

# UNION TIDINGS

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## LET'S CELEBRATE OUR JOYFUL GIVING

*Singing the popular hymn, "Give Thanks," helps to ease our troubled minds. As the song says that we are to give thanks with a grateful heart because God, the Holy One, gave us Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Giving thanks helps us to realize that those who feel weak can now gain strength through their gratefulness to God. And that those who are poor can gain spiritual riches because of the great sacrificial love that has been offered to us all.*

*This message of thanksgiving is also found in our scripture readings. In 1Thessaloians 5:18, we hear, "Be joyful always: pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." As thankfulness is to be a way of life for us because it reminds us that God will guide our paths. Thus, thankfulness in daily living is not only appropriate but also healthy and beneficial to us because it helps us look at the bigger picture... we belong to God.*

*With this sense of belonging in mind, let us reflect upon the many ways we are church together. Our diversity helps us to hear different viewpoints and to experience both traditional and innovative ways of living out our faith in God. Our diversity helps us to see that we can be born in different places, and yet, share the same table for Holy Communion. As we give thanks to God for our diversity, and for bringing us together for worship, prayer, study, service, advocacy, and fellowship!*

***We are grateful for every gift and hope that the church will continue to be a blessing in the year to come. To live into this hope, our Stewardship Team sent out letters asking for your financial commitment to help support the ministries of the church. We know this year has seen an increase in transportation, food, and housing, but we ask if you have been blessed financially to consider pledging your support by sending back the commitment cards to the church by Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19th. During our Celebration Worship & Luncheon, we will give thanks to God for the Ministries of the Church, the Church Leadership Chairs, and your Commitment to the Church.***

*So, let us join our hearts together with JOY in 'Giving Thanks' for being the church and being a part of Union's amazing 129-year history of ministry and mission here in West Palm Beach and beyond! Hopefully, you will bring others to celebrate with us on Sunday, November 19th. All are welcome here!*

*With Love,  
Pastor Sheila*





*Nancy Reser family and friends; Charlene Buck; Renna McGinnis; Pat & Laurel Martin family and friends; Joseph Anderson; Jordan Jones; George Gerson's friends, Diane & Timothy Scott; Wayne Johnson; Bonnie Avery; Karen's friend, Kris; Terry Williams's, sister Barbara; George Gerson's nephew, Glenn; Melanie's recovery; Ada Harvey's family; Frank W Hubbell III's family and friends; Charlene Buck; Dottie Boswell's family and friends; Norma Grassman's family and friends; Ruth Cassidy's husband, Bill; Jane Grandusky's family and friends; Charles's family and friends; Doug Cornwell's family; Steve Spencer family and friends; Billie Wilson; Robert Littlefield; Rose's daughter, Tyshawna for healing & recovery; Jan Mark; Stacey Bowen's (Lenny) family and friends; Isabelle Chapman's family and friends; Lone's family and friends; Estelle Fanucci; Linda Padmore; Jeanne Martin; Barbara Gruber; Simone Shah; Cynthia and Sam Clarke; Rod Jennings; Sabita Shah; Donna's sister, Sharon; Judith's nephew, Ramine; Charles Rodriguez; Gail Fei's daughter, Debbie; Nancy Reser's daughter, Lori; Dottie Boswell; Marjorie Hanson; Shirley Thomas; Gail Fei's friend, (Helga's daughter), Katia; Melanie's friend, Grace; Jan Mark's son, Gary; Richard Lightfoot's brother, Joseph; Justice & Peace efforts; grieving, depression and anxiety; all refugees; Ukraine War; Puerto Rico; Haiti; Gun violence everywhere; Environmental concerns; Wildfires in Maui, HI, Florida; Israel conflict*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sabine Wiesbauer
- 3 Georges Edris Francois
- 5 Emma Shah
- 5 Mark Hines
- 6 Pastor Sheila Harvey
- 6 Rachel Silver
- 11 Anglihs Pascal
- 11 Cynthia Clark
- 11 Delmy Veziroglu
- 12 Carl Hardy
- 12 Leslie Haywood
- 12 Jerry Jolly
- 18 Nancy Reser
- 20 Derya Veziroglu
- 21 Meaghan Parish
- 22 Larissa Chea
- 23 Dennis Smith
- 24 Susan Lalla
- 30 Louise Dempster
- 30 Ed Rosner

