

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



# The United Voice

## "Come what MAY, God loves us!"



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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,

My message this month is from the Saturday issue of the *Daytona News-Journal* written as follows...

People often ask me why ON EARTH anyone would want to read the Bible. They think it is nice, heartwarming and inspiring, even, that their pastor would talk about the Bible on Sunday...they like memorizing favorite passages, but that is not the same as expecting that they would read Scripture... regularly even. Why should anyone? Would anyone? I mean, regular, non-fanatic people... would regular people read the *whole* Bible? Would any sane person read it more than once? Over three years ago, in this paper, I shared what a gift and learning experience it has been for me to continually reread the One Year Bible, a practice I began as a young mother before I entered ministry and have maintained for over thirty years.

The Old Testament, infamous for the violence of God's people and the harshness of God's apparent Self, reveals... especially with slogging all the way through, often... that God is at work trying to get through with a radical new message of connection and loving justice... the kind of justice that ensures the poor and the alien are fed. There are surprising plot twists in the Old Testament that overturn our conclusions about who is excluded and pave the way for God's purpose of healing and hope. For example, Deuteronomy 23:3 warns that no Moabite should be permitted in the Lord's assembly even to the tenth generation! But in the book of Ruth there is sweet Ruth (the Moabite) welcomed in, made a part of the assembly. Later her great grandson becomes King David, God's beloved. Furthermore, if we are really paying attention we see that Ruth's second husband, the great grandfather of King David, was the son of a prostitute... another foreigner... who helped the Hebrew people win the battle of Jericho!

Ruth and her husband's mother, Rahab, are both listed in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. The third woman mentioned in Jesus' lineage is Tamar, a Canaanite... another foreigner. God's holy purpose of healing and hope clearly moves through including the previously excluded. Reading all the Bible multiple times brings this message of inclusion home to us.

**Pastor's Message continued...**

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Deuteronomy also forbids men who have been emasculated from entering the Lord's assembly, but in Acts 8:26-40, the disciple Philip is drawn to an Ethiopian eunuch by the Holy Spirit. The eunuch sees in his victimization echoes of Jesus' own and Philip helps him see the infinite love God extends and baptizes him on the spot. Another foreigner, previously doubly excluded (due to his emasculation and lineage), drawn into the people of God! What can these plot twists teach us about God's call to meet with compassion the resident aliens in our country? Additionally, as we see black men arrested for sitting peacefully in a Starbucks, how might the knowledge that the Ethiopian was a convert to the early Christian church *through God's direct intervention* shape our thinking? The Holy Spirit called to Philip to the Ethiopian. Surely folks who read Scripture can feel a similar pull to value the sacred worth of our darker skinned brothers and sisters?

A little boy in a clergy friend's office looked at a long shelf of Bibles. My friend was proud of his collection of different translations. "Are these all your Bibles?" the kid asked. "Yes," my friend answered, proudly. "You only need one, if you read it," said the kid. Sigh...good point.

These days folks are frequently better at Bible thumping than Bible reading. Scripture invites us into a relationship with God and one another where we do not get to decide that one person is "worth" more than another because God's purpose inevitably involves plot twists. Who would we leave out? Would we send Mary back into the kitchen? Jesus wouldn't. Foreigners? Jesus came to us through foreigners...people who Scripture said, at one point, should be kept away! Love your neighbor as yourself is in Leviticus 19 as well as in Mark 12... God really means this! What about those who work hard versus those we would label "lazy"? Remember the story Jesus told about paying laborers? The employer in Jesus' story ensured that the ones who worked all day would see that they were paid *the same* as the ones who only got working for the last little bit! How might this inform our understanding of the importance of a living wage for all workers? The story of the prodigal son... the story of the "good Samaritan" (spoken at a time when there were, supposedly, **no good** Samaritans!). God draws us into community through plot twists that change everything.

