

Our Mission

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
by loving God, loving people, engaging our world, and growing in faith.*

Worship Services

Contemporary - Sundays at 9:30am in the fellowship hall

Traditional - Sundays at 10:45am in the sanctuary

Church Staff

Pastor: Bailey Schreiner

Office Manager: Margaret & Dawn

Children's Center: Linda Stafford

Music Director: Mike Goodlet-Meijer

Accompanist: Rob Nicholson

Drummer: Woody Bond

Custodian: Joe Issa

Meet with the Pastor

Pastor Bailey is available by appointment.

Email: pastorbaileyschreiner@gmail.com

Phone: (727) 710-2493

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs from 9am to 1pm

408 Limona Rd, Brandon, FL 33510

limonavillagechapelumc@gmail.com

(813) 689-8385

Leadership Team

Lay Leader: Beth Pinson

Leadership Chair: Angela Dionne

Love God: Sharon Sharp

Love People: Anni Blenke

Engage Our World: Angela Dionne

Grow in Faith: Beth Pinson

Finance: Barb Hart

Board of Trustees: Dean Uno

SPRC: Angela Dionne

Cemetery Association: Tim Ward

Children's Center: Tim Ward

Campus Ministries: Andrew Ward

Children's Home: Helena Pimentel

Let's Connect - Check out our website at limonavillagechapel.com. We're on Facebook and Instagram, and we livestream all of our worship services on YouTube. You can fill out a digital connect card by going to bit.ly/lvc-connect.

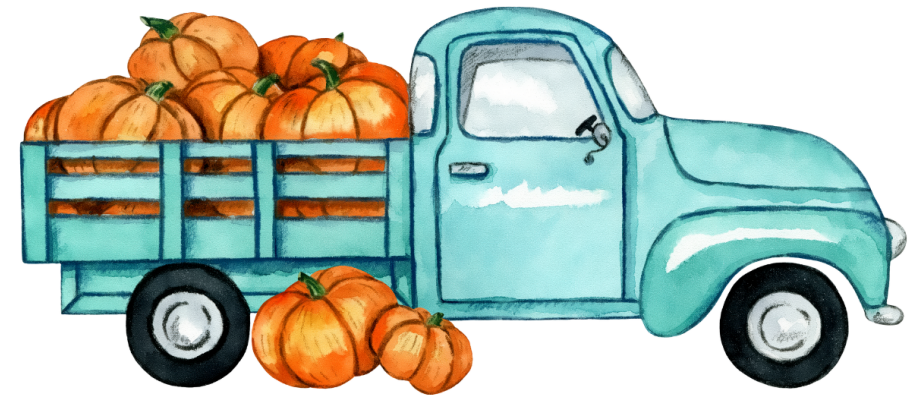
Your Generosity Matters - If you'd like to invest in what God is doing at Limona Village Chapel, we invite you to share your financial gifts with the church. Your gifts support our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You can give in-person on Sunday or online at bit.ly/lvc-give.

Glad Tidings is a monthly newsletter published by Limona Village Chapel United Methodist Church to help the church and our community discover opportunities to embody our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Glad Tidings

Monthly Newsletter



October 2023

Pastor Bailey's Corner

Hey friend,

World Communion Sunday is a special day in our church calendar. It falls on the first Sunday of October every year, and it's a great opportunity for us to see and celebrate the diverse and beautiful ways in which God speaks to people across the world. On this World Communion Sunday, we shared these words of meditation with you. They come from the apostle Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus. He writes:

“Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.” (Ephesians 4:2-6)

These words of meditation lead me to reflect on a few questions:

- 1) How can I conduct myself with “humility, gentleness, and patience”?
- 2) Is there someone in my life who I need to “accept with love”?
- 3) How can I “make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit”?

Unity is hard, isn't it? It takes work. The world tempts us to grow less connected, more divided, and more polarized - but God seems to be much more interested in words like *one* and *unity* and *all*. These words fill my heart with hope!

