

UNION TIDINGS

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Church, You're Amazing!

"I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first." –Revelation 2:19

These are exciting times for our church! With so many new friends and caring ministries being embraced in our congregation, a wonderful energy permeates our sacred space here at Union.

Throughout the summer, our attendance in worship was strong, our commitment to service did not waver and our compassion to care for one another did not cease. The energy here at Union continues to remain connected to God's loving purpose for our lives, this church, and our neighbors near and far.



Seeing your faithfulness and the love shown through the many acts of service is stunning. We persevere to 'be the church' and the 'people of the church.' Being encouraged each week, by the holy presence of God, who is among us in our inclusive worship, intergenerational fellowship, religious formation, welcoming of new friends, in the ways we seek justice and peace, and in our continuous praise to God. Church, you are amazing...because God's grace is amazing!

*In honor of Union's 130 Years of 'Being the Church' in West Palm Beach, we are excited to **Imagine Together** how we might continue shining God's love and light near and far! During several weeks, you will hear more about how we as a congregation are responding to God's invitation to bring our best before God. We hope you make plans to join us on **Sunday, November 24, 2024**, when we commit to our church and share in our **130th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon and Silent Auction**.*

Thank you for your amazing goodness and life-changing service at Union. May God continue to bless this church. Amen.

*In Christ's Love,
Pastor Sheila*



Marjorie Hanson's family and friends; Linda Padmore's daughter, Jeannine; Rosemarie Lightfoot's father, Tom; Richard Lightfoot; Dorothy Bates's daughter, Khanelia Manderson; Ada Harvey and family; Beth White; Louise's friend, Martha; Susan Harrell's husband, George; Marjorie Hanson; Vanessa's grandfather & cousin, Elsa Velez; John Webster family and friends: George Gerson; Rev. Marion Harrison; Barbara Gruber's family and friends; David's family members, Evelyn Soza, Jerman Rodrigues, Carmen, Margarita; Donna's brother, Clevert; Adelaida Hernandez; Linda DiPaola's family & friends; George Gerson's Brother, Michael; Gail Fei's friend, Helga's daughter, Katya; Melanie's Friend, Donna; Alice Payne; Borjana's son, Petar; Ruth Deischer's sister-in-law, Susan Deischer; Renna McGinnis; George Gerson's friends, Diane & Timothy Scott; Wayne Johnson; Karen's friend, Kris; Terry Williams, sister Barbara; George Gerson's nephew, Glenn; Melanie's recovery; Ruth Cassidy's husband, Bill; Doug Cornwell's family; Billie Wilson; Rose's daughter, Tyshawna for healing & recovery; Jan Mark; Rod Jennings; Jan Mark's son, Gary; Justice & Peace efforts; grieving, depression and anxiety; all refugees; Ukraine War; Puerto Rico; Haiti; Gun violence everywhere; Environmental concerns; Maui, HI, Florida; Israel conflict

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ron Willoughby
- 4 Marie Roppel
- 5 Chantal Archer
- 6 Deborah Debogery
- 6 Jeanne Martin
- 6 Beth White
- 8 Yvonne Feliciano
- 9 Douglas Camargo
- 10 Debbie Chea
- 12 Jan Mark
- 14 Nathan Minott
- 26 Christopher Grant
- 28 Mary Jackson
- 29 Cleo Hernandez
- 30 Carolyn McElroy

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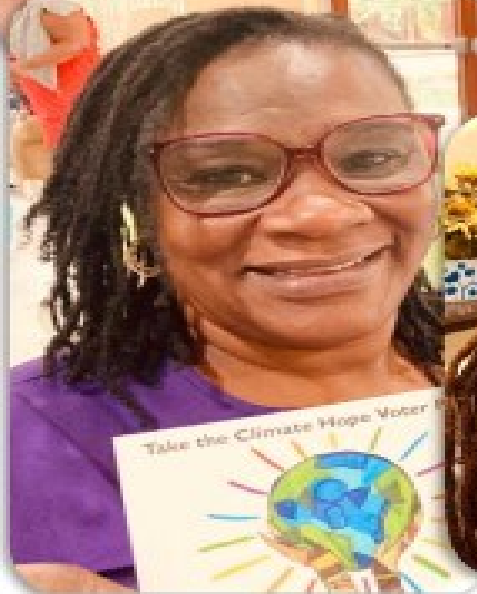


Our dear friend, **Margorie Hanson** passed away on September 29. She will be missed.

Let us continue to hold Margorie's family and friends in our prayers.

