

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 9th at 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, and 11:00am
As Holy Week begins, come and join us as we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem beneath the shadow of the cross.

Maundy Thursday

April 13th at 7:00pm
Come and witness a dramatic portrayal of the disciples during the Last Supper. This year will be an ALL NEW drama written as testimonies by the disciples about their walk with Jesus. Let's remember that solemn night when Jesus broke bread with His disciples for the last time before His arrest.

Good Friday

April 14th at 7:00pm
Come and ponder the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made during our Good Friday Service. Hear once again the agony and humiliation that Jesus endured in order to present Himself as the perfect sacrifice for all our sins.

Easter Sunday - Resurrection Day!

April 16th at 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, and 11:00am
Come and celebrate the reason for this season - Lent is over - Jesus is RISEN! It doesn't get any better than this!!

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Priscilla SHIRER
LIVE
with ANTHONY EVANS
SIMULCAST
APRIL 8, 2017

Mark your calendars now and join us for a Priscilla Shirer simulcast, a global one-day event on the power of prayer and learning to study God's word for yourself. This will be a fun and inspiring event, 10am til 5:30pm (90 minute lunch break).

Cost is \$5 and is open to the community. The event is sponsored by the High School Girls Small Group. Also, we'll be collecting feminine hygiene supplies for local homeless shelters to support "The Dignity Project".

Call the church to RSVP or visit ChristVenice.com and let us know if you need childcare.

24/7 Prayer Week April 30th – May 7th!

John Wesley said, “God does nothing except in answer to prayer.” What would happen if we spent a week seeking the face of God non-stop? Let’s find out!

Mark your calendars for April 30-May 7th. Our prayer room is located in the Sanctuary next to the Library and we are going to keep it open for 7 days straight. We will begin the week with our worship services Sunday morning and end it with a celebration service on May 7th. During the week, Thursday, May 5th we will hold a prayer service to coincide with the National Day of Prayer.

Our goal is to be in the presence of Jesus and see what He does in us and through us. We will pray for revival, for healing, for the nation, and for anything else you bring with you. To participate in this exciting week, all you need to do is sign up for a time slot.

You’ll hear more about this great opportunity after Easter, so plan on joining us for an unforgettable week!

Announcing Our Newly Commissioned Stephen Ministers

Peg Frerk, Patsy Graham, Dave Hinckley, Marcia Johnson and Deb Sauter were commissioned on Sunday, March 19 after completing ten weeks of intensive training. Marcia originally trained in Maine but committed to retrain to be better able to serve. As the congregation is growing, we feel it’s important to expand our ability to serve you. When you see any of these people we hope you will congratulate them for their commitment to this ministry.

The Stephen Ministry program trains lay people to be there for you when you’re facing any number of life’s difficulties. We listen, pray, encourage and help you share your burden. It’s a one-on-one, strictly confidential program, meeting with you once a week for as long as you need us. For more information you may speak with any Stephen Minister wearing a blue name badge, or call a Stephen Leader, Don Paull 497-5597 or Jane Watkins 989 859-0712.

Home Communion is available to those unable to attend church. To request a visit ask any Stephen Minister or call the church office at 493-7504.



Barrick, Gary & Carol	4/4
Samuels, Rich & Jayne	4/5
Klatt, Gary & LuAnn	4/10
Pressly, Clarke & Bev	4/17
Adams, Wade & Dorothy	4/19
Booth, Russ & Betty	4/25
Johnson, Paul & Caryn	4/26
Vandegrift, Jeff & Nancy	4/26
High, Robert & Marilyn	4/28
Strahlman, Richard & Mona	4/29

Birthdays and Anniversaries are great! Please celebrate by "gifting" the Scholarship Fund with a \$2.00 or more donation!

