

# UNION TIDINGS

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## EMBRACING GOD'S SPIRIT-WIND

This Season of our congregation has been filled with an amazing twist from the Holy Spirit, which has captured our attention in ways no one could have ever imagined. As we are experiencing both, a viral pandemic that caused us to 'stay safe at home' called COVID-19, while simultaneously, hearing the public outcry against the pandemic of systemic racism that has caused us to 'peacefully protest' for the equal treatment of all people. Needless to say, these pandemics have taken a spiritual, emotional and financial toll on our world, and indeed, our church. And yet, the peace of Christ remains with us... especially as we have embraced the call of the Holy Spirit to move, within and through us, during this Season.



In an effort to respond to God's Spirit-wind moving in the life of the church, we have prayerfully, continued moving forward as the Body of Christ. As such, we quickly learned how to provide online worship services via Facebook live, which has more than doubled and in some cases, tripled the viewership. In addition to the worship and education services, we have also been able to maintain our missional outreach of providing Affordable Senior Housing in our community, sustaining the Food Pantry, providing Family Promise donations, and dropping off groceries to our very own shut-ins... many kudos to everyone for the continued support during this great time of need!!!

We also have been active as a Just Peace and Open and Affirming Church in standing up for justice and peace during this time in our society. As such, we hosted a Panel Discussion on Racism, which has drawn national attention throughout the life of our wider church. We are also planning to follow-up to the panel discussion with a voter initiative titled, "Each One, Reach One;" Wednesday Evening Book/Film Discussions; and Union's Statement on being an Anti-Racist Church of the United Church of Christ.

In addition to being welcoming to our church family and new online friends, we also actively care for one another through times of loss and grief. As this is truly a church family who seeks to do our best at offering compassion for one another. And that is why our core values as determined by our leadership team state that we are 1) Loving, Accepting and Inclusive; 2) Justice & Peace Oriented; and 3) Focused on the Jesus Way.

Even with the amazing twist of the Holy Spirit bringing to us a change of wind, there are still so many blessings that God has given us. As we are the United Church of Christ, where all are welcome to experience the ministries of our church through online and/or in-person worship, fellowship, service, and prayers on behalf of one another, along with our church's wider community. May God's Spirit continue to guide us, every step of the way.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Sheila



*Doug Cornwell's cousin, Ken Cornwell's family & friends; Sis Murphy's family and friends; Ada Harvey's family loss; George Gerson's brother, Jerome; Kay Koch's family & Friends; Shirley Thomas; Estelle Fanucci, family & friends; Nancy Reser's sister; Gail Fei's friend, Helga's daughter, Katia; Sis Murphy; Rev. Misti Johnson Arce; Keith Bullock; Kay Koch's family & friends; Ray Lyons, Rosemarie Lightfoot's grandson, DeVon; Marjorie Hanson; Fran Whitney; Melanie's friend, Grace; Debbie Bott's friend, Barbara; Schall Family & Friends; Dottie and Norma's friend, Sharon's family & Friends; Debbie Chea's brother, Joseph Peter Chea; Linda Chapman; Jan Mark's daughter, Laura; Bob Modini's son, David; Linda's sister, Yvette, and friend Deborah; Billie Wilson and daughter Tonja; Barbara Bullock, Lillyana's mother; Fercella Panier's father; George Gerson's family friend, Lilly; Ruth Dietel, John Webster's daughter, Sheila; Joanna Hollis' friend, Drew; Amy McMath's father, Tom McDeavit; Richard Lightfoot's brother, Joseph; Susan DiAmicis' niece, Stephanie; Isabelle Chapman, Jeff Felton Jr.; Charlotte Snowden's son-in-law, Randy; Holly Dozier, Carol Whitlock, Immigration concerns; Justice & Peace efforts; COVID -19 victims & families; depression and anxiety.*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

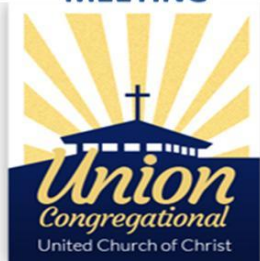
## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Livia Cola
12	Marjorie Richards
14	Annette (Pat) Martin
15	Sabita Shah
16	Aja Levy
20	Isabelle Chapman
21	Gayle Vardy
22	Joan Gerson
25	Sue DiAmicis
25	Lillian Fish
28	Melanie Shepherd
27	Richina Bicette
29	Sue McMath
30	Ada Daniels Harvey

