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# April 2019 Soundings

To joyfully  
share the

love of  
Christ as  
we...

**WORSHIP**

**GOD**

**CONNECT**

**TO GROW**

**&**

**SERVE**

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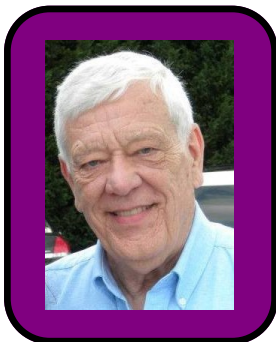
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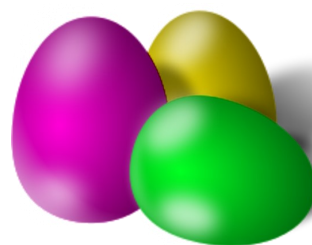
## Short Notes

Rev. Riley P. Short



We are coming up to the Season of Easter. Traditionally it is the largest attended service in every church. I heard of a preacher that told his congregation he was wishing some of those in worship “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year” since he would not see them again until next Easter. It is not very nice to ridicule people for not coming to church, especially when they are present. I am always pleased to gather with folks on Easter and join in worship and gratitude for the victory of Jesus over sin and death. It is also a very easy Sunday on which to preach. I always knew if Jesus could roll the stone away and make himself known, he can roll me away and disclose His eternal truth. Christ-by-the Sea is well known for its great music and the Easter celebration at our church will start with the choir’s concert on Saturday. Then there will be three exciting worship services on Easter Morning. I hope to see you there, it will be a benediction.

Riley P. Short  
Interim Pastor



# WORSHIP

CHRIST BY THE SEA UMC PROUDLY PRESENTS THE EASTER CANTATA

## *Come,* touch the *Robe*

by Pepper Choplin

Come to an uplifting journey of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through our Easter Cantata, set to a full musical production with a mixed choir, 35-piece orchestra, liturgical dancers, and lively dramatic narration.

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

**4:30 pm & 7:00 pm**

Free will offering appreciated







# CONNECT

## Booklovers Unite

Our church library is in great need of revitalization– and you may be able to assist to the benefit of us all.

Do you love books? Are you able to organize? Do you have some time to contribute to a worthwhile cause?

According to Ellen Bossman, New Mexico State University, religious libraries were one of the oldest type of libraries. In the United States, early libraries were owned primarily by clergy. During the 1800's the Sunday School Movement introduced the principle of alternative, religious education and church libraries were an outgrowth of the movement. In *The Sunday-School Library in the Nineteenth Century*, F. Allen Briggs notes "books were originally granted to Sunday school attendees as rewards for attendance, scholarship, or good behavior. Church officials recognized the recurring expense of this plan and conceived of the library as a solution; rather than award books, pupils would be rewarded the privilege of using the library." Hard to conceive access to a library as being a meaningful award to today's children.

Eight years ago our library was in disarray. Former member Sally Hall did a superb job of organizing and oversight. Over time new books have been donated and any system of maintaining has been lost.

Christian books are an asset to a church community. We have an asset that needs attention.

If you have a background in Library Science, or just enjoy frequenting libraries your help would be valuable. This activity could be done by one person over a period of time or a group of persons working together. If you have any (even remote) interest please contact me to chat.

June Traylor, Director of Ministries x302

# SERVE

## InterVarsity Opportunities at IRSC



Indian River College has a vibrant InterVarsity community. For over 75 years InterVarsity has had a vital presence on hundreds of college campuses, courageously proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior, and impacting students lives. One such student was Tim Keller who grew up in a Christian home but was not sure what to do with his faith when he began college at Bucknell University. So he put it on the shelf and did nothing. The small InterVarsity fellowship at Bucknell reached out to him and invited him into a small group Bible study. "They weren't quite sure where I was; and I wasn't sure where I was," he said. "But at the end of my sophomore year I sensed that I had met God."

Today we know Tim as the founder Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, bestselling author and outstanding theologian of our time. We credit the work of the Holy Spirit through the ministry at Bucknell.

Betsy Ross has temporarily assisted our Serve Team as InterVarsity Liaison and alerts us to the following needs so that others, like Keller, may be impacted with the Gospel.

- Provide snacks, donate towards lunch, and events.
- Attend Thursday Bible study one week (12:30-1:30 pm @ IRSC Vero campus in B122).
- Pick up food late morning on Thursday's to bring to Bible study @ 12:30. (Once a month commitment till April). Please contact Angela 772-453-7127 for details.
- Attend InterVarsity conferences with students (volunteer in the kitchen at camp May 29-June 3)
- Write students notes of encouragement about being bold in their faith, standing up for Jesus, balancing work/school/church/family life, obeying God in a messed up culture)
- Meet with students to practice evangelizing to other students. Does not require you to be experienced or extremely knowledgeable – just willing. (Please contact Angela for details).
- Pray for the IRSC InterVarsity leadership by name! Angela, Eric, Jahanna, David, Kesha, Ben, Widley, Brian, Frankie, Heather, Danielle, and Christian.

