

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



The United Voice

"Keeping an Eye and Heart Open"



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 Moderator: Sammie Hartwell

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Ones,

Last Sunday we celebrated the end of our 2018 vacation Bible school. It was SO MUCH fun! Cindy Gardner, our music director, suggested using children's songs like "This Little Light of Mine" during our opening praise music time and we ALL loved it! At children's time Linda McMahan led the little ones in enthusiastic music with lots of small percussion instruments and small jumping bodies. They marched up and down the aisles and it was perfect. Then we saw a slide show of pictures that Sophia had taken of VBS kids and teachers in action. Cindy Casey lovingly edited and wove them together for the slide show, so every child was highlighted. It was such a happy time in worship. Children have a way of amplifying our joy.

One of the aspects of our church family that makes me most proud is that we maintain a church home where all of God's children can grow into the person God created them to be. Some families have a single parent. Some of our families have two moms. Some of our families have two dads. Some of our families have a mom and dad. And we understand that love is growing as God has intended. I am proud that, as our little ones grow into their faith and their bodies, they will be able to know they are cherished as they were created... and whomever they grow to love as adults, their church will celebrate their marriages, regardless of their orientation. There is a welcoming church home in which they can raise *their* children. I love that when folks ask me if we have more gay or straight congregants I'm not sure and, like I don't keep track of who wears glasses and who doesn't, I don't keep categories for sexual preferences. I love my husband and I am delighted when any of us find someone special to love. And the God we worship loves us all!

This kind of WHOLE family church is essential for folks with small children. When our little ones are little we don't KNOW what their orientation will be so if we bring them to worship in churches that only support opposite sex marriages and they grow to love someone of the same sex, we have

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damaged our child's healthy response to loving... and, even worse, we have damaged their ability to know and receive love from God. By the time we find out that this mattered deeply in our own family, it can be too late! I thank God we don't risk that harm in our church family.

Our church welcomes many refugees from churches that don't accept folks' true and whole selves. In addition to the folks who discover family members with same-sex orientation or transgender bodies or any number of healthy differences that can be stigmatized, some of us are simply unwilling to check our gay friends at the door when we enter church... it creates spiritual dissonance for us to try to worship in places where all of God's children are not welcomed. Oh sure, many churches SAY they welcome all, by which they mean you are welcome to come and sit quietly and give money, but **heaven forbid** you should hold hands with the one you love if you are not opposite-sex attracted (but for heterosexuals, "Isn't that hand holding sweet!"). If you want to marry in some churches and have a same sex partner, well then you must quietly take that question elsewhere. If you come back AFTER you are married somewhere else, you may be allowed to sit politely and, of course, give your money, but don't make a THING about who you love... don't expect your anniversaries to be celebrated or your marriage nurtured with pastoral care and counseling.

I have gotten to know a wonderful young woman who attended a very conservative church. Here is a part of one of her powerful Facebook posts:

"I've lost a lot of friends, my church, some family, and even my own marriage over supporting my child instead of doing the 'Christian' thing and denying, or turning him away, or kicking him out, or sending him to one of those evil conversion programs....

In the last 17 months, since we've known the child we thought was a daughter was actually a son, I have had several friends come to me and say, 'Me, too.' I'm not talking about the lovely and beautiful folks in my new groups of parents of LGBTQ kids. I'm talking about my original circle. It's true. Real people among us. Folks just like us. YOU GUYS. OUR kids are coming out. Now that kids are starting to realize it's okay, or acceptable, or possibly even supported in some families, they're speaking up. They're coming out. They're learning and sharing who they are. They're choosing to share rather than to die. They're choosing to share rather than to be miserable.

It honestly could be you. Could be tomorrow. Could be your neighbor, your niece, your own child.

This is why I didn't allow my family to be ashamed or to hide it. This is why I let people go who couldn't deal. This is why I don't keep quiet. It's scary. It's a little weird at first. It's absolutely uncomfortable for a long while. And if you're in a spot where you don't know where to turn or who to ask, you know me."

This is why it is so important to raise children in a healthy WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD church. A place where you and your children and your friends and your neighbors can safely come to worship, understanding that who you are now, who you will grow to become will find room and love and respect. Sexual identity, orientation and expression are a wonderful rainbow of possibility created by the One who pours love in and through us! I thank God for the safe and loving home we are able to share at the New Smyrna Beach United Church of Christ.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Diane

June 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Diane and was called to order by Sammie Hartwell at 6:35 pm.

