

# The Belltower

First United Methodist Church of Brandon

August 2010

"Making more and better disciples of Jesus Christ"

## A New, Sunday Night Option for Worship...

September 19th is our anticipated launch of a brand-new worship service targeted to young adults in their 20's and 30's primarily, although everyone's welcome to attend. It will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm every Sunday night. Childcare will be provided for children up to age four (subject to change as needs arise). There will be a time for hospitality and fellowship following the worship hour.

This service will feature a new worship team made up of young, talented musicians who have a heart for reaching their own generation with the life-changing message of the Gospel.

The members of this new worship team have been carefully selected. These young adults are pros on their instruments and, with the considerable experience of Josh Gilmore, our worship leader for this service, will stir hearts in preparation to hear the wonderful word of God brought by our pastors. This is an exciting time of change as we seek to reach young adults (and the young-at-heart) in our Church family and the broader community with a livelier worship option.

We're asking for your help to spread the word about this new service! Please pray for us as a staff as we step out of our comfort zone. Please pray for the young adults in our community God wants to reach. And, please prayerfully consider how you can help in this new venture. We need greeters, hospitality and tech help above and beyond our regular Sunday morning volunteers. As we seek to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ, we hear God telling us that this age group needs more of our attention.

## New for Children, Youth and Students...

On Promotion Sunday, August 29th, you'll see some changes to our programming - all of which are intended to better provide your children with a strong Biblical foundation while encouraging an active, lifelong relationship with their Creator. In particular, note that:

- Elementary Students will have Tree House Worship Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Gym and then meet in small groups at 11:00.
- Middle Schoolers will have a new, fast-paced, high-energy Saturday night program from 7:00-9:00pm in the Boys & Girls Club.
- High School & College students will meet in the Chapel Sunday mornings for 929 Worship and then gather afterward to go deeper into that week's message. They'll also be encouraged to gather during the week in small group settings around town.

**Check out pages 11 and 12 inside for full details...**

## Financial Peace is Available...

Where did the summer go? It seems like only last week we were celebrating graduations and the end of another school year. After all the vacations, celebrations, and fun in the sun it's time once again to get into our routines. Sometimes our routines, while comfortable, are not leading where God wants us to be. Can we all say that we have done all we can do to be good Stewards of the things that God has entrusted to us? His plan for each of us is unique. But no matter the path he has for our lives, He wants us to be made over in His image. Learning is not just for the young, it is a life-long journey. This is your chance to learn God's (and Grandma's) principles for handling your money.

Now is the time to take charge of your financial life, with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening classes are being offered at locations around town.

FPU is a 13-lesson course, offered at the discounted price of \$99.50. Hundreds in our church have already completed the program and learned to pay off debt, save for major purchases, and budget effectively.

Choose the class schedule most convenient for you: Mondays at 7:00pm, beginning September 13th here at FUMC Brandon; Tuesdays at 7:00pm, beginning September 7th at The Crossing Church; Wednesdays at 6:30pm, beginning September 8th at St Andrews UMC; and, Thursdays at 7:00pm, beginning September 9th here at FUMC Brandon.

This may be the most important \$100 you spend this year. Contact Dave Schapiro, Class Coordinator, at 741-9448 or go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) for more information about Financial Peace University.

## August Sermon Series...

We're going to be starting a four-week sermon series on August 1st, based on Max Lucado's book, *Fearless*. The aim is to help us learn to trust God more fully. Books will be available beginning July 25th for those who'd like to go deeper (cost is \$13). In addition, if your small group or Sunday School class would like to do a companion study during the sermon series, we have a *Fearless* video-based kit available that runs for six sessions. Contact Pastor Matt ASAP if you'd like him to order study materials for your group!



## Spotlight on Mission

### Faith Community United Methodist Haitian Mission

Rev. Raphael Dessieu  
6522 N 43rd Street  
Tampa FL 33610

This is a United Methodist church in east Tampa (formerly the home of Branscomb Memorial UMC off Hillsborough Avenue) that serves a multi-cultural congregation with very limited resources; including many recent immigrant families. One of our UMW Circles and the Tuesday morning senior men's small group are currently providing funds to help pay the church's monthly utility bills and other expenses. The women also have provided food, clothing & children's toys for community outreach events at Thanksgiving and Christmas. In the past, the men's group spent several days on electrical, plumbing and general repairs to the sanctuary. This is a church with little that is seeking to demonstrate the love of Christ to neighbors with even less.

Church Liaisons: Clint Logan, revlogan@verizon.net or Vicki Harrison in the church office at 689-4161 or membership@fumcbrandon.org

#### Service Opportunities:

Donations of canned goods and packaged food, clothing (for men, women, children) and money are always appreciated; as are your prayers.

### L.I.S.T. (Limited Income Service Team)

This is your helping hands ministry, designed to assist seniors and single parent households (including military families where one parent is serving away from home). Offers minor repairs and maintenance for both car and home. Call the church office for assistance at 689-4161. A qualified church member will coordinate the repair or maintenance with you and provide the labor at no charge. Financial assistance for parts or materials may be available on an as-needed basis.

Like to join the team and offer a helping hand from time to time? Please call Dean or Deb D'Errico at 679-1365 with questions or to sign up!

