

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



The United Voice

'Falling into HOPE'



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 Moderator: Sammie Hartwell

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Ones,

I am writing this letter on my last day before vacation! Originally, I planned to take four weeks off all together... I've whittled it down to three weeks and three days! (It's just hard to stay away from you guys!) This will give me time to get up to Maine to see my kids and grandkids, old friends and our camp on Brackett Lake. Ron is promising me indoor plumbing at camp this summer so I'm pretty excited about that.... of course he's been promising this for over twenty years now, but this time I think he MEANS it!!

I WILL miss you all wicked bad, but the time to renew will be a blessing. At our camp I take lots of naps, read books, lounge by the lapping water or tool around the lake in my kayak watching eagles and soaking up the trees, the water, and the giant granite boulders left by an ancient ice age. When grandkids are with us at camp, there are campfires, marshmallows (which some of us toast to perfection and try to feed to the few who actually eat those gross things!) and chocolate bars which may or may not actually make it into smores. With grandchildren there is lots of happy yelling, splashing and snacking... LOTS of snacking. I don't nap much (or at all!) when they are there, but the extra hugs and laughing is better than sleep.

I have to say that as much as our camp makes my heart sing, it is already singing big time from the worship service we had August 19th (yesterday as I write this). Our teen group developed the worship service with Rev. Vonshelle, who, with Bobby Lambert and Pam Hopper chaperoned the teens on their mission trip. Oh my goodness!!! If you missed the worship Rev. Vonshelle, Pam and our teens led, then you missed a special gift of the Spirit. Our youth spoke powerfully and articulately of their faith experiences on the mission trip and of how much they appreciated the support and encouragement of our church family. The ways they have experienced our Living God has changed and grown them in ways that will continue to nurture us all. Vonshelle's gifts for ministry coupled with her love for our kids and her co-chaperones shone through worship as so many voices blended to share God's pure call of love to each of us in church that day. Her guidance allowed the Spirit to bubble up in ways we could not help but feel. My heart is singing thank you prayers!!!

Pastor's Message continued...

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And then, today, Monday, I met with the prayer group as is also our custom Mondays at 4-5 PM. We share prayer concerns and joys, pray, and then participate in communion. This group is SUCH a BLESSING to our church family. Week after week they lift up the concerns you put on your prayer cards each Sunday. We pray about the joys and travails that touch our church body. We bear one another's burdens and celebrate each other's joys. Do you notice the strength and love in our church body? Thank members of prayer group who, faithfully, approach God each week with the needs and joys that are integral to our walk together. And rest assured that even while I am away the prayer group will continue meeting in my office. Maybe you would like to join them... new folks are always welcome!

Today, we had to say goodbye to our sister in Christ, Sandi Blackmer. Sandi moves to New York state a little later this month. Sandi has been our faithful newsletter editor and she has been a faithful prayer group participant. We will miss her dearly. Nevertheless, we celebrate that Sandi could make the difficult decision to sell her house and move to New York to live closer to family. It is painful to lose someone we love so dearly to a move... and yet, step by step, Sandi has modeled healthy decisions after she lost her husband Phil to cancer, just over three years ago. Sandi tried new things, developing her love of photography and a number of creative ventures to keep moving as she grieved the loss of her soul mate and best friend after 47 years of marriage. She remained active in our church family and dared to be honest about her struggles and grief... nevertheless, she continued to do her utmost to respond to God's nudges to keep growing in faith. Inch by inch she realized that as she ages, she would like to live closer to family, including the little ones to whom she is a great aunt. Loving her as we do, we applaud her careful discernment about life plans. We plan to FaceTime her sometimes on prayer group Mondays AND we have insisted that after her first year of adjustment, she would make an excellent snowbird!

A church body is a complex blend of needs, gifts, strengths, weaknesses, hurts and inspirations. It is, however, the blood of Christ that flows through our veins and makes our work together, our bearing of one another's burdens not just possible, but a precious gift. As we grow in our ability to be patient with others we find others learning to be patient with us! I am proud to be a part of this church family as we stand together in the name of the One Who call us all home.

See you in September!
You will be in my heart and prayers as I am on vacation.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Diane



Pastor Diane with her three grandchildren — Sean, Madeline and Sebastian — during a worship service in July. The children and their dad, James Langworthy, spent the summer with Pastor and Ron.

July 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Diane and was called to order by Sammie Hartwell at 6:37 pm. A quorum was present.

Attendees: Frances Baker, Cindy Casey, Sammie Hartwell, Pastor Diane Langworthy, Doreen Massin, Ronnie Sciallo, Gerie Spencer, Gary Smith, George Smith, Vern Whittenburg and Debbie Jackson

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous month were unanimously approved.

Pastor Report

Pastor recommends that all go to see the airing of “Mr Roger’s Neighborhood.” It is available at a local theater and on FaceBook. Pastor said that it was a very positive message for difficult times.

Moderator Report

- * Only two committees provided reports prior to the meeting – Membership and Finance. For those, reports should have been reviewed by all and were noted that they stand as submitted. For committees not submitting reports, detailed reports will be deferred until next month. This policy is in place to ensure meetings are brief and information isn’t rehashed that has already been provided.
- * The Nominating committee has been selected – Diane Babe, Donnie Coleman, Sammie Hartwell, Debbie Jackson and Pastor Diane Langworthy.

Old Business

Sanctuary Safety Update

- a. Gary Smith has agreed to chair a committee for this.
- b. It will also include policy for the identification and acceptance of Sex Offenders into the congregation.
- c. Representatives from ONA and Christian Ed also will be asked to support this committee.

Sign Update

- a. Sign committee met just prior to Council meeting.
- b. Progressing to agree on a final design concept.
- c. Size has been agreed on.
- d. Next step is to engage Sign companies.
- e. Cindy is working on trademarking the multicolored images of people as our brand. This will likely require the work of an attorney estimated at around \$600.

New Business: None at this time

Functional Committee Reports

Worship – Report stands as distributed during the meeting.

Christian Ed/VBS – no report

Finance

- a. It was noted that the F/S are better than presented if we remove the budgetary items for Allocations to Memorial Funds which is not a planned item
- b. Internal F/S alignment with CPA version matches up through May with a few minor discrepancies. June will be entered and reconciled this coming week.

Membership/PR – Report stands as presented with materials.

- a. Doreen commented that with Sandi Blackmer moving up to NY, others will have to step in to help in creation of the VOICE for September
 - i. Doreen and Cindy Casey will work together to ensure the VOICE is published on time.

