



First United Methodist Church of Bartow

# March 2025 Newsletter

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*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

-John 15: 4-7

Recently in a general clergy Facebook group someone mentioned that they were so happy that their denomination didn't try to make them believe that they had to work for Jesus's love and salvation through their works and their deeds. I have to admit there was a little part of me that wondered if that was pointed at people like Methodists, who believe in the importance of practicing the means of grace such as fasting, generosity, welcoming, Bible study, prayer, and celebrating the Sacraments. It is very possible that from an outsider's viewpoint that it looks like we do things to make Jesus love us more. Of course, the means of grace are not that at all. They are simply tools that God gives us which when we use them we grow closer in our relationship with God. They are gifts that are given to us of God's grace continuing to be poured out so that we can grow closer to God in Christ. They are also a way that we become a vessel of God's grace overflowing in the world.

For example, when I read the Bible, if I'm willing to be open to how the Holy Spirit is at work in that process, then I will be able to grow closer to God. I'll learn more about the nature of God and more about what it means to live like Christ (who is God with us). As I continue to read scripture, I will have greater opportunities to be more like Christ if I try to live out what I learn. Through prayer, I become more able to hear God's voice because the more often I talk with God, the more likely I am to discern when God is talking to me versus when it's just my ego and the ways of this world trying to sway me.

I don't do these things because they are going to make God love me more. Jesus already loves me absolutely as much as possible. Jesus loves me and you and each and every one of us so much that he came to live and die and rise for each and every one of us personally and for all creation. What we are doing when we practice means of grace is not earning that love, it is celebrating that love through imitation and remembrance. We practice and remember the means of grace, these Christian disciplines, in order to be more like Christ. Yes, we have a tendency to emphasize these things during Lent, but in reality, they're always important every day.

When we visit someone who has been sick, we don't do it out of a sense that God is going to love us more for visiting. We do it out of love. Period. We do such things because we love God and because God's love is working in and through us and we love others. We bring soup and sandwiches to Wednesday night dinner instead of having extravagant potlucks with fried chicken or amazing catered meals and pecan pie, not because God will love us more if we do that. We practice simplicity and are reminded of how little we really need- some soup, a sandwich, and wonderful fellowship. We really don't need much more than that when it's all bound up in God's love. We count our light fixtures and jars of jam and jelly and put coins in a container not because those coins are going to buy God's love, but because in the counting we are reminded of our blessings and those who don't have electricity or much that is sweet in their lives. We will be moved by our abundance to share generously so the others can experience light and the sweetness of life.

The means of grace are not a burden. They're a joyful response and a wonderful opportunity to experience God's love in a more full and complete way- Both in the receiving of that love and the sharing of it.

This Lent may our prayer be to grow closer to God and be more like Christ. May we take advantage of whatever opportunities God gives us to do that. As Christians, there is no shortcut from the glory and joy of Christmas morning to Easter morning. We must travel alongside Christ in his life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. If we don't, we will miss out on the fullness of what new life and resurrected life is all about.

With love in Christ,

-Pastor Missy

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**CHOIR NOTES** *by Sylvia Spencer, Choir Director*



🎵 **“Choir Notes”** 🎵

Easter is April 20th this year. It's the season of remembrance, reflection, and rejoicing. We ponder the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. We praise God for the miracle of the resurrection, we prepare our hearts for His promised return... our choir will soon begin rehearsals for the cantata IS HE WORTHY which will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 13th. With a blend of traditional hymns and classic songs, they will boldly proclaim Jesus is worthy of all blessing, honor, and glory!



In case you don't know....we have a very dedicated group of Christian people who love to sing every week... so many have been or are out because of different illnesses or accidents!! We pray daily for those.... Bette O, Betty F, Nadine R, Christine T, Deborah B's mother, Ken and Bonnie A, BJ S, and others that I can't recall... I'm asking for God's grace and mercy and healing for all our precious loved ones.

Because of HIM,  
Sylvia



**Easter Lilies \$10 each**

**Orders due by Sunday, March 30!**

These lilies will be Florist Quality 6-inch pots with a decorative cover. To purchase, fill out this form and enclose it with cash or a check made out to FUMC Bartow (Easter Lily on the memo line) in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.



