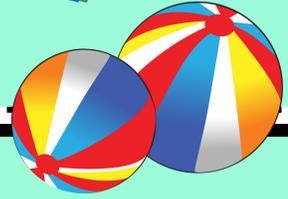




# SOUNDINGS

## JUNE 2017



To joyfully  
share the  
love of  
Christ as  
we...

**WORSHIP**

**GOD**

**CONNECT**

**TO GROW**

**&**

**SERVE**

**THE**

**WORLD**

## Cliff's Notes

Rev. Cliff V. Melvin



This month I thought it would be good to give you an update on our 5 Year Plan. For 2017 we are working on the following items:

1. Improvement of outdoor lighting
2. Transportation plan for retirement centers.
3. Beginning a new mid-week Modern worship service  
Possibly focused on being bilingual with our Hispanic brothers and sisters.
4. Developing restroom renovation plan.
5. Continued expansion of Connect Groups and Walk To Emmaus Retreats.
6. Re-establish Infant Nursery and staff. We have three infants in the church now with three more on the way.
7. Hire Section Leaders for choir through a special gift.
8. Establish an Evangelism team to focus on bringing new people to church and design a clear Discipleship Process (2018) from seeker to follower of Jesus.
9. Expand our partnership with Beachland Elementary School.

**For 2018 these are priorities;**

1. Complete Discipleship Process
2. Continue to develop Beachland partnership
3. Complete restroom renovation
4. Capital needs project list (including Ratcliff flooring and space dividers, renovate old offices, covered drive-thru, renovate playground, etc.) and decision about Capital Campaign.
5. Continue Preschool exploration.

Isn't it exciting to be a part of a dynamic, growing church!

Praying you have a relaxing beginning to these long, hot summer days!

Peace,

*Cliff*

### Honoring the Ministries of Mary Lazarides and Lisa Melvin

On June 25 we will be honoring the ministries of Mary Lazarides, (Bookkeeper) and Lisa Melvin (Youth Director). Their last day of work will be June 30. Let's shower them with cards of appreciation! Cake will be enjoyed after worship.

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# WORSHIP

## CHRIST BY THE SEA CONCERT SERIES 2017-2018

### **NOV 19, 2017 3 PM** CARUSI/FLORES TWO-PIANO CONCERT

Renowned Italian piano virtuoso Nazzareno Carusi returns to play with our very own Marcos Flores in a two-piano passionate performance of Mozart and Rachmaninoff masterpieces among other works.

Tickets available.

### **DEC 16, 2017 4:30 & 7 PM** CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Come and join us in celebrating the birth of our Messiah Jesus Christ with a full mix choir, soloists, 35 piece orchestra, living manger, liturgical dancers, and dramatic narration.

Free-will offering appreciated.

### **JAN 21, 2018 3 PM** STOTT/FLORES VIOLIN & PIANO CONCERT

Local beloved artists Matt Stott and Marcos Flores will enchant us with the emotional and grandiose violin & piano partnership that will definitely fill all hearts with beautiful and memorable musical jewels from this legendary chamber repertoire.

Tickets available.

### **FEB 11, 2018 3 PM** BROADWAY CONCERT

Singers Tee Rockwell, Tania Ortega-Cowan, Kyle Jones, and Edmund Nalzarro join Marcos Flores on the piano, Pete Hengen on the bass, and Gully Shell on percussion on the sequel of the sell-out concert two years ago. Prepare to hear more of your Broadway favorites performed by these exciting artists.

Tickets available.

### **MAR 31, 2018 4:30 & 7 PM** EASTER CANTATA

Come and join us in celebrating in song the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ with a full mix choir, soloists, 35 piece orchestra, liturgical dancers, and dramatic narration.

Free-will offering appreciated.

**Tickets available starting April 2017**

online at [cbtsumc.org](http://cbtsumc.org) (concert series),  
at the church office M-F 9am-4 pm, or at the door.