Council Minutes continued...

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Outreach – No information to report this month.

Property – Report stands as delivered at the meeting.

- a. Item 6 – Building a privacy wall around A/V equipment - George will reach out to a couple of men in the Church to see if they can build this.
- b. Item 9 – Gravel - Final dump of gravel around shed will be installed this week.
- c. Awning - Frances shared that she received a quote for \$1,450 for an awning over Thrift Store back door. She will provide info to George.
- d. Lights on Stained glass in Narthex – It was noted that the timer doesn't seem to work. Ronnie offered to write up a work order request so that George and the maintenance team can investigate.

Thrift Store – Report stands as delivered at the meeting.

- a. 50% off sale kicked off today – receipts were \$556 for the first day.
- b. Promotion internally and via community calendars is ongoing.
 - i. Gerie will be selling tickets after Worship on Sunday
 - ii. Debbie Jackson suggested getting on AM1230, the New Smyrna Beach radio station.
 - iii. Frances indicated she is available to do any radio, TV or internet videos if needed.

Standing Committee Reports

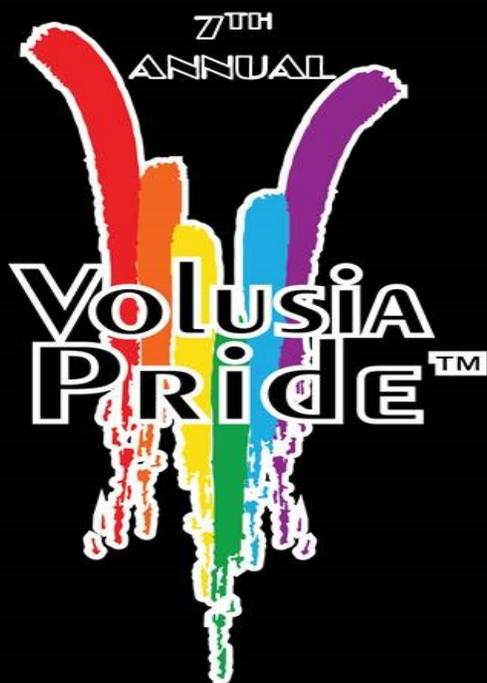
ONA - Cindy reported that

- a. Work is ramping up for Volusia Pride
- b. Volusia Pride will be purchasing tickets to the Hot Meals Fundraiser planned for Oct 22nd (the day after Volusia Pride) and these tickets will be raffled off at VPrize event.
- c. Cindy reminded that volunteers to man Church booths. Pastor indicated she did not need a booth this year.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor Diane said the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm by Sammie Hartwell. The next general meeting will be at 6:30p on Wednesday, September 19th. Should the need arise to meet in August, Sammie will notify the group.

Minutes submitted by: Ronnie Sciallo



**Save
this Date:**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 20
1-5 P.M.**

OLD FORT PARK, NSB

Worship Committee Minutes

July 11, 2018 meeting

PRESENT: Chair Vern Whittenburg, Pastor Diane Langworthy, Sammie Hartwell, Cindy Gardner, Gerie Spencer, Debbie Jackson and Cindy Casey.

Meeting opened with prayer by Vern at 6:08 p.m.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

SOUND SYSTEM

It was brought to the committee's attention that people who sit in the back of the church still are not able to hear Pastor Diane, leading some to believe the speakers are not working properly. Cindy Casey noted the speakers are working properly; the matter is the continued problem with Pastor Diane's lapel mic, which does not work well with our sound system. The committee is currently looking into several resources for a permanent solution.

The speakers in the Narthex are not working and may not be connected to the sound system. Cindy Casey will discuss with AV team members about getting it fixed and find a local AV company who is readily available for service calls.

Vern will check with Property on his written request to install a shelf above the sound board for the receivers. Once that is done, we will be able to see how and what can be used to cover the wires on the back of the system.

ADDITIONAL WHEELCHAIR SEATING

The additional wheelchair seating has been installed in the Sanctuary by the Property Committee (thank you, George Smith). It is located directly across from the existing area.

WHILE PASTOR IS AWAY

Pastor Diane will take vacation the last 2 weeks of August and the first 2 weeks of September (Aug. 19-Sept. 15). Vern has called Vonshelle Beneby, our minister in 4-way Covenant, to help while Pastor Diane is away. She will look at her calendar and let Vern know which 2 weeks are good for her. Once Vern has Vonshelle's date, he will contact Mark Bundy, who is studying at a Chicago UCC seminary; and Alice Lewis, who is working on her master's degree in religion, to fill in the other dates. Vern, who is a retired UCC pastor, also can fill in when necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKING LOT

Parking is becoming more and more an issue for Sunday's worship service as we grow, which is a nice problem to have. When our snowbirds are all here, we constantly must park cars across the street in the vacant lots. We have also needed to designate more handicap parking closest to the church. Recently, we have had cars parked on both sides of the driveway near the Thrift Store, blocking traffic from getting around the parking lot. This has been a concern in the past because if we are ever in need of an emergency vehicle (fire or ambulance), they will not be able to get through.

A suggestion was made to find a couple of people to monitor the parking lot and help folks find parking spots. Another suggestion was to set up cones for "no parking" areas. It was also noted that the vacant lots across Faulkner from us that we use are up for sale. Pastor Diane will look into the cost of the lots for consideration.

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Worship Committee Minutes continued...

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

MUSIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Cindy Gardner reported that Praise songs and individuals signing up for anthems was going well with a full slate scheduled right up to the time the choir will return in mid August.

Cindy also is preparing Christmas programs. She noted that during the four weeks of Advent she would like to do something special each week with the old favorite hymn, Silent Night, which will be 200 years old this year. She has identified a couple of Christmas musicals for this year and will make a final decision shortly.

REMINDER: Cindy will be on vacation July 29. Cindy Casey and Betty Bowne will cover on piano and guitar as needed.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE ARTICLE FOR THE VOICE

Vern will prepare an article about the Worship Committee and its sub-committees for the next issue of The Voice (September 2018). Deadline is Aug. 23. Cindy Casey will help him organize the different groups (ushers, communion setters, etc) for pictures to go along with the article.

MEMBERSHIP BAGS

Debbie Jackson reported that we are out of Membership bags in the Narthex that we give to new people who attend Sunday services. Vern will talk with Doreen Massin, Membership chair, about replenishing the supply.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m.

Vern adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Pastor Diane closed with prayer.

