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Family with you today:

Please check if you are:
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Prayer Requests:

Would you like your prayer request to be published in our bulletin?
 Yes No

I would like information about:
Please mark all that apply
 Homeless Ministry
 Music Ministry
 Small Groups
 Chapels
 Other: _____

Christmas Eve Volunteer Opportunity:

Please sign up to help with our Christmas Even meal prep and distribution.

Christmas Eve Meal Prep 7am-9am

PRAYER REQUESTS

Re-Development Plans: Continued prayers for the leadership and members of our church as we continue to vision and plan a new space.

Linda Von Cannon

Karla Cortada

Lloyd Levy

Opal Winebrenner

Harley Sanders

Kingsley Rattigan

Sheila Jackson

The Baggesen Family

Osneir Coffie

Lolita & Jerry Turner

Alex Roberge

Lyn Rondiak

Enid Campbell & Family

UPCOMING DATES

Branches Toy Drive Ends

Today

Parent Afternoon out

Today 12pm-4pm

Church Christmas Party

December 18th, 6:30-8:30pm

Messiah Sing-A-Long

December 21st, 7pm (rehearsal)

December 22nd, 7pm (show)

Breakfast with Santa and Bake Sale

December 23rd, 9:30-12:30pm

Christmas Eve Meal Volunteer

December 24th, 7am at Greater

Bethel AME

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th

Music: 4:30pm

Service: 5:00pm

MLK Youth Day of Service

January 15, 2024 at 6:30am

Loving God with ALL our.....

Heart

Kayaking Chapel: Join us at St. John's on the Lake for fellowship and kayaking through the canals of Miami Beach. Stay tuned for our next event happening in 2024!

Brunch Chapel: Stay tuned for our next event happening in 2024!

Yoga Chapel: We are currently sponsoring Yoga in the Park at Bayfront park each Thursday at 6pm. Come join us for a free yoga class and meet some of our downtown neighbors.

Young Adult's Chapel: Young adults will meet bi-monthly for social events. Please contact Amber at (704) 578-6128 or programs @firstchurchmiami.org to be added to the WhatsApp or if you have any questions.

Soul

English Service: 11:00am at St. John's on the Lake UMC
8:30am Early service coming back Downtown this fall!

Portuguese Service: 6:00pm at St. John's on the Lake UMC

Mind

Bible Study Small Group (Virtual): Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Leader: Pastor Audrey Warren. Please contact Pastor Audrey for Zoom link.

LGBTQ+ Small Group (In-person): Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Leader: Pastor Kipp Nelson. Join us at St. John's on the Lake each week for community time and fellowship. Will resume on January 9th 2024!

Young Adult Small Group (In-person): Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Leader: Amber Kupfer. Join a group of diverse young adults every week at the Elser Hotel for dinner and discussions.

Motivation Monday(MoMo) (Virtual): Mondays at 8:30pm. Leader: Gerard Ortega. Join us in reading and discussing inspirational books to grow your faith and spirituality.

CAFE Small Group (In-person): Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Leader: Pastor Marvel Souza and Raphael Lira. Join other Portuguese speakers at the Elser Hotel and Residences for discussions about life and faith. We will resume January 24, 2024!

Youth Group: Youth Group will resume in 2024!

Strength

Breakfast Club: Join us each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday morning at 6am to volunteer with our breakfast club ministry. Please email Elizabeth to get more information, breakfastclub@firstchurchmiami.org.

Donation Station: For the month of December we are collecting Blankets. Follow the QR code here to purchase from Amazon and have delivered to our church. You can also purchase and bring your donation to church on Sunday.



December 17, 2023

Faithful Response

Rev. Dr. Simon Osunlana

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GET INVOLVED!

Language Courses

Are you looking to learn a new language? Join our free language courses for beginners! These courses are designed exclusively for those aged 16 and up who reside in Miami. Our next session will begin January 17th, 2024.

That's Why We Pray Daily Podcast

Prayer has been a powerful witness in the lives of many in our congregation. Daily prayer and devotion can draw us closer to God, change our mindset, bring peace, nurture our mental health and give us the power and strength to live these beautiful, scary, and mysterious lives we lead. Based on the book Words to Live By, this daily devotion podcast will give you a word to ponder each day. Each day there will be a short podcast devotion read by the monthly writer found in our book. We pray this will uplift you!

South Africa Adopt-A-Bed

Hillcrest AIDS Centre has an "Adopt a Bed" program. Our team is hoping to raise funds to adopt three beds for a year. The cost of a bed is \$5500. We are \$2000.00 away from our goal. This provides meds and foods and nursing staff for a patient for one year.



South Africa Adopt-A-Bed

Breakfast with Santa and Bake Sale

Come and enjoy breakfast, games and crafts to celebrate the upcoming holiday on December 23rd, 9:30am-12:30pm. Santa will be there for pictures, stories, and tricks for the kids for 2 hours. We will also be having a Bake Sale to help raise funds for our Youth Mission Trip. Please reach out to Amber at programs@firstchurchmiami.org if you would like to make a baked good or monetary donation. Sign up on the app to attend!

Christmas Eve Meal Volunteer Opportunity: Join us as we help prepare and serve a special meal for our unhoused friends in downtown Miami at 7am-9am. Nothing helps get you in the Christmas spirit more so than holiday food and community. Help us give back this holiday season and spread some Christmas cheer at a special version of the Breakfast Club. Santa may even stop by to see everyone. Sign up on the App to attend!



Christmas Eve Meal Volunteer

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2023

Our Christmas Eve service will begin at 4:30pm with an arrangement of music and our worship service will begin at 5pm. We hope you will join us for this special occasion!

GIVE ONLINE

DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Scan one of the QR codes below to give to First Church Miami and St. John's on the Lake UMC

Scan the QR codes below to download our new Church apps to your device!



First Church Miami



St. John's on the Lake



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St. John's on the Lake

Our Worship Celebration

** We invite everyone to rise (as you are able) during these times
Childcare is available for children 5th grade and under 10:30am-12:30pm*

Music for Gathering

Prelude Con Mi Burrito Sabanero

Welcome

Opening Hymn People, Look East UMH 202

Call to Worship

Light of the world, come down to us.

Abide with us.

May we feel Your presence in our waiting.

Abide with us.

May we each be strengthened in Your light.

Abide with us.

May we each find hope in Your coming.

Abide with us.

Oh mighty joy of Heaven, fill the earth.

Abide with us.

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel.

Abide with us. Amen.

Affirmation of Who We Are

***Song of Praise** Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Announcements

Advent Candle Reading and Lighting Lindsay & Valentina

Sacred Reading Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)

Children's Message Amber Kupfer

Sermon "Faithful Response" Rev. Dr. Simon Osunlana

Offertory Light of the World

***Doxology** Tune: UMH 94

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196

Benediction

Music for Going Out

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