

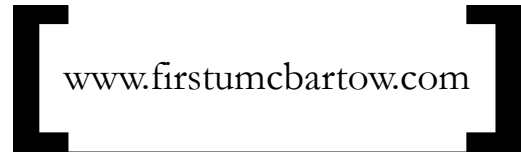


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Building Bridges for Christ in Bartow

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE FUTURE

It's Budget time!

Administrative and Ministry Chairs, budgets will be due by Oct 2. Watch for budget planning information to be sent soon from Finance. Thank you!

Charge Conference is Oct 8. We are a host church!

First Methodist School's 50th Anniversary Fall Festival is October 7th 4- 6:30 pm!

BE IN PRAYER...

Did you know we have a **Facebook** page and a **YouTube** page?
Share with your friends as you "Follow" us and watch services at First United Methodist Church Bartow, Fl on Facebook and First Methodist Bartow on YouTube!



First United Methodist Church of Bartow

GOOD NEWS

VOLUME 27, ISSUE 10

OCTOBER 2023

*Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit...
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

-1 Corinthians 12: 4, 7

This month starts with gifts! And I cannot wait for the unwrapping to begin! For the first time, I am impatient as I type these words. Usually, I like preparing us for what is ahead and hopefully creating a sense of anticipation around what we are to hear in the word shared and lived. But this month, I wish we had already experienced what I believe will be a profound and beautiful worship service on October 1 when Sheila Faramarzifar is going to be baptized.

Sheila grew up in our school and has been worshipping with us in person and online. She is so excited to be claimed by God in this special way and join us in the church within the body of Christ. She can hardly wait and neither can I. You see, Sheila and I talked about how while baptism is God's gift to the church, in claiming and empowering us to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in the world, the church we join is God's gift to the world.

So that is how we are beginning the month: with gifts! Gifts from God. Witnessing Sheila being claimed by God and receiving her as a sister in Christ. She is a beautiful gift to our church family. We become more than we were before she joined us and together we are a greater gift to the world. Her joy and enthusiasm are contagious and we will be more resilient with her in our lives as we live Christ in the world together.

And because Sunday, October 1 is World Communion Sunday, we will have communion together and our new sister will help serve us. Around our planet, the gift of God to the world -the church- will be gathering at Christ's table to meet him in the bread and cup. We will all leave the table empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the body of Christ in the world. The ones gifted become the gift. We are blessed to be a blessing. The grace of Christ abounds!

During this month of World Communion Sunday, our School's 50th Anniversary celebration, hosting 6 churches for Charge Conference, and all our other ministries (including our new YOUTH GROUP!!!) we will talk about love, forgiveness, mercy, grace, integrity, and humility. With Sheila, we will remember our baptism, be thankful, and celebrate what a glorious gift it is. We will remember who and whose we are and the gift we are called to become in Christ. We will be met by the word of God and discover how we are to act as the church in conflict. We will search our hearts as we hear Jesus tell us parables that make us uncomfortable.

In the remembering, empowering, hearing, and searching, we will be made stronger in the presence of our Savior. Stronger individually and stronger together. And just in case in all these words, it was not clear, YOU ARE A GIFT, also! You are a fearfully and wonderfully made person who has been claimed to be God's gift in the world or ... God is ready to claim you as soon as you ask!

Yes, there is often reclamation work that goes on after the claiming. It is not easy. That's why we share in life together encountering the stories of Jesus. That way when we are confronted by conflict in a merciless world that finds grace to be incomprehensible we are supported by the Holy Spirit as we remember Jesus' forgiveness and grace. And when there are temptations to sidestep our responsibilities to follow Christ or forget that God is the source of all our blessings we are sustained by our siblings in Christ and reminded that we are not alone and Christ walks this road with us. If that isn't a cause for celebration, I don't know what is!

