

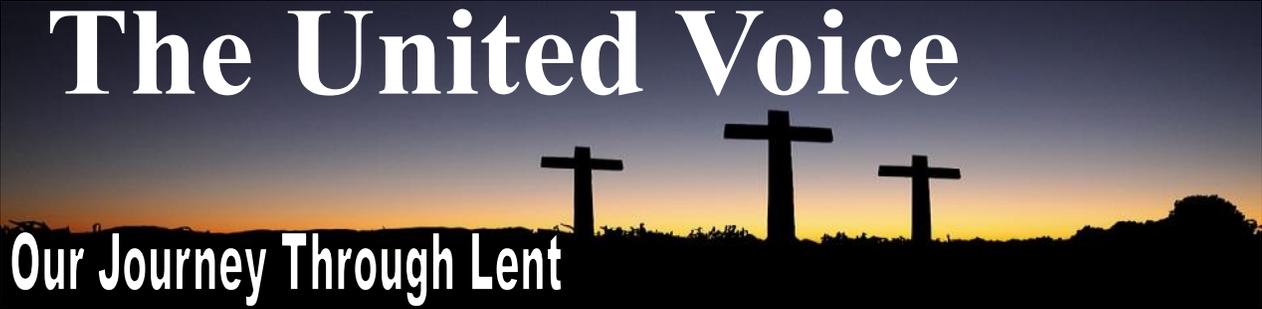
“Never place a period where God has placed a comma.”

- Gracie Allen



The United Voice

Our Journey Through Lent



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Our mission is to do justice, seek peace and love all as Christ loves.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Ones,

I had the best Valentine's Day EVER this year. Ron and I had an actual adventure! We went to the Doris Leeper Preserve, entering from a parking lot off of Pioneer Trail. We'd never been on these trails before. The map in the parking lot looked as though someone hurled a handful of spaghetti at the board. There were trails curling over and around one another. It was impossible to discern a clear route, so we just headed off on one trail. It was about 4:15 when we started.

We just followed our trail, which intersected with a myriad of other trails and worked our way up hills and down (there were actual small hills!!!) with multiple switchbacks curving back and forth. We found a cool little stream, lots of woods, moss, varied trees and no bugs! (It was blessedly cool enough to hold bugs back... and make me less worried about running into snakes.) It was all terrific, but as we walked and walked, it kept getting later. I would periodically give Ron updates on the ETA of sunset. He kept thinking one more switchback... or two... or three... Finally, the sun was actually setting, and we were two hours out from where we'd started. So, we turned around. My plan was to follow our trail back through the dark until we got back to the parking lot.

Ron had a different plan. He was sure that if we took one of the myriads of intersecting trails, we would have a short cut back. So, we kept wandering off on alternate trails. I had opinions. Ron had opinions. We had only the sketchiest ideas of where we might be. (I sort of figured we'd end up at Ginny Baker's house and ask someone to pick us up from there!) We were near a marsh, near Turnbull Bay... but not EXACTLY sure how to find our parking lot and Ron's truck. We found a "service trail" and that sounded promising for a connection with some recognizable place, so we followed that, but where we were was not becoming much clearer... woods and more woods! Dark and more dark! I did start to remember that Florida has panthers and bears...

Pastor's Message continued ...

Pastor's Message continued...

Then I remembered that I put a “find my phone” app on my phone because I keep losing my phone and I wanted someone to be able to tell me where it was (i.e. look at church... it's at your house... it seems to be at the Third Wave Restaurant!). So, I called Ronnie who has the app on her phone so she can help me find my phone (when I lose it for the zillionth time). I said, “Ronnie, look at my phone. Where am I?” She asked me to start moving so it would be easier to pinpoint where I was. (That was insulting, LOL!! I was currently moving as fast as I could in attempt to make the parking lot before it was total pitch black!) Apparently, I was not moving fast enough to register as moving. She thought we might be nearing the parking lot... Ronnie and Frances threatened to try to find us! But you can't find people in the woods with a car.

Just about then, we stumbled out to the dirt road we took into the parking lot. Ta da! We quickly made it back to the truck, so no rescue party was necessary. There was so much Grace in this wacko adventure. First, our Creator's natural world was such a gift to wander in for hours. Second, despite innumerable “short cuts” we eventually wound our way back to the original parking lot. Third, we had friends who were prepared to attempt to extract us from danger if that became necessary. Fourth, it was exciting to be somewhat lost for a while! But then FOUND! We were tired from our adventuring, so we had a celebratory dinner out!

There are a bazillion gifts that I can take for granted day after day. Having the ability to walk for hours and be no worse for wear is a gift! The natural world with trees, sunsets, and pleasant weather is a special delight here in Florida. Knowing folks who care enough to threaten a search party is a gift! Having a working cell phone to be able to call for the cavalry, another gift! Having a husband of almost 40 years with whom one can enjoy being lost... that's a gift! And laughing ourselves silly over an adventure run amok... a sense of humor, especially shared, is a powerful gift.

