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## Memorial Day

In my opinion, Memorial Day is one of the most significant days of the entire year. Remembering the past is vital to living in the present. And remembering those who have fallen is vital to serving those who serve. We owe those who have died in defense of our nation the most profound gratitude we can express. Each and every American has owed a personal debt to each and every American who has died in defense of our freedom. How can we strive to repay such a debt?

### FIRST, WE EMULATE THEIR COURAGEOUS SACRIFICE.

Military officer Francis A. Walker testified, "We come, not to mourn our dead soldiers, but to praise them." Today we praise them for their courage, their selfless sacrifice, their devotion to each other and to the cause of liberty. We praise them on behalf of millions of Americans they would never meet but whose freedom they purchased with their lives. And so, I vow to be as sacrificial in my service to my calling as our fallen heroes were to theirs.

### SECOND, WE MAKE OUR COUNTRY A NATION WORTH DEFENDING.

Over the years, I have asked many veterans how we can repay them for their service. Without exception, each one has asked that we make America worth their sacrifice. President Eisenhower was right: "A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both." And so, I vow to do all I can to make our nation all it can be, to the glory of God.

Thomas William Parsons's "**Dirge For One Who Fell in Battle**" ends this way:

*On thy grave the rain shall fall from the eyes of a mighty nation!*

*Long as the sun doth shine upon it  
Shall glow the goodly pine upon it,  
Long as the stars do gleam upon it  
Shall memory come to dream upon it.*

David's prayer for his nation is my prayer for ours today: "May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!" (Psalm 29:11). Amen.

Minot Judson Savage: "The brave die never, though they sleep in dust: Their courage nerves a thousand living men." May his words be true for us today.

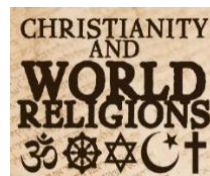


*If you would like Pastor Kerry to call or visit, please let Susan, the secretary, or Pastor Kerry know.*

### Adult Sunday School

This class meets each Sunday at 9 AM.

### New Sermon Series



For the month of June, Pastor Kerry will be introducing a new sermon series titled: **Christianity and World Religions**. During this series, he will be preaching on the 5 major world religions: *Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. We will learn what we have in common with these faiths of the world and what makes Christianity different from these world faiths. If you have ever had the question, what makes Christianity different...this is a sermon series for you.



### Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Our mission focus for June will be support for veterans with housing issues. For very low-income Veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance. See the bulletin insert on how you can help.



### Trip to The Madison Youth Ranch

Mark your calendars for our tour of the Residing Hope Madison Youth Ranch on (Thursday) June 27, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m. We will be carpooling from the church and more information will be given out later as we approach the June 27<sup>th</sup> date.

[There will NOT be a covered dish lunch in June.](#)

**ECHO needs bath towels and wash cloths in response to the needs after the tornadoes.**



**The Choir Needs YOU!**

All skill levels are welcome as long as you love music and fellowship with great folks! Practice is on Wednesdays @ 6:30

PM in the sanctuary. For more info, contact: Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361; gerryniel@gmail.com)

As we worship in person, all church services will continue to be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at [chairesmethodist.church](http://chairesmethodist.church).

If you would like to receive the newsletter from the Florida Global Methodist Church, go to <https://floridagmc.org> and you can subscribe at the bottom of the page.

**Giving Through Our Website**

Go to <https://chairesmethodist.church> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.



We are looking for volunteers who are willing to go out to veterinarian services to provide families who have to put their pets to sleep with prayer and support. Please contact Pastor Kerry Foote if you are interested at [pastor.foote@outlook.com](mailto:pastor.foote@outlook.com) or cell phone: (305) 407-7040.



Members  
Marty Holland  
Mary Alice Linzy

Friends and Family

Calvary Methodist Church-major storm damage  
Debbie Mills-sister of Janet Cayson  
Family of Helen Ward-sister of Bobbie Harrison  
Leona Cobb-aunt of Marty Holland  
Taylor – friend of Jean Lombardi  
Trace Talbot – friend of Gerry Mulder  
Glen Samuel - friend of Milan Novak  
Johnny Holmes - friend of Matthew  
Pastor Bill Petersen  
Betty Ann Cayson-relative of Janet Cayson  
Jane Anderson- friend of Bill Butler  
Stevie Hubbard-son of Edie Hubbard  
Ed Nelson-Amy Clark’s uncle  
Mary Dodd-friend of Mary Alice Linzy  
First Responders who are answering the call.

<u>June Birthdays</u>	<u>June Anniversaries</u>
Verlie LaBounty1	Mike & Amber Stallings 17
Marion Lollie 1	David & Diane Matthews 29
Michae Linzy 4	
Paula Davies 16	
Lucia Lightfoot, Lucia 16	
Nancy Hardison 19	
Mike Stallard 20	
Donna Wheeler 26	
Ed Fannin 29	

Chaires Staff	
Pastor	Rev. Kerry Foote
Secretary	Susan Capelouto (secretarychairesumc@gmail.com)
Music Director	Gerry Nielsen
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

