



**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010**

**DOMINION WINDOW**

*NEWSLETTER*

**WHAT  
IF  
WE  
RETHINK  
THE  
CHURCH?**

*“You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”*

*Deuteronomy 10:19 (NRSV)*

## PASTOR GENE'S CPE SCHEDULE

*This will inform you of our weekend rotations regarding services while Pastor Gene has to complete this mandatory program.*

**Date: February 7:**            **8:00am Drive-In Worship**—Ken Denny  
   **9:00am Praise Worship**—Larry Booth  
   **11:00am Traditional Worship**—Pastor Gene

### **Circle of Concern**

**Home:** Mary Heslop, Kay Bartberger, May Russell, David Rothermund, Christi Coy, Ernest Lindley, Betty Turner, Jim Bishop, Sr., Peggy Morgan Halper, Fay Mallard, Elsie Bailey, Lucille Taylor, Glover Robinson, Joanna Ramsey, Judy Barker, Bob Kunkle, Robin Wagoner, Gloria Reed, Sharon Bauer.

**Courtenay Springs Nursing Home:** Gladys Williams

**Death:** Jack Potter passed away on Jan. 16th

*Please inform the church office if you know of anyone in hospital or needs a visit.*

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### **Thank you from Trustees**

We wish to thank all those that turned out on January 9th for our Work Day here at the church. Considering the coldness of the day we had a great turn out. We plan to do this every month so keep an eye out in your bulletins and newsletters for updates. God Bless.

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**Altar Flowers:** We love to have flowers adorn our altar on a Sunday. We have Fay Hammond to thank for the flower arrangements who does an outstanding job.

If you would like flowers place on the altar we have forms in the Sanctuary which you may fill out and return to the church office.

## ***THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!***

Your Board of Trustees are very grateful for all the support, time, work and financial help graciously provided by YOU the members of this Church. Without your help many important projects could not have been completed.

We are starting the year 2010 with many new projects to help maintain and improve our Church Campus and buildings. A big effort will be made this year to economize and cut our utility costs. Very soon you will see signs appear everywhere reminding us to **TURN OFF LIGHTS, AIR CONDITIONERS, HEAT, COMPUTERS, WATER FAUCETS** etc. when you are leaving rooms or any buildings.

We meet the first Thursday evening of the month at 6:00pm and welcome you to attend our meetings with us if you have any questions, ideas for new projects or if you have any complaint we are here to listen. If you have a desire to serve as a trustee please let us know.

**God Bless, Don McCarter, Chairman, Trustees**



### **COVERED DISH LUNCHEON**

Starting **February 14th**, we will be continuing our Covered Dish Luncheon following our 11am Worship Service. This will take place from then on, every 2nd Sunday of the month.

As the 14th of February is Valentine's Day we are having a special luncheon. Please come and bring your favorite dish with enough to share. We look forward to these Sundays as it brings friendship and fellowship to our church and is a great way to invite new people to come worship with us. Bring a friend to church!

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**FYI:** Offering Envelopes are available in boxes in the Narthex. You may pick them up on a Sunday.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN JANUARY

January UMW meeting was held on **Wednesday 13th at 10:30am**. The program, “*Let’s Get Together in Ireland*”, was presented by Mary Ann Yotka. We thank her so much for a very interesting program. We enjoyed a ‘stone soup’ lunch.

**Martha Circle** will meet at Lucille Taylor’s home, 9:30am January 20th

**Mary Deborah Circle** will meet at 9:30am January 12th in the Church Parlor.

**Rachel Circle** will meet at Esther Hansen’s home, 10:00am on January 20th

**Lydia Circle** will meet at LaVonn Simpkins’ home, 10:00am on January 20th.

**Ruth Book Group** will meet in the church Parlor at 9:30am on January 27. The book, “*A Painted House*”, by John Grisham will be discussed. There are over 20 copies in the Brevard County Library System. If you would like to read ahead, the February book will be “*Little Women*” by Louisa May Alcott.

The UMW Members have been very active and generous in December. \$220 was collected to give to the Salvation Army for Christmas activities.

UMW collected money during December for Habitat for Humanity. See next month’s Dominion Window. For the total.

Members of the UMW, under the leadership of Marianne Wright, helped with the Salvation Army Angel Tree in the Merritt Square Mall.

**The Ruth Book Group** gave \$100.00 to Habitat for Humanity. The book group also collected over 100 children’s book to be given to Nana’s House, a place where abused, and neglected children can find refuge. The book group would personally like to thank Gary Belflower for his help and assistance during this past year. He is constantly coming to our rescue.

