

Mariner Sands Chapel Profile – December 2018

Mariner Sands is one of the few gated communities in Florida that features its own Chapel.

The Chapel is an integral part of our spiritual and community life, offering Sunday Protestant Worship services, enhanced with a variety of musical offerings by our Chapel choir, Chapel Bells, and guest musicians.

Our **Mission Statement** is “Our focus is to know Christ and to make Him known by our deeds and words through welcoming everyone, serving all, and building community.”

Our **Faith Statement** is “I believe that God has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, that God speaks through Scriptures and the Holy Spirit, that God has forgiven me my sins, that God is transforming and remaking me in Christ Jesus by His grace and my faith, and that God calls me to be an active member of the church so I may serve Him and others in His name by the empowering and sustaining work of the Spirit.”

A Catholic Mass is held on Saturday evening.

Ministries include various Bible studies, pastoral care, charitable support through benevolence ministry, shawl ministry, and “Fun Friday” activities designed to support residents with caregivers. In addition, the Chapel is home to a community library, art classes, and a multitude of cultural events.

The Chapel hosts memorial services, weddings, baptisms, and facilitates charitable events and community volunteer opportunities in and around Martin County.

A Memorial Garden is available for inurnment to all Mariner Sands residents and their families.

Current Membership: 239 members Average Attendance 110 (2016-2018)

Support Staff: Pastor, Parish Coordinator, Director of Music, and Organist.

Memorial Services: ~10

Weddings Performed: ~3

Baptism/Infant Dedications Performed: ~1

Physical Plant Status:

Main Sanctuary: 31 years old, built in 1986-1987 with 161 Charter Members

Major Improvements: 1992 South Chapel Addition 1997 Memorial Garden

Recent improvements: 2010 new roof 2013 new organ 2018 Impact windows installed

Financial Status:

We have successfully maintained a balanced annual budget of \$300,000 over the years. Our fiscal calendar year is 1/1 – 12/31.

Assets include the Chapel, Memorial Garden and parsonage.

There is a capital reserve fund set aside for future improvements.

The Memorial Garden is located next to the Chapel. We have a fiduciary responsibility for the Memorial Garden. There is an endowment fund of \$250,000 to secure the burial site in perpetuity. The parsonage is located within Mariner Sands.

The Chapel is financially healthy and the future is positive.