



# 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.*



A theme that is a guiding focus on Black History Month is *BLACK MIGRATION*. Black migration is **worldwide. Black persons migrating from Africa and the Caribbean are among the “new” African American population in the United States.** Migration of Black people is a gift to the multi-layered kaleidoscope of this nation and contributing positively to the development and well-being of this nation. Black migrants are also subject to racial suburbanization, health and environmental challenges, gentrification of communities, social conflicts, educational challenges and employment/economic hurdles.

So, I ask myself, what can we observe in Black History month and beyond that can be meaningful and empowering to all of us? My imperfect answer is the heritage of faith. As people of the Americas and as Christians, I believe we carry the heritage of faith in our stories of migration. We can share our faith **that generates hope of a better day for our children to enter into the “promise land” of opportunity and peace.** A general biblical look at heritage is related in the word inheritance. In the first or Old Testament, an inheritance was legalistic **“to possess as having handed down (some property or legacy) from the past.”** (Numbers 27:1-11). It may be handed down from fathers or more so gifted by God (Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible). **The people of God are on a journey to a “place of rest” (Deuteronomy 12:9-10)** where, in God, their full heritage is located. The people of Israel regarded themselves as God’s heritage (Psalm 79:1; Jeremiah 10:16).

In the New Testament, the theological significance of faith heritage is reflected through the Apostle Paul. **In Romans 4:16 he writes, “...the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God’s grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all...”** In the epistle to the Colossians 1:12-13, connecting God’s inheritance with **“light given to holy people.”** Later, in this same writing, he note that this inheritance is obtained through practice of spiritual discipline (obedience, CEB) who serve the Lord Christ (3:24). In the letter of Hebrews in Chapter 6, this journey of faith leads to destination of **salvation and takes discipline and effort. “This is so you won’t be lazy, but follow the example of the ones who inherit the promises through faith and patience” (Hebrews 6:12).**

Some thoughts for our journey using a heritage of faith affirms God’s hand in our lives. **Our journey with God together is a gift that we can pass on to the next generation.** In sharing our giftedness, we must work for fairness and justice for all people, pass on cultural and practical knowledge, and display discipline of holding each other accountable to live holy lives.

*Rev. Bancroft Williams*

## Bible Reading Based on Lectionary for February

Read and Reflect become “A Tried and True Worker” for God  
(2 Timothy 2:15)

Date	Scripture Text	Date	Scripture Text
Sunday 3rd	John 8: 48-59	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6: 12-16
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 17: 5-10
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 1: 11-19	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 17: 14-25
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Psalms 71:1-6	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Psalms 1
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Psalms 71: 7-24	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Psalms 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4: 21-30	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke 6: 17-26
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 6: 27-38
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 6: 9-13	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 45: 11-15
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Psalms 138	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Psalms 37:1-40
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	1 John 4: 11- 21	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor. 15: 35-38, 42-50
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 5: 43-48
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4: 31-44	Friday March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Genesis 45: 16-27
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 5: 1-11	Saturday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Romans 12: 9-21




Church-wide Training Event next Saturday!!!  
Have you registered?  
Last opportunity for registering  
**“Behold! I Am Making All Things New”**


Registration forms are available in the Narthex.  
Transportation will be provided by the Church  
Bus...please register & sign-up today!

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**  
**8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**  
Christ Church 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort  
Lauderdale

**This is a training at no cost!**  
**Lunch will be provided**



**Bereavement Ministry**



*Grief has no timeline*

Have you lost a loved one, someone dear to you?  
Are you trying to cope with grief?

Join us  
in our bereavement group beginning  
**Monday, February 4, 2019**  
**at 6:00 pm in East lounge.**

Group will be conducted by  
Rev Hope McNeil Williams  
(Ordained Deacon, Board Certified Chaplain,  
Registered Marriage and Family Therapy Intern)

# Celebration of our History



*"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."*

**Marcus Garvey**



*"Each person must live their life as a model for others."*

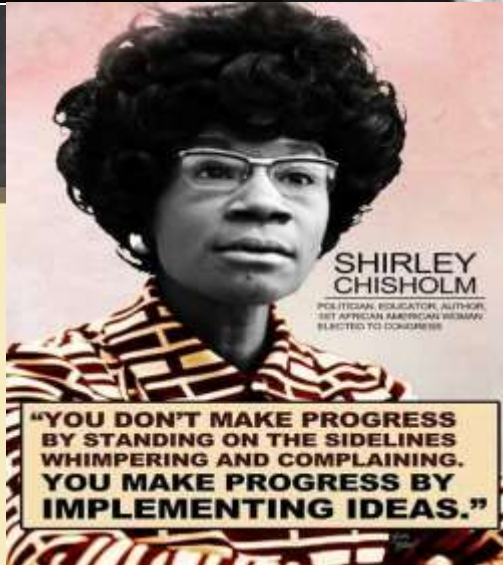
— Rosa Parks



Douglass said...