Attendees

Frances Baker, Cindy Casey, Sammie Hartwell, Pastor Diane Langworthy, Doreen Massin, Ronnie Sciuolo, Gerie Spencer, George Smith

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Appointment of Council Secretary

Sammie appointed Ronnie Sciuolo as Council Secretary. Gerie Spencer motioned that the council accept the appointment. Doreen Massin seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Pastor Report

The Pastor indicated that her prayer retreat was very refreshing. She hadn't taken one in 4-years. Future plans will be to schedule a prayer retreat annually.

The Port Orange Presbyterian church is providing assistance to homeless individuals so that they can get id's and register to vote. A notice will be submitted to Sandi Blackmer to put in the VOICE so that if anyone wants to participate in assisting with this effort they can.

The Pastor shared that she will be focusing the next 12 months on Spiritual Renewal, helping the church family develop deeper faith practices, connecting with different ways to hear God and developing a language to share.

Moderator Report

Sammie indicated that Membership is providing the Committee update for the July-August edition of the VOICE. Worship will be scheduled for September.

Old Business

- * Sign Update – Cindy completed the mock-up and will send out to the Council.
 - a. Church Promotion – The group discussed purchasing bumper sticker/electro-static window stickers with "Love Knows No Limits" for sale to Church members. Cindy will check out pricing and report back to the group.
 - b. News Article – Cindy will arrange for the Pastor to submit a news article to the News Journal – "The WHOLE Family Church", how our church supports your entire family as it may evolve and grow.

New Business

Sammie asked for feedback from those who attended the webinar "Best Practices for Allowing Convicted Offenders in your Church".

- * The webinar can be viewed on the insuranceboard.org website under Online Learning.
- * A key component of successful strategy from the webinar is to perform background checks on all volunteers and employees who do the Church's work. Cindy asked if this would reduce our Liability Insurance premium. Ronnie will reach out to our contact at the Insurance board and report back to Council.
- * The group agreed to be diligent about establishing and executing our practices and processes regarding this subject. The ONA and CHRISTIAN ED committees will spearhead the subcommittee to define our process and procedures.
- * A notice that we are in the process of creating a process and procedure for allowing convicted sex offenders in our Church.

Council Minutes continued...

Functional Committee Reports

- * Worship – Minutes reviewed as submitted.
- * Christian Ed/VBS – Sunday School teachers needed for July.
- * Finance – No extraordinary items identified in F/S. Committee will assist any church members wishing to setup their personal bank online bill pay or show how to tithe using donations via the website. Work planned to establish a Finance Calendar.
- * Membership/PR – Minutes reviewed as submitted.
- * Outreach – Blanket and Tool Sunday missions were successful.
- * Property – George reported that...
 - a. Community Hall A/C will be replaced hopefully by end of month.
 - b. Ceiling tiles being replaced slowly.
 - c. Effort to place Handicap Pews in sanctuary is ongoing. Contractor to quote on install plus –
 1. Installing a privacy barrier on chancel hiding the A/V equipment and installing a shelf
 2. Repairing water leak in Narthex that is causing flooring to buckle
 3. Repairing the molding around the dance floor in Community Hall
- * Thrift Store – Frances reported that revenue this month tracking to goal. There is now a Men's Department, which increases visibility, and helps increase sales. Volunteers are needed for various times in the summer.

Standing Committee Reports

- * ONA Cindy reported that
 - a. The movie "MILK", the story of gay activist Harvey Milk will be shown on a Saturday, June 23rd in the sanctuary. Potluck supper and discussion will follow the 2 hour-movie.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor Diane said the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m. by Sammie Hartwell. The next general meeting will be at 6:30p on July 17, 2018.

Minutes submitted by: Ronnie Sciallo

THRIFT STORE SUNDAY

WEAR SOMETHING YOU BOUGHT IN OUR THRIFTSTORE
TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY!

AUGUST 12, 2018



Worship Committee Minutes

June 6, 2018 meeting

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

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

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

SANCTUARY WIFI/SOUND SYSTEM

Cindy Casey announced that the wifi outage in the Sanctuary has been resolved. The problem was discovered when the AV team went into the old Finance office to troubleshoot the problem and found the wires for the Sanctuary router unplugged from the main modem that provides our Spectrum cable network. The LAN configuration, necessary for the iPad and laptops to communicate wirelessly with the projector (which includes the various apps that came with our sound system), still needs to be restored.