So, as we near the journey that is Lent, I am mindful of all these special gifts for the journey. Lent is a time for taking stock... for letting go of what is not necessary and of treasuring up what is precious. What does God invite you to notice thankfully? What does God nudge you to consider leaving behind? My prayer is that day by day we can journey together, helping each other. Just as Jesus called disciples closer to Himself and closer to each other, Christ calls us closer to Him *and closer to each other too*. This Lent let's remember, there are folks who will search the woods for us. We sit beside them every Sunday.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Diane



PLANNING A MEETING or EVENT?

**Please check with the office
to be sure that your date and
requested location are available!**



What Is Lent...



And Why Might I Care?

By Pastor Diane Langworthy

This year Lent begins March 6. **Our church will begin the observance of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Eve service on Tuesday, March 5, at 6 PM.** The season of Lent is signified through the use of the color purple in church and lasts for 40 days (ending the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday). The season of Lent does not “count” Sundays, which when the church gathers for Sunday worship, are always set apart from the season as mini-celebrations of the resurrection.

For many years protestant denominations did not commemorate Lent because it was deemed “too Catholic.” This bias held despite the fact that, as Christians, our faith *comes* to us through faithful Catholics from many generations...until the Protestant Reformation in the 1500’s.

It is also essential to remember that, for many thousands of years more, Jews carried our faith and rooted our souls in walking with the one true God. Lent is a perfect time to recall that Jesus, His mother, earthly father and all of His disciples and earliest followers were faithful Jews. It is a horrific distortion to suggest that the crucifixion was a crime “of the Jews”. Rather, the crucifixion is a stark reminder of the self-deceptive evil humans perpetrate when we refuse the transformative power of God’s infinite love. It is also a call to understand that evil does not win. Death does not defeat. Christ can redeem any life... even ours... even now. NOTHING can stop the power of God’s love to find and save us.

Lent is a time of remembering that Jesus, knowing the cross was ahead, walked knowingly to it for love of us... you and me... *really*. It is hard to take in that much love. We spend the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter trying to absorb this gift anew in a way that both challenges and changes us.

Some people “give up” something for Lent. Perhaps a recreational shopper decides to only enter a grocery store during this period. Perhaps folks choose a day or two during the week to fast or perhaps they give up desserts or alcohol. Some folks give up watching television or playing video games or online social networking (seriously... some people do this!). We make sacrifices of fairly mindless habits so that, instead, our hearts have triggers for remembering Jesus. We are able to pray thanks for His precious sacrifice every time we are about to engage in a typical habit and have to say no to ourselves. We say no to ourselves for a while to focus on our heart’s central YES.

Sometimes during Lent people add a spiritual discipline to their daily routine. A person might find a special time every day (maybe “lunch with God” or get up earlier... or...) to pray and/or read the Bible. **Someone might want to add a Lenten Study we will begin Tuesdays from 4-5 PM (especially if you can bring a non-churchgoer along!). We will be using the Lenten Devotional, “Forty Days of Doubt. Devotions for the Skeptic.”** Someone might want to add Bible study group Sunday before worship. Sometimes folks commit to doing some intentional kindness for a stranger or maybe even someone in their household every day. There are infinite possibilities. What we do during these forty days is to place intentional stepping stones in the stream of our daily living that bring us closer to the One Who calls.



ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for MARCH

March 1

Leviticus 24:1-25:46
Mark 10:13-31
Psalm 44:9-26
Proverbs 10:20-21

March 2

Leviticus 25:47-27:13
Mark 10:32-52
Psalm 45:1-17
Proverbs 10:22

March 3

Leviticus 27:14-Numbers 1:54
Mark 11:1-26
Psalm 46:1-11
Proverbs 10:23

March 4

Numbers 2:1-3:51
Mark 11:27-12:17
Psalm 47:1-9
Proverbs 10:24-25

March 5

Numbers 4:1-5:31
Mark 12:18-37
Psalm 48:1-14
Proverbs 10:26

March 6

Numbers 6:1-7:89
Mark 12:38-13:13
Psalm 49:1-20
Proverbs 10:27-28

March 7

Numbers 8:1-9:23
Mark 13:14-37
Psalm 50:1-23
Proverbs 10:29-30

March 8

Numbers 10:1-11:23
Mark 14:1-21
Psalm 51:1-19
Proverbs 10:31-32

March 9

Numbers 11:24-13:33
Mark 14:22-52
Psalm 52:1-9
Proverbs 11:1-3

March 10

Numbers 14:1-15:16
Mark 14:53-72
Psalm 53:1-6

March 11

Numbers 15:17-16:40
Mark 15:1-47
Psalm 54:1-7
Proverbs 11:5-6

March 12

Numbers 16:41-18:32
Mark 16:1-20
Psalm 55:1-23
Proverbs 11:7

March 13

Numbers 19:1-20:29
Luke 1:1-25
Psalm 56:1-13
Proverbs 11:8

March 14

Numbers 21:1-22:20
Luke 1:26-56
Psalm 57:1-11
Proverbs 11:9-11

March 15

Numbers 22:21-23:30
Luke 1:57-80
Psalm 58:1-11
Proverbs 11:12-13

March 16

Numbers 24:1-25:18
Luke 2:1-35
Psalm 59:1-17
Proverbs 11:14

March 17

Numbers 26:1-51
Luke 2:36-52
Psalm 60:1-12
Proverbs 11:15

March 18

Numbers 26:52-28:15
Luke 3:1-22
Psalm 61:1-8
Proverbs 11:16-17

March 19

Numbers 28:16-29:40
Luke 3:23-38
Psalm 62:1-12
Proverbs 11:18-19

March 20

Numbers 30:1-31:54
Luke 4:1-30
Psalm 63:1-11

March 21

Numbers 32:1-33:39
Luke 4:31-5:11
Psalm 64:1-10
Proverbs 11:22

March 22

Numbers 33:40-35:34
Luke 5:12-28
Psalm 65:1-13
Proverbs 11:23

March 23

Numbers 36:1-Deuteronomy 1:46
Luke 5:29-6:11
Psalm 66:1-20
Proverbs 11:24-26

March 24

Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29
Luke 6:12-38
Psalm 67:1-7
Proverbs 11:27

March 25

Deuteronomy 4:1-49
Luke 6:39-7:10
Psalm 68:1-18
Proverbs 11:28

March 26

Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25
Luke 7:11-35
Psalm 68:19-35
Proverbs 11:29-31

March 27

Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20
Luke 7:36-8:3
Psalm 69:1-18
Proverbs 12:1

March 28

Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22
Luke 8:4-21
Psalm 69:19-36
Proverbs 12:2-3

March 29

Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32
Luke 8:22-39
Psalm 70:1-5
Proverbs 12:4

March 30

Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23
Luke 8:40-9:6
Psalm 71:1-24
Proverbs 12:5-7

March 31

Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20
Luke 9:7-27
Psalm 72:1-20
Proverbs 12:8-9

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

DO YOU HAVE DOUBTS? PERFECT!

Join us Tuesdays from 4-5pm beginning Mar 12th (especially if you can bring a non-churchgoer along!). We will be using the Lenten Devotional, "Forty Days of Doubt: Devotions for the Skeptic."

One Year Bible

Please join Pastor Diane in the spiritual discipline of reading through the One Year Bible this year. This is a special way to hear God's call, experience God's wisdom and wrestle with what you "know" about God and how you really came to that understanding. What IS the Bible? How did it come to us? And what does it REALLY say...often that is different from what we'd assumed or heard. No one enters this discipline and comes away unchanged. Pastor Diane can help you find a new or used one-year Bible or you can use any Bible with a list of daily readings and four book marks. Pastor Diane would LOVE to help you make this work!

Worship ... Our Future

Photos by Diane Williams



Lent is countercultural. Our minds rebel at the idea of “giving something up” for Lent. Instead it’s common to encourage each other to ADD good habits, acts of kindness, new Bible studies, exercise, etc. Adding something is an easier call to hear. We add so much day after day. We buy stuff... so much stuff that closets, storage spaces and garages are overflowing. We are great at spending money. Advertising constantly reminds us of what we “deserve” ... the best coffee, the nicest cars, dinner out, faster internet, a bigger grill, another beer, more cookies, etc. We all have enticements that promise joy and satisfaction but tend to leave us sad, in debt, fat... or struggling under multiple unfortunate consequences.

GIVING UP!

By Pastor Diane Langworthy

The season of Lent, traditionally, resists the siren song of our culture. Lent is a call to abstinence. We might give up chocolate (dear Lord, is this possible?!). We might fast from Facebook or online games... how much time might that free up?! We might work to give up swear words or exceeding the speed limit when we drive. Key to Lenten spiritual discipline is finding ways to have, buy, eat, do, LESS. It is helpful to resist cultural pressure. Has something become a habit that doesn’t strengthen our ability to hear the still, small voice of God? In Lent, if we dare to relinquish the hold that mindless activities, shopping, or over indulgence of any kind can have on our hearts, we will find ourselves seeing Christ beside us more clearly.



An excellent way to try giving something up for Lent can be giving up money.... Seriously! Sadly, not too many of us, ever give tithing a meaningful attempt. For those of us who wonder how God will change our lives when we lean into stewardship with trust, Lent can be the perfect time to test out faithful giving. A tithe, biblically, is ten percent of our income. Some folks ask if this means net or gross income. Key is *starting somewhere* so net or gross... decide. And do it. When we give, not *left-over money*, but our “first fruits” ...at the beginning of the month, ten percent of our monthly income, we will discover that what we thought would be impossible becomes possible. God bubbles up and blesses our sacrifice. Lent is about sacrifice, about giving up, for real! And when we make a sacrifice, we change ourselves. We grow. In the space we clear by *giving up* we discover God. What if we DIDN’T spend money on _____ (fill in the blank with what you don’t need but fall into all the time!)?

