



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.



Dear Friends,

June is time for transitions and decisions. So I am just putting out there a bunch of thoughts about changes happening around us. What might God be saying at this time?

Annual conference in Lakeland June 6-9. The theme is *Remembering Who We Are*. Speakers will include Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, North Georgia Conference; Dr. Paul Chilcote- Professor of Theology Asbury Theological Seminary (Orlando), Bishop Gregory V. Palmer-West Ohio Conference, and Bishop Kenneth Carter. The Rev. Andrea Byer will be ordained as Full Elder along with new clergy on Saturday, June 8 beginning at **10:30 AM. Keep praying for God's leadership of all licensed, commissioned and ordained clergy persons in our conference.** Let us keep the UMC in prayer as we discuss and become informed on many issues especially on how we can discuss our faith respectfully in our differences of positions. The Point of View (POV) approach in discussing how to have disarming discussions particularly in regard to admitting LGBTQ brothers and sisters as clergy. There will be implications for the ministry of the church yet we need not lose that sense of who we are as Disciples of Christ Jesus. We will be having those discussions among ourselves in the near future. I ask only for **patience and openness to the Spirit when our time comes. This is time to "pray without ceasing" for the Spirit leading.**

Graduations imply changes in grade levels and advancing in education. There are some graduates entering the marketplace for employment. Let us keep all our young people and mature friends in prayer and offer acts and **words that will encourage and nurture for life. In "the urgency of now", we have the duty to nurture babies, toddlers and young children in the good news of God's liberating love to send them as disciples of Christ into the world.**

VBS is from June 18 to 22. The VBS and other ministries must be avenues to work for doing God's mission in the world. We cannot do "ministries" to make us feel good about ourselves but to celebrate God who gives life via the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit leading that we look for in all our works.

Let us reflect together on the ways God is working. Let us participate who we are in Christ Jesus. May healing and peace that is the gospel be with you.

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

2018 FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Remembering Who We Are



June 7–9, 2018

Florida Southern College
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33801

Annual Conference Live Stream available
<https://www.flumc.org/annual-conference-2018>

Conference Highlights to Note

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson was assigned as Episcopal Leader of the North Georgia Conference in 2016. She served several large churches in the Florida Conference and was the North Central District Superintendent of the Florida Conference from 2013-2016. She was the Florida Conference's clergy delegation leader for GC 2016. She will preach at the communion service.

Dr. Paul W. Chilcote is Professor of Theology at the Dun-nam Campus of Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. He has been involved in theological education on three Continents and helped launch two new institutions: Africa University (Zimbabwe) and Asbury Theological Seminary (Florida). More recently he served as Academic Dean and Professor of Historical Theology & Wesleyan Studies at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio. He will speak Friday morning.

Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer was assigned as Episcopal Leader of the Ohio West Area of The United Methodist Church on September 1, 2012. Palmer was ordained an elder in full connection in the East Ohio Conference in 1981. Bishop Palmer served as president of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 2004 to 2008 and president of the Council of Bishops from April 2008 to May 2010. He will speak Friday evening.

Bishop Carter's Offering

The Bishop's Offering for Annual Conference 2018 will be divided evenly between ZOE Ministries and funding for training laity and clergy in missional, innovative forms of evangelism.

About ZOE Ministries

According to global research, 385 million children are living in extreme poverty throughout the world. The debilitating results are disease, hunger, exploitation, abuse, illiteracy, and hopelessness. However, ZOE's approach has proven that children living in poverty also hold the greatest capacity to create lasting solutions for them-selves, their families, and their communities.

By investing in local, indigenous leaders in seven countries on three continents, ZOE's distinctive, holistic international development model provides the vital relationships, training, and resources to empower young partici-

Invitation to Read The Bible More for the Summer

As we develop as people of God I will encourage us during this summer period to develop practices of reading Scripture to help us in our discipleship. The Adult Bible Study series will focus on topics associated with Justice in the New Testament. Below are some daily bible readings that I commend to you. Also ask your leaders and pastor for answers to questions that may arise.

