

Redland Community United Methodist Church  
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**REDLAND COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

March 9, 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:**

<b>2025 Annual Church Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Weekly Operating Expenses/ Funds Needed:</b>	<b>\$1,786.00</b>
<b>Last Week's Offerings:</b>	<b>\$</b>

The  
 Season  
 of  
 Lent



**March 9, 2025**

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**First Sunday in Lent**  
Liturgist: Jan Burlison

WELCOME GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)

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

Felicia Fina, Pianist

Opening Prayer

Lord God on this first Sunday in Lent, we remember the trials and temptations of your son Jesus Christ in his journey through the wilderness, and how he triumphed over all. In our prayers we think of the difficult journeys in life encountered by so many people in the world.

We pray that in their different times of need, they may find discernment to see their way ahead, and strength to overcome whatever problems they face.

We pray that faith may be deepened in this period of Lent, and all may walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

**L: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.**

P: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

**L: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.**

P: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

**L: May our commitment be as strong.**

P: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE "Take Time to Be Holy" #395(UMH)

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles Creed, Traditional Version* #881 (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 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #269(UMH)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 4:1-13 (N.T)

*Leader: The word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS"

HYMN OF INVITATION "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" #405(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 kindness indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23*

**JOYS:** Santiago’s life. All the laity of our church. Thanks to God for answered Prayers. Our many blessings. Good doctors. Health Care Specialists. Caregivers. God’s goodness. Church friends as helpers. The 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.

**CONCERNS:** Prayers for our country. Prayers for our denomination, local churches, pastors, and leaders. People affected by fires in California. Prayers for Jim and Lucy’s son, Luis and his family. Prayers for the people of Cuba. Prayers for the people of Gaza. For all missionaries around the word. For People struggling with mental health. All victims and their families of tragic violent shootings. Immigrants seeking asylum. All victims of terrorism and natural disasters. 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. Pray for people experiencing homelessness.

**Healing prayers for:** Prayers for Ellie and Rylie (lucy’s granddaughters). Chris Field who is returning home after a stroke. John, Brenda’s brother, suffering vertigo and other health issues. Phil's brother, Steve, recovering from surgery. Valentina, needing a bone marrow transplant, and Michelle her mom diagnosed with cancer. Felicia’s sister. Phil’s brothers Mike and Shaun. May’s brother David. Lucy’s brother-in-Law Mike. Jina May. Harriet Morris. Jim’s brother, sister and brother-in-law (Terry Rumohr, Sharon, Mike). Rob’s mom, Judy. Gus’s sister, Theresa. Jose Fernandez. 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, March 9, 2025**

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

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 MARCH!**

**MARCH ACTIVITIES:**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS:** Sunday, March 9, 2025

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Friday, March 14 at 5pm

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, March 18 at 4PM

**UMCOR SUNDAY:** Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**-UPPER ROOM:** Daily devotional for March and April are 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.

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

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional Version, The United Methodist Hymnal, #881)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**LUKE 4:1-13**

*The Temptation of Jesus*

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘one does not live by bread alone,’” 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you, 11 and on their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” 12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13 when the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.