Greg has not had a chance to look into a new lapel mic for Pastor Diane, but he will. Debbie reminded the committee that she would gift the cost of a new lapel mic to the church. Roc Williams, who runs the sound system on Sundays and a member of the AV team, did find the old wireless headsets and receivers in the new AV desk on the chancel.

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.

As a reminder, the AV team consists of Greg, Cindy Casey, Betty Bowne and Roc Williams.

COMMUNION LINENS

Vern thanked Gerie for washing and ironing 4 weeks (60 pieces) of Communion linens last month. Gerie suggested that Vern ask the Communion setters to take the linens home for washing/ironing following their weeks. Vern said he would talk with Mary Ziegenfus and Marion Lange. If they are not able to do the washing/ironing, Gerie volunteered her services again. He also will ask Doreen Massin, who does ironing for the Thrift Shop.

Vern announced that Marion volunteered to take an additional week in setting the Communion table. The monthly schedule for Communion table setters is as follows: 1st week Anna Haskins and Judy Beland; 2nd week Marion; 3rd week Mary Z; 4th week Marion; 5th week, Mary Z.

ADDITIONAL WHEELCHAIR SEATING

Vern will check with Property about his written request to remove a long pew and replace it with a short one to provide additional wheelchair seating in the Sanctuary. The additional wheelchair seating will be located across from the existing area.

NEW BUSINESS:

49 BELLS: LOVE IN UNISON

We will again participate in UCC's call to join the 49 Bells: Love in Unison ceremony in remembrance of the 49 killed in the Orlando Pulse night club shooting in 2016. Mothers of the victims, who formed One Orlando Alliance, are calling upon churches, temples, synagogues and mosques to join them again by tolling their bells at noon Tuesday, June 12. UCC sent out a special request to its churches to participate. Pastor Diane will officiate the brief ceremony in the Sanctuary that will include Communion. Cindy Casey and Betty Bowne will prepare our sound system to toll our "bells" precisely at noon. A video presentation, remembering the Pulse victims will be shown. There will be light refreshments in Community Hall following the ceremony.

Worship Committee Minutes continued...

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FATHER'S DAY

Photo PowerPoint of members' fathers will be shown during Communion instead of posting the usual Communion hymns.

Also that Sunday (June 17) is Tool Sunday. The usual Mission Moment presented during Worship service, may be presented to the congregation as a video due to the presenters' schedules. Greg will schedule the video shoot with Cindy Casey.

MUSIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Cindy Gardner announced that the choir will be off for the summer from June 17 through Aug. 12. She will be asking members of the choir to fill in that time with solos, duets, or small group special music anthems. Cindy also noted that she will be on vacation July 29 and possibly Aug. 5. Cindy Casey and Betty Bowne will cover on piano and guitar as needed.

PASTOR'S VACATION PLANS

Pastor Diane announced she will take vacation the last 2 weeks of August and the first 2 weeks of September (Aug. 19-Sept. 15). Vern will call Vonshelle Beneby, our minister in 4-way Covenant; Mark Bundy, who is studying at a Chicago UCC seminary; and Alice Lewis, who also is studying to become a minister.

U.S. 1 SIGNAGE

Gerie mentioned that she noticed as she drove to the church for this meeting that our Baptist friends across the street erected a sign for their church on U.S. 1 exactly above ours. Greg said he will call Pastor Luke McKinney and talk to him about it.

REMINDERS

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, at 6 p.m.

Vern adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Pastor Diane closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Cindy Casey



Membership Committee



Members: Doreen Massin, Chair, Cindy Casey, Charlotte Hinson, Sammie Hartwell, Donna Lambert, Linda Bishop, Diane Langworthy

The main purpose of the Membership Committee is to help our church family thrive and to deepen the connection our members have with one another and their church. Our responsibilities include welcoming visitors and attracting and retaining members. This includes PR and promotional efforts led by Cindy Casey or creation of the welcome bags that are given to first time visitors, which Donna Lambert oversees. The welcome bags include brochures and educational materials about UCC so that visitors can learn about UCC's mission and beliefs.

Membership maintains a pictorial bio/directory so that members can learn more about each other and new members can more easily be introduced into church life. Membership plans special events to help enrich members' experience of church life, including musical events, the Spirit Café, or events like the Curious Giraffe, the Alice Ott Mystery Readers Theater, or the upcoming theater event "While Salem Burns" being presented on Saturday, August 18th in the Sanctuary. The committee also supports and nurtures small group activities within the church.

