

*"The Church in the heart of the city with the city in its heart."*

# The Downowner



Dear Friends,

As the season of Lent winds to a close, I trust your hearts sense a renewed peace found through this annual ritual of "turning back" to God (the literal meaning of repentance). It has been a meaningful time of worship and fellowship at FUMC and I am delighted that we have experienced it together.

Please see below the list of Holy Week and Easter services that are just around the corner. We invite you to worship with us if you are here locally or certainly to pray for us if you are far away. May the joy of the risen Lord be yours today and always.

Many blessings!  
*Pastor Cynthia Weems*



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Remembrance of the Last Supper**  
Service in the Fellowship Hall.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2**  
**11:00 a.m. Gesu Catholic Church (118 N.E. 2nd Street)**  
Worship with our downtown brothers and sisters at Gesu Catholic Church before processing through the streets with the cross. At **12 Noon we will arrive at FUMC** for a continuance of worship with proclamation and singing.



**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4**  
**Sunrise Service at Bayside Marketplace**  
**6:45 a.m. Gathering for Sunrise**  
**7:00 a.m. Worship begins**  
Park at the church and cross the street for early morning worship with music provided by The Lighthouse, proclamation by Pastor Cynthia and a view of the bay

provided by a risen Lord.

**Celebratory Worship at 10:55 a.m.**  
**FUMC Sanctuary**

Join us for a worship that will include music, prayer, proclamation of the Easter gospel and more. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for worship on this holy day in the church year.

Our **Easter Offering** will go toward the ministries of FUMC to provide spiritual nourishment to downtown Miami.

### Our Vision

God's transforming grace in Jesus Christ calls us to become one dynamic church of diverse people in downtown Miami, offering a new life of Christian discipleship to the community.

### Our Mission

To proclaim the gospel in all we do; to encourage and build disciples.

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### SERVICE TIMES

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Informal Service	8:30am
Traditional Service	*10:55am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Prayer and Praise	6:30pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Contemporary	7:00pm

\*NURSERY PROVIDED



### Annual Foot Washing For the Homeless

Calling all volunteers! FUMC is busy planning our **Annual Foot Washing for the Homeless** and we are going to have an informational session on Saturday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **The actual date of the Foot Washing is Saturday, April 10** -- volunteers will arrive at 1:00 p.m. and we will begin around 2:00 p.m.

If you cannot make it to the Foot Washing and would like to help, we need to have brand new pairs of **athletic socks** for both men and women, **antibacterial soap, Clorox, disposable gloves, clean old towels and wash cloths, medical paper shoes** to cover the feet of the homeless once they've been washed, and of course, any **financial contributions!** You may bring these items to the church office.

Thank you in advance for your help in this special event. Soles4Souls have donated 300 pairs of shoes for our foot washing this year. We are expecting a large number of homeless, so we need all the help we can get!

Blessings and thanks!

**Mary Weden**

Missions Chair, Homeless Ministry

### Relief for Chile

The devastating earthquake on February 27<sup>th</sup> destroyed roads, hospitals, homes, schools, and even basic communications across six of Chile's twelve regions. Let's help get Chile back on its feet!

Your gift will be part of such efforts as:

- Repairing structural damages to schools
- Delivering resources to educational facilities in need
- Replacing damaged equipment
- Rebuilding collapsed school structures

And other projects related to education throughout the Bio-Bio region. For more information, please contact Meredith Coffey at [meredithcoffey@gmail.com](mailto:meredithcoffey@gmail.com). Please make checks payable to FUMC with "Chile" in the memo line. We will be receiving donations though mid-April.

### REMINDER—We Need Eggs!

We need 15 dozen boiled eggs to help support our homeless ministry for the first week of the month. Please bring your boiled eggs on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you in advance!

### FUMC Receives Rotary Grant

The Rotary Club of Miami has awarded a grant of \$2,500 to The Breakfast Club of FUMC to help feed the homeless at our Sunday morning program. They were encouraged by our grant application and wanted to help support such a needed and fruitful program in Downtown. If you see a Rotarian, give them a word of thanks! The Breakfast Club ministry operates solely on donations by church members and friends made directly to the program. Thanks to all who contribute!