This Sunday our church is celebrating SEVEN YEARS of being "open and affirming". That means for **seven years** we have practiced our understanding that God calls us to love and work beside, to include, affirm (and marry when they have fallen in love and want this commitment) our gay neighbors as much as we love, include, affirm and perform marriages for those of us who are attracted to different sex partners. We are all God's children, and reading the Bible, we learn to thump on it less and weave the plot twists into our journey.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Diane

### Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13, and we will again be featuring our mothers and those who mothered us on the screen before worship service. If you have a photo of your mother you would like included in this display, email it to **Cindy Casey at ckcasey56@gmail.com**. If you don't have a digital photo of your mother, bring a print to worship services on April 29 or May 6. She will scan it at that time and give it right back to you. If you have already given her a picture of your mother for past services, she still has those files. However, you are welcome to provide her with a different picture if you want.

## COUNCIL MINUTES

April 18, 2018

Present: Moderator Sammie Hartwell, Vice Cindy Casey, Rev. Diane Langworthy, Gary Smith, George Smith, Debbie Jackson, Diane Babe, Cecelia McKinney, Frances Baker, Vern Whittenburg, Doreen Massin, Gerie Spencer

**Pastor's Report** - Has been doing a lot of visitations and has weddings to do. Pastor is excited about working with Cecelia getting Church School teachers and doing training.

**Moderator's Report** - Sammie stressed the need for teachers and training. Asked that any work needing done by Property please fill out a work order and put in George's box in the office. The same is true regarding messages or requests of our Office Manager. Write request and give to appropriate person or committee head. Committee will meet regarding Safe Church and report back to Council next month.

**Vice Moderator/ONA** - Cindy helping put together worship service for our 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Open and Affirming April 19<sup>th</sup>. Children will enter sanctuary waving rainbow flags. There will be colored ribbons for all to tie on our white cross, as well as balloons on pews. She is considering another movie night, When We rise, in May.

**Property** - George reported we have a new lock on the office door. The tree near shed will be trimmed for \$700. The grease trap in the kitchen needs attention. A committee consisting of George, Fran, Sammie, David Babe and Cindy will look into the possibilities for a new church sign. George will get a quote for increasing air conditioning for Community Hall. Will order new load of gravel for shed area.

**Thrift Store** - Fran says the Thrift Store is a happy place...going well. Has 3 new volunteers which will be a big help as snow bird volunteers are heading north. She is sending out emails to regular customers re sales. The recent bag sale went well.

**Worship** - Got compliments on flowers on cross and new choir chair covers. We need additional wheelchair slot in the sanctuary. Need volunteer to iron communion napkins. We will start doing announcements prior to worship starting in May. Brief written announcements must be turned in by Friday.

**Christian Education** - Cecelia will have a meeting on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>. The new summer curriculum has been ordered. Teachers need to prepare lessons prior to duty on Sundays. Need teachers.

**Finance** - Gary reported the office has been moved into its new headquarters. Finances doing okay. Statements in church office if requested.

**Membership** - Doreen has sold more t-shirts and will be ordering again in June. Area Community concert group will be performing Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Outreach** - There were a total of 27 who registered for Room at The Inn this winter when temperatures were below 40 degrees. The Postal Drive for Gifts of Love is May 12th. Will need help with it. Strengthen the Church Special Offering will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the National Ministries.

Meeting Adjourned 8 PM.

Gerie Spencer, Scribe

## Membership Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2018

**Attendees:** Sammie Harwell, Doreen Massin, Diane Langworthy

**Absent:** Cindy Casey, Charlotte Hinson, Donna Lambert

### 1. Up-coming Events

- SEV Community Choir Concert April 21 @ 7pm in Sanctuary
- Linda Bishop's Play "While Salem Burns" Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> in Sanctuary. Linda has offered to have a performance of her play at UCC as a fund raiser for the church, following the performances scheduled at the Atlantic Center For the Arts
- Music Concert featuring Rob Hebel and others in Fall

### 2. UCC T-Shirts Status

We currently have raised \$418 for UCC from sales of Love Knows No Limits T-shirts. As of April 1, we still need to pay back the church \$40 from the last Pride order (\$316). There are currently 29 shirts in our inventory for sale in various colors and sizes -- 13 shirts are in the church office in various sizes and colors and Doreen has 16 at home.

