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SOUNDINGS

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To joyfully
share the
love of
Christ as
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WORSHIP

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TO GROW

& SERVE

THE

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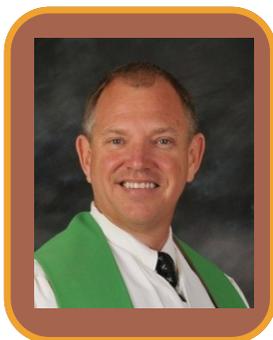
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Cliff's Notes

Rev. Cliff V. Melvin



I mentioned in the July Soundings that I have been in a state of raised concern for our denomination. In 2016 the General Conference (worldwide United Methodist policy making body) designated a group to develop a proposal to address the ongoing questions around issues relating to whether LGBTQ persons would be allowed to become ordained clergy and whether our church would allow clergy to perform same sex marriages. This group, called The Way Forward, has completed their work and the report of the proposal is now available for you to review on our www.cbtsumc.org website or at: http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/council-of-bishops/news_and_statements/documents/Way_Forward_Report_-_Final_-_ENGLISH.pdf

The three distinct proposals from The Way Forward group will be addressed at a special called General Conference in St. Louis on February 23-26, 2019. The Council of Bishops has recommended The One Church Plan, but, all 3 plans will be discussed thoroughly. Our Bishop, Ken Carter, led this task group. He has asked all of our Florida UM churches to take part in a workshop called Point of View (POV). This workshop is designed to allow every congregation to have healthy and honest conversations among its members about the various opinions we have on this topic. The Florida Conference designed POV for people with different opinions about LGBTQ inclusion to come together, not to convince each other to agree with us, not to have us all come to the same conclusion, and certainly not to put anything up for a vote. But to do the harder work of listening to each other's perspectives and pains, in a conversation that fosters empathy, understanding, and healthy dialogue.

I have scheduled two of these workshops to be held over the next few months, with a potential third workshop in early 2019. The first will be held on **September 15** and a second one on **November 3**. Each will run from **9:00am to 3:00pm**. I hope you will sign up to be a part of these important discussions. You can sign up at The Connection Point or by calling/emailing the church office. You can be part of fostering new understanding, deeper connection, and non-binary thinking in this congregation, in the full spirit of being warm-hearted and open-minded toward one another and our neighbors. My hope and prayer over the next year is that we will listen well to each other in a kind and generous spirit. I know that we have widely divergent opinions within our CBTS community on this subject, so we will need to be honest and caring as we have these discussions. In the midst of all of the talk, let's keep at the forefront the need to continue in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Peace,

THE WORSHIP ARTS AT CHRIST BY THE SEA INVITES YOU TO...

JOIN OUR CHANCEL CHOIR



- October-April Rehearsals on Thursdays 6-7 PM
- No need to read music; we'll provide a rehearsal CD for most anthems
- No need to sing like Pavarotti; just have a worshipful heart for God and enjoy singing
- Great Fellowship



JOIN OUR CANTATA CHOIR

- October-December/January-April Rehearsals on Thursdays 7-8 PM
- No need to read music; we'll provide a rehearsal CD for the Cantatas
- No need to sing like Pavarotti; just have a worshipful heart for God and enjoy singing
- Great Fellowship



JOIN OUR BELL CHOIR

- October-April Rehearsals on Wednesdays 4-5 PM
- Just need to read very basic music; we'll train you
- No experience needed; just have a worshipful heart for God and enjoy ringing
- Great Fellowship



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CONNECT

A Parting Wish

Have you noticed how many times you have to show your I.D. these days? When you vote...show your I.D. If you want that senior discount...show your I.D. Board a plane...show your I.D. Visit a foreign country...show your I.D. Cash a check... show your I.D. It seems that we have to show who we are for practically anything we do these days. When you enter Christ by the Sea and notice a gentleman wearing a blue shirt with a “Band of Brothers” logo on the chest...that too becomes an I.D. But...for an entirely different reason.



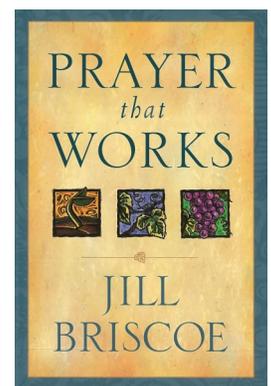
The shirt! The logo! The man! Showing I.D. in this manner is similar to a billboard...announcing you have found a dedicated, Christian gentleman pledged to be available to anyone needing a helping hand: a ride to church or doctor, help with small projects around the house, assisting other groups or projects within the church, and praying for members and friends in time of need. You’ll never stand taller than when you reach out a helping hand to someone in need. The Band of Brothers (a brainchild of Pastor Cliff) was created to identify a group of men whose sole purpose is to support our church in many diverse ways.

