

## WELCOME!

All are welcome into the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are honored that you are here. Please join us for refreshments between the services in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will worship with us again as we continue to discover the difference God's love makes in our lives!

### NURSERY

We welcome children to our worship experiences. If, during the service, you need a quiet place to take your children, please ask the ushers for directions to the Cry Room, which is accessed through the Fellowship Hall. The service can be seen and heard in the Cry Room, enabling a meaningful experience for guardians and children.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES

Beginning mid November, 2016 Stephen Minister classes will be offered at Lighthouse Church. Participants will be equipped and enabled to reach out to members and the community. Stephen Ministers are taught how to respond with Christian love to people who are hurting, discouraged, stressed, confused, broken, bereaved, hospitalized or facing a life challenge. Are you a compassionate good listener? Please call the church office at 941-964-2479 if you would like to experience the rewards of becoming a Stephen Minister.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE?

Please consider investing your time blessing our families who attend or visit on Sunday mornings. Sign up for a Sunday school teacher or nursery worker slot. The more we have sign up the lighter the overall load will be! We are only looking for our volunteers to serve at least once per month. This is an easy commitment with an important purpose. We cannot underestimate the significance of investing in the lives of children in our community. Committed volunteers in the nursery and for Sunday school give families and visitors peace of mind, knowing there is something specifically planned for their children. Sunday school teachers will be provided a curriculum that will alleviate any concerns about preparation and commitment. While nursery workers won't need a curriculum, we will need at least one nursery worker every Sunday. While it's possible there will be Sundays with no infants, we would still need at least one person available every week. Lastly, please keep in mind that on Sunday, July 3, we will need an excess of teachers and nursery workers! With the Fourth of July surge, it will be essential to provide our families and visitors a welcoming and capable ministry! Pastor Tabitha is always available for questions and details. Contact her at [tjordan@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:tjordan@bglighthouseumc.com)

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

A Missions Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 2:00 in the Administrative offices. Please contact Ross Witschonke at 941-697-2246 with questions and for more information.

**Thank you for your investment!**  
**Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness**  
**Our Gifts for April 10**

**Operating budget** \$496,000.00  
**Received last week:** \$8,762.00  
**Received YTD** \$142,747.00

## SPECIAL THANKS FOR SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY!

**Ushers:** Helen and Nick Kaiser

**Liturgist:** Candy Rost

**Communion Stewards:** Ray Smedley, Marjorie Moore & Candy Rost

**Hospitality Hosts:** Jan Ryan and Madelaine McCrady

**Accompanist:** Al Nethery, **Choir Director,** Carol Elwood

**Audio Visual Technology:** Liam Hugger and Grant Reecher



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### CONTACTS

**Reverend Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor**

**Tabitha Jordan, Minister to Youth and Families**

**David Hamblin, Director of Music**

**Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist**

**Amanda Pearsall, Administrative Assistant**

**Betty Jean Legg, Financial Assistant**

**Tiffany White, Sexton**



— B O C A G R A N D E —  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

April 17, 2016

**Fourth Sunday in Easter**

**Receiving the Light, Being the Light,  
Sharing the Light**



Every year, on the fourth Sunday of Easter, the lectionary passages for the day include a gospel account that emphasizes Jesus as the good shepherd. The fourth Sunday in Eastertide is therefore often designated as "Good Shepherd Sunday." In both the Old and New Testaments, God is frequently identified as a faithful shepherd to his people. This Sunday is a fitting time to reflect on Jesus as one who knows and loves his flock with persistence and devotion.

# Service of Worship

10:00 AM

+Please stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you.

All are welcome in this place of worship. As you are seated please silence your cell phones and register your attendance in the registration pad. The prelude signals the beginning of worship.

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY

Ellie Durno, SPR

#### PRELUDE

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

Fred B. Binckes

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Tabitha Jordan

Leader: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

**People: Let praise to God fill the earth!**

Leader: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

**People: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits today.

**People: Let us praise the Lord today and always!**

#### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

*Regent Square*

#### +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #889

Tabitha Jordan

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, Who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**All: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:**

**That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,  
And was manifested in the flesh,  
Vindicated in the Spirit,  
Seen by angels,  
Proclaimed among the nations,  
Believed in throughout the world,  
Taken up in glory,  
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

#### +GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #70

*Meineke*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### +SONG OF PEACE #186

vs. 1-3

*Alleluia*

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
*Jay Althouse*

Choir

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tabitha Jordan

(Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A)

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### HYMN OF ADORATION #347

Spirit Song

vs. 1

*Spirit Song*

#### MORNING PRAYER

Tabitha Jordan

## WE HEAR THE WORD

#### EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 9: 36-43

Pew Bible OT Page 128

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### +HYMN OF PREPARATION #732

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

vs. 1-2

*St. Thomas*

#### +GOSPEL LESSON

John 10: 22-30

Pew Bible NT Page 104

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### +HYMN OF PREPARATION #732

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

vs. 3-4

*St. Thomas*

#### +PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SERMON

*My Sheep Hear My Voice*

Larry Hannah, Lay Leader

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Dale Wood

#### +DOXOLOGY #94

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.

All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward and take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. You are welcome to kneel at the altar for prayer following receiving the bread and cup.

#### COMMUNION MEDITATION

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

William B. Bradbury

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #15

Bob Swoveland

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

#### MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Trio on "St. Agnes"*

Richard Blake

*The King of Love*

Wilbur Held

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

Wilbur Held

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bob Swoveland

## WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

#### +RECESSIONAL HYMN #671

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*Sicilian Mariners*

#### +BENEDICTION

Larry Hannah

Leader: You are the people of the Resurrection! You know the powerful love of God! Go into God's world with eyes wide open and proclaim the hope, peace, and joy of the Risen Lord. **Amen.**

#### +POSTLUDE

*Ye Servants of God*

Lani Smith