

Redland Community United Methodist Church
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 Location: 18700 SW 248th Street Homestead, FL 33031

JANUARY 26, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

*We will be Christ's presence in our community,
 building relationships*

OUR BIBLICAL PURPOSE:

*"To be a faithful community of devoted servants
 who will share Christ's love and example."*

MUSIC: Felicia Fina;
LAY LEADER: Phil Formel
GREETERS: Charles Alderson, Santiago Garcia
LITURGISTS: Jan Burlison, Tom Settle, Yanira Bonilla
USHERS: Charles Alderson, Robert Kelly, Tom Settle,
 Jim Rumohr
ACOLYTES: Chloe Junco, Jim Rumohr

Bishop: Rev. Tom Berlin
 District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Simon Osunlana
 Pastor: Nelson Bonilla

For emergency pastoral care or needs please contact: *if you would like prayer, a visit, to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or baptism, information on joining the church or other needs.*

Pastor Nelson Bonilla – Phone: 386-631-6193 email: nelson.bonilla@flumc.org
 Regular Office Hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-1pm or by appointment or the following members: **Santiago Garcia, Administrative Council Chair, 305-608-1184**

BUDGET AND OPERATING COSTS:

2024 Annual Church Budget:	\$
Weekly Operating Expenses/ Funds Needed:	\$1,786.00
Last Week's Offerings:	\$

He has anointed
you
To bring good
news

REDLAND COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 25, 2025
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgist: Jan Burlison

WELCOME GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)

PRELUDE (*acolyte brings light into the gathering place*)

Felicia Fina, Pianist

Opening Prayer

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. “We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The Spirit of God is upon us.

P: We are called to be God's people.

L: The Spirit of God is upon us.

P: We are called to be the body of Christ.

L: Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Blessed Be The Name” (2X)

#63 (UMH)

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from Romans 8:35 and 37-39*

#887 (UMH)

GREETING ONE ANOTHER :

#557(UMH)

As the body of Christ in the world, let us share his love and peace with one another.

**C: (Congregation) “Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS (*We lift up concerns & thanksgivings*)

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Lord’s Prayer*

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“O God of Every Nation”

#435(UMH)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 4:14-21; NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(N.T and O.T)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Division vs Unity”

HYMN OF INVITATION

“Pass It On”

#572(UMH)

OFFERTORY

Special Music (Offering plate in center aisle)

PIANIST

* **OFFERTORY PRAISE:**

(Doxology)

#95 (UMH)

* **HYMN OF SENDING**

“God Be With You, Till We Meet Again”

#672 (UMH)

(First Verse)

* **BENEDICTION**

SUNG RESPONSE

“A-men, a-men, a - men.”

#898 (UMH)

**Please stand as you are able
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the service!*

Please remember the Joys and Concerns in your daily prayer.

“The LORD’S loving kindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

JOYS: All church apportionments were paid in full for 2024. Franci’s surgery went well. Brenda’s brother is doing well and waiting for more tests. Judy Blanchard celebrated her birthday. All the laity of our church and how much they do in serving God and others. Thanks to God for answered Prayers. Our many blessings. Good doctors. Health Care Specialists. Caregivers. God’s goodness. Church friends as helpers. Gift of life. The blessing of children. Grateful for our Church leadership. Gift of the Holy Spirit. Families worship together. Each of our talents and gifts. Our congregation. Pastor Greg received his liver transplant 10/09 and is doing extremely well.

CONCERNS: Prayers for those affected by fires in California. Prayers for Jim and Lucy’s son, Luis and his family. Lucy’s mom, Gladys. Prayers for the people of Cuba. Prayers for the people of Gaza. Prayers for our country. For all missionaries around the world. Prayers for people struggling with mental health. All victims and their families of tragic violent shootings. Prayers for our country, and our military service men/women. First responders. Immigrants seeking asylum. All victims of terrorism and natural disasters. Prayers for our denomination, local churches, pastors, and leaders. Those in Hospice Care, and those suffering from cancer. Prayers for single moms. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For World leaders to make good decisions that lead to peace. Ed & Karen’s son Brian. Safe travel for those attending Amanda’s wedding. Pray for people experiencing homelessness as the temperature will drop. Safe travels for Angie and Adam.

Healing prayers for: Santiago’s health. Antonio Rodriguez is having ankle surgery on Monday. Phil’s brothers Mike and Shaun. May’s brother David. Lucy’s brother-in-Law Mike. Jina May. Francis Mora. Oscar Castro. Harriet Morris. Jim’s brother, sister and brother-in-law (Terry Rumohr, Sharon, Mike). Rob’s mom, Judy. Gus’s sister, Theresa. Jose Fernandez. Valentina, needing a bone marrow transplant. Dottie. Lucy’s friend Bryan. Jan’s friend Andrea was diagnosed with cancer. Carol Horeb. Jan’s mom. Sandi Settle, continued healing

NOTE: Pastor Nelson can be reached at (386) 631-6193

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS –
Sunday, January 25, 2025

Sunday: 9:00 am -Worship Service
Fellowship Coffee after service
Tuesday: 10:00 am -Prayer and Share in the multi-purpose room.
Friday: 11:00 am - Bible Study
5:00pm- Fellowship Dinner: First Sunday of every month

(BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN JANUARY!

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE

YARD SALE: Saturday Feb 8

BONFIRE AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Sunday, Feb 2, starts at 4pm

BIBLE STUDY: Friday at 11:00 am.

UPPER ROOM: Daily devotional now available in the Narthex.

Prayers for healing of the World- Join us daily at 12:00pm.

“Tree of Life” – Leaves and other features are available to dedicate or memorialize special individuals in your life. Flyers are available in the narthex.

AC: If you wish to donate to this project, please mark your special donations as “AC offering.”

You can donate to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help victims of California wildfires through:

Online: bit.ly/umcorusr

By phone: 1-888-252-6174

By mail: By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #901670-Calfires” written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068

Or you can make a check payable to the church and note “UMCOR California fire relief” in the memo section of your check.

***Affirmation From Romans 8:35, 37-39 UMH 887**

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No!

In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither death nor life,

Nor angels, nor principalities,

Nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

Nor anything else in all creation,

Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus reads the prophet Isaiah

4:14 Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region.

4:15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

4:16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

4:17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,

4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

4:20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

4:21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra reads the law

8:1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

8:2

Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

8:3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

8:6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

8:8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

8:9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."