### 3. Small groups

Alice Lewis is planning to run a small group project from May-August. Details to follow.

### 4. Next meeting May 12 (Saturday) 9:30am



**BLANKET SUNDAY**

Donate \$5.00 or \$10.00  
for a blanket. Multiple uses.  
Special collection on  
Mothers Day

**May 13th**



## **Worship Committee Minutes**

**April 11, 2018 meeting**

PRESENT: Chair Vern Whittenburg, Vice chair Greg Young, Pastor Diane Langworthy, Sammie Hartwell, Cindy Gardner, Debbie Young, Debbie Jackson, Gerie Spencer, Marilyn Bader and Cindy Casey.

Meeting opened with prayer by Chair Vern Whittenburg at 6 p.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **HOLY WEEK REVIEW**

The committee discussed and reviewed Holy Week services and events. All agreed the new approach this year to decorating the chancel with flowers (members buying their own) made for a beautiful floral display of color. People also loved placing the cut flowers on the cross and seeing it blossom into Easter colors. The committee did agree to go back to distributing the palm crosses. The palm spears didn't hold up too well and it took time for the ushers to separate the strands.

#### **CHOIR SEATING**

The committee also was pleased with the new choir seating and chair covers, and shared positive feedback from some folks in the congregation. We still need to figure out a way to cover the back of the sound system so the wires don't show. Greg will look into what can be used.

#### **COMMUNION LINENS**

Vern sent an email to the congregation seeking someone to handle cleaning the Communion linens and ensuring they are pressed, folded and returned to the sanctuary on a regular basis. No one responded. Vern will try the personal approach.

Pastor Diane asked everyone to remember that the embroidered linens are preferred for Communion. The plain white ones are to be used only when absolutely necessary.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several committee members reported hearing from the congregation that they would like us to go back to making announcements. The requests also have been coming from people who have something to announce. The committee, however, did recognize that our Praise Music is also a big hit with the congregation. The committee decided that in May we would start out with just a few Praise Hymns, followed by brief announcements and move into a choral or piano introit as chosen by Music Director Cindy Gardner. Vern will write an article for the Voice detailing the procedure for the congregation to get him announcements.

#### **SANCTUARY WIFI**

Greg will look into why the wifi in the sanctuary is not working.

#### **SOUND/ELECTRONICS**

Greg will look into getting a better lapel mic for Pastor Diane, but first we must find the old headsets (black and tan) because we will be able to use receiver from one of them, thereby saving additional/needless expense. Greg also will talk with Property committee about installing a shelf on the wall for the receivers that are currently stacked on books and each other on a wobbly table.

There was some discussion on moving the entire sound system to the back of the church, which is the optimum (and usual) place to locate it. Greg said the expense of moving all the wires to the back of the sanctuary was the reason it wasn't done when we put in the new system. He agreed to find out how much it would cost now.

#### **ADDITIONAL WHEELCHAIR SEATING**

Committee members noticed a need for additional wheelchair seating in the sanctuary. Since the pews were moved off the chancel, we do have another short pew that could replace a long pew in the sanctuary to provide the needed space. It was suggested to replace the long pew with the short one directly across from the wheelchair seating area we already have. Vern will look into getting that done.

**Worship Minutes continued...**

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### USHERS

Marilyn reported that Debbie Jackson will fill in as usher beginning in May when Loren and Mary Harmon leave for their home up north.

### MOTHER'S DAY

Committee members requested we offer another photo PowerPoint to honor the mothers of our congregation as part of our Mother's Day service on May 13. Cindy will write up reminder for the Voice, as well as announcements in the bulletin and screen.

### REMINDERS

David Westcott, who has been a member of our church since retiring as a UCC minister, has come out of retirement and will be installed Sunday, May 6, as pastor at UCC First Congregational Church in Orange City. Pastor Diane will speak at his installation. Vern will step in to lead our worship service on May 6 for Pastor Diane.

The congregation will share in a special Pentecost worship/wedding service on Sunday, May 20, performed by Pastor Diane for Carrie and Mike.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 2, at 6 p.m.