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Irma Carreras
3	Julie Smith
5	Jeremiah Thomas
5	Demetra Sweeting
7	Sarah Jolly
9	Misti Johnson Arce
10	Rodney Jennings
11	Linda McNaughton
11	Morgan Parish
11	Kathy Church
13	Evelyn Chouris
14	Eluna Bicette
14	Shirley Thomas
22	Sandra Thomas
26	Cindy Chouris

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Will hold a special  
Congregational Meeting on  
Zoom and/or conference  
call on  
**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4PM**

*All are invited.*

Rosemarie Lightfoot,  
Moderator



Bob & Jane Louise Smith!!  
Thank you for all your hard work!!  
The floors & the kitchen are  
beautiful!! BLESS YOU!!





## Peaceful Demonstration for Racial Justice



The Palm Beach County Clergy Alliance held a peaceful demonstration, praying and standing for racial justice following the police-involved death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Many local pastors, police and leaders including our Pastor Sheila and Mayor Keith James came together on June 6<sup>th</sup> during a moving rally in front of the Palm Beach County courthouse.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## PANEL DISCUSSION ON RACISM



JOIN US

JUNE 7, 2020

2:00 PM

Facebook at  
Union Congregational  
United Church of Christ

5088 SUMMIT BLVD., WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415  
WWW.UNIONUCC.NET

## PANELISTS



Rev. Keith Bullock



George Gerson



Jane Grandusky



Ada Daniels Harvey



Richard Lightfoot



Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume

View the Panel Discussion on Racism on Union Congregational United Church of Christ Facebook page.



We received a thank you letter from Executive Director of Family Promise, Taylor Materio. "Thank you so very much for answering our Emergency Relief shout-out with the mountainous donation of baby items. Each of you at Union Congregational Church should wear a smile knowing what a welcome sight your baby Baskets were for our many mommy's and daddy's of newborns and toddlers!"



The June 2020 Food Pantry was the most people served since the food pantry has been opened. Thank you for all your donations and support to this ministry of feeding our community. We also want to thank our shoppers and volunteers that come on the first Saturday of each month.



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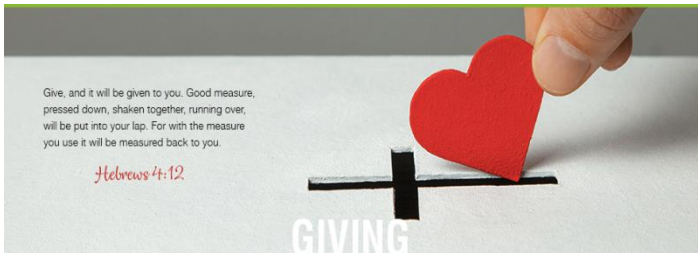
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## FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM



*We offer our sincere  
gratitude for Your continued  
commitment towards  
Union's Ministries!*

*Blessings from your  
Stewardship Team*

*Melanie Shepherd & Jane Grandusky*



## FOOD PANTRY

**If you are interested in being a shopper or server, please call Simone Barton at 561-964-8415.**

On June 6th, Union served 69 families 13 of those were new families and we serviced 271 individuals.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

**A well deserved thank you to all of our volunteers on this team.**

**Our next Food Pantry is July 4, 2020.**

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER DURING OUR LIVE STREAMING SERVICES ON SUNDAYS!



George Gerson, Ada Harvey, Jane Grandusky, Debbie Chea & Simone Barton, Melanie Shepherd, Vanessa Nunez, Francesca Fernandes, Isaac Nunez and Brandon Guillaume.

## HYMN SING SUNDAY!

**Sunday, August 9, 2020**



Please email or call the office with your favorite hymn by July 27th.

Every effort will be made to include this hymn during the August 9th worship Hymn Sing.

Due to the Church's tenting this service will be pre-recorded and there will not be a sermon.

