JUNE

Sunday, 6/1
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
Coffee Hour after service
Monday, 6/2
7:00 pm Gulf Shore Singles Club
Wednesday, 6/4
11:30 am Sonshine Card Club
7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday, 6/6
10:00 am-12:30 pm Crafters 4 Christ
Sunday, 6/8 Pot Luck
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, 6/10
7:00 pm Board Meeting
Wednesday, 6/11
11:30 am Sonshine Card Club
7:00 pm Choir Practice
Sunday, 6/15 Father's Day
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
Coffee Hour after service
Monday, 6/16
7:00 pm Gulf Shore Singles Club
Wednesday, 6/18
11:30 am Sonshine Card Club
7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday, 6/20
8:00 am Men's Breakfast
10:00 am-12:30 pm Crafters 4 Christ
Sunday, 6/22
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
Coffee Hour after service
Wednesday, 6/25
11:30 am Sonshine Card Club
7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday, 6/27
Chalice
Sunday, 6/29
9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
Coffee Hour after service

FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
A Disciples of Christ Congregation
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All Are Welcome . . . Come As You Are

THE CHALICE

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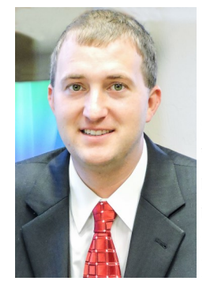

Rev. Zachary Seitz

"Simply Breathe"

"Let's go," shouts Colton! It still surprises me the speed of his little lips as he says: "Go, go, go!" Unfortunately, this single phrase is the new addition to his entire 20-word vocabulary. I can only assume Colton has felt and experienced the rush of our move to Fort Myers. My family has been on the constant move from purchasing boxes to breaking them down, from getting Colton comfortable at home to beginning Daycare, from Kate fixing the house just right to beginning a week of orientation at Lee Memorial Hospital, and from myself preaching the first sermon to beginning to lead here at FMCC. In short, it has been a busy time on the move.

As I arrived at 7:56 am in the Pastor's Study, I turned on the lights, tossed my laptop bag on the ground, collapsed in the chair, and simply breathed. It dawned on me that Jesus was continuously on the move. Specifically, Mark illustrates Jesus' busyness and urgency as he uses some form of the word "immediately", which is the Greek word "euthys", an astounding 42 times in his Gospel. However, still in Mark's Gospel and especially in Luke's Gospel, Jesus is someone who always takes time to breathe. Or, perchance better said, Jesus takes time to pray. This morning, I am giving myself permission, as well as challenging everyone, to simply breathe. I realize some of you might quickly write this off or even laugh, but it is much more difficult than you think. I challenge you to take 30 seconds, two minutes, or even a whole five minutes from your schedule to simply breathe. When we begin to simply breathe and pray it enables at least three things to occur:

i) Focuses us not on our own agendas and life demands, but on God's.
ii) It reminds us that God is constantly faithful and with us through all life-including the transitions, twists, and turns.
iii) We learn as well as cultivate a spirit of continuous thanks and praise for God and others.

During my moment of simply breathing, I could not prevent my heart warming and my face smiling as God has blessed me with a great congregation. Even though it has only been two weeks, I am daily giving thanks for each of you. Furthermore, as I begin to pick up the pace in the Pastor's Study and as we move forward as a congregation in the next months and years to come, I will continuously take time to breathe and pray for everyone. Perhaps one day, Colton's new words and lifestyle will not only be "go, go, go," but one of "rejoicing, praying, and thanking" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

In Christ,
Pastor Zach

Bible Study

Sunday School 9:00 am
Topic: We will continue our study on the Book of Acts.

Worship Matters

The month of June we will continue and finish our sermon series called "God's Whispers." I think it is important to start here for two reasons:
First, as we begin our journey together we must listen and discern God's voice.
Second, I chose the word "whisper" because God often doesn't reveal big plans all at once or in a loud fashion. Instead, God whispers here and there.
Let us get ready to experience God's whispers!

Weekly Schedule

5.25.14 God's Whispers: "In Tune"
6.1.14 God's Whispers: "When God Speaks"
6.8.14 God's Whispers: "The Potential of a Single Whisper"
6.15.14 A Special Father's Day Message "Hold On"
6.22.14 God's Whispers: "Keeping Alive the Inner Tune"
6.29.14 "Your Turn"

Open Doors

I love the famous words of David: "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" You can sense the Psalmists' sense of excitement and joy going to the temple. It has truly been a joy for me to see a few of the ministries such as the ladies from the Sonshine Card Club as well as outside groups such as the Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida and the Gulf Shore Singles Club meet on campus. In fact, just this past Saturday, the sanctuary was used for two different musical groups and one rehearsal on Sunday. There were numerous children with their families and friends inside the holy space. Additionally, this Wednesday, our church will be filled with both retired and active pastors. Florida's Regional and Associate Regional Ministers have schedule a time of fellowship so I might become acquainted with the local pastors.