### Stephen Ministry...

Are you hurting and need a caring Christian ear to listen to you? We, at Stephen Ministry, are highly-trained, compassionate listeners committed to total confidentiality and one-on-one care. We are here for you, to meet with you, to listen and really hear what you have to say. We care about YOU. If you or someone you know needs us, please contact Jim Thompson or Lois Polstra.

—Vicki Shoun, Stephen Minister

### *From the Desk of Pastor Matt...*

I want to take this opportunity to tell you all how much we love and appreciate you all! Your outpouring of love and support in celebrating my ordination as Elder was amazing!

I have been working toward that moment for 17 years and as the moment approached, it really seemed sort of routine - like this was just another expected moment along the journey. But I have to tell you that as the day approached it almost seemed surreal as so many of you offered your words, cards and gifts of congratulations & encouragement.

I honestly didn't expect the actual moment to impact me in the way that it did. As I arrived, I saw so many of you that came out to share that moment with me. I feel bad that I wasn't able to greet everyone that came to the service that night. As I was on stage waiting, the moment began to dawn on me. I looked out and could see my family and remembered how much they sacrificed to help me get to this moment. I saw so many of my clergy friends and seminary classmates, many of whom have already celebrated their own ordinations and others who look forward to their own still to come. I saw my wife, Billie, who has been my rock and chief supporter along the journey. There were a few times along the way when she was more convinced of my calling than I was. I surely wouldn't have made it there without her! She has truly been the perfect partner that God has gifted me with!

When the moment came, I turned my Bible to Philippians 4:13, "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength," and laid my hands on it as Bishop Whitaker and others laid their hands on me. Those present around me have also been very important to me along the way. Rev. Bob Bushong was the instrument God used to open the doors for me to enter vocational ministry and he has been an important friend and mentor along the way. Dr. Steve Harper has also been a crucial friend and mentor whose influence and friendship have left a profound impact on who I am and how I do ministry. These were my two selected sponsors for this moment. As I knelt there on stage, I felt an overwhelming sense of emotion and love that brought me to tears. As I stood and hugged each one there, I lingered in that moment as long as I could, both for the meaning of the moment and to help me get myself together! I wanted to pitch a tent there.

As I write this I am able to look up at the certificate I was given at the service that declares that I am now a member of the Order of Elder and a Member in Full Connection in the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. There is a great deal of satisfaction and affirmation that comes to me when I pause to look at them. My whole life long I have struggled with my own self-esteem. When I look up at them I am affirmed that the God who has called me has also equipped me for this great calling that I treasure so much. I am also reminded that when God calls, it is not so much about the sufficiency or qualifications of the one called as it is about the God who does the calling!

Thank you all so very much for sharing in this moment with us! I say us, because it has been a journey that we have made together as a family. I continue to be amazed that God gave us the gift of serving here at FUMC Brandon! You all are a blessing to us!

*Peace, Joy & Love, Pastor Matt*

## B.F.F. (Becoming Forever Friends)

Becoming Forever Friends is a new women's ministry that incorporates programs and activities to help "nourish the feminine heart" and is designed for outreach and relationship-building, especially to your family, friends and neighbors who don't yet have a church home.

Our first big community-wide event, "Lydia's Lunch and High Tea", will take place 10/10/10 and will include a Cold-water Creek fashion show, motivational speaker Eva Marie Everson, area ministry/business representatives and much more! **This is a free outreach event with limited seating so, start thinking now about who you will invite to sit at your table.. and reserve your spots soon!** To make your reservation, contact us at [LydiasLunchandTea@gmail.com](mailto:LydiasLunchandTea@gmail.com) or call the Church Office at 689-4161 with your name and contact information. Donations to offset the cost of this event will be gratefully accepted. We also need volunteer hostesses!

Looking for a ministry that matches your gifts and passions? Contact us at [BFF@fumcbrandon.org](mailto:BFF@fumcbrandon.org) so we can help you find your niche within this new ministry. Hope to see you at Lydia's Lunch and High Tea: A Little Taste of Heaven With Your Girl Friends.

## Alpha Celebration Dinner...

This is a chance to test-drive Alpha by attending the first introductory session, featuring dinner and a movie, on Wednesday, September 8th in the Social Hall. Childcare is available with advance notice.

Alpha is a ten-week opportunity to discover the benefits of small group life for those who've never experienced it, while exploring the validity and relevance of the Christian faith for our lives today. It is a practical study of the basics of Christianity, with loads of opportunity for debate and discussion. Everyone is welcome and people attend for a wide variety of reasons. Some want to investigate whether God exists and if there is any point to life; others are concerned about what happens after death. Still others may have attended church on and off for year but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. The style of Alpha is informal, friendly and non-pressured. The evening begins with supper, followed by a video-based talk. We then divide into smaller groups for coffee and cookies to discuss any questions raised from the talk. For more information, to register, and to arrange childcare, email [alpha@fumcbrandon.org](mailto:alpha@fumcbrandon.org) or call the Church Office.

## An Open Invitation...

The Missions Team meets the second Monday of every month, at 7:00pm, in the Church Library. Anyone who's interested in missions is welcome to join us. Our August meeting will be on the 8th. There are many opportunities for missions available through our Church, and we always need people who are willing to help plan and coordinate activities.

-Mike & Carolyn Bass

## Women...

United Methodist Women's General meeting will not be held in August. Have a well-deserved rest, and come back refreshed!

