

The Witness
October, 2020

PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

WHAT IS ON MY MIND? We were thrilled to hear from you in our recent survey. Thank you for your participation.

We wanted to know your comfort level with attending worship and to explore adding ministries like Sunday school and Nursery. You gave us much to ponder...and to pray over.

Three services are both necessary and bring challenges with each one. I want to tell those of you who come to 11:00 am worship how much you mean to this body of Christ. Without you, many people could not attend at 8:45am and maintain social distancing.

As our good numbers continue to go up (and we work to keep the bad numbers down) what shall we add to keep everyone safer? Could it be time to have an **evening vesper service**—with prayers for the evening, readings from the Psalms, a brief word and music for your soul?

As the sun moves to darkness, the loveliest quiet moment in our part of the Kingdom soon happens: our magnificent sanctuary windows hold the last rays of the sun with the glory intended by the stained glass artists.

Soon, rather than later, we will hear the sounds of life, again, in our Education building. It will make my heart glad.

I dearly love doing church with all of you.

Faithfully Yours,

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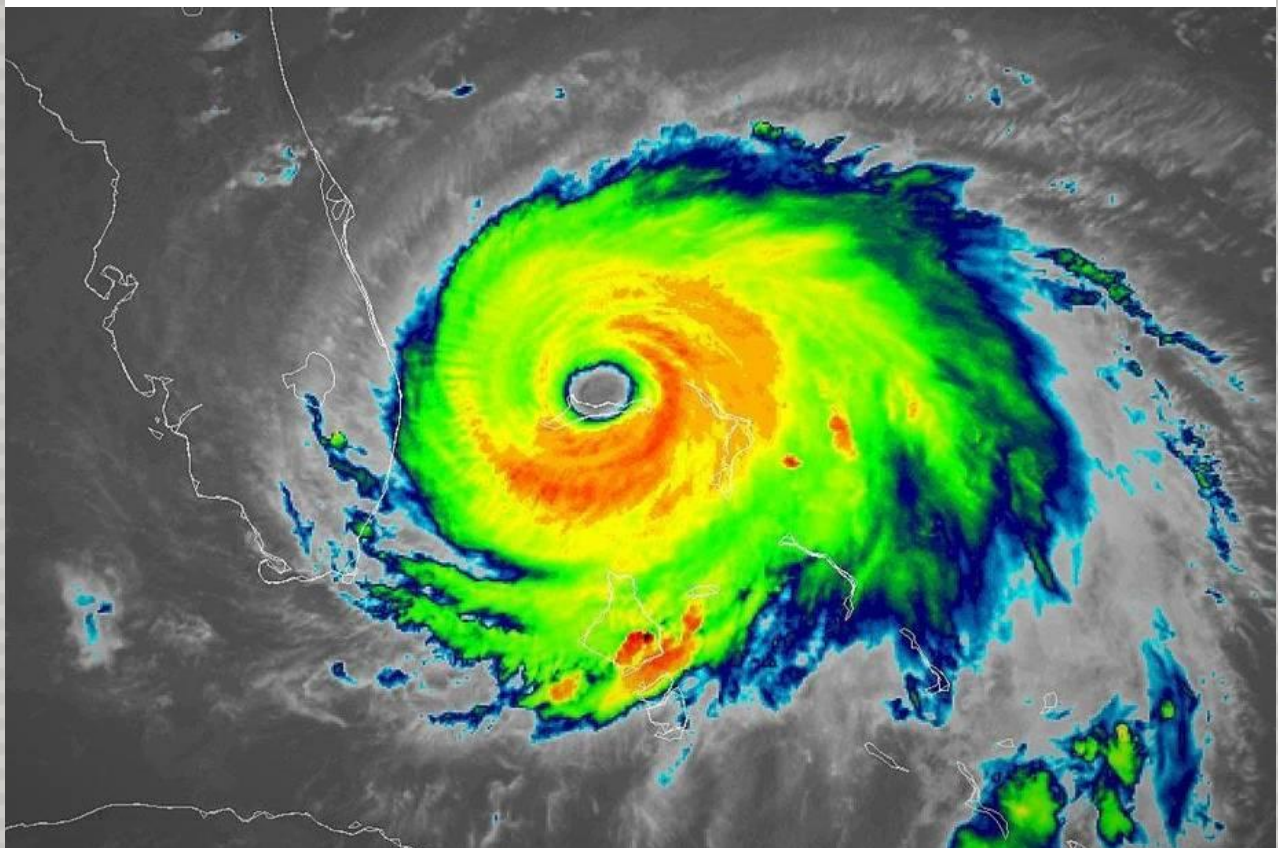
4 ways to give to FUMC

1. TEXT: FUMCDEMOPOLIS TO 73256

2. MAIL: 200 EAST DECATUR ST

3. WEBSITE: WWW.FUMCDEMOPOLIS.COM CLICK "GIVING"

4. in person during office hours



Hurricane Relief: there are two ways to help.