*"Believe in yourself. Take advantage of every opportunity. Use the power of spoken and written language to effect positive change for yourself and society."*

*"What is possible for me is possible for you."*



**SHIRLEY CHISHOLM**  
POLITICIAN, EDUCATOR, AUTHOR,  
FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN  
ELECTED TO CONGRESS

**"YOU DON'T MAKE PROGRESS BY STANDING ON THE SIDELINES WHIMPERING AND COMPLAINING. YOU MAKE PROGRESS BY IMPLEMENTING IDEAS."**



*"Empower yourselves with a good education, then get out there and use that education to build a country worthy of your boundless promise."*

— Michelle Obama

Dictionary.com

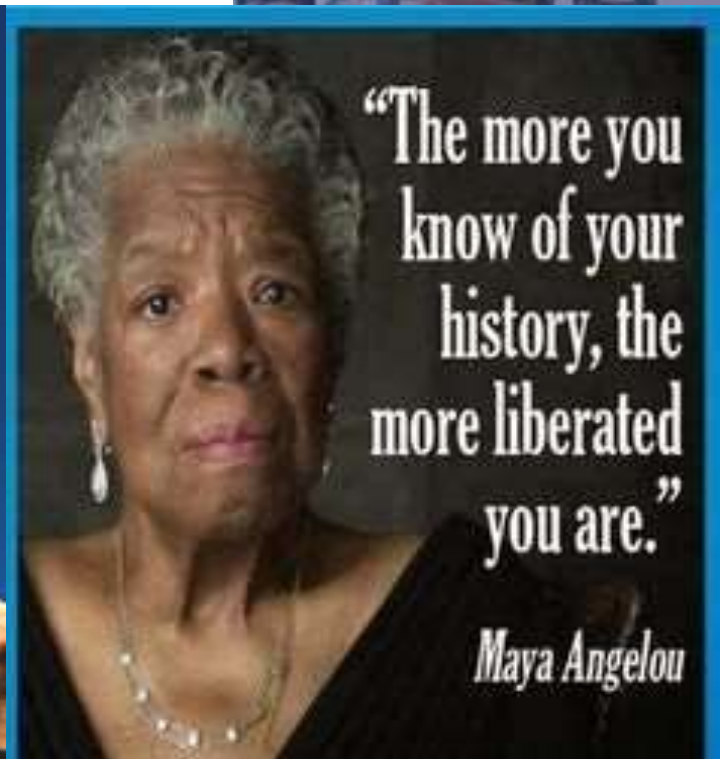


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**Change** will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

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Barack Obama



*"The more you know of your history, the more liberated you are."*

**Maya Angelou**



## A Cultural Affair for Black History Month

Merrell's Cultural Sunday, in honor of Black History Month, is on February 24th after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

We're calling all cooks to present their best dishes for a taste. This time-honored tradition gives everyone the opportunity to share our delicious cultural cuisine and to wear our best African finery - all commemorating our different cultures.

We want fritters, curry and conch, and pepperpot and collard greens, cornbread and more.

Please prepare enough to serve at least 20 guests. We are also looking to set up tables with items representing our cultures and island styles.

Please see Sis. Hyacinth Henry for more information.

The Merrell United Methodist

### Men's Fellowship

Cordially Invite You To Attend Their Annual

## The Pre-Valentines Banquet

Friday, February 8, 2019

7:00 PM—1:00 AM

Renovated Polish-American Club

935 Rock Island Road

North Lauderdale, FL

Donation: \$60.00 Dress: Formal

Music by: DJ "Donavan"

Tickets are still available!!!

Please see any United Methodist Men for tickets

## Lenten Fridays Fish Fry

Every Friday during Lent Merrell ministries will be doing something different; we will be hosting a Fish Fry each Friday, starting March 15th.

Please support the ministries' efforts. Proceeds will go to our church capital improvement fund. Here's a tentative calendar of the participating ministries:

March 15 - United Methodist Men

March 22 - Evangelism

March 29 - Youth Ministries

April 5 - Trustees/Stewardship

April 12 - Stewardship

Our Good Friday Gospel Concert is on April 19. We're praying for a successful event. Please invite your friends and neighbors.



## Lauderdale Lakes Scholarship Opportunity

Graduating high school seniors living in Lauderdale Lakes are invited to apply for the Samuel S. Brown Scholarship Fund. The deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2019. Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be a continuous resident of the city for one year prior to applying
- 2) Be a resident at the time of the award
- 3) Remain a bona-fide continuous resident of the city for at least one calendar year after the award is funded.

For more information, please go to the city's website at <http://www.lauderdalelakes.org> or check at City Hall, 4300 NW 36th St., Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319.

