



## Grace United Methodist Men (GUMM)

United Methodist Men creates an atmosphere of fellowship for adult men of all ages to strengthen their Christian growth and continued development thru support to each other, thru support to our church and its ministries and thru outreach to others in the community. This is accomplished with a monthly breakfast meeting and by service to Grace UMC and to our community.

*On January 21, 2012 at 8:00 am the Grace United Methodist Men (GUMM) will hold their monthly fellowship breakfast. The quest speakers will be Dr. Jim Reeher and Rev. Jim Walker.*

They will plan to present "The Methodist Way" and how we as a group of men can help ourselves, our church and our community by following and remembering some simple practices. "The Methodist Way" with its five core practices is one practical way to describe what "making disciples" really looks like in action.

**When** – 8 am Saturday January 21, 2012 for fellowship & breakfast at 8:30 am with the speaker following breakfast

**Where** – Grace UMC in the fellowship hall

**Cost** – a donation to the GUMM mission fund

**Reservations** - please contact: Janet at Grace UMC 829-8272 or e-mail [gracemeth@comcast.net](mailto:gracemeth@comcast.net) or [ronaldmiller2000@aol.com](mailto:ronaldmiller2000@aol.com) by Friday, January 20 at noon so we know how to plan. Title your e-mail "GUMM breakfast" and provide your name and the name of any guests.

**WHO is the friend that you could invite to join you for this breakfast?**

### OUR CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor: The Rev. Dr. James I. Reeher, Associate Pastor: James Walker,**  
**Office Administrator: Janet Rusin, Music Director: Dan Shorb, Organist: Robert Meade,**  
**Sexton: Bob Rusin, Head Usher: Rose Register, Deaf Interpreter: Barbara McColskey,**  
**Nursery Attendant: Amanda Butler, Youth Leader: Chip Hawthorne,**  
**Jaycie Leibin: Children's Ministry, Michael Munn: Contemporary Music Minister**

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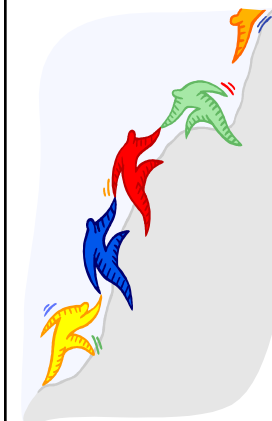
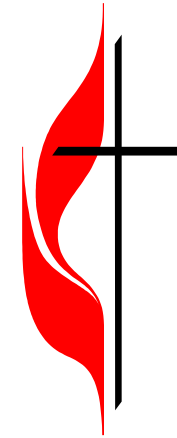
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**Our Mission Statement:**

**"Help people find life in Jesus Christ."**

**JANUARY 2012**



# Together We Can!

We are quickly pressing forward into a fresh new year filled with promise and challenge. Each year during this season the church has offered a new budget and challenged the congregation to do their best to respond to the financial and spiritual need with loyalty and support.

I want to invite us all to work together to accomplish what God seems to be inviting us to do as we join hands, hearts and minds to form a new church and ministry in 2012. Our theme this year is "Together We Can!" This will be the first time the former Christ Mission and Grace Church have cooperated on addressing budgetary needs as a whole. In 2011 we worked to promote ministry in such areas as worship, Vacation Bible School, mission outreach to homeless, and even a Christmas fellowship and train ride. We know from experience that we are able to do great things for the Lord when we all pull together.

We have set Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m. as a time for the entire church to gather to worship and praise God with stewardship and fellowship as our central themes. At the worship service we will have a chance to reflect on both our Christian support of ministry through our gifts and talents and our financial support. We will follow the worship service with a Loyalty Luncheon and everyone is invited to help us celebrate! This year we will gather the entire church for lunch at the White Room in downtown Saint Augustine. We are blessed by the generosity of one of our members, Cathy White in assisting us in providing the church with facilities which will accommodate the whole congregation. They will be providing a Red Train to take us to and return us from this time of celebration and fellowship.

Let me encourage you to register your willingness to attend our congregational luncheon as soon as possible. We will be providing registration forms in the church worship bulletins or you may call directly to the church office (904-829-8272) to make your reservation. We will present a media program to review the successes of 2011 and provide a "state of the church" presentation for your entertainment. We will also be inviting folks to prayerfully consider their "Estimate of Giving" plan for 2012. You will be hearing more about this in a letter from our Stewardship Chairperson Paula Merritt in the near future.

I look forward to our gathering as the body of Christ! Please pray for this event and come celebrate with us our awesome God. We will be providing a daily devotional guide throughout January in order to prepare us all for this day of spiritual commitment. Remember, when we cooperate with God many great things can happen.

By God's grace,

*Jim*

# January



Needed through  
December.....\$453,930

Received through  
December.....\$461,379

Mission Offering.....\$1,686  
(Children's Home)

Christmas offering...\$5,777  
(College Ministry)

## THIS MONTH

- 8th Communion Sunday
- 12th UMW 10 am Shugart Hall
- 16th Office Closed
- 17th UMW evening group 7 pm
- 18th Men's Breakfast 8 am  
BYKOTA Class Dinner 5:30 pm
- 22nd Loyalty Dinner @ White Room
- 24th Segui Fund Meeting 5:15 pm
- 29th Children's Home Offering  
MacMullen's 50th Anniversary

