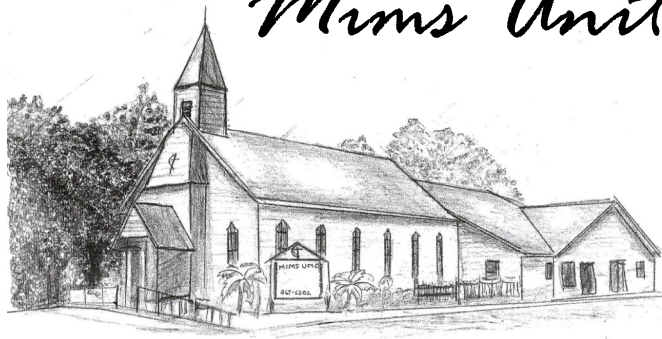


Mims United Methodist Church



***“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
For the Transformation of the World.”***

December 1/2, 2018



Advent Sermon Series

“The Spirit of Christmas: Foretold”

Scripture: Isaiah 8:20-9:3a



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Rev. John Gill, Pastor

Welcome, Guests!

- ◆ We are happy you are worshiping with us! Help us get to know you by completing the Mims Connect Card in your bulletin (place it in the offering plate). You are always welcome here!
- ◆ If you have small children, they are welcome to stay in the service. We are glad to provide child-care for infants and toddlers, by request. Speak to an usher.
- ◆ Communion, available every Saturday evening and the first Sundays of the month at Sunday morning services, is open to all those who wish to receive, regardless of membership.
- ◆ Our sanctuary is historic, so originally we had an outhouse! Thankfully, restrooms are now accessible by exiting the main doors of the sanctuary, following the sidewalk to the right (west) around the building and through the side door. Another set of restrooms is available in the Fellowship Hall, at the north end of the building.
- ◆ If you have no local church home, we would love for you to consider joining our congregation, either as a full or affiliate (seasonal) member. To unite with our church, indicate this on your "Let's Connect" card, or contact Pastor John through the church office or his cell (321-794-0010).

Congregational Announcements

Our Advent Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Scrooge

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. During Advent, we prepare ourselves to welcome again God's gift of His Son. During these weeks, Pastor John will be preaching a sermon series called, "The Spirit of Christmas", based on Charles Dickens' novel, *A Christmas Carol*. This holiday classic echoes the witness of the Scriptures. We will consider "The Spirit of Christmas" - Foretold, Past, Present, and Future. Then, on Christmas Eve, we will turn our "Humbugs" into "Hallelujahs"! This weekend, our Saturday Service was our Christmas Cantata, so the sermon will be delivered on Sunday, at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. On December 9, at 11:00 a.m., the Cantata will be presented for the last time. Therefore, the second sermon of this series will be delivered on Saturday, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, at 8:30 a.m. Plan to be at worship every week!

Advent Bible Study

Join us for an Advent Bible Study led by Pastor John. There are no books to purchase. The Study will be the first three Mondays of December, at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Join us Friday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00), at the "Moxley Estate" (aka Fellowship Hall) for a cocktail party murder mystery. Tickets are \$15.00, and are only available in advance due to limited seating. Tickets can be purchased in the church office, from Erika Watson, or Julie Harrison. Be here for an excellent meal and lots of fun!

Mullet Festival Update

After all expenses, including donations to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, and the Florida Baptist Children's Home, of \$3,600 each, the Festival this year netted \$8,323.61. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Congregational Announcements

Christmas Cantata

"And it came to pass in those days..." Now more than ever, the world needs to hear these words, to be reminded that a Savior has come. The story should be told over and over again. Join us Sunday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m., for this year's Christmas Cantata, "Repeat the Sounding Joy". This is a collection that blends familiar songs with new works that are heart-felt, fun, and full of the Gospel. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

"Church Family" Christmas Card Tree

There is a tree available in the back of the Sanctuary to send your Christmas greetings to your church family.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the "Hanging of the Greens". It would have taken days to complete had you not given your time. The Sanctuary and the outside look great! Each placement reveals an expression of our proclaiming Christ's birth to the community. ~**Nancy Wood and Roy Carter**

Thanks to our Cub and Boy Scout Troops for choosing our food pantry to receive their Scouting for Food collection. We also thank them for staying to help sort the food and check expiration dates. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you, also, to the Food Pantry volunteers for helping with the donations. ~**Sharon Griffis**

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us every Wednesday, at 5:00 p.m., for a delicious dinner. This week's menu will be shepherds pie, salad, bread, and dessert. Cost is \$8 per adult meal. No reservation required.

