

Merrell UMC Newsletter

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Welcome New Members into the Church's Mission.

Coming Events

- **March 18** - Bold Justice's *Nehemiah Action*, San Isidro Catholic Church, 7 p.m.
- **March 23** - Trustees Work Day starting at 10 a.m. on campus. Please see Mr. Coombs to volunteer.
- **April 13** - District Training will be at Christ Church United Methodist on Saturday, 2024.
- **April 14** - Merrell United Women In Faith Annual service at 10 am.
- **April 23** - The General Conference opens in Charlotte, NC and runs to May 3.
- **May 18** - SE District's Pre-Annual Conference District Orientation at Merrell, 10 a.m.

- **June 6-8** - FL Annual Conference in Lakeland. See hotel/agenda info on www.flumc.org.
 - **June 10** - Preschool VPK graduation in Ragsdale Hall, starting at 4 p.m. Church family is invited.
 - **June 17** - VBS starts at Merrell.
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KNOW YOUR CHURCH

The General Conference 2020 will be held this year 2024. The 2024 United Methodist General Conference will be held April 23 – May 3, 2024, at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.



The General Conference is the highest decision body and sets the vision and direction for the United Methodist Church. This body normally meets every four years but a series of events inclusive of the 2020 pandemic and the disaffiliations pushed this meeting back to this time. This is a world church with delegates from North America, the Philippines, Europe, and Africa. The General Conference will have 862 voting delegates where half will be clergy and half lay. Bishops preside at the General Conference but have no votes.

Among the matters to be considered will be appointments of Bishops, the establishment of four regional conferences, and revisions to the Book of Discipline.

Opportunities In Community

- The Thrift Shop needs volunteers to serve the community from Wednesdays to Saturdays. Contact Daphne Issacs or contact the church office.
 - Feeding Program welcomes your gift of time and work to serve our community every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Contact Sis. Matha Royes
 - We invite you to use your singing talent for God as part of the Praise Team or in the Choir. Contact the office, Bro. Trotman or the Pastor. Come sing and bless the Lord.
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Tell us of your changes or needs

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