Vern adjourned the meeting with prayer at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Cindy Casey

## SPRING REBIRTH IS EVERYWHERE IF YOU JUST TAKE TIME TO LOOK!

A photo essay by Sandi Blackmer, Photographer

**4/23/18:** I have watched the progress of this young family of Great Blue Herons with my camera's 500mm lens from my backyard. **(A)** Mom is asleep in this photo. You can see the small heads of the two young herons in the nest high up in a pine tree.

**4/25/18:** **(B)** Mom has arrived with food! Her neck expands as she regurgitates food up to transfer to each bird. **(C)** Mom rests from feeding for a moment as babies protest among themselves! They are a very noisy bunch for long periods of time.



**4/30/18:** **(D)** Mom has just arrived; the 2 fledglings start to argue amongst themselves. **(E)** Mom is gone: now you see how big the fledglings have grown in a short time. When alone, they move around trying out their wings. They are almost ready to leave!





## Easter at UCCNSB

Easter at UCCNSB is always beautiful, special and fun – from the church and chancel decorations to the music and celebration.

As the congregation placed cut flowers on our 6-foot white cross, the chancel choir sang praise hymns. The celebration began with Debbie Jackson, mime artist, performing a dance to “For Those Tears I Died,” sung by Marsha Stevens.

And what joy and fun the children had during the opening hymn, “Up from the Grave He Arose!” We’re not sure who had more fun jumping at the appropriate time – the kids or Pastor Diane! (You’ll have to go to our YouTube channel to see the video if you weren’t at the service.)

Easter service was made even more special as we witnessed the baptism of Ralph Medley. Following the service, our Teens in Action treated the children to an Easter egg hunt on the side yard.



# Special Announcements from Worship

## New Procedure Resuming Announcement

The congregation loves beginning worship with songs of praise! We will continue this practice with one change. After the first two or three praise songs we will insert verbal announcement. The announcements will be brief and followed by the resumption of praise music, setting the tone for worship.

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, we ask that you have it to the office by Wednesday so that it can be put in the bulletin. If you miss the deadline for the bulletin please submit your announcement to the office in writing by Friday for reading on Sunday. Announcements that are submitted late may be read at Fellowship Hour.

## Request Volunteer to Set Up Communion

The communion table is lovingly prepared each Sunday Morning by dedicated members – each taking one of the four or five Sundays during the month. One of our members is not able to continue and so we need a new volunteer for **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**.

If you are able to volunteer your services please respond to the office or to the chair of worship, Vern Whittenburg. One of those presently serving will make themselves available to show you how it is done. Your response will be greatly appreciated.

We have an **additional need** for a volunteer who will launder and return the communion napkins, which are used to cover the communion elements each Sunday. If you can serve in this way please respond to the office or to the worship chair, Vern Whittenburg.



## Finn shares a puppet show

Finn Moore, wearing his best Scottish kilt, shared with everyone during Children's Time at the April 15 service a puppet show about Snoopy saving Charlie Brown from a bad dream with a monster attacking! What a great story and we're so thankful Finn shared it with us!





# FOOD DRIVE! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive” is Saturday, May 12. This will be the 26th year nationwide. The Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the outgrowth of a tradition of community service exhibited by members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) over the last 125 years.

Each year, groups, businesses and organizations join the letter carriers at the local, regional and national levels to help grow a campaign of hunger awareness and community action in conducting this one-day, record-making food drive. Locally, the letter carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive enjoys partnerships with many church and faith groups, Gifts of Love Community Coalition is one of the receivers of this totally awesome project.

In 2017, we celebrated Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive’s 25th anniversary, and branches all across the United States collected more than 75 million pounds of food for a cumulative total of approximately 1.6 billion pounds over the history of the drive — an awesome achievement. Oh, and in Edgewater and New Smyrna Beach it absolutely poured like it was monsoon season. Let’s hope for awesome weather this season.

What this means locally is it will help fill the food pantries when the demand for food rises due to schools being out. All through the summer when our clients come to receive food we provide a “fun” snack pack for each child in the family. We also need to remember our seniors, our children and our infants.