**Christ by the Sea UMC** 3755 Hwy A1A Vero Beach, FL 32963  
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# CONNECT

## **VBS Offered by Two Thirds of American Churches- Including CBTS**



According to a 2012 Barna study more than two thirds churches in American (68%) offered Vacation Bible School in the summer of 2011. In recent years, this level of involvement has remained fairly stable. The origins of Vacation Bible School (VBS) date back to 1894 and Hopedale, Illinois where a teacher, D.T. Miles, started a day Bible school to teach children during the summer. In 1898 a New York City Doctor's wife wanted to find a way to keep children off the streets in the summertime and rented a large beer hall on the East Side. Her idea expanded and eventually the New York City Baptist

Mission Society established several of these Bible schools around the city. By 1907 the Baptist Mission Society had established a national committee for Vacation Bible Schools.

Clint Jenkin, PhD., Vice President of research at Barna Group, commented on the research findings

1. VBS remains a key way for churches to minister to their community – and not just the kids, but to the parents as well.
2. VBS is an opportunity to engage young adults in service. Using young people as servants and not just consumers is an important way of establishing a faith that lasts.
3. Finally, an effective VBS needs to have specific objectives. Is it new long-term relationships with kids and families or an increased awareness of the church in its community?

Over the past five years CBTS has been blessed with exceptional VBS volunteers willing to share the love of Christ in a variety of ways: Decorations, Registration, Bible Story, Scripture Memorization, Music, Crafts, Games, and Snacks. Over the past five years CBTS has been blessed with wonderful, energetic, inquisitive children who joyfully participate. Now we are gearing up for our July 10-14 adventure: "Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the Victory is Won". Our prayer is that kids leave knowing their need for a Savior and that His name is Jesus.

Perhaps you are one of the volunteers who has already indicated your participation – YEAH! Perhaps you are considering volunteering – we still have opportunities available. Perhaps you could provide yummy (or healthy) snacks for our staff (information about that will be forthcoming). Perhaps you have family or neighbors who could invite to attend. Children ages 4 through Grade 5 are invited to participate. Register (volunteers or children) by going to the church website: [www.cbtsunc.org](http://www.cbtsunc.org), clicking on events and scrolling to Vacation Bible School. Participant cost is just \$10 and includes a cool T-shirt and CD/ DVD with all the music. Scholarships are available by contacting June Traylor (772-231-1661 x302). We are thrilled to have Chris MacBeth (772-696-1477) taking leadership this year and she welcomes your questions or comments. We look forward to a winsome Christ centered week.



# CONNECT Cont.

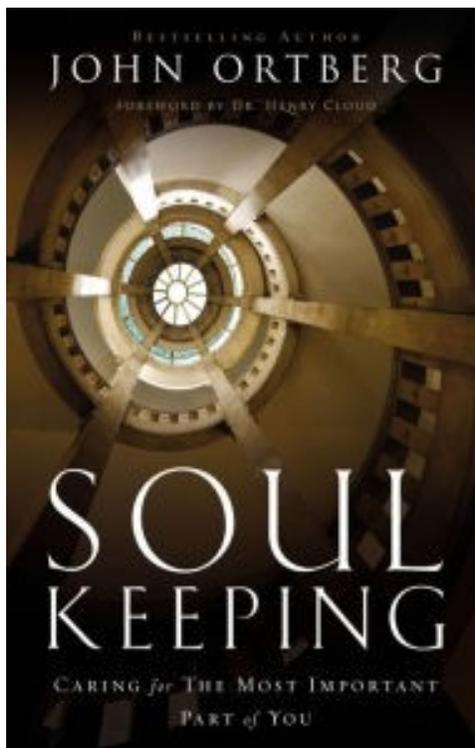
## Soul Keeping– New Adult Sunday Study

Beginning June 4, Cookie Thompson facilitates a nine week study of “Soul Tending” with a Jon Ortberg video series and lively discussion at 9:00am in the church Conference Room.

According to Jon Ortberg, senior pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Menlo Park, CA, the health of your soul isn’t just a matter of saved or unsaved. It’s the hinge on which the rest of life hangs. It’s the difference between deep, satisfied spirituality and a restless dispassionate faith.

In an age of materialism and consumerism that tries to buy its way to happiness, many souls are starved and unhealthy, unsatisfied by false promises of status and wealth. We’ve neglected this eternal part of ourselves, focusing instead on the temporal concerns of the work and not without consequence.