**Lydia Circle** gives periodically to the Sharing Center.

**Martha Circle** gives to the Sharing Center and World Hunger.

**Rachel Circle** gives to the ‘Special Gather’ and UMW Missions through special Mission Pins.

This is just a small sample of what the UMW does for our church and community!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Adult Fellowship Class elected officers for 2010 are:

**President:** Nancy Glass  
**Secretary:** Ruth Warden  
**Treasurer:** Jean Colston

The Fellowship Committee is Elsie Vasilevich, Jean Colston and Delice Cummins. Mildred Page is the teacher with many members serving as assistant preachers Our Sound Engineer and “Help Me” person is Herman Byrd.

The Class will be placing Memorial Bricks in our church memorial Garden for Edith Dalton and Jack Potter.

Several members from the class will be going on our Church Bus to view the birds on Merritt Island Refuge. The group will be “Bus Borders” - no walking involved. **The dates are Feb. 2 and 4.**

**Nancy Glass** can answer questions on this outing. The group will enjoy lunch at the Village Inn after the Birding. Thanks to **David Russell** our bus driver and **Carlos Page** our bird guide.

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### DOMINION WINDOW

Due to problems with our printer we were unable to deliver the January DW at the first of the month hence combining the two. We feel that from now on it would behoove us to continue publishing this newsletter the same way. The next one will come out the first week of March covering both March and April. Please submit any articles or happenings no later than the 20th of each month. We can only put in what we receive. We like to give our congregation a heads up on upcoming information.

# UMCOR

## United Methodist Committee on relief

### HAITI EMERGENCY

United Methodists have had a long-standing relationship with Haiti through the Methodist Church of Haiti. The strong ties between the Methodist Church of Haiti and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) helped in facilitating the opening of the UMCOR Haiti field office in 2005. 100 percent of Advance gifts made will go to support relief and development efforts due to emergencies in Haiti.

You may give on line through [FLUMC.org](http://FLUMC.org) click on to UMCOR web site and from there you can donate on line.

However if you would sooner put your donation on the offering plate or send it to the church office and write on your check "*for Haitian Relief*" then we will send all the money that is collected direct to UMCOR.

We thank each and everyone of you for your generous donation and know that this will help a little towards the recovery of this devastatingly torn country.



# CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE AND SUPPLIES

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you about the Christian Book Store on Merritt Island. My name is Kris Tate and I am the Owner and Manager of the store.

The Christian Book Store has had a presence and a long history in Merritt Island since 1965. Almost 3 years ago, in March 2007, I was blessed with being able to fulfill a dream, to purchase and run my own Christian Book Store. After working here for 6 years, I felt like I knew our customers and what they needed and wanted. After purchasing the store, I drastically changed the layout, appearance, logo and our stock. I believed this was needed to bring the store to a new generation, while serving current customers and honoring the past.

We carry a large variety of items: Books, Bibles, Gifts, CD's, DVD's, Software, Apparel, Stationary, Church Supplies, Jewelry, Seasonal Items and Many Sale Items. Our newest addition to the store is the MY MEDIA BURN BAR. This System enables up to burn music to CD's in just a matter of minutes. You can burn a complete CD or just individual songs. It has over 65,000 CD's available and over 12,000 Accompaniment Tracks for solos. This system also burns Bible Software and Audio Books. You can also here a sample of every song on the system, as well as a view trailers of over 100 DVD's.

If we do not have what you need, my goal is to get it to you, if possible, in a timely manner. Most of the time, we can have the items that you need in just a few days. We also have a website with over 170,000 items that can be shipped right to your home. [Www.cbsmi.org](http://www.cbsmi.org).

Register your email address to receive bi-weekly coupons. Give us your physical address and receive several catalogs each year. And if you're on Facebook, become a fan of our store, and you can find us under Christian Book Store and Supplies. Our Fan page will give inside information about the goings on of the store as well as inspirational thoughts, ideas and store special .

I would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support of the Christian Book Store in Merritt Island. You are one of the many reasons that this store is still in business today. I believe that the Christian Book Store is a vital part of this community and I believe that we, as a store and ministry, are also an extension of the church. We are here to serve you, the local church and community, both believers and those seeking out the Truth

We want to Thank You for your Support. Shopping locally helps us stay in business. We know that it is sometimes easier to get your books or gifts at a big name store, but we do appreciate it when you think of us first. Thank you for helping us through this touch economic time.

Phil. 1:3—Whenever I think of you, I give praise to my God!.

# Forest Lake Players

Again, we are please to announce that the Forest Lake Players will be gracing the stage at Hughlett Hall this year. They will be performing on April 10th. It will be “Dinner and Show”.