Membership also ensures that members, not able to actively participate at church, are not left without church support. Charlotte Hinson recently joined the Membership Committee and has taken over UCC's Card Ministry, sending cards to those who are ill or going through an emotional event. Charlotte, a Florida licensed Nurse Practitioner, is also spearheading the Faith Community Health Nursing program to aid and comfort our members who are in need of more support.

Membership is always looking for ways to uplift and enrich our church body and would love to have any folks interested in joining the Membership Committee to speak with one of us.

Membership Minutes

June 9, 2018

Attending: Doreen Massin, Sammie Hartwell, Cindy Casey, Linda Bishop, Charlotte Hinson, Pastor Diane

1. Events

Linda Bishop updated us on **“While Salem Burns”** to be performed in Sanctuary on August 18 @ 7pm as fundraiser for UCC.

Cindy Casey & Linda discussed internal PR for Voice, Website, Facebook, Church Bulletin, Posters and Church Sign.

Committee discussed Fall music concerts suggesting that another Broadway Bound type concert would likely bring in more people than a choir-type event. Doreen & Pastor will reach out to Rob Hebel to see if he would help us with another Broadway Bound Theme event, rather than a choir type Christmas Show he has proposed, which seems to be so prevalent at that time. Sammie suggested a possible compromise “Christmas on Broadway.”

2. UCC T Shirts

Shirt order has arrived and will be distributed on Sunday in Community Hall. Total order was for \$711.40. VBS purchased 33 shirts @ \$237.60. The rest was purchased by Membership for fundraising @ \$473.80. We now have a complete inventory of both lavender & black in adult 4X - Small and kids sizes available for sale. To date, \$154 has been deposited to UCC from the pre-sales of the fundraising order of \$473.80.

3. Faith Community Health Nursing

Charlotte Hinson shared a member-wide health survey she has developed to obtain the needs and desires of our congregants in terms of their health needs and educational support. The committee members are reviewing the survey and will give their feedback to Charlotte before June 15th, so that she can finalize the survey and post in Voice. Responses from this survey, will help Charlotte identify what programs and services our membership want and need.

4. Small Group update on “Table of 8”

Alice Lewis reported that 15 were able to participate on the opening night, June 2, at 6pm at Community Hall to share in a delicious potluck. Participants were seated at 3 different tables. After enjoying the meal and socializing, they broke up into 3 focus groups and planned their next meeting, which will be toward the end of June. The evening ended at 7:55pm and a wonderful time was had by all!

5. Voice article on Membership Committee will run in July issue

6. Next meeting July 14 (Saturday) 9:30am

Teens In Action News!

What a busy time our teens have had, finishing up their school year... AND everyone did great!!! As most of you know, our David Guinan graduated high school with honors and Pastor Diane, Pam and I were at his graduation, along with his family, including his grandmother from California!!! We gave him a graduation party at coffee hour and he was really overwhelmed by our generous hearted church family. Pam and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for the obvious love and support you have given him the last seven years. He has promised to help us next year with Youth Group, which is a wonderful blessing for us! Here is a personal thank you, from David!

“Dear United Church of Christ,

I want to start this off by saying thank you to each and every one of the members of this loving, caring, and beautiful congregation that I am proud to call my church. All of you express absolute compassion and love to everyone who walks through those doors and no one ever puts forth even the slightest bit of discrimination to anyone, that is something more of this world needs. I wish I could deliver this message to you all in person, but I am currently out of state.

For roughly 9 years I've come to this church and for 7 of those I've been a part of our influential and powerful youth group. This church and youth group have grown with me and have matured me in the last 3 years more than I could ever muster on my own. I've been taught to be selfless, courageous, and to respect everyone equally, with no exceptions. There is not a person I hate in this world, no matter their actions or background, because of you UCC. You have shown me why God is an amazing and powerful entity. Everyone is different (color, race, wealth, personality, religious beliefs, and political beliefs) and while I come across many disagreements with people, even some in this congregation, we always come to an understanding, that our opinions are only opinions, and are subject to change. I finish this with a great thank you and desire for a hopeful future for this church.

I was overwhelmed by the Graduation Celebration and want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart.

I am proud to be part of the Church where no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are always welcomed here!

God bless you all, god bless the United Church of Christ, and God bless America.