Ortberg presents materials that will help you rediscover your soul, the most important connection to God there is – and find your way to divine depth. Ortberg brings practicality and relevance to one of Christianity’s most mysterious and neglected topics.



### From Barrel to Pantry

For many years Christ by the Sea maintained a “Hunger Barrel” stocked with food donations available to persons coming to the church in search of food assistance. The deep “Barrel” made it difficult to visualize the items and easy for outdated items to be buried in the bottom. Recently no one was tasked with its oversight. Recognizing these challenges the Serve Team identified the need to do something a bit different to continue to assist the a number of people coming to the church in hopes of finding food.



Enter new member Diane Keiller who enthusiastically accepted the responsibility and began to pursue a solution. Diane recruited CBTS member Ray Lancaster who designed and hand made a “Donation Barrel” and “Food Pantry”. As you enter Ratcliff Hall from the Church Main Entrance, you will find these handsome items located immediately on the left east wall. Many thanks to Diane and Ray for their vision and commitment.

Now we need to keep it stocked. Please donate new, unexpired, unopened packages or cans of non-perishable food in the “Donation Barrel”. Especially helpful are cans with flip open tops for easy access. After being checked, the food will be placed on the “Food Pantry” shelves and available for distribution.

Should you have questions or suggestions please contact Serve Pantry Chair, Diane Keiller (772-217-3772).

### **Visiting Churches in Cuba Including Our Sister Church, La Roca De Salvacion**

Recently three CBTS members, Roberta Dougherty, Carol Martin, and Don Wacker visited churches in Cuba, including our sister church, La Roca de Salvacion in Las Parras. Other churches visited were Nuevo Jerusalem in Holguin and Pasion de las Almas in La Florida, Camaguey. The team delivered gifts and shared joyous times.



In Nuevo Jerusalem they saw a water reclamation system installed by an American ministry, Living Waters, which makes contaminated water potable. Contaminated drinking water is a widespread problem, particularly in the arid eastern portion of Cuba where our sister church is located. The government has been trucking in clean water and dumping it into people’s private cisterns because the well water in the area is bacteria-contaminated.

They saw our sister church’s new parsonage, purchased last year, adjacent to the church property. It is spacious but sparsely supplied and needs beds and furnishings. Money was delivered to the sister church to help with those needs. The church also badly needs musical instruments for worship. They are still using equipment Christ By the Sea delivered to them a decade ago.

The team visited former pastor Barbara Zunigar in Camaguey. She was struggling without a sister church to help her. Fortunately, after returning from Cuba, we were informed a sister church has been assigned.

Medical assistance for a child at our sister church has been secured via the financial help of the CBTS’ United Methodist Women. In May, this child will go to Havana for an operation on a deformed eye.

There are tentative plans for a team to return January 2018. Anyone interested in travelling should contact Carol Martin (772-234-0750). Team members are requested to pay their own way including the costs to the sister church (food, transportation, and lodging) that the visit incurs. Projected cost is \$1000, including airfare.

# SERVE



Greetings to CBTS  
Friends:

## **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

As we wind down our Accounting Year on June 30, 2017, there are some interesting points to where we are financially. Let me step back a bit to late last year like October 2016. We, on the Finance

Committee, felt that we might need to cut back on our Apportionment Payments for 2017 to the Florida Conference of United Methodist Churches, to which we are part. These payments are committed on a normal (January to December) annual basis. We normally pay 100% of our Apportionments.

However, due to a successful Fall Matching Gift Program, Stewardship Drive and Spring Matching Gift Program, we find ourselves with a surplus where we can highly consider paying a very much higher percentage of our Apportionments, if not all 100%. There has also been some creative accounting in arriving at the Expense side of our July 2017 to June 2018 Budget. Although its not totally balanced, its very close, like 2.3% to within balance. The Committee is dedicated to finalizing next year's budget soon.

Lastly, I would be remiss in not reminding everyone that at the turn of our Fiscal Year, starting this July 2, 2017, please remember to increase your weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual gifts to Christ by the Sea to coincide with your Pledge Commitment done this past January.

I sincerely hope everyone has a wonderful summer, and that you had a good Memorial Day. All gave some, and some gave all. May God bless us all. Be well.