### **FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY**



Every Sunday, beautiful flowers adorn our altar. We have a flower chart for sign-ups. Also, you can call the office or send an email to [office@unionucc.net](mailto:office@unionucc.net). Garden flowers are \$10 and floral arrangements are \$40. As an added bonus you can list the flowers in the bulletin in memory or in honor of someone or a special occasion. You are also welcome to take the \$40 arrangement home.



**Please remember Union Congregational United Church of Christ in your Will and Estate Planning.**

**Please contact the church office for more information.**

# 'A NEW THING': THOMPSON'S HISTORIC INSTALLATION SURROUNDED BY MULTIPLE TRADITIONS, INTERFAITH PARTNERS AND JOYFUL NOISE!



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



UCC General Minister and President  
Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson & Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey

## UNION'S AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING COMMUNITY MEETING



**SENIOR AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS FOR 55+**

## Stewardship Newsletter – November 2023

Fall is finally here!



*Genesis 1:31 ~ "God saw everything that He made and indeed, it was very good!"*

Our Stewardship theme is *"Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives"*, which makes the connection between a donor's generosity and the ministry and mission of our congregation. As a UCC congregation, we show God's love through preaching, worship, teaching, sharing compassion and practicing hospitality. *Our church changes lives!*

Our annual stewardship campaign has begun and gives us a chance to think in a prayerful way about the choices we make with our money. 'Stewardship' letters, along with pledge/commitment cards, were mailed out in October. This is an opportunity for you to consider making a financial commitment to support the work of our congregation and its mission. Every gift helps strengthen who we are and what we can do together. Because our 129<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary coincides with Stewardship (Thankful Giving) Sunday, we will begin collecting the pledge cards during offertory time! Union, we have much to be thankful for! ~ *Because of YOU, Our Church Changes Lives!*

### Did you know?

**Pledged giving (or Tithe)** is when we fill out the commitment/pledge cards & make a pledge of a specified financial amount for the year. These amounts are placed, or budgeted, in the church's General Fund in order to help fund all the ministries of the church.

**Designated giving**, such as donations towards Missions, food pantry, & other special offerings, are monetary gifts that are over and above your pledged (tithe) amount. These donations are specific toward the ministries & missions themselves and not to be removed from the General Fund's pledged amounts.

No matter how you give, you help support our church and its ministries – **'and we thank you!'**

~ *'Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives!'*

God Bless,  
Rosemarie Lightfoot  
Stewardship Chairperson



UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
129th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION and LUNCHEON  
**"Because of YOU Our Church Changes Lives"**

Sunday, November 19, 2023

### SPONSORSHIP REWARDS PACKAGE FORM

We invite you to become a SPONSOR at one of the levels described below:

Check one sponsorship level:

(Please remit payment by November 15th)

**DOUBLE PLATINUM - Sponsor**

**\$600.00 +**

Full page recognition in the program with your name, logo and/or company name  
Opportunity to display corporate materials, products, and information at a display table and on welcome board; Recognition of sponsor during program.

**SILVER - Sponsor**

**\$100.00**

¼ page recognition in the program

**PLATINUM - Sponsor**

**\$300.00 +**

Full page recognition in the program with your name, logo and/or company name  
Opportunity to display corporate materials, products, and information at a display table and on welcome board; Recognition of sponsor during program.

**BRONZE - Sponsor**

**\$50.00**

Your name, logo and/or company name in program

**Donation**

Any Amount is Appreciated

**GOLD - Sponsor**

**\$150.00 +**

½ page in program with your name, logo and/or company name  
Recognition of sponsor during program.