Date		Theme	Scripture
June 3	Sunday	Meet Human Need on the Sabbath	Matthew 12:1-14
June 4	Monday	Rehearse the Deeds of the Lord	Psalms 78: 1-8
June 5	Tuesday	God's Tree of Justice for All	Ezekiel 17: 22-24
June 6	Wednesday	Jesus Affirmed as Son of Man	Matthew 16: 13-20
June 7	Thursday	Jesus Not Believed in His hometown	Matthew 13: 54-58
June 8	Friday	Will the Son of Man Find Faith?	Luke 18: 1-8
June 9	Saturday	Jesus Explains Parable of the Weeds	Matthew 13: 34-43
June 10	Sunday	Defer Judgment Until the Final Day	Matthew 13:24-33
June 11	Monday	Wash Away Your Evil Ways	Isaiah 1: 12-17
June 12	Tuesday	Let Justice Roll Like Water	Amos 5: 18-24
June 13	Wednesday	Honor Your Father and Mother	Exodus 20:2; Deuteronomy 5:16
June 14	Thursday	The Spirit Gives Life	2 Corinthians 3: 1-6
June 15	Friday	Call No One Profane or Unclean	Acts 10:23-33
June 16	Saturday	What Defiles Comes From the Heart	Mark 7: 14-23
June 17	Sunday	Treat Your Parents Justly	Matthew 15:1-9
June 18	Monday	The Folly of Riches	Psalms 49:1-4, 16-20
June 19	Tuesday	Oppressing the Poor Leads to Loss	Proverbs 22:1-2, 7-9, 16
June 20	Wednesday	Oppressors and Righteous Receive Justice	James 5:1-5
June 21	Thursday	Blessed Are the Poor	Luke 6:20-26
June 22	Friday	Two Responses to the Light	John 3:16-21
June 23	Saturday	Entry Into the Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 19:23-30
June 24	Sunday	Lazarus Cannot Help the Rich Man	Luke 16:19-31
June 25	Monday	Joseph Forgives His Brothers	Genesis 50:15-21
June 26	Tuesday	Forgiveness and Healing for the Land	2 Chronicles 7:12-16
June 27	Wednesday	Forgiving and Consoling the Offender	2 Corinthians 2:5-11
June 28	Thursday	Forgive One Another's Complaints	Colossians 3:13-17
June 29	Friday	Keep Forgiving One Another	Luke 17: 1-4
June 30	Saturday	God's Forgiveness Depends on Us	Matthew 6:9-15
July 1	Sunday	Offer Mercy and Forgiveness Freely	Matthew 18:21-35

COME GROW with us

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bible Study	Tuesday	Noon	Chapel
Bible Study	Wednesday	6:30PM	Ragsdale Hall
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



MERRELL WELCOMES INTERESTED PERSONS TO BECOME MEMBERS!

CONFIRMATION & NEW MEMBERS CLASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:15AM - ROOM 17

PLEASE SEE

SIS. ROSE FARQUHARSON
AFTER TODAY'S 10:00AM SERVICE OR
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
954-731-2323

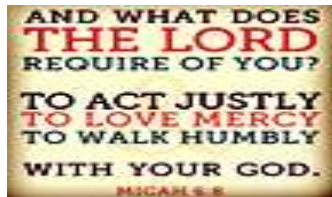


You are invited to join Pastor Bancroft for

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Suspended until June 12 & 13

"Justice and Mercy" ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



All saints, ladies and gentlemen, are encouraged to come out and study the Word of God.

When: Every Sunday morning at 9am

Where: in the East Lounge

Topics: God is just and merciful

Jesus calls for Justice and Mercy

This quarter's lessons portray justice as a primary characteristic of God's very nature. "When we love others as we love ourselves, we define justice by what is right, fair and good for everyone. But we can't stop there. Challenged by Jesus' calls for justice and mercy, we must respond to human need ahead of adhering to external religious obligations. We identify with the vulnerable. We serve compassionately. We give generously. We forgive lavishly. We pray persistently. We open the doors of our hearts and churches. We love as Christ loved."