Bunning, Alice	4/1	Buske, George	4/10	Gop, Joe	4/20
Hurst, Reed	4/1	James, Billye	4/10	Usher, Cody	4/20
Mazur, Sandra	4/1	Eidelbus, Brian	4/11	Eaton, Cindy	4/21
Saunders, Janice	4/1	McDonald, Charlotte	4/11	Woodburn, James	4/21
Whipple, JoEllen	4/1	Pendergrass, Brittany	4/11	Hilligoss, Dave	4/22
Budd, Chris	4/2	Hahn, James	4/12	Hudson, Jay	4/22
Helvie, Charlie	4/3	Hilbert, Edith	4/12	Safford, Myrna Knapp	4/23
Smith, Bob	4/3	Schlegel, Donald	4/12	Stanley, Philip	4/23
Kramer, Michael	4/4	Shockey, Mackenzie	4/12	Stebbins, Gil	4/23
McClellan, Shirlene	4/4	Miller, Bruce	4/14	Roche, Charlotte	4/24
Mythen, Sylvia	4/4	Schaid, Julie	4/14	Blevins, Megan	4/26
Theis, Faye	4/4	Talbott, Buck	4/14	Gabbard, Jerry	4/26
Dunn-Rankin, Jeff	4/5	Allen, Bill	4/15	Hadsall, Michael	4/26
Myers, Kaitlyn	4/5	Glover, Paula	4/15	Johnson, Caryn	4/26
Bennett, Sandie	4/6	Manningham, Dan	4/16	Kellogg, Jack	4/26
Booth, Jeanne	4/6	Bauer, Jan	4/17	Dittmer, Peter	4/27
Moghina, Amy	4/6	Gabana, Pam	4/17	Stebbins, Marilyn	4/27
Shrader, Eric	4/6	Kellogg, Joan	4/17	Tarala, Marty	4/27
Talbott, Carolyn	4/6	Olliff, Bonita	4/17	High, Robert	4/28
Costello, Adam	4/7	Pinkerton, Bobby	4/17	Ott, Rose	4/28
Wray, Clara	4/7	McConaghy, Bianca	4/18	Pinkerton, Kristin	4/28
Leisenring, Madison	4/8	Setterlund, Ruth	4/18	Ruehr, Eileen	4/29
Rowe, Beverly	4/8	Smith, Nancy	4/18	Gabbard, Carla	4/30
Klock, Dori	4/9	Adams, Arthur	4/19		
Reintsema, Lisa	4/9	Haley, Moriah	4/19		
Wentworth, Joy	4/9	Kegerreis, Ann Elaine	4/19		





Sunday Worship Schedule

7:30 & 11:00am

Traditional

9:00am

Contemporary

10:45am

Seasonal

CUMC STAFF

LEAD PASTOR

Rev. Michael Hudson

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Denvil Farley

ASSISTANT PASTOR

Robert Haley

MUSIC MINISTRY

Cheryl Smith

ADULT MINISTRY

Nancy Kinney

FAMILY MINISTRY

Jeff Dunn-Rankin

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jonetta Halpin
Marcia Schaberg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Becky Diefenbach

MEDIA MANAGER & CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Will Sledge

TREASURER

JoEllen Whipple

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Michele Morley

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CTR

Anita Burton (Interim)

HeartFELT Thanks

Many Thanks! Thank you to over 65 persons who cut out felt figures followed by sorting the pieces, then filing in boxes. The figures are placed on large felt boards to communicate a Bible story to persons in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Panama. Pete and Judy Obregon transport the felt project to the Dominican Republic and Panama; they will present the projects to the pastors. The Felt Project to Haiti will be shipped to Pastor Julio in Haiti: Christ UMC supports Pastor Julio who attended our Mission Weekend

The Felt Project is sponsored by the Disciple Bible Study group, and a donor has funded eight Felt Projects which have been given to missionaries in Africa and the Philippines. Praise God for the volunteers of Christ UMC who helped accomplish these mission projects.

Community Assistance Ministry

We are looking for a small group of people to help pass out food and be available to pray with people on Tuesday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Denvil.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Scholarship Award Time is Near!

MEMBERS of Christ UMC and their IMMEDIATE families may apply for awards from the Scholarship Program. Applicants can go on-line to ChristVenice.com or come by the office for an application. Applicants must have graduated from high school or equivalent with at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA, have been accepted to an institution of higher learning, and be active in the church, youth group, or community service. The DEADLINE for completion is April 23, 2017. Please return them to the church office.

Celebrate Recovery at First Christian Church

Celebrate Recovery is a world-wide ministry for those struggling with addictions and looking for hope. It has been instrumental in changing lives through the power of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. Some call it the Christian version of Alcoholics Anonymous. All of our leaders have been trained in the twelve steps of recovery through the Scripture, but, more importantly, have a heart of compassion for those who struggle. Meetings will be every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 8:45pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church at (941) 408-8088.

Chancel Choir!!!

Our CUMC chancel choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:45PM in the choir room. We welcome any new singers that are interested in praising the Lord with us at the 11:00AM service each week. We are currently rehearsing for the remainder of Lent and Easter season. If you sang in your high school/college choir and are from high school age or older, we would love to have you. Please see Cheryl Smith if you are interested. We would like to have a music folder prepared for you.

Joyful Sound Singers!!!