August 1, 2018

PRESENT: Pastor Diane Langworthy, Gerie Spencer, Marilyn Bader and Cindy Casey.

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Diane at 6:05 p.m.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

SOUND SYSTEM: Cindy Casey reported that Betty Bowne spent about 6 hours over 2 days and has fixed the volume problems we have been experiencing. She also repaired the smashed sound switch in the narthex, resulting in quality rich sound from back to front of the church. However, there continues to be an intermittent pop in Pastor Diane's mic. The A/V team will likely purchase a new mic that will work with a receiver we already have.

WORSHIP ARTICLE: In the works; pictures to be taken Aug. 8; Vern working on text.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Teens will lead Aug. 19 service with Vonshelle and give report on mission trip. Aug. 26 service Alice Lewis to give message/Linda Bishop to administer communion Sept. 2 & 9 vonshelle will lead worship.

NEW BUSINESS

USHERS REPORT: Marilyn suggested we print fewer Sunday bulletins since many are either not taken or found crumpled in the pews following service. Pastor Diane said she would talk to office manager Ronnie Sciallo.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:26 p.m. Pastor Diane closed with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: 6 P.M. Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Respectfully submitted by
Cindy Casey

Get to know our Worship Team

By Vern Whittenburg
Chair

The worship committee of the UCCNSB has an impressive list of tasks to perform in the fulfillment of its mission. When asked by the moderator, Sammie Hartwell, to consider being the committee chair I willingly accepted only to be shocked at numerous points later to learn of all that is involved in this rewarding role.

The committee holds monthly meetings to plan regular worship events. Those with concerns are welcome to come to meetings and make their concerns known.

The committee works closely with the pastor and the director of music to plan for Sunday worship. Those who serve on the worship committee include chair Vern Whittenburg, vice chair Greg Young, Debbie Young, Pastor Diane, Cindy



The Worship Committee is led by Vern Whittenburg as chair, Pastor Diane, and Cindy Gardner as music director.

Gardner, Sammie Hartwell, Cindy Casey, Debbie Jackson, and Marilyn Bader.

The committee plans for decorating the worship center for the seasons of Easter, Christmas and other special observances during the year. Dedicated members of the congregation volunteer to work with the committee to create a worshipful setting for such events.

Often unnoticed are those who volunteer every Sunday to set up and cleanup for communion. The group includes Anna Haskins, Linda Beland, Marion Lange, and Mary Ziegenfus. Gerie Spencer assists in laundering, pressing and keeping a supply of communion linens to be used as needed.

Debbie Jackson quietly refills the candles keeping them glowing for every worship service. Linda Bishop offers her talent each Sunday by creating a picture on canvas to represent the message of the day.

Marilyn Bader serves to recruit, train and organize ushers to serve on Sunday morning. If you are early for worship on Sunday morning you will see Marilyn and/or others of her crew bringing out the rainbow flags to welcome members and passers-by to worship, conveying the message that ALL ARE WELCOME! The ushers currently include, Charles Snyder, Tony Snyder, George Smith, Randy Ross, John Buchanan, Donnie Coleman, Bobby Lambert, Donna Lambert, Debbie Jackson, Debbie Hughes, Sandy Stasak and Loren Harmon. David and Diane Babe also serve to receive the offering when available and needed.

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Roc Williams is on hand every Sunday morning to work the audio-visuals for worship. She makes sure that the sound system is working and runs the PowerPoint on the screen. She is often assisted by Betty Bowne, Cindy Casey and Greg Young.

Cindy Casey manages and creates the worship service's PowerPoint guide you see on the screen each week. She works closely with Pastor Diane to ensure her message is represented. She also coordinates with music director Cindy Gardner to include the verses for the hymns and praise music. She videos the worship and the message and places the video on the website after worship on Sunday. Thanks go to Cindy for taking the pictures to be included in this article. We often wonder how Cindy manages, along with her demanding professional job and family, to get all the things done that she does for the church from week to week.

Our church choir shrinks and swells with the season. It ranges from a dozen or so in the off-season to as many as 18 or 20 when our beloved snowbirds appear. They arrive as regularly as the fabled swallows arrive in Capistrano to share their voices with us in winter.

The choir serves under the talented and tireless leadership of Cindy Gardner who practices with them twice a week with added practices for special events. We are blessed to have her dedication and talent.

Our amazingly talented and dedicated pastor leads us in worship to proclaim that all are welcome, offering a special children's time to include them as part of our loving fellowship and providing a relevant message (amazingly without notes) each Sunday morning. We are greatly fortunate that the Spirit led her here to worship and serve with us in New Smyrna Beach.

The worship committee members are aware that the experience of worship is central to our church life and to the spiritual wellbeing of our church members. We are also aware that the worship experience often serves as the primary welcoming vehicle for those in the community who come in search of a loving and embracing fellowship. We applaud our fellow church members for offering an extravagant welcome to visitors and fellow members each Sunday morning.



Our ushers: (front from left) Debbie Jackson, George Smith, Marilyn Bader; (back) Donnie Coleman, John Buchanan, Sandy Stasak, Randy Ross, Tony Snyder and Charles Snyder.



Worship artist Linda Bishop, far left, stands with our Communion setters: (from left) Anna Haskins, Judi Beland, Marion Lange, Mary Ziegenfus and Gerie Spencer who cleans and presses the Communion linens.



The A/V Committee includes from left) Greg Young, Betty Bowne, Roc Williams and Cindy Casey.

Membership Minutes

July 14, 2018

Present: Doreen Massin, Cindy Casey, Linda Bishop, Sammie Hartwell, Pastor Diane, Charlotte Hinson part-time via phone

1. Events

“**While Salem Burns**” will be performed in Sanctuary on August 18 @ 7pm as fundraiser for UCC. Stage set-up will be Friday Aug 17 5pm. We will need help with removing piano, chairs and lectern and setting back up for Sunday’s worship.

Up-coming Event Possibilities:

UCC Christmas Carol Sing-along – Words on Screen lead by Cindy Gardner & Choir maybe combine with Church Greening Dec 1

Broadway Bound – Rob said he’d be up for November 2019

2. Members Roster: We are reviewing the UCC member list in order to up-date our roster. The process should be completed by end of July.

3. Bio Directory: We will announce that anyone wishing to up-date their bio, should contact Doreen. Going forward we will eliminate contact info on bios. Contact information will be kept in the basic directory.