At my last church an elderly woman on a small fixed income was upping her tithe (she was already a strong giver) during Lent. Her daughter was getting married and this woman was concerned about what she would wear to the wedding as “mother of the bride”. She had only ten dollars discretionary money after what she had set aside for giving. She told me, she was just going to wear what she had... a church dress, but nothing special. She was determined to follow through with her giving plan and she hoped her daughter wouldn’t mind. Then, the week before the wedding she happened to walk by a thrift store. There in the window, was a dress. It was beautiful, her color, and it looked like it might fit so she went inside, *just to see*. The dress was brand new, still with its tags on and it was her exact size. It was a very special designer dress and the price was ten dollars, exactly the discretionary money she had! She cried when she told me. If not for her decision to give up more, she never would have had cause to receive the perfect dress at the perfect time. Why are we so surprised when God is faithful?

So, what can you give up, not add, but give up? Giving up means creating an empty space in our lives, a place where Christ can come and walk beside us. Try it!

Faith Building Through Art

By Debby Hughes

The UCC community art project is underway, keep bringing in your trinkets, junk drawer items, things you can fit in your hand! Baskets are still located in the Narthex for collection items you may want to donate.

Everyone has an opportunity to be included in this piece, the photo below show some of the cabochons completed with names and or messages of our members and friends that will be included in the finished piece. These will add beauty and are tangible evidence of your participation.



If you would like to work on the assembly of the piece, below are the dates, times and location of when the group is meeting to build this piece of art representing our congregation. **Look for Debby Hughes in Community Hall after worship on Sundays through March 17th to add YOUR cabochon to our art piece ...you matter!**



WHERE?	Community Hall – Nursery School Room (1 st room on right in the hall)	
WHEN?	Monday 9-11am March 11, 18, 25 April 1, 8, 15	Friday 5-7pm March 8, 15, 22, 29 April 5, 12, 19
DO I NEED SUPPLIES?	All supplies will be provided. (See below!)	
WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?	Come in clothes you can get messy!	

yes, Yes, **YES** ...and way beyond!!

It was a VERY "FUN NIGHT"!

Photos by D. Williams, R. Sciuлло and A. Lewis



MARCH CHURCH Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
					Choir Practice @ 12pm - AA High 8pm - NSB AA Group	12pm - AA High
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00a 9am - Bible Study	12pm - AA High 4pm - Prayer	12pm - AA High 4pm - Lenten 6pm - Ash Wed 8pm - NSB AA Group	6:00p Worship 12pm - AA High	12pm - AA High 7pm - East Coast	Choir Practice @ 12pm - AA High 8pm - NSB AA Group	LEARN TO SIGN 12pm - AA High
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00a Daylight Saving 9am - Bible Study	9:00a Men's 12pm - AA High 4pm - Prayer	12pm - AA High 4pm - Lenten 8pm - NSB AA Group	12pm - AA High 7pm - Cancer	12pm - AA High	Choir Practice @ LifeLine Scr (8am- Mental Health 12pm - AA High 8pm - NSB AA Group	LEARN TO SIGN Mental Health 12pm - AA High
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00a St. Patrick's Day 9am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Dist 20 AA	12pm - AA High 2pm - Council 4pm - Prayer	12pm - AA High 4pm - Lenten 8pm - NSB AA Group	12pm - AA High	12pm - AA High	Choir Practice @ 12pm - AA High 8pm - NSB AA Group	LEARN TO SIGN THRIFT FASHION 12pm - AA High
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00a 9am - Bible Study	12pm - AA High 4pm - Prayer	12pm - AA High 4pm - Lenten 8pm - NSB AA Group	12pm - AA High	12pm - AA High	Choir Practice @ 12pm - AA High 8pm - NSB AA Group	HOT MEALS LEARN TO SIGN 12pm - AA High
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10:00a 9am - Bible Study						



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/04 Ron Langworthy
- 3/04 Dave LeBlanc
- 3/08 Catherine Baier
- 3/08 Loren Harmon
- 3/13 Susan Pezanowski
- 3/15 Marjorie Straborny
- 3/22 Wynn Davies
- 3/26 Frances Baker



MARCH EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	WHERE
Tues, Mar 5 th 6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Eve Distribution of Ashes	Sanctuary
Every Tues during Lent Mar 12 th –Apr 9 th 4:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study “Forty Days of Doubt: <i>Devotions for the Skeptic.</i> ”	Sanctuary
Sat, Mar 9 th 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Learn to Sign! (Session 1 of 4)	Community Hall
Friday, Mar 15 th 9:00 am–5:00 pm	Lifeline Screening Service Onsite Community-based preventive health screenings	Community Hall
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Mental Health First Aid (Session 1 of 2)	Sanctuary
Saturday, Mar 16 th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Mental Health First Aid (Session 2 of 2)	Sanctuary
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Learn to Sign! (Session 2 of 4)	Community Hall
Saturday, Mar 23 rd 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Thrift Store Fashion Show Luncheon **Tickets \$10–Available in Thrift Store**	Community Hall
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Learn to Sign! (Session 3 of 4)	Sanctuary
Saturday, Mar 30 th 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Learn to Sign! (Session 4 of 4)	Sanctuary
6:00 pm–9:00 pm	Dinner Under The Oaks Benefit: Fundraiser to benefit UCC NSB and Community Hot Meals–Tickets \$25 each or \$200 for Table of 8	Church Grounds