Please prayerfully consider how you might assist and see the signup sheet on the Ratcliff Hall Serve Bulletin Board.

## Outstanding Response For Pay it Forward

The recent call to provide items for five of our Serve Ministries met with an awesome response. What a joy to have baskets overflowing with practical donations for Beachland School, CBTS Food Pantry, Hope for Families Center, Naomi House and The Source. Serve Team Leader, Gail Rodgers, expressed deep appreciation to all those who were able to participate.

These gifts given anonymously are an interesting reflection of Jesus' words in Matthew 6:2-4

*"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.*

*But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.* NRSV

Thanks be to God for these generous expression of love and concern.



# ENDOWMENT

As I have said in the past, our number one responsibility as a committee is to encourage CBTS members to contribute as they are able to the endowment fund. Many people are able to do this as part of their last will and testament. Jim and Laverta Cassady, in their passing, set a perfect example for the rest of us. Some of us have already drawn up such an instrument in our own wills. Remember the Trustees can only spend the income from these funds, not the principal. Meanwhile we are now in a very important church pledge campaign,, which should be our first priority at this time.

Robert Madsen  
Endowment Committee Member

*Did you know . . . The difference between the Endowment Fund and the operating fund or designated funds is that the endowment assets are invested for perpetuity. The point of the Endowment is to provide a steady, predictable source of income over time. Other sub-endowments help provide financial support for our mission and ministries too.*

# TRUSTEES

**Thank you Endowment for providing the funding of \$16,800 to protect ministry with a new lightning rod protection system to be installed this month.**

## Lightning Protection

*It's not optional.*



It's been nine long months of repairing the damages from last summer's lightning strike to the steeple. We are finally nearing completion of insurance damage claims and blessed with funding to protect ministry for our future.

This month, look for a crane to be delivered to repair the steeple, lightning rods installed to protect ministry AND the chancel lights to be available for our Easter Cantata!

Full claim reimbursements of \$32,547 have been provided through the Florida Annual Conference' self-insurance programs. We're anxiously awaiting a decision for replacement of our organ assessed as a total loss of \$140,000.

# STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE



Our ministry minutes these past two Sundays in March shared personal experience, challenged us to take bolder steps to grow spiritually and to contribute in order to become the church God is urging us to become.

There were 112 family and friends responding with a commitment this first Sunday. There should be at least 70 more who are ready to make their commitment within the next two weeks. Please drop your card in the offering plate, in the white boxes in the main entry, or by mail, e-mail or phone to pledge this year.

The ministry and mission of our church are only possible because of the spiritual and financial gifts our members and friends are able to offer. These are the resources that fuel our mission; and provide the monetary means for spiritual things to happen!

**Thank you for your commitment of support!** Your estimate and commitment, combined with others, help us prepare a balanced budget so that we can keep the church moving forward in ministries and good stewardship in the new fiscal year.

## SPRC—Employment Opportunity

### Sunday Facility Services Worker

This is a part-time position for a reliable self-starter to work Sundays, with additional hours available week days.

The team member will support ministry through the care, maintenance, safety and security of church facilities. The position requires loyalty to the pastor and the ability to see maintenance and cleaning needs in time to take appropriate action and communicate issues for follow-up with the weekday staff.

### Employment Application—

The job description and employment application are available at [cbtsumc.org](http://cbtsumc.org).

Applicants should submit: Cover letter with spiritual biography, resume, and application by **04/15/2019**.



## April Birthdays

1 - Dody Swenson	12 - Howard Brewer Lois Oehme Christina Gilbert Rain Bedolla Sette	23 - George James
5 - Nancy Schaumlöffel Kyle Connery	15 - Jacob Cowart	26 - Tsuen Chen Wang
6 - Sue Moenkhaus Amy Robinson	16 - Pat Geyer	28 - Janice Sly
8 - Carol Windsor Marcus Flores	17 - Stu Keiller	29 - Rev. Ginny Carle
9 - Gene Lyon	19 - Ed Boardman	30 - Barbara John
10 - Leann Cirillo	20 - Cliff Melvin Muriel Marshall Linda Karnes	
11 - Joan Glad Delma Hogan Larry Zeigler	21 - Gail Bouchard Alfred Whittet	



### 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 MESSAGE FROM THE UMW PRESIDENT**





How very special to report that TRASH & TREASURE results will make it possible for UMW to meet successfully the financial goals for both our WORLD and LOCAL MINISTRIES, which include CBTS FOOD PANTRY, HOPE FOR FAMILIES CENTER and NAOMI HOUSE. March 23, 2019 marked the 150 Anniversary of the founding of UMW at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston. We know the founders would be very pleased to see that the school, Isabella Thoburn College, and hospital, Clara Swain Hospital, founded by their first missionaries, in India, are still in operation today.

