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“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds...” *Hebrews 10:23-24a (NRSV)*

Given the turn that this year has taken, it might be easy to find reason for discouragement. Life can certainly bring moments that disorient us, even in “normal times,” making way for sadness and despair to take over if left unchecked. And yet, here at the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home, we can’t help but see reasons for hope, thanksgiving, and joy all around us.

Marcus has been with us a relatively short time, and he recently celebrated a birthday. During Sunday worship on his birthday, our Director of Pastoral Care – Rev. Madeline Luzinski – wished him Happy Birthday and asked how old he was. He shared that he was officially 16. He then said, “Miss, I never thought I would make it. I never thought I would be here.” He explained that for a while he wasn’t sure he would live to see his 16th birthday, and earlier this year he thought he would be spending his birthday in jail. Rev. Luzinski then said it sounded like he had quite a bit to be thankful for this year. He said he had so much to be thankful for, and that he was determined that his future would not look like his past.

Though we don’t know what the future holds for each of the children we serve, we know the One who holds the future. At the Children’s Home, we celebrate the hope of Christ that we get to witness each day. For children just like Marcus, they are coming to know a God who doesn’t define them by the things they have experienced. Rather, Jesus points them back to their identities as children of God. By supporting the Children’s Home, you are creating opportunities for children to encounter the steadfastness of God, the One who is truly faithful. No matter how difficult life gets, these children have reason to be thankful, for God is indeed good. Will you consider a special gift to the Children’s Home? You can **text “SPARK” to 50155** for quick and easy giving. You can also go to www.fumch.org and follow the “DONATE” button to support us that way. Thank you for making a difference!



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