Joyful Sound needs YOU! This dedicated group of "Early Risers" brings their praise to the Lord at the 7:30AM service each week, except the first Sunday of the month. We meet at 7:00AM on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary to run through the anthem for that day. Please contact Cheryl Smith and let her know if you are interested in singing with us.

Praise Orchestra!!!

Our CUMC praise orchestra meets for rehearsal on Thursday morning at 11:15AM in the sanctuary. The praise orchestra plays the prelude once each month and accompanies our congregation at the 11:00AM service each week. If you played in your high school/college band or orchestra and are from high school age (9th-12th grades) or older, we would love to have you join us. Please let Cheryl Smith know if you are interested so that we can have a packet of music ready for you.

Please contact Cheryl Smith if you are interested in, or would like more information on, any of our music ministries, 493-7504 or Cheryl@ChristVenice.com

Second Campus Update!

Our plans for launching a second campus to reach new people, especially as they move to our area, are moving forward. Our Multi-site Team has decided to take the first step of launching neighborhood groups to discover where the best location for the other campus might be. While we have not found a suitable site to launch a worship service yet, we do want to move forward and think these home groups will be a great first step. We can reach out to neighbors and friends who need Jesus with a community- based Bible Study. If two or three of these grow in a certain area, we will have a solid idea of where to plant a second campus. If you would like to be involved in launching a home group in your neighborhood, please plan to attend our training session on **April 25th at 6:30pm**. Call the church office to let us know you are planning to come.



16th Annual Golf Tournament

Youth Mission Fundraiser

- Who?** Golfers, Duffers, Spouses, Donors
Fun for Everyone!
- What?** Four-person 18-hole Scramble format
Golf prizes and door prizes
Hot dinner buffet and program,
including our teen missionaries

When? Monday, April 24

Noon: Free doughnuts & coffee. Sign-up and warm-up
 1 p.m.: Shotgun start
 5:30 p.m.: Dinner – including music and program

Where? Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, 575 Center Road, Venice

Why? All proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip to Orlando, Florida, and other missions

How? Just fill in the form below and turn it in to the church office.
Any questions? Call Chris Eaton at 941-468-5445

(Please hold on to the portion above this line as a reminder.)

Sign me up

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf and Dinner | \$75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'll be joined by a friend or spouse | \$75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner-only for my friend or spouse (limited seating avail.) | \$27 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to pay for a missionary's dinner | \$20 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can't make it, but I'd like to donate anyway. | | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to be a hole sponsor | | \$ _____ |
- (Hole sponsorships are in appreciation of donations of \$100 or more)*
 What name would you like on your hole sponsor sign?

Total: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Christ United Methodist Church (memo: Golf Tournament)
1475 Center Road, Venice FL 34292

Your name: _____

Spouse/Friend: _____

Phone: _____

- Please place me in a foursome
 I'll be in the foursome listed below:

Deadlines: For Sponsors: April 14th For Players: April 16th

Thank you!
From the teens at



KNOW - GROW - GO

Images of the current Dominican Republic Mission Trip . . .



“If God were your father,” said **Jesus**, “you would **love** me, for I came from God and arrived here. I didn’t come on my own. He sent me.” John 8:42 (The Message)

In John 12:20-28, there were some Greeks in town (Jerusalem) who had come up to worship at the Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: “Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?”

Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. Jesus answered, “Time’s up. The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” “Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you’ll have it forever, real and eternal.”

“If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you’ll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment’s notice. The Father will honor and reward anyone who serves me.”

“Right now I am storm-tossed. And what am I going to say? ‘Father, get me out of this’? No, this is why I came in the first place. I’ll say, ‘Father, put your glory on display.’” A voice came out of the sky: “I have glorified it, and I’ll glorify it again.” (The Message)

It is Easter time and don’t these passages just keep saying to us that Jesus is **the gift** that just keeps giving? All we need do is accept Him into our life and experience the joy of His gift that never ends!”

Love you,

Nancy

ADULT MINISTRIES

The Adult Ministries Vision met this past month at a day and half Re-Ignite Retreat, with Richard and Leona Bergstrom, specialist in adult ministries. The purpose of the retreat was to gain more information about the way Baby Boomers worship, think, live their retirement years and how God calls us into His Kingdom during this phase of our lives. Keep watching for more news from the team as they continue to meet and pray for God’s leading in their endeavors.

Upcoming Children’s Ministry Events in April



On Sunday, April 9th, our Children’s Ministry will be selling baked goodies in order to raise funds for the Starfish Kids we support in Haiti. We adopted a boy and a girl about 5 years ago and want to continue supporting them. We will have a table set up in the breezeway that morning before and after the services. Please consider stopping by to pick out a sweet treat and donating a few dollars to help the Starfish Kids.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

We will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter weekend- Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 AM. This will be a time of fellowship and fun for our Christ UMC families and friends with activities for kids of all ages, including the egg hunt, bounce houses, games, an Easter photo op, a chance to win prizes & more. It is also a great event to invite new families from the community to experience our church!

In order to make this event a success, we need lots and lots of plastic Easter eggs and candy!! If you are able to donate any of the following items, we will have a collection bucket available on Sunday mornings under the breezeway. Thank you so much for your help!

- Plastic Easter eggs
- Non-chocolate Easter candy (for the Egg Hunt)
- Chocolate candy (for take-home goody bags)

Pregnancy Solutions’ Walk for Life, Saturday, April 8

Come celebrate LIFE as we walk and raise money to support Pregnancy Solutions on Saturday, April 8th at Maxine Barritt Park in Venice. Pregnancy Solutions is a local ministry that supports moms and dads when they are pregnant and feel like they are out of options. Pregnancy Solutions connects families to local resources to help financially; they provide parenting education, and they help the moms-to-be earn essentials like diapers, car seats, and clothing. Pregnancy Solutions also helps the families through the first eighteen months of the baby’s life. The Walk for Life is one of their biggest fundraisers. If you are interested in being a walker, please register online at www.pswalkforlife.org or ask Kristin Mikarts [\(941\)468-1817](tel:941468-1817) for more information. If you can’t walk, please consider donating to one of our walkers!



It's been "Go Time" at Christ UMC and what a great time of worship it has been! Hearing about all the activities at El Cocal would indicate they have been having their own "GO TIME". Supporting Mission and Missionaries is a huge part of who we are as a church. One of our mission partners is our Cuban Sister Church in El Cocal.

They have an active musical group and are often asked to perform for other churches. They also invite other churches to worship galas with them for some dramatizations, traditional and more up-to-date songs, poetry and choral singers. Dance is also an active part of their worship. After worship services on Sunday morning the congregation gathers for a meal and fellowship together. Every Wednesday morning the seniors in the congregation attend a service to the Lord, do exercises together in the gazebo and then share snacks together. Children staying with family members also participate.

The connection to our sister church is important to us. They pray for us and we are to be in prayer for them. They are currently in a pastoral transition and we encourage you to join in prayer for God to be at work in that transition. Please also keep the previous pastor, Juan de Jesus Cisnero Cabrera, and his family in your prayers.

This past July, one of our college students, Elizabeth Haley, visited our sister church in El Cocal. She came back inspired by the way the church reached out to the community by offering a place of shelter, physical provisions, and spiritual guidance. We hope to have a small group of people to visit our sister church in Cuba this November. You will come back inspired by the faith and love of our Cuban brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Denvil.

Thank you for your faithful support of missions through Christ UMC! Your giving helps support and make possible the great work that God is doing in Cuba and in our sister church in El Cocal!

Easter Lily Dedications

Help decorate our Worship Centers on Easter Sunday by dedicating a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. Lilies are \$9 each; use a pink pew envelope to order, printing your dedication on the back of the envelope; checks payable to Christ UMC.



New Reviews from our Church Library

China Cry - The True Story of Nora Lam (DVD)

A well-acted movie of a young girl who becomes enamored with the communist movement, only to be thrown into a labor camp later when she questions it. At great cost to herself and her family, she stands firm in her faith. Later in life, she became an active supporter of missionaries and their work. Be sure to watch the special features at the end.

This is Our Time

Christian College grads eagerly head off into the world to make their mark for themselves and God. All but one do just that, fulfilling their dreams and finding success and happiness - until the real world hits them hard. Now what? Weren't we following God? God's plan for our lives is not always what we think or want.

Reviews by Leighton & Karen Quinn

Prayer & Share - New Small Group Forming

Ayleen Smith is starting a new small group in her home to meet on Thursdays at 1:00pm. Starting soon—call 941-493-3668 for details.

Even Stamps Are a Mission Project

At Alliance Women Stamp Ministry, used stamps are collected, processed and resold, creating funds that are then channeled to the support of overseas missions. The income from their sale goes to support the preparation, publication, and distribution of a Spanish-language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches of 40 different denominations and missions in 19 Latin American countries, Spain and USA.

Stamps of every kind are needed, foreign as well as domestic, old issue or current. Please keep collecting. Neatly trim around each stamp about 1/4 to 1/3 inch, bring to church and drop in the collection boxes in either the Family Life Kitchen or Memorial Hall Kitchen.