### Planning Day for Officers & Circle Leaders

Calling all UMW Officers and Circle Leaders to a planning day for our 2011 Unit Year! We will meet on Tuesday, August 24th, at 9:30 am in Room 115. Sue Parker, our program chair and vice-president, will be in charge of the meeting. Please come with your enthusiasm and creative ideas ready to share with your sisters. Please send specific agenda items to Sue ahead of time, [parkerhouse89@verizon.net](mailto:parkerhouse89@verizon.net), so that she can be prepared. You may also call her at 685-2921. Can't wait to see you there!

### Pecan Recipes Wanted!

Work has already begun on the Pecan Cookbook for this year's pecan sale! Please submit your recipes to Tara Prather as soon as possible. Contact her at 662.4790 or [tarahoo9t@gmail.com](mailto:tarahoo9t@gmail.com)

## Men...

Gather for study and fellowship at various days and times during the week. We meet on campus, in guys' homes, and at restaurants around town.

- Christian Men's Meat Nite is the 2nd Monday of every month. Call Steve Lambert at 299-6516.
- Senior men meet 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays in the Social Hall at 10:30am for Bible Study with Rev. Polstra. Please join us!
- The UMM will only meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings during August for breakfast and devotion.
- Visit the "Adult Ministries" page on our website for a complete listing. Groups are meeting on Monday and Tuesday evenings, plus every morning during the week except Thursday and Sunday currently.

## Senior Adults...

### Seniors Out To Eat, August 22

We eat out following the 11:00am service, usually on the 4th Sunday of each month. Our August outing will be to Crispers. Contact Jeane Foglesong for more information.

### Dinner Theater at Hudson, October 9

Saturday matinee. Bus will leave at noon to see "Oklahoma". \$45/pp. Deadline for reservations is September 25th. Sign-up sheets in the Social Hall between services or call Jan Giunta, 661-8282.

## 30+ Single Adults' Small Group...

Meets every Sunday morning at 11:00am in the Church Office Library. For more information, contact Dennis Hall, Larry Underwood, Donna Nunley, or the GroupLife team by calling the church office or [grouplife@fumcbrandon.org](mailto:grouplife@fumcbrandon.org)

## Prayer & Healing Service, August 8

The August Prayer & Healing Service focus will be Back to School when we will pray for students, teachers, administrators and our school board. There will also be a time for personal prayer requests and anointing and prayer for healing for those who desire it.

## UMM Pancake Breakfast, August 15

Hotcakes, sausage, juice and coffee sure taste good on a Sunday morning. Especially when prepared by someone else! From 7:30-11:00am in the Social Hall. Proceeds support United Methodist Men's various mission projects.

## New Member Orientation, August 15

We are a growing family of faith that has lots of room in our hearts for you and your family! Our new member orientation is an opportunity for you to learn about Methodism, about this particular church's emphasis on mission & ministry, and to discover your role. It's a chance to get all your questions answered.

The new member orientation is generally held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00pm in rooms S1&2 of the Sanctuary building. You are then invited to join the following Sunday at the service you regularly attend. To learn more, contact Vicki Harrison at 689-4161 or [membership@fumcbrandon.org](mailto:membership@fumcbrandon.org)

## Biking/Hiking Small Group Meets

A couple dozen of us meet two Saturdays a month, weather permitting. All rides or hikes are on bike and hike-supported trails, not the road. Bring a food item to share at the end of the ride or hike - plus lots of water. Contact Collene Miller to sign up and receive more information: [collene.miller@gmail.com](mailto:collene.miller@gmail.com), 654-8717 or cell 760-8809.

## Emmaus Walks in October...

Emmaus is a 72-hour weekend of renewal that more than 300 in our congregation have already attended. Three key objectives of the experience are to:

1. strengthen your personal relationship with Christ,
2. learn how to be a positive influence on others who are close to you - in your home, your family and your workplace,
3. and, to actively seek out opportunities to serve God through the various ministries of your local church.

The next men's walk is September 30th - October 3rd and the women's walk is the following weekend, October 7th-10th. Visit [www.tampabayemmaus.org](http://www.tampabayemmaus.org) or call the Church Office at 689-4161 to learn more.

## Music Ministry...

- One of our local mission partners, ECHO, will sponsor a hunger awareness benefit concert here on August 20th at 7:00pm featuring *Phil Stacy* of American Idol fame and, as an opening act, *Kings Highway*. Each \$20 ticket provides a child with food for a week, and there will even be a special VIP dinner-with-Phil option for \$50. Purchase tickets from [itickets.com](http://itickets.com), from ECHO on North Parsons or, from the Church Office during the week.
- A new Worship band starts rehearsals this month for our brand-new Sunday Night service directed to young adults, but open to all ages of course. The music will be quite a bit edgier and louder. The band members and worship leader are quite a bit younger, too! They are extremely talented, with a love for the Lord. Encourage us, pray for our pastors and all involved, as we take this leap of faith this fall. May He be glorified and His will be accomplished.
- Our Student Orchestra & Praise group (StOP), will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, September 21st. All middle and high school students who have begun their musical walk with the talents God has given them, are invited to join us. Most come from the local band programs and we take time to teach these young folks how to play together in harmony, while using that harmony to praise God. Jazz and stage band settings seem to interest our students most but, we try to venture into other styles as well - whatever makes this time fun for our students and gives them a desire to be here. Ultimately, we hope to teach them that using their talents for God's glory can be the most rewarding gift of all. We invite any interested students to come and give us a try! We meet from 7:00-8:00pm in the choir room. If you have any questions, call the music office at 684-1122 or, email [jeffbrant@fumcbrandon.org](mailto:jeffbrant@fumcbrandon.org). I'd be happy to talk to you about it.
- Our next GFU Family Worship Experience is scheduled during our morning 9:30 & 11:00am services on September 26th. This gives you a chance to see how much hard work and meaningful worship goes on in our Children's Ministry. Their team of worship leaders do an awesome job. Be sure to attend one of those services, and use it as an opportunity to invite any unchurched families you know... we will all be inspired, touched and blessed!