If you are Zelle-ing the cost, please include “Easter Lily” in the notes and email the information below to us! **THANK YOU**

Please be sure to print your name and designate if the lily is to be purchased "to the glory of God" or "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone.

**All who purchase lilies may take them home to enjoy after our Easter service.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **IN MEMORY OF** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **IN HONOR OF** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL NUMBER OF LILIES TO BE PRESENTED AND TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DONOR'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Lent and Easter Events

**Ash Wednesday Service, March 5**  
in the Sanctuary at 5:30 pm

**Wednesday Night Dinner** after the Service approx. 6:15 pm

Wednesday Night Dinners are Soup and Sandwiches throughout Lent. Sign ups are in the Sanctuary, at WND, and through the Church Office.

**Wed Night Dinners, 6 pm**  
(except Ash Wednesday)



## Holy Week and Easter Services

**Palm Sunday Service, April 13**  
in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am



**Maundy Thursday Love Feast, April 17**  
in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm

**Good Friday**

**Crosswalk, April 18**

Meet at the Assembly of God Church at 11:45 am to begin walking to meet at NOON in Fort Blount Park



**Tenebrae Service**

in the Sanctuary at 7 pm

**Easter, April 20**

**Community Easter Sunrise Service**

in Mosaic Park at 7:30 am



**Traditional Easter Service**

in our Sanctuary at 10:30 am



Don't forget your flowers for the Flower Cross!



# Grace Notes

## THANK YOU!

Special Thanks to Mike E for the wonderful job he does taking care of our Sanctuary and Courtyard flower beds. Check out our new brick edging! Thank you for all you do!



## THANK YOU!

Barbara H is always up to something! Sometimes it's baking and decorating a delicious and beautiful birthday cake for Lunch Bunch monthly birthdays or other special occasion in the church.



Other times she is at the Bartow Community Service Center or leading us elsewhere in Bartow and Beyond so that we can better be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in the world!

THANK YOU, BARBARA!

## THANK YOU!

Thank you Carolyn P for your faithfulness in using your gifts of compassion and hospitality to provide chicken or meals for our Wednesday Night Dinners!



What you do every week makes it possible for Wednesday Night Dinners and the fellowship they provide to exist! Without you, we would be adrift!

Thank you so much!

With Thankfulness and Love in Christ,  
-Pastor Missy & your Church Family



Look what we noticed on display at the Hospital!

This masterpiece was created by Lexi Reall, an 8th grader at Union Academy in 2016!

Have a "Thank you" Grace Note you want to share? Email the church office at [firstumcbartow@aol.com](mailto:firstumcbartow@aol.com)

## ACROSS THE COURTYARD

by Nadine Waters Robbins, Church Historian



At a pictorial display of Bishops from Florida in the “main room” of the Florida Methodist Archives I spotted a picture of “my old friend” Bishop Robert M. Blackburn.

In my January article, I mentioned that he was the son of C. Fred Blackburn, a former circuit-riding minister who served our Bartow First Methodist from 1908—1910. Once he settled down, his family occupied First Methodists' original parsonage at 2600 West Church Street. It was a one-story five room residence. A second floor was added later. The house was demolished in 1966.

Through further research, I discovered that Bob Blackburn ministered as a chaplain in World War II. In 1977, the Florida Conference Historical Society held a meeting whose theme was honoring chaplains of the Florida Conference who had served in World War II. Bishop Blackburn was one of the keynote speakers.

Two of our former local Bartow Methodist pastors who were among the honorees as chaplains in World War II were Elliot Ritch (1955—58) and George L. Harper (1958—62).

Rev. Elliot Ritch had served with distinction as a chaplain in the European Theatre of Operations in World War II. He died in 1961 at the Lake City Veterans Administration Hospital during his pastorate in Jacksonville.

George L. Harper, as a chaplain, was a U.S. Army Captain. He and his wife, Mildred, came to Bartow with their five chil-

dren in 1958. They are the largest family to ever occupy the present parsonage.

Present-day chaplains are part of the U.S. Army Chaplains Corp which this year proudly marks its 250th birthday being established on July 29, 1775.

