

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE



"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" - Psalm 27:13-14

Dear Friends,

I pray all of you are healthy in Body, Mind, and Spirit. May God bless you with love and joy in the week ahead!

Last Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending our District Gathering at First Church in Melbourne. It was great to reunite with old friends and make new ones. I even met a pastor who had also graduated from Drew Theological School in New Jersey! Now I'm one of TWO Drew grads in the Florida Annual Conference!

During the gathering, author Romal Tune, an ordained minister who now travels the world guiding audiences toward hope and healing, led us through a process of charting a

course forward in this time of uncertainty for our Church.

We opened with a game called "Pass the Penny." Keeping our eyes closed, we all tried to pass pennies, one hand to another, with the goal of each of us holding one penny at the end. Not as easy as it seemed!

Romal Tune likened the penny to our Great Commission: It is our divine calling as United Methodists to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Whatever our Denomination and Conference may look like in the coming years, whether larger or smaller, whether our center of gravity shifts to other continents, our calling as Christians will ever remain the same: To proclaim the life-changing, reality-shaping Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ to the world!

I am so blessed to serve our Lord alongside all of you for another year!

Let's continue to grow strong in our faith and share God's Love with all our neighbors on the Treasure Coast!

Remember to pass the penny!

"May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance." - Jude Anil

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