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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Sundays:

8:30 & 11:00 am
9:45 am Sunday School

Mondays:

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesdays:

6:00 pm Art Class: LEC
7:00 pm Hispanic Home
Church (FH)

Wednesdays:

8:30 am Prayer Team
(Sanctuary)
12 pm to 2 pm Food
Pantry Open
5 pm Church Library Open
6:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Kingdom Kids
6:45 pm Youth and Adult
Bible Studies
7:00 pm Choir

CLEWISTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

John C. Hicks - Senior Pastor

This Summer during June and July, we change our Worship Services to 10:00 a.m. What a wonderful opportunity for each of us to worship together!



The seminary professor was giving an exam to identify notable figures in the Bible. One question asked, "Who said, 'Give me a man.?'?" One of the students wrote down "Rahab, the harlot." The professor gave the student credit for the question, even though the answer he was looking for was, "Goliath".

The ancient Israelites were in the field preparing for battle against their enemies, the Philistines. The biggest, baddest, strongest Philistine, Goliath, stepped out from the gathered army and gave a challenge: "Give me a man, that we may fight together." In those days it was customary for two individuals to duel first in a fight to the death, with that battle setting the tone for the entire war.

No one wanted to take Goliath up on his challenge. Visualize, if you can, a man who is three feet taller than Shaquille O'Neil and a lot uglier. Now cover him from head to foot in sheet metal. Any wonder why no one wanted to take that challenge?

Then a little runt named David volunteered to go forth. They said no way, but David was determined. They tried putting the king's armor on him, but it was too

big, too much. So David went out to face Goliath wearing only his shepherd' clothing and carrying a sling shot. He didn't even take a sword or spear. Instead, he went



to the stream and chose five smooth stones.. And despite his apparent lack of readiness, David was ready for his confrontation with the giant Goliath because he believed that God was on his side.

Many people today have difficulty making the connection between their personal faith and their everyday lives. We need to see that faith in God gives us confidence to battle whatever giants come our way. Our faith makes a difference in how we face difficulty.

The story of David and Goliath is not a lesson on the power of positive thinking. It is the story of a God who whispers to us that we can do it; that He will be with us; that with His help, we shall prevail. You know the outcome of this story. David felled Goliath with a single stone and the battle was won.

May the same God who went into battle with David be with you in your battles, whether those battles are physical or financial or social or mental. Trust in God. He will give you the victory!

Pastor John

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Faith, Hope and Love in Action

Debbie Tuel of Agape Home, Inc., Moore Haven, spoke at our May Unit meeting on "Healing and Restoration for Emotionally Wounded Women". The account of her own story was truly inspirational. Agape Home can minister to 10 women at a time. The Love Offering designated for the Home was \$317. There were also donations of "Needed Items" for the Home.

The summer events will be "dutch treat" luncheons. Vice President Abby Moss has made arrangements at Common Grounds, corner of Bond Street and Sugarland Hwy., for lunch on Tuesday, June 21, 10-12 am. The menu and cost will be made available later. All interested women are encouraged to join us for this time of fellowship.

Judy Blankenship, Emily Drake and our three District Officers, Shelley Davidson, Sharon Wilson and Sissie Lumpkin, attended the District Meeting held May 14 at Memorial United Methodist Church, Lake Placid. Luella Lowe, former District president, wife of a retired Methodist pastor, mother of seven children and several foster children, registered nurse, etc., was the featured speaker. Her subject "United Methodist Women at the Table.....Serving Their Purpose" Our purpose includes, among other things: (1.) Reaching young people--teaching them while they are young about missions, not making excuses for them not to come, encouraging them;(2) Making programs fit the purpose; (3) Sharing Christ: The Commission has not changed.

The UMW sponsored School of Christian Mission will be held July 18-22, or weekend only July 23-24 at Bethune Cookman University, Daytona Beach. Classes will be held on the subjects emphasized for study in the coming year. Contact Shelley Davidson (863-599-9070) for information.

June Flower Duty – First Monday Bible Study

DON'T FORGET! – We collect Campbell Soup labels for Redbird Mission and BoxTops for Education for the local schools.