NEEDED! New Art Ministry Manager

Do you have an interest in art but are not necessarily skilled? With or without painting skill, you are needed to keep our paintings in order. For details call Linda Bishop at Majestic Oaks (386-775-2008 ext. 7105). You can also ask Pastor Diane any cursory questions. Linda has already listed and categorized the work she's already painted in a computer file. You would organize the new art and help with placement.

Learn Basic Sign Language

Have you ever thought you wanted to learn sign language?

Here is a great opportunity!

An introductory class lead by Debi Laibe will teach you the basics of American sign language.

The classes are FREE!!!

The entire class will be conducted in 4 two hour session, The sessions will held throughout the month of March on Saturday morning. The first session will be on March 9th, from 10am-Noon here at our United Church of Christ.

Participants are encouraged to take all **four classes:**
March 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Sign Language is a beautiful language and is really easy to learn. At the end of the class you'll be able to sign to the song "How Great Thou Art"

Please sign up!

There will be sign-up sheets at Community Hall.

Call Debi Laibe at 386-689-0084 with questions or concerns.



YOUR HEALTH: LIFELINE SCREENING

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke.

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

Sudden Numbness
Difficulty Speaking
Severe Dizziness
Loss of Coordination
Sudden Loss of Vision
Sudden Intense Headache
Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at our Church

Community Hall
9:00-4:00
Friday, March 15, 2019

Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

FASHION SHOW / LUNCHEON

CELEBRATING 9 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Saturday March 23, 2019 12:00 – 2:00pm

United Church of Christ Thrift Store

203 Washington Street New Smyrna Beach

\$10.00



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TODAY**

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For more info call

386-871-6328

Seating Limited

Dinner Under the Oaks

Please join us for an evening of good food,
live entertainment and fellowship to
raise funds for the
United Church of Christ, NSB
and the
Community Hot Meals Program.

**Saturday, March 30, 2019
6pm-9pm
United Church of Christ, NSB**

The dinner will include a four-course meal, dessert and one glass of wine. Entertainment will be the infamous MICHAEL T, with his soothing, easy listening music.

Tickets are \$25 per person or purchase a table of eight for \$200 in memory of a loved one or special event/occasion.

**Tickets will be available starting on March 1.
Seating is limited and tickets will NOT be sold at the door.**

To purchase tickets contact John Buchanan & Donnie Coleman at 386-410-5978 or Judi Jodoin at 606-794-6024.

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CHURCH COUNCIL

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 3, 2019

Sammie Hartwell, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Ronnie Sciullo, Council Secretary confirmed a quorum was present.

Gary Smith presented the budget. A motion to accept the budget presented by Finance was made (Cote/Dreggors).

The floor was opened to questions and discussion. Individuals having detailed questions not specific to presentation of the operating budget were asked to contact Gary Smith or attend the next Finance committee meeting.

Motions were made to accept the budget presented (Spencer/Buchanan) The budget passed with one nay and two abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Sciullo

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R****CHURCH COUNCIL****MEETING MINUTES**

February 18, 2019

Attendees:

Frances Baker-Thrift, John Buchanan-Outreach, Donnie Coleman-Outreach, Debby Hughes- Vice Moderator, Pastor Diane Langworthy, Alice Lewis-Christian Ed, Ronnie Sciullo-Secretary, Gary Smith-Finance, Gladys Starkey – Worship, George Smith-Property, Roc and Diane Williams – Worship/AV

Debby called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. welcoming. Pastor Diane offered communion.

Old Business:

- ◆ Prior month's minutes were presented for approval and motion to accept w/ one correction next meeting was Feb18. Motions – Baker/Hughes
- ◆ Housekeeping – all materials for each council meeting must be remitted by noon the Wednesday prior to council to our point person, (currently Ronnie) for collection and distribution prior to the Council meetings currently scheduled for 3rd Monday of month at 2:00p.m.
- ◆ Update on the potential vegetable/flower garden will be deferred due to Deb Jackson's absence.

Finance Report: January financial statements were processed using in-house QB. No issues with spending/income for January.

Moderator Report: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

Discussed the success of our council retreat and some tips for building a congregational covenant. Pastor presented that perhaps we would get better traction toward building our behavioral covenant if we had a small writing group develop a draft and guidelines. This group would include Debby, Gerie and Ronnie as well as one or two others outside of council. Group agreed that this committee should be made up of full-time members. The group agreed this was a good approach. Pastor will identify those in the congregation who might be good candidates to help out by next council meeting.

