

Building bridges between Christ and our community

January 4, 2026
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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.

2026 JANUARY MISSION EMPHASIS

Our sister church in Cuba

Our mission emphasis this month is our sister church, Bástate Mi Gracia, in San Germán, Cuba. As always, the needs are great, and the impact of Hurricane Melissa has made the situation even worse. Government rules regarding money and the availability of supplies make obtaining everyday necessities extremely difficult. Your donations help provide basic food and medical needs for the church families. Despite hardships, the church has a strong, growing congregation. We are making a profound difference in the lives of these people. Please know how grateful they are and that they pray for us constantly.

Please indicate “January Missions” on your offering



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

Worship Service
January 4, 2026
9:00 am

Prelude "We Three Kings"

Welcome Lilly Hibbard

***Opening Hymn,** "How Great Thou Art"
#77, Vs. 1, 2, & 4

***Hymn,** "We Meet you O Christ"
#257, Vs. 1, 2, & 4

Apostles' Creed, #881 Gretchen Syfert

A Time of Prayer

Offertory: ~ Passing of Offering Baskets ~

Doxology

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14 Gretchen Syfert

Gospel: John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18 Gretchen Syfert

Message: God Loves the Misfits Lilly Hibbard

Communion
~ Gluten free wafers available ~

***Closing Hymn,** "Where He Leads Me"
#338, Vs. 1, 2, & 4

Benediction

Postlude "Joy to the World"
*Please stand as you are able.



Flowers are to the Glory of God and in memory of Connie Dobrin from her husband Mike. Love endures forever

See the 2025 list in the Narthex & the E&A Building.

AWAKENED TO GRACE: The Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is inviting our entire conference to participate in a journey called "Awakened to Grace." You can order the Awakened to Grace devotional book through the Florida UMC website, search FLUMC Awakened to Grace! Pastor Michelle will begin a 6 week sermon series beginning January 11, 2026! 2026 is going to be a wonderful year!

February 22, 2026: Sharing God's Grace--65 years & counting

Mark your calendars for our 65th anniversary! It's going to be a beautiful time of celebration! We will have the wonderful gift of Bishop Tom Berlin joining us to preach for our one service Sunday. There will be food, fun, and fellowship after. What a blessing this congregation is to so many people, be sure to make every effort to be with us as we celebrate!

Ways to Give

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

Upcoming Events

Jan 5: Car Show Meeting
Feb.14: Triumphant Quartet

CALENDAR

Church office & library: Open Mon-Thurs 9-3

Preschool: Mon-Fri 9-12

Sunday, January 4

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 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, January 5

10:00 am Chair Yoga, #206

12:00 Grief, #112

2:00 pm S.A.L.T. #112

5:30 pm Car Show Mtg. #112

Tuesday, January 6

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

12:00 pm Quilting/Crafts, #207

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH

Wednesday, January 7

6:00 pm Youth, #219 & FH

7:00 pm Choir Practice, Music Room

Thursday, January 8

9:00 am Food Pantry

10:00 am Clothing Closet

65th Year Committee Meeting, #214

7:30 pm Bells

7:30 pm OA, 112

Friday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 10

10:00 am Caregivers, Music Room

THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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



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The bulletin is available at: gumcmi.com under
"Worship Online"
Items for the bulletin are due by Tuesdays at 11 am
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