GRACE IN ACTION
Dedication of 2015 Church Leadership Team

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11

MESSAGE REMEMBERING AND BEGINNING Pastor Jim

HYMN 605 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A Service of Word and Table III, pages 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Everyone is invited and welcomed to receive Holy Communion as we celebrate an open table in The United Methodist Church. You will be invited to come forward to remember your baptism and receive Holy Communion.

*CANTICLE OF HOPE 734 (with sung response)

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Jim

*RESPONSE 99 My Tribute

POSTLUDE O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

setting by James Mansfield

(kindly refer to Hymn 247 for the words)

*Serving as Worship Leader today: Reverend Judy Todt

Request forms are available at the sound booth to order a copy of today’s message on CD.

Figures from Christmas Eve:

Attendance: 709

Figures from December 28, 2014

Attendance: 329

Weekly Offering General Fund Goal: $16,200

Offering Received: $23,371.25

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Nursery is in the main hallway of TFEC and is available during worship and Sunday School. Infant & Toddler room – 104 Preschoolers – 106

CHILDREN’S CHURCH takes place after the praise set at the 9:00AM LifeJourney Contemporary Worship Service in TFEC. Families will worship together, then the children will be dismissed to Children's Church around 9:15-9:20 in room 108 for Children's Church and Bible story time. At 10am children are taken upstairs to rooms 207/206 & 205 for KIDZ CLUB Time. This time will include crafts, games and sometimes a small snack. Please check your child in PRIOR to worship to ensure safety for your child. Pick up will be upstairs in the back lobby area at 11:15.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Sunday school meets at 10:10AM upstairs TFEC room 200. Youth Group (Both Middle & Senior High) meets on Wednesdays, from 5:30PM to 7:30PM in TFEC.

PARENT AND ADULT CLASSES

Traditional
9:30AM Wesleyan Class in the main building, West Wing.
9:40AM Christian Encounters in the main building, East Wing.

LifeJourney
10:10AM Your Turn Class in the main building, Meeting Room C.
10:10AM Relevant Class in TFEC Room 103. The Relevant class will be revisiting The Story and doing the curriculum starting 1/4.

For more information Sunday School Fliers are located in the Information display in the lobby of TFEC or on the table in the Narthex of the main building.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Carolyn Winfrey
PRE-SERVICE HYMNS 251, 254 & 252 Pat Darling

WELCOME Pastor Jim
(Please fill out the Response Card and place it in the Offering.)

PRELUDE (11:00 a.m.)
We Three Kings of Orient Are arranged by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr (kindly refer to Hymn 254 for the words)

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

*GREETING (people read the bold face type)
After weeks of rushing and responding, this is a season to stop and reflect.
Even when sounds and lessons overwhelm us, this is a season to listen and learn.
Even when sorrow and loneliness abound, this is a season to laugh and love.
Even when life disappoints us, this is a season to hope and believe.
In this season of possibilities, Christ walks with us through the marshes of entrenched obstacles. We are not alone. Walk into the new year with God. This is a season of new beginnings.

*OPENING HYMN 363 This is a Day of New Beginnings

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 “The Apostles’ Creed”

*OPENING PRAYER (in unison) God of new beginnings and faithful endings, walk with us into this new year. Show us the majesty of your presence, that we may walk forth in light and hope. As we listen to your word, help us learn the lesson of contrasts. Help recognize your presence in every aspect of life—birth and death, tears and laughter, losing and finding, waging war and establishing peace. God of the faithful and prodigal, guide us to walk with you into this new year with hearts full of expectant longing. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 70 Glory Be To The Father

*PASSING THE PEACE (All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER AND MORNING PRAYER Pastor Jim

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Welcome and Announcements
(Please fill out your Response Card and place it in the offering.)

Passing the Peace

Praise Music
(After Praise Music, children are invited to attend Children's Church.)

Prayers

Grace In Action

Offering

Scripture
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Video Scripture
“The Baptism of Jesus”

Message
REMEMBERING AND BEGINNING Pastor Jim

Remembering Your Baptism

Holy Communion
Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion as we celebrate an open table in The United Methodist Church. You will be invited to come forward to remember your baptism and to receive the bread and cup. There is a gluten-free station at the left center station.

Closing and Sending Forth

WELCOME TIPS
1. Wear your nametag. If you need a nametag, sign up for a laminated nametag (free) or magnetic nametag ($9) in lobby.
2. Circle of 10. Greet anyone who comes within 10 feet of you. Make a special effort to greet people you do not already know.
3. Rule of three. During the first three minutes after the service, talk to people whom you do not know or who are guests. Why three minutes? That is the average time it takes guests to exit after worship, so it is important to connect before they depart.

Grace Notes
A NEW YEAR AND NEW GROUPS FOR STUDY

- **Adult Sunday School Classes**
  9:30 a.m.
  - **Christian Encounters** – uses study book on Aging. Meets in East Wing in the main building.
  - **Wesleyan Class** – uses Adult Bible Study. Meets in West Wing in the main building.

- **10:10 a.m.**
  - **Relevant Class** - uses “The Story” curriculum Meets in TFEC Room 103
  - **Your Turn Class** – uses the message as a launching point for discussion. Meets in Meeting Room C in the main building.

- **Beth Moore Study** – led by Sue Bensen
  Wednesday Night, at 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor, beginning January 14, 2015. Contact Sue at 460-6437 with any questions.