We in the music ministry continue to thank God for all the blessings He sends us, and for the talented folks who give their time and effort each week to bring Praise to our Heavenly Father and encouragement to His people.

Keep praying for us as a new fall season brings rewarding challenges, and heartfelt worship to the God we love and adore!

*Jeff Brant & the entire Music Ministry Team*

## **Our Committee Members for July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010**

"The church council [Leadership Team] shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference." (Paragraph 252.1 of THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE, 2004)

### **THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**Pastors:** Sr. Pastor Jamie Westlake; Associate Pastor Matt Wallis; Pastoral Care Pastor Charles Polstra;  
Pastor Emeritus Clint Logan

**Leader:** Dave Fuson

**Co-Leader:** Kara Rutherford

**Secretary:** Sharon Kuebler

**Co-Lay Leaders:** Mark Tubb and Laurine Richardson

**Lay Members of Annual Conference:** Susan Betchner and Don Marsh

**Director of Pre-School / Kindergarten:** Susan Pardue

**Leader of Cemetery Committee:** Bob Der

**Leader of Finance Team:** Doug Davis

**Stewardship:** Dave Schapiro

**Endowment Fund Team:** Newton Fink

**Leader of Long Range Planning:** Joe Kuebler

**Leader of Staff-Parish Relations Team:** Dave Woods

**Leader of Trustees Team:** Dave Schapiro

**Nurturing Ministries:** Cookie Gray, Maria Aloyo, and Laurine Richardson, Prayer  
Sandy Pullinger, UMW ... Steve Mitchell, UMM

**Director of Outreach Ministries:** Dan Palmer

**Director of LifeCare of Brandon:** Cookie Gray

**Director of Membership:** Vicki Harrison

**Church Treasurer:** Wallace Case

**Director of Children's Ministries:** Shelly Wilson

**Director of Youth Ministries:** Michael McCrystal

**Director of Music:** Jeff Brant

**Director of Technical Arts:** Stuart Mackey

**Members At Large:**

**Class of FY 2011:** Jay Cornish, Marcheale Cornish, Donna Gersting, Mark Gersting, Lynn Davis,  
Paul Davis, Cindy Luty, Craig Luty

**Class of FY 2012:** Charlene Daniels, John Dukes, Kalyn Dukes, Dennis Hall, Bobbitt Jenkins,  
Brian Lorentzen, Cindy Lyons, Carol Jo Meador

**Class of FY 2013:** Beth Young, Scott Young, Tad Denham, Augustine Nobles, Willie Nobles,  
Alan Schneider

### **STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM**

**Leader:** Dave Woods ... **Sr. Pastor:** Jamie Westlake

**Lay Member of Annual Conference:** Susan Betchner

**Lay Leaders:** Laurine Richardson, Mark Tubb

**Members At Large:**

**Class of FY 2011:** Cecil Cadwallader, Karen Marsh, Carole Valdespino

**Class of FY 2012:** Angela Hazzard, Jeff Sheffer, Tim Urban

**Class of FY 2013:** Joyce Heaverin, Stacy Walker, Dave Woods

### **TRUSTEES TEAM**

**Leader:** Dave Schapiro

**Pastors:** Jamie Westlake and Matt Wallis

**Members At Large:**

**Class of FY 2011:** Dip Combs, Ray Franks (Secretary), Jay Polizzi

**Class of FY 2012:** Ray Simmons, Steve Vance, Jared Yeo

**Class of FY 2013:** Chris McAllister, Dave Schapiro, Hope Schneider

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### **FINANCE TEAM**

**Leader:** Doug Davis ... **Pastors:** Jamie Westlake and Matt Wallis  
**Secretary:** Dave Schapiro  
**Lay Members of Annual Conference:** Sue Betchner and Don Marsh  
**Stewardship:** Dave Schapiro  
**Staff Parish Relations Team:** Dave Woods  
**Leadership Team:** Dave Fuson and Kara Rutherford  
**Trustees Team:** Dave Schapiro  
**Lay Leaders:** Mark Tubb and Laurine Richardson  
**Church Treasurer:** Wallace Case  
**Financial Secretary:** John Overstreet  
**Counting Team:** Jeanne Brant  
**Members At Large:**  
    **Class of FY 2011:** Doug Davis, Michelle Patino, Fred Wallace  
    **Class of FY 2012:** Wally Ingram  
    **Class of FY 2013:** Newton Fink, Dick Snell

### **LAY MINISTRY TEAM**

**Leader:** Pastor Jamie Westlake  
**Members At Large:**  
    **Class of FY 2011:** John Mandolini, Brenda Martin, Hope Schneider  
    **Class of FY 2012:** Tony Curatolo, Mary Mahan, Skip Wilson  
    **Class of FY 2013:** Wally Ingram, Janice Lancaster, Barbara Tubb

