

# Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, May 8, 2022



**DON'T FORGET!**  
**Wonderful Wednesday Brown Bag Lunch**  
12 noon - Wednesday, May 4  
**Join us for discussion, fun and fellowship!**

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***BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!***

*The Big Give was a BIG success! Thanks to everyone who helped collect and set up for Saturday morning! The wonderful selection of baked goods were nearly all sold and “Chef” Stephen’s hot dogs were a hit again! We collected nearly \$1,000 to go toward future mission projects.*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
John 10:22-30

**Rev. Bob Tindale**  
**Retired Methodist Minister**  
**“Our Higher Power”**

## News and Notes

### THIS WEEK Sunday, May 8

Please join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you are unable to come in person, you can watch our livestream at [graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com](http://graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com) or [graymemorialumc.org/youtube](http://graymemorialumc.org/youtube), at 11 am or any time after that at [graymemorialumc.org/](http://graymemorialumc.org/)



If you have prayer requests, please contact Norma Adams, Jennifer Skinner or Gail Teems.

You may also call the church office at 850/385-6441 or send a text to 850/933-8469.

### Prayer Requests

Sam, Patsy and Betty

Dawn and her family for struggles, challenges and needs

Jack, Randy, Jim & Jane Workman

Joyce and Bob

Husband of Christie Shellenberger

Chickie Smith with back injury-dependent on prayer for relief

Safe travels for Pastor Beth on her trip to Ireland

## Pastor Beth Traveling to Ireland

Pastor Beth is traveling to Ireland today with a group of FLUMC pastors. In 2020, just before the pandemic started, she was invited to participate in the *FLUMC Marcy Fellowship Reconciliation Cohort*. This is only the third time a cohort like this has been convened and Pastor Beth was honored to be one of the fifteen pastors chosen to participate. Cohort participants spent a year studying reconciliation and peace. They were scheduled to travel to Ireland in 2021, but the trip was delayed due to COVID.

Ireland was embroiled in conflict (“The Troubles”) from the late 1960s until 1998. You may remember reading about bombs, assassinations, and counter-insurgency measures in the news during that time. Pastor Beth’s trip to Ireland includes meetings with Protestant loyalists, Catholic nationalists, former leaders of Sinn Fein, the IRA, and others who have gone through the difficult and challenging process of reconciliation and peace in the wake of violence and injustice. The hope is that what Pastor Beth and the other cohort participants learn will bear fruit as the church seeks to share the Gospel in highly polarized and divisive times.

Pastor Beth will have access to email while she is out, but Ireland is five hours ahead so she may not respond right away. She will return on May 14. Please help us welcome retired Pastor Bob Tindale who will be our guest preacher this Sunday, May 8.

Braeden Duncan (our accompanist) is Vice President of Membership of the Music Teachers National Association, Florida State Chapter. MTNA at FSU is very excited to partner with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Space Coast Music Project to host a benefit concert for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Proceeds from ticket sales and donations under \$50 will go directly to Make-A-Wish.

**Concert details:**

**Date:** May 7, 2022

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Location:** [Longmire Recital Hall](#)

**Tickets:** Adults/\$12.50

Youth/\$7.50 (under 18 yrs.)

Additional information and tickets can be found at the following link:

<https://fsumtna.wixsite.com/mtna-fsu/about-4>

**Make-A-Wish® Benefit Concert**  
MTNA @ FSU & SPACE COAST MUSIC

MTNA @ FSU | SCMP | Make-A-Wish  
CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA

*"I wish for professional instruments!"*  
**Cole, 18**  
cancer

An evening of piano solos  
& duets performed by MTNA  
& FSU Pedagogy Practicum Students

Saturday, May 7th, 2022 | 7:30 PM | LONGMIRE RECITAL HALL

Also, this is a great time to congratulate Braeden who received his Masters' Degree in Piano Performance from the FSU School of Music this past weekend! We are very proud of his hard work and know he will continue to excel in everything he tackles!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 3	7 pm	Finance Committee Meets via Zoom
Wednesday, May 4	10 am	Neighborly's Time with Afghan Mothers and Children
	12 noon	Wonderful Wednesday Brown Bag Lunch
	7 pm	Acts Bible Study with Todd Clark
Thursday, May 5	10 am	Bible Study
<i>National Day of Prayer</i>	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, May 8	11 am	Worship Service – Rev. Bob Tindale, Retired Methodist Minister will be Guest Speaker
Tuesday, May 10	2 pm	United Women in Faith
	7 pm	Executive Council Meets
Wednesday, May 11	10 am	Neighborly's Time with Afghan Mothers and Children
	7 pm	Acts Bible Study with Todd Clark
Thursday, May 12	10 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, May 15	11 am	Worship Service

**Note: Volunteers are needed to work on Friday, May 20 between 10 am and 2 pm at Ruediger Elementary School's End of the Year Festival. All the set up will be done ahead of time-we have been asked to help work the games and activities. Please call the church office or send an email if you are interested in helping-it will be lots of fun!**