



# The Messenger

**“To know Him and to make Him known” April 2018**

## **Am I An Altogether Christian?**

He is risen, He is risen indeed! It is Easter Season, and as Easter People this a season of celebration and hope! We are a people who have been set free from the power that sin and death held over us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate because we are redeemed, healed, restored, and vindicated through the death and resurrection of God the Son. The Holy Spirit that resurrected Jesus from the dead lives in every Christian (Romans 8:11). But have we lost connection with that great power? Are we taking that power for granted, or are we fully awake, alive, and an altogether empowered Christian?

I want to tell you a secret. I love Jesus. I mean I am completely in awe that Jesus, the Creator of the Universe not only died so I could be washed of all of my sin and shame, but this Jesus loves me and wants to know me. This is what the Gospel means: Jesus loves you and wants you to know and experience His love for you. He wants you to live a life full of the explosive, resurrected power of the Holy Spirit. He wants you to know that you are loved and known to your core. God sees you. God knows you and loves you still. Is this the core of your faith and relationship with Jesus? Is God’s love for you what moves and satisfies you? Are you filled with the passion and power of Jesus in every area of your life?

This is God’s deepest wish for you, that you would know God and be known by Him. Yes, he desires you to be sinless in your life. But right behavior can only flow from a right heart. You can live a sinless life and still be mean, bitter, and empty on the inside. John Wesley called this being an Almost Christian. Almost Christians have perfect attendance and pretty clean lives, but lack the love and passion of God in their hearts. The bottom line is that they still do not KNOW God. They know about God, but remember, even the demons believe in God and tremble, so simply knowing about God does not make one Altogether Christian. One must know God, confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and “love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement reminds us that the Altogether Christian: “regard themselves as completely insufficient without God.”

So, how is it with your soul? Are you an Almost Christian satisfied with just knowing about God and living life out of your own strength and power? Or, are you willing to completely surrender and become Altogether Christian, by declaring your utter dependence and need for God who loves you to your uttermost. Are you ready to be filled with the same power that resurrected Jesus from the dead and live empowered? If you are feeling the pull of conviction, that is the Holy Spirit calling you to open your soul and surrender to the power of a loving God? God doesn’t just want some of you, he wants all of you. Will you give all you are to a God who loves all of you? Cry out in this holy moment to Jesus our Messiah, confess that you are an Almost Christian, but you want to change and become totally in love with Jesus and be Altogether Christian.

God loves you and so do I,  
Melanie Fierbaugh ~ Senior Pastor



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Student Ministries Minute



Hey Memorial!

I've been so grateful to have the opportunity to lead the Youth of Memorial UMC. I might be underselling it to say that it's a treat. These youth are awesome! If you don't know them yet, come get to know them on Sunday nights at 5:00 PM or Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM.

Jesus says in Matthew 5, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness," and it's been a monumental blessing to me to see the way the group hungers and thirsts after Jesus. Believe me when I say that you want to be a part of this.

Here's the thing, though: We want to continue to build this ministry and watch spiritual growth happen in the lives of the youth of Lake Placid, but we can't do it without you. Ensuring a safe and welcoming atmosphere, first and foremost, will help us be able to reach more youth. On top of that, building stronger relationships between the adults of our church and the youth of our church will only strengthen our church *now* and in the future.

So please, don't wait to be asked. Call me. Come talk to me. And ask how you can get in on the ground floor of an exciting ministry and help build it. If you feel the slightest nudging of the Holy Spirit, come talk to me about where you fit in the Student Ministries of Memorial.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers for this vital ministry, and keep a watchful eye on what's to come!

Stuart Upton

Director of Student Ministries

PS: If you'd like to be a Student Leader, or discuss how you might best serve our youth, call me at 863.465.2422 or email me at [YouthDirector@MemorialUMC.com](mailto:YouthDirector@MemorialUMC.com). I'd love to talk to you!



# MISSIONS

## ***“Sharing the Heart of Jesus Around the World”***

Sunday, February 11 ~ Ephesians 3:18-20

### **God’s Church is Alive and Well in Cuba**

After our mission trip in February, I was convinced that God’s Church is indeed alive and well in Cuba. Our group visited seven churches in the North Holguin District. The story of each church was similar and exciting. When a church was started, the only worshipers were the family members of the pastor, but now several years later close to 100 people are worshiping each Sunday. Not only are the churches flourishing, but they all have missions in the surrounding villages. In addition to missions, there are small cells meeting at homes. Christianity is spreading throughout Cuba. It was extremely exciting to hear about the growth of the church in the communist nation. Many of the pastors left good-paying jobs to take their call. One remembered the first morning in their small shack and wondering if he could succeed. His old boss tempted him with a pay raise if he quit the ministry and returned to his old job. With the strength and dedication granted from God he stayed on his mission and built a new church building for the crowd of worshipers now coming to his church.