David Vogt  
Stewardship

## **ENDOWMENT**

Last month, in the May issue of the Soundings, Endowment Committee member Larry Zeigler made an excellent case for church members who want to find a way to financially benefit our church over the long run and at the same time receive tax advantaged income for themselves.

Larry's report and similar reports in the past by Endowment Committee members have benefited our church members who at the time took that extra step to contact our informed Endowment Committee members (Chairman Roy Daniels, 772/ 492-6181) who directed them to the "proper professionals" who can make this happen for you. This is not a complicated task. Your Endowment Committee stands ready to assist you. Give us a call.

Sincerely,

Howard Brewer

## **COMING SOON**

Our Fiscal Year planning  
and budgeting process is  
underway for the new  
period beginning  
07/1/2017 through  
06/30/2018.

# **FINANCE**



- 3 - Charles and Lucille Havens
- 5 - Paul and Judy Chatterton
- 7 - Adrian and Ria Bakker
- 8 - Charles and Ann Whitford
- 11 - Frank and Jessie Marden
- 14 - Jim and Sally Anderson
- 15 - Gene and Dot Lyon
- 20 - Ray and Kathy Emmons
- 22 - Tom and Roberta Dougherty
- 23 - Cliff and Lisa Melvin
- 25 - Ed and Carla Boardman

- 25 - David and Janice Sly
- 29 - Ron and Marian Farabee

**Anniversaries**

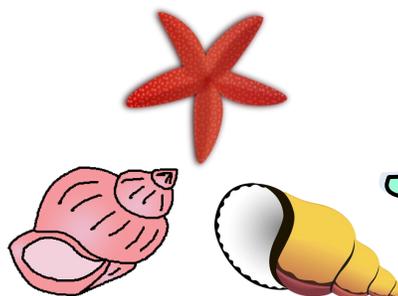


- 06/01 - Connie Wellman
- 06/02 - Jim Fisher
- 06/02 - Betty Sorensen
- 06/02 - Lisa Melvin
- 06/03 - Judy Combs
- 06/03 - Charmaine Hensley
- 06/04 - Bruna Picco
- 06/06 - Dawn Reichard
- 06/10 - Virginia Moulton
- 06/10 - Diane Tokarz
- 06/11 - James Rondeau
- 06/12 - Al Sammartino
- 06/13 - Fran MacEachern

- 06/13 - Larry Moylan
- 6/13 - Marian Herndon
- 06/17 - Dee Bannon
- 06/17 - Frank Blaisdell
- 06/19 - Phyllis Brewer
- 06/19 - Ruth Collier
- 6/19 - Ray Emmons
- 06/19 - Jay Thompson
- 06/19 - June Fitzmeyer
- 06/19 - Joshua Housel
- 06/21 - Joyce Logan
- 06/25 - Don Karnes
- 06/25 - Dorothy Richardson

- 06/26 - Shirley Kelce
- 06/27 - Serene Goldman
- 06/27 - Karen Spaulding
- 06/28 - Richard Oehme
- 06/29 - David Sly

**Birthdays**



**A message from UMW President**

I hope that all of the mothers in our congregation had a wonderful Mother's Day. On our May 3, Unit meeting Justin Knott, of the Sheriff's Department gave our group a most informative talk on Identity Theft, Scams, etc. We learned a great deal and we must all be vigilant about our personal information. On June 18 we will honor all of our fathers and wish them a Happy Fathers Day. In closing, I would like to say thank you to so many of you for your prayers, cards and kind wishes as I was coping with acute pain and back issues these past two months. Our church family is truly a blessing. I wish you all a safe and happy summer. UMW unit meetings will take a break for the Summer and start back up on Sept. 6.