Will you help us remain united with our sister church in Cuba? Our pumpkin patch is opening later this month, and the profits will be used to support San Pablo de Yao, led by Pastor Juan. We could use your help to unload the pumpkins on October 14 and to volunteer at the patch from October 15-31. You can find more information about these great volunteer opportunities in this newsletter. I hope to see you there!

Grace & peace,

Pastor Bailey

Can you find these LVC words?

G	A	O	C	N	E	R	D	L	I	H	C	C	H
L	S	E	R	M	O	N	V	U	L	R	C	N	T
O	H	C	R	U	H	C	R	E	N	N	I	D	U
O	A	R	P	R	A	I	S	E	B	A	N	D	O
H	C	L	O	V	E	P	E	O	P	L	E	T	Y
C	L	H	O	E	D	R	M	I	R	C	A	M	P
S	R	T	R	A	D	I	T	I	O	N	A	L	P
E	R	I	B	I	B	L	E	L	C	J	R	E	I
R	E	O	T	W	S	A	N	A	S	E	I	D	H
P	N	C	E	M	E	T	E	R	Y	S	R	I	S
S	E	N	I	O	R	S	I	T	E	U	I	L	R
L	O	V	E	G	O	D	U	A	O	S	D	A	O
O	C	H	O	I	R	E	R	N	N	I	O	O	W
E	N	G	A	G	E	O	U	R	W	O	R	L	D

JESUS
BIBLE
CHOIR
SERMON
PRAISE BAND
LOVE GOD
CEMETERY
SENIORS
WORSHIP

CAMP
LOVE PEOPLE
YOUTH
CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL
ENGAGE OUR WORLD
DINNER CHURCH
CHILDREN
TRADITIONAL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Scott Stafford (10/1), Nathan Blenke (10/6), Hannah Stutzman (10/7), Karen Stutzman (10/13), Robb Allen (10/15), Jonah Pinson (10/20), Barb Hart (10/21)

Anniversaries: Dawn & Rich Firestine (10/4)

Prayer Requests & Praises

Church Family and Friends: Kenny Luster, Helena Pimentel, Brian Holler, Sally Bartholomew, Larry Smith, Aaron Crawford, Earl Taylor, Ray Harris, Blenke Family, Kim Milmine, Tim Crouch, Richard England, Nick Pearsall, Ron Coopridier, Gina Fino

Shut-ins: Sandy & Dick Roberts, Lois Aszman, Inge Ryals, Loretta Nowlen

Groups: Civil Air Patrol, Brandon Youth Theater, Girl Scout Troops 546 & 3222, All Pro Dad, Fellowship of Christian Students (BHS), Newsome HS Chorus, Blake HS Chorus, Plant City Community Chorale, LVC Children's Center

LVC Bus Campaign Update

Can you believe it? So far, we have raised \$19,200 toward our goal of \$30k for the LVC Bus Campaign. This summer, we used the bus to bring youth to camp at Warren Willis and have a day of fun at Adventure Island. We used it for a fellowship trip to a baseball game, and we used it to make our first Pack a Sack delivery of the new school year. Our LVC Children's Center uses the bus every day (Monday to Friday) to pick up children from Limona Elementary School for our after-school program. Now, we are seeking opportunities to use the bus to reach our senior adults who struggle with mobility and transportation challenges. Thank you for your generous gift!

United Methodist News

Abound in Hope Webinar Our bishop, Rev. Tom Berlin, invites you to participate in a Fall Webinar for all Florida United Methodists on Tuesday, October 24 at 7pm on Zoom. Bishop Berlin will reflect on what it means to “abound in hope” in this season of ministry, and he will share a message that will include an update on some important things that are happening around the Florida Conference. You’ll have a chance to ask questions via the Q&A webinar function, and Bishop Berlin will respond to as many questions as time allows. We will gather for an hour. Join the gathering at bit.ly/flumc-webinar.