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Heavenly Reflections of our Earthly Fathers



A certain father who listened as his son told him about his first

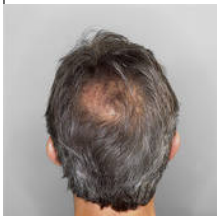
serious conflict at school. He had been picked on by three bullies who punched him and knocked him off his bike as he was

riding home. These bullies had made life difficult for the boy, and he told his father that they threatened to do more harm the next morning. The boy was greatly disturbed; he didn't know what to do.

That evening the father taught his son some basic techniques on how to defend himself. Together they explored all the possibilities, including the possibility that he might try to win them over as friends. The father worked hard to build up his son's self-confidence. The next morning the father and son prayed together. And with a reassuring embrace and a handshake, the father smiled confidently and said, "You can do it, son. I know you'll make out all right."

With that assurance the boy got on his bike and rode off to school. What the son did not know was that his father followed him in the car that day. He stayed just far enough behind to remain out of sight, but close enough to come to his son's assistance if needed. If there was trouble the father would be there. The son might have thought he was all alone, but his father was behind him all the way. Knowing

that God is with us, like that father was with his boy, is a great comfort. People are able to face all sorts of giants when they know that God is with them.



The barber lifted the youngster into his chair and said, "How do you want your hair cut, sonny?"
"Just like Dad's, with a hole in the top."

More Fatherly Reflections

One spring day a tornado touched down in West Texas near Paul's home. He was only three or four years old. At the first hint of trouble his father hustled all the children inside, laid them and their mother on the floor together, and covered them with a mattress. His father explained that they would be safe there. But as they waited out the tornado, Paul realized that his father had not climbed under the mattress with them. Paul peeked out to discover his dad standing at the window, watching the funnel cloud turn and twist across the prairie.



When Paul saw his father by the window, he knew where he wanted to be. He struggled out of his mother's arms, crawled out from under the mattress, and then ran and wrapped his arms around his dad's leg.

Paul recalled, "Something told me that the safest place to stand in a storm was next to my father."

One night a house caught fire and a young boy was forced to flee to the roof. The father stood on the ground below with outstretched arms, calling to his son, "Jump! I'll catch you." He knew the boy had to jump to save his life. All the boy could see, however, was flame, smoke, and blackness. As can be imag-

ined, he was afraid to leave the roof. His father kept yelling: "Jump! I will catch you." But the boy protested, "Daddy, I can't see you." The father replied, "But I can see you and that's all that matters."

This month we honor our earthly Fathers for those special times when they made us feel safe. Unfortunately, not every father engenders a feeling of safety in his children, which makes us appreciate even more those who do!

SPECIAL WORSHIP IN JUNE AND JULY!



During the summer months of June and July, we will have **ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE** starting at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will be at 9:00 a.m.

This will be a special time when church family and friends from both services can come together and worship together. We will go back to two services in August, when school starts again.



Make plans to come and invite others to join you. All summer we will have special music and special messages. In July, we will have several guest preachers:

July 10

Dr. Friedman with Jews for Jesus

July 31

Representative from the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

We will have our first combined worship service starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 5th, where we will celebrate communion together.

As an expression of gratitude to the church, the youth will provide a free breakfast for everyone that morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Life Enrichment Center.

**Come and enjoy the fellowship.
Come and be a part of something special!**

Wednesday Dinners in June

We will have no formal family night dinners in June, but we will have light suppers for our Vacation Bible School on June 25—July 1



Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Churches.

June 1—4

at the Tampa Convention Center.

This is the annual meeting
of the United Methodist
churches in Florida

Please keep your prayers
flowing!



Vacation Bible School

Monday – Friday, June 25—July 1.

**Light dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.,
followed by programs, crafts, singing,
and games!**

Mark your calendars now!
Invite friends and neighbors!

Needed: Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. for
snacks and dessert. *People* to help teach and co-
teach classes; *people* to help prepare and/or serve
the meals and snacks; *people* to help with registra-
tion; and *people* to help with whatever needs to be
done! **We need you!** Call Kathy Hicks at 983-7041.

