

**SATELLITE BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

450 Lee Avenue  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937



**Upcoming Sundays**

- 1/5/25 Epiphany Sunday—Going Together—Matthew 2:1-12
- 1/12/25 Baptism of Our Lord Sunday—Going with Jesus—Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 1/19/25 What Concerns Us—John 2:1-11
- 1/26/25 What Concerns Jesus—Luke 4:14-21

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11:00 am - Traditional

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**Attention: The newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month. Please send articles to [Publications@sbumc.net](mailto:Publications@sbumc.net)**

Thank you, JoAnn Armstrong

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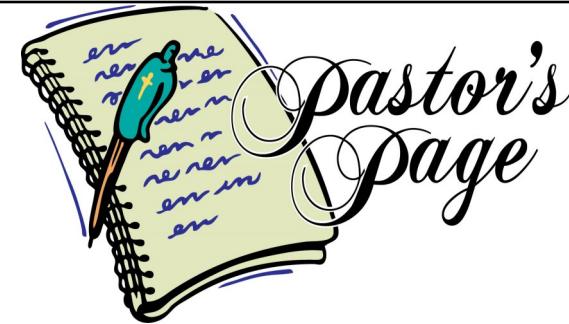
# The Vision

Where there is no Vision, the people perish.  
*Proverbs 29:18*



January 2025

Satellite Beach United Methodist Church



“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” (Matt. 2:2)

The story of the Magi is one of those stories that doesn't make sense. How can some strangers from a foreign land, no matter how educated, come and worship a king born in Bethlehem? It's amazing if you really think about it. The Jewish leaders and dedicated people of God in Israel waited for hundreds of years for a sign or move of God, and it comes to their collective attention through these pagan mystics who traditionally were their enemies! Yet, the story is clear that the sign was evident to all who were looking for it. The sign was the star of Bethlehem! It was written in the sky that “the king of the Jews” would be born. If it wasn't a secret, why were these strangers from a foreign land uniquely prepared and ready to worship Israel's new king?

Scripture tells us throughout that God hasn't left us without a witness to the divine plan. The psalmist talks of all the stars declaring God's handiwork. The apostle Paul mentions this too, that all creation is waiting for the sons of God to be revealed. Paul argues before the Athenians at Mars Hill that this unnamed god is the creator and savior of the world. Jesus even points to the sky and says that when we see the changes in the sky, and when we feel the wind blow a certain way, we can tell what is coming

next. In other words, God is speaking! Those who listen and see are those who are looking for God's miracles and work in the world.

This new year, I pray that Satellite Beach UMC will be known as that church that is looking for God's signs and guidance to live according to the divine will. I pray that we will follow the light of Christ in our lives and in our community and join what Christ is doing in the world to worship the true King of Kings and Lord of Lords. As we worship Christ the Lord, and as we serve the God of all Creation, the new year will be an opportunity to declare to all the world and our community that Christ is Lord. Most of all, as we worship Jesus and follow Jesus, we will encounter both blessings and challenges that are a part of being faithful to God in all things. Christ the Lord is with us and we are a community of faithful followers who are to be prepared to worship and give all of ourselves to declaring that Jesus is King of All, and that God reigns in our lives.

Happy New Year to everyone and may God's signs and wonders be seen by all as we worship and serve our Christ, our Messiah and Lord, Jesus!

In Christ's Service,  
Richard A. Jones





**Remember in Prayer** Please remember to pray for the needs in our church body and community. In our weekly worship bulletin, you will find recently occurring prayer concerns.

The following prayer concerns are an ongoing basis:

**Men and women of our armed forces:** \*Rob Bird, \*Zach Heim, Bryan, nephew of Mike & Pat Hunter, Matthew Joubert, Tim Joubert, Sean Keane, \*Craig Lambert, Ellen Lambert, \*Vance Lambert, \*Laura Lehnerz, \*Zak Lehnerz, Patrick Miller, Jason Snedeker, Mike Taylor

**Missionaries:** John & Lynn Lehn, Croatia, Jim, Kathy, Stephen & Hillary Mehl, Salvador; and Pastor Alexis, Mir Iglesia Metodista, Cuba.