Currently, 49 million Americans — about one in six — are unsure where their next meal is coming from, including 13 million children and more than 5 million older than 60.

Food banks and pantries often receive the bulk of donations during Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

To participate, leave a nonperishable food donation in a bag by the mailbox Saturday, May 12, and the letter carrier or another volunteer will ensure that donation gets to the pantry.

So are you thinking you want to do more? **Gifts of Love is in desperate, yes desperate, need of volunteers who are willing to help sort and move these items to our storage facilities on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.** For more information contact Sammie Hartwell at 386-423-5257 or 386-478-9652

# Teens In Action News!

First of all, thank you to my wonderful Teens in Action and my sister, Pam Hopper, for my birthday party surprise on Teen Sunday, April 15! It was an awesome surprise and of course, the card made me cry! My birthday surprise from my family was my youngest son, Dustin and his girlfriend, Theavy, were flown in from California!!!! Pam said she had to stay away from me lately, to keep from blabbing. The boys had asked me last year what I wanted for my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and I told them I wanted them to come to church with me. AND they did!!! SO, I not only got to show off my wonderful, loving teens and church family, I'm teaching Sunday School this month, so they helped me with my little crowd. I can't thank you all enough. They saw what a wonderful church family we have!

We have a new member, Noah, who fit right in with our crazy selves and we are glad to have him. He will be starting high school next year with our other ninth graders.

We spent a few weeks filling Easter eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt. Pam and I missed Easter this year, the first one I can remember in the last ten years at least. We had a family reunion Easter celebration at our nephew, Philip Walker's home, in Atlantic Beach. A lot of the teens showed up and they did a great job on the egg hunt. We understand three of our teens' youngest brother, Charlie Peacock, got the golden egg this year! Thank you, Teens!!

The teens have been busy getting ready for the mission trip, with a special MUST ATTEND meeting Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The best news of all is that our own Vonshelle Beneby has agreed to go on the mission trip. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Vonshelle. You will be an awesome leader and Pam is thrilled! What a blessing for our teens.

It's been a busy month for our teens, especially David Guinan, our senior. Besides getting ready for graduation, he also passed his driver's test and is officially an adult at 18!!! David's been a member of Teens since he was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and he has been a devoted member, NEVER missing a mission trip and rarely missing a meeting or fundraiser. We have convinced him to come back next year to help, since he is going to college locally. The rest of the teens are busy with their sports, end of year projects, exams and dances. But we will be definitely cleaning the beach soon and are going to have another fundraiser before the mission trip. Our major unmet expense is enough money for renting a large passenger van to transport the group to the Team Effort site and daily to their assigned work site. We also hope to have enough money, so the group can get one "last" real meal, before the week of cereal, sandwiches, tacos, etc. The group always goes on Sunday afternoon and supper is not included on Sunday.

The support of our church family is awesome and we can't think you all enough.



## Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Karen!!

Pam Hopper with teens Sophia Squitieri and Csenge Nemeth present Karen Dreggors a cake to celebrate her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at Fellowship after the April 15 worship service.



## THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

We just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to our entire UCCNSB church family for all your kindness, prayers and FOOD you delivered to our door as we dealt with Ray's open heart surgery and recovery. Also, it was extremely comforting to have Pastor Diane come sit with me in between my mom having to leave the hospital to get the kids and before my sister from Gainesville could get to Jacksonville while Ray was still unconscious two days after surgery. Three months to the day from surgery, he went back to work. He still has a way to go as he continues to work on lifestyle changes to keep his heart disease from progressing at an aggressive rate. You probably noticed, our oldest daughter, Kayla, is missing from the picture. When you have 5 kids, someone is always coming and going -- especially a 17-year-old! But we wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know how very much we appreciate your past, present and future support. Love you all... from the Lorow-Peacock-Squitieri family of Erin, Ray, Cadence, Sophia, Charlie, Kyle and socialite Kayla.



