

Building bridges between Christ and our community

April 21, 2024  
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Welcome to Grace! Please fill out a Connect Card—either a digital version or a hard copy & *place it in the offering basket or leave in the narthex.* (This is our attendance.) For more information on Grace, visit our website: [www.gumcmi.com](http://www.gumcmi.com). Thank you for joining us today.

### 2024 April Mission Emphasis: MILA Elementary School

MILA Elementary: was the first multi-classroom school on Merritt Island, providing education to our children since 1953. It was also the first school in Brevard County to provide education and services to students with special needs. The [percentage](#) of students considered to be “learning disabled” is greater than that of other schools in the state of FL or in the U.S. Grace United Methodist Church has been an active partner with MILA for many years, supporting students and educators, with supplies, food, books, clothing and more.

Please mark your donation “**April Mission.**”

**Cuba Talk:** May 5, 10 am, Room #214. Join Mike, Jon & Janet as they share about their recent trip to our sister church in Cuba.



**Sunday School: 10 am**  
**Nursery/preschool to Kindergarten: Rm 121**  
**Grades 1-3: Rm 221 Grades 4-6: Rm 224**  
**Children’s Church 11am: Grades K-6: Rm 221 & Chapel**  
**Nursery: 9 am—noon, 0-4 years old: Rm 121**

**Worship Services: 9:00 am and 11:00 am**

**Sunday School: 10:00 am**

**No Coffee today: Sorry**

**Worship Service**  
**April 21, 2024**  
**9:00 am**

**Video Announcement**

**Prelude**      “To God Be the Glory”      Jubilate Ringers  
 Director: Skip Sluder

**Welcome/Greeting**      Pastor Steve

**\*Hymn, #92**      “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**\*Song**      “Death Was Arrested”

**Social Affirmation, #886**      Gretchen Syfert

**Pastoral Prayer**      Pastor Beth  
 The Lord’s Prayer, #895

**Special Music**      “Alleluia (Song of the Earth)”  
 ~ Passing of Offering Baskets ~

**Scripture: Mark 16:1-8**      Pastor Gary

**Message:**      “Cross the Line”      Pastor Gary

**Communion**      (Gluten free wafers available)

**\*Song**      “I Surrender”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

We’re getting a **new pastor** in July  
 ~ Rev Michelle Shrader.  
 Pastor Steve is leaving on Jun 2.  
 Pastor Gary is leaving on Jun 31.  
 Pastor Beth is staying.

**We’re Celebrating our  
 graduates on May 19.**

Let us know by Tues, May 7, of  
 high school or college gradu-  
 ates & their plans. This includes  
 Dec 2023 graduates. We’d also  
 love a digital photo of them.

MILA Elementary Staff  
 Appreciation - May 7. Are you  
 willing to help with donating  
 bagels, cream cheeses, and/or  
 homemade sweet treats? Please  
 let Jennie know,  
 Buglady4102@yahoo.com

<b>Attendance:</b>	<u>9:00 am</u>	133	<u>11:00 am</u>	75
	Online	136		75
	Youth <u>10:00 am</u>	4	Nursery:	0
Children	<u>10 am:</u>	3	<u>11:00 am:</u>	18



Flowers are to the glory and honor of God in honor of Carol & Tom (Sr) Black's anniversary from Janis & Tom Black.

To sign up for flowers, let the church office know or add to your Connect Card. The cost is \$28. You can take your flowers home on Sunday or Monday. *The next open Sundays are May 5 & Jul 28. See the 2024 list in the E&A Lobby.*

**Wed Night Spaghetti Dinner with MILA Chorus**

May 1, 5:30 pm; \$7 donation. RSVP by Tues Apr 31.

**Volunteers** needed for kitchen help, drinks & cleanup.

**Greeters Needed**, from May 19 into Aug to welcome at the E&A desk (8:50—12:10). Coffee won't be available during this time. See Jonell

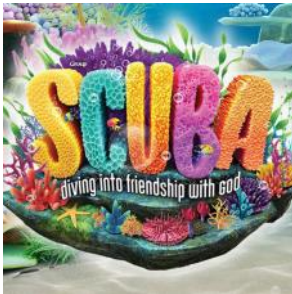
**Pastor Steve's Farewell Event:** Jun 2 at 10 am.

Calling all great pictures & memories of Pastor Steve and/or his family from the past 9 years for a farewell video. Send digital pictures & short stores to Jen Zebel at thezebels@gmail.com or drop off hard copies in the church office by **May 19**.



**SALT: Mon, Apr 22, 2 pm** Come learn about Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety. Future week's topics deal with boundaries, when to say yes and how to say no.

**Questions?** Ask Don Lusk, donlusk57@gmail.com, 321-634-2523



**Vacation Bible School:** Jun 10-14. See Niki for more info.

Participants & volunteers can register at [vbspro.events/p/gumc24](http://vbspro.events/p/gumc24)

**Volunteer info Meetings:** Today at noon &/or Tues, Apr 23, at 6 pm

**Special Offering for increase in insurance.**

Return pledge cards today. Thank you for your help!

**Upcoming Events**

**May 1, 5:30 pm:** Wed night dinner with MILA Chorus

**May 10, 6:30 pm:** Ladies Game Night at Pastor Beth's

**May 12-19:** Family Promise

**May 20, 6:30 pm:** FLUMC Annual Conference Orientation, Sanctuary

**Summer Kickoff Party,** May 5 at noon. Join us for walking tacos & popsicles

**Birthdays & Anniversaries.** Let the office know of any changes or corrections to our list. We share them weekly in the Gracevine.

## CALENDAR

Church office & library: Mon - Thurs 9-3, closed 12-12:30

Preschool: Mon – Fri, 9 - noon

### **Sunday, April 21** No coffee

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service;

**Nursery:** 9 am—noon, Birth – 4 yo #121

10:00 am Special Gathering #105, 112, 200, 209, Chapel

10:00 am Sunday School: Nursery/preschool to K, #121; Grades 1-3: # 221; Grades 4-6: #224;  
Youth: #219; Young Adults: #206; New Horizons: #214; Aldersgate: #212

11:00 am Special Gathering: FH

11:00 am Children's Church: K-6: #224

Noon VBS Informational Meeting, #112

### **Monday, April 22**

2:00 pm SALT Group, #112

7:00 pm Vespers, Facebook Live

### **Tuesday, April 23**

10:00 am Women of Faith Bible Study, #212

12:00 pm Quilting/Crafts, #207

6:00 pm VBS Informational Meeting, #112

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH

7:00 pm Choir Practice (Music Room)

### **Wednesday, April 24**

9:30 – 10:30 am Preschool Chapel Time

2:00 pm Via de Cristo Retreat Setup

6:00 pm Youth, #219 & FH

### **Thursday, April 25** Via de Christo Women's Retreat

9 am—12 pm Food Pantry, FH

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Clothing Closet

6:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary

7:30 pm Jubilate Ringers, Bell Room

7:30 pm OA Meeting, #112 Chapel

### **Friday, April 26** Via de Christo Women's Retreat

6:00 am Men's Prayer/Bible Study—Merritt Assembly of God. For info call 321-452-6019.

### **Saturday, April 27** Via de Christo Women's Retreat

We are looking for someone to  
update our first-aid kits.  
(A retired nurse maybe?)

**THE UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Connect Card QR Code



May/Jun available in the  
Narthex and E&A lobby.  
(Suggested donation: \$1.50)

The bulletin is available at: [gumcmi.com](http://gumcmi.com) under  
"Worship Online"  
Items for the bulletin are due by Tuesdays at 11 am