Building bridges between Christ and our community

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METHODIST CHURCH

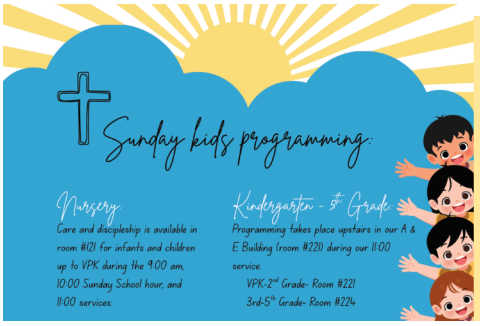
Senior Pastor:
Rev. Michelle Shrader

Welcome to Grace! We are so glad you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card, either a digital version or a hard copy and *place it in the offering basket or leave in the narthex.* (This is our way of caring for you well.) For more information on Grace, visit our website: gumcmi.com. Thank you.

November Mission Emphasis "The Special Gathering"

The Special Gathering is a ministry within the mentally challenged (developmentally delayed) community. The mission is to evangelize and disciple people who are mentally challenged. The main vehicle for accomplishing this mission is through their chapel program. Additionally, they do advocacy and teach self-advocacy for their members.
They minister to almost 500 mentally-challenged persons and their families in many areas of Florida. This ministry was started by Rev. Richard Stimson and his wife, Nancy, in 1982.
We are privileged to share Grace's facilities with Special Gathering every Sunday.

Please mark your donation "November Mission"



Worship Services: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Nursery/preschool: Rm 121
Sunday School 11am: Grades VPK-2nd grade: Rm 221
3rd grade—5th grade: Rm. 224

Gathering Grounds: E&A Lobby, 8:30—11:15 AM

Worship Service
November 15, 2026 - 9:00 AM

Prelude		**I Surrender All**
Welcome		**Gary Beatovich**
Call To Worship		**Gary Beatovich**
Passing of the Peace		**Gary Beatovich**
***Opening Hymn**		**Come, Christians, Join to Sing | UMH #158**
***Hymn**		**Be Thou My Vision | UMH #451**
Apostles' Creed #881		**Sharon Thornton**
A Time of Prayer		**Rev. Alex Shanks**
Offertory/Special Music:		**A Shepherd's Love** **Karen Buckwalter | Jubilate Ringers**
	~ Passing of Offering Baskets ~	
Doxology		
Scripture:	**Philippians 4:4-7**	**Sharon Thornton**
Message:	**Complete Peace**	**Rev. Alex Shanks**
Communion		**Rev. Alex Shanks**
	- Gluten free wafers available -	
The Lord's Prayer #895		
***Closing Hymn**		**How Great Thou Art | UMH #77 Verses 1, 3 ,4**
Benediction		**Rev. Alex Shanks**
Postlude		**My Hope is Built**

Please stand as you are able.

Welcome Rev. Alex Shanks! We have the wonderful privilege of welcoming Rev. Alex Shanks to the pulpit at Grace UMC this week. Alex serves as the Assistant to the Florida Conference Bishop. He grew up attending Grace and is an incredibly gifted leader and communicator. Be sure to extend a warm welcome to Alex and thank him for preaching while Pastor Michelle is away on vacation.

Get Ready for "*An Unlikely Advent*." The first Sunday in Advent is November 29th. Pastor Michelle invites the congregation to read Rachel Billups book "*An Unlikely Advent*" this 2026 Advent season. You can read the book on your own, gather some friends and challenge each other, or join Pastor Michelle in the Chapel on Wednesdays, December 2, December 9, and December 16 at 5 PM to enjoy the beauty of the Advent season with others from the church. Please reach out to the front office if you are in need of childcare and we will think through this possibility.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due Next Sunday! Return filled boxes to the Grace Narthex or E&A Lobby by Sunday, Nov. 22. You can still pick up a free cardboard box and how-to info in the Narthex or during church hours at the E&A Reception Desk or pick up a label and use your own plastic or cardboard shoebox.

Sign Up for the Merry & Bright Cookie Walk! Join us Sunday, Dec. 6th at 6 PM for this fundraising spin on a Cookie Exchange that starts with a performance by our Gracenotes Childrens Choir and includes a movie on the lawn and hot cocoa bar. Sign up now to bring homemade cookies then plan to purchase a take-home cookie box to benefit Grace children and preschool ministries.

Get details and sign up through the QR code or link on our website.

Thank you for supporting our Pumpkin Patch! Thanks to all those who unloaded, babysat, and bought pumpkins. We had a banner year with more than $22,000 in pumpkin sales, and the share we keep is over $7,700. Patch Volunteers: remember we're saying thanks with a Pizza Party in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM today.

Altar Flowers are celebrating the birthday of Barbara Parker. Check the Flower Chart located in the E and A building to sponsor upcoming flowers.

You can give online!
Scan the QR code to be directed to our online giving page! Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events
Dec. 20: 10 AM Happy Birthday Jesus Party
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 4 PM & 11 PM

CALENDAR: Church Office & Library: Open Mon. to Thurs. 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday, November 15

9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship Service; Nursery 9 am – noon, Birth – 3 yr, #121
10:00 AM Special Gathering #112, #200, 207, FH, Workroom
10:00 AM Nursery/preschool, #121;
Youth Sunday School, Grades 5-12 #219, Aldersgate: #212, New Horizons, #214
11:00 AM Special Gathering: FH
11:00 AM Children's Classes: VPK-2nd grade #221, 3rd-5th grade: #224
5:00 PM Gracenote's Children's Choir, Chapel
5:00 - 7:00 PM Youth Group

Monday,November 16

10:00 AM Chair Yoga, #206
1:00 PM Grief Group, #112

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 AM Women of Faith Bible Study, #212
12:00 PM Quilting/Crafts, #207
4:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting, #212
5:30 PM JOY Women's Small Group, #214
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting, #207

Wednesday, November 18

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice, Music Room

Thursday, November 19

9:00 AM Food Pantry, FH
10:00 AM Clothing Closet
4:30 PM Jubilate Ringers Practice
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study, #212
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, #214

Friday, November 20

6:00 AM Men's Prayer/Bible Study – Merritt Island Assembly of God
8:15 AM - Noon Distribution of Thanksgiving Bags

Saturday, November 21

11:30 AM Georgia Seberry Funeral - Sanctuary

Attendance:	**9:00 AM:**	**78**	**11:00 AM**	**54**
	Youth:	**6**	**Nursery:**	**3**
Children	**10:00 AM**	**10**	**11:00 AM:**	**7**

THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE
Nov./Dec. available in the Narthex and E&A lobby.

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
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