The Pope Meets John Wesley Pope Francis, head of the Roman Catholic Church, came “face to bobblehead” with John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement. During a general audience at St. Peter’s Square, he was given a John Wesley bobblehead by Ashley Boggan D., top executive of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History. She says that the gift made him smile and laugh. Read the story at bit.ly/jw-pope.



This Month at LVC (p.1)

Coffee with the Pastor If you’re new here, welcome! As you get settled in, our pastor would enjoy the chance to get to know you and help you get plugged into the church. If you’d like to have coffee (or hot chocolate!) with Pastor Bailey, please leave us a note on your connect card or send him a text at 727-710-2493.

Children’s Ministry Pastor Bailey, Dawn Firestine, and Scott Stafford are working on some creative ideas to help our children participate more fully in worship on Sunday morning: egg shakers (for making music), colorful scarves (for dancing), silicon pop-its (for fidgeting), sermon-relevant coloring pages, and more object lessons. If you have an idea to contribute, let someone know! Jesus loves kids, and so do we!

Youth Group We believe that youth should have a safe place to ask big questions, explore their faith, and grow in their relationships with God and each other. If you’re in middle school or high school, join us in the youth room (in the Mook building) every Sunday from 6-7:30pm for an evening full of good food, crazy games, and Bible Study.

Senior Adult Lunch Each month, we invite our senior adults to gather for a time of fellowship at the Senior Adult Lunch. Our next gathering is on Wednesday, October 11 at 1pm at the Village Inn on W Lumsden Rd. We’ll have a devotional, connect with Pastor Bailey, and enjoy a free slice of pie after the meal. We hope to see you there!

Join a Small Group If you want to find community and grow in faith, joining a small group is the way to go. We have several groups to choose from! Please call or text Beth Pinson at 813-389-9641 to learn more and get plugged into a small group. Also, if you feel led to start a new small group, we have some resources available for you!

What Music Do YOU Love? Is there a hymn or two that you would love to sing more often? Is there a story you would like to share about why it is special to you? If so, please email music@limonavillagechapel.com or drop a note at Mike Goodlet-Meijer’s desk or in his mailbox (labeled “Music Director”) in the lobby.

Handbell Choir Weekly rehearsals for the handbell choir will resume on Wednesday, November 1 from 7:30-8:30pm in the sanctuary. Whether you’ve played before or you are interested in trying for the first time, we want YOU! We will play during the holiday season, including Cantata Sunday (December 10). Come and join the fun!

This Month at LVC (p.2)

Church Conference Once a year, we invite all members of the church to join us for a Church Conference to conduct some official business of the church together, such as electing leaders and approving the pastor's salary for the upcoming year. This year, our Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 8 from 4-5pm at St. Andrew's UMC, with Rev. Jayne Rideout presiding. Also, you are invited to a fellowship hour from 5-6pm. No registration is required to attend.

Laity Sunday MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Join us on Sunday, October 29 at 10am in the fellowship hall for a single combined worship service with our praise band and our sanctuary choir. You'll read scripture readings and reflections from our Ministry Team Leaders, and we'll welcome some new members to the church. After the service, you're invited to join us for a potluck. Bring a dish to share. It's going to be awesome!

Equal Exchange Did you know that we partner with Equal Exchange to sell organic coffee, tea, nuts, olive oil, and chocolate on the second Sunday of each month? Equal Exchange is a worker-owned cooperative that partners with small farmers around the world to give them a fair price for their goods. It empowers small farmers to break the cycle of poverty, and it discourages child labor. Swing by the table and check out our items! You can reach Sharon Barger at 813-468-2195 or brandon1949@live.com.

LVC Weekly Updates Did you know that we have a weekly newsletter? It's published once a week, and it's delivered straight to your email! Stay up to date on what's going on at Limona Village Chapel by scanning the QR code to the right. You can also go to limonavillagechapel.com and sign up at the bottom of the page.



Pumpkin Patch: Volunteers Needed!