Are you ready to attend Mission U ??.

Beach, Florida.

"United Methodist Women prepare for faithful living and action by studying mission studies. Each year there is a spiritual growth, topical (issue), and geographical study. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. **There are also studies for children and youth."**

Issue Study—Money (adult, youth children)

- ◆ ADULT STUDY - WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY?
- ◆ YOUTH STUDY - IS IT JUST MONEY?
- ◆ MONEY MATTERS - A STUDY FOR CHILDREN

"Most of us would rather talk about politics or death or pretty much anything else before we talk about money. What about Our Money? A Faith Response explores how we understand money within the context of our faith. This discussion and our own awareness of how we relate to money can actually help free us from many of the financial dilemmas we face.

I trust you have filled out your registration forms and have them ready."


Registration is due to the conference by June 30, 2018. However, you must return your registration to UMW at Merrell by Sunday June 10, 2018.

Please see Gwenneth Gayle, Thelma McGeachy and Dizzierene Cox for further information.

Thank you.

Thelma McGeachy


Church News



Bread Cart Ministry
June 4 & 17
 2:00PM—3:00 PM
 RAGSDALE HALL
 Please Note: **You will be required to sign in.**

FRIDAY, june 8, & 15
YOUTH MEETING 7:00PM—RAGSDALE HALL

saturday, june 16
 Worship committee- 2:00PM - ROOM 17



FEEDING WITH COMPASSION
SATURDAY, JUNE 16
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MERRELL UMC

FARM SHARE



Free Produce & Food Items

SATURDAY, june 30 -10:00 a.m - 1:00p.m
 Please Note: **You will be required to sign in and bring bags to collect items.**



CONGRATULATIONS
Merrell
 PRESCHOOL
 GRADUATION
Thursday, June 7, 2018
4:00pm - Ragsdale Hall

Friday, June 8 at 8:00pm
Ragsdale Hall

Graduation
PARTY
 CLASS OF 2018



The Merrell United Methodist Church
 Cordially Invite You To Attend Their Annual
Mom & Dad Banquet
 Friday - June 15th, 2018 at 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Polish-American Club
 935 Rock Island Road, North Lauderdale 33068
 Donation- \$60.00 Dress- Formal
Music By DJ DONOVAN"

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR SUPPLIES AND BACKPACKS!!!

Health Fair Back to School Supplies

Church family, we're asking for donations to purchase backpacks and school supplies to give away to children in our neighborhood at our 2018 Back to School Health Fair. Last year, we collected more than 100 backpacks. This year, we want to do even better.

We're seeking donations or you can purchase items yourselves. We're asking that the backpacks be sturdy enough to get a child through the entire school year.

The Health Fair is on July 28, 2018
We'll be collecting until July 22.
 Thank you so much for helping to bless the children.

Come 1, Come All
 Join Us for
Vacation Bible School

Adventure Joy Rest
WATERWAY TO CHRIST
 Acceptance Peace



Merrell United Methodist Church
 June 18-22, 2018, 6-9pm
 Ragsdale Hall



Andrea Williams Laura 06/01
 Oddeit Love 06/01
 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
 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
 Theodore Parrish 06/21
 Winnifred DaCosta 06/22
 Vivian McGeachy 06/22
 Linda Davis 06/23
 Daisy Riviears 06/24
 Ruby Amritt 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
 Joyce Kennedy 06/30
 Horace Clayton 06/30
 Delbert Connell 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

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

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Admn. Assistant to Pastor

Sis. Claudette Meatley

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Sis. Dizzierene Cox

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Bro. Winston Chang

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Sis. Rose Farquharson

Membership Secretary

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Sis. Judith Gohagen

Disaster Coordinator

Bro. Lovell McKail

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Sis. Deloris Ellis

Youth

Sis. Judy Gohagen

Sis. Keisha Coombs-Newman

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Interim Coordinator

Sis. Phylis Brown

Budget Director

Bro. Dudley Mills

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