As we begin the very early stages of visioning for our church, let us continue to offer our space and be a presence in the Fort Myers Community. In doing so, we just never know how God might touch someone!

Thank you,
Pastor Zach

Musical Notes

Ruth Berry
Music Director

On Sunday, June 1 at 2 PM, there will be a voice recital here at the church for students of Pamela Linkhart. Pamela is well known to us, having sung here several times. Everyone is invited to attend.

Our sanctuary has been the home of several recitals this spring season, from both piano and voice schools. Two piano studios (*Piano Lessons in the Home* by Miriam Burton & Marliss Brockington, and *Professional Piano Lessons* by Dr. Asya Teruni of Ave Maria University) brought in their students and their families to hear the musical talents and progress their children made throughout the year. Vocal students from *She Sings for Chocolate* with Pamela Linkhart sing here annually for the guests enjoyment. Our sanctuary has quite the reputation for excellent acoustics for groups such as these. It is a joy to have these groups and their families here at FMCC.

Our choir will continue for a few more weeks before taking time off for the summer. Think about joining us this fall! We are sorry to lose Margarete Autry from the choir. She will be returning to her native Germany. We thank her for being with us and wish her well.

In His Service,
Ruth Berry

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FMCC Prayer Wall

As we pray daily, please keep the following people in your prayers:

Praise:
We praise God for bringing us a new minister, Rev. Seitz. Let's all make him feel welcome.

Concerns:
The Family of Norm Spradlin, Nancy Lowe *(Audrey Sauer's sister);* **Michael Crouse** *(Shirley Fizer);* **Lee Camps, Claude Wattenbarger, Martha Sabo, Wanda Cook** *(Kim Towle);* **Pat Watts, Ann Mills, Shirley Fizer, James Rimes** *(Sharon Rimes);* **Stanley Fryza** *(friend of Luan Dunham);* **Tom Miller** *(Luan Dunham);* **Tim Hupp** *(Virginia Parsons' brother);* **David Lundy** *(Cora Armstrong's brother);* **Jackson Jones** *(Carol Trompeter & Luan Dunham's nephew);* **Bob Furrow, Sue Lundberg** *(daughter of John & Carol Rains);* **Steve Napoli,** *(brother of Art Napoli);* **Marcia Wilson, Marilyn Kohman & Matt Jones** *(Michele Cooper);* **Jerry Washler** *(Rick & Jan Laughman);* **Jami Hallman** *(Peggy Roley);* **Donna Fielding, Susan Riorden** *(Steve Lipes' mother);* **Pat Henderson** *(Donna & George Briggs);* **Carol Wells** *(niece)*, **& Dottie Stark** *(sister–in-law of Al & Mary Jane Day);* **Jeff King & Nancy Phillips** *(friend & sister of Maxine Simon);* **Duane Covert** *(brother of Luan Dunham and Carol Trompeter);* **Greg Hughes** *(Naomi Kratzer);* **Steve & Jayne Barnett** *(daughter & son-in -law of George & Donna Briggs);* **Diana Guerro** *(Tina Lipes);* **Jason Bricker, Mason Jones, Thula Ficyk,** *(Louise Golicic);* **Veronica (Ronnie) Parker** *(Paulette Idol);* **Gene Peisker** *(Detamores);* **Penny Kaye, Sally Saberton, Ken Barker & Danny Trousdale** *(friends of Shirley Fizer);* **Fay Wattenbarger**

Ongoing Concerns:
Ruth Bowlin, Doug Jones, Dick & Karen Green, Ann Lang, Betty Willey, Mary Kensinger, Jane Swartz, Warren Hall *(Peggy Roley's brother);* **Dot and Ham Collier, Barbara Bruce** *(Bob & Peggy Bruce);* **Margarete Gray** *(Chris Thompson's mom);* **Leah Reeder, Rebecca VonWerder** *(Mary McClain's daughters);* **Harry Cotabish, Peggy Wood** *(wife of Tom Wood);* **Ruth Munsell, Eli Burke** *(Fay Wattenbarger's grandson);* **Herb Cline**

We have updated our prayer requests. Please check our list carefully. If you want any names that we have taken off, please fill out a new card. We will put them back on the list.