Today's chaplains are of many faiths and are cultural navigators between military and religious leaders, especially in the Middle East.

U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains Major General Bill Green Junior stated, “Chaplains have been in every conflict that the United States Military has been involved in. They provide for the spiritual needs of warfighters as they defend the U.S. and its interests. Chaplains have been a strong, steady, and courageous presence in every major conflict beginning with the Revolutionary War so that our soldiers can endure in any future fight. We must remember that our God is in control of all military conflicts. Even in war, God's sovereignty remains absolute. Deuteronomy 20:4 ‘For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory’”.



Spring  
Forward  
1 hour  
March 9.

Don't forget to  
set your clocks  
ahead when  
you go to bed  
on Saturday,  
March 8!



Through **NURTURE AND DISCIPLESHIP** we grow in our relationship with God in *Jerusalem*, our own church, and beyond through study, prayer, & service.



### Adult Sunday School

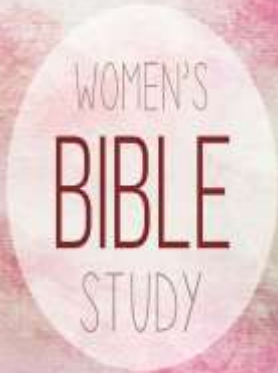
9 am

in the Education Building Library

The first Monday of each month.

March 3 at 11:30 am.

870 Lila Street in Bartow



We welcome new members!

Bring a salad or sandwich!

We will have a soup to share!



Tuesday Breakfast & Devotions at Broadway Diner 8:30 am

Questions? Call Walt at 215-237-7985

Once an acolyte, always an acolyte! Thank you Ted!



Any and all help is greatly appreciated, Thank you Brandon.



### Grief Support

Our current group has begun

The book "Understanding Your Grief" that we use as a starting point for reflection and discussion is available in the Sanctuary or Church Office



If you are interested in participating when our next group begins or you would like a book to read on your own, you can sign up in the Sanctuary, contact Faye at 863-537-0312 or the church at 533-0904 or firstumcbartow@aol.com Thank you!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



March 5, 12, 19, & 26

During Lent, all our WND meals are soup and sandwiches. We do this as an exercise in simplicity. Please sign up to bring soup or sandwiches at Church.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:45 pm

We connect Jesus' life and ministry to our lives and ministries!





Ways we are the body of Christ as Jerusalem and Judea with Children and Youth!



# Children

We ALL love Children's Moment and Children's Church!



# YOUTH

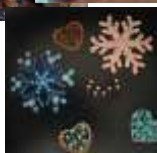
Our Youth have been very busy the last few months ....



We've been stocking shelves at the Bartow Community Service Center



We've been making sparkling gifts for Year of Thanks



We've been baking cookies and brownies, too!





## Fellowship Events



**LUNCH BUNCH  
MIKES DRIVE IN  
ON 17  
MARCH 2**  
Meet us there  
right after worship.

**RSVP** to the Church Office 533-0904  
or firstumcbartow@aol.com

**By  
Wed,  
Feb 26 by  
12:00 pm**



February Lunch Bunch at Charm City

# Silver Saints

Will be meeting around  
Easter...



Watch for the date and time.

## Golden Girls

Will be up to more fun soon!  
Watch for more details!



## Do you like Crafting?

We are planning to start a crafting group in the new year!  
We even have someone to lead the group!

No special skills required!

If you are interested in being a part of a crafting group,  
Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary!



The FMS Valentines' Program  
and..  
A bit of the silly side of Art

## A Little More FMS



The Older FMS Students  
have started a Newspaper  
in Computer Class!

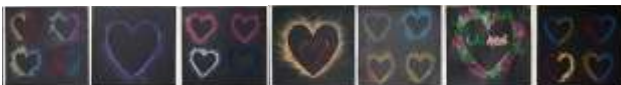


# First Methodist School

February was a busy month with a LOT going on!



Younger Chapels sang, prayed and helped with skits about Jesus' compassion while the MID Chapel looked for deeper lessons!



Mrs. Elsa read to the VPK...



Everyone prepared for Valentine's Day



Mrs. Stoltz's tree bloomed!