Hearing the stories of potential glorious growth in light of the many financial needs made it obvious how we Americans can assist our fellow Christian brothers and sisters in Cuba. They may be poor in material resources, but are so rich in their faith. The pastor of one of my church’s sister churches waved his hand around his worship building and told me it was all made possible by our donations. We started by paying the pastor’s salary of \$360 per year and then listened to his needs and wants for the growth of his church. We felt the responsibility to help our Cuban Christians just as those in Greek and Turkish churches helped those in need in Judea nearly two thousand years ago. It is truly a blessing to assist our church family in need. And we all pray for each other. When I told the pastor of our sister church that I prayed for him and his church every day, he thanked me with tears in his eyes and told me how his congregation daily prays for us. Tearfully, I responded that we feel their prayers. The bond is very strong between sister churches.



Most of our team members did not speak Spanish well and we relied on our wonderful interpreters, but we discovered that most of the Cuban Christians knew three English words as they honored us with: “God Bless You.”

Our visit to our Cuban brothers and sisters helped us to realize that the true security is in holding onto God. God gave us everything, and most important, He gave us the salvation we share with our friends in Cuba. In the worst times He gives us strength and His peace. He also gives us American Christians compassion for fellow Christians and opens our hearts to help them.

Dr. Phill Kolbe



## Lakeview Christian School ~

We have State Standardized

Testing the week of April 9th-13th. Please be in prayer for our students. Thank you, LVCS Staff



*Chat 'n Chew*

**Chat 'n Chew** will gather for a time of fellowship at **Beef O' Bradys**, on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:00pm. We will be able to order off of the regular menu and have individual or couple checks. Please contact **Sharon Puckett** if you have any questions **863-465-1998**. We look forward to a time to worship God and fellowship together.

## Young at Heart Craft Class ~

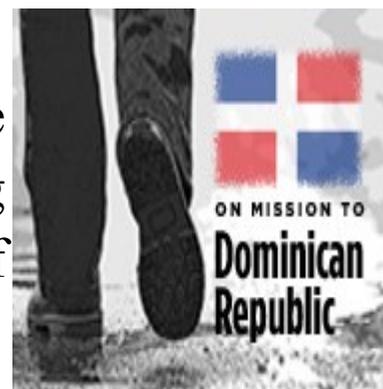
Please join us Wednesday, April 4th at 9:00

AM in the Lighthouse to decorate bags, make cards, and prepare goodies for our homebound. Spring Joy Bags will be delivered Monday, April 16th. Many hands make light work. See you there!



## H.O.O.I.

News ~We are taking names of people wanting to



go to the Dominican Republic Mission Trip to the Children's Home July 2-9. If you are interested, contact **Troy White** by catching him at church, or write H.O.O.I., PO Box 1370, Lake Placid, FL 33862.



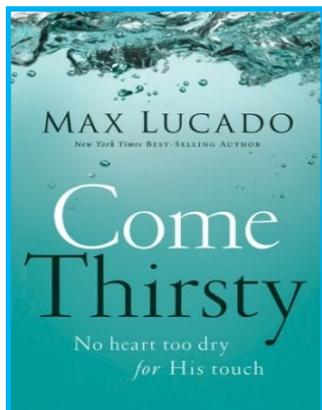
## United Methodist Women ~

The next UMW meeting

will be at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 3rd in Rob Reynolds Hall. We are to bring our own lunches but a beverage will be provided. The program will be on our Mission involvement in areas around the world. Won't you come and be involved on making a difference?

### Ruth Shutts

**The Mary Martha Group** ~ The last meeting of the season will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Men's Bible Classroom. The last four chapters of Max Lucado's book *Come Thirsty* will be covered under the unit heading of *Receive His Love: 14 Going Deep, 15 Have you heard the Changing Door?, 16 Fearlessly Facing Eternity and 17 If God Writes You a Letter*. If you did not participate in this study I urge you to read and study. We urge you to ready the study this insightful book which is in our church library; Your faith journey will be blessed.



## Online Donations & Text to Give...

To get started, tell your donors "Text any dollar amount

to 84321 to give." They'll follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie their mobile phone to your church, their donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text. You can also set up online giving and give one or set up a reoccurring donation. For more information call the office or go to the website at <http://www.memorialumc.com/giving.html>



**LP Health Care...**Service will be held **Sunday, April 8th** at 4:00 pm located at 125 Tomoka Blvd S, Lake Placid, FL 33852. If available, please help us get the residents to the service at 3:45 pm. Thank you ~ Pastor Jerry.





