

Building bridges between Christ and our community

April 7, 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.**”

Thank you to **everyone** who made our Holy Week & Easter events so wonderful!



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 E&A Lobby: 8:30-11:15am

**Worship Service**  
**April 7, 2024**  
**9:00 am**

**Video Announcement & Video**

**Notes**

Prelude

Welcome/Greeting Pastor Gary

New Members Pastor Steve

\*Hymn, #304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices,”

\*Song “Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

Modern Affirmation, #885 Gail Dittbrenner

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Steve  
The Lord’s Prayer, #895

Special Music “Agnus Dei with How Great Thou Art”  
~ Passing of Offering Baskets ~

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20 Rev. Alex Shanks

Message: “As You Go...” Rev. Alex Shanks

Communion (Gluten free wafers available)

\*Song “Send Me Out”

Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

**We welcome**  
**Rev Alex Shanks today.**  
He is the FLUMC  
Bishop’s Assistant.  
He also grew up  
here at Grace.

<b>Joining today</b> Annette & Chuck Rehm
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Attendance: LLS: 155	Good Friday: 57	Sunrise: 45	9:00 am: 208	11:00 am: 78
Online 146	51		121	55
Nursery: 3			Children 11:00 am: 20	



Flowers are to the glory and honor of God in honor of Aubrey James Carter on his 30th birthday, by his mother, Ann Carter.

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 & Jun 9. See the 2024 list in the E&A Lobby.*

**Wed Night Spaghetti Dinner with MILA Chorus**

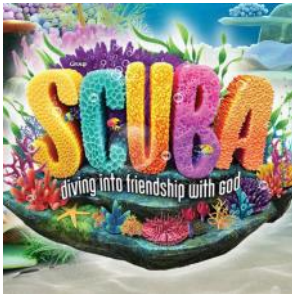
May 1, 5:30 pm; \$7 suggested donation. RSVP by Tues Apr 31.

**April 14** - Cereal Sunday. Bring a box of cereal for the food pantry.



**SALT: Mon, Apr 8, 2 pm** Come learn about saying no. Future week's topics deal with leaving a legacy, normal aging vs dementia, & scams.

**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](https://vbspro.events/p/gumc24)

**Special Offering for  
increase in insurance.**

Return pledge cards today.  
Thank you for your help in covering  
this extra cost.

**Upcoming Events**

**Apr 13, 9:30—2:30** Revive & Thrive, at  
First UMC Melbourne  
(Register by Apr 9)

**Apr 14:** Announcement Sunday  
of our new Pastor

**Apr 15:** Nehemiah Action at Suntree UMC

**Keep the Pastors in the know** if you are in a health facility overnight or dealing with an illness. They will try to visit you or pray with you. We can also put you on our prayer mail.

## CALENDAR

Church office: Mon - Thurs 9-3,

Preschool: Mon – Fri, 9 – noon

### **Sunday, April 7 Via de Cristo Men'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: #224

### **Monday, April 8**

2:00 pm SALT Group, #112

6:00 pm SPRC, #112

7:00 pm Vespers with Lilly, Facebook Live

### **Tuesday, April 9 *Raise Right Order Due***

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

12:00 pm Quilting/Crafts, #207

2:30 pm Mission Meeting, #112

6:00 pm Finance Meeting, #112

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH

### **Wednesday, April 10**

9:30 – 10:30 Preschool Chapel Time

10:00 am Bible Fellowship, #207

6:00 pm Youth, #219 & FH

6:30 pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting, #304

7:00 pm Choir Practice, Music Room

### **Thursday, April 11**

**1 pm: Office closing early today**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Food Pantry, FH

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Clothing Closet

6:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary

7:30 pm OA Meeting, #Chapel

### **Friday, April 12**

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

6:00 pm Cub Scout setup, FH

### **Saturday, April 13**

8:30 am – noon Via de Cristo Women's Team Mtg, #207

10:00 am Caregivers' Support Grp, Music Rm      10:30 am – noon Cub Scout Crossover, FH

### **Sunday, April 14 No Coffee**

Connect Card QR Code



**THE UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Mar/Apr 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