

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

March 30, 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

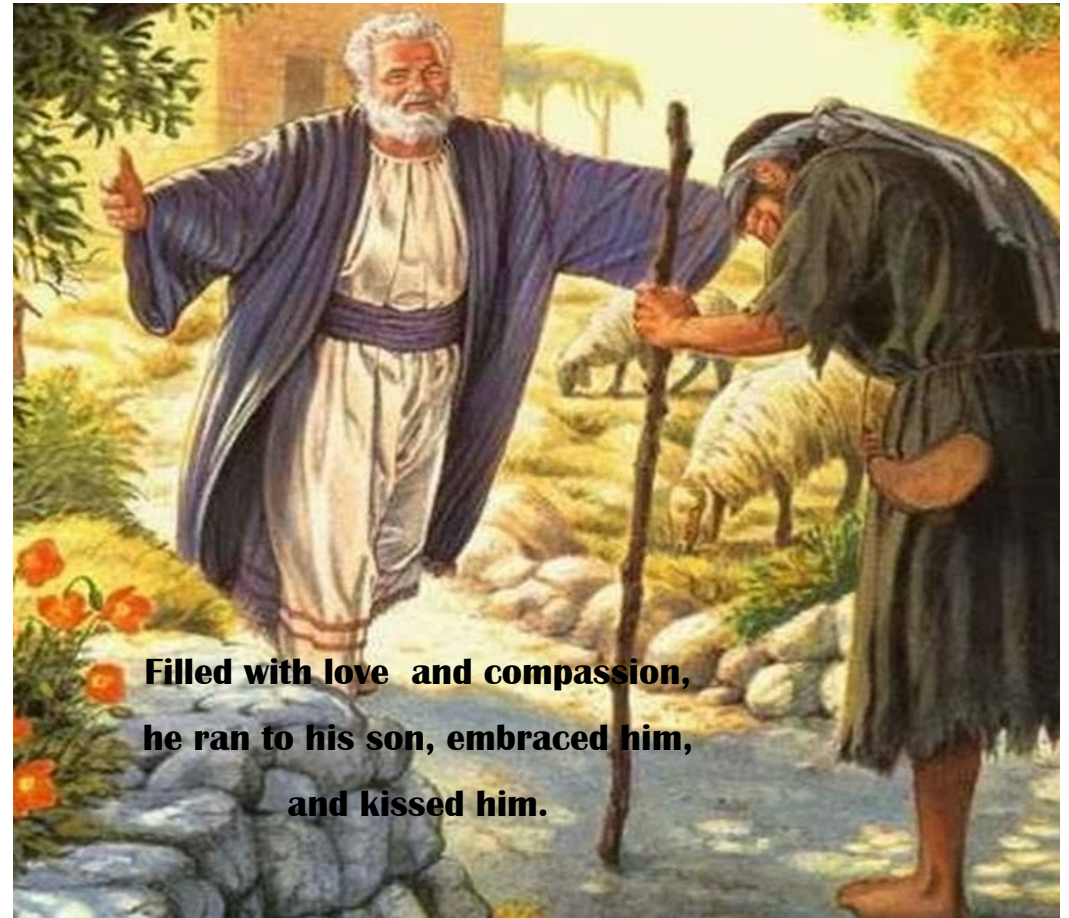
Regular Office Hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-1pm or by appointment or the following members: **Santiago Garcia, Administrative Council Chair, 305-608-1184**

BUDGET AND OPERATING COSTS:

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

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**Filled with love and compassion,
 he ran to his son, embraced him,
 and kissed him.**

March 30, 2025
Fourth 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

Merciful Father, you sent your only-begotten Son, who, by his life and parables taught Us about your fatherly love. Make us worthy to celebrate today your great mercy as revealed in the parable of the prodigal son who repented and returned to his father. Like him, bring us back from the exile of sin to your fatherly house, that we may glorify you, your only Son, and your Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

P: AMEN!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "*Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*" #378(UMH)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church*
#884(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 "*Something Beautiful*"(2X) #394(UMH)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 15:11-32 (N.T)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "WHAT A FATHER WE HAVE"

HYMN OF INVITATION" "*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*" #348(UMH)
(1,2,4)

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 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. Prayers for the people of Cuba. Prayers for the people of Gaza. For all missionaries around the world. 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: Diana Taylor. Chris Field. Victoria & Joe Barnes. Felicia Fina, Santiago Garcia. Harriet Morris. Gus’s sister, Theresa. Continue prayers for Lily, she’s at the hospital with a brain infection. John, Brenda’s brother, suffering vertigo and other health issues. Phil's brother, Steve. 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. Jim’s brother, sister and brother-in-law (Terry Rumohr, Sharon, Mike). Dottie. Jan’s mom. Sandi Settle continued healing.

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS –
Sunday, March 30, 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:

Children’s Medications for Cuba:

We are still collecting medications for children in Cuba, with a deadline of Easter Sunday. Please drop off donations in the box located at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you for your support!

SHOE DONATION: First UMC Church in Miami is collecting new or gently used Tennis Shoes for Men sizes 7-13 and Women, sizes 6-10. Please bring them in by April 6th! Pastor Audrey B. Warren will be collecting the shoes on April 7th in the morning.

PRAYER TREE : We invite you to participate in our Prayer Tree—a special place where you can leave your prayers. Simply write your prayer on a ribbon and hang it on the tree outside.

UMCOR SUNDAY: Sunday, March 30th, 2025. We are collecting a special offering for UMCOR

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Sunday, April 6 at 5PM

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.”

*** A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH**

(The United Methodist Hymnal, #884)

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things,
Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth
and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example and Redeemer,
the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for
strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to
every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient
rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship
and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human
society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and
sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

LUKE 15:11-32

Jesus tells the Parable of the lost son

11 To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story, "A man had two sons.

12 The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

13" A few days later his younger son packed all his belongings and took a trip to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money on wild living.

14 About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve.

15 He persuaded a local farmer to hire him to feed his pigs.

16 The boy became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked to him. But no one gave him anything.

17" When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired men have food enough to spare, and here I am, dying of hunger!

18 I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you,

19 and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired man."

20 So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long distance away, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

21 His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

22" But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger, and sandals for his feet.

23 And kill the calf we have been fattening in the pen. We must celebrate with a feast,

24 for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

25" Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house,

26 and he asked one of the servants what was going on.

27 "Your brother is back, 'he was told,' and your father has killed the calf we were fattening and has prepared a great feast. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'

28 "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him,

29 but he replied, 'All these years I've worked hard for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends.

30 Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the finest calf we have.'

31 "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you and I are very close, and everything I have is yours.

32 We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!"