We're so excited for the pumpkin patch! The patch will be open daily from October 15-31. We rely on volunteers to keep the patch open, so please sign up for a two-hour shift. You can sign up at the Welcome Table, by calling the church office, or by going to bit.ly/lvc-patch-2023. All profits from the pumpkin patch will support our sister church in Cuba: San Pablo de Yao, led by Pastor Juan Arrechea Alarcon.

God Sightings at LVC

A Shiny Steeple Wow! Let's give a big THANK YOU to SHINE for pressure washing the sidewalks, gutters, and steeple around the sanctuary and fellowship hall. They did all of this work for free! Jim Clark (the owner) said it right: "God's house should shine!" Thank you to Jim and Dejuan for sharing your gifts with the church.



Prayer Circle at Brandon High School Did you know that we started a Prayer Circle for the faculty and staff at Brandon High School? It's happening every Wednesday morning from 7:45-8:15 in the Wellness Room! On Sept. 27, we joined the FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students) for See You at the Pole, where we circled up for a time of prayer around the school's flagpole. Are you called to share the gift of prayer in school? Let us know!



LVC Children's Center Have you heard about the LVC Children's Center? We offer preschool, VPK, and after-school care programs Monday through Friday at the church! We see God at work in the love, care, and compassion of our teachers. We give thanks for the servant-hearted leadership of Linda Stafford (director), and we give thanks for Pastor Bailey, who welcomes our preschoolers into the sanctuary for Chapel Time every other week. Praise be to God!



A New Piano We give a huge THANK YOU to Heather, Tim, and Andrew Ward; Scott Stafford; Chip Nichols; Dean and Phil Uno; and Harvard Jones for giving their time and muscle to get our newly donated piano into the sanctuary! We'd been hobbling along with the older piano and were offered a newer, better piano IF we could get it moved. These folks came to the rescue! Heather spent hours coordinating the move, and they all gave three hours of a Saturday to get it done. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Do you have a God Sighting? God is present and at work in our everyday lives, so we want to encourage you to share your God Sightings with us! Whether you find the presence of God in the gift of a cup of coffee in the morning or in the ducks that walk by your house every day, we want to hear your story! If you have a God Sighting to share, we would love to feature it in our monthly newsletter. To submit a God Sighting for next month's newsletter, please send it to limonavillagechapelumc@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat: Volunteers Needed!

Candy! Costumes! Community! Join us for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28 from 4:30-6:30pm on the front lawn. We'll have free food (hot dogs, chips, popcorn, snow cones) and lots of candy for the kids. We're asking for donations of BULK candy (no chocolate, please!) during the month of October. We're also asking for volunteers to decorate a trunk, hand out candy, and help with setup, serving food, and tear down. Check the box on your connect card to sign up!

Multiply: Unleashing God's Gifts

In the first chapter of the first book of the Bible (Genesis), God's first word to humanity is this: "Be fruitful and multiply!" When the world is focused on subtraction and division, God calls us to *multiply*! Are you ready to unleash God's gifts? In this sermon series, launching October 22, we're talking about the five gifts that every person can share with God. Each Sunday, you'll hear a testimony from someone who shared their gifts with God! Check out these upcoming sermons:

October 22 - Multiply Prayer: Hezekiah
October 29 - LAITY SUNDAY (combined service)
November 5 - Multiply Presence: Mary and Martha
November 12 - Multiply Gifts: The Woman with Perfume
November 19 - Multiply Service: Washing Feet
November 26 - Multiply Witness: Philip and the Eunuch

Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming Events

Ministry Retreat - Saturday, October 7 from 9am-12pm in the fellowship hall
Church Conference - Sunday, October 8 from 4-5pm at St. Andrew's UMC
Pumpkin Delivery - Saturday, October 14 at 9am on the front lawn
Pumpkin Patch - October 15-31 from 11am to 7pm on the front lawn
Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 28 from 4:30-6:30pm on the front lawn
Laity Sunday - Sunday, October 29 at 10am in the fellowship hall

LVC Ministry Retreat - Saturday, October 7

Are you ready to learn more about what God is doing at Limona Village Chapel? You're invited to join us at the LVC Ministry Retreat on Saturday, October 7 from 9am to 12pm in the fellowship hall. Whether you're new to the church or a lifelong follower of Jesus, the LVC Ministry Retreat is a great opportunity to connect with God, connect with each other, and learn more about the church. Breakfast will be provided!