The kind entertainers perform for nothing and whatever money comes in through the sale of the tickets is all donated to our church (with the exception of the food). Margaret Russell donates her time and prepares a fabulously delicious meal.

Tickets will go on sale early March so keep an eye on your bulletins for updates and flyers. Look forward to seeing you all again.

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## BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

This year we are determined to see our pews full at First UMC Cocoa. We have one of the most beautiful churches in Brevard County and we need to show it off. Please consider bringing your neighbors, friends and family with you when you come to worship with us.

We are planning some great programs/events for this year and now have our own Public Relations team to help organize these happenings. From Spring Ring, (our Handbell Choirs) to The Easter Cantata (our Chancel Choir) and visiting artists/performers that will be part of these programs.

**On February 11th**, we will be hosting the Chilean Gospel Performers. A group of young people from Chile with fabulous voices and incredible music for all to enjoy. This will be a love offering donation. They are travelling throughout the US and we are thrilled to have them visit us. We are hoping for more musical concerts to take place in our lovely sanctuary for our entire community to enjoy.

So bring a friend to church, tell them all about us and lets make this year our best ever.

**(Open Heats Open Minds Open Doors)**

# BIRTHDAYS!



## January

1/02 William Chumley  
1/03 Anita Kruger  
1/04 Lou Kotopka, Mary Lou Beatty  
1/06 Marilyn Mayo  
1/08 Joanna Ramsey  
1/10 C.L. Colston, Mickey Furman,  
1/10 Chris Mitchell  
1/11 Jim Ross, Carlos Page  
1/12 Donita Chase  
1/13 Alexander Bowlby  
1/14 Lougetta Krell, Lenny Fasulo  
1/18 Dick Glass  
1/19 Chet Wilcox  
1/22 Louise Gerlach  
1/28 Florence Newhouse  
1/31 Marian Culpepper,  
Frances Winner, Arlene Reed  
Barbara Catalfamo,  
Janice Paul

## February

2/03 Dorothy Ashley  
2/04 Marjorie Braxton  
2/05 Gerald Oden, Kurt Ronstrom  
2/08 Beverly Ratcliff, Fern Pattern  
2/09 Ruth Higgs, Diane Ricard  
2/11 Neil Fetzer  
2/13 Dorothy Knuckle, Adrian Jensen  
2/14 Elsie Booth  
2/15 Marguerite Accola  
2/17 Bob Selles, Barbara Kennedy  
2/18 Gary Dean, Kurt Yotka  
2/20 May Russell, Larry Bridgham  
Phillip Underwood  
2/22 Walter Vasilevich  
2/23 Betty Fasulo  
2/24 Kay Bartberger  
2/26 Eileen Thrift  
2/27 Chloe Drobnowski  
2/29 Bruce Take  
2/30 Sarah Oliver

**Don't forget the  
Birthday Box  
In the Narthex**

**125th  
ANNIVERSARY  
OF  
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1885-2010**



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As the DW is so late in getting out this month due to printer problems we are breaking up the calendar. We are beginning from January 18 thru end of Feb.

- Jan. 19** \*11:00am Praise Service in Chapel  
\*3:45pm Bible Study Rm. 208  
\*5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner  
\*7:00pm Echoes of Faith Bell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- Jan. 20** \*6:00am UMM Prayer Meeting  
9:30am P.R. Meeting with Pastor Gene  
\*6:00pm Spirit Ringers Bell Rehearsal (Bell Room)  
\*7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Jan. 21** \*7:00pm Celebration Ringers Bell Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- Jan. 26** 10:00am E.A.S.E. (Alzheimer support class) Rm. 208

## FEBRUARY

*(Please see above for events that occur every week)*

- Feb. 4** 6:00pm Trustees Meeting Rm. 208
- Feb. 6** All Day Girl Scouts Song Fest (Hughlett Hall and other locations)
- Feb. 8** 5:30pm Finance Meeting (Church Office)  
7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Rm. 208)
- Feb. 11** Chillian Gospel Group (Entertainments) Time to be announced
- Feb. 14** Valentine's Day. Covered Dish Luncheon following 11am Worship  
Spirit Ringers will be playing at the 9am Praise Service  
Sol Ringers at the 11am Worship Service
- Feb. 16** **No Dinner this Tuesday**
- Feb. 17** Ash Wednesday (Dinner will be held at 5:30pm H. Hall instead of Tuesday  
Followed by an Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm.

Cristo will be meeting from 2-4:30pm. every Sunday from January 17th through March 28th in Hughlett Hall.

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