**Youth Mission Trip
to the Creation event in Pennsylvania.
June 25—July 2
Please keep them in your prayers!**

**Camp Pioneer
for the Mentally Challenged
July 10—16**

Buddies are still needed to spend the week helping
these special campers have a wonderful week at
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CHURCH LIBRARY

Church library hours: 5:00--6:00 p.m.
on Wednesdays
Location: West side of the sanctuary.
Use outside entrance.



Older books you might be interested in:

Papa Was a Preacher by Alyene Porter (1950) A true story of a preacher and his family in the early 20th century. Interesting and entertaining. A bit of old Americana.

The Fabulous "Dutch" Zellers by Raymond J. Jeffreys (1948) This story is a powerful, inspirational and encouraging testimony to a sick world. It is the living, ringing proof of the power of God to change men. With the preaching of Billy Sunday and sincere prayer, miracles happened.

The Answer Is God by Elise M. Davis (1955) This is the inspiring personal story of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Roy and his wife Dale, his golden palomino, Trigger, and his German Shepherd dog, Bullet, were featured in more than 100 movies and "The Roy Rogers TV Show".

The Greatest Story Ever Told by Fulton Oursler (1950) This is the story of Jesus. It is a chronology of events from the betrothal of Mary and Joseph to the days after the Resurrection. What is imaginative in the narrative is largely detail to fill in chinks left open in the Bible accounts. The author's intention is to induce readers to go to the Gospels and read the story firsthand. My Answer by Billy Graham (1954) Graham presents several hundred of the most interesting questions to him in his syndicated column. The wide variety of subjects is of great importance to everyone--dating, marriage, children, teen-age problems, divorce, death, religion, war and many more. '

Reference books are in the center closet in the Trinity Room.

Would you like to volunteer to help in the library? Contact Emily Drake, 983-7783 Email: jded3020@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS

Kelsie Hanson	June 1
Caleb Harper	June 2
Trish Adams	June 3
Katie Whidden	June 4
Ray Tash	June 6
Joseph Lee	June 7
Shirley Marino	June 7
Lynn Lazere	June 8
Morgan Pearce	June 9
Keith Causseaux	June 10
Mckenzie Miller	June 11
Melissa Thomley	June 11
Morgan Miller	June 12
Jane Robison	June 12
Ashley Thomely	June 13
John Loper	June 15
Margo Fatzinger	June 17
Robert McColley	June 18
Silvia Jones	June 19
Brenda Whidden	June 20
Beth Leon	June 21
Terry Crawford	June 22
Sarah Hammock	June 24
Jessiah Cruz	June 25
Ron Swick	June 27
Carl Burner	June 28
Karlee Lamb	June 28
Wren Keen	June 29
Dianne Swick	June 29
Matthew Wilson	June 29

FLOWERS

June 5	Mary and Mitchell homas
June 12	Open
June 19	Alan and Ardis Hammock
June 26	Open

ANNIVERSARIES

Samuel and Luan Walker	June 1
John and Emily Drake	June 10
Todd and Carla Wheeler	June 12
Joey and Brandie Guasp	June 17
John and Sandy Stitts	June 17
Joe and Chelsea Hillard	June 18
Nathan and Nicole Koetje	June 21
Carl and Pat Sweet	June 22
Dave and Cheryl Abney	June 30



Dear friends,

Thank you for your donation of \$316.00 on May 3, 2011. We had a triple graduation this month two of the woman left and one decides to stay one as a volunteer staff. Upon completion the graduate is equipped to maintain a drug and crime free lifestyle.

It is only the grace of God that changes lives. We are so blessed to watch the transformation as woman are delivered, and set free from life threatening bondage. It is a privilege to partner with you in ministry.

Love in Christ, Debbie Tuel
(Director of the Agape Home)



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"WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!"

The irate customer calling the newspaper office, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was. "Madam", said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY." There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter, "Well, that explains why no one was at church either."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 WEBS=6:45 PM (Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins)	2	3	4
5	6 FMB:11:45 AM	7	8 Pentecost FC=12:00 PM WEBS=6:45 PM	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day MBS=9:00 AM	15 WEBS=6:45 PM	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 First Day of Summer	22 WEBS=6:45 PM	23	24	25
26	27	28 MBS=9:00 AM	29 WEBS=6:45 PM	30		



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WHAT IS PENTECOST?



Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.