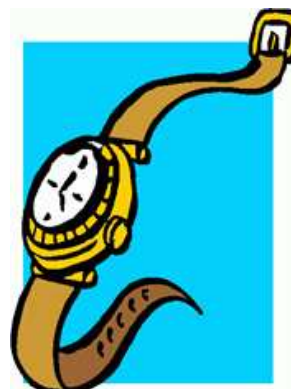
# SALE

## 50% OFF ALL WATCHES

### MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> – MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

*Remember Mother's Day*

**May 13, 2018**



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#### New members

New members Pamela S. Cannan (left) and Helen Cummins Broughman (right) share a laugh with Pastor Diane as they affirm their commitment in becoming members of the United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach during the April 8<sup>th</sup> worship service.



# Sale

**All blouses, tee shirts & tank tops**  
**\$1.00**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>**



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## Beth is back!!!

Beth Besaw gives us a wave with a big smile upon her first day back at church April 15 following a boating accident a couple of months ago that broke her back. We could tell her husband, Wayne, is glad to have her back at his side in their favorite pew.



**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*

## UCCNSB is on YouTube

We have been posting Pastor Diane's sermons, as well as other church events, on YouTube for a few years now. Every once in a while we get people asking how to find them. So, here's a refresher.

The easiest way is to go to our website, [uccnsb.org](http://uccnsb.org), and simply click on the blue tab that says "Pastor's Sermons" in the left column. It will take you right to our YouTube channel with everything we have posted.

If you are not a subscriber, and would like to be, just click on the "subscribe" button and follow the prompts. Every time we post a new video you will automatically receive an email letting you know there's a new video posted.

We also try to notify everyone once we post a new video on our Facebook page. But, admittedly, that notification doesn't always happen. Also, if you're a Facebook user, you know that if you miss the post, it may not come up in your feed for hours or days... depending who in your Friends list "likes" the post or comments on it.

So, check us out on YouTube and begin subscribing today! It's FREE!!



### "May We Take Your Order"

We are taking orders for more UCC T-shirts, so now is your chance to get larger sizes including 4X and 3X in either lavender or black and kids sizes that we only special order.

Please contact Doreen Massin for an order form.

**The deadline for orders is June 1, 2018.**



**We will have Coconut Cream, Lemon, Apple and Cherry pies for sale ...\$10. each**  
**Sign up sheet in Community Hall.**

**Pick Up date for pies is Saturday, May 12th from 9:30am to 3:00pm**



## ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for MAY

### May 1

Judges 13:1-14:20  
John 1:29-51  
Psalm 102:1-28  
Proverbs 14:15-16

### May 2

Judges 15:1-16:31  
John 2:1-25  
Psalm 103:1-22  
Proverbs 14:17-19

### May 3

Judges 17:1-18:31  
John 3:1-21  
Psalm 104:1-23  
Proverbs 14:20-21

### May 4

Judges 19:1-20:48  
John 3:22-4:3  
Psalm 104:24-35  
Proverbs 14:22-24

### May 5

Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22  
John 4:4-42  
Psalm 105:1-15  
Proverbs 14:25

### May 6

Ruth 2:1-4:22  
John 4:43-54  
Psalm 105:16-36  
Proverbs 14:26-27

### May 7

1 Samuel 1:1-2:21  
John 5:1-23  
Psalm 105:37-45  
Proverbs 14:28-29

### May 8

1 Samuel 2:22-4:22  
John 5:24-47  
Psalm 106:1-12  
Proverbs 14:30-31

### May 9

1 Samuel 5:1-7:17  
John 6:1-21  
Psalm 106:13-31  
Proverbs 14:32-33

### May 10

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27  
John 6:22-42  
Psalm 106:32-48  
Proverbs 14:34-35