With love in Christ, -Pastor Missy

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BARTOW

CHOIR NOTES, by Bonnie Allen



Choir News October 2023

The very first Sunday in October is going to be very special, because it is World Communion Sunday and Sheila Faramarzfar will be baptized on this special Sun-

day. It is special to me as I have taught her parents, her and her brother piano lessons, and have gotten to know the family very well. Sheila's parents were born in Iran and came to the US a long time ago. Sheila's mother told me that when she was a little girl, she would lie in bed and hear the bombs going off all around. They have made a good life here, and have raised their children in our First Methodist School, which they knew was a Christian school. Sheila will be going to South Eastern College and has decided to be baptized in our church. If you ever thought that the school was not an extension of our church, this should quell all those doubts. Elsa Huff has mentored Sheila over the years, and is presenting her on her special day. May God bless Sheila as she begins a wonderful journey.

I am thinking of Nadege Masseus and her husband, Anel, who have moved here from Haiti. They may be thinking of their homeland as we partake of communion on World Communion Sunday. It seems as though the world is getting smaller as we meld with people from other countries. Nadege and her Husband are both preachers, and we have a lot to learn about them. They are expecting a baby boy in November. Let us embrace Sheila, and the Masseus family as they become a part of our church family.

The Lord is with us as we partake of the symbolic bread and juice. It is a time of healing, and surrender to the will of God. It almost takes a lifetime to really understand the power of Almighty God. He shows us through trials, and temptations, that he has a plan for our lives. He gives us strength when we think we can't make it. He takes the trial, and teaches us that we can depend on Him. He makes us strong in our faith and commitment. It is all about Him!! How fortunate we are to know Him personally. Praise God for loving and forgiving us.

Our choir is delighted to have Bette Orwig and Christine Tomlison joining us on a regular basis. They have added so much to our group. It is exciting to have a big choir and a big sound. We have lots of fun, but we

work hard to learn the music. After rehearsal, we decide where to go eat. This ends the night with lots of laughs, conversation, and camaraderie. We will welcome anyone who would like to join the choir.

The Praise Band has added a new member, Deborah Brister. She has lots of experience singing professionally, and in church all her life. So God is blessing the music ministry of our church. Many churches have done away with choirs. I am so happy that our church has a blended service, and that we all work so well together.

Another great blessing are the births of Mason Pickard, Josiah Charbonneau, and one more due in November. Our nursery is going to be used again. I am so happy about these precious children that will be raised in the church, and loved by all of us.

Have a great month and enjoy the cool weather, Maybe??

Love, Bonnie

Grace Notes

Bill and Ted Wright would like to thank everyone who brought them food and took Bill to visit while Joan was in rehab. What a blessing!

To The First United Methodist Church Bartow, Florida:

We sincerely thank you all for all you have done for us. Your prayers helped us through Mike's heart surgery. Your meals from Fellowship Dinners were a welcomed treat. Neighbors have pitched in and mowed our yard. And now, Mike is home and healing. Your prayers will help him to full recovery.

Thank you for being such incredible neighbors (family) and being there for us,

The Hudson Family

A HUGE Thank you from Ps. Missy for those of you who have been praying as she finishes her paperwork. Your prayers have been felt and were efficacious!

Have a "Thank you" Grace Note you want to share? Email the church office at firstumcbartow@aol.com

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 : World Communion Sunday *10:30 am: Worship, Baptism, & Communion 12 pm : Luncheon for Sheila's Baptism	2 9:30-11:10 FMS Chapels 11:30 Women's Bible Study 870 Lila Street	3 8 am: Breakfast and Devotions Broadway Diner 9:30 am: Prayer Zoom 5:30 pm: Choir	4 6 pm Wed Night Dinner Covered dish & chicken \$2 6:45 Wednesday Night Bible Study Library	5	6	7 4-6:30pm: FMS 50th Anniversary Festival
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*** in the Sanctuary, on Facebook, and by Monday on YouTube**

PLEASE NOTE

Information for the October newsletter should be submitted by **Friday, October 20th**. Thank You for helping us send out the Good News in a timely manner. The Good News is published monthly by FUMC-Bartow 455 S Broadway Ave, Bartow, FL 33830.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6- Dick Thompson 23- Amy Pickard
12- Becky Kloster 24- Leeann Layton
14- Diane Alderman 25- Jack Brooks
15- Sylvia Spencer Grace Brooks
17- Olivia Brister
20- Francisco Bocalandro

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd- Jeff & Kathy Moss
18th- Bill & Joan Wright
19th- Tom & Patti Tuttle
25th- Blake & Sara Van Hook

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Below is the list of individuals who we have tried to contact as part of our membership audit. If you have current contact info for anyone on this list, please send it to the church! THANK YOU!

