

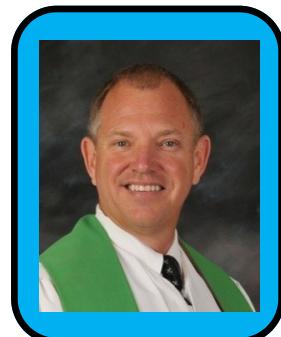


April 2017

Soundings

To joyfully
share the
love of
Christ as
we...
WORSHIP
GOD
CONNECT
TO GROW
&
SERVE
THE
WORLD

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| Worship | 2 | Spring has sprung! How do I know? The cars are yellow from the pollen and noses are sniffling all over town from the allergic reactions! |
| Connect | 3 | We have had a wonderful Lenten season with our Going Deeper series on Sundays and our faith sharing Lenten Midweek services. Thank you to all who have attended and for those who shared their stories! |
| <i>Connect cont. / Serve</i> | 4 | Now we prepare for Holy Week. This year will be especially meaningful as we have Lenten Midweek on Wednesday; a new Maundy Thursday dinner, communion, and foot-washing; our Powerful Good Friday worship, the Easter Cantata on Saturday; and then the glory of the |
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Cliff's Notes

Rev. Cliff V. Melvin

Resurrection on Sunday. The schedule is below for this most holy week of the Christian year.

It is my hope and prayer that all of us take full advantage of the Holy Week offerings. PLEASE do not go from the wonder of Palm Sunday to the glory of Easter without experiencing the critical events of The Last Supper and The Crucifixion. To do so is to miss the depth of meaning found in the resurrection.

I know many of our seasonal guests leave at or before Easter, so let me say thank you for another good season together and that we look forward to your return next Fall or Winter. Next January we will have a number of Small Groups ready for you to be a part of here at CBTS. Plan now to join one during your time here at CBTS UMC.

I want to extend an invitation to all of you to attend our April 25, 4:00pm Church Council meeting.

We will be hearing from the principal of Beachland Elementary School and one of her key staff people about how we can more fully partner with them in the coming year. She will share about the dramatic demographic shifts in the school and how we can help them be more effective and reach kids with the love of Jesus. We will be meeting in Ratcliff Hall.

Have a blessed Easter!

Holy Week Schedule

April 12th at 6:30pm
Lenten Worship Service

April 13th at 6pm
Maundy Thursday Service
RSVP Requested, 772/231-1661 X305

April 14th at 7pm
Good Friday Service

April 15th, 10 – 11am
Easter Egg Hunt

April 15th at 4:30 & 7pm
Easter Cantata

April 16th at 8:30, 9:40 &
11am
Easter Sunday Services



Holy Week

April 12th at 6:30pm—Lenten Worship Service

April 13th at 6pm—Maundy Thursday Service

(RSVP Requested, 772/231-1661 x305 for Maundy Thursday Service, Seder Meal served)

April 14th at 7:00pm—Good Friday Service

April 15th at 4:30 & 7pm—Easter Cantata

Please join us for our *Annual Easter Cantata*



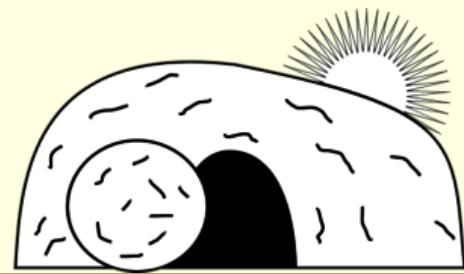
WHAT LOVE IS THIS?

SUFFERING SERVANT - CONQUERING KING

Saturday, April 15 at 4:30 pm & 7 pm

Christ By the Sea presents "What Love is This?" an Easter Cantata. Music by Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Brad Nix, Marty Parks, and Larry Shackley. Featuring a full mixed choir, 35 piece orchestra, liturgical dancers, and dramatic narration proclaiming in song the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES



April 16th

WORSHIP - 8:30, 9:40 & 11:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45am

WORSHIP

CONNECT

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Meet The New Members

We are delighted to introduce four new members who recently joined our church.