I have been a part of the “Band of Brothers” since its inception. I thank God every day for enriching my life as I have had the opportunity to interact with so many members and friends of Christ by the Sea. As I leave this church to pursue the Lord’s work elsewhere, I will always be connected with the “Band of Brothers” here in Vero Beach. My parting wish is to encourage men of Christ by the Sea to join the “Band” which meets the second Saturday of each month for breakfast and fellowship at C.J. Cannons. I urge all men to join. What a great way to serve the Lord. *Tom Bugg*

*Tom and Beth Bugg moved to Indiana in August joining their family.
David Althoff and Mike Latimer have taken the Leadership for Band of Brothers.*

Prayer That Works – Women’s Study Begins September 20

Author Jill Briscoe is a writer with a passion to see Christians grow in love, obedience and service to God. Her classic book, *Prayer That Works*, has been chosen for our fall women’s study, Thursdays September 20 - October 15, 10:00am in Ratcliff Hall. We are delighted Rebecca Fountain will facilitate. Please join us for an instructive and encouraging study with superb fellowship along the way. Come early for coffee and conversation (tea and talk) at 9:30am and be prepared for an enriching study. This will be a DVD study followed by discussion.



If you’ve ever become weary in prayer...

If you’ve ever wished someone would disciple you in prayer

If you’ve ever been tempted to give up on prayer

This is the study for you...

As an economy move – we have secured “used books” for this study and will be available on a first come first served basis for the nominal fee of \$2.00 each. Sign up at the Connection Point and a book will be reserved for you in order of registration. Questions call June Traylor x302.

SERVE

Beachland Partnership Prepares for New School Year

Serve Leader Jane Bryant (205-908-9100) is gearing up to address ways our partnership will assist this year at Beachland Elementary School.

Jane reports, Reading Coach Jennifer Gabbard submitted a revised volunteer form which will be completed by **ALL** volunteers – new and returning. Volunteer forms are available on the Serve Bulletin Board in Ratcliff Hall. Volunteers are needed in a variety of settings and there is something for almost everyone. Check out the form for your area of interest.

Returning volunteers should complete the registration form and submit it to Jane and then may contact the teacher directly if they wish to return helping the same teacher as last year. If they wish another assignment they may contact Jennifer Gabbard (772-564-3341).

New volunteers will have a training session with Jennifer – returning volunteers need not attend. We were privileged to have an enthusiastic group who participated last year and look forward to another year of partnership.

A recent article from United Methodist Church Communications lists 5 Tips for Effective School Ministry. It is encouraging that our Beachland Partnership, by God's grace, has successfully addressed each one:

1. Timing is everything (steer clear of the campus for the first week).
2. Revise your offer to “help wherever needed” (develop a list of equipment and other resources the church has to offer a school might need).
3. Volunteer in the office (make copies and run errands).
4. Meet other needs (ask about biggest needs in student's lives the school can't fully address and see how the church might make a plan to meet them).
5. Support don't control (maintain a support role and not take charge).

Incredible ministry opportunities abound at Beachland Elementary. Prayerfully consider how you might assist.

Habitat Build Dates Announced.



Assisting a family to have a well maintained home – or a home at all - is a great joy experienced by those who volunteer with Indian River Habitat for Humanity. Howard Leary chairs our CBTS Team and has scheduled 2018-19 dates: Saturday October 20, December 1, 2018 and January 19, March 16, 2019. The work requires no special skills – and all materials are provided. You bring a willing heart and hands.

For information or to volunteer, contact Howard Leary howard@hleary.com, (908) 655-6072 or sign up in Ratcliff Hall.

Pumpkin Patch News



As reported in the August Soundings, we are scheduled for delivery of pumpkins from the Navajo Indian Reservation on Friday, 10/12 at 4:00 PM. We will be open for business on Saturday 10/13. This year we will be open for three weekends, which will give us an excellent opportunity for all the fun we offer the community—hay rides, bounce house, face painting and home-baked goods. Most importantly, our Church will be on display! Our friendly personality plus our love and respect for one another will invite visitors to come see us and worship with us.