Safety is a recurring topic. This topic seems to come up in waves especially regarding gun safety. Gary will follow up on safety topics with some potential committee members including door locks, cameras, responsiveness to a shooter, etc.

Vice Moderator Report: Nothing to report.

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R****CHURCH COUNCIL****February Council Meeting Minutes...continued****Other Committee Updates:**

- ◆ Outreach—March 30th Hot Meals Fundraiser update was provided by John. Currently, 6 of the total 15 tables have been sold for the event. Each table has 8 people. Tickets will be made available for general sales on March 1st. John suggested that perhaps we could promote this to those who participate in Table of 8 to buy a table. This is a 50/50 event with proceeds supporting both the Church and Hot Meals. Tables can be in honor or celebration of someone. An insert will be provided in the bulletin for March 16th and 23rd – use invitation. Possible PR option would be to use the SEV Chamber newsletter advertising for \$45 per week.
- ◆ Christian Ed/VBS—Family Fun Night was a great success. Children greeter program is working nicely.
- ◆ Thrift Store – New bike rack installed. Short volunteers and need help. Fashion Show is being planned for March 23rd. Tickets will be \$10. Shed being reorganized and shelving added. Phone number has been installed that rings only in Thrift Store 386-427-2115.
- ◆ Property – Door locks for sanctuary doors will be transitioned to thumb locks since locks we have now do not meet fire code. All community Hall/Office and Thrift doors being rekeyed.
- ◆ Worship –Debi Laibe will teach people sign language. This will be a free event. Saturdays March 9th – 30th 10-12. Learn to sign “How Great Thou Art”. Tuesday night Ash service on Tuesday, Mar 5th 6:00pm. March 10th Sunday, DST, PJ Sunday.
- ◆ Membership – minutes on file
- ◆ Finance - Regions Bank to host a seminar “Avoiding Financial Exploitation for Seniors”. This event is open to the public and will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 10-11 in Community Hall. Coffee “and” will be provided. Those interested must register with the office to insure availability. This is a free event.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor Diane led us in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10p. The next Council Meeting will be Monday March 18th at 2:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Ronnie Sciuillo

Health Chatter

By Charlotte Hinson

Well, after a smoke filled house and 3 falls recently -- two falls in one day my new thinking pattern involves safety. So safety is our topic this month.

After 32 years in my house, I recently heard the smoke alarm. I was on the computer and I kept wondering what that sound was and finally I opened the door of the computer room and immediately knew what it was since it was now directly over me and also I could not see across the room because it was filled with smoke. Fortunately, it was just smoke -- no fire yet--it was so bad my granddaughter who lives directly across the street saw smoke pouring out my front door. Lesson learned keep smoke detectors in working condition and consider a fire extinguisher if you don't have one.

Have an evacuation plan for your self, other family members and pets, Plan ahead and start to develop a plan now or re-evaluate for old plan and make sure everyone knows what to do.

Look around your house, with an eye to safety. Check floors, throw rugs, lights especially during sleep hours, furniture placement, steps and even low inclines. Look around at home, you may be surprised at things you have seen many times but now see in a new light.

Other safety measures can be found in being unrealistic in the amount of sunlight we are getting at the time of the year and may decide we don't need sun screen in March. Well it is warm and days are getting longer and brighter and Daylight Saving Time starts this month -- so we will be walking more, doing yard work, maybe even eating outside. Limit sun exposure without sun screen.

Be sure all your vaccines are up to date. Do you know when you had your last tetanus preventive shot? Yard work exposes us to cuts and scrapes. If you can't remember, check and plan ahead.

In addition since March is a good time to think about our health overall and see if we really are taking our medications as directed. Some pills are the be taken with food or hours before food to be effective. Check on this and determine if you are doing it correctly. I am sure all of us need to check on this from time to time. If you have any questions, please contact me.

So, lets all look around home, our yard, recreation area and think safety! And, don't forget to set your clocks ahead on March 10!

Life Line Screening...

a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **United Church of Christ on 3/15/2019.**

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

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Teens In Action News!

by Pam Hopper

Mission Trip Update

WE HAVE THE DATES! JUNE 16th through the 21st.

Our mission trip this year will be in the panhandle of Florida where we will be helping with cleanup/rebuilding from Hurricane Michael. The cleanup remains substantial and will take years. The storm generated 20 million cubic tons of debris between Mexico Beach and the Georgia state line, state officials have estimated. One-third of residents are still homeless.

We are going to help in any way we can. We are teaming up again with the group TeamEffort. It is a non-denominational, Christian service organization that sets up college students as counselors and co-leaders on the job sites. Groups will stay in a facility on mattresses in classrooms, there are a few showers, a chapel, dining area & recreation areas. All meals are included except three lunches, and three dinners during free time and travel time.

