

2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of December 31st, we were able to fully cover our 2019 expenses, including paying 100% of our apportionments to the Florida United Methodist Conference!!

Your generosity and faithfulness — combined with the hard work of our staff and ministry leaders to minimize expenses throughout the year — have made it possible for ministry at First Coral Gables to continue and for the mission of our church to flourish!

*So, as we begin this new year,
we offer many heartfelt thanks
to all who gave in 2019!*

PRAYERS • JOYS + CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS: Blessings to Dr. William Culbertson and Audrey Ross on their marriage!

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Healing and peace for Howard Axler, Liz & Ed Baker, Barbara Bellus, Hannah Brayer, Margaret Cox, Norma Cox, Richard Escobar, Lenny Feldman, Alfie Franco, Nancy Garnsey, Marisela Giron, Jamie Hall, Regina Hansen, Gemma Henderson, Rene Kelbjornsen, Matthew Long, Zoila & Mike Pena, Luis Picon, Amparo "Puchita" Rigau, Amparo Torres, and Mary Whitcomb. For the people of The Bahamas. For the family of Brother Milledge (celebration of life yesterday).

LEGACY CHURCH MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS: Wayne Whittlesey, and Paul Reiner's daughter, Marti, at Epworth Village; Raleigh Johnson at Susana Wesley; Jean Korner and Carol Hanna at The Palace.

SHARE YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS AND/OR ANSWERED PRAYER

Fill out the Connect Card and drop it in the offering plate or designated prayer request boxes found in the foyer by the Welcome Table. Or you can also submit prayer requests at fumccgprayerrequest@outlook.com.

NEWS + EVENTS

CONNECT KIDS (CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL) • 11:00am service

- Birth - 2: Hanger Building Room 219 (Nursery)
- 3s, 4s & 5s: Hanger Building Room 210
- Kindergarten - 5th grade: Hanger Building Room 202

YOUTH MINISTRY • following the 11:00am service

Calling all youth... Come on over to the Youth Lounge for food, games, fun, and conversation today after the service!

Today! UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

Sunday, January 5, 12:30pm, Head Center

SILVER CLUB • Thursday, January 9, 10:30am, Head Center

Join us for the party! Bring a wrapped present and participate in the white elephant gift exchange!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP • Thursday, January 9, 7:00pm, Room 209

Next Saturday! UNITED METHODIST MEN MEETING

Saturday, January 11, 8:30am, Founders Hall

Next Sunday! GENERAL CONFERENCE VIDEO REPLAY + DISCUSSION

Sunday, January 12, 12:30pm in Founders Hall

Many people have contacted us with questions about the decisions of the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference, and its potential impacts on our family of faith. We will replay the webinar created by Bishop Ken Carter as a response to General Conference. Following the video, Pastor Hedy will lead a time of discussion.

NEW CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY!

Be included in the 2020 First Coral Gables Directory! From January 23-25, Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for publication in the new directory! For more information, visit www.welovecoralgables.com/church-directory, or call the church! Sign up for your spot today!

New study opportunity! JONAH WITH PASTOR HEDY COLLVER

Wednesdays, January 15-February 5, 6:30-7:30pm, Head Center

As we begin the 4-week *JONAH & the Really Big Fish* sermon series in worship on January 12th, join Pastor Hedy each Wednesday to *dive even deeper* into this wonderful story with its powerful lessons today! Come have fun with us!

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Saturday, January 18, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

The *Lamar Louise Curry Concert Series* continues with a phenomenal musical ensemble, the UM Saxophone Quartet. Hear a broad range of musical styles from four saxophone virtuosos. These musicians will blow you away with their renditions of familiar songs...an unforgettable musical evening! For more information, visit www.welovecoralgables.org/llc-concert-series!

AN INVITATION TO MINDFULNESS • Saturday, January 25, 9:00am

There's still an opportunity to join! The 8-week journey toward optimizing your health and well-being by increasing self-awareness, self-regulation, and compassion embarks on January 25. This is a non-denominational class suitable for adults of any age and stage. Free to all; donations will benefit programming for the church and The Growing Place. For more information, contact Wendy Nottoli at wendynottoli@kslc.net or 305.274.7883.