- 1. Donations - Make your check payable to FUMC in the memo "Hurricane Relief"**
- 2. Flood Buckets are needed. Please click [UMC Mission](#) for more information. You may drop off completed buckets at the church.**



Children's Activities (K through 5th grade) will be available on Sunday, October 4th at 5:30 pm, during the movie Chosen. Drop your kids off for fun activities and a Bible Story. Stay tuned for more activities to come.



Save the date. There will be a Charge Conference on Sunday, October 18th, at 5:00pm, in the Sanctuary.



ALL CHURCH FAMILY

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those He impacted. Each episode digs deeper into the backstories, context, and events of the gospels in a way never seen on film. Join us Sunday, October 4th, at 5:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall as we watch Episode 1 together. We will be following social distancing guidelines. Please wear a mask while walking around.

[Click here to view "The Chosen"](#)



Sunday Worship Service times:

- **8:45 am** – Contemporary Service: Please wear a mask while walking around.
- **10:00 am** – Traditional Service: Masks are required at all times in the Sanctuary.
- **11:00 am** – Contemporary Service: Please wear a mask while walking around.

Ushers:

8:45 and 11:00 am – Harris Hurst, Perry Parten

10:00 am – Pat Smith, John Laney, III, John Laney IV

Altar Guild:

Becky Jordan, Mandy McAlpine, Sheron Laney, Carey Windham, Joyce Hitt, Betty Johnson, Gayla Culpepper



DECEMBER 13, 2020

10:00 AM

SANCTUARY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE



**MEMORIALS /HONORARIUMS
CHILDREN**

Gordon Moore, Jerry Huckabee: *Perry & Kay Parten*

ELEVATOR

Gordon Moore: *Don & Christine Black*

BLUE LAKE

In Honor of the Church Staff: *Ann & Gerald Parsons*

VBS SANITATION STATION

Ro Crocker: *Jane Watson*

IN MEMORY OF

Gordon Moore: *The Richardson Family*

Max Bailey: *Dan & Vickie Wilson, Johnny & Jane Wallace*

Donald Harrison: *Thomas & Carolyn Bell*

IN HONOR OF

Woody & Joy Collins: *Joe & Jean Richie*

FOOD PANTRY

Joe Richie: *Jane Watson*



May the abundance of the
Love of Christ fill all the days
of your life.

Have a Blessed
Birthday!

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1 Susanna Bell	10 Caroline Overmyer Frances Mackey Amanda Jones	19 Mary Beth Freeman Austin Lindsay Robert Wood
2 Jim Lawler Parker Smith	11 Morgan White	20 Katie Hewitt
3 Johnny Lewis	12 Tommy Coats	21 Craig Seale Morgan Clements Jamie Gilchrist
4 Mary Carlton Parten	13 Shelley Wood Garry Malone Rebecca Hasty	22 Brad Daniels
5 Keith Holley Emily Yelverton	14 Mary Michael Cowling	23 Carol Bell
6 Adam Rice Ty Jones	15 Frank Boozer Roy Jordan	24 Michael Wilson
7 Theresa White John Wallace	16 Steven Moorer	26 Bryant Deas
8 Garry Ferguson Linda McGillivray	17 Nathan Chambers	29 Foster Freeman

Kimberly Vann
Jane Wallace

9
Ann Parsons
Charlie Singleton
Frank Sampson

18
Ken Atkins
Harper Wallace
Dan Wilson

30
Garrett Miller
Meredith Fitzgerald
Brian Seymore



Operation Christmas Child

Christians have faced challenges and issues all through the ages just as we are now. Life is different and many of our events have been cancelled due to Covid, but the gospel is NOT cancelled! So, it is time to **TRUST and ADJUST!** Covid has affected almost every corner of the earth so there's no greater time to spread hope. Many children in our world have never received a gift or heard about Jesus. We have an opportunity to help Samaritan's Purse reach 11 million children through the Operation Christmas Child project this year. You can bring hope and joy to these children by supporting our church OCC project. This year we are asking for **financial donations only** so that we can purchase items in bulk to reduce chances of spreading germs. We plan to set up a packing station where individuals and families can sign up to come, in limited numbers, to assist in packing shoeboxes. Our goal is to pack 200 shoeboxes! Donations will also help to pay for the required postage. Look for further notices in the church bulletin for details.

The operation Christmas Child Project is a key to opening hearts all over the globe. Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." **Please pray for this project that God will use your donations to transform a precious child's life.**

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