

# The Sunday News for



**“Proclaiming Christ . . . Transforming Lives . . . Building Community . . .” Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017**

## **WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP!**

We are thrilled you have joined us for worship today! Whether you're a first-time guest, a regular attender or an active member, we are blessed that you've joined us. We ask that members and regular attenders use name tags that are at the main entrance. We ask that everyone else and anyone needing to make changes/prayers requests, take the time to complete the **BLUE WELCOME CARD** provided for you today. If this is your first time worshipping with us today, please hold on to your welcome card. We would like you to meet with a member of the Pastoral staff at the end of service. They have a gift they would like to give to you. Otherwise, please place the card in the offering basket.

**Thank you and God Bless!**

## **Winter Revival---January 14-15, 2017**

**Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing**

**The Rev. Terri-Steed Pierce**

**Senior Pastor, Joy MCC, Orlando FL**

During the early hours of Sunday, June 12, 2016, the worst mass shooting on US soil took place at The Pulse, a popular LGBTI nightclub in Orlando, FL. Before the shooting ended 49 mostly young men and women including the shooter were dead and even more were wounded physically and emotionally. Into that chaos, tragedy and hopelessness, Rev. Steed-Pierce her congregation and ministry team spoke and gave living witness to our message of hope and God's inclusive love. As MCC congregations have done through our 48 year history Joy MCC ministered to a wounded community at its darkest hour.

We will begin our weekend with a focus session where pastor Steed-Pierce will share the lessons learned in ministering into crisis and despair. Later that evening we will have a public screening of the film "Upstairs Inferno" which tells the story of an arson fire in a gay bar in New Orleans in an earlier era during which over 30 people lost their lives including the pastor, assistant pastor and many members of Vieux Carre MCC. Then, as in Orlando, MCC led the caring response and provided a public voice and pastoral presence to their grief.

Rev. Steed Pierce will also preach God's Word at three services, one Saturday and two Sunday morning.

## **Winter Revival Schedule**

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Responding to Crisis and Despair	4:00 pm
Lessons from the Pulse Massacre from the Ministry of Joy MCC	
Dinner Hour	5:00 pm
Revival Service with Rev. Steed Pierce	6:00 pm
Movie: Upstairs Inferno	8:00 pm

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Jubilation Service with Rev. Steed Pierce	9:00 am
Celebration Service with Rev. Steed Pierce	11:00 am
Potluck Lunch	After 11 Service
Rev. Steed Pierce will preach at both services.	

## **Budget & Attendance: December 25, 2016**

### General Fund

Weekly Budgeted Needs	\$4,465.00
T/O Received	\$ 700.00
Difference	\$3,765.00
Total Giving (Last Week)	\$ 705.00

### Highlights of Special Giving

Passing The Hat	\$ 5.00
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### Attendance

<b>Wednesday, December 21</b>	
7:00 pm	24
<b>Sunday, December 25</b>	
10:00 am	16

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For The Week of January 1<sup>st</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Combined New Year Service 10:00 am  
Wed., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Potter's Hour Mid-Week Service 7:00 pm

### Future Events Dates

January 14, 2017 Winter Revival  
Responding to Crisis 4:00 pm  
Revival Service 6:00 pm  
Movie: Upstairs Inferno 8:00 pm  
January 15, 2017 Revival Jubilation Service 9:00 am  
Tool Time at Ten 10:00 am  
Revival Celebration Service 11:00 am  
Revival Potluck After 11 Service  
January 17, 2017 Tuesday Night Bible Study Returns 6:30 pm  
January 29, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting After 11 Service

## Tuesday Night Bible Study The Bible and Human Sexuality

Pastor David will be leading a "Tuesday Twofor" Study on Tuesdays, January 17 and 24 at 6:30 pm. If you like, you can bring your dinner and eat with us at 6:00 pm. In this age when very few people can quote any portion of the Bible it is amazing how many people will tell you that the Bible condemns certain sexualities and sexual expressions. Come hear some surprising news as we study God's word together. Sign up today.

## Board of Directors Notes

The following actions were taken at the recent Board of Directors meeting on December 4, 2016:

- Received reports from the Clerk, the Interim Treasurer, and the Interim Pastor
- Discussed the creation of the Pastor Search Committee
- Scheduled special offerings for the month of January.
- Began reviewing the 2017 Calendar

If you have any questions, please see a member of the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Unless otherwise noted, BOD meetings are open to all.

## Tool Time @ Ten

Tool Time is studying "The Spiritual Guide" by Michael Molinos. It is the most despised, suppressed and feared book in the history of Christian Literature. It is also a spiritual classic!

*"Anyone found in possession of this book will be excommunicated." – Papal Decree 1687*

Books can be purchased on line new or used or a pdf can be downloaded for free. All are welcome for discussion.

**Please note: Tool Time does not Meet on Friends and Family Sundays**

## Change 4 Change Schedule

The following are the collection dates for Change 4 Change as well as the benefitting ministry or local organization.

January 1 & 8 Church Revival Expenses  
February 5 Lunchboxes of Love

## Find Out What Membership Class Means at St. John's MCC

A Membership Inquirers Class will be offered on a Saturday in late January from 10 AM until 2 PM. This class is a prerequisite for becoming a member at St. John's and for reaffiliating for former members. It also is an opportunity for members find out more about your church and the movement we are a part of. If you are interested in attending a class please see Pastor David or email him at [PastorDavid@StJohnsMCC.org](mailto:PastorDavid@StJohnsMCC.org). The exact date will be announced next week.

## Passing The Hat

The Passing of the Hat for Rev. Delores Berry offering will be taken up on January 22, 2017. The offering will return to the Third Sundays in February.

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