Worship plus three is how we define our ministries. We believe worship is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to invite others into a relationship with God, grow in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and serve others as a continued sign of God’s work in our lives.
Masks must be worn and social distancing will be observed.

Diana Russell for information: drussell@firstumc.org

Join us for our drive through Easter event! Family photo op, Egg hunt with digital clues, Easter games,赵 egg hunt, Family picture, egg hunt clues, family photo, dress up eggs, breakfast go bag, eggs for the family, outdoor games, family fun, family activities, family food, family entertainment, family activities for kids, family dinner, family treats, family snacks, family games, family entertainment, family fun, family gift, family package.

Church ReOpen: We have been tracking the numbers for Covid in Polk County and after pausing our in-house worship after January 3, the numbers are finally low enough to resume worship indoors. We will continue with the lawn worship at 8:15 as well. The 9:30 and 11am service will take reservations with the 9:30 service limited to 125 and the 11:00 service limited to 150. Both with safety protocols in place. Safety protocols include (but not limited to) the following:

1. Wearing masks
2. No congregational singing
3. Social Distancing
4. No physical contact

For reservations go to: www.firstumc.org/reservation

Both the 9:30 and 11 are available livestreamed and on Facebook: www.firstumc.org/worship-now

**EMBRACE THE JOURNEY: BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY**

Register @ https://bit.ly/3rrryrG

**MARCH 20**

**9:30-NOON**

**VIRTUAL**

**HTP://WWW.FLUMC.ORG/GODS- INNOVATION-2021**

**KEYNOTE**

"Race in a Time When We Can’t Turn Back"

Gil Rendle
Author: Quietly Courageous

Explore how we are challenged by race, how we behave because of it, and ways we can be faithful in becoming the Beloved Community.

Hear testimonials from our United Methodist white, black, and brown brothers and sisters on how racism continues to affect their lives.

Discover current approaches some of our churches are using as they move to becoming the beloved community.

**CHILDREN**

For information regarding Children’s Ministry events or Zoom links, please contact Cristi Moore, cmoore@firstumc.org.

**THURSDAY GAME NIGHT**

March 18 at 6:30pm on Zoom

Join us for a short devotion and some time to hang out and play games! For more information or Zoom link, contact Cristi: cmoore@firstumc.org.

**Easterific 2021**

March 27, 8:30-11am

Join us for our drive through Easter event! Family photo op, goodie bags, special Holy Week Box, breakfast to go and more! Reservations are required and space is limited. Register at: firstumc.org/Easterific. For more information, contact Cristi: cmoore@firstumc.org

**Lakeland Egg Hunt beginning March 20**

It has been a crazy season, and we have all earned some extra fun this Easter. Imagine a normal Easter egg hunt. Got it in your mind? Perfect. Now, multiply that by 2,000! This Easter, we are creating an experience that your family will remember for years. We will be placing digital Easter eggs all around Lakeland for you and your family to find. Each location has a different fun family activity and one piece of a secret Easter message for you to solve. Beginning March 20, visit bit.ly/egghunt.com for all of the details. Happy Hunting!

**Preschool Pals every Tuesday at 11am**

Preschool friends age 2 and up - this is for you! Join us Tuesday mornings via Zoom at 11am for a short Bible lesson and some fun activities. For more information or Zoom link, contact Cristi: cmoore@firstumc.org.

**Virtual Sunday School Rooms**

Don't miss out on Sunday School! You can access this any time during the week at firstumc.org/children/childrens-sunday-school/ There are rooms for each age level that include Bible stories, activities, games, devotions and much more. For more information, contact Cristi: cmoore@firstumc.org.

**MISSIONS**

For questions please contact Forrest White, fwhite@firstumc.org

Our collection for our migrant ministry partners - Mulberry UMC Food Pantry and Called to Serve Farmworkers - is today, Sunday, March 14, from 1:00 pm at the Missions Depot, where we will have volunteers waiting to take donations from your car. One of the migrant ministry leaders reached out to express appreciation for First United’s support and to *request a couple of changes to what we collect.

*Effective immediately, purchase only dried black or pinto beans (no cans) and limit bags of rice and beans to a maximum of 12 pounds. Also please provide only requested items listed below and NO glass jars.

- rice (maximum 12-pound bags)
- dry beans (pinto and black, maximum 12-pound bags)
- Maseca flour
- spaghetti sauce
- peanut butter
- canned tuna and chicken
- Vienna sausage
- canned veggies (especially corn)
- Jiffy Cornbread mix
- breakfast cereal

**MISSIONS**

**YOUTH**

Should you have any questions please contact Pastor Melissa, mstump@firstumc.org or Stephanie Keen, s keen@firstumc.org

**FL United Children’s Home President to speak**

We have invited Kitwana McCutrey, President of the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home (FUMCH) to bring greetings and make a presentation at all services on Sunday, March 21. We also have the opportunity for him to host a Q & A session that morning via Zoom. This is a wonderful way for us to focus on the strong commitment we have to FUMCH. He, along with Melissa Stump and Sean Hults will be available for the Zoom Q & A period from 11:15 - noon. Again, we are honored to have President McCutrey with us that Sunday and to be reminded of the very important ministry of FUMCH. Register in advance at: https://bit.ly/3bPrM4. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information about joining the meeting.