**Prayers of Concern:** Sydney Arnold, \*Charlotte Butts, \*Jean Denney, \*Georgia Foster, Thomas Fuller, \*Grace Green, Anne Joyce, Mark Maslin, \*Ruth Miles, Sarah Miller, Marty Peischel, \*Melissa Phillips, \*Shirley Pollak, Joan Powell, Carl & Catherine "Bunny" Sanderson, \*Linda & Ravi Shah, \*Al & Patty Smith, \*Barbara Stasko, Erin Sullivan, \*Jim Tate, Linda Tippins, Frank Traino

**Long Term Care:** Victoria Landing - \*Hilda Gray, \*Doris Tantum; Zon Beachside - \*June Brittingham, \*Maddy Klasen, Donna White Chateau Madeleine - \*Joe & Francene Intille; \*Pete Wehner; Riverview Senior Resort, Palm Bay \*Jean Webb

\*denotes church family

*Thank you to everyone who visited, called, sent cards, etc. during my recent surgeries. I could feel the warmth of your love and prayers and I appreciate every one of you.*

*Blessings to you all this new year!*

*Melissa Phillips*



## Children & Youth

~ HAPPY 2025 ~

"Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes all things new."

Many heartfelt thanks to all of you who showed up in my time of need in 2024. Your support of our Children's and Youth Ministries is invaluable and I am forever grateful for you!

As with any new year, it offers us all the perfect opportunity to commit to growing in our faith as individuals, as families, and as a church. One of the greatest gifts we can give our children and youth is a strong foundation in Christ by continuing to love on them with our prayers, time, and resources.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Youth or Children's Ministries, please contact me. There's always room on both of our ministry teams where we meet to pray, plan, collaborate, and celebrate our awesome young people. I am so excited for all that 2025 has in store!

Blessings,  
Shawna

### JANUARY HAPPENINGS

- 1.12.25 Youth Group at Pelican Beach from 3:00-5:00PM
- 1.18.25 Family Outing to Ice Plex at 11:00AM
- 1.24.25 Family Game Night in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:00PM. Must RSVP by 1.19.25!
- 1.26.25 Youth Group at The Rock for s'mores around the fire pit and Manhunt

Children's Ministry every Sunday AM  
Youth Group every Sunday PM  
Any questions, call or text me: 321-423-5937

JOIN US EACH MONTH ON THE SECOND SATURDAY FOR A...

## MOVIE ON THE LAWN

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| SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH               | • POPCORN                    |
| ARRIVE AT 5:30 PM                    | • BOTTLED WATER              |
| MOVIE STARTS BY SUNSET               | • PLAYGROUND OPEN UNTIL DUSK |
| INDOOR VIEWING FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER | • BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET   |

PG - 2002 - 1h 21m - Computer Animation, Adventure, Family, Comedy

Description:  
A mammoth, sloth, and sabre-toothed tiger go on a comical quest to return a human baby back to his father, across a world on the brink of an ice age.

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## Preschool News!



**Sunday Morning singing**



**Cookie Walk 2024**





**Preschool News!**



**Field Day during our make up day for the Hurricane**



**Pastor Richard, the Threes Classes, the VPK classes , some moms help to Bless the Food during Chapel. The preschool provided 9 baskets for the Church to give out for Thanksgiving.**

**Thank you to all the families that helped.**

**SENIOR NEWS**  
for the **Young at Heart**

**Georgia Garrett**

Beyond 50 Ministries - *ReFired Servants*

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

**JANUARY CELEBRATIONS**

- 3 Craig Tomchik
- 4 Louverture Jones, Shirley Pollak  
Mike & Emily Teuscher Anniversary
- 6 Jennifer Lueck
- 7 Arnaldo & Eunice Perez Anniversary
- 9 Arnaldo Perez
- 17 Cindy Bonhamer
- 20 Frank Conover
- 22 H.T. Everett
- 26 Rosa Levka
- 28 Dwight Peterson
- 30 Mark Lambert

**ORGANIZATIONS SENIOR MINISTRY SUPPORT**

**Humane Society**

(Still collecting)

- 1 bag of cat litter
- 4 cans of cat food
- cat carrier and cat toy
- 1 bag of dog food and dog toy



*“January looks forward to the new year and back to the old year. God sees past and future.”*

—M.L. Stedman

**Lunch and a Movie**

*Lunch and a Movie* is held every other month. This month we will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, January 15, 11:30 AM at Hula Moon Restaurant on the west side of A1A. Then we will come back to *The Rock* for a surprise movie. Please sign up in the Event Information book on the front desk.