4. UCC T-Shirts Up-date:

UCC Inventory - 44 Adults T-Shirts all sizes & 12 Kids in both colors

VBS Inventory- 13 (Kids 2 S, 4 M, 5 L and 2 S- adults) can be sold as part of the general UCC Inventory.

Original May order was \$473.80 for UCC. Shirts sold and funds deposited back to UCC as of July 8 is \$237.00. Remaining owed to UCC is \$236.80 (Inventory value is \$560)

5. Faith Community Health Nursing Program: A Survey will be distributed to members to assess their needs and desire for information and care.

6. Small Group “Table of 8”: Appears to be well received. Currently there are 3 separate groups and all three are planning to meeting again in August. Anyone wishing to participate in a small group should contact Alice Lewis.

7. Next meeting September 22 (Saturday) 9:30am

Pastor Diane welcomes Barb Plentz and Toni Signoretti during a July worship service. To read their bios, as well as Paula Clark’s, turn to page 18 and 19.



PER CAPITA: Half the Congregation is missing

Sammie Hartwell
Moderator

Per Capita/Initial Offering - Some of you think it's the cost to pay for the envelopes. We are part of a larger place out there, which is lovingly called "The Florida Conference," which is also part of a bigger place called "The National Conference."

The easiest way for me to explain how the Conference works **FOR** us is to point out this is how we found Pastor Diane!

Without the help of the Conference, we would be advertising in the classified ads. When is the last time you were looking in the Help Wanted section and saw the heading of **PASTOR NEEDED?**

Our Regional Conference Minister, Raymond Hargrove, has met with Pastor Diane and your church leaders in our congregation over different issues and the general life of the congregation several times the past year. Yes, your leaders of the congregation need to turn somewhere for help and guidance in our times of need.

Raymond has also attended here at other times, sometimes just to worship with us. Our denominational motto, "That They All May Be One," is one that we cannot help but be proud of.

How can we not support those who support us?

There may come a day when we urgently need the conference to help **US** and give us guidance and, personally, I just wouldn't feel right to just take from them without supporting them.

What our dues cover, while not glamorous or exciting, include – the conferences office space, liability insurance, travel, office space for the regional conference ministers, expenses for the Board of Directors and help for the Retired Ministers Health Insurance, just to name a few.

Per Capita dues this year are \$15 per person (not per household). The good news is we have received payment for about half the congregation, but we thought maybe we could find the other half of this payment through this article.

If you have yet to pay these dues, it's as simple as putting the money or check in an envelope and clearly mark it **Per Capita** and who it is from. You can do this through the collection plate on Sunday, dropping it off in the Finance Office drop box or online through the website or through your own bank. They will be receiving mine through online bill pay.

MY OH MY, YES, I'M BLUSHING! I FORGOT!!

Doreen Massin and Debbie Jackson after their performance of "Our Father" for the anthem at July 22 service. Debbie did a mime performance to Doreen's solo while Cindy Gardner, our music director, accompanied them on piano.



Summer projects keep Property team busy

George Smith
Property Chair

Well it sure has been a hot summer and there has been no shortage of projects and tasks for your property team. Bobby Lambert, Ron Langworthy, Greg Young and I have been working to ensure that our buildings and property stay in good shape.

After a couple of years of costly repairs, it was necessary to replace the aging A/C unit for Community Hall. Bids were sent out and we contracted with Anderson Performance Heat and Air to replace the 5-ton unit located on top of the Thrift Shop. We should be good for many years to come.

The worship committee requested

that an additional handicap seating area be set up in sanctuary. The property team replaced a longer section of our pews with a short section to accommodate wheelchair access.

Handicap toilets and hand rail assists were installed in both restrooms behind sanctuary.

Discolored and damaged ceiling tiles are being painted and replaced. Our church hall was the first area for the touchup.

Permanent door stops are being installed on many doors, replacing wooden and rubber stops.

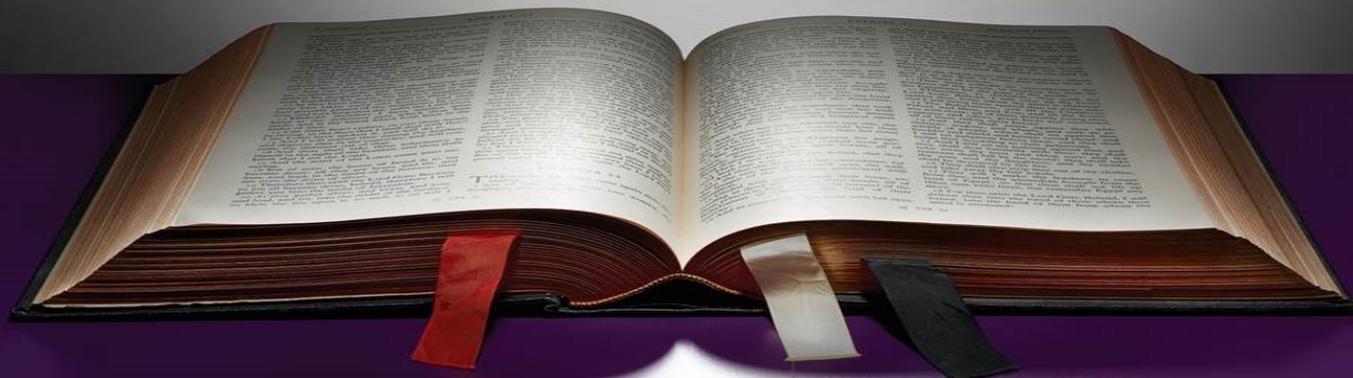
Carl Parrott stepped up and built a decorative panel to cover the unsightly electronics on the choir

loft. We really appreciate Carl's help in dressing up our sanctuary. The property committee along with assistance from church council are working on getting estimates and bids for a new church sign. Look forward seeing a really special sign that represents what our church is all about coming later this year, but probably early 2019.

You may have noticed that the tile floor in Narthex is peeling in some places. We are working on getting estimates on having this area fixed.

There are many other smaller tasks and projects the property team is working on. We want everyone to know we are here to make sure our church stays a beautiful, safe place to worship.

**SUNDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**
9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2



Meditation room, 2nd hallway, last room on left



Our teens are all smiles as they prepare to leave on their annual Mission Trip.

Teens In Action News!

A special summer of faith, mission and service

Karen Dreggors
Assistant leader

The teens have been busier than ever this summer, meeting almost weekly and going on the mission trip. They also contributed to the services each third Sunday, when they were available.