For those new to CBTS, our pumpkins are harvested and shipped from the fields in New Mexico that same day. They are shipped on consignment – we pay for what we sell. We are given price guidelines and are not trying to compete with the local retailers. We are always complimented on the freshness and quality of our pumpkins and the uniqueness of our gourds and specialties. Whatever is left will go to the Shining Light Garden, one of our Serve mission projects, for their compost program. This is a win-win all the way around!

This is a very active and demanding project! It requires a lot of volunteers for all the activities starting with the unloading on 10/12. Please note your calendar and join us for the unloading party. There will also be a sign up sheet at the Connection Point outside the Sanctuary to volunteer for sales duty as well as baked goods.

Yes, this is a lot of hard work! However, we are doing God's work just like he asks us—serving our community and neighbors and inviting all to come to our church. Given the normal beautiful weather in late October, it's a great time to party! Get ready to Rock and Roll at the Patch!

Peace! Kathie and Dave Althoff



Finance



Snapshot of the numbers as of 07/31/2018

FY 2018-2019 Budget \$889,000

July offering	\$72,725	July average weekly attendance	195
July expense	\$65,087	2018 average weekly attendance	350



Endowment / Trustee News

Why give endowment gifts? In this past fiscal year, major capital projects have been completed as a result of the Endowment Fund. These include bathroom renovations throughout the church, stained glass window safety glass, safety and security camera door enhancements and camera command center, two air conditioning units, roof repairs, outdoor lighting, an ice machine, hearing aid devices, recording equipment, an A/V computer among other items.

As you can see, the Endowment Fund is essential to improve and maintain our church facilities. Please consider an endowment contribution, which can be given in your own name, as a legacy in memory of a loved one, or in the name of the established mission you choose to support. It can be funded using a variety of assets, such as cash, stocks, mutual fund shares, real estate or other property.

Endowment fund gifts may also provide tax benefits. By using appreciated assets to establish a fund, you may avoid the capital gains tax you would incur if you sold those assets. You may also reduce the size of your taxable estate. If you itemize allowable income tax deductions, you will be entitled to claim a charitable contribution as permitted by IRS regulations. It is important to consult your tax advisor and/or financial planner with specific benefits and questions.

Our thanks go to all who have contributed to the Endowment Fund and to those who will contribute in the future.

Carol Windsor
Trustee Vice Chair

LOOK, WHAT'S COMING THIS FALL

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- **PLAYGROUND
REMODEL &
GRAND OPENING!**
*Just in time for pumpkin
patch!*
- **LIGHTNING ROD
PROTECTION FOR
THE CHURCH**
- **AUDIO VISUAL
DAMAGE REPAIR
& UPGRADES**

September Birthday's



9/1—Eddie Hamilton	9/16—Genia Franco-Bonachea
9/2—Pat Brown	9/16—Rebecca Fountain
9/2—Nancy Robinson	9/16—Todd Schaumlöffel
9/5—Carol Gantter	9/17—Ann Tremml
9/5—MacDonald Rice	9/17—Dave Althoff
9/5—Nancy Claridy	9/17—John Blake
9/6—Carol Martin	9/19—Roy Daniels
9/6—Barbara Stewart	9/20—Elizabeth Ross
9/6—Shelly Gilman	9/22—Marcos Flores
9/6—Adriana Lancaster	9/23—Jacob Sandgren
9/6—Marsha Bassue	9/23—Grace Sandgren
9/7—Wayne Hutchinson	9/24—Marjorie Burnett
9/7—Lila Sandgren	9/24—Linda Sigler
9/8—Cheryl Kippes	9/25—Vancelyn Bassue
9/9—Byron Himelick	9/25—Bianca Varas
9/9—Isabella Myers	9/27—Helene Lindstrom
9/12—Edie Housel	9/28—Barbara Grange
9/12—Carla Boardman	9/28—Betty Jean Sammartino
9/14—Howard Leary	9/29—Lois Koch
9/14—Elizabeth Anne Gillick	9/29—Gail Morgan
9/15—Arlene Arndt	9/30—Susannah Cowart
9/15—Samantha Asselin	



September Anniversaries

03- Howard Leary and Pat Murphy
08- Arthur and Gail Burton
10- Ralph and Serene Goldman
11- John and June Traylor
13- Bill and Barb Urban
14- Dwight and Carol Holmes
20- Bob and Arlene Arndt
21- Bill and Carol Windsor
28- John and Gerry Bryan
28- Bill and Jean Grider
28- Todd and Nancy Schaumlöffel



Christ By the Sea office will be closed on September 3rd.

LABOR DAY.

“Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God;”
Deuteronomy 5:13

MESSAGE FROM THE UMW PRESIDENT

Who would believe that Fall is almost upon us. School has begun, our winter schedule is gearing up and with temperatures and humidity outside one cannot believe this. I pray you all had a blessed, safe and wonderful summer. We were blessed to have spent 6 weeks with our family in NY and Italy. We celebrated high school and middle school graduations and two weeks in beautiful and very hot Italy.

UMW's first meeting will take place on Sept. 5, with a brown bag lunch, fresh fruit and a recap of our summers. Our long time member Pam Gore, lost her precious young daughter Cindy this summer. I know she would love to hear from you if you had not heard the news. Stay tuned for next month's program and an exciting and full year ahead.

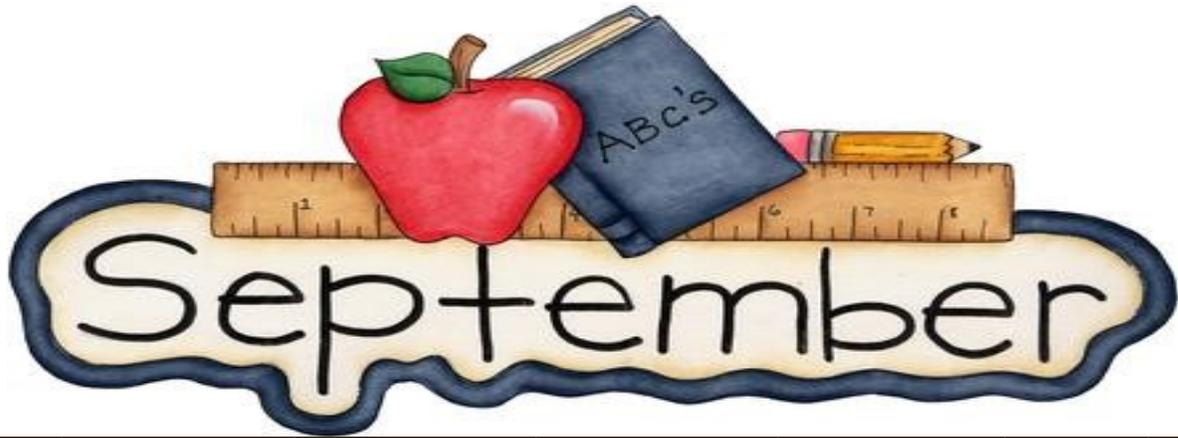
God Bless,

Toby Ann Mann



United
Methodist
Women

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9am —Sunday School 10am —Worship Service	3 Office Closed Labor Day <i>Happy Labor Day!!</i> 	4 4pm —Serve Mtg.	5 10:30am —Staff Mtg. 11:45am —UMW Unit meeting	6 1pm —Crafts 1pm —The Club 3:30pm —Social Justice Mtg. 5:30pm —AA	7	8 8am —Band of Brothers 8:30am —Women's Book Club
9 9am —Sunday School 10am —Worship Service 12:15pm — Serving at the Source	10 10am —Al-Anon Noon —AA 4pm —Emmaus 8pm —AA	11 9:30am —Spiritual Growth Mtg. 10 am —Grief Support Mtg. 4pm —Trustee Mtg.	12 10:30am —Staff Mtg. 5:30pm —Dinner 6:15pm —Christian Enrichment	13 1pm —Crafts 1pm —Sacred Circle 1pm —The Club 5:30pm —AA	14	15 9am—3pm POV Workshop
16 9am —Sunday School 10am —Worship Service <i>New Members Class</i>	17 10am —Al-Anon Noon —AA 4pm —Emmaus 8pm —AA	18 4pm —Finance Mtg.	19 10:30am —Staff Mtg. 10:00am - UMW Board Mtg. 5:30pm —Dinner 6:15pm —Christian Enrichment	20 10:00am —Women's Bible Study 11:45am —OWLS 1pm —Crafts 1pm —The Club 1pm —Support for Caregivers 5:30pm —AA	21	22
23 9am —Sunday School 10am —Worship Service	24 10am —Al-Anon Noon —AA 4pm —Emmaus 8pm —AA	25 4pm —Church Council Mtg. 6pm —SPRC Mtg.	26 10:30am —Staff Mtg. 5:30pm —Dinner 6:15pm —Christian Enrichment	27 10:00am —Women's Bible Study 1pm —Crafts 1pm —Sacred Circle 1pm —The Club 5:30pm —AA	28	29
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