

I've said it before and I will say it again: As your pastors, Rev. Bob and I set goals for our congregation and incredibly you almost ALWAYS achieve them, and then some! Last month I asked for your support to help send children/youth & families to Summer Camp at The Retreat at Silver Springs. I prayed that we would meet a goal of raising about \$3600 to cover their expenses. CHURCH!!! You blew that goal out of the camp swimming pool! As of this week, you have given over \$6,300 for the Summer Camp Fund! These monies will be used to help change lives as we work to pour God's love into our young people and their families this summer! On behalf of our families, I want to thank you, once again, for your generosity and your constant support of ministry in the lives of our young people. More info can be found at www.theretreatatsilversprings.com.



Summer at the Drive-In church is always busy. We look forward to welcoming the community for Summer Drive in Movie Mania June 23 (*Barbie*), 25 (*Wonka*), & 27 (*Migration*)! And we're prepping for Kindom Crafters Vacation Bible School (July 22-26th from 9-noon)- a play on the popular video game Minecraft featuring biblical story telling, arts & crafts, snack crafting, games, and worship. Registration for children in K-5th grade as well as volunteer signups are available on our church app and our website.



And you know we're always looking for what God is up to next...mark your calendars for our 2024 Fall Mission Journey Experience to the west coast of FL happening October 6-11, 2024, and let me know if you're interested in joining the team. We've partnered with the FL Disciples Regional Church to extend the volunteer opportunity to everyone - so reserve your spot today! Blessings, Rev. Melissa Email: RevMelissa@driveinchurch.net





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

When: October 6-11th (inclusive of travel days)

Where: Lee county or Charlotte County (exact location still TBD)

Type of work to be completed: mucking out a home, tearing out damaged materials, installing insulation and sheetrock, taping, mudding, and texturing sheetrock, installing trim and doors, installing flooring, replacing cabinets and fixtures, and other repair work as needed.

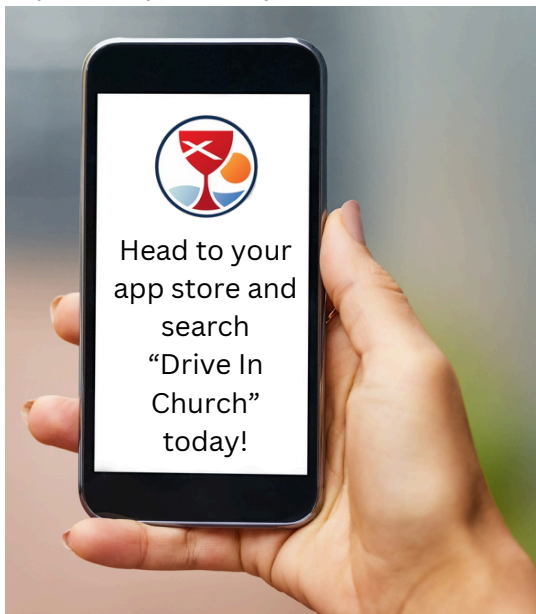
Accommodations/Cost: \$15/night donation to the host church (TBD) who will provide cots, full kitchen access, and showers.

Contact Person: Rev. Melissa Frantz
RevMelissa@driveinchurch.net or 386-767-8761



Disaster Recovery Ministry - Florida Conference - United Methodist Church





We have been working on developing a church app to help strengthen our connection as a community of Faith for months. Please download it, mess around with it, and give us some feedback about what you like, what you might not like, and if you think it's missing something. You'll be able to access/edit your contact information, upload your photo, connect with other people, watch our livestream, see your giving, register for events and so much more! Thank you, in advance for helping us build and strengthen our connection to one another!



BIRTHDAY LUNCH BUNCH



Sunday Worship 8:30am & 10am

**3140 S. Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach Shores, FL
Mail to: PO Box 7175
Daytona Beach, FL 32116-7175**

**Office Hours: M-Th 8-3pm & F 9-2pm
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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



**Daytona Beach Drive-In
Christian Church**



A Message From Your Senior Pastor

Dear Drive in Church Family,

Today is **PENTECOST SUNDAY**, the day we celebrate the birthday of the CHURCH. Our worship service this morning will bring understanding and meaning to this important day and festive occasion. Following today's 10am worship we'll head to the ocean for baptisms. All are invited to join us!

The DAY of PENTECOST is also very close to the birthday of our Drive In Church – and to celebrate our church's birthday we're having a **FIESTA!** Join us on Saturday, May 25th at 6pm in Friendship Hall for a scrumptious taco bar – taco "fixins" provided by our board members and sides provided by YOU – and lots of fun! RSVP by using the QR code on the back of your Church Life Form or calling the church office this week at (386) 767-8761.

William Easum and Thomas Bandy, in their book *Growing Spiritual Redwoods*, described the church as an ever-growing, ever-changing, ever-adapting organism. I would agree, and I would add that in this moment in order for the church to live and thrive, what Easum and Bandy observed a generation ago must be true and their words must be heeded. In addition, I echo the words of another wise person who said, "If you aren't living, you're dying."

To this end, we are in conversation with our sister congregation (who also happens to be our mother congregation), First Christian Church Daytona Beach, establishing a partnership with them in an effort to ensure they continue to grow and thrive, and providing additional support for the Drive In Church's mission and ministries as well. The church's boards are in the process of reviewing and approving a Partnership Agreement to call a shared Partnership Pastor – one who will serve First Christian Church as their pastor and the Drive In Church as an additional part-time associate pastor.

This is a bold and exciting move... a move truly born of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for this endeavor as we move ever closer to God's vision for us, and Jesus' prayer for his disciples "we all may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."

Looking forward to serving Christ with you.



Blessings,
Rev. Bob

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

71st **FIESTA!**
Anniversary

MAY 25 @ 6PM IN FH

MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

COMING IN JUNE

6/1 - BIRTHDAY LUNCH BUNCH - 11:30AM
LandShark 471 S. Atlantic Ave. Daytona

6/5 - BRIDGE OF HOPE-HOPE PLACE - 8:30AM

6/6-PSALM91 WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP -10AM-CHAPEL

6/11 - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - 7:30AM - FH

6/13 - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 10AM - CHAPEL

6/19 - COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS - 10AM - FH

Featured Community Guest: Halifax Health
Bereavement Services

6/20 - YOUTH GROUP MEETING - 6:30PM - AB

6/23, 25 & 27 - SUMMER DRIVE IN
MOVIE MANIA - 7PM
CHURCH GROUNDS

6/29 - DRIVE THRU BETHLEHEM WORK DAY - 8AM

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY
MEETS EVERY SUNDAY 4PM FH**