
 Lloyd Murray 06/12  
 Hyacinth Perderaux 06/12  
 Steve Myers 06/12  
 Leoni Williams 06/14  
 Joyce Browne 06/16  
 Martha Royes 06/16  
 Iceline Allen 06/17  
 Dahlia Campbell 06/17  
 Justice Forbes 06/17  
 Semaj Morton 06/17  
 Cameron Shaw 06/17  
 Casmine Pelle 06/18  
 Ann Rose 06/18  
 Versel Reid 06/18  
 Sonia E. Passley-Rhule 06/19

Leander Boreland 06/20  
 Dorothy Bennett 06/20  
 Michaelah Ward 06/20  
 Olive Rice 06/21  
 Theodore Parrish 06/21  
 Winnifred DaCosta 06/22  
 Vivian McGeachy 06/22  
 Linda Davis 06/23  
 Daisy Riviears 06/24  
 Daphnie Chang 06/24  
 Reneka Burleigh 06/24  
 Pauline Richards 06/25  
 Jaden Bennett 06/25  
 Joan Nichols 06/26  
 Michael Howson 06/27  
 Horace Clayton 06/30

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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.

Visit our website

[www.merrellumc.org](http://www.merrellumc.org)

**Our Church Leaders**

**Church Council**

Sis. Eileen Tucker

**Lay Leader**

Sis. Patricia Tabois

**Lay Member to Annual**

**Conference**

Sis. Lorna Smith

**Staff Pastor Parish Relations**

**Committee**

Sis. Yvette Smith

**Admn. Assistant to Pastor**

Sis. Claudette Meatley

**Finance Committee**

Bro. Wayne Ranger

**Treasurer**

Bro. Eric Royes

**Financial Secretary**

Sis. Norma Williamson

**Prayer Ministry**

Sis. Uliet 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. Phillipa Daniels

**Campus Ministry**

**Representative**

Sis. Judith Gohagen

**Disaster Coordinator**

Bro. Lovell McKail

**Worship Ministries**

Sis. Deloris Ellis

**Youth**

Sis. Judy Gohagen

Sis. Keisha Coombs-Newman

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Interim Coordinator

Sis. Phylis Brown

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