### **ENDOWMENT FUND TEAM**

**Chairperson:** Newton Fink      **Planned Giving Coordinator:** Rev. Clint Logan, Pastor Emeritus  
**Pastors:** Jamie Westlake and Matt Wallis  
**Representatives:** Finance, Stewardship, Trustees  
**Members At Large:**  
    **Class of 2011:** Newton Fink, Steve Williams  
    **Class of 2012:** Craig Luty  
    **Class of 2013:** Charles Thurman, Jeff Davis

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING TEAM**

**Leader:** Joe Kuebler ... **Pastors:** Jamie Westlake and Matt Wallis  
**Secretary:** Dave Schapiro  
**Church Officers:** Finance, Leadership, SPR, Trustees, Lay Member to Annual Conference  
**Staff Members:** Jeff Brant, Vicki Harrison, Dan Palmer, Susan Pardue, Shelly Wilson  
**Members At Large:** Paul Brant, Cecil Cadwallader, Wendy Johnson, Hope Schneider, Mark Tubb, Skip Wilson

### **MISSIONS**

**Leader:** Mike & Carolyn Bass ... **Staff Liaison:** Pastor Matt Wallis  
**Members:** Rosemary Blevins, Kevin Bourne, Barbara Brooks, Elaine Christopher, Katherine Cosmas, Karen Crannell, Frankie Cross, Vicki Harrison, Becky Johnson, Keith Johnson, Joe Kuebler, Sharon Kuebler, Bob Meeks, Marlyn Meeks, Barbara Middleton, Susan Pardue, Rev. Charles Polstra, Lois Polstra, Wayne Root, Hope Schneider, Vicki Shoun, Jim Thompson, Sue Thompson, Pastor Matt Wallis, Pastor Jamie Westlake, Skip Wilson

### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TEAM**

**Leader:** Frankie Cross  
**Members:** Susan Betchner, Tina Fallen, Rev. Clint Logan, Sally Logan

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*Special Pull-Out Section: Save for future contact information!*

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### NURTURING MINISTRIES

**College Mail-outs:** Sharon Kuebler

### WORSHIP TEAM

**Members At Large:** Jeff Brant, Nancy Burnett, Pastor Jamie Westlake, Pastor Matt Wallis

**Coordinators:**

**Altar Guild:** Doris Overstreet, Susan Pardue, Jan Wood

**Usher Coordinators:** (8:00) Doug Burkhart (9:30) Mike Lehman (11:00) Joe Kuebler

**Communion Stewards:** Charlene Daniels, Mary Mahan, Dottie Waksman,  
Claire Jones, Ken Jones, Don Rumbaugh, Judy Rumbaugh

### PRAYER TEAM

**Leaders:** Maria Aloyo, Cookie Gray, Laurine Richardson

### STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM

**Stephen Leaders:** Sue Damels, Melissa Kordewich, Skip Kordewich, Charles Polstra, Lois Polstra,  
Jim Thompson, Sue Thompson

**Stephen Ministers:** Sandy Boston, Carolyn Crawford, Shari Gillis, Paul Lancaster, Cindy Lyons, Cliff Lyons,  
John Mandolini, Diana Murray-Smith, Marilyn Roberts, Vicki Shoun, Beth Young,  
Scott Young

**Inactive:** Becky Johnson, Barbara Self, Kathy Simpson, Karen Stromquist, Bob Swanson,  
Jenny Urban, Susanne White, Skip Wilson

### CEMETERY TRUSTEES

**Chairperson:** Bob Der

**Secretary:** Sheila Burkhart

**Treasurer:** Jim Coker

**Members:** Cris Brown, Tom Herndon, Charles Hutton, Ken Jones, Ken Norman,  
Doug Stafford, Dick Stevens

### LifeCare OF BRANDON BOARD

**Executive Director:** Cookie Gray ... **Center Director:** Karen Brooks ... **President:** Roy Jaeger

**Members:** Mark Boyer, Cheryl Jaeger, Terry Kemple, Mike Lehman

### KINDERGARTEN TEAM

**Director:** Susan Pardue ... **Chairperson:** Paton Cadwallader

**Director of Children's Ministries:** Shelly Wilson

**Members:** Wallace Case, Wendy Johnson, Pastor Matt Wallis, Pastor Jamie Westlake

**Parents:** TBD

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

**Chairman:** Ryan Odiome

**Vice Chair:** Trudy Carey

**Immediate Past Chair:** Riley Hogan

**Members:** Dotty Adams, Rosie Appelbe, Marie Bartholomew, Clifton Curry, Jr., B. Lee Elam, Vince Ferraro,  
Ronald Funk, Joe Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Garcia, David Gee, Bing Kearney, Jr., Don Marsh,  
Cheryl Parker, Wendy Perez, Fred Schwabe, Yolie Shiver, Dick & Raymetta Stowers

**FUMC Representatives:** Susan Pardue, Pastor Jamie Westlake

## Our Fiscal Year 2011 Budget...

If you purchased one share of Coca-Cola stock in 1919, and simply held that one share, by the year 2000 it would have split into 4,608 shares. And that original \$40 investment, if you kept reinvesting the dividends, would have been worth \$7 million. That's a great investment! But if your great grandparents had purchased one of Asa Candler's original shares in 1892, that \$100 investment would be worth \$7.34 billion. That's a really great investment!