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**Phone:** 561-686-0330



## YARD WORK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Most of the yard work on our church property is completed, thanks mostly to Bob Smith. It would be nice to have a few more hands assisting a couple days a week. If you can volunteer some hours, please call Bob at 561-385-8292 and leave a message. He'll return your call to coordinate days and times. If you have clippers bring them with you. Thanks.

## CHURCH TENTING



The church will be tented for Termite fumigation on **August 6th thru the 10th. No one should come to church during these dates.**

## CDC RECOMMENDS

Everyone can do their part to help us respond to this emerging public health threat by following CDC recommendations:

Wear a cloth face covering in public settings to avoid spreading COVID-19 to others in case you are infected but do not have symptoms.

The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.

The cloth face covering is not a substitute for social distancing. CDC continues to recommend that people try to keep about 6 feet between themselves and others.

## MODERATOR

### 2 Chronicles 7:14



If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

I do hope and pray everyone is staying safe during this very tumultuous time in our country and in our world. Unfortunately, we are now trying to deal with both the COVID-19 pandemic and the escalated police violence that has been prevalent for Black people (and people of color) over the years, and truthfully as far back as I can remember. It is very disheartening to see that racism still exists, yet I have to believe there is still a glimmer of hope. Out of a very brutal and heinous act of violence, there is a ray of light shining through. I say, thank you to Pastor Sheila for organizing an impromptu panel discussion on racism recently held at our church. Let the dialogues begin.

Over the past three months, our church has been closed for normal worship services due to the pandemic. However, Pastor Sheila, Jane, George, Ada, Bryan and Olga (also Debbie, Simone and Vanessa, on occasion) have been the main live-stream worship crew, diligently working to ensure that church services continue for our members and friends at home. I am proud of the way Union continues to “keep it moving” as my Mom would say. Our food pantry has not skipped a beat and is still going strong, feeding the community of West Palm Beach, one family at a time. Even though we couldn’t house Family Promise participants for June, we were at least able to provide baby supplies (diapers, clothes, baby food, etc) for seven families who have infants. Thank you to everyone who has participated, shopped, bagged, volunteered, prayed and donated so that we could continue to be the Church that Christ has called us to be.

As I remember writing down these words from the Trinity Sunday service, let us continue to: Remain Hopeful; have Prayer Partners; be Justice Seekers; be Active Listeners; Denounce Racism; be Peaceful Protestors; while Loving All Equally. And God said, “This is Good!” In spite of everything that’s going on around us, God’s presence in our lives is good!

Stay Safe & God Bless, Rosemarie Lightfoot - Moderator

## MISSION & OUTREACH



“Missions – a set of tasks

that fulfills a purpose or duty to teach people about Jesus Christ & His commandment to Love God & to love others as yourself.”

Mission and Outreach continue to send our love and prayers to all of you during this time of turmoil in our country. Let us continue to pray for healing in our land: healing spiritually, physically, mentally and socially.

We would like to acknowledge all of our graduates that were honored on Pentecost – Graduation Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>: Pre-K Grads: Laila Joyner and Luke Gaidry; Elementary School Grads: Aidan Arce, Chelsey Yens, Mureille Edris Francois, Nathan Minott and Presley Cadejuste; High School Grad: Ariel Hines. To all our graduates, we here at Union are so very proud of you! Keep up the great work!

As always, let us continue to strive for more; more love, more grace, more patience, more peace and more of God! We’re on a ‘Mission’!

God Bless, Rosemarie Lightfoot

## AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING UPDATE



**We will be offering IMPORTANT information and plan to VOTE at our Spring Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday, June 28, 2020 ~ 4 PM EST**

Union UCC Council of Ministries is inviting you to.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6825875950?pwd=TWhnRS84K1hIRDdIR2w3Z2ZkzOTBiQT09>

**Meeting ID: 682 587 5950**

**Password: 5YS1sc**

**If you are joining us by phone:**

Dial by your zone / location  
+1 929 205 6099 US (Florida)  
Meeting ID: 682 587 5950  
Password: 362789