We are trying to raise the funds to pay TeamEffort, rent a van, and feed the kids the meals not included as well as one on the way to the panhandle. I am extremely grateful to Bobby Lambert who will be chaperoning and driving. We always like to hit a Cracker Barrel on the way up, to get in as many veggies as possible before our sandwiches and pizza, etc. that likely fill the remainder of the meals they provide. I am estimating that each person attending will cost approximately \$550. The cost to TeamEffort is \$330 which would be a wonderful contribution to anyone wishing to sponsor a child. Transportation will be about \$1,000, including rental, extra driver and gas. We are hoping to have seven people total going. The parents have been asked to pay \$50 for each child, but most of teens' parents are struggling right now.

By the time you read this, hopefully we will have raised around \$400 parking cars the weekend of the 23rd. We will be asking for \$5 donations for our youth's mission trip to park in the Church parking lot. I usually contribute around \$750 but this year we have had to pay more for George's (my husband) medicine and doctor visits and this will not be possible. With God's help, we will make the money through our fundraisers and donations. Anyone wishing to donate, please contact me so we can make sure your donations get into the correct account at Church.

Update on weekly Teen Meetings

We did a whole session on "Influences". What influences the teens (I was grateful that parents, family and Church were the top three for our group). And how to be a good influence on others, as well as detecting whether or not something is a good influence of a bad one. We tied this in with the story of The Lost Son, Luke 15:11-32. We also talked about how age doesn't make a difference in how strong your beliefs can be, we used the story of Josiah.

We have a tentative new member, Thomas, who is VERY theatrical and I would love to see him join us and share some of his skills with us and you.

We talked about Family Fun Night and they had some great ideas, but when time came only one of our youth, Ella showed up. GO ELLA!!! She helped set up and also brought some family and friends. Hoping for a better turnout next time!

We are planning a beach clean up sometime in March.

Teens continued...

Teens In Action News!

Teens continued...

Finally, I would like to share with you our opening prayer which was written by the teens:

“Dear God:

We have so much to be thankful for: each other, our families, our friends, our education, our health, we have more than enough to eat, more than enough money to live on and more than enough of what so many people on earth have so little of. Let us be truly grateful for all that we have and let us recognize that all our gifts come from You. Help us to use our gifts in the way that Jesus taught us to.

Let us especially be grateful for Your love and for Your guidance. Please be with each of us as we live our daily lives and help us to lead the lives we were put on earth to lead.

We so often do the easy thing instead of the right thing, please give us the strength to do what we know is right and to love all of Your children. And let us always remember how precious we all are in Your sight.

Help us to follow the example of Jesus Christ in everything we do. And help us to learn to forgive others, as You forgive us.

Please keep your loving arms around the people we love and hear us as we call out to You the ones we ask You to help.”

Thanks to our wonderful Church family for all you do for the teens and for me. So far, it has been a very Happy New Year! Let's keep it rolling...

Love to all,

Pam Hopper

**Daylight Savings Begins
March 10**



HOSPITALITY UPDATE!

By Dave LeBlanc & Bill Peterson



The Hospitality committee is off and running to make Fellowship Hour enjoyable for all attendees.

We had our first meeting as a new team on the 10th of February. During the meeting we revised the work instructions and presented changes to the committee charter and Fellowship Hour Mission Statement. Those changes will be presented to the church council for review and approval. Once approved they will be published.

We have a new volunteer who will be assisting on the first Sunday of each month, Marcie Naugle. Thank you Marcie for offering to help. Helpers for some of the teams are still needed. Week four, the fourth Sunday of each month, especially needs a couple helpers to assist with setup and cleanup. **Please help** if you can.

We discussed the weekly teams and their specific roles and responsibilities. While each team is responsible for obtaining food items for their week, donations are always welcome from any member or guest of the congregation. New table covers are being investigated and should be appearing in the near future.

On most Sundays we will begin cleanup from Fellowship hour at noon and remove any remaining food and drinks at 12:15 pm.

Our next 5th Sunday Pot-Luck lunch will be Sunday March 31st.

Please bring a covered dish to share during Fellowship Hour.

Beverages will be provided.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

CHERYL GUENARD



Cheryl Guenard is originally from Middleboro, Massachusetts and lived there 17 years. She graduated from Penbroke Mass High School.

She is married to James and raised six children - two daughters and four sons, and has seven grand kids so far, who all reside in Massachusetts. Now, she is a stay at home mom for her four pets – Dexter, Lucifer, Rasclle and Boo.

Cheryl has lived in Port Orange since 2006. Cheryl enjoys yoga, weight training, pool time, going out to lunch and dinners and spending time with her pets.

Cheryl started coming to UCC about a year and half ago with her friend Liz and became involved with the church and church activities. Cheryl joined the church in February 2019. Currently Cheryl is one of the UCC Thrift Store volunteers and is a member of the Membership Committee.



CARING FOR EACH OTHER

CARD MINISTRY—To request a get well, sympathy or thinking of you card be sent contact Charlotte Hinson at chinson2513@aol.com or 386-679-2939.