Here's a bottom line for FUMC Brandon: an investment in Coca-Cola doesn't hold a candle to an investment in God's Kingdom. I promise we'll never regret one ounce of energy, one second of time, or one penny of financial resources we have invested in making the way things are done in heaven be done on earth through Christ's church.

I believe the biblical, minimum standard of giving to God's church in the Bible is designated by the "tithe," which means 10% of our income. We get to give joyfully and generously to God's storehouse (Malachi 3:10), and in 2010 that means the church, the Body of Christ. We give with extravagant generosity not because the church needs to "pay bills," but because God grows us through our giving that supports and strengthens mission and ministry as we fulfill the mission God has given us: "to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ."

The commitment of the elected lay leaders and your staff is to operate with an "open book" approach as it relates to the finances of FUMC Brandon. No financial secrets- period! We've got a great team of folks, headed up by Doug Davis, your Finance Chairperson, who oversees the budget and helps us be good stewards with all of the resources God provides through you.

At right, you will find a budget for this fiscal year that we feel best explains the cost of our mission and ministry.

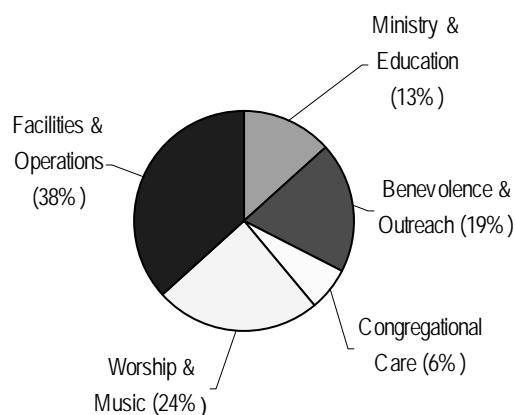
It's a brief, thumbnail sketch of how we intend to live out who we are in Christ.

If you ever want an answer to any question related to how we spend the funds you give, please feel free to contact Doug, me, or Wallace Case, our Church Treasurer.

We get to love and serve Jesus Christ together,

*-Pastor Jamie*

## How Much Goes Where?



### Allocation of Expenses by Operation

<b>Ministry and Education</b>	<b>\$219,135</b>
Pastoral Support	\$18,784
Staff Support	\$0
Students	\$69,642
Seniors	\$9,305
Children	\$96,352
Small Groups	\$13,908
Continuing Education	\$11,144
<b>Benevolence and Outreach</b>	<b>\$320,298</b>
Pastoral Support	\$56,485
Staff Support	\$82,884
Expenses	\$9,900
Evangelism	\$10,500
Apportionments	\$160,529
<b>Congregational Care</b>	<b>\$103,284</b>
Pastoral Support	\$45,478
Staff Support	\$46,906
Expenses	\$10,900
<b>Worship and Music</b>	<b>\$405,042</b>
Pastoral Support	\$65,899
Worship Staff Support	\$51,991
Music Staff Support	\$234,972
Worship Expenses	\$39,400
Music Expenses	\$12,780
<b>Facilities and Operations</b>	<b>\$605,641</b>
Staff Support	\$187,606
Capital Improvements	\$40,900
Insurance	\$80,230
Utilities	\$92,550
Office Supplies	\$33,860
Maintenance Supplies	\$121,376
Mortgage	\$142,366
Working Capital	(\$107,213)
Other	\$13,966
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,653,400</b>

## Thank You's...

It takes a few trips to the doctor and hospital, a broken wrist, surgery and three hard casts; in addition to a nuclear stress test and heart catheterization to make you realize how wonderful my Methodist Church and friends really are. I would like to express many thanks to my friends, Mary Edgar, Jean Ehlert and my neighbor Mary Mato for taking me on many trips to my many appointments - as my doctors said I wasn't to drive. I wish to thank our Pastors, the Wesley Good News Sunday School class, the Social Action UMW Circle, the Steeple People Sunday School class and all the other members for their calls and offers of food. I had Meals on Wheels delivered - the meals we serve are the best. I also received many calls just saying I was in their prayers. A big thank you and hugs to all,

*-Barb Self*

Thank you so very much for the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy that we received following the death of my brother, Charles, on May 8th in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We so appreciate your love and concern.

*-Rev. Clint Logan*

I would like to thank my church family for their constant prayers and concerns for my Mother, Dorothy Richards over the many, many months she was in and out of the hospital. Her suffering ended on June 4th and she is with our heavenly Father. I want to thank the United Methodist Women's group for providing food for all of my out-of-town family members during this difficult time. I would also like to thank Pastor Jamie and Pastor Matt for the many visits and prayers with her during the last few weeks of her life. Also, Clint Logan for coming when she was rushed into ICU. A very special thank you to Charles Polstra who was so faithful in seeing her and saw her the last day and had such a wonderful visit. The words he shared with me regarding my Mother gave me such comfort and peace. Thank you Charles. Words can't express my appreciation to Marshall Gillon for the beautiful songs he sang at her service. So many people came up to me to share how moving his songs were to them. Thanks Marshall for making her service so special. Thanks again to all of you for helping my family through this difficult time.