### May 11

1 Samuel 10:1-11:15  
John 6:43-71  
Psalm 107:1-43  
Proverbs 15:1-3

### May 12

1 Samuel 12:1-13:23  
John 7:1-30  
Psalm 108:1-13  
Proverbs 15:4

### May 13

1 Samuel 14:1-52  
John 7:31-53  
Psalm 109:1-31  
Proverbs 15:5-7

### May 14

1 Samuel 15:1-16:23  
John 8:1-20  
Psalm 110:1-7  
Proverbs 15:8-10

### May 15

1 Samuel 17:1-18:4  
John 8:21-30  
Psalm 111:1-10  
Proverbs 15:11

### May 16

1 Samuel 18:5-19:24  
John 8:31-59  
Psalm 112:1-10  
Proverbs 15:12-14

### May 17

1 Samuel 20:1-21:15  
John 9:1-41  
Psalm 113:1-114:8  
Proverbs 15:15-17

### May 18

1 Samuel 22:1-23:29  
John 10:1-21  
Psalm 115:1-18  
Proverbs 15:18-19

### May 19

1 Samuel 24:1-25:44  
John 10:22-42  
Psalm 116:1-19  
Proverbs 15:20-21

### May 20

1 Samuel 26:1-28:25  
John 11:1-54  
Psalm 117:1-2  
Proverbs 15:22-23

### May 21

1 Samuel 29:1-31:13  
John 11:55-12:19  
Psalm 118:1-18  
Proverbs 15:24-26

### May 22

2 Samuel 1:1-2:11  
John 12:20-50  
Psalm 118:19-29  
Proverbs 15:27-28

### May 23

2 Samuel 2:12-3:39  
John 13:1-30  
Psalm 119:1-16  
Proverbs 15:29-30

### May 24

2 Samuel 4:1-6:23  
John 13:31-14:14  
Psalm 119:17-32  
Proverbs 15:31-32

### May 25

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18  
John 14:15-31  
Psalm 119:33-48  
Proverbs 15:33