## WEEKLY

- SUNDAY:**  
**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
8:30, 11:00 am & 5pm  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:30 am and 4:00 pm  
**YOUTH:** 4:00 pm
- TUESDAYS:** Upper Room Prayer Group  
10:00 am, Wesley Room  
Busy Fingers, 1:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Luker, Jr.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chuck Miles
- 4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Leibin
- 6<sup>th</sup> Savannah Leibin
- 7<sup>th</sup> Roy Blake
- 8<sup>th</sup> Tommy D'Amico
- 10<sup>th</sup> Brad James
- 11<sup>th</sup> Stephen Minkoff
- 12<sup>th</sup> John F. Golden
- 13<sup>th</sup> Fred Grubb
- 18<sup>th</sup> Elaine Frenzke
- 19<sup>th</sup> Linda Woodhouse
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bob Sauerhoff
- 26<sup>th</sup> Marjorie Daugherty
- Elaine Edwards
- Rose Ponder
- Caleb Casillas
- Michael Thomas
- Domingo Casillas
- Kit Sampson
- Lark James
- Maggie Broyhill



- 27<sup>th</sup> Karen M. Bradley
- 31<sup>st</sup> Steve Smoyer
- 8<sup>th</sup> Frank & Judy Riggle
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jim & Earline Woods
- 20<sup>th</sup> Larry & Maria Schineller
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Charles & Barbara Dennison
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Rufus & June Miles
- 28<sup>th</sup> Richard & Shirley MacMullen
- 29<sup>th</sup> Harry & Donna Ruhsam

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed please notify the church office!*



## CIRCLE OF CARE

Nathan Hagen Adrin, Anne Barnes, Javier Bermeo, Miguel Bermeo, Matt Box, Pat Brumfield, Donald Burke, Martha Cloud, Theresa Cole, Herb Conkey, Betty Crosby, Christopher Crosby, Daryl Cuttery, Hilmer Jean Dicks, Jim Donnelly, Jacque DuBay, Mimi Embree, Dorothy Fahringer, Teresa Gariss, Sheli Thompson-Gauthier, Mary Gessells, Erich Geyer, Roger Gilmore, Dorothy Gough, Katrina Graham, Michael Greenwood, Gladys Hendren, Benjamin Herskovitz, Lynn Gotham, Gail Holmes, Shara Holt, Ethel Hussey, Claire Jaeger, Liz Kenline, Mike Kirsch, Priscilla Kraft, Bonnie Lee, Carlee Longman, Brian MacMullen, Shirley MacMullen, Bella Rose Massey, Georgia Masters, Deborah P. McDowell, Bob Mercer, Ed Mosca, Peggy Nazworth, Caleb Norman & family, Rev. Curtis Norton, Martha O'Barto, Mitchell Parks, Mary Paul, Kathy Phelps, Kris Phillips & family, John Ponder, Larry & Maria Schineller, Griffin Shippy, Mr. & Mrs. B.B. Shorb, Sarah Steele, Ethel Stiltner, Dina Taylor, Bruce Wm. Walsh, Ed Wertz, Betty Young **Allegro:** Natalie Elliott **Brooks Rehab:** Lila Reyes **Grafton House:** Helen Matthews **Ponce DeLeon Care Center:** Hallie Grubb **Westminster Woods:** Pearl Kercheval, David & Midge Berger **Flagler Hospital:** Peggy Tashjian **Baptist Hospital South:** Cindy Amy



**In the Military:** Maj. Will Bermeo, Ltjg. Christopher Bordino-USS WASP, Paul Bradley, CDR Jeff Bringle, Msgt. Kat Brumfield-US Airforce, Brandon Burnette-US Army, Nicholas Callahan, Brandon W. Clark, PFC Aaron Conkey, Capt. Mallory Conlon, USAF, 2Lt. Jimmy Harris, Wesley Jackson, ISC Ray LeMieux, SSgt Miles Massey/USAF-OSI, Brian Pack, Brian Rigenbach, Sgt. Mark T. Ruhsam, MAC Albert J. Spiess, Master Sgt. Justin Smarr, CTR Mark Spurling, Jr., Jason Strohmets, Thessalomicca Vila-Navy, Cpt. Mary E. Webb, Tom Wetmore, Sgt. Jay A. Witt

## BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH HUMOR

As I get some rest from a busy Fall and Advent season, I'm sharing some of my favorite church-related jokes. It seems best to begin 2012 with a smile.

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five- and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad."

~~Dan the Music Man

## OUR JANUARY MISSION OFFERING

### TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Trinity United Methodist Church is the oldest African-American congregation in St. Augustine. The church is located in Lincolville at 84 Bridge Street, and its pastor is Dr. Innzia Sorey Melton.

Trinity belongs to the United Methodist Cluster of Churches in St. Augustine, which also includes Shores, First, and Grace churches. The cluster enables lay and clergy leadership from these congregations to share information and programs with one another, as well as lend support to each other for the calling that unites them.

In this new year, the cluster is focusing on ways to help the congregation of Trinity deal with problems associated with an aging facility, and its much needed repairs.

We, at Grace, have chosen the month of January to raise funds for this worthy cause.

*\*Please use your mission envelope when giving.*

*On January 28, 1962, at 3:00 P.M. Richard J. MacMullen and Shirley M. Usina were united in Holy Matrimony at Grace United Methodist Church.*

*Now here it is, 50 years later and they are going to do it again by renewal of vows, on January 29, 2012, during the 11:00 A.M. service.*

*All church members are cordially invited to celebrate with them. Following the service a reception will be held in Shugart Hall with heavy Hors d'oeuvres and the cutting of the wedding cake.*

*Your presence is present enough!*

*Please RSVP by January 15th the number who will be attending by calling the church at 829-8272 or e-mailing: gracemeth@comcast.net*