

## GOOD NEWS

Our missions giving for 2021 was strong. We continued our tradition and commitment to the Florida Methodist Conference by paying 100% of our apportioned benevolences last year. This totaled \$17,724.

We also collected a considerable amount of funds towards the extra mile missions of our church. During 2021, we supported various love offering causes with more than \$32,455. These missions include the following:

Florida Children's Home	\$3,200
Missionaries (Groves family)	1,055
UCOM (monetary)	7,185
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	2,550
Disaster Relief – UMCOR	1,920
Church Staff –Love Offerings	690
Sierra Leone School	8,750
Memorial Fund	1,255
Cuban Church Mission	2,635
Brazilian Methodist Church	1,500
Other (Beyond 90, Kim's, etc.)	1,705

Please note that these amounts total approximately \$17,000 more than last year. These figures do not include non-monetary donations such as our regular food contributions to UCOM or the clothing donations. Also not included are projects supported by other groups representing our church such as UMW, UMM, Sunday school classes, etc. These dollar amounts also do not include the time and talents shared to others by the many volunteers of our church.

Faith United Methodist Church can stand tall in our missions support accomplishments. Pray for God's continued blessings for this Church, that He will enable us to continue His work through our service and support in the year 2022 and beyond.

Finance Committee/Stewardship

## January 30, 2022

### Psalm 71:1-6

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> **Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.**

### 1 Corinthians 13

<sup>1</sup> Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

<sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

### **We Plow the Fields and Scatter**

**1** We plow the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.

#### **Refrain:**

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.

**2** He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far.  
He paints the wayside flower,  
Hes light the ev'ning star.  
The winds and waves obey Him,  
by Him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, His children,  
He gives our daily bread. [**Refrain**]

**3** We thank you, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time, and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
for all Thy love imparts,  
but that which Thou desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts. [**Refrain**]

### **Love Lifted Me**

**1** I was sinking deep in sin,  
Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within,  
Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me—  
Now safe am I.

#### **Refrain:**

Love lifted me, Love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;  
Love lifted me, Love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

**2** All my heart to Him I give,  
Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live,  
Ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true  
Merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too,  
To Him belongs. [**Refrain**]

**3** Souls in danger, look above,  
Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love  
Out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea,  
Billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be—  
Be saved today. [**Refrain**]