Frank Blaisdell

An avid golfer who also enjoys biking and travel, Frank grew up in Long Branch, New Jersey and moved to Vero six years ago. Now retired, he enjoyed his career in Property and Casualty Insurance. A “Lifetime Methodist” he credits his wife bringing him to a Christmas Cantata as his introduction to CBTS. He credits the “warm active atmosphere” and his need to “reconnect” for remaining.



Karen Spaulding

Having been a “seasonal resident” for six years, Karen moved to Vero full time in 2015 from Altoona, PA. Raised in the Brethren Church she made a commitment to Jesus Christ at age 10. She holds a PhD in Instructional Design from Penn State and worked in Marketing for many years. Among her hobbies she includes reading, her three children and five granddaughters!

Charles (Buddy) Troutman

Buddy grew up in Texas and has one son and two grandchildren. An avid sports enthusiast and fisherman, he is very happy to have made his life in Vero Beach. Another “Lifetime Methodist” most recently he was a member of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.



Janet Troutman

As a lifelong Texan, Janet recently moved to Vero Beach with her husband, Buddy, to be closer to her mother, Nancy Sayford, a member of Christ by the Sea. Janet is a mother of two sons, and four grandchildren. Her past careers include flight attendant, interior designer, catering business owner, office manager and realtor. She grew up Southern Baptist and gave her heart to Christ at age 8. The Church has been a huge part of her life and she is happy to live the rest of her life here in Vero Beach, otherwise known as Paradise.

His careers have revolved around sales and management. He is hoping to enjoy all that Florida offers.

CONNECT Cont.

We've Added A Nursery

Check out the newly established Infant Nursery located in the south wing of the church (next to the Toddler Nursery). Overseeing the nursery is our long time Nursery Worker, Gail Bouchard.

In September 2016 we welcomed twins (Grace and Jacob) to our church family (children of Lila and Eric Sandgren) and quickly realized we lacked an appropriate facility to serve them and others. Historically, CBTS' infant nursery had morphed into a storage area and most recently an office. Now we have repurposed the space back to an infant nursery and are becoming equipped to meet the needs of our youngest, while parents participate in Worship, Sunday School and Special Programs.

Our new nursery provides opportunities for volunteers to assist in one of the two nursery rooms. We are in the process of developing a volunteer roster. Volunteers will be assigned to nursery duty (as often as they would like) but we anticipate a rotating schedule of once every two months (if enough people volunteer). If you are available to volunteer please contact June Traylor, Director of Ministries (772-231-1661 x302 – whose office is now located in the north wing) as soon as possible and enjoy the blessing of serving our church family and guests.



SERVE

United Against Poverty (UP) Update

This is a rescue and transitional ministry (formerly Harvest Food and Outreach) that CBTS has supported for several years. UP serves anyone that lives in Indian River County and is at or below 200% of poverty. UP's rescue programs include the Member Share Grocery Store which served 3,608 families in 2016 saving them \$3.9 million.

This supplements the family budget to assist with cost of housing, utilities, medical care and child care emergencies. Also In 2016 UP's Crisis Stabilization and Resource Connection Service assisted 807 people to receive active referrals to various community services. This includes healthcare, domestic violence counseling, utility payment relief, childcare, and food stamp assistance among others.

UP's Transitional Ministries include educational workshops on finance and budgeting, health and nutrition, computer skills and GED preparation. One of the most successful programs is STEP (Success Training for Employment Program). This 10 week course includes preparing participants to enter the job market by honing their skills, developing an impressive resume and building confidence for the job interview. Subsequently, the member is placed with one of 60 local employers for on-the-job training. At the end of this phase most are offered a job. The STEP job coach follows the individual for up to three years to encourage the member to become a model employee. In 2016, 100 participants completed the STEP program! That is 100 people from unemployment to full employment!