### All Church LUNCH

### Brazilian Feijoada a Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraiser lunch on February 28. Signs of success: we needed extra tables and chairs and the food ran out! The church raised over \$1,000 through your support. Thank you and thanks to our cook, *Amauri Silva*, for a festive and delicious day!



### Membership News FUMC Member Scott Galvin Running for U.S. Congress

Please keep North Miami Commissioner Scott Galvin and his family in your prayers as he embarks on a run for U.S. Congress in the 17<sup>th</sup> District.

Our prayers are for Scott's wisdom and strength as well as for a race well run by all candidates where thoughtful, civil debate and conversation will occur based on the most important issues in our communities.

### Restroom Renovation Update

The Trustees continue to work toward developing a reasonable plan for renovating the restrooms. This is a huge priority for 2010 but we want to be sure we are ready for the permitting, demolition and costs involved in such an undertaking. Thank you to all who have contributed to the over \$17,000 we have ready to begin the project. We will keep you informed as to our progress.

# EASTER 2010

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:30 am Breakfast Club - Fellowship Hall  
 8:30 am Informal Worship Service  
 9:30 am Sunday School Classes - All ages  
 10:55 am Traditional Worship Service  
 12:15 pm Refreshments - Fellowship Hall  
 Children's Choir

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER & PRAISE

Join us for Wednesday Night worship at 6:30 p.m. This casual service of worship includes prayer, singing and a brief message.

**MARCH 31 - Prayer and Praise is cancelled due to Holy Week services.**

**April 7** will be a Healing Service meant to offer time for prayer and anointing for healing of body, mind or spirit.

## CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Trustees:** April 7 / May 5 @ 7:30 p.m.  
**Education:** April 14 / May 12 @ 7:30 p.m.  
**Finance:** April 21 / May 19 @ 7:30 p.m.  
**Church Council:** April—No Mtg. / May 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (U.M.W.)

General Meeting, Saturday, April 3 @ 11:00 a.m.

### Circle information:

- ◆ Miriam Circle, Thursday, April \_\_, 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ Esther Circle, Friday, April \_\_ at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Ruth Circle Meeting—To Be Announced

## OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

**Christian Yoga**—every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

**Keenagers**—Wednesday, April 21 at 12:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Sunday**— May 2, 2010

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

There will be a New Member Sunday on **April 18, 2010**. If you are interested in joining our congregation in membership, please contact Pastor Cynthia Weems at [cweems@fumcmiami.com](mailto:cweems@fumcmiami.com) or 305-371-4706 for more information.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH 15-31

16 Dr. James Hutson  
 Joann Rattigan-Grey  
 19 Jose Beltran  
 Danny Lebrun  
 21 Joy McGarry  
 28 Evonny Allen  
 Bill Baggesen  
 29 Terrell Rattigan-Grey  
 Marcia Steer  
 30 Janet Dressel



## ANNIVERSARIES

3/21 Robert & Pam DeVarona  
 3/24 Gene & Susan Carter  
 3/28 Ron & Olivia Samter  
  
 4/6 Shirley & Delroy Stewart  
 4/24 Mayra & David Stock



## BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL 1-30

1 Shirley Forde Stewart  
 3 Amiyah Petit  
 4 Mary Crosier  
 5 Katherine Ivey  
 Leonie Thompson  
 Julie G. Weilbacher  
 7 David Stock  
 10 Ora Mae Finnell  
 11 Mayra Hernandez  
 12 Zola Belcarris  
 Keisha Lightbourne  
 Robert Sims  
 14 Alfred Michaud Jr.  
 Ashley Michaud  
 21 Patronie Hodge  
 25 Ramona Perez  
 26 Frankie Guidino  
 29 Ana Patino  
 30 John Dunn  
 Wayne Whittlesey

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## BLESSING OF THE PETS

### Sunday, February 21

Thank you to all who participated and helped to make this event a success.

*Little doggie waiting for a blessing...*



*Pastor Cynthia Weems, Rabbi Jody Cohen and Pastor James Reho begin the liturgy of blessing.*

*Kami Landy with horse Tigger preparing to give rides.*