We got two new wonderful members, Noah, whose family has moved here and Sarah, who only got to stay for the summer. But they both have been an awesome addition to our group!

Sarah is the granddaughter of our members, Ed and Alice Lewis, and Noah's family has moved here – some of the journey was on their boat!!!

Sarah was very quiet at first, but she soon opened up and, as only I can do, when I decided she was April... she would just smile and say... Sarah. Thanks for your patience, Ms. Sarah!

Noah also has been an awesome addition to our teen group. They both just fit right in, as if they have been coming all along. We are already missing Sarah and we are all praying for her to have a good school year. We also are hoping Sarah can return during school breaks.

And quiet Noah has come into his own... he keeps up with the other teens, when it comes to sharing and talking about their school day, while eating their pizza!

As you all know, last year was my LAST YEAR on mission trips. I had to give it up and we were so worried about who Pam could get to help chaperone the girls. We were extremely blessed when our own Vonshelle Beneby was able to take a week off work, to accompany them. As Pam has said, she was amazing and made Pam's week so much easier.

I am sure I have mentioned this before, but Vonshelle is a dear friend of our family. When she was filling in for Rev. Sarah Lund and finishing up her studies to become a pastor, our mother was in the late stages of Alzheimer's. And Vonshelle learned to preach with trial

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Above: Teens talk about some of the fun times they had during Mission Week. **Right:** Teen Leader Pam Hopper cries when she receives a gift from the teens.



Above: Teens cut a fishnet remembrance for congregants. **Right:** Rev. Vonshelle and Pam make introductions during the Aug. 19 Teen Worship Service.



by fire! Mama knew she loved Vonshelle ... although she wasn't sure why and was vocally cheering her on, during the sermons, often at inappropriate times!

Luckily, Vonshelle was able to roll with the punches and I never saw where Mama made her lose her place! She was also our loving chaplain, as we ushered Mama to her next life. She was such a loving pillar of strength for us and we are forever grateful for her loving presence.

NOW, back to the teens and the mission trip...

Here are some of the teen's thoughts on the trip. For those of you who missed our wonderful teen service Aug. 19, Cindy Casey has it up online on the UCCNSB YouTube channel (just Google UCCNSB on YouTube). It is by far, the best testimony of love and support our teens get from you – our beautiful and generous church family! Without you, we would never be able to send them all for a week to Team Effort, where they are assigned different refurbishing jobs for people who desperately need our help.

Here are some of their experiences in their own words. Pam is on a long awaited family vacation in Colorado, visiting her adopted son.

Thank you, Cindy Casey, for jumping right in and getting us up and running for the teen service, right after your vacation! And thank you, Betty Bowne, for doing what you could, so Cindy had time to help us.

Although our long time member, David Guinan, who is starting college, was too young to be a counselor, he wanted to come on his 5th mission trip!! The themes of the week included thirst, follow, trust and love.

Here is what David had to tell us about THIRST:

What is thirst? Well it's a feeling that we all know right? When we're dehydrated, it's that desire for water to relinquish a parched mouth and keep us cool and refreshed when it's hot out. But that's not the extent of it. Thirst is also a feeling in which we desire something that can emotionally or physically satisfy us. That something can be anything from thirsting for 1st place in a competition to satisfy one's desire to succeed, to thirsting for another cup of coffee to satisfy one's probably unhealthy caffeine addiction. Everyone thirsts for something.

In the Bible we are told that Jesus is The Living Water. Throughout and for a while after our mission trip I found myself repeatedly asking myself, "What in the world does 'The Living Water' even mean?" Well, after

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a lot of thinking I believe I found an answer. To me, The Living Water in the embodiment of Christ represent the most holy and ultimate source of satisfaction. When one's desire for something becomes so overwhelming to handle to the point where that desire can no longer satisfy their thirst, The Living Water will quench that thirst. The Living Water is the spirit of Christ cleansing us of our sins that we thirst for. And the best part is that everyone one of us can drink as much of Christ's Living Water as we need, and whenever we need it. The only requirement is that you have to ask God for this beverage and he will grant you with it regardless of how sinful you have been. The Living Water is the light at the end of the tunnel. It's the thing that you can always turn to when you feel you've hit a bump in the road.

There's a well known word that we have for that thirst for sinful objects or deeds. Lust. Lust is a powerful, dangerous and destructive thirst that everyone will experience at some point in their life. An excerpt from James 4:4 states: "Know ye not that friendship with the world is enmity of God? Therefore, whosoever is a friend of the world is an enemy of God." Even so, God never gives up hope on us as we are his beloved children. As long as we are willing to reach for Him, He will always accept us into his loving arms and fill us with The Living Water no matter how much of our lives we let become consumed by lust. That, is what thirst for The Living Water means to me. Now, I want to thank all of you for always generous, kind, and loving people. Cause without all of you this trip wouldn't have been possible.

I want to finish this off with one last statement and a question for everyone here today. My cup runneth over with The Living Water, and so do all of yours. The question is, how often do we willingly choose to drink from it?

Now Noah, our new member, had to follow David and I was concerned for him. After all, David had just preached a very powerful sermon, without really trying. I had nothing to worry about, as you can see here!

These are Noah's words:

Hello, my name is Noah and I chose to talk about thirst. I chose to talk about thirst, not because of the woman at the well story, but because of how I felt on the fourth night of the mission trip, which is kind of the more serious night. We nicknamed this night the crying night! For a while, I've been feeling like something was



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For a while, I've been feeling like something was missing. I didn't know what it was and on the fourth night, I realized through the sermon that the missing feeling was a thirst for God and a lack of a relationship with God. During the service that night, I didn't feel that missing feeling, which made me really happy and I feel like I really grew my relationship with God that night.

Ever since, I've felt a lot better about my relationship with God and I've just felt better in general! Overall, the trip was an amazing experience but I think that the fourth night (the crying night), was the most impactful part of the mission trip for me, personally.

Sophia followed Noah with her thoughts about Love. She made us all proud because these thoughts of hers were given without the benefit of our usual discussion during our group sessions ... the "crying night" that Noah talked about.

After reading "Feed My Sheep" scripture, Sophia shared these words:

So when you love Jesus, that's when you can truly start to follow and trust in God.

Just like a baby when it is first born and laid on its mother's chest, feeling and hearing a familiar heartbeat, they instinctively love her. Being on this mission trip brought me closer to God. It made me realize how familiar the message was. I instinctively trusted Him, wanted to follow Him and how much I loved Him. I knew He was the person I could depend on no matter what.

