

May 16, 2023

FIRST CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation 

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FIRST CHURCH Weekly News

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The Wright Stuff



Bearing Each Other's Burdens

But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. (Exodus 17:12)

During the battle, when Moses grew too weak to keep his hands raised, Aaron and Hur helped steady him. As I recover from surgery and the infection, I have felt your love and prayers sustain me. I appreciate your cards, e-mails, visits, flowers, and other expressions of caring. According to my surgeon this morning, I am doing well. He cautioned about overdoing it and insisted I allow three more weeks for my body to heal before returning to the gym, bike riding, etc. The good news is that my health situation has delayed, but not derailed, our plans for a vacation to visit my brother who recently had a stroke in Louisville. After visiting family in Kentucky, I will take a few days to rest and write at a friend's house in North Carolina before I attend a writers' conference near Asheville at the end of the month. Then we will return to Florida, and I will attend the Annual Conference in Lakeland. I appreciate the Rev. Don Roberts and Pastor Woody filling the pulpit for me. Thank you all for your loving support. Blessings!

Dr. Sam

The Windows of First Church

The second in our series on the
Memorial Windows of the
Sanctuary

"Annunciation to Mary"
(first window to the left upon
entering the Sanctuary)

In Memory of: Grace Bennet Carr

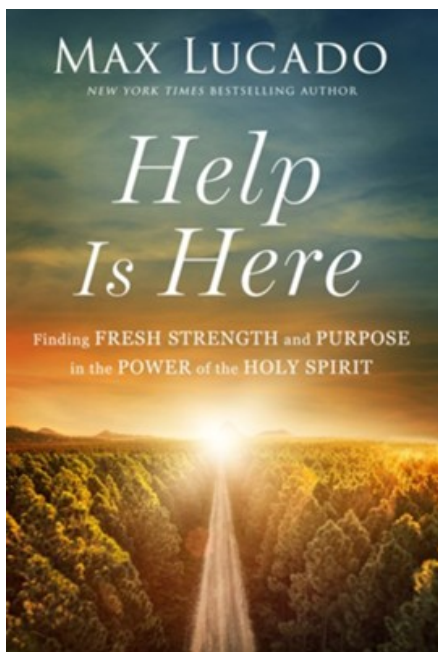
Symbols - *Lilies representing purity.*



Wear Red for Pentecost

Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost, the birthday of Christ's Church. It is a tradition at many churches, including First Church, for people to wear red in celebration. Join us!

Faith Café Sunday Study Group - New Start Date!



**9:40 A.M. ~ Room 104
New Study Begins June 11**

Help Is Here by Max Lucado

This study reminds us that God keeps us on track and that we find strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit. Enjoy learning while you fellowship and make new church friends. Contact Leader Luis Montes (lmontes@altez.com; 323-640-6769) for more information.

Team Treble Performs



Team Treble, under the direction of Michael Stuart, presented *I Sing This Song of Praise* by Cindy Berry on Mother's Day Sunday.

7th Annual Day4Hope - July 30

It's that time of year again! First Church will be providing back packs, gift cards, and back-to-school items for students from Emma E. Booker Elementary School. Donations should indicate "Day4Hope" on checks or when giving online.

Contact Jane Barnett (ajaneb11071941@gmail.com) for more information.

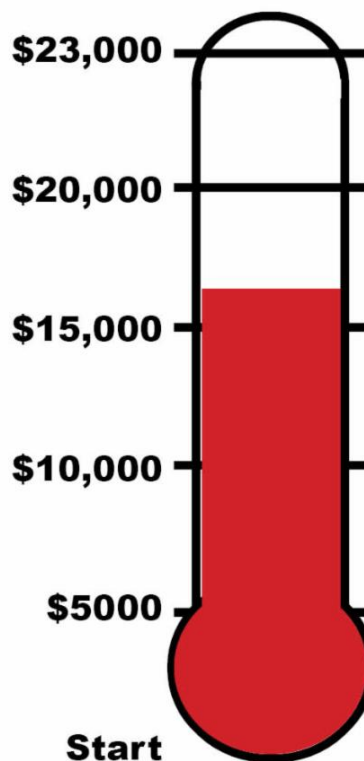
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**2023 Goal:
\$23,000**



Current Total

\$16,473



Creation Care Tips

Thoughts and Ideas from Our Creation Care Team

When you care for your house plants, reenergize them with any of these: cooled cooking water from preparing vegetables, potatoes, pasta, or green tea (leaves or brewed). No wasted water and happy plants - a good combination!



Read the Bible In One Year

Join the 5-day reading plan at www.FiveDayBibleReading.com.

Readings for Week 20

- Day 1: 2 Samuel 6; 1 Chronicles 13; Psalm 60; *Acts 23*
- Day 2: Chronicles 14-16; *Acts 24*
- Day 3: 2 Samuel 7-8; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 132; *Acts 25*
- Day 4: 2 Samuel 9-10; 1 Chronicles 18-19; Psalm 89; *Acts 26*
- Day 5: 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20; Psalm 51, 32; *Acts 27*

In Memoriam



Robert (Bob) Winslow
May 9, 2023

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