NEED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE? Contact Doreen Massin at 347-556-8661.

HAVE A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST? Contact Gerie Spencer at jspencer7@cfl.rr.com to get your request on the UCC Prayer Chain.

WANT TO MAKE A MONETARY GIFT TO THE CHURCH? - contact Gary Smith at (610) 613-5886.

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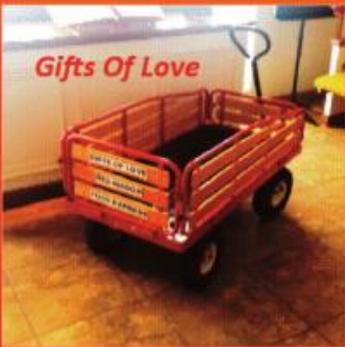
People who are touched by illness, deaths, hospitalizations and shut-ins are listed here monthly.

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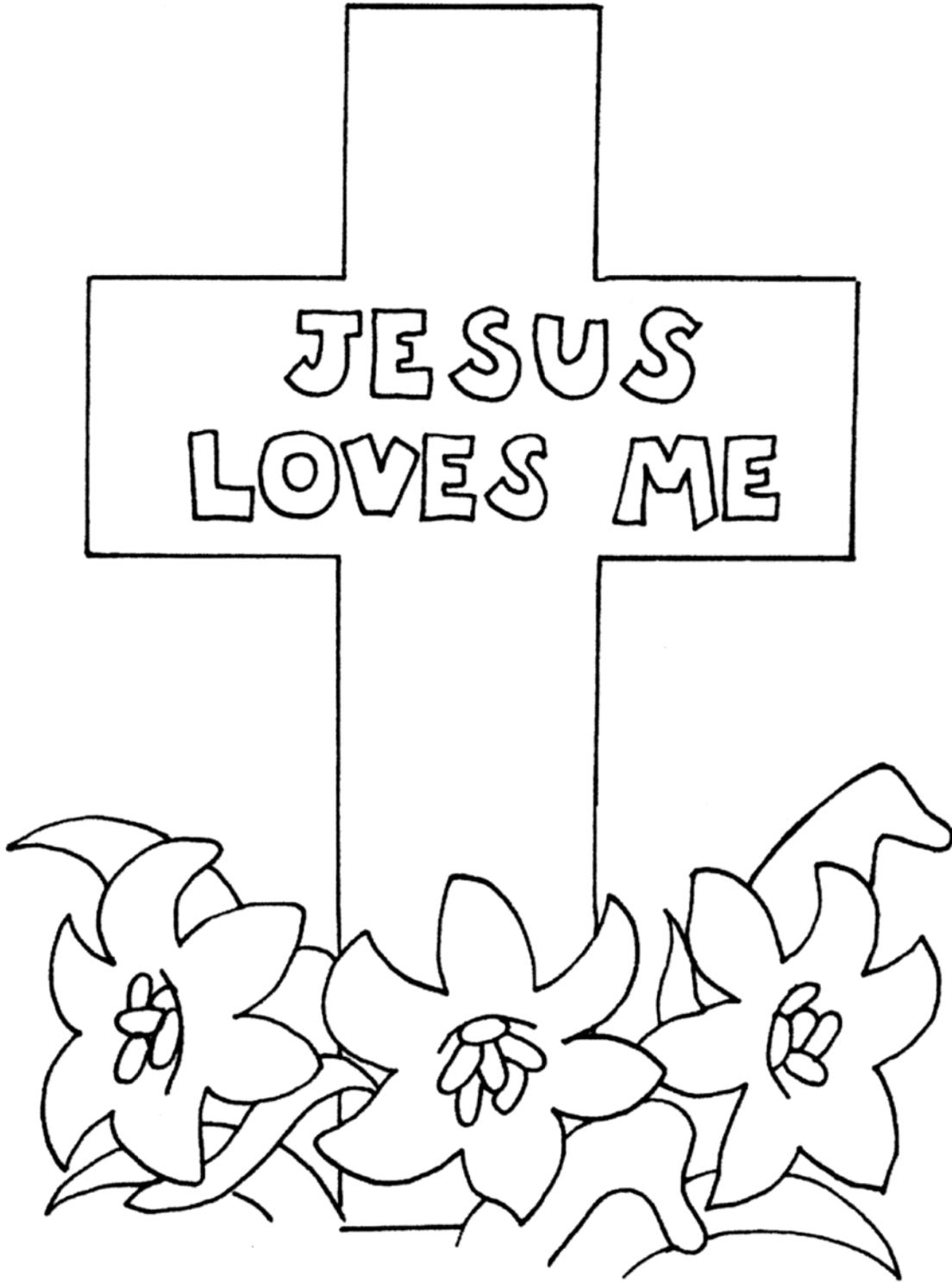
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CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGE



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Youth Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. service (Nursery available)

Communion is celebrated every Sunday

Bible Study Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room in Community Hall

Prayer Group Monday 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Pastor's Office



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