On the mission trip, I could see how much everyone loved Him, especially the people we were helping... they cared so much... how much we cared about them... yeah, that's love.

McKenna wasn't able to be with us Teen Sunday, but she told me several stories from the work site. First of all, you all heard the story about her actually doing the work of a new door on her own, being so proud, and then locking herself inside!!! She also talked about the family, who was dealing with health issues, and getting them a card for all to sign and give them. She called Noah the chicken whisperer and saw Kyle running down the road after a runaway chicken. They had just completed some painting, when one of the chickens ran right through it!!!

AGAIN, thank you all for your wonderful support for our Teens. Seeing them grow in their faith and love is such a blessing.

Love and prayers and thanks to you all!



Thrift Store celebrates 8th anniversary

Community Hall was buzzing with excitement on Saturday, Aug. 11, in preparation for the celebration of the UCC Thrift Store 8th Anniversary! The theme for the event was a Fashion Show / Luncheon.

Set up for the event began early with Donnie Coleman and John Buchanan and their crew preparing the delicious lunch. Following the food crew, the set up team directed by Frances Baker and Debbie Young arrived to map out the runway and set up tables to accommodate the eighty-seven (87) attendees who all purchased tickets in advance!

By 10:45, our seven volunteer models checked in - Liz Incardone, Randy Ross, Gerie Spencer, Warren Gavil, Karen Watson, Mary Ziegenfus and Judy Ebert. Each model selected the items for their outfits from the Thrift Store inventory. They organized their outfits, and executed a quick run-through of their 'walks' on the runway.

Patrons and friends began arriving at 11:30 a.m. and by 12:10 p.m., Ronnie Sciuolo, the emcee, was introducing Pastor Diane to kickoff the event with an opening prayer. A beautifully plated and tasty lunch of salads, fruit and mini-muffins were served to all who attended. Following the luncheon, the models began their parade of outfits – some casual, some work-appropriate and some formal! The audience thoroughly enjoyed the event!

Here are some of the comments from our attendees –

“What FUN!”

“Delicious FOOD!”

“I’d pay more than \$8 for this luncheon anytime!”

“Can’t wait until next year!”

“Why not have another in March – right before Easter?”

And the best of all...Maggie Arndt and her guest won the 50/50 and very generously gifted it back to the church!
God is good...all the time!



Theater on stage at UCC

Cast and crew of the premiere run of **Linda Bishop's** play "**While Salem Burns**" showed us what horrible, murderous chaos took place in Salem when a teenager manipulated a whole church community to cull out their witches?

Our U.S. history tell us that in 1692 a Puritan community in Massachusetts did such a thing: the church accused mostly old women of witchery, supposedly proving it only by the accusations of young girls. We saw that the theater production is a high powered drama for today. In fact, original testimonies of the accusers were used in part in this courtroom drama.

But the play written by Linda is more. The fictional portion is about the people of the town, their religion, their love for God, and their misuses of power in their religious hierarchy.

The drama was presented here in our sanctuary to almost 100 UCC folk and community people both, capturing the mood with the beautiful setting of our sanctuary. A love offering was taken as a fundraiser for the church.

UCC actors **Vern Whittenberg**, **Dustin Gothard** and **Ed Lewis** were on stage, and many other UCC people helped to bring the show at the church to actuality.



Five **cooks** put out a dinner spread for the cast, **Doreen and the Membership** committee made plans months ago that they helped to bring it to fruition. Our **Teens In Action** ushers, plus techies **Greg, Bobby and George** (who never left our sides during set up and strike), the **Thrift Shop workers** (who helped us to borrow props to replace the ones stolen) and **Roc** (who was on music) are heartily thanked for their help.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Toni Signoretti & Barb Plentz



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Toni Signoretti (left) was born and raised in New Jersey. She studied Education at William Patterson University and received her MBA from University of California-Berkeley Hass School of Business. She started her career as a secretary and retired as a Senior Director for BellSouth Enterprises for most of her professional employment in Minneapolis, MN and in San Francisco, CA. She was an instructor at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Business, St. Thomas University and North Hennepin Community College. Toni was an antique dealer and opened her own retail operation called Edge of Town Antiques in Albertville, MN. She travelled throughout the U.S. on business. She has been heard to say, "I've been to almost every major city the country and am an expert on their airports.... nothing more." Toni is now working hard at being retired.

Barb (Blossom) Plentz (right) was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. Barb attended The University of Toledo and Kent State where she first majored in music and changed to nursing. She worked in a hospital as a new graduate. She then worked in medical sales until her move to Daytona Beach, Florida in 1993. After moving to Daytona she worked for Good Samaritan nursing home as the administrator of their assisted living facility. She then moved into the Human Resources Dept. After several years, she bought a 5-acre farm near Gainesville where she worked for Shands Hospital Home Health. She then moved back to Daytona where she worked for Florida Hospital.

Barb met Toni 10 years ago, and after dating for 10 months, Barb moved to The Villages, where she & Toni opened a Florida Blue Health Insurance Agency. They continue to do health insurance in The Villages and Barb continues to work in Daytona part time as a health insurance agent for Florida Blue and Florida Health Care. During open enrollment, Barb works full time selling Medicare products for those over 65 and Health Reform Products for those under 65. She is a great resource for anyone who has questions or concerns about their healthcare coverage.

Last year they decided to move to Daytona from The Villages. Their household of 3 consists of Toni, Barb and Barb's sister, Nancy and their 3 dogs: Nancy's dog Gracie, a Mini-Ausie, Hector, a Maltese and Lucy, a Golden Retriever -- the last two rescue dogs. Hector made Toni his person and Lucy has made Barb her person -- although they are loved by all of us and they love us right back! Barb and Toni have their hands full - a pontoon boat that is in the process of a make over which should be ready for her maiden voyage very soon. And they have been renovating their beachside bungalow. Barb & Toni love life and music. Barb is an awesome cook, they love to fish, boat, play board games and cards, swim and love singing in the NSB UCC choir and helping out at the Thrift Store.

They were members of the UCC church in the Villages. When they moved to Daytona, they started their search for a church closer to them. They fell in love with UCC NSB and Pastor Diane and knew they had found their new church home.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Paula Clark



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Paula was born in Flint and did undergraduate work at MSU in E. Lansing and completed her graduate degree at Western Michigan University. She has a license in Master's in Social Work and worked with the State of Michigan as a county director for two counties for the Family Independence Agency, the then social welfare system of Michigan for 34 years. She also has been long term Adjunct Faculty at Lansing Community College and retired in 2016, after 40 years.