Business/Firm or Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We are unable to be a sponsor at this time, however we'd like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you will be attending the luncheon **please RSVP** to Zaida in the office at 561-686-0330 or via Email at [zaida@unionucc.net](mailto:zaida@unionucc.net).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Union Congregational United Church of Christ.**

Send payment to: 5088 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Contact Union Congregational UCC at: 561-686-0330.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 129th CELEBRATION LUNCHEON!**

## Bible Study Fellowship – All are Welcome!



The Rest of The Story  
Christmas Bible Lesson

Our next intergenerational Bible Study will be held on December 3rd. We will make Christmas cards & ornaments. All are welcome to engage in the activity & discussion.

## FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Our Fellowship hour has been a time where we look forward to spending time with each other on Sundays after worship. It's the place where Faith, Family, Food, Fun and thoughtful reflections for intergenerational socialization and table activities among our members takes place.

The Fellowship Ministry and concerned Friends through sourced information brings to you: **Health/Healthy tips:** According to Medical Publishing Simple Home Remedies for Seniors, our food intake determines how we manage our health. Potassium helps move sodium out of the body while boosting energy. Balancing sodium intake with potassium can keep your blood pressure at an even keel. Delicious whole foods like avocados, yogurt, bananas, spinach and salmon are all great sources of potassium. Eat these foods and cut back on salty and processed meals and you're well on your way to balancing your salt and potassium.

Love and Prayers,

Linda Padmore  
Fellowship Chairperson

## AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING UPDATE

On Tuesday, October 17th, Union hosted a Community Meeting to discuss its Affordable Senior Housing Project. Members of the community were able to hear about the project and engage in discussion. The community expressed full support for the project.



## PEACE COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY

On Monday, October 23rd, more than 200 people gathered to hear updates on our affordable senior housing and mental health campaigns. The Assembly also held its first Palm Beach County's Sheriff Candidate forum.



## UNION'S FOOD PANTRY

This is the season of Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all the financial sponsors to the food pantry. We are thankful for all the volunteers that serve all year. The food pantry was started in 2016 by a group that had a passion for providing a need in our community. This ministry serves in more ways than we will ever know. We touch lives when we pick up the food and people look at us like we are crazy. That is our opportunity to share that we are serving a food pantry at our church. When we distribute the bags and people share with us that they are having a tough time making ends meet and we let them know that God is good and they are never alone on this life journey. We invite them to join us for Sunday worship. Words of encouragement to lift their spirits and share God's love. In October, we distributed 85 bags of food, helping over 250 individuals.

FEED THE  
HUNGRY

# YOUTH & KIDS PAGE

## BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP



On October 22nd, the Youth led an Intergenerational Bible Study during Fellowship Hour. Afterwards, the youth had fun at their pizza party!



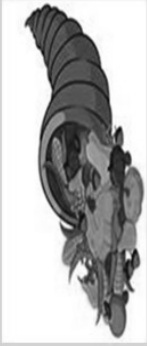
### SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & YOUTH MISSIONS CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 3&4 - Florida Youth Conference Activity
- NOVEMBER 5TH - Silent Auction Basket-making with Melanie & Beth
- NOVEMBER 19TH - Celebration Sunday Youth Helpers
- DECEMBER 2ND - Miami Zoo Youth Trip
- DECEMBER 17TH - Christmas Pageant & Party/Caroling with Pastor Sheila
- DECEMBER 24TH - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



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**Important**

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT REV. MICHAEL ANN OR DONNA MINOTT.



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday All Saints Sunday!		<b>7</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open Election Day	<b>1</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>2</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>3</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">FLUCC YOUTH RETREAT</div>	<b>4</b> Food Pantry 9am-11:30am 
<b>12</b> Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Veterans Sunday	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>8</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>9</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>10</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>11</b>
<b>19</b> Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming 129 Year Anniversary Celebration/ Luncheon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>15</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>16</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>17</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>18</b>
<b>26</b> Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>22</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>23</b> Office Closed 	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b> Food Pantry Packing 9am-11am
<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>29</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	<b>30</b> 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open		

PLEASE BE A SPONSOR

OR

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*Thankful  
Giving*

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*November News Especially for you:*