*-Carol Kerrigan*

Thanks so much to our pastors for the hospital visits and prayers for Bob during his hospitalization for heart surgery. The many kindnesses of love and support shown by prayers, hugs, and sincere concern were also appreciated. How blessed we are to be members of such a loving and caring church family! Bob's recuperation continues to be a work in progress. It's been amazing how well he has responded after the surgery. Another example of how good God is - all the time!

*-Bob & Gayle Mahoney*

## Capital Campaign Update...

To date: \$1,485,629.11 total pledges received.  
\$ 644,578.89 actual money received.



By paying for our Sanctuary, we'll be better able to use our regular tithes and offerings to accomplish

more mission & ministry. Money now being spent on interest can be better used to make needed repairs to our aging facilities. And, as we are able to build up a reserve fund, our church will be in a better position to handle unexpected emergencies. All important steps that help glorify God and His church.

***Thanks to all who are helping us pay for our Sanctuary and save for future needs. Keep up the good work!***

## From our Financial Secretary...

This past fiscal year, we received more than \$10,000 in gifts from The Verizon Foundation, The Progressive Insurance Foundation, Honeywell and The United Way. Many thanks to all of those who have participated in making this happen. If you work for a company that has a matching gift program or would like to designate your United Way contributions to go to the church, please contact your payroll administrator or Human Resources Department.

## How to put our church in your will...

You can make a valuable long-term investment in your church by simply including the following words in your will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to FUMC Brandon (*insert the bequest*) to be used to support the mission & ministry of the church."

## Endowment Fund News...

The United Methodist Men's Tuesday morning prayer group recently donated \$500 to the Permanent Endowment Fund in memory of Percy Dunnam. Our Church's Endowment Fund is one way you can continue supporting mission & ministry at FUMC Brandon for generations to come. For more information, contact Planned Giving Coordinator, Pastor Emeritus Clint Logan at [revlogan@verizon.net](mailto:revlogan@verizon.net)

## Programming Changes for Pre-School Through College Take Effect August 29, Promotion Sunday...

Helping the next generation see God for who He is  
and to see themselves the way God sees them  
so, they can love others the way God does.

## You're Invited to a Family Ministry Informational Meeting Sunday, August 22, at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Meet our program staff, learn about upcoming  
changes for pre-school through college ministries,  
and get your questions answered!

### Preschool Age Children's Ministry...

**Sundays at 9:30am for 3, 4 & 5 year-olds:**

#### "The Playground" in the Epworth Nursery Building

Kids will engage in both large and small groups during this hour. During large group, kids will experience a Bible story through creative storytelling and music, and discover or be reminded of one-of-three basic truths: God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. During small group, kids will take what they have learned and apply it through age-appropriate games, crafts and more.

**Sundays at 11:00am for 3, 4 & 5 year-olds:**

#### "The Playground" in the Epworth Nursery Building

That week's Bible Study and Bottom Line will be reviewed through a DVD presentation, a game or object lesson. Preschoolers will understand how the Bottom Line applies to them by discussing real-life, age-specific experiences. The lesson will be reinforced with crafts, music and mission projects throughout the month.

For more information, contact Lynn Bruner,  
lbruner@fumcbrandon.org or Shelly Wilson,  
children@fumcbrandon.org

### Elementary Age Children's Ministry...

**Sundays at 9:30am for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades:**

#### "Tree House" Kid's Church in the Gym

During our weekly Children's Worship Service, we use music, drama and object lessons creatively to help children develop a love for worship while they grow closer to God and learn how to apply what they've learned to their lives. Using age-appropriate messages provides greater comprehension and retention.

**Sundays at 11:00am for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades:**

#### "Tree House" Clubs

The majority of our time together will be in small groups, reinforcing the day's lesson through life application and memory verse activities, Bible navigation, prayer and discussion with their peers and small group leaders.

For more information, contact Julie Robaus,  
jrobaus@fumcbrandon.org or Shelly Wilson,  
children@fumcbrandon.org

### BLAST! Middle School Ministry...

The ministry will be led by Troy Smith, a Hillsborough County middle school teacher and coach who brings a wealth of experience building successful middle school ministry programs.

#### **Saturday Nights:**

##### ***In the Boys & Girls Club from 7:00-9:00pm***

A high-energy program with games, skits, music and a message that relates specifically to middle school students. The experience will be fast-paced, unpredictable, and definitely a place to invite your friends. Each night we'll also have small group where students can build relationships with God, their peers and leaders.

#### **Sunday Mornings:**

##### ***2nd Floor Gym Building at 9:30 and 11:00***

Students can choose from a variety of experiences that will enhance their faith-

- Leadership - Designed for students who desire to serve in ministry. This class will prepare students for successful service in children's ministry or other areas of the Church.
- Saturday Night, Part 2 - This class will be a general discussion and Bible study, based on Saturday night's message. Students do not have to have attended Saturday night to be able to actively engage in this class.
- Confirmation - for 6th graders primarily. The curriculum parallels the school year. Contact the Church Office to register your child.
- Service Team - Students gather to prepare to lead in ministry or volunteer behind-the-scenes within various current ministries.
- Worship - Worship with your family at the service of your choice in the Sanctuary.

#### **Wednesday Nights:**

##### ***2nd Floor Gym Building at 5:00pm***

"reSolve" brings together middle and high school students for a night of discipleship and worship. This is a chance to deepen committed students' faith with challenging teaching, leadership training, intense worship and intimate prayer.