- 1st Year List: Emily Hughs Nathan Presnell
Diane Allen Connor Johnson Rosemary
Chris Brooks Dana Rahe Jones Strange
Marcia Brooks Chuck Kieswetter Holly Sutherland
Michael Books Donna Kieswetter Kirby Thomas
Tim Brooks Bailey Klins Mackenzie Ward
Lance Buchanan Austin Lee Josh Whitehead
Laurel Buchanan Nicole Lee Renee Whitehead
Courtney Chance Amber Locke Cathy Wiggins
Dawn Chance Casey Locke Ken Wiggins
Lindsey Chance Rachel Locke
Grady Daniels Emory Moore
Mason Daniels Molly-Grace
Betsy Draper Moore
Brady Draper Greg Neely
Debbie Draper Maegan Neely
Sam Draper Cindy Padgett
Matt Ervin Leslie Palmer
Jerry Fidler Kelly Pell
Sam Fidler Ann Plunkett
Emily Hart Aaron Presnell
Kiersten Hart Evan Presnell

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

We share our concerns:

John B- tests, Amanda B- healing & wholeness, Shirley B & son, Art C.- praise! Home!, Betty F.- cont. healing, Mike H- cont. healing, Melody H- Faye, Pat, & Kelly's friend, Kayline L- knee replacement, Chuck P. and family, Angie R- healing, Riza- Bonnie's friend, Jackie S- healing, Linda V- healing, Marsha Whitney, Those affected by: Fires in Hawaii, Hurricane Idalia', Afghanistan Violence, Marrakesh earthquake, Libyan Flood

Those in mourning

Family and friends of Chuck Powell (Margie's Cousin)

We pray for the chronically ill and homebound:

Beverly A, Jerry B, David B, Karel H, Brandon H, Pat H, Keith K, Allye M, Heath P at his mom's!, Mary Beth P, Lyn R Betty's cousin, Steve R, BJ S, Louise T, Jean & Dick T, Bill & Joan W, Patricia W, Johnny & Hilda Z

-Leaders of OUR COUNTRY & everywhere to do God's will
-Everyone affected by COVID, other sickness, repressive governments, gun violence, & natural & human caused disasters

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, Cuba; Missionaries in Angola: Leo & Cleivy Garcia, Kutela Katembo, Serguey and Graciela Espinosa; Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Argentina Pastor Doug Williams; Our Pastor, Church, & School Staff; District Supt. Emily Hotho, and our Bishop Tom Berlin

Large print bulletins can easily be made! Contact the church office if you would prefer a LARGE PRINT BULLETIN!

Don't Forget!

The Newsletter is available in a variety of ways! Printed copies are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary, in the Ushers' Room to the left of the Sanctuary entrance (facing the altar), 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!

Connectional Giving...

Connectional Giving helps fund ministries like ...

Jurisdictional Fund

The Jurisdictional Fund underwrites the cost of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference along with various programs of the Church in the Southeast.

The United Methodist Church in the United States is divided into five Jurisdictions, or geographical areas - the Northeastern Jurisdiction, the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the North Central Jurisdiction, the South-Central Jurisdiction, and the Western Jurisdiction.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) covers nine southeastern states - Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The Florida Conference is a member of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The other conferences in the SEJ are: South Georgia, North Georgia, Alabama-West Florida, North Alabama, Mississippi, Western North Carolina, Holston, Virginia, Tennessee, Memphis, Kentucky, and the Red Bird Missionary Annual Conference.

Program and Administration

The SEJ Fund provides administrative support for the Jurisdictional Council offices, program support for the Jurisdiction, and the cost of the SEJ conference every four years. This Fund provides per diem plus travel costs for the almost 600 delegates to the four-day Jurisdictional Conference. One of the major responsibilities of these delegates is the election of bishops.