*Sincerely,
David Taylor Guinan”*

The youth group is anxiously waiting for their mission trip this year, July 22 thru the 27th! Pam and the leaders try to buy them two “real” meals, one on the way Sunday, because there are no meals provided on Sunday. In the past, we have stopped at Cracker Barrel on the way, so everyone has the opportunity for a real meal with lots of veggies, before the week of camp food. Also Thursday evening is a free evening and the leaders will take them out for a good meal then, too. Don't worry, they won't starve the rest of the week! They will be eating hamburgers, hot dogs, and pizza at night and cereal or light breakfasts during the week...and sandwiches and water, lots of water, at the work sites. But any donations for the two meals, or gas, will be much appreciated!!

AND AGAIN, a huge thank you from me for our Vonshelle Beneby, who will be taking off work that week, so she can help Pam and Bobby. EVERY ONE of the teens is able to make it this year, so it is a real blessing, all the support we get from our church family. I will miss it this year, but I am so happy that Vonshelle is able to help them. I know she will be AWESOME! Vonshelle was with us the last weeks of our mother's life and she was incredibly awesome, not only with Mama, but with our entire family.

Teens In Action News continued...

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Prayer requests for Mission Trip Week, are as follows:

July 22: For safe travels.

July 23: For open hearts and kindness when meeting new people.

July 24: For strength of body and openness to new ideas.

July 25: For stamina in finishing the jobs and reaching out with loving kindness to those around them.

July 26: For faith building.

July 27: For safe travels home!

And then, when they get home, we will be having a beach cleanup day. The summer seems to fly by. But we are excited about the new school year, where all of our teens are at the high school!!!

UCCNSB's 49 Bells ceremony featured on Channel 13 News

About 20 people attended the June 12 ceremony, 49 Bells: Love in Unison – our remembrance of the 49 killed in the mass shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando in 2016.

Mothers of the victims, who formed One Orlando Alliance, called upon churches, temples, synagogues, mosques and businesses to join them again by tolling their bells and showing solidarity with messages of love and kindness on their public signs. The tolling of the bells is part of Acts of Love and Kindness, a One Orlando Alliance movement grown out of the spirit of giving and good deeds witnessed in the aftermath of the tragedy at Pulse Nightclub.

As we did last year, we tolled 49 Bells at noon, followed by a video presentation of the angels lost that night. The Rev. Dr. Vern Whittenburg, our Worship Committee chair, stepped in to officiate the ceremony for Pastor Diane, who was called away on another matter.

Vern was put in the TV spotlight when a reporter from Spectrum Channel 13 came to do a story on our little church participating in this world event. The piece aired that evening as part of Orlando Spectrum's coverage of second anniversary remembrances in Central Florida.



UCCNSB to develop procedures for accepting sex offenders in our church

The United Church of Christ has asked its congregations to consider how we deal with sex offenders in our churches. Recently member of the Church Council attended a webinar, "Sex Offenders in Your Congregation: Recommendations and Best Practices."

Given our mission statement of welcoming everyone no matter where we are on life's journey, the council decided to form a subcommittee from our Christian Education and Open & Affirming committees to further discuss and develop a plan to allow convicted sex offenders in our church while keeping in mind the concerns and well-being of possible victims who also attend our church.

This subcommittee will study and develop procedures that will be discussed with the congregation as we all become educated in the best practices in dealing with this delicate subject.

Celebrating 8 years in business!

Noon – 3, Saturday, Aug. 11

\$8 per person



Who is the best bargain shopper on the show?

Tickets on sale NOW!

WHILE SALEM BURNS by Linda Bishop

What horrible, murderous chaos can take place when a teenager manipulates 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. It is a high powered drama for today, and in fact many movies have been made around the story and the original testimonies of the accusers in this courtroom drama. But the play written by our Linda Bishop 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 will be presented in our UCC sanctuary, capturing the mood with the beautiful setting. No tickets or reservations are necessary. There will a love offering you can make after the show along with a Director's Talk-Back with Linda. Curtain is at 7.

You are also welcome to see the show at the Atlantic Center.
Tickets there are \$15 at the door. Reservations and information are at 386.473.7429.

While Salem Burns

An Original Drama

Written, Produced and Directed by Linda Bishop

With Vern Whittenburg Dustin Gothard Ed Lewis and the people of Salem

Saturday, August 18 at 7pm

United Church of Christ New Smyrna Beach

203 Washington St.

Love Offering After Show Director's Talk-Back

Saturday, August 11 at 7:30 & Sunday, August 12 at 2 & 7:30

Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach \$15

Please make Reservations 386.473.7439



Gifts of Love Update

In the summertime we receive our fewest donations. In August we receive the fewest of the fewest. This year The Elks Lodge 1557, Gifts of Love and The Community Hot Meal Program will team up with Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida to feed even more families, seniors and children than we reach on our own. On Friday August 3rd we will be holding our first Mobile Drop in the Elks parking lot at 820 W. Park Ave. In order to make this a success we will need lots of volunteers to assist in handling this amount of food. If you would like to help please feel free to contact Sammie Hartwell (386) 478-9652 or Susan Aschom (863) 661-3105 for more info.