All of these programs need your help to accomplish UP's goal of serving as many people as possible. Please sign up in the narthex and let me know if you would be willing to attend a volunteer orientation and tour of the facility. You can also contact me directly at aggator70@gmail.com.

Art Alston, UP Serve Team Coordinator



FINANCE

Hot News from the Stewardship Desk:

As of March 23, 2017 we have 170 Pledge Cards having been submitted this year with nearly \$480,000.00 pledged. This compares favorably with last year, where we had only 163 cards submitted with \$478,000 pledged. However, in 2015 we had 197 cards for a total of \$520,235.00, which was a very good year.

With this in mind, our studious Finance Committee has decided to endorse, once again, a Spring Matching Gift Program for Sunday April 2, 2017. So please bring in an extra gift to Christ By The Sea that one and only Sunday, if you possibly can, using a Matching Gift envelope or write "Matching Gift" on your check so it gets counted toward the \$42,500.00 Angel Gifts we need to match. Remember, this does not count toward your pledged amount. This is separate.

This Drive really assists us in getting through the summer months, where our support and worshipper rates drop nearly in half. We do love our Winter Worshippers, though, and hope some year soon they might consider taking up year around residence here. This is a great place to live all year around. And, thank God for Air Conditioning.

You might be interested in knowing that about 80% of this Angel Pot of \$42,500.00 is donated by friends of CBTS and not members. So we members need to show how grateful we are for their support, and maybe some day they will become members. Aren't we blessed to be so loved? Truly, this is an amazing place. God Bless you all who read this, and Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

David Vogt

Endowment

The IRA Charitable Rollover

Legislation signed at the end of 2015 permanently extended the IRA Charitable Rollover, which allows individuals age 70 1/2 or older to make a charitable gift of and satisfy required minimum distribution rules without paying taxes.

The IRA Charitable Rollover rules:

- You must be 70 1/2 or older on the date of the transfer and assets must be transferred directly from an IRA to a qualified charity or church.
- You may exclude the gift amount for federal income tax purposes (up to \$100,00).
- The amount transferred counts toward your required minimum distribution.
- The IRA trustee reports the qualified charitable distribution on IRS Form 1099-R and you list the distribution as non-taxable on your federal 1040 income tax return.



SIGN UP NOW! FELLOWSHIP GOLF OUTING & DINNER

APRIL 22, 2017

1:30 PM Shotgun Start

Scramble, Four Person Teams
Dinner, Awards & Prizes—6:00 PM
Open to all Church Members and
Invitees

Cost: \$100 Per Player, Includes Golf & Dinner | \$30 Per Person, Dinner Only

For more information contact:
Dave Bryant 772.205.4347.

Financial Summary

(Snap shot of the numbers as of 2/28/2017)

General Offering

Annual fiscal year Budget
\$774,200

Year-to-date income
\$545,020

Giving year-to-date
(7/1 –2/28)

Attendance

Average weekly 2016—469

Average weekly 2017—441

%Decrease 5.92%

Community Easter Egg Hunt at CBTS

Saturday, April 15, 10:00am – 11:00am

For children through Grade 5

Meet at the playground and enjoy the fun!

Reservations Requested: 772-231-1661 x302



United Methodist Women

Our April 5 meeting features an “English Tea”. You are encouraged to wear a hat for this special event. A few extra hats will be available if you don’t have one or forget to wear one. Our guest speaker will be Maria Sparsis of *Tea and Chai* here in Vero Beach.

