Building bridges between Christ and our community

April 28, 2024 65 Needle Blvd. M.I. FL 32953 321-452-2420 Info.gumc@gmail.com www.gumcmi.com



Senior Pastors: Rev. Steve Hart Rev. Dr. Gary Spencer

Executive Pastor: Rev. Beth Burton

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. 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."

May Mission Emphasis: OASIS Prison Ministry & Bishops Annual Offering

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

Gathering Grounds [Last day: May 12]: Sorry—no coffee today

Worship Service April 28, 2024 9:00 am

Video Announcement

Prelude

Welcome/Greeting Pastor Beth

*Hymn, #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Song "I Speak Jesus"

Nicene Creed, #880 Gail Williams

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Steve

The Lord's Prayer, #895

Special Music Mike & Shelly Duet

"Nicea (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

~ Passing of Offering Baskets ~

Scripture: John 20:1-3, 11-16 Pastor Gary

Message: "Peace Revisited" Pastor Gary

Communion (Gluten free wafers available)

*Song "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Attendance: 9:00 am 130 11:00 am 73 Online 54 29 Youth 10:00 am 0 **Nursery:** Children 3 11:00 am: 10 am: 18

A **new pastor** in July: ~ Rev Michelle Shrader. Pastor Steve is leaving on Jun 2. Pastor Gary is leaving on Jun 30. Pastor Beth is staying.

Letter Carrier Food Drive, May 11. Our food pantry will receive a portion of the collected food. Volunteers needed from 11-6 at MI Post Office. Let us know if you can help.

We're Celebrating our graduates on May 19.

Let us know by Tues, May 7, of high school or college graduates & 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



Flowers are to the glory and honor of God in honor and appreciation of Larry & Debbie Easley (food pantry, Matthew's Hope, Overlook, Scouts, etc).

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 30.

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

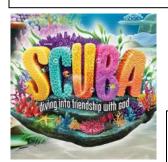
Pastor Steve's Farewell Event: Jun 2 at 10 am.

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 29, 2 pm Come to our group discussion, "What is your legacy?" Future week's topics deal with community services, Emancipatory Gerontology, and "recipes for happiness."

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

Special Offering for increase in insurance.
Return pledge cards today.
Thank you for your help!

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

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

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 28 Via de Christo Women's Retreat

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service; Nursery: 9 am—noon, Birth – 4 yo #121

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: #208; Aldersgate: #105

11:00 am Children's Church: K-6, #221

Monday, April 29

2:00 pm SALT Group, #112 7:00 pm Vespers, Facebook Live

Tuesday, April 30

10:00 am Women of Faith Bible Study, #212 12:00 pm Quilting/Crafts, #207

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH

Wednesday, May 1

Early am Food Pantry set up, FH

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Spaghetti Dinner with MILA Chorus, FH

6:00 pm Youth, #219 & FH 7:00 pm Choir Practice—Music Room

Thursday, May 2 National Day of Prayer

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Food Pantry, FH 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Clothing Closet

6:15 pm Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, FH 6:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary

7:30 pm Jubilate Ringers, Bell Room 7:30 pm OA Meeting, #112

Friday, May 3

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

6:00 pm Set-up Country Store, FH

We are looking for someone to

update our first-aid kits.

(A retired nurse maybe?)

Saturday, May 4

9-11 Country Store, FH

Family Promise, May 12-19:

Volunteers needed to support the week.

We need help with Evening hosting & Overnight hosting (chaperoning). Laundry & a few meal slots are open.

Please contact Debbie Zipperly for more info or to sign up to help. 321-446-5798, Debbie.gumc@gmail.com.

Connect Card QR Code



TEPPER ROOM

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

The bulletin is available at: gumcmi.com under "Worship Online"

Items for the bulletin are due by Tuesdays at 11 am