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Children's Home Dedicates Newly Renovated Roland Memorial Chapel

Enterprise, FL – The Roland Memorial Chapel was dedicated at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home after the completion of some renovations and upgrades. Originally constructed in 1978, the Roland Memorial Chapel has served as the sanctuary for youth living at the Children's Home, as well as a place for music and choir lessons, plays, youth group meetings, and other activities. It is also used by staff for team meetings.

Renovations to the sanctuary include an expanded stage area, new lighting and sound systems, and new flooring. Staff office space was also expanded and reconfigured to add functionality and allow staff to better serve the needs of the youth. Other renovations/improvements include an expanded music suite and updated recording studio. The entire project was funded through the generosity of donors.

The dedication ceremony was attended by members of the Children's Home Board of Trustees, project donors, Maritza Avila-Vazquez (Deltona City Commissioner), and Erika Benfield (Vice Mayor of Debary), as well as local clergy.

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For more information about the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, please contact Mark Cobia, Director of Marketing and Communications at 386.668.4774 or <u>mark.cobia@fumch.org</u>.

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was established in 1908 in Enterprise, Florida on the banks of Lake Monroe. The Madison Youth Ranch, a second residential location, was added in 2014 in North Florida. The Children's Home provides services to families and children from childhood to adulthood, and is accredited by COA (Council on Accreditation), EAGLE (a program of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries), and is a member of the Alliance for Children and Families. Our Residential Care Program provides care and a family style home for school-aged children who have been victimized by abuse, neglect or family trauma, and provides education, counseling, as well as recreation and ministry opportunities. The Children's Home also provides Foster Care, an Emergency Shelter, an Independent Living Program as well as a Montessori-based early childhood program to the public through In As Much. The Children's Home is supported through the generosity of churches with the United Methodist Florida Conference, individuals and legacy gifts. For more information, visit www.fumch.org.