Serving in the Military

Ryan McClain, Ensign in US Navy; stationed on USS George HW Bush, Norfolk, VA; Grandson of Mary Helen McClain
David Day, Captain in US Air Force Grandson of Al & Mary Jane Day Stationed at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, DC
Patrick Evans, 2nd Class Petty Officer, US Navy, stationed in Norfolk, VA Grandson of Pat Brown
Justin Nell, 2nd Lieutenant in Army Reserves Grandson of Pat Brown
Brandon Lapehn, Captain in U.S. Army, 101st Airborne. Completed his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. He is in Fort Campbell, KY Grandson of Jim & Dorothy Detamore
Jake Lowry, Captain, MPH, MS US Army Veterinary Corps, Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Science, Nephew of Bob & Wanda Milligan
Daniel Tipton, US Army, stationed in Oklahoma, and
Anthony Tipton, US Coast Guard, stationed in an island east of Africa. Grandsons of Anne Tipton

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SONSHINE CARD CLUB ~ SCC *All ladies are welcome!* Join the ladies at 11:30 am each Wednesday for an afternoon of fellowship and laughter with lunch at a local restaurant and a card game of Hand and Foot back at the church.

Contact: Pat Newman at 481-1648

CRAFTERS 4 CHRIST ~ C4C MEET FRIDAYS, JUNE 6 & 20 ♦ 10AM-12:30 PM We sew to make a difference for others. Items sewn are donated to worthwhile organizations in need locally and internationally. *All* ladies are welcome. Join us in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch.

Contact: Helen Hutchison and Nancy Brennan

POT LUCK ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 8 Bring your favorite summer dish to share.

Contact: Judy Carson

MEN'S BREAKFAST♦ FRIDAY, JUNE 20♦ 8AM
Meet at Sunflower Café on Summerlin Road.

Contact: Bob Skaggs 267-2579

BOARD MEETING ♦ TUESDAY, JUNE 10 ♦ 7 PM
All officers, ministry team leaders, elders and deacons are encouraged to attend. Board meeting is open to all.

FROM THE MODERATOR~

At our board meeting in May, we had the pleasure of having Reverend Seitz with us.

Ruth reported that we have had several outside groups using our facilities for music recitals. We are glad and proud that we can provide this service to the community.

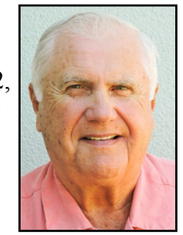
The Evangelism team has contacted the Visiting Nurse Association to get us on the schedule for flu shots this fall.

We are going to discontinue our advertisement in the News Press until fall; we don't think it is cost effective during the summer.

As we move into our summer season, I am looking forward to working with Reverend Seitz improving our church, growing our faith, and continuing the good work we do as a congregation.

Bill Brainard, Moderator

Sympathy and Acts of Compassion…



~ for Ginny Spradlin and the family upon the passing of Norm Spradlin, who passed away on Thursday, May 22, in Copenhagen, Norway. Services will be held in Indianapolis.

Ginny Spradlin
14830 Sterling Oaks Drive
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A note from ~
Lee Camps

To all those who sent cards, called and visited I thank you. It means so much to hear and feel the love and concerns of my church family. Thank you again.

John & Frances ~
Thank you all for a very special time and special memories at FMCC. We feel very blessed reading all the cards and notes. As the note on the basket of cards stated, we do feel that one day had all the happiness it could hold. Good-bye is not easy, but knowing it is not for good makes it easier. Blessings to you all and to Zach and Kate.

Thank You

A sincere thank you for the *Chalice* Crew who comes each month to assemble and send out our monthly newsletter. The time you give is greatly appreciated. We have such a fun time of fellowship as we work!

~Helen Hutchison

THE CHALICE

To minimize postage costs, please pick up your monthly edition of *The Chalice* on the last Sunday of the month in the Sanctuary's main entrance.

COMMUNION

It is in Communion that we are reminded of Jesus' great sacrificial love for us and the world. During Communion, we recall Jesus blessing, breaking, and serving the bread to His disciples. Beginning this Sunday, I invite us to be more like Jesus Himself as we will begin to take part in serving one another in Communion. After you have partaken of the bread, please hold the basket and offer it to the person next to you. Subsequently, you will pass the basket of bread and they will do likewise to the next person.

Friends, I thank you for this minor change as we celebrate together in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I pray this enhances worship as we remember God's love is never taken/earned, but freely offered to us.

Thank you,
Pastor Zach

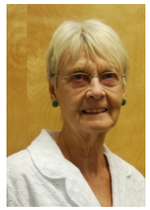
We will begin using a new type of bread for Communion: an unleavened bread by the name of Toufayan Pita~ Classic White. If you are responsible for bringing the bread for Communion, please ask the bakery where to locate it in your particular store.