I wish you all a happy and blessed spring,

Toby Ann Mann, President



Birthdays

- 1 - Stu Foster
Dody Swenson
- 5 - Nancy Schaumloffel
- 6 - Sue Moenkhaus
Amy Robinson
- 8 - Carol Windsor
Marcus Flores
- 9 - Gene Lyon
- 10 - Debbie Avery
Leann Cirillo

- 11 - Joan Glad
Larry Zeigler
Tom Halverson
- 12 - Howard Brewer
Lois Oehme
Christina Gilbert
- 15 - Jacob Cowart
- 16 - Diane Hill
- 17 - Stu Keiller
- 18 - Isabelle Windsor
- 19 - Ed Boardman
- 20 - Cliff Melvin
Muriel Marshall
Linda Karnes
- 21 - Gail Bouchard
Alfred Whittet
- 22 - Ryan Raffensberger
- 23 - George James
- 25 - Laverta Cassidy
- 26 - Tsuen Chen Wang
- 28 - Janice Sly
- 30 - Barbara John



Anniversaries

- James and Joann Rondeau - 2
- Jim and Toby Connery - 4
- Craig and Lindsey Bassue - 4
- Bill and Toby Mann - 7
- Don and Linda Karnes - 21
- Zach and Jessica Martin - 21
- Tom and Betsy Hamilton - 26
- Charlie and Marjorie Burnett - 27
- Peter and Sally Haeffner - 28
- Glenn and Emily Tremml - 30



A Short History of the Easter Egg

For Christians, the Easter egg is symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches, eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross. Easter eggs are blessed by the priest at the end of the Paschal vigil and distributed to the congregants. The hard shell of the egg represents the sealed Tomb of Christ, and cracking the shell represents Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

The “Easter Egg Roll” is another popular egg-related tradition. Eggs are rolled as a symbolic re-enactment of the rolling away of the stone from Christ’s tomb. In the United States, the Easter Egg Roll is an annual event that is held on the White House lawn each Monday after Easter.

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 5th Sunday in Lent 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Matching Gift Sunday	3 10am —Al-Anon 6pm —Connect Group Leaders mg 7pm —Men's Bible Study	4 4:00pm —Serve Mtg. 4:30pm —Liturgical Dancers 7pm —Neighborhood Watch Meeting	5 11:30am —UWM Unit meeting (English Tea) 4:00pm —Bell Choir 5:15pm —Youth Group 5:30pm —Dinner 6:30pm —Lenten Worship Service	6 9am —Prayer Group 1pm —Craft Group 6pm —Chancel Choir 7pm —Cantata Choir	7	8
9 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm The Source	10 10am —Al-Anon 7pm —Men's Bible Study	11 10am —Grief Support Group 4pm —Trustee Mtg. 4:30pm —Liturgical Dancers 6:30pm —Suicide Survivors Grievers support group	12 4:00pm —Bell Choir 5:15pm —Youth Group 5:30pm —Dinner 6:30pm —Lenten Worship Service	13 9am —Prayer Group 1pm —Craft Group 1pm —Sacred Circle 5:45pm —Chancel Choir 6pm —Holy Thursday Service 7pm —Cantata Choir	14 7pm —Good Friday Service	15 10am —Easter Egg Hunt  4:30 & 7pm —Easer Cantata
16 Easter Sunday 8:30, 9:40 & 11am Worship Service  9:45am Sunday School	17 Church office Closed 7pm —Men's Bible Study	18 2:30pm —Endowment mtg. 4pm —Finance Mtg.	19 10:30am —UMW board Mtg. 4:00pm —Bell Choir 5:15pm —Youth Group 5:30pm —Dinner 6:30pm —Christian Enrichment	20 9am —Prayer Group 11:45am —OWLS 1pm —Craft Group 6pm —Chancel Choir	21	22 1:30pm —Fellowship Golf Outing & Dinner 
23 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	24 10am —Al-Anon 7pm —Bible Study	25 4pm —Church Council mtg. 6pm —SPRC mtg.	26 4:00pm —Bell Choir 5:15pm —Youth Group 5:30pm —Dinner 6:30pm —Christian Enrichment	27 9am —Prayer Group 1pm —Craft Group 1pm —Sacred Circle	28	29
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