The overwhelming majority of these funds are used in support of the SEJ Administrative Council and the programs it supports such as Hinton Rural Life Center, Gulfside Assembly, SEMAR, UVMIM, and the Lay Ministry Training Center.

Headquarters for the SEJ are located in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

-Dorothy Tucker

THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

These are available for you to pick up from the table in the back of the sanctuary or in the office.

The small pocket version is \$1 and the large magazine addition is \$2.



RETIRING FLAGS

We are collecting old flags for proper retirement through the VFW between now and Nov 5th, the Sunday before Veterans Day.

Flags may be placed in the labeled basket on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you!

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house."

"Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

-Malachi 3:10

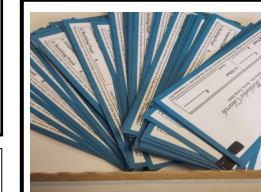
Want to give online?

It's easy and free! Talk to your bank about how you can



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

Use the email address firstumcbartow@aol.com to give!



Offering Envelopes

As you know, we are using our envelopes that would go otherwise unused or recycled...

AND... To make things easier for our 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!

ACROSS THE COURTYARD

by Nadine Waters Robbins, Church Historian



This month, our church and the community will join First Methodist School in its celebration of "50 years of Learning— 1973-2023."

In the 1950's some First Methodist "visionaries" realized the need for additional land

for our church expansion. Out of that rose the building which now houses First Methodist School.

In 1965 a committee was formed to examine possible sites reasonably close to downtown Bartow, which could contain a new structure and still be financed by the congregation. The final decision was to negotiate the acquisition of four lots, a block south of the sanctuary which contained the homes of Hugh Wiggins, Mrs. Rosemary De Coster, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davidson and Mrs. D. W. Hall (Betty F's grandmother). Members of the church were informed that the proposed site could be purchased for \$90,000. \$75,000 of this would be covered by the sale of a church-owned block to Bartow Federal Savings and Loan (now Wells Fargo) and another \$10,000 would be accepted by the Wiggins family as part of a church-owned lot on the corner of Orange Avenue and Stuart Street. Therefore only \$5,000 more would have to be raised.

The three families moved to new homes. Mrs. Hall remained for a time in the home she had occupied for more than 50 years with life-tenancy privileges. As a longtime member of the church, Mrs. Hall repeatedly stated that she would be glad to vacate anytime the church wanted her to.

During the period between the purchase of the site and the betting of the low bid of \$306,000 by Morgan Construction Company, the two middle houses (De Coster and Davidson) had been razed, even though the homes had been offered free to anyone who would move them or tear them down for mate-

rials. There were no such takers. The Wiggins home on the north end of the block, was left standing for educational uses. It was renamed Earnest Hall after it's builder, Charles E. Earnest, Jr, for many years a prominent member of the church.

A ground breaking service was held following Sunday morning services on April 13, 1969. Actual work began the next week.

By September 28 the block walls were almost completed as was most of the roofing. The cornerstone was laid at high noon on that Sunday.

On February 8, 1970 a service of Consecration occurred. One November 21, 1976 in a service of dedication, it was declared, "... this building, which by the Grace of God..., the dedicated planning and faithful commitment of our members has now become a reality, fully paid, representing an achievement of faith and a vital ministry in our community...since this building, already an instrument of service is now free of all indebtedness we assemble to dedicate it to the honor and Glory of God and His son, Jesus Christ."

As first Methodist School recalls the past and looks ahead to the future; it has and continues to represent the faith, services and ministry worthy of the "home" in which it resides.

FUMC in Ministry with FMS

Our new Youth Group has begun!
We meet on Thursdays from 2:30 to 5 pm.

And... we are working to create a
Craft Time for Elementary children on Wednesdays.

If you are looking for a way to be the hands and feet of Christ that will use your gifts, keep you wondering, and grow your faith in surprising ways, there is a place for you in our church's ministry with FMS. Interested? Contact the office, sign up in the Sanctuary, or talk to Ps. Missy!

