

## **MANDARIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY 2017**

All four of our pastors returned to Mandarin UMC for another year. Debbie McLeod, Jeff St. Clair, Will Wold and Mike Groos welcomed with the church members, pastor Anna D. Scharbo.

Anna Scharbo grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She holds a BA in English and Religious Studies from Florida State University and a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Pastor Scharbo has been commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the Florida Annual Conference. Internships were experienced at First UMC of Coral Springs, Florida and with Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church of Alexandria, Virginia providing ministry to an Elementary School as well as outreach to un-housed persons.

The position at Mandarin UMC will be as a "Minister in Residence" for the time period July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018. The salary and housing allowance comes as a grant from the Florida Annual Conference as part of a program to place pastors for one year in a vibrant congregation to benefit from effective lay and clergy leadership and ministries.

Anna's work will involve serving others through missions, days of service and our expanding outreach to the families of Crown Point Elementary School. Additional duties for the newest pastor will be participating in preaching, leading in worship and pastoral care.