Reaching out Through Mobile Drops

A Mobile Drop is a unique and effective approach to distributing food in underserved communities by providing fresh produce and other nutritious food directly to feeding programs in Central Florida. Second Harvest's mobile food drop program has grown considerably and is now active in all 6 of our counties. These food distributions are a unique and effective approach to distributing fresh produce and other nutritious food in underserved communities.

With each delivery, Second Harvest transports at least 10,000-20,000 pounds of [fruit, vegetables, and dry goods](#) directly to the communities where low-income individuals live (roughly 10-20 pallets of product).

The program began in 2011 because of an unmet need in certain areas and a recurring surplus of produce and bread products in our warehouse. In an effort to reduce the amount of waste that results from a slow turn over of this product and increase the amount of food brought to underserved communities, Mobile Drops were created.

Children signal they are No. 1 with God after a Children's Time lesson with Pastor Diane at the June 10 worship service



ONA's special guest leads 'Milk' discussion

Toni Signoretti, a new member who has been singing in our choir for about a year, was the special guest at the June 23 Movie & Potluck night, following the Academy Award winning movie, "Milk," which is based on the life of gay rights activist and politician Harvey Milk.

Toni was part of the LGBT movement in San Francisco and was very much involved with the grassroots effort to elect Milk to the city's Board of Supervisors. She gave us a firsthand account of the excitement, the victory and celebrations in getting Milk elected as the first openly gay official in California, and the devastation when he was murdered followed by the anger and rage when his assassin was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to just seven years in prison.



Toni Signoretti (right) picture here with her wife, Barb Plentz, added to the interesting discussion following the ONA Movie & Potluck Night, featuring the Academy Award winning movie, "Milk."

IN TONI'S WORDS

On November 27, 1978, Diane Feinstein reported on the news that the Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk had been assassinated presumably by Dan White, another City Supervisor, a former police officer and fireman. Everyone in the office froze in place. It was surreal and was almost dejavu from 15 years ago when President Kennedy was killed-in Dallas. There are no valid words to express how the community initially reacted... shocked, appalled, confused, lost. The anger came later.

The Gay community worked so diligently and tirelessly on Harvey's campaign. It was time we had a spokesperson helping to run our city! He didn't last a year in office when Dan White took both his life and that of our mayor, and shattered our dreams.

Dan had "issues" with just about everything related to his district. He was always a conservative and wound tighter than a drum whenever we saw him on TV. This was a guy who never had anything go right for him... or so he thought. Take the potato stand he and his wife opened on the new wharf... total bust. Leaving being a cop and firefighter to get a measly \$10k salary as a supervisor. His financial woes were common knowledge. He resigned as a supervisor and went emotionally adrift.

It's truly amazing how things just seemed to fall into place. A march to City Hall magically was pulled together. We lit candles and a somber crowd of over 10,000 people walked peacefully from the Gay area on Castro Street down to City Hall.

In Toni's Words continued...

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I happened to be a trumpet player for The San Francisco Gay Freedom Band and Twirling Corps... it shouldn't be difficult for you to imagine that no self respecting dyke was twirling a baton! We only played a few songs on the march and the crowd around us was extremely appreciative of our participation. All band members wore silky red jackets and white visors with our name proudly emblazoned on our left chest... The San Francisco Gay Freedom Band and Twirling Corps... that was us.

Harvey was our answer to being represented, FINALLY ! He worked for all the LGBT 🏳️ residents. Up until now, we were mute and invisible unless you were a tourist and wanted to see the Gay Scene. Our most significant parade prior to the march on City Hall, occurred on Halloween and you can't begin to imagine the creativity of the costumes. For example, two boys dressed from the waist up in official military uniforms and below the waist, a tu tu with net stockings and high heels. Our last parade was led by Harvey Milk waving from a convertible.

Like JFK, Harvey was hope for the future. He had so much to still accomplish.

Then sometime in the Spring, a usually placid gay community learned that White was convicted of manslaughter NOT murder! How can it NOT be murder when you bring a weapon loaded with hollow points and sneak into the building through a basement window! That reeks of premeditation.