- **Covenant Bible Study** – led by Pastor Jim
  Covenant is an in-depth group Bible Study that centers around our relationships with God, with each other, and with the world. It differs from other Bible studies in that it emphasizes the biblical concept of Covenant—the enduring commitment between God and people—as a unifying pattern throughout the entire Bible. It underscores the unique relationship that God chooses with us as God’s people. The 24-week study covers the whole Bible by moving between the Old and New Testaments—discussing books from each in a way that shows the interconnectedness of scripture as a whole.

  Two options:
  - **Wednesday Night**
    - 6:30 p.m., in the Parlor, beginning January 14, 2015
  - **Thursday Morning**
    - 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor, beginning January 15, 2015

  Book and Study by Adam Hamilton
  Thursday Night, at 6:30 p.m., in the West Wing, beginning January 8, 2015.

**SIGN UP FOR THESE STUDIES NOW BY CALLING OR EMAILING THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST UPDATE**
Our next Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, January 17 and will continue the 1st and 3rd Saturday morning of every month through April.

**Wednesday Night Life**
Wednesday Night Snack Supper at 5:15 pm for the children/youth families and adults participating in Wednesday night activities, such as KIDZ club, Youth Group, Adult Studies/Groups, Choir. For $2.50 per person, a snack supper will be served in TFEC.

We are looking for Church groups or classes to sponsor a Wednesday night supper. We need volunteers to prepare and serve the suppers. Contact Vicki or Pastor Jim in the Church office for more information.

We have several groups/classes for all!
Feel free to visit one on Wednesdays:
- **KIDZ Club** PreK-5th grade
- **Youth Group**
- **LIGHT for Adults** led by Nicole Ramsland
- **Beth Moore Study** (coming in January) led by Sue Bensen
- **Covenant Bible Study** (coming in January)
- **Choir**
- **Dad’s Group**

Let us know if there is something you would like to see offered!

**NEW HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** begins in January – as we reach out to our faithful members who are homebound or who are living in nursing facilities. If you would like to help out with homebound ministry, please contact Betty Anderson at 941-493-0361, Pastor Jim, or the church office. This is a great way to be in ministry for 2015.

**United Methodist Men’s SUPPER**

Come out for the Monday, January 5 Men’s meeting to hear from our very own retired FBI Agent Henry W. Curran. Henry worked under J. Edgar Hoover, the famous FBI chief, who had a famous history for cleaning up major crime in the US! This is a life time opportunity to ask question about Al Capone, Pretty Boy Floyd and some of the mobster’s during the time Hoover was in office. See you at 5:30 p.m. in Punch Hall for supper that will be served by the United Methodist Women.”

*Today is the last day for reservations. Mark your response card.

**Grace Travel Opportunities 2014/2015**

- January 29, 2015 Trip to Winter Park to Museum etc. only 32 tickets available $33. PP
- March Baseball game price and date TBD
- April 2, 2015 Sailor Circus $30 PP

**Don’t forget your Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2015!**
Pick up a copy in the lobby area if you don’t have one. Use S-O-A-P (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer)! For more information about SOAP, see January’s Newscaster or go to www.LifeJournal.cc. You can also go to www.Bible.com and download the App. Subscribe to the Life Journal Reading Plan and you can get daily reminders.

Dive into the Word in 2015!
Grace United Methodist Church, Venice, Florida

Church Leadership for 2015

* Church Council Chair  Jay Geerdes
* Lay Leader  Pat Darling
* Lay Member, Annual Conference  Sue Bensen
Reserve Lay Member, Annual Conference  Tom Stoddart
* Trustees Chair  (To be elected by Trustees)
* Finance Committee Chair  Diane Bender
* SPRC Chair  Larry Bender
* Financial Secretary  Cindy Toepfer
* Treasurer  (To be elected)

United Methodist Way Teams

* Radical Hospitality Leader  Jane Ann Jennings
* Passionate Worship
  * Traditional Worship Coordinators  Jan Fingles, Phyllis Johns
  * Life Journey Worship Coordinator  Cindy Toepfer
* Intentional Discipling
  * Discipleship Coordinator  (To be elected)
  * Salty Service
* Missions Leader  (To be elected)
* Extravagant Generosity
  * Finance Committee Chair  Diane Bender
  * Legacy Gifts Coordinator  Warren Wasson
* Interpreter of Connectional Giving  Sue Bensen

* Campus Ministry Representative  Nancy Klingbeil
* Young Adult Ministries Coordinator  Nancy Klingbeil
Memorials Committee Chair  Ayleen Durrer
Membership Secretary  Katrina Cook (staff)
Disaster Response Coordinator  Gene Stover
FUM Children's Home Representative  Gerrie Parsons

* Preschool Board Chair  Carol Erb
* President, United Methodist Men  Gary Beck
* President, United Methodist Women  Dorris Ann Wasson
* President, United Methodist Youth  (To be elected by Youth)

Staff – Program Ministries

+ Pastor  Jim Mitchell
+ Director of Children's Ministries  Vicki Mackey
+ Director of Youth Ministry  Britt Holdren
+ Praise Team Leader  Rob Lincoln
+ Organist/Traditional Music Director  Gene Hodges
+ Preschool Director  Patsye Dulmer

Notes: * indicates position is voting member on the Church Council.
+ indicates position is non-voting member on the Church Council.