Paula continued to teach social work, joined a clinical practice serving older adults and became an elected official in Bath Township. Paula claims to have retired from all "WORK" in November 2016, but continues her activism and stewardship of causes near and dear to her heart.

Paula is divorced and shares her duplex condo in Michigan, which she loves, with her wonderful 11 year-old Bouvier, Allie. They are enjoying retirement together and being Snowbirds, spending Jan-March in NSB.

In Michigan, Paula has been a long-term member of St. Stephens Community Church, UCC in Lansing. She has held a number of positions including Trustee for many years, Stewardship Chair and member of the Executive Council. Paula loves Bridge, theater, movies and music. She was an avid bicycler but shoulder injuries have slowed down that part of her life. She's also active in the Bath Lions Club, the Clinton County Dems, and of course her church and community. She's an avid MSU Spartan Fan! Go Green!

Paula came to NSB because many of her friends winter here and they found kindred spirits at UCC NSB. Paula spends January-March in NSB and is looking forward to spending more time with us upon her return in January.

UCC Current Events

Sep 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10:00a 9am - Bible Study	27 6pm - Prayer Group	28	29	30	31 Choir Practice @	1
2 10:00a 9am - Bible Study	3 6pm - Prayer Group	4	5 6:00p Worship	6	7 Choir Practice @	8
9 10:00a 9am - Bible Study	10 9:00a Men's 6pm - Prayer Group	11	12 7pm - PFLAG @	13 7pm - Cruisers	14 Choir Practice @	15
16 10:00a 9am - Bible Study	17 Finance Mtg @ 6pm - Prayer Group	18	19 6:30p Council Mtg @	20	21 Choir Practice @	22
23 10:00a 9am - Bible Study	24 6pm - Prayer Group	25	26 7pm - Volusia Pride	27	28 Choir Practice @	29
30 10:00a 9am - Bible Study	1 6pm - Prayer Group	2	3 6:00p Worship	4	5 Choir Practice @	6

5th Sunday Fellowship



Fellowship after worship services is one of our favorite parts of Sunday, but the fifth Sunday pot lucks are the best! Thanks to Anna Haskins and Judi Beland for organizing each and every Sunday fellowship for us.



August 2018 Finance Minutes

Attendees: Gary Smith, Cathy Mason, Ronnie Sciuлло, Sammie Hartwell and Cindy Casey.

Review of Financials:

Discussed changes that we would make to F/S reporting when we bring in house, including Mtg principle, Pastor Discretionary fund income, Allocation to Memorial expense, property maintenance expense.

Discussed timing to discontinue CPA and process to bring P/R in house

Old Business:

Group reviewed the Proposed Finance calendar

Discussion of calendar focused on the budget develop process and timing.

Finance committee will begin meeting with committee chairs to craft 2019 budgets. Goal is to have a budget in place to present to Council in November.

New Business:

Envelope renewal form was received. Suggestion proposed to move away from numbered envelopes and use just dated envelopes. After contacting vendor, we realized that this would allow us to order half as many envelopes cutting our cost by the same. We could purchase Initial Offering envelopes in bulk without numbers and distribute as we do for special collections...leaving them in the pews. Group agreed to revisit next meeting.

Submitted by: Ronnie Sciuлло

Ministering Angels



Pastor Diane presents Donnie Coleman and John Buchanan with the Ministering Angels Award in June for the work they do with Hot Meals, as well as feeding us at UCCNSB. All our special events, including the Thrift Store's 8th anniversary Fashion Show/Luncheon, are made even more special with the delicious buffet they prepare.

September One-Year Bible Readings

Sept 01
Job 40:1-42:17
2 Corinthians 5:11-21
Psalm 45:1-17
Proverbs 22:14

Sept 02
Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Psalm 46:1-11
Proverbs 22:15

Sept 03
Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:12
2 Corinthians 6:14-7:7
Psalm 47:1-9
Proverbs 22:16

Sept 04
Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:18
2 Corinthians 7:8-16
Psalm 48:1-14
Proverbs 22:17-19

Sept 05
Ecclesiastes 10:1-12:14
2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Psalm 49:1-20
Proverbs 22:20-21

Sept 06
Song of Solomon 1:1- 4:16
2 Corinthians 8:16-24
Psalm 50:1-23
Proverbs 22:22-23

Sept 07
Song of Solomon 5:1-8:14
2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Psalm 51:1-19
Proverbs 22:24-25

Sept 08
Isaiah 1:1-2:22
2 Corinthians 10:1-18
Psalm 52:1-9
Proverbs 22:26-27

Sept 09
Isaiah 3:1-5:30
2 Corinthians 11:1-15
Psalm 53:1-6
Proverbs 22:28-29

Sept 10
Isaiah 6:1-7:25
2 Corinthians 11:16-33
Psalm 54:1-7
Proverbs 23:1-3

Sept 11
Isaiah 8:1-9:21
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Psalm 55:1-23
Proverbs 23:4-5