For more information, contact Troy Smith,  
tsmith@fumcbrandon.org

## Opportunities for Service in Our Ministries to Children & Youth...

God wants to use you in a big way! Our student and adult volunteers are a huge part of how we accomplish our ministry to young people. We're always looking for Small Group Leaders, tech help, Storytellers, teams to handle check-in and welcome, administrative tasks and more. Plenty of "entry-level" opportunities to help you get your feet wet as you explore the places where your unique God-given talents can shine.

*What age group are you most interested in working with?*

Contact Julie Robaus for Children, Troy Smith for Middle School, and Michael McCrystal for High School and College age.

### High School Ministry...

#### **Sunday Mornings:**

#### **9:29-10:20 in the Chapel**

"reWired" is our weekly high school worship experience where we reinvent worship in new and exciting ways. Our cutting-edge worship teams create environments to dig deep and open doors for transformational experiences. Each week we will explore relevant themes for high school students' lives and get God's perspective on how to redefine how we live out each day through our faith.

#### **Sunday Mornings:**

#### **2nd Floor Gym Building at 11:00**

"reBuild" is our Sunday morning small group experience for high school students divided by grade. These groups will encourage deeper discussions of the themes presented at the reWired Worship service each week.

#### **Throughout the Week:**

#### **Various times and locations**

We encourage High School students to "reConnect" during the week in Small Groups that meet all over town. These students and caring adults spend time together building relationships, sharing life and supporting each other in faith. Groups are organized by age and gender to create open environments for sharing.

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### College & Career Ministry...

"Connections" is all about facilitating conversations between college-age people and other, older adults. Whether it's through one-on-one mentoring or small groups, Connections will help keep you connected as you face some critical decisions in your life. More information on this college group will be coming soon!

For more information, contact  
[michaelmccrystal@fumcbrandon.org](mailto:michaelmccrystal@fumcbrandon.org)

### Weeklong *SPLASH!* August 9-15 for middle and high school youth... You must RSVP to Michael today!

#### **Big Game Night, 6:00-9:00pm, August 9**

Massive night of inflatables, great food and music right here at the church.

#### **The Alley Party, 6:00-8:00pm, August 10**

We are taking over the private party room at the Alley in Riverview for a night of Cosmic Bowling, great food and music.

#### **BOING! 7:00-9:00pm, August 11**

Bounce til you drop at the massive indoor trampoline arena. We'll leave from Church. \$12.00

#### **Wet 'n Wild, 9:00am-all day, August 12**

Wild fun on the slides, pools and waves in Orlando. Leave from the Church. \$25.00

#### **Rays vs. Orioles, 5:00-?, August 13**

It's baseball and we're together - what more can I say? We'll leave from the Church. \$12.00

#### **Family Beach Day, noon-6:00pm, August 15**

After the reWired Worship Service and reBuild small groups meet, we'll gather at the B&G to head south to Coquina Beach in Bradenton. Bring your own lunch, we will return about 6:00pm. Bring snacks and sodas to share, plus a one-piece bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, etc. Bring a few dollars for the Shake Pit on the way home!

#### **Parents: We need your ride!**

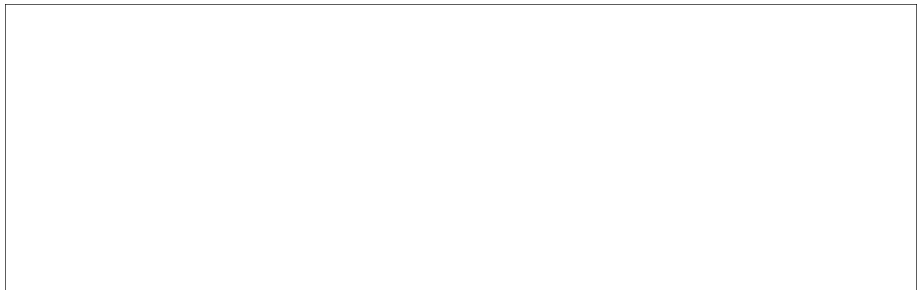
*All our off-property trips require parent drivers. If you are available and would like to join us, we would love to have you. If you can drive, please let us know ASAP with the events you can attend and a total number of seatbelts in your car. Drivers attend events for free as our thank you for making the event possible.*

For more info and to register, contact  
[michaelmccrystal@fumcbrandon.org](mailto:michaelmccrystal@fumcbrandon.org)

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**Submissions for Bulletins and Newsletters**

To help us serve you better - please send ALL your information for the bulletin, bulletin inserts and monthly newsletters to the following email address: [info@fumcbrandon.org](mailto:info@fumcbrandon.org) The bulletin deadline is every Wednesday noon, and the 10th of the month for the following month's newsletter.

**School Days, School Days, Dear Ol' Golden Rule Days...**

School bells will soon be ringing and three, four and five-year-old children will be bounding into our classrooms!



This year we are again participating in the state funded Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program (VPK for short) with our four-year-olds who come five days a week. Classes for three-year-olds, five-year-olds and our Mother's Day Out program will also be available.

If you wish to learn more about this exciting program that has influenced the lives of children and their families in our community for forty-plus-years call Susan Pardue at 689-9482.

**Are you missing a favorite casserole dish or cooking pan? Check the church kitchen soon before we donate whatever remains to ECHO. Also, we're missing some blue folding chairs from the Gym and green flower vase liners from the Sanctuary. Have you seen them?**