- 04/01 Richard Kristoff
- 04/01 Sarah Summers
- 04/03 Sally Kinsey
- 04/06 Mario Russo
- 04/09 Betty Pearce
- 04/11 Carl Canevari
- 04/11 Earl Hunt
- 04/12 Colleen McNally
- 04/12 Beth Plank
- 04/14 Craig Buttrill
- 04/14 Emily Ezell
- 04/15 Kathryn Long
- 04/15 Mallory McNally
- 04/17 Lori Knipper
- 04/18 Brady Boak
- 04/18 Bill Packard
- 04/20 Melanie Fierbaugh
- 04/20 Harry Howes
- 04/23 Marilyn Cromer
- 04/24 Janice Hess
- 04/25 Sue Koster
- 04/26 Rayne Cooke
- 04/27 Sue Mackey
- 04/28 George Hill
- 04/29 Taylor Durban
- 04/29 David Plank
- 04/30 Don McNeeley

We would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone that had a part in our Easter Egg Egg-stravaganza this year. We could not have blessed so many littles without your help and commitment to sharing the Word of God.





# April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1—Easter</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH)	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Observance of Easter for Staff Autism Awareness Day 	<b>3</b> <b>1 PM</b> UMW Meeting (RRH) <b>6 PM</b> SPRC (Office)	<b>4</b> <b>9 AM</b> Craft Class (LH)	<b>5</b> <b>6 PM</b> Writers' Workshop <b>6 PM</b> Band Practice	<b>6</b> <b>10AM</b> LVCS Hosting Private School Spelling Bee (Sanctuary)	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> LP Health Care Service <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7:15 AM</b> HS Prayer Group (LH) <b>8 AM</b> LP Ministerial Association (Hospital) <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>1 PM</b> Mary Martha Group (MBC) <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance/Trustees	<b>11</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (LH) & Adult Deep Dive (Parsonage) <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>12</b> <b>6 PM</b> Writers' Workshop <b>6 PM</b> Band Practice	<b>13</b> LVCS Field Day	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH)	<b>16</b> <b>9 AM</b> Joy Bags Assembly & Distribution (RRH) <b>6 PM</b> Chat 'n Chew	<b>17</b> <b>7:15 AM</b> HS Prayer Group (LH) <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>6 PM</b> LVCS Board Meeting (RRH) 	<b>18</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (LH) & Adult Deep Dive (Parsonage) <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>19</b> <b>6 PM</b> Writers' Workshop <b>6 PM</b> Band Practice	<b>20</b> <b>12 PM</b> Newsletter Deadline 	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:15 AM</b> HS Prayer Group (LH) <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace 	<b>25</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (LH) & Adult Deep Dive (Parsonage) <b>7 PM</b> Choir Admin Professionals Day	<b>26</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Manna Board Meeting (LBC) <b>6 PM</b> Writers' Workshop <b>6 PM</b> Band Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 ~ 5th Sunday</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH)	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:15 AM</b> HS Prayer Group (LH) <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace	<b>28</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (LH) & Adult Deep Dive (Parsonage) <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>29</b> <b>6 PM</b> Writers' Workshop <b>6 PM</b> Band Practice	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



## Sunday School Classes at 9:30am

Nursery	Martha Oliveras	Birth—5	Nursery
SonShine Club	Volunteers	K-3rd Grade	Clubhouse
45 Zone	Scott & Sally Durban	4th & 5th Grade	Upper Room
Ladies Bible Class	Team of Teachers	Discussions & Lectures	Ladies Bible Class
Men's Bible Class	John Causey	Discussions Class	Men's Bible Class
Pathfinders	Melissa Russell	Discussions Class	Room 203
Wesley Fellowship	Troy White	Discussions Class	Room 204

### Current Small Groups—Heart Groups

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Ladies 6 PM</b> 217 N. Main Street Carlene Clark 863-441-0200
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Adults 7 PM</b> 114 Lakefront Court NE George Hill 863-465-2503
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Adults 7 PM</b> 158 Blue Moon Avenue Hartman's 863-465-0695
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Men 8 AM</b> McDonald's Claude Burnett 863-464-0330

### Weekly Worship Schedule

#### Worship Services

8:30am and 10:45am

**Fellowship**~9:15am to 10:40am

**Sunday School**~ 9:30am

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Friday's by Appointment

201 Carole Richie ~ Receptionist  
 203 Claude Burnett ~ Pastoral Assistant  
 205 Jerry McCauley ~ Visitation Pastor  
 207 Stuart Upton ~ Youth Director

202 Finance Office  
 204 April McQuaig ~ Church Business Admin  
 206 Melanie Fierbaugh ~ Senior Pastor  
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