Sept 12
Isaiah 10:1-11:16
2 Corinthians 12:11-21
Psalm 56:1-13
Proverbs 23:6-8

Sept 13
Isaiah 12:1-14:32
2 Corinthians 13:1-14
Psalm 57:1-11
Proverbs 23:9-11

Sept 14
Isaiah 15:1-18:7
Galatians 1:1-24
Psalm 58:1-11
Proverbs 23:12

Sept 15
Isaiah 19:1-21:17
Galatians 2:1-16
Psalm 59:1-17
Proverbs 23:13-14

Sept 16
Isaiah 22:1-24:23
Galatians 2:17-3:9
Psalm 60:1-12
Proverbs 23:15-16

Sept 17
Isaiah 25:1-28:13
Galatians 3:10-22
Psalm 61:1-8
Proverbs 23:17-18

Sept 18
Isaiah 28:14-30:11
Galatians 3:23-4:31
Psalm 62:1-12
Proverbs 23:19-21

Sept 19
Isaiah 30:12-33:9
Galatians 5:1-12
Psalm 63:1-11
Proverbs 23:22

Sept 20
Isaiah 33:10-36:22
Galatians 5:13-26
Psalm 64:1-10
Proverbs 23:23

Sept 21
Isaiah 37:1-38:22
Galatians 6:1-18
Psalm 65:1-13
Proverbs 23:24

Sept 22
Isaiah 39:1-41:16
Ephesians 1:1-23
Psalm 66:1-20
Proverbs 23:25-28

Sept 23
Isaiah 41:17-43:13
Ephesians 2:1-22
Psalm 67:1-7
Proverbs 23:29-35

Sept 24
Isaiah 43:14-45:10
Ephesians 3:1-21
Psalm 68:1-18
Proverbs 24:1-2

Sept 25
Isaiah 45:11-48:11
Ephesians 4:1-16
Psalm 68:19-35
Proverbs 24:3-4

Sept 26
Isaiah 48:12-50:11
Ephesians 4:17-32
Psalm 69:1-18
Proverbs 24:5-6

Sept 27
Isaiah 51:1-53:12
Ephesians 5:1-33
Psalm 69:19-36
Proverbs 24:7

Sept 28
Isaiah 54:1-57:14
Ephesians 6:1-24
Psalm 70:1-5
Proverbs 24:8

Sept 29
Isaiah 57:15-59:21
Philippians 1:1-26
Psalm 71:1-24
Proverbs 24:9-10

Sept 30
Isaiah 60:1-62:5
Philippians 1:27-2:18
Psalm 72:1-20
Proverbs 24:11-1

Happy Birthday

September

BABIES!

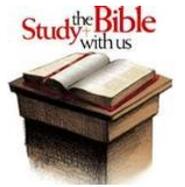


Born in September

9/2	Cathy Mason
9/5	Jackie Calvert
9/5	Timothy Schmitt
9/7	Mark Bundy
9/10	Cindy Gardner
9/10	Erin Lorow
9/14	E.J. Walker
9/15	Doreen Massin
9/15	Peggy Walker
9/23	Gloria Stanton

Sunday morning Bible study has a new 'home' and a new study. We will be meeting in the meditation room (second hall, last door on left) and our new study is *I AM, Discovering Who Jesus Is*. Come and join us for discussions and new insights.

Cecelia McKinney



CARING FOR EACH OTHER

To request a get well, sympathy or thinking of you card be sent by the Card Ministry, contact Charlotte Hinson at chinson2513@aol.com or 386-679-2939.

To inform the church about an illness, surgery, or hospitalization, contact Pastor Diane Langworthy office: (386) 428-2352 or cell: (386) 847-0883

To submit your prayer requests to the UCC Prayer Chain, email Gerie Spencer at jspencer7@cfl.rr.com

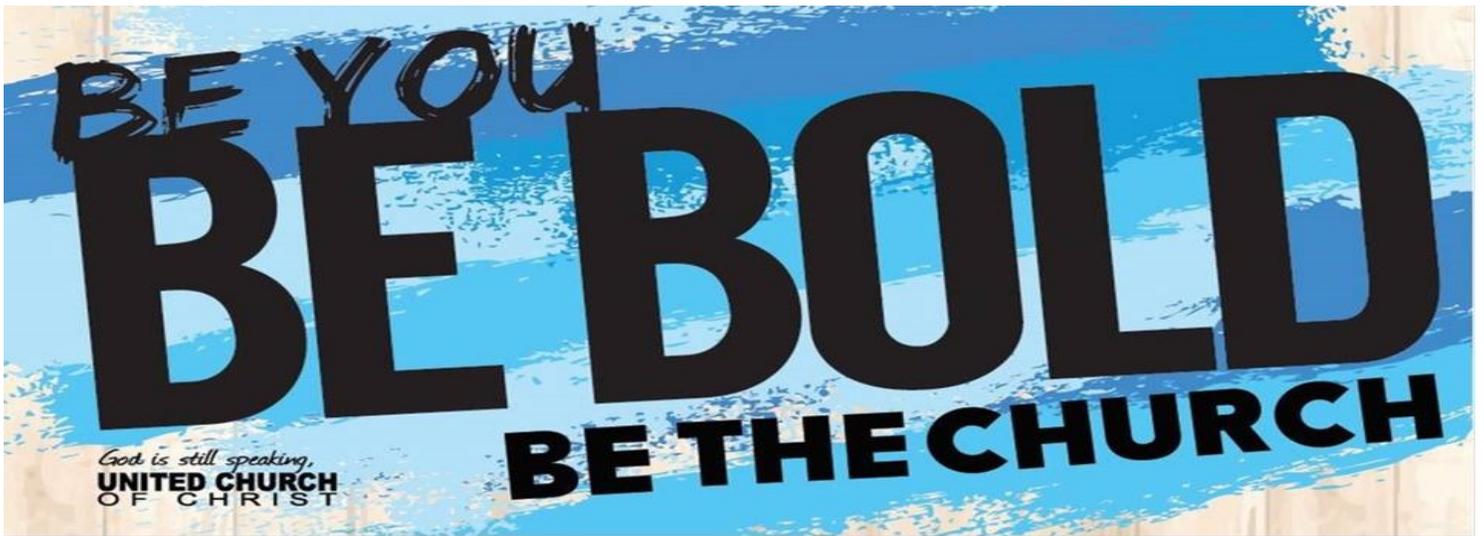
To arrange for transportation, contact Judy Ebert at 386-409-8810

To make a gift to the church, contact Gary Smith (610) 613-5886

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To receive home-bound communion or pastoral visit, contact Pastor Diane Langworthy office: (386) 428-2352 or cell: (386) 847-0883

To arrange for a baptism, wedding ceremony, renewal of vows, or memorials, contact Pastor Diane Langworthy office: (386) 428-2352 or cell: (386) 847-0883



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Please submit your articles ON or BEFORE the 23rd of each month via my email which is sandiblackmer01@gmail.com

Preferred format would be as an attachment using Word (.doc) or in pdf. Also I can copy & paste from the body of an email. Call me: 386-679-8762 if in doubt.

Sandi Blackmer, *The United Voice* Editor



Gifts Of Love

Remember to fill the Red Wagon Food Express with donations

"It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

Mother Teresa

HOW TO RESERVE SPACE FOR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

When planning a meeting or an event at UCC, PLEASE, notify the office to check on availability for the conference room, sanctuary or community hall.

Ronnie Scullo, Office Manager



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We remember all caregivers as well!

Note: People who are touched by illness, deaths, hospitalizations & shut-ins are listed here monthly

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in
Conference Room
Communion: Every Sunday

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



We are an Open and Affirming Church. We welcome all into the full life and ministries of the church irrespective of race, gender, age, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socio-economic status, and mental and physical disabilities. We celebrate the image of God in every person.

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