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History of Chaires Methodist Church

Chaires Methodist Church is a congregation of varied interests that is rooted in the past and growing for the future.

The church was organized in 1862 and the historic sanctuary was constructed in 1892. The church campus is nestled amongst stately live oak trees in the historic community of Chaires.

The first church was known as **Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church (1862-1887)**. It was part of the Leon Circuit. Then in **1887 Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal** divided with some of the congregants staying at Mt. Zion and some of the congregants moving 5 miles from Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal to form **New Hope Methodist Episcopal Church**.

At the time, **New Hope Methodist Episcopal Church** was part of the Waukeenah Circuit. In 1891, after the purchase of the current property (for \$20.00) and the construction of the historic sanctuary, it became known as **Chaires Methodist Episcopal Church**.

On **January 1, 1892**, the congregation (**Chaires Methodist Episcopal Church**) moved into the new building complete with steeple and bell. Chaires Methodist Episcopal opened for church services with 25 charter members. In 1895, seven members were added by transfer certificates. The first marriage was recorded on December 13, 1893.

In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal denomination would drop the "Episcopal" title and adopt the title: The Methodist Church. **In 1939**, Chaires Methodist Episcopal would change its name to **Chaires Methodist Church**. This name would remain until **1968** when the Methodist denomination would merge with the United Brethren denomination to form the United Methodist Church. At this time, Chaires would change its name to **Chaires United Methodist Church**.

In **1997** Chaires United Methodist Church outgrew this historic sanctuary and after a substantial construction project it began having services in the multipurpose building.

In **July of 2023**, Chaires United Methodist Church was appointed our current pastor, Kerry Foote, and in **December of 2023**, both Chaires and Pastor Kerry Foote disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church and brought back the name "**Chaires Methodist Church**". As of today, **Chaires Methodist Church** and Pastor Kerry Foote are Global Methodist Affiliated.

Throughout all these changes, Chaires Methodist Church has kept its Purpose and Vision.

Our Purpose

Leading People to Christ to Worship, Nurture, Grow, and Serve.

Our Vision

Is to be passionate about worshiping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through a variety of worship experiences; to produce an outwardly focused church that welcomes the religious, non-religious, and nominally religious people of our community; to be persistent in developing opportunities for Spirit-led growth at all levels of our Christian walk; to provide loving Christian fellowship, where people pray for one another, care for one another, and where hurting people receive the healing touch of the Holy Spirit; to be purposeful about having the greatest impact possible on our community through outreach, mission, and Christian witness.

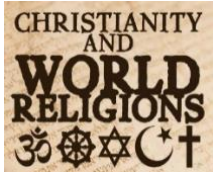


If you would like Pastor Kerry to call or visit, please let Susan, the secretary, or Pastor Kerry know. His contact information is in the bulletin.

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.

Memorial Day Sunday Service



On May 26, 2024, we will be having a special Memorial Day worship service in the multipurpose sanctuary. There will be a re-dedication of the memorial space for Daniel Chaires that is located in the multipurpose sanctuary. We are asking members of the congregation to come dressed as patriotic as possible wearing the red, white, and blue.



Residing Hope, formerly known as the FL Methodist Children's Home, will be our mission focus for April. We will collect items for Madison Youth Ranch through May. There is a list on the long table. If you wish for your donation to be recorded on your church giving statement, make your check out to *Chaires Methodist Church* and write *Residing Hope or Madison Youth Ranch* in the memo line.

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 27th date.

May Birthdays

Carol Stallard
Alan Eddy
Brian Mullen

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May Anniversaries

Franklin & Frances Chaires 3

Chaires Staff

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



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.

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

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 or cell phone: (305)407-7040.



Members

Marty Holland
Mary Alice Linzy

Friends and Family

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
Helen Ward-sister of Bobbie Harrison
First Responders who are answering the call.
Praise for God living on Thank You street and being there for those safe from the storm.
Gordon Wheeler
Mike Hatcher's son
Jim Lybract
Family of Lucille Jones
Benjamin Applewhite-nephew of Cathy Lee