

Building bridges between Christ and our community

December 1, 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. Thank you for joining us today.

East Angola Mission & Water Project Global

2024 UMC East Angola Mission - The East Angola Partnership began in 2003 and supports missionaries, education, and community development in East Angola, which has experienced a 27-year civil war. The Florida Conference has provided funding and resources for Wesleyan chapels/classrooms in several villages, providing places of worship, teaching and meetings at each community.

2024 The Water Project, Inc. provides reliable water projects to communities in sub-Saharan Africa who suffer from a lack of access to clean water and proper sanitation. Since 2006, they have been helping communities gain access to clean, safe water by providing training, expertise and financial support for water project construction.

Please indicate “December Missions” on your offering

Join us for our “Christmas Dreams” Cantata on Sunday December 15th at 10:00 am & 6:00 pm.
We’re having one service at 10 am & one service at 6 pm for Sunday.



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—11:15 am



Flowers are to the glory and honor of God and in Celebration for all my family with December birthdays from Barbara Parker

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 Sunday is Dec 29. See the 2025 list in the E&A Lobby.

Christmas Staff Love Offering:

Staff Parish is sponsoring a "Christmas Love Offering" for the Pastors and Staff. To contribute to this please mark your donation "Christmas Staff Love Offering".

Family Promise December 1-7. We will be hosting wonderful families as they work toward obtaining housing. We could really use your help. We especially need help with Evening hosting & Overnight hosting (chaperoning). One meal slot (Thurs, 12/5) is also open.

Clean up, takedown & laundry help (sheets, towels) needed as well.

Please Contact Debbie Zipperly for more info. 321-446-5798, Debbie.gumc@gmail.com

GRACE UMC MERRITT ISLAND WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS



LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA 2-4PM, DECEMBER 14, 2024

RSVP BY DEC. 12 - AGE 12+ - CHILDCARE AVAILABLE WITH RSVP

Christmas for some is filled with sadness because of losses experienced throughout the year. Blue Christmas services give us the tools to work through our sadness during a season that tell us we are supposed to be happy. On December 1st at 7pm, we will have a Blue Christmas service in the Fellowship Hall. We will have an opportunity to make something that we can use for prayer or remembrance of our loved ones or other losses we might be experiencing.

Would anyone like to provide lunch for a staff meeting? We meet monthly with about 15 people. Contact Terri for more info: secretary.gumc@gmail.com.

A Funny Christmas (a Special Gathering Christmas play): Friday, Dec 6 @ 7pm. The program will take place at Cocoa Assembly of God Church (3757 N Cocoa Blvd, Cocoa, FL 32926)

Poinsettia sales: In honor/memory of a loved one for \$8-10. Donations will go towards our Food Pantry. Sign up sheets are in the bulletin or E&A Building.

Upcoming Events

Dec 1: 7 pm Blue Christmas

Dec 14: 2-4 pm ladies Christmas Tea

Dec 15: 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Cantata

CALENDAR

Church office & library: Mon - Thurs 9-3 Preschool: Mon – Fri, 9 - noon

Sunday, December 1 Family Promise

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

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

10:00 am Ladies Advent Study, #207

10:00 am Sunday School: Nursery/preschool to K, #121; Grades 1-3: # 221; Grades 4-6: #224;

Youth: #219; Young Adults: #213; New Horizons: #214; ~~Aldersgate: #212~~

11:00 am Special Gathering: FH

11:00 am Children’s Church: K-6: #221;

Monday, December 2 Family Promise

2:00 pm Salt, #112

Tuesday, December 3 Family Promise

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

12:00 pm Quilting/Crafts, #207

4:00 pm Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 4 Family Promise

6:00 pm Youth, #219 & FH

7:00 pm Choir Practice, Music Room

Thursday, December 5 Family Promise

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am Clothing Closet

6:30 pm Praise Team

7:30 pm Bells

7:30 pm OA, 112

Friday, December 6 Family Promise

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

6:00 pm Christmas Movie Night Under The Stars

7:00 pm A Funny Christmas, Cocoa Assembly of God Church

Saturday, December 7 Family Promise

10:00 am Merritt Island Christmas Parade

Ways to Give

- Online through Realm
- Text “Mercy” to 73256
- Offering basket or mail
- Bill pay

Attendance:	<u>9:00 am</u>	114	<u>11:00 am</u>	54
Online:	<u>9:00 am</u>	72	<u>11:00 am</u>	24
	Youth:	5	Nursery	2
Children	<u>10 am</u>	12	<u>11:00 am:</u>	2



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



Connect Card QR Code

The bulletin is available at: gumcmi.com under
“Worship Online”
Items for the bulletin are due by Tuesdays at 11 am
secretary.gumc@gmail.com