**AT THIS MEETING WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING: Resolutions to DECIDE ON:**

- Resolution to Approve UC&BL’s Owner’s Agreement
- Resolution to Approve Union’s agreement to apply for a loan to pay for rezoning costs
- Resolution to Approve Green Mills Group as our designated developer and enter into a Developers Agreement



# YOUTH & KIDS CORNER

## Graduation Sunday

*Congratulations to our High School Grad: Ariel Hines*



*Congratulations to our Elementary School Graduates:*

*Aidan Arce, Chelsey Yens, Mureille Edris Francois,  
Nathan Minott, Presley Cadejuste*

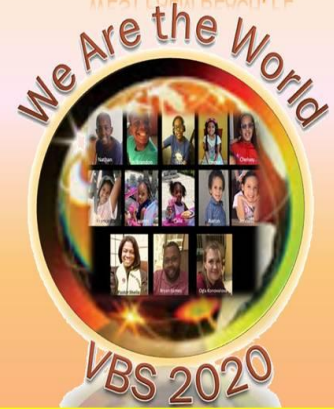


*Congratulations to our Pre-K Graduates:*

*Laila Joyner, Luke Gaidry*



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WEST PALM BEACH, FL



**VBS WITH A TWIST  
JOIN US VIRTUALLY!**

**June 22-26, 2020**

Topic: Kids VBS with a Twist!!

Time: 11 - 11:30 AM (Mon. - Thurs.)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6825875950?pwd=TWhnRS84K1hIRDdlR2w3Z2kzOTBiQT09>

Meeting ID: 682 587 5950

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Ending Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 - 1PM  
option for 'safe' activity together

## UNION'S CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All Children let's get together on

Sundays at 11:15 - 11:30 AM in the "Zoom Room."

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6825875950?pwd=TWhnRS84K1hIRDdlR2w3Z2kzOTBiQT09>

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Kids are asked to place their "Good Deeds" in their blessings basket. Come join us in the many ways we celebrate our blessings and share ways how you are a blessing!





# June 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 PM Bible Study Zoom Room	4	5	6 Food Pantry 9AM-12 
7 10 AM—Worship Communion Sunday Fb Live Streaming 11:15 AM Children's Moment Zoom Room 2 PM Panel Discussion on Racism streaming on	8	9	10 7:00 PM Bible Study Zoom Room	11	12	13
14 10 AM—Worship— Fb Live Streaming 11:15 AM Children's Moment Zoom Room 2:30 PM Council Zoom Mtg 4:30 PM Trustees Zoom Mtg	15	16	17 7:00 PM Bible Study Zoom Room	18	19 Juneteenth Rememberance	20
21 10 AM—Worship Father Day Fb Live Streaming 11:15 AM Children's Moment Zoom Room 	22 11—11:30 Zoom VBS	23 11—11:30 Zoom VBS	24 11—11:30 Zoom VBS 7:00 PM Bible Study Zoom Room	25 11—11:30 Zoom VBS	26 11 AM -1 PM Social Distance VBS Activity	27
28 10 AM—Worship— Fb Live Streaming 11:15 AM Children's Moment Zoom Room 4 PM Special Zoom Congregational Meet-	29	30				



# July 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7PM Film Discussion Zoom Room	2	3 	4 Food Pantry 9AM-12 
5 10 AM—Worship Communion Sunday Fb Live Streaming 11:15 AM Children's Moment Zoom Room	6	7 Each One, Reach One Voting Initiative	8	9 Each One, Reach One Voting Initiative	10	11
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26 10 AM—Worship— Fb Live Streaming 11:15 AM Children's Mo- ment Zoom Room	27	28 Each One, Reach One Voting Initiative	29 7PM Book Discussion Zoom Room	30 Each One, Reach One Voting Initiative	31	



# Happy Father's Day!

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Num 6:24-26

WE ARE HOLDING SERVICES ONLINE

# LIVESTREAM

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM

Live streaming on Facebook at  
<https://unionucc.net>

For those that don't have internet, we will have a Conference Call. This will allow you to all call in before 10 AM and join us so you may listen to Sunday Worship Service. The number is 712-775-7031. The meeting is a code: 885-893. You will then be able to join us and listen to service at 10AM.

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