Just a Reminder

If you have performed at least one hour of service in our church, for a neighbor, or in the community, please place a "Salty Servant" card in the offering plate.

Fellowship Time

Join us in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 to 10:50 a.m. for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

Food Pantry Needs

Small jars of peanut butter.

Miles of Change

Our Miles of Change Jar is located in the back of the Sanctuary, with all proceeds going towards our Children's Ministry. Thanks to all who give so generously!

Happy Birthday Wishes!

12/06-Max Theriault; 12/09-Terri Touchton; 12/10-Mary-Sue Erickson; 12/10-Dallas Lewis; 12/12-Beth Wise

Church Activities This Week

Monday, December 3

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting (Hope Cottage)

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 a.m. Clothes Closet (Hope Cottage)

5:00 p.m. Supper

5:45 p.m. Bells

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Thursday, December 6

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 8

7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Sunday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Praise Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata

Property Acquisition	
Needed	\$225,000.00
Collected	\$190,621.25

Our Faithfulness	11/25/2018
Worship Attendance	107
Sunday School	16
Needed Weekly	\$4,557.00
Collected Last Week	\$2,957.50
Needed to Date	\$209,622.00
Collected to Date	\$200,790.20

Pastor: John Gill

Ministers at Large: Congregation

Choir Director: Roy Carter

Pianists: Lorraine Karel, Linda Nash,
Frances Newton, Tom Sumwalt

Prayer List

(Submit on Mims Connect Card, call the office to update)

Members, Family, Friends: Bob & Donna Ache, Dawn Ackerman, Candy Adamick, Richard & Glenna Ammons, Jack Aniello, Jay Ash, Richard & Jody Baldwin, Michele Barrett, Jack & Mary Bashlor, John & Brenda Baxter, Mickey Belsom, Sue Bevins, Kim Blankenship, Michael Bramble, Cindy Bremmer, Lois Brown, Doug & Arlene Chamberlain, Marshall & Judith Chambers, Ryan Chambers, Glenn Colbetzer, Jim Deck, Cedric Demerritt, Joanne Devine, Dylan Dobbs, Dunham Family, Janet Elmore, Edwin Everett, Deb Fiebach, Serenity Fletcher, Carol Gatchell, John Gill, Wendy Golembiewski, Steve Greninger, Daniel Haddad, Hagan Family, David Harris, Sally Henderson, Bobby Hoffman, Holley Family, Cathy Hudson, Kathie Human, Megan Isaac, Shaina Isbell, Yvonne & Anthony Janisse, Karen Jaynes, Joan Johnston, Walt & Eileen Kalinowski, Lorraine Karel, Michael Katrick, Mary Kobilis, Marie Kuzniewski, Robert Lang, Nancy Layne, Marian Lerner, Sharon Leclair, Aubrey Little, Tony Lloyd, Nancy Love, Theone Mansfield, Annette & Buddy Martin, Liza Martinez, Jimmy McCoskey, Jennifer McGraw, Dan & Christine McInerney, George Neven, Henry Nore, Becky Peterson, Pat Pfaff, Blanche Porter, Jimmy Pritt, Maddy Rhodes, Gary Ridenour, Jackie Rutherford, Bill Sherman, Glen Sherman, Catherine Simkins, Bill Sleeman, Bill Slover, Travis Smith, Joe & Vicki Stephenson, Brad Stevens, Gary Stoner, Diane Taner, Carrie Tatman, Lynn Thweatt, Denise Tomlinson, Janice & Terry Turner, Vicki Umbreit, Enid Watson, Claire Wegelin, Mary West, Billy Wilson, Virginia Wise, Nancy Wood, Pat Young, Ron Zielensky.

Our Nation and Its Leaders, Our Service Men and Women, and First Responders (List available in the church office).

Addington Place: Norma Ouellette

Brookdale: Blanche Porter, Patsy Watson