Then there was the WALK A THON!



And our Valentine's Parties!



The older students walked for two hours!



The Twos, Threes, and VPK had their own shorter WALKATHON in the playing field!





# SHARING OUR BLESSINGS



Bishop Tom Berlin

## Connectional Giving

Helps fund ministries like...

### Episcopal Fund

Pays for the expenses of all active bishops and for the support of retired bishops and spouses, both in the USA and also for the missionary bishops around the world.

**Bishops' Salaries and Benefits** – The episcopal Fund provides salaries, moving expenses, pension, disability coverage, medical insurance and professional travel expenses for bishops.

**Episcopal Office and Residence** – This fund helps support the cost of the Episcopal residences, as well as, operating expenses for the Episcopal Office.

- Dorothy Tucker

### Want to give online?

It's easy and free!

Talk to your bank about how to

**ZELLE**

your tithe, offerings, and other gifts directly from your bank account to the church's bank account.

Use the email address [firstumcbartow@aol.com](mailto:firstumcbartow@aol.com) to give!

**THANK YOU!**

### *Looking for Offering Envelopes?*

**We are using leftover, unused offering envelopes that we have not used in former years.**

Because of this AND because it makes less work for our wonderful counters, please make sure that your: **name, amounts, And what you are giving toward are clearly marked on the outside of your envelope.**

Thank you!

## The Parsonage has a new roof!

Ralph Price's crew did a great job!

This was a **necessity** before the next storm season.

Thank you to the donor who made this possible!





# Community Building Opportunities: Witnessing to Christ in Judea and Samaria



Our Youth baking goodies for YoT

## Year of Thanks: 12 months of Gratitude & Love Shared!

Every month we thank a different community group with a little gift, baked good, and thank you note!

### *March is our FMS Staff!*

We will be thanking our very own FMS Staff of 25 dedicated and hardworking people!!!

## OUR SOUPER BOWL Had *hundreds* of WINNERS!

We brought in **266** goods for the Bartow Community Service Center!



## BLOOD DRIVE IN APRIL



**THE BIG RED BUS WILL BE IN THE AREA AGAIN ON APRIL 13, 9 AM-1 PM!**  
**SIGN UP INSTRUCTIONS COMING SOON!**



With YOUR help FMS raised a little over \$12,000!



**Hurricane Relief Continues** and our own Dorothy and Mike were involved!



Area folks helping with moving relief supplies needed now and for the future!

# REACHING OUT...

Ways we are the body of Christ in the world through **M**ission **O**utreach **E**vangelism!

**Preparing for Easter**— Once again, each household is challenged to take a **Lenten Coin Calendar** and fill the holder of your choice with coins. Each day except Sunday your household counts how many of a given item you have and you put that many coins in your holder. A special song to listen to and a prayer based on that week's items are suggested for Sundays. Whatever coins you have are perfect! Coins will be collected beginning Easter Sunday for Missions and Outreach.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
March 2025			<b>5</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Song: "Fix You" A coin for every lamp.	<b>6</b> A coin for every light switch.	<b>7</b> A coin for every candle.	<b>8</b> A coin for every flashlight (include your smartphone).	
<b>9</b> SONG: "Rise Up" Pray today, thanking God for the gift of light. Pray for those who live in darkness.	<b>10</b> A coin for every room in your home	<b>11</b> A coin for every electrical outlet in your home.	<b>12</b> A coin for every chair in your home	<b>13</b> A coin for every window in your home	<b>14</b> A coin for every bathroom in your home	<b>15</b> A coin for every bed in your home	
<b>16</b> SONG: "Head Above Water" Pray today, thanking God for shelter. Pray for those who have no place to sleep at night.	<b>17</b> A coin for every box of cereal	<b>18</b> A coin for every can of soup	<b>19</b> A coin for every type of bread in your home	<b>20</b> A coin for every jar of jelly	<b>21</b> A coin for every bottle of salad dressing/condiment	<b>22</b> A coin for every jar of peanut butter	
<b>23</b> SONG: "Cling to Christ:" Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those who have no food this day.	<b>24</b> A coin for every box of band-aids	<b>25</b> A coin for every bottle of vitamins	<b>26</b> A coin for every bottle of Tylenol in your house	<b>27</b> A coin for every tube of chap stick	<b>28</b> A coin for every toothbrush and tube of toothpaste	<b>29</b> A coin for every cough drop in your house.	
<b>30</b> SONG: "Rainbow" Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick.	<b>31</b> A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment	April 2025					
			<b>1</b> A coin for every electronic video game.	<b>2</b> A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc.).	<b>3</b> A coin for every television	<b>4</b> A coin for every doll or stuffed animal.	<b>5</b> A coin for every board or card game
<b>6</b> Song: "Cover Me in Sunshine" Pray today, thanking God for the entertainment in your home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items.	<b>7</b> A coin for every ball cap or hat	<b>8</b> A coin for every pair of shoes	<b>9</b> A coin for every pair of jeans or pants	<b>10</b> A coin for every coat	<b>11</b> A coin for every t-shirt	<b>12</b> A coin for every sweatshirt	
<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> Song: "You Will Be Found" Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.	<b>14</b> A coin for every Bible.	<b>15</b> A coin for every book of hymns or sacred songs in your home.	<b>16</b> A coin for every cross in your home.	<b>17</b> A coin for every prayer you say today.	<b>18</b> A coin for every story of Jesus you can tell.	<b>19</b> A coin for every person in your family.	
<b>20 Easter Sunday</b> Song: "Light Of A Clear Blue Morning" Pray, thanking God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	