Folks went nuts that day, screaming and ready to tackle a lion barehanded. No more peaceful march! The gay community never had a good relationship with the police before, now it intensified when business windows were smashed, cars vandalized and anyone in their way was going to be trampled!

There were over 5,000 gay protestors and many rioters and police were injured. It was dreadful! Nobody wins in this type of conflict... nothing gets resolved. Just like the JFK, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King... the Moscone and Milk assassinations caused everyone to lose a piece of their souls.

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Sandi Blackmer's Photo Takes 2nd Place!

Sandi is a member of the Casements Camera Club in Ormond Beach. Their 6th Annual Spring Exhibit was just held at the Ormond Performing Arts Center. The top five photos were voted on by the members of the club. Sandi's "Flamingo on Aruba" received 2nd place.

For the month of July, all of the winning photos will be on display in the Ormond Beach Public Library.



ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for JULY

July 1

2 Kings 18:13-19:37
Acts 21:1-17
Psalm 149:1-9
Proverbs 18:8

July 2

2 Kings 20:1-22:2
Acts 21:18-36
Psalm 150:1-6
Proverbs 18:9-10

July 3

2 Kings 22:3-23:30
Acts 21:37-22:16
Psalm 1:1-6
Proverbs 18:11-12

July 4

2 Kings 23:31-25:30
Acts 22:17-23:10
Psalm 2:1-12
Proverbs 18:13

July 5

1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17
Acts 23:11-35
Psalm 3:1-8
Proverbs 18:14-15

July 6

1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4
Acts 24:1-27
Psalm 4:1-8
Proverbs 18:16-18

July 7

1 Chronicles 4:5-5:17
Acts 25:1-27
Psalm 5:1-12
Proverbs 18:19

July 8

1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81
Acts 26:1-32
Psalm 6:1-10
Proverbs 18:20-21

July 9

1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40
Acts 27:1-20
Psalm 7:1-17
Proverbs 18:22

July 10

1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14
Acts 27:21-44
Psalm 8:1-9
Proverbs 18:23-24

July 11

1 Chronicles 11:1-12:18
Acts 28:1-31
Psalm 9:1-12
Proverbs 19:1-3

July 12

1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17
Romans 1:1-17
Psalm 9:13-20
Proverbs 19:4-5

July 13

1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36
Romans 1:18-32
Psalm 10:1-15
Proverbs 19:6-7

July 14

1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17
Romans 2:1-24
Psalm 10:16-18
Proverbs 19:8-9

July 15

1 Chronicles 19:1-21:30
Romans 2:25-3:8
Psalm 11:1-7
Proverbs 19:10-12

July 16

1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32
Romans 3:9-31
Psalm 12:1-8
Proverbs 19:13-14

July 17

1 Chronicles 24:1-26:11
Romans 4:1-12
Psalm 13:1-6
Proverbs 19:15-16

July 18

1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34
Romans 4:13-5:5
Psalm 14:1-7
Proverbs 19:17

July 19

1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30
Romans 5:6-21
Psalm 15:1-5
Proverbs 19:18-19

July 20

2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17
Romans 6:1-23
Psalm 16:1-11
Proverbs 19:20-21

July 21

2 Chronicles 4:1-6:11
Romans 7:1-13
Psalm 17:1-15
Proverbs 19:22-23

July 22

2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10
Romans 7:14-8:8
Psalm 18:1-15
Proverbs 19:24-25

July 23

2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19
Romans 8:9-25
Psalm 18:16-36
Proverbs 19:26

July 24

2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22
Romans 8:26-39
Psalm 18:37-50
Proverbs 19:27-29

July 25

2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14
Romans 9:1-24
Psalm 19:1-14
Proverbs 20:1

July 26

2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34
Romans 9:25-10:13
Psalm 20:1-9
Proverbs 20:2-3

July 27

2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37
Romans 10:14-11:12
Psalm 21:1-13
Proverbs 20:4-6

July 28

2 Chronicles 21:1-23:21
Romans 11:13-36
Psalm 22:1-18
Proverbs 20:7

July 29

2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28
Romans 12:1-21
Psalm 22:19-31
Proverbs 20:8-10

July 30

2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27
Romans 13:1-14
Psalm 23:1-6
Proverbs 20:11

July 31

2 Chronicles 29:1-36
Romans 14:1-23
Psalm 24:1-10
Proverbs 20:12

ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for AUGUST

August 1

2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21
Romans 15:1-22
Psalm 25:1-15
Proverbs 20:13-15