UMW will have Debbie Clement as our guest on April 3rd and we all look forward to her presentation as she is a true professional with many fans around the country. Debbie's work centers primarily around young children who need to be encouraged to engage in life in a happy, positive way.

On March 16th a group of UMW ladies travelled to Enterprise, FL to the Campus Day event at the UMC CHILDREN'S HOME to be part of this facility that we support each year.

*Julie Madsen, UMW President*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>10am</b> -Al-Anon <b>Noon</b> -AA <b>4pm</b> -Emmaus <b>7pm</b> -Christian Enrichment <b>8pm</b> -AA	<b>2</b> <b>1pm</b> - Ladies by the Sea <b>4pm</b> -Serve Mtg. <b>5pm</b> -Liturgical Dance	<b>3</b> <b>10:30am</b> -Staff Mtg. <b>11:45am</b> -UMW Unit Mtg. <b>1:30pm</b> -UMW Board Mtg. <b>4pm</b> -Bell Choir <b>5:30pm</b> -Dinner <b>6:30pm</b> —Lenten Worship Service	<b>4</b> <b>1pm</b> -Craft Group <b>1pm</b> -The Club <b>1pm</b> -Support for Caregivers <b>3pm</b> -Social Justice Mtg. <b>5pm</b> -Liturgical Dance <b>5:30pm</b> -AA <b>6pm</b> -Chancel Choir <b>7pm</b> -Cantata Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>2pm</b> —Vero Beach Opera Piano Scholarship Recital
<b>7</b> <b>8:30am</b> -Worship <b>9:45am</b> -Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> -Worship <b>12:15pm</b> -New Members Class	<b>8</b> <b>10am</b> -Al-Anon <b>Noon</b> -AA <b>1pm</b> —Small Group Mtg. <b>4pm</b> -Emmaus <b>7pm</b> -Christian Enrichment <b>8pm</b> -AA	<b>9</b> <b>10am</b> -Grief Support Group <b>10:30am</b> -Worship Mtg. <b>3pm</b> -SPRC Mtg. <b>5pm</b> -Liturgical Dance	<b>10</b> <b>10:30am</b> -Staff Mtg. <b>4pm</b> -Bell <b>5:30pm</b> -Dinner <b>6:30pm</b> —Lenten Worship Service	<b>11</b> <b>1pm</b> -Craft Group <b>1pm</b> -The Club <b>5pm</b> -Liturgical Dance <b>5:30pm</b> -AA <b>6pm</b> -Chancel Choir <b>7pm</b> -Cantata Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8am</b> -Band of Brothers
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:30am</b> -Worship <b>9:45am</b> -Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> -Worship <b>12:15pm</b> -Serving a meal at The Source	<b>15</b> <b>10am</b> -Al-Anon <b>Noon</b> -AA <b>4pm</b> -Emmaus <b>7pm</b> -Christian Enrichment <b>8pm</b> -AA	<b>16</b> <b>1pm</b> -Ladies by the Sea <b>4:00pm</b> —Trustees Mtg. <b>5pm</b> -Liturgical Dance	<b>17</b> <b>10:30am</b> -Staff Mtg. <b>4pm</b> -Bell	<b>18</b> <b>11:45am</b> —OWLS <b>1pm</b> -Craft Group <b>1pm</b> -The Club <b>1pm</b> -Support for Caregivers <b>5pm</b> -Maundy Thursday Communion Meal <b>5pm</b> -Liturgical Dance <b>5:30pm</b> -AA <b>6:20pm</b> -Chancel Choir <b>7pm</b> -Cantata Choir	<b>19</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>7pm</b> — Good Friday Worship Service 	<b>20</b> <b>4:30pm &amp; 7:00pm</b> Easter Cantata 
<b>21 Easter Sunday</b> <b>8am, 9:30am &amp; 11am</b> Worship Services 	<b>22</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>10am</b> -Al-Anon <b>Noon</b> -AA <b>7pm</b> -Christian Enrichment <b>8pm</b> -AA	<b>23</b> <b>2pm</b> -Endowment Mtg.	<b>24</b> <b>10:30am</b> -Staff Mtg. <b>4pm</b> -Bell Choir	<b>25</b> <b>1pm</b> -Craft Group <b>1pm</b> -The Club <b>5:30pm</b> -AA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>8:30am</b> -Worship <b>9:45am</b> -Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> -Worship	<b>29</b> <b>9am</b> —Finance Mtg. <b>10am</b> -Al-Anon <b>Noon</b> -AA <b>4pm</b> -Emmaus <b>7pm</b> -Christian Enrichment <b>8pm</b> -AA	<b>30</b> <b>4pm</b> -Chruch Council Mtg.				