

FAITH FLASH 2021 Aug 29-Sept 4



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Reach UP in Worship

Reach OUT in Mission

Reach DEEP in Discipleship

August 29 Scriptures from
Pastor Stephen

Sermon: Mark 7:1-8
Old Testament: Psalm 15

SUNDAY SERVICES

9AM Contemporary Worship
Children's Church, ages 3-5th grade
Wesley Centre

10:10AM Adult Church School
Open Door, 1st floor Ed. Bldg.
John Wesley, 1st floor, Ed. Bldg.

10:15-10:30AM Prayer with the Pastors
Chapel, 2nd floor, Education Building

11AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9AM service is live-streamed at:
www.youtube.com/1stUMCPlantCityFL/videos

Due to an increase in Covid-19 cases, we
kindly ask the congregation to wear a
mask when singing.
Thank you for your cooperation.

August 29th is Fifth Sunday, a special United Methodist collection day for the Florida Children's Home. Our church has a special connection to the Children's Home. You may read about it at <https://firstchurchplantcity.com/whats-up/the-411/fifth-sunday-is-children-s-home-sunday/>. Checks made out to FUMC should indicate "Children's Home" in the memo. Checks made out to the Children's Home should be mailed to:



FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S HOME
ESTABLISHED 1908

The Florida UM Children's Home
51 Children's Way
Enterprise, FL 32725

Thank you for your continued support!

Prayer with the Pastors

Would you like to pray privately with one of our pastors? In addition to the prayer request cards, Pastors Stephen and Dennis are available in the Chapel on Sundays, 10:15 to 10:30AM, to pray with you. Bring them your hope, your sadness, your joy. With your feelings and petitions, they will pray. The Chapel is located on the second floor of the Education Building.

NEW ACTIVITIES & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

DAUGHTERS OF DISCIPLESHIP New. Vital. Purposeful.

A new women's ministry that will focus on engaging women of all generations as we grow meaningful connections with one another and cultivate a deeper relationship with God. Our special emphasis is on women; our eyes are on God. All women are welcome! Beginning **September 14th at 10AM and 6:30PM**, we will meet the second Tuesday of the month. Please join me, Debbie Kaczmarek, as I share the vision of our new women's ministry with the congregation at the 9 and 11:00 services this coming Sunday. Please contact Debbie at debbiekaz@aol.com or Ellie Fox at ellynrosefox@gmail.com for further information.



THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Faith Community Nurse 1-4PM
Deadline for announcements 4PM

TUESDAY

Staff Meeting 10:30AM
Boy Scouts 6PM

WEDNESDAY

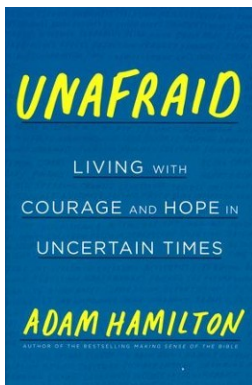
The LOFT: Student Ministries 5PM
Children's Bible Study 5-6:30PM
Praise Team 6:30PM
Chancel Choir 7:30PM

THURSDAY

Faith Community Nurse 1-4PM
Finance 5PM

The Open Door Class has started a new video Bible study.

UNAFRAID: LIVING with COURAGE and HOPE in UNCERTAIN TIMES by Adam Hamilton. Please come join us in Room 120 in the Educational Bldg, at 10 AM.



Calling All Preschool and Elementary Children! Ages 3-11

Our Wednesday Night Bible Study will commence and continue each week beginning **September 1st**.

5-5:30 p.m. Playground

5:30-6:30 p.m. Lesson, Activities, and Snack

Have a passion or gift for leading the next generation of children?! We need your heart and hands for help with distributing snacks, helping with crafts, and building relationships. Please reach out to Jenny Kime to sign up for a day to play, pray, and convey the love of Jesus.


⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY FUND THE MINISTRIES OF THIS CHURCH.
You may mail in your contributions, drop in the collection plate, or visit firstchurchplantcity.com/giving/

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to begin the restoration work on our beautiful sanctuary. For almost 100 years the faithful members of First United Methodist Church have maintained our iconic building that graces downtown Plant City. It is our turn to take care of her now. With matching grants from the Plant City Faade Improvement Grant and the Hillsborough County Historic Preservation Board Grant. We will begin repairing and replacing deteriorating mortar, damaged brick and wood. We will also be replacing the protective coverings on our stained glass windows. This will be a multi-phased project that will likely stretch over several years. You will hear more about this project in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you for your faithful generosity to God’s church. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Pastor Stephen

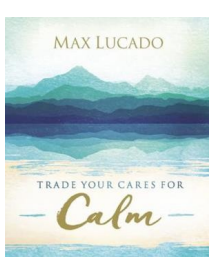


Young at Heart returns in September! Get ready for monthly fellowship, interesting programs, and great meals prepared by Debbie Shelton, beginning Thursday, September 9th, at 11AM in the Wesley Centre. Come for a celebration: a renewal for fellowship and everyone’s birthday!

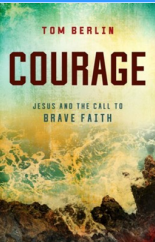
Please reserve your place with Barbara Carver, 813-756-3054, \$6 per person, by Monday, Sept 6th. Everyone is welcome!

Refreshments anyone? Beginning Sunday, September 12th, we will be offering coffee, juice and snacks in the library in the Education Building at 10:30 AM. Please feel free to stop in and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship!






Are you trying to find a way to get “back to normal” after a difficult year or are you worried about the year to come? The **CALM** study may be for you. Author Max Lucado has written this study to help keep a healthy Christian perspective on everyday living. With his frank and open writing style, he makes it fun and practical to move on with a clear focus and a positive outlook. If you are dealing with anger, frustration, depression, sleep disorders, chronic health issues, among others, **CALM** can show you how to approach these issues with humor and optimism. Join Barbara Barden, RN, our Faith Community Nurse, on a healthy journey. You may contact the church office or Barbara at 813-763-1623 or bbarden4@verizon.net to sign up. This is a 10-week study, meeting once a week. The class can meet on Mondays or Thursdays from 1 to 4 PM. When you sign up please let us know the best time for you, then we will pick the time most convenient to the majority of participants.



Throughout Jesus’ life he was called upon to be brave. As Christians we try to follow his example. In the book and 6-week study **Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith**, pastor and author Tom Berlin helps us to understand what true courage is and how God works in our lives when we exhibit a brave faith. This study will be held on Wednesdays, beginning **September 15th at 1PM and 6 PM**. You may contact Erwin Nesvacil at ern1128@gmail.com or 941-400-4402.

SEEDS (Sisters Encouraging and Enjoying Discipleship Study) is a women’s Bible study that meets every other **Monday at 1PM** in the John Wesley Room in the Traditional Building. Beginning **September 13th**, we are exploring the Book of Romans with a video study by Max Lucado called [Romans: In the Grip of Grace](#). If you are interested in joining us, please text or call Nancy Wisgerhof at 813-833-0541.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

This year our church plans to partner with the United Food Bank of Plant City through their Empty Bowls Project. This project is an extension of the United Food Bank’s mission to feed and enrich the lives of others. Through feeding and job training, the United Food Bank makes a difference in the lives of individuals and their surrounding community.

The Empty Bowls Project has become the Food Bank’s largest fund raiser of the year. With the purchase of a ticket one is offered a sampling of a variety of soups, as well as a small, handmade and decorated bowl. Music and family friendly activities are offered on the day of the event. Money is raised which in turn is used to raise others from poverty.

Our church needs people to make soup and/or serve it on the day of the event. One is not obligated to serve soup if they make it. One is not obligated to make soup if they want to serve it.


Empty Bowls will take place on Saturday, November 13th at the Robert W. Willaford Railroad Museum on Palmer Street in downtown Plant City. The lunch event will start at 10:00 a.m. and continue through 1:00 p.m.

There will also be an Empty Bowls 5K Run starting at 7:00 a.m. in front of Krazy Kup in downtown. Do we have any runners who would like to represent our church?

Please help us help others!

For further details and to volunteer, please contact Ellie Fox, ellynrosefox@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



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