



Merrell On The Move

Special Edition



Spirit-led•Equipped•Empowered•Disciples

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

Worship
WITH US ONLINE

Sunday Worship - 10:00am

Tuesday Prayer meeting - 6:30pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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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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SANCTUARY RE-OPENING POSTPONED

Reopening our sanctuary has been postponed until further notice. We will continue our online worship on Zoom.

At the time of our reopening it will require cooperation and flexibility from all of us. We will not be returning to the same church we left on March 15th. Many guidelines have been laid out for the reopening - guidelines that have been carefully reviewed and prayed about and is consistent with the Florida Conference and the CDC reopening guidelines. Here is a summary and you will hear much more as times draws near:

- Reservations: We are only accommodating 50 persons in the sanctuary at this time and reservations will be needed. Please call the church office at (954) 731-2323 or email at office@merrellumc.org. The deadline for reservations, noon Thursday before the Sunday you would like to attend.
- Parking: As you drive up, parking attendants will be outside to guide you.
- Entering the sanctuary: Your temperature will be taken upon entering. No hugs or handshakes.
- Social Distancing: There will be signs giving reminders to maintain social distancing at all times.
- Seating Sanctuary: You will be directed to designated seating areas and invited to sit in pre-arranged settings. Ushers will direct you where to sit. Three persons per pew in every other pew. Families will be allowed to sit together.
- Masks are mandatory: For all persons age 2 and above, please have on your masks,
- No Small Group Meetings during and after worship: We encourage all online meetings that can be arranged through the church office.

- There will be no sitting choir during worship: The Chancel Choir, other choirs and praise teams will not be in the loft at this time. It is the intention to have singing being led in other ways. You must not take off masks for singing.
- Bring Personal Bibles: All paper products including Bibles and Hymnals will be removed from the pews.
- First Sunday Communion: You may pick up a packaged communion element after entering the entrance of the Sanctuary. Pastor will provide further instructions as to usage before communion.
- Offering placed in Narthex: Your offering may be placed in the offering boxes in the Narthex when you enter or exit. Envelopes and pens will be available.
- Areas off limits: Balcony, East Lounge, Room 17 and Ragsdale Hall are off limits at this time.
- Exiting the Sanctuary: Ushers will direct you as you exit the sanctuary to the parking lot.

Together we will work to safely do the work of God as good neighbors respect the care for all persons. We will be victorious as we exercise faith over the long term. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 rate of infections and make adjustments as are necessary. Keep praying for the health and wellbeing of all.

Your servant brother in Christ,

Bancroft L. Williams



The Florida Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop's Task Force on Anti-Racism Developments, Opportunity for Study and Conversation

In response to the public deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks, and in support of movements toward conversation and action, Bishop Carter announced the **formation of a Bishop's Task Force on Anti-Racism**. The task force will include three teams: Training and Accountability; Public Policy and Witness; and Beloved Community. The leadership of these three teams was announced last week. In consultation with the District Superintendents and Dr. Sharon Austin, Director of Connectional and Justice Ministries, and in an open process that included nominations and self-nominations, the following persons will comprise the three teams.

Training and Accountability
Public Policy and Witness
Beloved Community

The Conveners, Staff Liaisons and Team Members will participate in an orientation to their work over the next three weeks. We welcome your prayers of intercession for these persons and for this work.
Opportunity for Study, Conversation

Bishop Ken Carter and Dr. Sharon Austin will co-host a webinar on July 10 at 11:00. All are invited to **participate in a study of Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be An Antiracist***. We recognize that a number of small groups across the conference are also reading this book, which will be foundational to the **Bishop's Task Force**. We invite you to participate and share your own learnings.

You may register at the following link:



THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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HOW TO BE AN
ANTI-RACIST
WEBINAR

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JULY 10 | 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY:
Bishop Ken Carter & Rev. Dr. Sharon Austin

Join us for a conversation on Ibram X. Kendi's book *How to be an Anti-Racist* and the church's role to take an active stand against racism.

BLESSINGS on your birthday

Estelle Salmon 07/01
 Ettamerle Rapley 07/01
 Estelle Webb 07/01
 Gregory Duhaney 07/01
 Siephanie Perrin 07/01
 Lionel Brown 07/02
 Rose Farquharson 07/03
 Louise Jones 07/08
 Kaci Je'lyn Watson 07/09
 Marjorie Newman 07/10
 Eileen McKenzie 07/11

Elijah Charles 07/13
 Maudena Eccleston 07/13
 Leona Henry 07/14
 Leona Panagos 07/14
 Andrew Wilks 07/14
 Monet Xminis 07/15
 Cynthia Barnett 07/16
 Fitzroy Jones 07/18
 Cynthia Fletcher 07/18
 Jonathan Kenton 07/18
 Richard Oliver, Jr. Jr 07/19

Anderson Carrington 07/19
 Sybil Shirley 07/20
 Evelyn Jones 07/20
 Tiffany Richards 07/20
 Clayton Young 07/21
 Nadine Lynch 07/22
 Raven Carty 07/22
 Nora Forrest 07/24
 Karl Black 07/25
 Karla Black 07/25
 Keisha Barton 07/28
 Kadem Barnett 07/30

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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

Visit our website

www.merrellumc.org

Community News

Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs.



Merrell members and friends you are strongly encouraged to complete the 2020 Census form, it is a very simple process. This will ensure we will receive the needed programs in our communities through accurate counting. It will also safeguard accurate political representation, funding for citywide and countywide programs, and support community development in our city. Please encourage your family and friends to do so the same.

Persons in Florida who have applied for Unemployment Benefits and have not received a response, or you have difficulties completing the application, please contact the Church office email office@merrellumc.org call 954-731-2323 and leave a message with your telephone number and contact information so we may assist you,