**Ways we are the body of Christ to the ends of the earth!**

**Residing Hope  
5th Sunday**



**is THIS MONTH  
on March 30!**



**UMCOR: More than Disaster Relief**

As the pastor of Legacy UMC in Bismarck, a city of around 80,000 people, Rev Cory Thrall leads a congregation that is 125 years old. Its membership consists of different ages and ethnic backgrounds, although like the town, most of its members are white.

Building relationships with new and diverse neighbors is at the core of Legacy's history and ministry. The church seeks out ways to embody a spirit of welcome and belonging. In 2024, a Mustard Seed Migration Grant from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provided Legacy with financial support to reach its Ukrainian neighbors in a unique way.

Many congregations may wonder how to take the first step to embrace strangers and those from other cultures. Table fellowship and group activities can tear down walls and facilitate interaction. "Opportunities like this are a great conduit to serve and do God's work," said church member Kenton Carlson.

In addition to the shared meals, Legacy also provides driving lessons and other forms of assistance its newest neighbors might need. They meet Christ in return. Sometimes, the things they do may feel like small things, but it puts "our work on this earth into perspective," says Carlson. While returning home with a Ukrainian refugee from an insurance appointment, Carlson's new friend kept saying, "You understand me! You understand. You understand." Reflecting on the conversation now, Carlson said, "Wow, I just did a little thing, and it brought him so much."

- Cut from an article by Rev. Neelley Hicks for Global Ministries & UMCOR.

**Our kids sent Valentines and Poems to Mendoza!**

Acrostic poems made from Colegio Albert Schweitzer student names!



Valentines from our students to theirs!



Valentines for their church members!



Our FMS Spanish and Language Arts classes have been exercising their skills to share the love of God!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BARTOW

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1—Greg Wood David Moore	18—Chad Johnson
2—Beverly Etheredge	20—Elizabeth Roth
7—Lynn Sheetz	23—Phillip Petote
9—Nadine Robbins Donna Kieseletter Pat McMahon	24—Greg McMillin Brandon Pickard Candance Van Hook
10- Ina Ogden	27—Amanda Bergdoll
16- Troy Whitfield	Marvin Hammer
17— Joanne Crum	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



SYMPATHY and MEMORIAL GIFTS



PLEASE NOTE

Information for the April newsletter should be submitted by **Tuesday, February 15th.**

Thank You for helping us send out the Newsletter in a timely manner.

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Please remember these in your prayers, visits, and other expressions of Christian love.