Toby Ann Mann, President

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL  
CHRIST BY THE SEA MEN!!**

*God bless our graduates.*

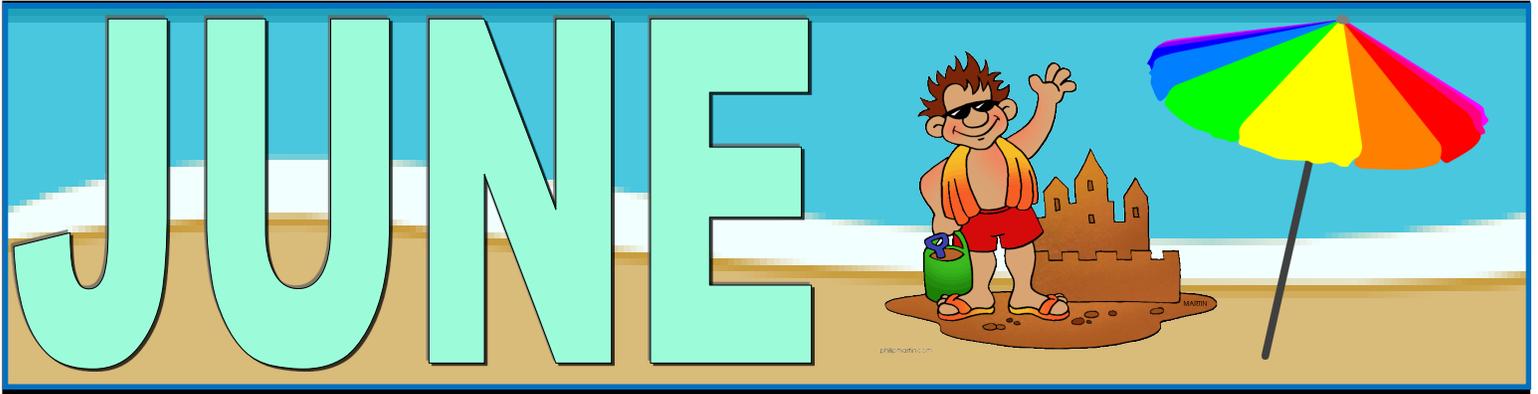


**Joshua Housel— B.S. Sustainability with  
minors in Accounting and Business  
Viterbo University**

**Corey Lehan— B.S. Accounting and Finance  
Florida State University**

**Jay Traylor – M.Div.  
Reformed Theological Seminary**





**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

				1 <b>10am</b> —Women’s Bible Study <b>1pm</b> —Craft Group	2	3 <b>8:30am</b> — <b>11:00am</b> —Youth in Action
4 <b>9am</b> —Sunday School <b>10am</b> —Worship Service	5 <b>10am</b> —Al Anon	6 <b>4:00pm</b> —Serve Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> —Neighborhood Watch Meeting	7 <b>5:15pm</b> —Youth Group <b>5:30pm</b> —Dinner <b>6:15pm</b> —Christian Enrichment	8 <b>10am</b> —Women’s Bible Study <b>1pm</b> —Craft Group <b>1pm</b> —Sacred Circle	9	10
 <b>Florida United Methodist Conference in Orlando June 7-10</b>						
11 <b>9am</b> —Sunday School <b>10am</b> —Worship Service <b>12:15pm</b> —Serving at the Source	12 <b>10am</b> —Al Anon	13 <b>10am</b> —Grief Support Group <b>4pm</b> —Trustee Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> —Suicide Grievors support Group	14 <b>3:00pm</b> —UP Orientation at the Up Center <b>5:15pm</b> —Youth Group <b>6pm</b> —VBS Leadership Mtg.	15 <b>10am</b> —Women’s Bible Study <b>11:45am</b> —OWLS <b>1pm</b> —Craft Group	16	17
18 <b>Father’s Day</b> <b>9am</b> —Sunday School <b>10am</b> —Worship Service Becoming Acquainted	19 <b>10am</b> —Al Anon	20 <b>4pm</b> —Finance Meeting	21 <b>5:15pm</b> —Youth Group 	22 <b>10am</b> —Women’s Bible Study <b>1pm</b> —Craft Group <b>1pm</b> —Sacred Circle	23	24
 <b>Youth Summer Camp in Leesburg, FL June 19-24</b>						
25 <b>9am</b> —Sunday School <b>10am</b> —Worship Service	26 <b>10am</b> —Al Anon	27 <b>4pm</b> —Church Council Meeting	28 <b>5:15pm</b> —Youth Group <b>6pm</b> —VBS Staff Meeting	29 <b>10am</b> —Women’s Bible Study <b>1pm</b> —Craft Group <b>2pm</b> - CCC Meeting	30	