FAREWELL TO THE ALFORDS ~JOHN AND FRANCES~

From time to time, God blesses us with people who truly make a strong impression in our lives. Although Rev. Dr. John Alford served as the interim pastor, I already know he has made a lasting impression in so many of your lives. We thank John for his love of God and his faithfulness in building God's Kingdom as he played a key role at Fort Myers Christian Church. While others have commented on his wealth of information and thorough Biblical teaching, I personally applaud his humble nature in our time spent together. John, please know we all wish you and Frances the very best!

Your Friend,
Zach

News from the Ministry Teams



Evangelism Ministry
Wanda Milligan, Team Leader

We are beginning a new phase at our FMCC. Rev. Seitz is here to guide us, teach us, and help us as we move into this new phase. Rev. Seitz , I believe, is the answer to our prayers for a new minister. He will need all of us to be ready to help with the work of moving forward. We are set in our old ways of doing things because we were waiting for him to be our guide in doing the things that will help our church grow. We have added new members this past year while Rev. Alford was here as our interim minister. Our choir has led the way in adding to new members to our congregation. We can be proud that our congregation has grown and is thriving. Now we can get ready to help Rev. Seitz as he plans for our church in the next months. What an exciting time for our church!

Evangelism is an important ministry in our church. We are looking for a new team for Evangelism. This team will be working with Rev. Seitz to add programs and workers to the ministries of the church. We have an interesting and rewarding part in the life of our church. Please prayerfully consider the part you will take in this ministry. We look forward to talking to you and having you join this team that will continue working to make this church an important part of God's ministry here in Fort Myers.

Property Updates

As we ready for summer, our property team has been busy.

One of the overhead lines along the north side of the property has been hanging very low and after some investigation, Comcast has been contacted to repair it.

The trees along and under the power lines have been trimmed. Our sprinkler system has been repaired and is now working properly. We continue replacing plants around our buildings as needed.

Financial Secretary
Rick Laughman

As of the beginning of the new fiscal year, our Budget Income is $35,291.85. The Total Income to date is $40,433.85

Designated contributions to date in May:
Guardian Angels $100
Everyday Cafe $300

Worship Ministry
Cora Armstrong, Team Leader

We had a great Holy Week this year. We were sad to say good-bye to Rev. John and his dear wife, Frances. But, we are excited to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Zach Seitz and his wife, Kate, and son, Colton, to our wonderful church family. It will be exciting to watch as our church continues to grow and we all get to know each other. Thank you Ruth Berry and the music team for your wonderful songs and solos.

June 8 is the day we celebrate **Pentecost**, when the disciples were given their gifts of power by the Holy Spirit.
Help us celebrate by wearing red that Sunday if you can.

Serving The Church in June

Elders Dale Carson, Judy Carson
Deacons Deb Hall, Jan Laughman, Rick Laughman, Jim Moxley
Greeters Naomi Kratzer, Peggy Roley
Liturgist George Lendh
Presenter of Elements
June 1 Ed and Diane Bodanske
June 8 Wanda and Bob Milligan
June 15 Steve and Anthony Lipes
June 22 Judy and Dale Carson
June 29 Bev and Ed LaDuke
Tech Team Jan Laughman, Dean Brown
Alcolyte Chase Lipes

Outreach Ministry
Jan Laughman, Team Leader

Coming in the July *Chalice* there will be a list of school supplies for Tanglewood Elementary School and Gladiolus Learning and Development Center (GLAD).

Gladiolus Learning and Development Center [GLAD]

Special thanks to Crafters 4 Christ for all their time and effort in making clothes for "GLAD". Approximately 60 dresses, 36 shorts & shirts, and 10 blankets were delivered.

Bring in your **BOX TOPS** for the school children! A collection box for the labels is in the Fellowship Hall. GLAD will be thrilled to redeem these for academic materials. 10 labels is equivalent to $1.00. Contact: Sherry Floore

Wish List for Everyday Café
(formerly Soup Kitchen)

Canned Meats♦Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Roast Beef
Tuna Helper♦Chicken Helper♦Hamburger Helper♦Soups (All Kinds)♦Beans (All kinds)♦Macaroni & Cheese♦Rice (Family Size Bags)♦Jelly, Peanut Butter♦Pasta & Pasta Sauce♦Canned Fruit♦Canned Vegetables♦Canned Milk
Monthly Need: Food storage bags & trash bags

****Consider the buy-one-get-one-free items and donate one to CCMI.****

Please place food donations INSIDE the designated kitchen cupboard in the kitchen.

Everyday Café (CCMI)

There is no scheduled serving day going forward. Due to lack of participation, we were taken off the schedule. If there is any interest, we can be put back on schedule. Our food and monetary donations to CCMI are very much appreciated.

The **Pentecost Offering, held on June 1 and 8,** supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new congregations are part of the Disciples' vision.

This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs – with gifts for this offering divided between each. Fifty percent of gifts received by a region remain in that region, the balance supports the work of general, new church efforts.