We'll begin with a time of worship and prayer, then Pastor Bailey and our lay leader, Beth Pinson, will lead us in some spiritual practices and discussion as a group. At this retreat, we'll focus on dreaming about the future, identifying some goals for the church, and putting our trust in God. Our passage for the day is Proverbs 3:5-10, which says:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence. Know him in all your paths, and he will keep your ways straight. Don't consider yourself wise. Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Then your body will be healthy and your bones strengthened. Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first of all your crops. Then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will burst with wine."

At the Ministry Retreat, you'll learn about our four ministry teams: Love God (worship), Love People (congregational care), Engage Our World (evangelism) and Grow in Faith (small groups). You'll be invited to connect with a team, learn more about what they do, and discover some ways to use your gifts for the kingdom!

As we prepare for the retreat, we want to hear from you! We're inviting the whole church to participate in a short four-question survey. It should take no more than ten minutes, and we'll use your responses to help us identify some goals for the church. Copies of the survey will be handed out in worship. The survey will also be available for you to complete online at bit.ly/lvc-survey-2023.

LVC Calendar - October 2023

A full version of the church calendar is available at limonavillagechapel.com/calendar

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
9:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Traditional Worship 12:00pm Half Truths Bible Study 6pm Q&A Gathering NO YOUTH GROUP	1	6pm Civil Air Patrol (FH)	2	7pm Finance Meeting	3	7:45am Prayer Circle @ BHS 6pm Dinner Church 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	4	5:30pm Brandon Youth Theater 7pm Ward Bible Study 7pm Pinson Bible Study	5		6	9am-12pm Ministry Retreat	7
	8		9		10		11		12		13		14
9:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Traditional Worship 12:00pm Half Truths Bible Study 4-5pm Church Conference 6pm Youth Group		6pm Civil Air Patrol (FH)		6:30pm Board of Trustees (CR) 7pm Leadership Meeting (CR)		7:45am Prayer Circle @ BHS 1pm Senior Adult Lunch 6pm Dinner Church 6pm Paulus Bible Study 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Practice		5:30pm Brandon Youth Theater 7pm Ward Bible Study 7pm Pinson Bible Study				9am Pumpkin Delivery	
PUMPKIN PATCH	15	PUMPKIN PATCH	16	PUMPKIN PATCH	17	PUMPKIN PATCH	18	PUMPKIN PATCH	19	PUMPKIN PATCH	20	PUMPKIN PATCH	21
9:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Traditional Worship 12:00pm Half Truths Bible Study 6pm LVC Youth		6pm Civil Air Patrol (FH)				7:45am Prayer Circle @ BHS 6pm Dinner Church 6pm Paulus Bible Study 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Practice		5:30pm Brandon Youth Theater 7pm Ward Bible Study 7pm Pinson Bible Study				BHS Band Field Day	
PUMPKIN PATCH	22	PUMPKIN PATCH	23	PUMPKIN PATCH	24	PUMPKIN PATCH	25	PUMPKIN PATCH	26	PUMPKIN PATCH	27	PUMPKIN PATCH	28
9:30am Contemporary Worship 10:45am Traditional Worship 6pm LVC Youth		6pm Civil Air Patrol (FH)				7:45am Prayer Circle @ BHS 6pm Dinner Church 6pm Paulus Bible Study 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Practice		5:30pm Brandon Youth Theater 7pm Ward Bible Study 7pm Pinson Bible Study				4:30-6:30pm Trunk or Treat	
PUMPKIN PATCH	29	PUMPKIN PATCH	30	PUMPKIN PATCH	31								
10am Laity Sunday Combined Worship Service 6pm LVC Youth		6pm Civil Air Patrol (FH)											

S = sanctuary FH = fellowship hall CR= conference room