UpComing Special Events, Seasonal Services, and Sunday Worship

October 1 is World Communion Sunday

and we will be **BAPTIZING**
Sheila Faramarzifar
who grew up in our school and has
been joining us for Worship online!

Following this special Worship
Service, Jahan, Sheila's mother, is
making us all lunch!
We hope you can join us!

First Methodist School 50th Anniversary Celebration & Fall Festival

Saturday, October 7
4-6:30 pm

**All are invited to celebrate
50 years of ministry together!**

CHARGE CONFERENCE is Sunday, October 8

We are a host church and will be welcoming
5 other churches to our Education Building
and Fellowship Hall that day!

3 churches will meet from 2-3 pm,
3 will meet from 4-5 pm
and ALL are invited to stay
or arrive early
for a fellowship time from 3-4 pm

We will be providing refreshments for the
Fellowship time. If you would like to help
with food, decorating, or greeting, please
contact the church office or sign up at the
tables in the back of the Sanctuary.

All Saints' Sunday is November 5th

We will remember the saints of our lives and
church past and present on this day.

We will continue the tradition of
honoring those who passed in our church family
during the last year with our church banner.

We will also remember the saints
in our lives with our butterfly tree.

Blessing of the Shoeboxes Nov. 12 Shoeboxes are due the week before, Nov 5

Thanksgiving Sunday & Luncheon is Nov. 19

Join us for a time of joyous celebration!
We have much to be thankful for!

December dates!

Dec 3: 1st Sunday of Advent- Hope
Hanging of the Greens Service
& Messiah Sing-a-long (Practice-2 pm)
Perform 4 pm

Wednesday, Dec 6, 12 pm:
Sounds & Silences- Various Musicians

Dec 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent:- Peace
Wednesday, Dec 13, 12 pm
Sounds & Silences- Silent Singers

6 pm:
Last WND of 2023 & Talent Show

Dec 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent- Joy
Dec 17: Choir Cantata

Dec 24: 4th Sunday of Advent: Love
& Christmas Eve at 5 pm
Lessons, Carols, & Candlelight Service

WEEKLY REMINDERS

Breakfast and Devotions Tuesdays at 8 am



Broadway Diner
Everyone is invited!

Prayer Zoom has moved to Tuesday Morning at 9:30!!!

Every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am you are invited to join us for prayer via zoom video or voice call. Please call or email the church office for the link/phone number! If you can't join us in those ways, please join us in prayer in one accord.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall
RSVP by Monday noon each week,
THANK YOU!

Bible Study at 6:45 pm in the Library

Oct 4th- Covered dish & Chicken

Oct 11th- Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad & Garlic Bread

Oct 18th- Covered Dish & Chicken

*Volunteers needed. Mrs. Carolyn will not be there.

Oct 25- Pancakes, Sausage, eggs & hash-browns

Youth meets

Thursdays, 2:30 -5 pm

Interested? Contact the Church Office!

Fellowship Events

Lunch Bunch

First Sundays of the month, 12pm

October 1st is a special
LUNCH BUNCH
in the Fellowship Hall!

Sheila's mom, Jahan, is making us all lunch to celebrate Sheila's baptism!
Join us after worship!

No need to RSVP this month!

Usually, RSVP to the Church Office by Wed before 2pm at 863-533-0904 or firststumcbartow@aol.com

3rd Monday Fellowship Event for everyone:



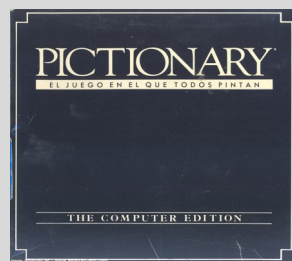
October 16th at Beef 'O' Brady's.

Arrive at 5, Bingo starts at 6.
RSVP to the church by Oct. 15th.



Silver Saints
October 29, 5 pm
At the Huffs

Game night and
Charcuterie boards!



Many of us are facing challenges these days. We don't know what others are going through.
"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
Ephesians 4:32

First Methodist School

FMS 50th Anniversary Fall Festival October 7, 4-6:30 pm.

