



## VERANITA'S VARIETIES

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

#### February 4, 2024

- Sunday School: 107
- 8:30 Worship: 30
- 8:45 Worship: 70
- 11:00 Worship: 156
- Total in Person: 256

#### February 11, 2024

- Sunday School: 91
- 8:30 Worship: 30
- 8:45 Worship: 80
- 11:00 Worship: 141
- Total in Person: 251

#### February 18, 2024

- Sunday School: 94
- 8:30 Worship: 25
- 8:45 Worship: 72
- 11:00 Worship: 152
- Total in Person: 249

#### February 25, 2024

- Sunday School: 105
- 8:30 Worship: 22
- 8:45 Worship: 64
- 11:00 Worship: 161
- Total in Person: 247

**AVG FOR FEB WORSHIP: 251**

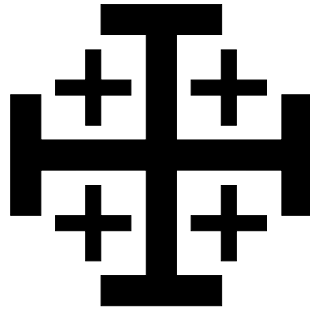
**AVG FEB SUNDAY SCHOOL: 99**

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I've had the privilege to travel to Israel/Palestine twice. Once was with an ecumenical group of pastors enrolled in The Institute for Preaching and Pastoral Renewal through my seminary Alma Mater, Candler School of Theology at Emory University. The second time was with a group of UMC pastors from across our Conference, Western North Carolina. The second trip

was through the Reynolds Program for Leadership in Evangelism & Discipleship (LEAD). Each time, the difference between "sites" and "sights" was an important distinction. A "site" is the traditional place where crusaders from Europe in the 1000's visited and marked the places where Jesus walked. Over time, these places have drawn tourists to observe the potential actual places where Jesus healed, taught, walked. This is especially meaningful on the Via Dolorosa, "The Sorrowful Way." The Via is a walk through the old city of Jerusalem, following the Stations of the Cross. There are stops along the way where things happened to Jesus as he journeyed to the Mount of Calvary. There is one particular place where Jesus fell and braced himself against a wall to gain his balance.

People have placed their own handprints there over centuries. "Sights" are different. They are places or moments which might not have anything to do with traditional places. Instead, "sights" are experiences, feelings, touches of the holy in places that may not be traditional "sites" at all. This is an expansion of the location of "the Holy." The Holy isn't only located in "sites."



The Holy can be a "sight" anywhere, anytime. On the first trip I made to Israel/Palestine, I had a God "sighting" in the Chapel in the Garden of Gethsemane. On the second trip, it was at the down-stairs chapel rock wall, covered with plexiglass, at the base of the traditional site of the Mt. of Calvary, this sight is like a Christian "wailing wall." This month, be aware of "sightings" of the Holy. When we are alert and looking, which is one of the admonitions for Lent, who knows where and when we will find a God-sighting?!

*On the Look-Out with Grace and Peace,  
Veranita*



# March Birthdays

	14 Gillian Hillman Simons Welter
1 Bob Gibson	15 Rick McGaha
3 Liz Gibbs	17 Rebecca Harris
4 Ezekiel Lewis	Mike Shelley
5 Averie McCall	18 Anna Moser
Eve Walker	Meredith Manker
Connie Kay Hughes	20 Ken Olson
6 Don Campbell	21 Camille Ziegler
7 Elizabeth Rahn	22 Hannah Gill
Ian Alley	23 Rebecca Stroup
Burgon Gibbs	24 Beth Burghardt
8 James Alderman	Shirley Booth
9 Anna McCall	25 Barbara Barton
Jay Farrell	27 Shirley Cassell
10 Ray Garner	Betty Padrick
Wayne Hyman	Joe Hamrick
Claudia Hawkins	30 Mike Harle
Dawn Gardner-Hand	Zack Scruggs
12 Bonnie Harmon	
Spencer Ennis	
13 Kathy Bailey	
Karen Keolling	

***Don't see your birthday on this list?***

***Oh No! Apologies!***

***We may have missed it.***

***Email Hannah to correct this oversight:***

***hdelariva@brevardfumc.org***

## Memorials and Honorariums

### MUSIC MINISTRY

- Given by Ray Garner: In honor of the faithful members of Brevard FUMC

### PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Given by the Asbury Class:  
In honor of Ed Garrett

## Update on Flood Incident

Greetings and Blessings from the Board of Stewards as we travel through the Lent. During this sacred season, our hearts are filled with anticipation and reflection as the joy of Easter morning awaits us on the horizon as a beacon of hope.

We would like to update you about the significant updates and repairs following the flood incident on Sunday, November 19, 2023, facilitated by an insurance settlement.