August 2

2 Chronicles 32:1-33:13
Romans 15:23-16:9
Psalm 25:16-22
Proverbs 20:16-18

August 3

2 Chronicles 33:14-34:33
Romans 16:10-27
Psalm 26:1-12
Proverbs 20:19

August 4

2 Chronicles 35:1-36:23
1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Psalm 27:1-6
Proverbs 20:20-21

August 5

Ezra 1:1-2:70
1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5
Psalm 27:7-14
Proverbs 20:22-23

August 6

Ezra 3:1-4:23
1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4
Psalm 28:1-9
Proverbs 20:24-25

August 7

Ezra 4:24-6:22
1 Corinthians 3:5-23
Psalm 29:1-11
Proverbs 20:26-27

August 8

Ezra 7:1-8:20
1 Corinthians 4:1-21
Psalm 30:1-12
Proverbs 20:28-30

August 9

Ezra 8:21-9:15
1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Psalm 31:1-8
Proverbs 21:1-2

August 10

Ezra 10:1-44
1 Corinthians 6:1-20
Psalm 31:9-18
Proverbs 21:3

August 11

Nehemiah 1:1-3:14
1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Psalm 31:19-24
Proverbs 21:4

August 12

Nehemiah 3:15-5:13
1 Corinthians 7:25-40
Psalm 32:1-11
Proverbs 21:5-7

August 13

Nehemiah 5:14-7:73
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Psalm 33:1-11
Proverbs 21:8-10

August 14

Nehemiah 7:73-9:21
1 Corinthians 9:1-18
Psalm 33:12-22
Proverbs 21:11-12

August 15

Nehemiah 9:22-10:39
1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13
Psalm 34:1-10
Proverbs 21:13

August 16

Nehemiah 11:1-12:26
1 Corinthians 10:14-33
Psalm 34:11-22
Proverbs 21:14-16

August 17

Nehemiah 12:27-13:31
1 Corinthians 11:1-16
Psalm 35:1-16
Proverbs 21:17-18

August 18

Esther 1:1-3:15
1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Psalm 35:17-28
Proverbs 21:19-20

August 19

Esther 4:1-7:10
1 Corinthians 12:1-26
Psalm 36:1-12
Proverbs 21:21-22

August 20

Esther 8:1-10:3
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Psalm 37:1-11
Proverbs 21:23-24

August 21

Job 1:1-3:26
1 Corinthians 14:1-17
Psalm 37:12-29
Proverbs 21:25-26

August 22

Job 4:1-7:21
1 Corinthians 14:18-40
Psalm 37:30-40
Proverbs 21:27

August 23

Job 8:1-11:20
1 Corinthians 15:1-28
Psalm 38:1-22
Proverbs 21:28-29

August 24

Job 12:1-15:35
1 Corinthians 15:29-58
Psalm 39:1-13
Proverbs 21:30-31

August 25

Job 16:1-19:29
1 Corinthians 16:1-24
Psalm 40:1-10
Proverbs 22:1

August 26

Job 20:1-22:30
2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Psalm 40:11-17
Proverbs 22:2-4

August 27

Job 23:1-27:23
2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11
Psalm 41:1-13
Proverbs 22:5-6

August 28

Job 28:1-30:31
2 Corinthians 2:12-17
Psalm 42:1-11
Proverbs 22:7

August 29

Job 31:1-33:33
2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Psalm 43:1-5
Proverbs 22:8-9

August 30

Job 34:1-36:33
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Psalm 44:1-8
Proverbs 22:10-12

August 31

Job 37:1-39:30
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10
Psalm 44:9-26
Proverbs 22:13

BIBLE BLESSINGS COLORING ART

With God
all things are
possible.

Matthew 29:26



CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGE

Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples,
and I will show you how to fish for people!"



JULY BIRTHDAYS

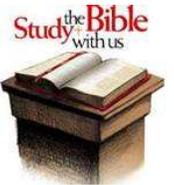
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8/4 Debbie Jackson
 8/8 Jennie Schnell
 8/9 Rebecca Parrott
 8/10 Aaron Buchanan
 8/11 Dustin Gothard
 8/16 John Buchanan
 8/18 Debbie Smith
 8/19 Joyce Riddel
 8/30 Connie Coble
 8/30 Pastor Langworthy

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

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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



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

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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 Sciuolo, Office Manager



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

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