Games, Food Trucks, and Silent Auction



Here is a sneak peak of the baskets that will be in the silent auction at the 50th Anniversary Festival:

- FUN IN THE SUN
- ALL THINGS PUMPKIN & SPICE
- A BARBECUE PICNIC BASKET
- BOOKS AND COFFEE
- THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS
- WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF LEGOS
- ROAD TRIP
- HOLIDAY BASKET
- SPORTS
- SLEEP BASKET
- SURVIVAL BASKET
- AUTOMOBILE BASKET

Come out to enjoy the festival! Fun for the whole family!



Ways we are the body of Christ in Jerusalem through Nurture & Discipleship

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
OCTOBER 2, 11:30 AM.
870 Lila Street

*All ladies are welcome to join us!
Bring a sandwich or salad. We will have soup.*

The WE CARE
Congregational Care Team



visits people, sends cards, makes phone calls, brings meals, and delivers home communion to those who need it. These are very important ministries in the body of Christ.

You may have noticed that we have had a lot of people

for whom we have been in prayer recently. Many times these individuals or their families could use a meal, visit, or someone to help with transportation to appointments.

If you could help or know someone who could benefit from any of these ministries, please contact Pat Barber at 1-443-900-2520.

Thank you!

In need of a little extra food?

Contact Kathy Wood...



She has food available for pickup as needed.

If you are interested in being part of a Golden Girls Planning TEAM Starting in the Fall, please contact the church office!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Children's moment is a time when our children get their own special version of the sermon.

We are using a new curriculum in Sunday School called One Room Sunday School. We have a rotation of teachers who work with the children regularly.



Wednesday Night Bible Study
6:45 pm in the Library

Do you care about our young people?
Is their spiritual growth important to you?
Do you like snacks and learning new things?
Then we have a group for YOU!

**JOIN OUR NEW...
YOUTH GROUP TEAM**
And be on a rotation of adults who volunteer once or twice a month.
Youth meets



Thursdays, 2:30 -5 pm

Ways we are the body of Christ in Judea, Samaria, & beyond through Mission Outreach Evangelism!

SHOEBOXES

Shoe boxes are a way that we can participate in this ministry that spreads the Good News of Christ around the world!



Pick yours up in the sanctuary on Sunday or church office Monday- Friday and pack it according to the instructions!

They are due Sunday Nov 5.
Blessing of the Boxes is Nov 12

ARGENTINA MISSION:



Our friends in Mendoza could put the following items to use in their ministries:

- +Thumb drives
- +Used Laptops or Tablets (or new- we aren't picky)
- +Useful and fun school supplies (such as pens, erasers & stickers) for neighborhood children

Drop donations in the basket in the church.

EAST ANGOLA Mission LUNCHEON



Raised \$738.30!

These funds will go to help:
East Angola Clean Water
Kutela Katembo's Ministry
Serguey & Graciela Espinoza
The Quessua Children's Feeding Ministry
Leo & Cleivy Garcia
And the Quessua Health initiative

Kathy Wood needs drinks!

As most many of you know, Kathy cooks and supplies simple food and necessities to many people in the area who do not have a place to call home.

Because of the extreme heat, Kathy is concerned about folks keeping hydrated. Donations of bottled, water, sports drinks or juice boxes can be placed in the **RED** Bucket in the back of the Sanctuary.

THANK YOU!

Coming In January!

Kathy Wood will have a yard sale. Money raised goes to purchase food to feed hungry folks. Donations can be left in the screened in porch at her house.



BARTOW CHURCH SERVICE CENTER

At the Church Service Center, volunteers sort and hand out food the 2nd and 4th Thursday,



each month rain or shine. Sign in is at 11:30, work sorting food till 1:00, then hand bagged food to people driving through beside the tents until 2:00. We serve 150 to 200 families each time. We need a minimum of 4 people working each tent.



Six tents equals 24 people helping. Recently we had 1 or 2 people per tent. Short of help, we finished at 3:00.

We need volunteers!!