Here's a breakdown of the Restoration process so far:

- **Insurance Settlement:** The church received \$103,000 from the insurance company to cover damages caused by the flood.
- **Review and Dispute:** Detailed review and questioning of the insurance quote were conducted with key stakeholders including Hannah DeLaRiva, Fred Cantler, Peter Johnson, Alan Pooser, Jane Wheelless, WCP Staff and Veranita Alvord to ensure accuracy and fairness in the assessment.
- **Flood Mitigation:** \$53,000 from the insurance settlement was paid to Service Master for flood mitigation services to address immediate damage control measures on the day of the flood and the weeks following.
- **Restoration Planning:** A step-by-step Restoration plan is being developed based on remaining insurance funds, with intentional strategic allocation of resources.
- **Bids and Contracts:** Bids were solicited from various businesses for Restoration work, with the final bids currently being received and evaluated.
- **Hiring of Commercial Interior Designer:** To assure proper and current trends in flooring and fixtures for churches and educational spaces, we have been in consultation with Claire Counts, Commercial Interior Designer, and owner of Rhythm Interiors and Installation. The benefit of working with Claire is that her company designs and installs, so she is our main point of contact from the beginning of the project to its completion.
- **Preventive Measures:** Automatic water shut-off systems have been ordered to prevent future incidents of flooding. This is mandated by the Insurance Company to help alleviate flooding problems in the future.
- **Weekday Children's Program (WCP) Hallway & Rooms:**
  - Approval has been obtained for new LVT (Luxury Vinyl Tile) flooring in the WCP hallway and rooms. Installation is expected to be complete by the end of March.
  - Painting of the WCP rooms
- **Youth Rooms:**
  - Mold testing has been completed and necessary remediation measures have been taken.
  - Carpets have been cleaned.
  - Painting of Youth Rooms.
  - Selection of floor coverings for break-out rooms is in progress.
  - Furniture and other items have been ordered, with delivery expected during March.
  - Other furnishings are also in the process of being acquired.
  - A donation list for games and other resources is being compiled to replace items ruined by water.

Overall, these updates and repairs demonstrate a comprehensive approach to Restoring the church premises following the flood, prioritizing both functionality and aesthetics across various areas of the facility. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. If you have any questions about the Flood Restoration, please contact Fred Cantler, Hannah DeLaRiva or Veranita Alvord.

Grace and Peace,

Board of Stewards

Veranita Alvord, Harold Barnette, Fred Cantler, Jay Farrell, Mike Harle, Peter Johnson, Andrew Lewis, Anna McCall, Eli McCall, Sarah Pooser, Aria Sullivan, Jane Wheelless



# Upcoming Events & Announcements

## CHOW - Church Happens on Wednesday

**MARCH 13 @ 5:30PM**

RSVP for Supper!

**Menu:** Authentic Louisiana Gumbo over rice, Garden Salad, Mac N' Cheese (for those who wish another entree option) and King Cake for dessert.

Sign up by using the Realm App, our website, [www.brevardfumc.org](http://www.brevardfumc.org) or at church at the sign up desk.

## Lenten Lunch & Learns

**"Pathways to The Heavenly Banquet"**

**Wednesdays at NOON**

**March 6 & 20**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

Simple Soup & Conversation

*FREE! Donations Welcome!*

Please sign-up @ the Sign-Up Desk!

**March 6**

***What about the Money to Bury Someone?***

Marcus Dodson

**March 13 NO Lenten Lunch**

**CHOW Evening Meal @ 5:30**

**Sign-Up @ Sign-Up Desk!**

**"Church Happens on Wednesday"**

**March 20**

***Important Legal Info re: Dying & Death***

Michael Pratt

# EMPTY BOWLS

Saturday,  
March 16

11:00AM - 2:00PM



## Upcoming TRIP for Senior Adults Lunch & Explore Black Mountain Thursday, April 11, 10:15-5:00

Bush Farmhouse 151 S Ridgeway Ave.  
Black Mountain

Learn about South African food from  
Executive Chef and Owner, Mark Henegen.

**Please sign-up at the Sign-Up Desk.**

**Space is Limited!**

## Ministries Council Meetings

**2024 Ministries Council Sundays 12:15-2:00pm**

With a light lunch. Save the Dates!

Sunday, April 28

**Plan for Summer**

Sunday, August 11

**Plan for Fall/Advent/Christmas**

Sunday, November 10

**Plan for Winter/Spring**

## Upcoming Blood Drive

Saturday, April 6

# CELEBRATE EASTER

## AT BREVARD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter is a wonderful time for sharing family, friends and special traditions. This year, **Brevard First United Methodist Church** wants to share this season with you! We have someone for everyone: a casual style, uplifting and practical messages, fun programs for children, and a warm atmosphere that makes it easy to make new friends. We look forward to sharing our very best with you and your family this Easter season.

### PALM SUNDAY

March 24 @ 8:30, 8:45 & 11:00  
@ Brevard FUMC

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28 @ 6:30  
Foot & Hand Washing, Communion  
@ Brevard FUMC

### GOOD FRIDAY

March 29; throughout the day  
Self Led Prayer Stations  
@ Brevard FUMC

### EASTER SUNDAY

March 31 @ 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00

**7:30** Sunrise Service @ Oak Grove Cemetery; Breakfast at St. Timothy UMC

**8:45** Worship with the Praise Team in the Fellowship Hall of Brevard FUMC

**10:00** Sunday School @ Brevard FUMC

**11:00** Worship with the Choir and Organ in the Sanctuary of Brevard FUMC

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday after the Sunday School Lesson on the Resurrection.  
Children please bring your Easter Baskets