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Mother's Day

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and we would like to honor all the mother figures in our lives. We are inviting each of you to send us a picture of your mother or someone who has been a strong mother figure to you to show in worship next week. Please email a picture to honor a mother of your life to operations@firstchurchmiami.org no later than this Thursday, May 6th at 4pm.

Small Group Changes

We discontinued our North Miami small group on Thursday nights, and Pastor Audrey's Thursday night group is being invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for Prayer and Praise. For the time being, we will only have our Motivation Monday group, Young Adult group every other Tuesday, and Prayer and Praise every Wednesday. We hope that you all will consider joining us for those opportunities.

Breakfast Club Changes

As of May 2nd our homeless ministry will be scaling back temporarily to 3 days per week (Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursday). This change is only temporarily as we work out some staff transitions for the longer term. Stay tuned for more updates as we go along.

Park and Praise

We will be having another joint Park and Praise service with Greater Bethel on Sunday, May 23rd at 11am. This will be in the parking lot behind the church. You can stay in your car or have a seat in a chair in the parking lot. Social distancing and masks will be required. We will still have our virtual service that week as well, but we invite all who are able to join us for that special day.

In Person Worship

Our COVID task force has set a target date of June 20th to reconvene our in-person worship. You can go ahead and mark your calendars, we will be sending out more information about that and all the safety measures we will be implementing in the coming weeks.

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

Please send your Offertory checks to:
First United Methodist Church of Miami
200 S Biscayne Blvd, 20th Floor
Miami, FL 33131

Ways to Connect

Sunday, May 9th

7:00am Homeless Breakfast

11:30am Virtual Worship

(Church Facebook Page or Website)

More details about these opportunities are available on our website.

www.firstchurchmiami.org



News & Notes

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST-TIME WORSHIPERS: We are happy to have you share in this service of worship. Whether you are a visitor or a newcomer to the area, we ask that you fill out a Connect Card so we may contact you personally. A nursery is provided beginning at 9:30am each Sunday morning for children under 6 years old in the Fellowship Hall, and there are Bible Study opportunities on Sunday at 10:00am.

UMW MEETING: The next meeting will be on May 16, at 1:00pm

VIRTUAL SMALL GROUPS:

Motivation Monday Group

Our Music department started an audiobook club and meets on Mondays at 11:30am.

The Small Group focuses on inspirational books to grow your faith and spirituality.

Please email music@firstchurchmiami.org if you are interested.

Tuesday Night Downtown Small Group

Leader: Pastor Kipp

Time: 7pm

Frequency: Bi-weekly

Please email Pastor Kipp if you want to join this group!

Especially in this isolating time it might be helpful to find a space to connect!

Prayer and Praise Wednesday Group

Leader: Pastor Kipp

Time: 6:30pm

Frequency: Weekly

We will be meeting through zoom, please contact Pastor Audrey for the zoom link.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Giddy Up with God

Children and Families are invited to join us for a weekly virtual teaching time with Ms. Nakia and Ms Brianna! This will happen each SUNDAY at 10am.

We will be meeting virtually through zoom! <https://zoom.us/j/934924156>

YOUTH

Each week we will hold an in-person gathering at Greater Bethel with fellowship, dinner, games and a message. We are also planning some fun service and fellowship opportunities in the next few months. Mask will be worn at all events and social distancing will be practiced.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Justin Lambert at youth@firstchurchmiami.org.

We would love as much participation as possible.

Please feel free to invite friends/family to attend as well.

Next Youth Group:

Sunday, May 2nd, 4:30pm-7:00pm

NOT May 9th due to Mother's Day

Sunday, May 16th, 4:30pm-7:00pm

Sunday, May 23rd, 4:30pm-7:00pm

Sunday, May 30th, 4:30pm-7:00pm

Welcome to Worship

May 2nd, 2021



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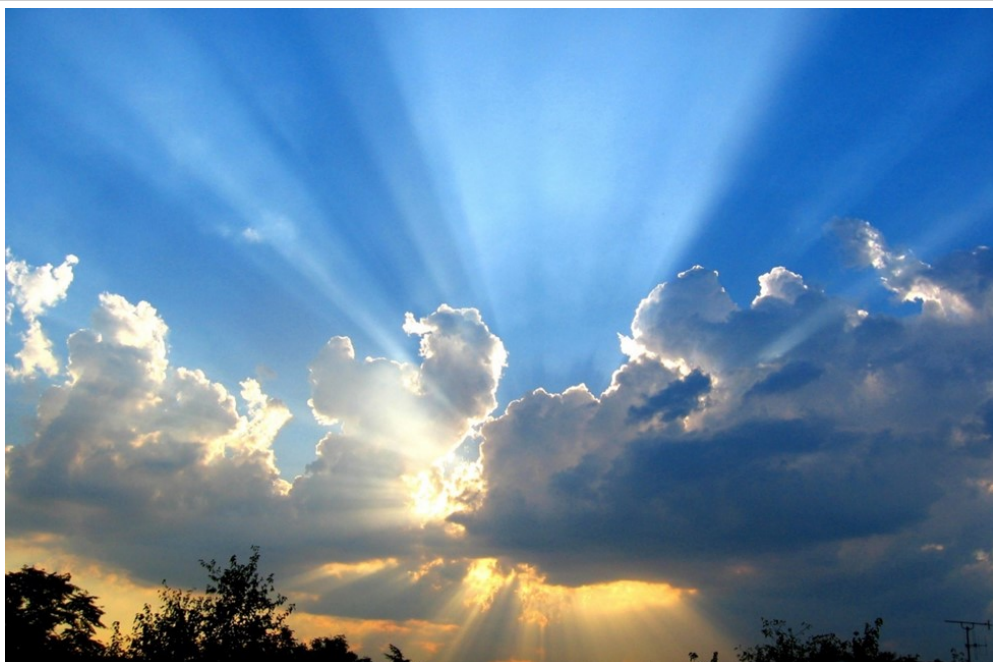
Lucas Bonates, Brazilian Pastor: lucas@firstchurchmiami.org

Justin Lambert, Interim Youth Director: youth@firstchurchmiami.org

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11:30 AM SERVICE

PRAYER REQUESTS



WELCOME & GREETING

***OPENING HYMN** *Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus* No. 277

*OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE *Oceans*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 8:26-40**

*Reader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.*

A TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

MESSAGE **"A Holy Happening on a Desert Road"**
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems

VIDEO

ANTHEM *Shall We Gather At The River* No.723

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *One Bread, One Body* No. 620

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The gifts received in worship today support the ministries of this congregation as well as our mission commitments around the world. Thank you for your generous contributions.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Baptized In Water*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessings* No. 671

*BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

Re-Development Plans: Continued prayers for the leadership and members of our church as we continue to vision and plan a new space.

Linda Von Cannon: Please continue to pray for her as she battles lung cancer.

Cameron Lashbrook- Please pray for Rev. Cameron as he battle brain cancer. He is a UMC pastor in Orlando.

Please pray for Gerard's father who is an ER Doctor working with Covid-19 patients

Stephanie Ault-- Please pray for Stephanie who is a RN working with Covid-19 patients

Deborah Dawson-- Deborah sister, Denise Sewer-Shields who has severe cancer. Please pray for her children, grandchildren and husband and the entire family as she works to battle cancer. We are praying for a miracle.

Lee Lennon requested prayer for: Walter Trujillo, Patricia Sumas, William Sumas, Ellen Young, Maria Fernanda de Freitas, William Dwyer and all who have passed due to Coronavirus.

Wally Saborido — Wally has cancer & is diabetic. Please pray for him as he goes through chemo and is very isolated.

Silvia Somarriba- Prayers for Silvia, Gerard's paternal grandmother, her cancer has returned and is aggressive. Prayers for her treatment and the entire family.

Norman Smith- Jenifer Smith's father- prayers for his health, healing and for him to hear God's direction for his life.

Candace Hardy-- Please pray for Candace's cousin Denise Ranson who is battling cancer

Candace Hardy-- Please pray for Candace's uncle Timmy Ranson who has health issues

Joseph Williams--Please pray for Joseph who is suffering from liver disease

Brad Corlass— Brad contracted COVID-19 and is in the hospital fighting for his life. Please pray for Brad, his family and friend.

Karla Cortada— Karla is 3 year old with brain issue causing her seizures and a host of other things. Please pray for Karla and her family.

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems is Superintendent of the South East District of the Florida Conference. The district includes 65 United Methodist Churches from Delray Beach to Key West. She has served in this role since 2015. Before this appointment, Cynthia was pastor here at First UMC of Miami from 2009-2015. She has been in ministry for over twenty years and finds Miami to be her favorite context for challenging, vital, and hope-filled ministry.

**The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen