

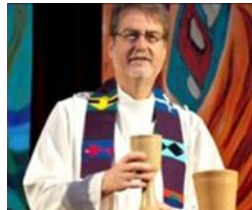


Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

We're proud to be Methodist because:

- Methodists believe in an open communion table.
- Methodists are accepting of people different from us.
- Methodists are accepting of different religions.
- Methodists are laid back and easy going.
- Methodists allow the Christening of babies.
- Methodists support United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).
- Methodists join together to have missions and missionaries locally and all over the world.
- Methodists encourage each other to be like Christ.
- Methodists believe in God's grace.

What else are you proud of?



For The Installation Of
The Rev. Jay Therrell
North East District Superintendent

The Florida Annual Conference Of
The United Methodist Church
Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. Celebrant

Sunday, The Sixth Of November
Two Thousand Sixteen
Three O'clock In The Afternoon

Mandarin United Methodist Church
11270 San Jose Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

Reception To Follow

SAVE *the* DATE

A word from Rev. Barry Andrews, Senior Pastor

Summer is breathing its last hot breath, and it's time for many farmers around the world to bring their crops in from the fields. The true story is recounted of a family in the 1930's that had enjoyed a good wheat harvest, and, as was often the custom in those days before combines, had threshed the wheat behind the barn, making an impressively large pile of dry wheat hay.

As bad luck would have it, a lightning storm came up, and a bolt struck the pile, setting it afire. Everyone was on deck, but a bucket brigade alone was not going to control the blaze. While they evacuated the barn of animals, one of them went in and called their uncle, the local volunteer fire department chief. After waiting for what seemed like a very long time, he called back to report the old Ford Model T fire truck would not start, and they better call another fire department, which they did.

Soon the truck was there, but the nearby creek that had enough water for a bucket brigade did not have enough for a pumper truck, so they built a mud dam to pool the water. Finally, the fire was out, and the barn was saved!

Except, there was still a huge pile of dry wheat straw next to the barn, and the fire, while not blazing, smoldered deep down in the pile. They could take a chance, and hope it would not flare back up, but the better idea was to deconstruct the pile, which they did.

Now the moral of the story (this is a church newsletter) is don't let sin (the 7 deadliest: Pride, Anger, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Avarice, Sloth), pile up, waiting for a bolt out of the storm to ignite within us. How often do we expose our soul to danger, and expect that it won't harm us? How often do we dip our toes in morally muddy water, and don't think we'll ever fall in? Why would we be immune to the sources and tools of evil? The truth is, sometimes our friends in the bucket brigade can't put the flames out, nor can our family deliver on the promise of a fire truck. If all goes well, when plans A and B fail, there will yet be a plan C out there.

Better though is to not pile up, nor let smolder, evil in our lives. That's why we pray, and study, and go to church, and live generous lives. Every part is necessary, and every part deconstructs the pile of evil, around us and within us. The truth of life is plain: We'll all be consumed with some sort of fire; better the fire of God's Holy Spirit than the fires of hell.

The rural community that had the old truck bought a new one, the family never again let the dry hay pile up so close to the barn, and the neighboring fire district, responding to criticism that they had endangered their citizens by leaving their town, discovered that the farm was in 2 counties, so they were paying taxes for them, too. All's well that ends well, and I pray that for you, too, life's experiences will be lessons learned. See you in church Sunday.





We are trying something new! Since everyone who receives the newsletter also receives the weekly bulletins, and since the bulletins now give the list of birthdays and anniversaries, and the bulletin insert includes the prayer chains, we are omitting them from the newsletter. If you want them back, see Linda Pickett at church or contact her at LLFPickett@aol.com or 904-703-2930.



Faith UMC



Monday, October 17, 2016

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. Go to <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-charge-conference> for more

WHAT IS SALTY SERVICE



For measurement purposes and understanding the health of the church, we count the number of persons serving through church ministries to the community for at least one hour each week.

People serve other people in many ways and this is still very important (Rotary, Guardian Ad Litem, hospital volunteers). Please know this is a great ministry. For our purposes of evaluating the health of the church, we are focusing on the outreach ministries, missions, and service through the local church.

So for each week that you volunteer an hour or more helping others outside of our church, please remember to put a Salty Service Card, found in the pew pockets, in the offering plate. But please submit only one card no matter how many hours in that week you work.

**Nomads
On a
Mission
Active in
Divine
Service**

The NOMADS are coming!

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NOMADS will be working on 5 projects on our Campus and in Jacksonville churches from October through the first part of next year.





It is almost time for the pumpkins to arrive --- just the time to let you know a little bit about the Pumpkin Patch. It is an opportunity not only to raise funds, but to provide interaction between different age groups within our church, as well as an opportunity to interact with the community. There is no initial financial investment involved.

The pumpkins will arrive Thursday, October 6, at approximately 4-6 pm. We will need help offloading them. Please ask your friends and neighbors to come and help us. The more help we have the easier the job will be. If you have wagons or wheelbarrows, please bring them.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday through Friday, and from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays from October 7th through October 31st. We need at least two volunteers to work two-hour shifts on these days. If you have not already volunteered, or if you can work additional times, please see Susan Davis or Donna Thouin, or call the church office.

There are a few things you need to know.

1. If you are helping, remember that the stem is not a handle.
2. What is the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin Pi!



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 united community outreach ministry

Join UCOM for the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off and see if Kyle Reese (Pastor, Hendricks Avenue Baptist) can hold on to his title of Chili King for the second year in a row! There will be plenty of tasty chili to try, plus other food, live music, and a fun raffle. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased from Susan Speicher, in the UCOM office, or at the door.

Where: San Jose Church of Christ, 6233 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32217
 When: Saturday, 10/22/2016, at 6:00 PM

Even though the excellent pots of chili by Rev. Barry Andrews and Donna Glasner didn't win last year, the group from Faith UMC had a lot of fun as you can see by the pictures below. Come join us this year and vote for your favorite chili!



On the Campus at the Madison Youth Ranch

On September 17, Pastor Barry and I drove west on I-10 to visit the new Children's Home at Madison Youth Ranch in Pinetta, FL. After driving for 2 ½ hours and making a few miscues, we arrived at the beautiful ranch.



We first enjoyed touring the two youth cottages --- one for boys and one for girls. The cottages each have rooms for 10 children and the house parents. At present The Ranch has 9 girls (7 to 14 years of age) and 2 boys (8 and a teenager) in their respective cottages. The rooms are furnished with a twin bed, dresser, desk, and chair and also have a closet and private bathroom. Since they are not allowed to put pictures and banners on the walls, a very large corkboard is

supplied for them. Each room also has a nice sized window with blinds. Each cottage also has a laundry room, very large kitchen, a very long dining table, and a very large living area.

The girls and boys who are living there at present were ever so happy to show us their rooms and their special collectibles. They attend local schools and work on homework in their cottages. A therapist visits them in the evening to work on their personal problems.

After our tours, we were entertained with a program of music and testimonies. About 600 United Methodists from across North Florida attended. Both Pastor Barry and I came across a number of people we knew, especially Bob and Linda Schenavar, who live in White Springs. There were so happy to see us and wanted to be remembered to our church family. Diana Simpson said "hi" too.



As the program ended, we were invited to have lunch under The Big Top Tent. After lunch and visiting some more, we got into the car and headed to the horse stables. I counted five horses, total, and we were able to interact with two of them. The horse trainer explained how he works with the children and the special ways the children are taught to work with horses. Since the children come to the Ranch with a variety of problems, learning to take care of horses and ride them gives them confidence and responsibility.



The Madison Youth Ranch is a beautiful place with ball field, nice cottages, horseback riding, and soon a swimming pool. Plans are to add more cottages as soon as possible. The house parents and all those working with the children are a happy bunch of people and so enjoy working at the Ranch.

Pastor Barry and I had a wonderful day at the Ranch and had an enjoyable ride home discussing the day's events.

Remember that October is the last fifth Sunday month of 2016 in which we are able to support the Children's Home. Be as generous as possible on October 30th and always pray for the children and those who work with them.

Cynthia R. Shank, Local Church Representative (LCR)



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday. It is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ as Christians around the world participate in the Lord's Supper. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, the global community of faith affirms Christ as the Head of the Church.

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 in the Presbyterian Church so everyone might realize the importance of the universal church and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. In 1940, the National Council of Churches endorsed World-side Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide as a global, interdenominational event.

Prompted by the impact of World War II, the Methodist Church received an offering on this Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. The net World Communion donations received on October 6, 2016, after payment of promotional expenses, is distributed as follows:

- 50% to World Communion Scholarships (General Board of Global Ministries),
- 35% to Ethnic Scholarship Program (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry),
- 15% to Ethnic In-Service Training Program (General Board of Higher Education/Ministry).

This year we will have a special World Communion program involving many of our church members. Come join us on this special Sunday as we break the bread and drink from the cup, the body and blood of Christ, with Christians around the world.

**EPHESIANS 4:2-6 (NIV)
SEARCH-A-WORD
(SEARCH ONLY FOR THE
CAPITALIZED WORDS LISTED
IN BOLD BELOW)**

Be completely **HUMBLE** and **GENTLE**; be **PATIENT**, bearing with one another in **LOVE**. ³ Make every effort to keep the **UNITY OF SPIRIT** through the **BOND OF PEACE**. ⁴ There is **ONE BODY** and **ONE SPIRIT**, just as you were called to **ONE HOPE** when you were called; ⁵ **ONE LORD**, **ONE FAITH**, **ONE BAPTISM**; ⁶ **ONE GOD** and **FATHER OF ALL**, who is **OVER ALL** and **THROUGH ALL** and **IN ALL**.

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Do You Know ...

- *How many books are in the Bible? What is the shortest? Longest? Middle?*
- *How many chapters are in the Bible? What is the shortest? Longest? Middle?*
- ❖ *How many verses are in the Bible? What is the shortest? Longest? Middle?*
- *How many words are in the Bible? What is the shortest? Longest? Middle?*

Per https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chapters_and_verses_of_the_Bible, under **Protestant Bible statistics**, the number of words can vary depending upon aspects such as whether the Hebrew alphabet in Psalm 119, the superscriptions listed in some of the Psalms, and the subscripts traditionally found at the end of the Pauline epistles, are included. Except where stated, the following apply to the [King James Version](#) of the Bible in its modern 66-book Protestant form including the New Testament and the [protocanonical](#) Old Testament, not the [deuterocanonical books](#).

Here are some interesting facts about the Bible:

BOOKS:

- While the Bible is 1 book, it contains 66 smaller books.
- The longest book of the Bible is [Psalms](#) with 150 chapters, or psalms. It contains 43,743 words.
- The shortest book is 3 John with only 1 chapter and 299 words.

CHAPTERS:

- There are a total of 1,189 chapters (on average, 18 per book). Go to page 9 to see the number of chapters in each book of the Bible.
- [Psalm 117](#) is the middle chapter of the Bible, being the 595th Chapter.
- [Psalm 117](#) is also the shortest chapter of the Bible with only two verses.
- [Psalm 119](#) is the longest chapter of the Bible with 176 verses.
- Five books are a single chapter: Obadiah, Philemon, 2 & 3 John, Jude. In many printed editions, the chapter number is omitted for these books, and references just use the verse numbers.

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VERSES:

- ❖ There are 23,145 verses in the Old Testament and 7,957 verses in the New Testament. This gives a total of 31,102 verses, which is an average of a little more than 26 verses per chapter.
- ❖ Contrary to popular belief, Psalm 118 does not contain the middle verse of the Bible. The King James Version has an even number of verses (31,102), with the two middle verses being [Psalm 103:1–2](#).
- ❖ [1 Chronicles 1:25](#) ("Eber, Peleg, Reu") is the shortest verse in the Old Testament.
- ❖ [John 11:35](#) ("Jesus wept") is the shortest verse in most English translations. Some translations — including the New International Version, New Living Translation, New Life Version, Holman Christian Standard Bible and New International Reader's Version — render [Job 3:2](#) as "He said". However, that is a translators' condensation of the Hebrew which literally translated is: "And Job answered and said."
- ❖ [Esther 8:9](#) is the longest verse with 90 words. The discovery of several manuscripts at [Qumran](#) (in the [Dead Sea Scrolls](#)) has reopened what is considered the most original text of 1 Samuel 11; if one believes that those manuscripts better preserve the text, several verses in 1 Samuel 11 surpass Esther 8:9 in length.

WORDS:

- In the Old Testament, there are 592,439 words.
- In the New Testament, there are 181,253 words.
- In the Complete Bible, there are 773,692 words.
- The longest word in the Bible (18 letters) is "Maher-shalal-hash-baz" (Isaiah 8:1).
- Words occurring only once in the Bible: "eternity" (Isaiah 57:15); "grandmother" (2 Timothy 1:5); and "gnat" (Matthew 23:24).

GENERAL FACTS:

- The Bible says more than 3,000 times, "Thus saith the Lord." And the words which follow are quotes from God.
- The Bible was written from 1400 BC to AD 100 by approximately 40 men:
 - from many walks of life (i.e. - kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, poets, statesmen, scholars),
 - in different places (i.e. - wilderness, dungeon, palaces),
 - at different times (i.e. - war, peace),
 - in different moods (i.e. - heights of joy, depths of despair),
 - on three continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe),
 - in three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek).
- The Bible has been translated into 2,454 languages.
- The Bible is widely considered to be the best-selling book of all time, with estimated total sales of over 5 billion copies. It is regularly on various best seller lists.
- There are more than 168,000 Bibles either sold or given away per day in the United States according to the Gideons, Wycliffe International and the International Bible Societies.

Bible Facts are from https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chapters_and_verses_of_the_Bible, <http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/bible-trivia-facts>, <http://www.allaboutgod.com/bible-facts.htm>, and <http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/10-amazing-bible-facts/>.

The number of chapters in the Bible:
There are 929 chapters in the [Old Testament](#).

- 187 chapters in the Pentateuch
 - Genesis 50
 - Exodus 40
 - Leviticus 27
 - Numbers 36
 - Deuteronomy 34
- 249 chapters in the Historical books
 - Joshua 24
 - Judges 21
 - Ruth 4
 - 1 Samuel 31
 - 2 Samuel 24
 - 1 Kings 22
 - 2 Kings 25
 - 1 Chronicles 29
 - 2 Chronicles 36
 - Ezra 10
 - Nehemiah 13
 - Esther 10
- 243 chapters in the Poetic books
("Books of Wisdom")
 - Job 42
 - Psalms 150
 - Proverbs 31
 - Ecclesiastes 12
 - Song of Solomon 8
- 183 chapters in the Major prophets
 - Isaiah 66
 - Jeremiah 52
 - Lamentations 54
 - Ezekiel 81
 - Daniel 12
- 67 chapters in the Minor prophets
 - Hosea 14
 - Joel 3
 - Amos 9
 - Obadiah 1
 - Jonah 4
 - Micah 7
 - Nahum 3
 - Habakkuk 3
 - Zephaniah 3
 - Haggai 2
 - Zechariah 14
 - Malachi 4

There are 260 chapters in the [New Testament](#).

- 89 chapters in the Gospels
 - Matthew 28
 - Mark 16
 - Luke 24
 - John 21
- 28 chapters in History
 - Acts 28
- 87 chapters in the Pauline Epistles
(excluding Hebrews)
 - Romans 16
 - 1 Corinthians 16
 - 2 Corinthians 13
 - Galatians 6
 - Ephesians 6
 - Philippians 4
 - Colossians 4
 - 1 Thessalonians 5
 - 2 Thessalonians 3
 - 1 Timothy 6
 - 2 Timothy 4
 - Titus 3
 - Philemon 1
- 34 chapters in the General Epistles
(including Hebrews)
 - Hebrews 13
 - James 5
 - 1 Peter 5
 - 2 Peter 3
 - 1 John 5
 - 2 John 1
 - 3 John 1
 - Jude 1
- 22 chapters in Apocalyptic Writings
 - Revelation 22

**COMING
SOON!**

The Faith Flyer



October, 2016

11/06/2016	02:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/06/2016	10:30 AM	All Saints Sunday
11/20/2016	11:30 PM	Thanksgiving Meal
11/24/2016	TBA PM	Thanksgiving Day Dinner
11/30/2016	06:00 PM	Hanging of the Greens
We will collect Socks in December		
12/18/2016	03:00 PM	Choir Cantata with Swaim UMC
12/25/2016	10:30 AM	Christmas Day Worship Service