### May 26

2 Samuel 9:1-11:27  
John 15:1-27  
Psalm 119:49-64  
Proverbs 16:1-3

### May 27

2 Samuel 12:1-31  
John 16:1-33  
Psalm 119:65-80  
Proverbs 16:4-5

### May 28

2 Samuel 13:1-39  
John 17:1-26  
Psalm 119:81-96  
Proverbs 16:6-7

### May 29

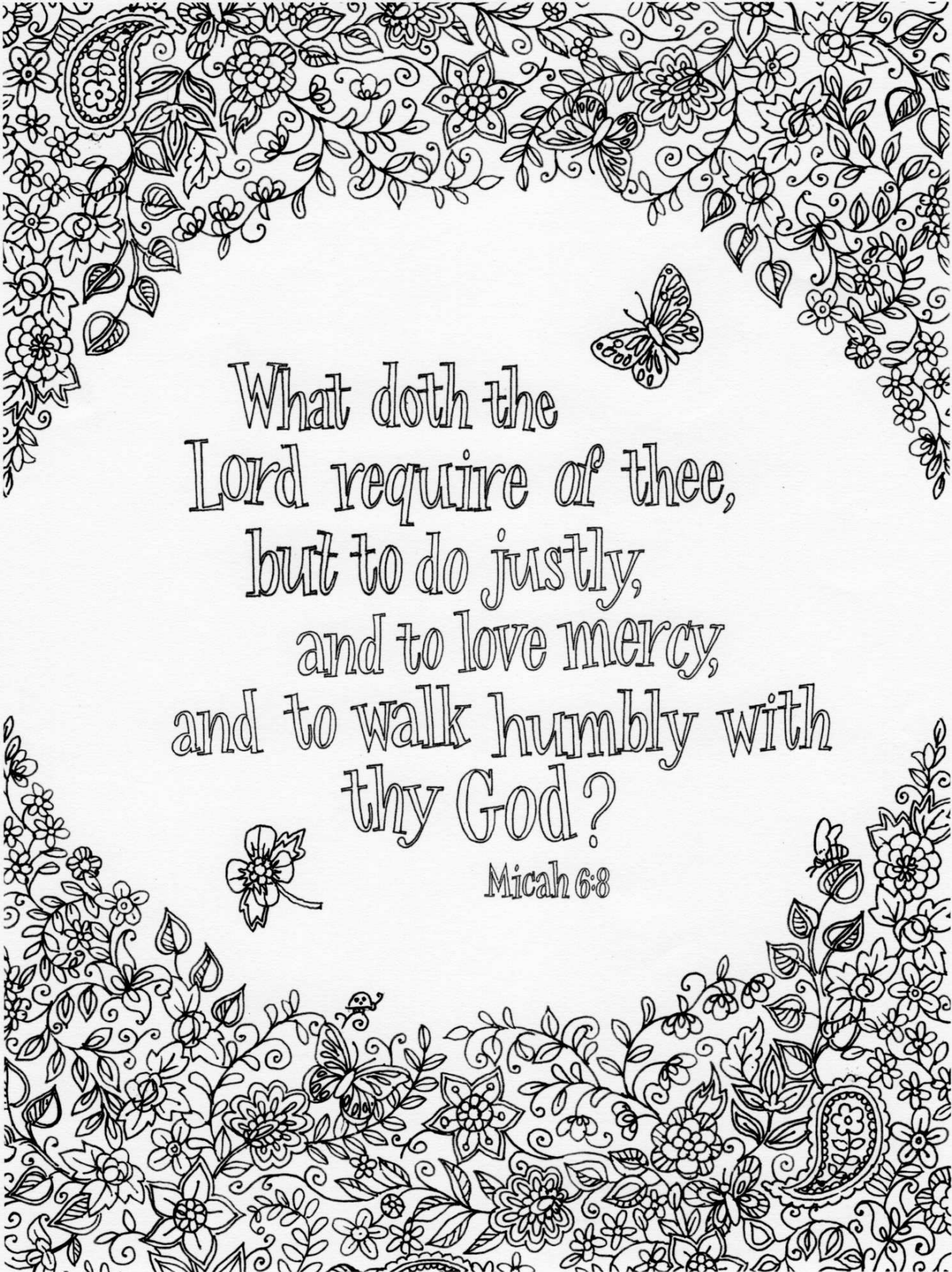
2 Samuel 14:1-15:22  
John 18:1-24  
Psalm 119:97-112  
Proverbs 16:8-9

### May 30

2 Samuel 15:23-16:23  
John 18:25-19:22  
Psalm 119:113-128  
Proverbs 16:10-11

### May 31

2 Samuel 17:1-29  
John 19:23-42  
Psalm 119:129-152  
Proverbs 16:12-13

**BIBLE BLESSINGS COLORING ART**

What doth the  
Lord require of thee,  
but to do justly,  
and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with  
thy God?

Micah 6:8



# CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGE





## 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 Sciallo, Office Manager

## SUBMISSIONS FOR *THE VOICE*

Please submit your articles ON or BEFORE the 23rd of each month via my email which is

**sblackmer@cfl.rr.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

happy  
mother's day!



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/13	Norajane Gillespie
5/14	Lara Clevenger
5/14	Marion Lange
5/14	Ed Lewis
5/18	Pamela Cannan
5/20	Ron Ellstrom-Oliver
5/21	Walma Taylor
5/29	Charlotte Hinson
5/30	Tony Michels



**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 Bill Cox (802) 777-7450

**To reach the Pastor,** contact Pastor Diane Langworthy office: (386) 428-2352 or cell: (386) 847-0883

**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



**May 28th**



**Honeysuckle!  
A sure sign of Spring!**



**Be sure to friend  
Pastor Diane on Facebook!!!**



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## **WE CARE**

### **PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND HEALING**

**Cindy Carlin**, 1310 Palmetto St., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168  
**Oliver Chiapco**, 1703 Frogs Leap Ct., Port Orange, FL 32128  
**Lyn Helppie**, 11102 Limestone Ct., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168  
**Maynard Kern**, 830 E 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169  
**Germaine Lambert**, 2031 Porto Blvd, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168  
**Judy Lawson**, 101 N. Riverside Dr., #310, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168  
**Debbie Smith**, P.O. Rehab Center, Rm 171, 5600 Victoria Gardens Blvd, Port Orange, FL 32127

**We remember all caregivers as well!**

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





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



## **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.**