# 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
Choir Rehearsal	Saturday	4:00PM	Music Room



### Online Tithing

- ◆ Going on vacation?
- ◆ Won't be able to attend church for a week or so?
- ◆ Don't want to be bothered with writing checks?
- ◆ Comfortable paying your bills online?

Then, why not tithe online by using Merrell's [Vanco Merchant Services](http://www.merrellumc.org)? Vanco is approved by the Florida Conference and the service is now growing in popularity at many churches in the conference. Merrell has been using it for the past two years and it has proven to be very reliable and stable. If you want more information on how to set up your online profile, please check with the church office or church Treasurer Eric Royes, or log into our website [www.merrellumc.org](http://www.merrellumc.org)



## MERRELL WELCOMES INTERESTED PERSONS TO BECOME MEMBERS!

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

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



### "Our Love for God"

All saints, ladies and gentlemen, are encouraged to come out and study the Word of God. Every Sunday morning at 9:00am in the East Lounge.

Topics: God commands our Love, Respect and Obedience, Loving God by Trusting Christ, Love Songs that Glorify God.



Church family, please don't forget to drop your offering in the baskets near the ushers when you come up for the Lord's Supper during First Sunday Communion. Whatever we collect goes into our Good Samaritan Benevolent Fund and are used to assist our neighbors with immediate needs, as vetted by Pastor. The needs could be assisting with small children, helping to pay an emergency light bill, etc. Please place your offering in the basket as you make your way up for Communion.



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
**TUESDAYS AT 12 NOON—THE CHAPEL**  
**WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM—RAGSDALE HALL**

# Announcements



## Bread Cart Ministry

February 4 & 18

2:00PM—3:00 PM

RAGSDALE HALL

Please Note: You will be required to sign in.

Spprc meeting  
Tuesday, February 5  
7:00PM—Room 17

Worship committee meeting  
Saturday, February 16  
2:00PM - ROOM 17



TUESDAY, February 19 - 10:00am  
RUTH CIRCLE  
Ragsdale hall

Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00pm  
Finance committee  
ROOM 17

thursday, February 21 at 7:30pm  
trustees committee  
ROOM 17

## MERRELL UMC FARM SHARE

Free Produce & Food

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 a.m - 1:00p.m

Please Note: You will be required to sign in and bring bags to collect items.



tuesday, February 26  
Church council meeting  
7:00PM - Ragsdale hall



MERRELL UNITED METHODIST  
WOMEN

**Annual Fall Yard Sale**

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

**7:00am – 2:00pm**



**COME JOIN US!!!  
LOTS OF GOODIES TO  
CHOOSE FROM!!!  
GET YOUR FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS AND COME TAKE A  
STROLL AND FILL A BAG OR  
TWO**



Please support our Youth !!!

**"SWEET TOOTH"**

BAKE SALE YOUTH FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

RAGSDALE HALL

after the 10am service



Rev, Hope McNeil-Williams 02/01  
 Valrie Henry 02/03  
 Tiana McDonald 02/03  
 Thelma McGeachy 02/04  
 Everton Kelly 02/04  
 Dudley Mills 02/05  
 Claudette Tsolakos-Carey 02/06  
 Manu Barnes 02/06  
 Xavier Robinson 02/06  
 Dizzierene Cox 02/08

Annette Smith 02/08  
 Carmeta McKail 02/09  
 Horby Turner 02/09  
 Hyacinth Henry 02/11  
 Randall Kelly 02/11  
 Joyce Boothe-Holman 02/11  
 Mavis Pusey 02/11  
 Moralis Morrison 02/11  
 Dorien Earl 02/14  
 Jermeko Harris 02/14  
 Gloria Hudson

Andrew Holder 02/15  
 Sakeena Kenton 02/17  
 Verna Jackson 02/19  
 Kenneth Farquharson 02/23  
 Marie Trotman 02/24  
 Stanley Martin 02/24  
 Fitzroy Lawrence 02/24  
 Zharayah Warner DeSuza 02/24  
 Errol Cameron 02/26  
 Monica Powell 02/27  
 Ralph Williams 02/28

**+ The Staff +**

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 Mr. Leroy Satchell, Custodian

**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

**Our Church Leaders**

**Church Council**

Sis. Eileen Tucker

**Lay Leaders**

Sis. Patricia Tabois

Sis. Lurow Hall

**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**

**Financial Secretary**

Sis. Norma Williamson

**Prayer Ministry**

Sis. Uliet Black

**Trustee**

Bro. Franklyn Coombs

**Evangelism/Outreach Ministries**

Sis. Valerie Henry

**Preschool Board Chair**

Sis. Thelma McGeachy

**United Methodist Women**

Sis. Thelma McGeachy

**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. Ettamerle Rapley

**Youth**

Sis. Judy Gohagen

Sis. Keisha Coombs-Newman

**Thrift Shop**

Interim Coordinator

Sis. Phylis Brown

**Budget Director**

Bro. Dudley Mills

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