The Chronically Ill and Homebound

Alice— 3 y/. health	Steve R
Diane A	<b>Nadine R— Healing</b>
<b>Ken A</b>	Brenda R— <i>Missy's mom</i>
<b>Amanda B</b>	Lynn S
Susan B	BJ S
Jonathon B	Sadie— 6 y/o healing
Brian— <i>safety</i>	Louise T
Lavada C & Family	Jean & Dick T
Danielle D- <i>healing</i>	Kathy W—
Daphne— <i>healing</i>	Greg W
<b>Betty F—healing</b>	Patricia W
Shawn F	<b>John Z family</b>
Karel H	-Leaders everywhere to do God's will
Brandon H	-Everyone affected by sickness, repressive governments, gun violence, and natural & human caused disasters
Melody H	-Also on our hearts:
<b>Pat H—</b>	Our Nation, Ukraine, Haiti
Kristin— <i>BJ's d-i-l, healing</i>	Israel/Hamas War, Sudan
James L— <i>healing</i>	Santa Cruz Church
Allye M	
Dorrance M— <i>healing</i>	
Kathy M— <i>healing</i>	
Carolyn P	
Heath P <i>healing</i>	
Mary Beth P	

Serving in the Military:

Jeremy B, Victor O, Joseph S, Bryson T

Missionaries and Others:

**Pioneer Missions, Indonesia:** Christian, Dawn & Joshua William; **Sister Church:** Iglesia Metodista de Santa Cruz del Sur, Cuba; **Missionaries in Angola:** Leo & Cleivy Garcia, Kutela Katembo, Serguey and Graciela Espinosa; **Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Argentina:** UMC Missionary Doug Williams and FMEC Mendoza Pastor Pablo; Our Pastor, Church, and School Staff; District Supt. Emily Hotho, and our Bishop Tom Berlin

**Don't Forget!** The **Newsletter** is available in a variety of ways! Printed copies are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and in the **Church Office** in the Education Building.

It can be found in digital format in the **EMAIL** the church sends out with it attached each month **AND** the **website: firstumcbartow.com.**

If you wish to receive a newsletter by mail, please contact the church office at firstumcbartow@aol.com or 863-533-0904.

Thank you!



# MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Transfiguration Sunday *10:30 am: Worship & Communion Noon: Lunch Bunch Mikes Grill on 17	3 FMS Chapels  11:30 Women's Bible Study	4 8:30 am: Breakfast & Devo, Broadway Diner  5:30 pm: Choir	5 Ash Wednesday  4 pm Grief Group  5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:15 pm Wed Night Dinner	6  3-5 pm: Youth	7	8 Spring Forward/ Move Clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed.
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**\* in the Sanctuary, on Facebook, and by Monday on YouTube**



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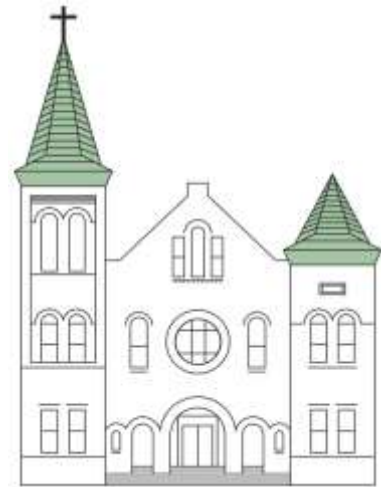
Witnessing to Christ empowered by the Spirit in Bartow & beyond

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE FUTURE:

SUN, APR 13: PALM SUNDAY, 10:30 AM  
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APR 17: LOVE FEAST, 6 PM  
GOOD FRIDAY, APR 18: CROSSWALK, BEFORE NOON  
TENEBRAE SERVICE, 6 PM  
EASTER SUNDAY, APR 20:  
SONRISE SERVICE, MOSAIC PARK, 7:30 AM  
CHURCH WORSHIP, 10:30 AM

BE IN PRAYER FOR...

Safe travels for everyone  
Our brothers and sisters in peril around the world  
Those dealing with upheaval in their lives



Missy Turbeville .....Pastor  
Sandi Walters ..... Administrative Assistant  
Sylvia Spencer .....Pianist/Accompanist &  
Choir Director  
Will Alderman ..... Audio/Visual Technician  
Ernesto Fonseca ..... Sanctuary/Annex Custodian

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