SIT-TOGETHER SUNDAY • Sunday, February 2, 11:00am service

Come play with us before the Super Bowl! Instead of leaving the Sanctuary to go to Sunday School, all kids will be invited to sit with their families to enjoy worship and take Communion together! This will be a fun, family-friendly service, with children and youth leading us in worship. Invite a friend... or two or three! Nursery is available for children birth through 2 years.

Membership opportunity! COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

If you are wondering about becoming a member of the family of faith at First Coral Gables, please contact Michelle Marcos at mmarcos@fumccg.org or 305.445.2578 ext 100, to set up a time to grab coffee one-on-one with Pastor Hedy! Then, *on Sunday, February 16th, we will be celebrating new members* in our worship services!

SEAN KENNARD IN CONCERT • Saturday, February 22, 7:00pm

We are excited to announce that the esteemed Professor of Piano at Stetson University, Dr. Sean Kennard, will join us for an evening of inspiring music as part of the *Lamar Louise Curry Concert Series*! For more information, visit www.welovecoralgables.org/llc-concert-series!



Epiphany

January 5, 2020

8:30 & 11:00am



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“ Lord of living light, we hear the story of the Magi and tie it together with our warm Christmas celebration. It feels comfortable to us. Break those bonds of comfort and help us to realize the risk of witness and discipleship for those who follow your light. Shine brightly in us and through us. Give us a vision of what you would have us be and do in the Light of Your Love!

— Nancy C. Townley, *MinistryMatters*

WELCOME!

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us this morning!

VISITING WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Please be sure to pick up a welcome brochure and fill out the Connect Card. We'd love to get to know you!

An * below indicates to stand, as you are able.

We gather in God's name

INVOCATION • *The First Noel* Lauren Hartman, soprano

PRELUDE • *Repose* • Kolander Mackenzie Miller, flute; Seth Carlson, organ

WELCOME Hedy Collver, Senior Pastor

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**
We Three Kings • Hymnal No. 245 Congregation sings 1 & 5
Soloists on Verses 2-4; All sing refrain

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Roberto Perez, Assistant Pastor

Leader: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would happen as they followed the star.

All: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root!

Leader: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of the star.

All: So, in this new year, let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. Amen!

by Nancy C. Townley, *MinistryMatters*

CONNECT CARD Hedy Collver

PASSING OF THE PEACE Lucas Bonates, Associate Pastor

We make our offering

OFFERING Hedy Collver

OFFERTORY • *Three Wise Men* Sanctuary Choir

* **OFFERTORY RESPONSE** • *In the Bleak Midwinter* • Hymnal 221 • verse 4
What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him? Give him my heart.

* **OFFERING PRAYER** Roberto Perez

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Hedy Collver
Parents, if you haven't yet checked your child in for ConnectKids, this is a great time to head back to the Sanctuary lobby. One of our volunteers will be there to help you sign your child in!

PASTORAL PRAYER Hedy Collver

We listen for God's word

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE • Micah 5:2-5a Lucas Bonates
But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land. And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world. And he will be the source of peace.

Leader: The word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

MESSAGE • *The Search* • A First Person Narrative Hedy Collver

We respond with joy!

THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION • *The Great Thanksgiving* • Hymnal page 13

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Remembering God's acts of salvation

Leader: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Remembering God's acts in Jesus Christ

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The work of the Holy Spirit

Leader: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen!

Servers: Joe Vaughn & Lucas Bonates; Bonnie Vaughn & Roberto Perez

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Birthday of a King

Daniel Snodgrass, baritone;
Sanctuary Choir

HYMN OF DEDICATION • *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever! Amen.

BENEDICTION

Hedy Collver

POSTLUDE • *We Three Kings* • arr. Witworth

Mackenzie Miller, piccolo;
Seth Carlson, organ

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Altar Flowers are given to honor the well-lived life of Brother Milledge by his family.

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JONAH & THE REALLY BIG FISH

A fun new series beginning next Sunday!

There's a strange little tale in our Bible about a man named Jonah being swallowed by a whale. Together we'll explore this "children's story" & dive into its deep lessons for us grown-ups! **Grab a book (or two or three) to give away this week!**