**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

Rock & Roll Revue 50's & 60's Music  
January 12—We have 2 tickets available.  
Please sign up in the book on the desk in the office or call me if you want to go with us.

**Thoughts for the New Year**

I think the beginning of a year is a time to reflect on those that we have lost. During the last couple months, we lost four members of our church: Don Moore, Ada Fields, and Jerryan McClure.

I think we need to take time to remember those we have lost and appreciate those that are still with us. Enjoy your family members, your friends, your grandchildren, your church family, and your pets.

*With love and prayers,*  
*Georgia Garrett, Director, Senior Ministry*

*“To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June.” —Jean Paul*





## Choir News

Hello SBUMC Family!

Thank you so much for your support in 2024! December was a whirlwind of musical performances in the Avey household and we loved sharing our 2024 Cantata with you. Our goal was to bring you closer to Christ during this Christmas season. Also, it was pretty cool to almost run out of chairs for the choir (a good problem to have)!

As I reflect on another year serving Satellite Beach in this music ministry, I feel blessed and thankful to serve in a loving community with some amazing human beings. If you're at all interested in singing with us, but have some questions and you're not sure how to start, please reach out to me at: [choir@sbumc.net](mailto:choir@sbumc.net). I will happily answer your questions and get you set up with a voice part and a helpful member of our choir that can get you started with us.

As this is a busy holiday season, our choir will be taking a short break for a few weeks and will be back practicing on Wednesday, January 15th. We will be meeting from 6:00 - 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights. If you're interested in trying it out, this would be a great "resolution" to make and a great day to come on out. Our first Sunday back on stage during service will be January 19th. Thank you, and may God bless you and your loved ones in 2025!

Sincerely,  
Michel Avey



## Prayer Ministry

A New Song of Praise for the New Year!

The Psalmist reminds us to "Sing unto the Lord a new song." As we welcome this new year, I pray that you would experience the fullness of the Lord upon your life, and allow Christ's transformative power to continuously renew your heart and mind according to Romans 12:2. May your own prayers overflow with thanksgiving so contagious that others are moved by His spirit within you and desire a touch of His presence in their lives as well.

Join us in the sanctuary every first and third Monday at 8:30AM, or leave your prayer requests on Sunday mornings in the offering plate. Together, let's embrace the new year with a heart full of praise and a spirit of giving; that by intercessory prayer and the mediation of His Word, He will guide us in all truth as we journey through the path forward.

Wishing you a year filled with the goodness and graciousness of God.

Blessings,  
Katherine Reid / Prayer Ministry

When I was a child, table grace was said (even at school). Our Father was recited at school until 1968. Each night I recited "Now I lay me...." at bedtime. These were the only times and places I heard or saw prayers. Well, at church, the Pastor prayed and the hymnal had printed prayers full of Thees and Thous. Many nights I was asked "Did you say your prayers?" Being a good girl, of course I had and could answer a truthful "Yes."

Later in life, I understood prayer as an on-going conversation with God. I could tell Him everything (as if He didn't already know) then to BE STILL, waiting for His side of the conversation. Often this came to me as feelings, memories, directions to a Bible passage, or words of a hymn. Often the answer was not clear so I figured it was "Wait."

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Know that the Prayer Room Team is faithful to pray with you, for you, all around you. Let us know how we can pray for you on the pew cards.

Mardi Welo—Prayer Room

## Christmas Eve Candlelight



## The NOMADS

The NOMADS are coming! The NOMADS will be here starting January 1, 2025. The NOMADS are retired RVers who go around the country helping others. If you have handyman work needed inside or yardwork outside they will provide labor at no cost. You can pay for materials and make a donation if you wish to. The NOMADS goal is to help the church and people in the community. If you know of anyone who is in need of such service then please have them email or call us. There are work request forms available in the office that you may fill out and leave in the office or in the offering basket. You can also contact Frank at the email address below.

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