JUST PEACE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024





Move with the Spirit and 'Make a Plan' to Vote!

This year, the United Church of Christ's *Our Faith, Our Vote* campaign asks us to answer the call of 1 John 3:18 to "let us not love with words or speech, but in action and truth," by "voting with love." Let us use our vote as an act of hope, seeking peace and equal justice for all.



Union is a voting site. Check with the Supervisor of Elections in the county where you live to ensure your Voter Registration information is accurate and up-to-date.



130th

Anniversary Celebration!



- Sunday, October 6th
We will have a **Kick-off Picnic** – Celebrating diversity during a Multicultural Taste-testing, with grilled hot dogs, hamburgers & a croquet lesson!
- Saturday, October 12th – 1 PM
We will take a **Tour at the Palm Beach County History Museum** located at 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. At 12:30 pm, we will depart from the church parking lot.
- Sunday, October 27th – 10:30 AM
We will have a **Joint Service/Fellowship at the Poinciana Chapel** followed by a tour of their Chapel's campus.
- Sunday, November 17th
We will have a **Choral Celebration** with special music in Celebration of our love for music throughout the years at Union. Also, we will welcome our featured guest Musical Director, Dr. Bryan Ijames.
- Sunday, November 24th
Join us for the **Celebration Luncheon & Silent Auction!**
 - Bring your pledge cards during Worship as we commit to another year at Union!
 - Plan to attend & spread the word about our silent auction. Contact Linda if you would like to share an auction item.
 - We will also celebrate our amazing leaders who volunteer at the church.
 - This time culminates our Stewardship Campaign, which helps to determine our church's ministry budget for the year.

All are welcome to participate in this 130th Year Celebration!

FELLOWSHIP TEAM - OCTOBER 2024

The Fellowship Ministry continues to be supportive each Ministry as they host the fellowship hour after worship each Sunday.

The Justice and Peace Ministry hosted Fellowship for the Month of September.

Our Just Peace Celebration and House Meeting for P.E.A.C.E came together nicely with a delicious Sunday Brunch and intergenerational socialization.

Sunday School/Christian Education Youths presentation on Environmental Justice was indeed very special. **Special thanks to all who contributed to making this event enjoyable for all.**

Mission and Outreach Ministry will host Fellowship for the Month of October, leading off with a Kick-off Picnic and multicultural Food tasting among other planned activities on October 6th. There are more planned activities through-out October and November culminating with the Celebration of the Church's 130th Anniversary. on November 24th. (Save the dates in the weekly bulletin). We are looking forward to the first event on Sunday October 6th.

All Ministries are onboard working diligently in making our 130th Anniversary Celebration a success. Please join us!!! Information is on the soundboard in the Sanctuary. Volunteers are always needed.

Fellowship makes us stronger. and provides encouragement (Hebrews 10: 24-25)

Ministry sponsorship for the remaining months of the year are as follows:

October - Mission and Outreach

November - Trustees

December - Diaconate

Please continue to support our Ministries.

Health/Healthy Tips:

Remain focused on your healthy lifestyle goals. Eating healthy, staying hydrated, moderate Exercise and Getting good sleep. Consistently following these habits

will help your overall wellbeing. October is an optimal month to focus on your health. **October Health Awareness:** October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. It is also the month of Mental Health Awareness with several events and observances taking place throughout the month. Encourage others as well to make it a personal goal to focus on these areas of health.

Sincerely,

Fellowship Team
Linda Padmore, Chair

STEWARDSHIP TEAM - OCTOBER 2024

“IMAGINE TOGETHER” STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 6	<i>Marion Gaetano</i> <i>Mission & Outreach</i>
OCTOBER 13	<i>George Gerson</i> <i>Deacons</i>
OCTOBER 20	<i>Ada Harvey</i> <i>WAMM</i>
OCTOBER 27	<i>N/A</i> <i>Joint Chapel Service</i>
NOVEMBER 3	<i>Borjana Pejic</i> <i>Justice & Peace</i>
NOVEMBER 10	<i>Linda Padmore</i> <i>Fellowship Team</i>
NOVEMBER 17	<i>Jane Grandusky</i> <i>Trustees</i>
CELEBRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24	<i>Sharon Hughes</i> <i>Stewardship</i>

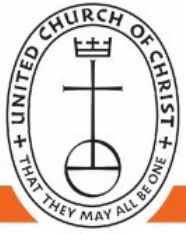


FOOD PANTRY NEWS



Seeking a volunteer with a heart to serve the community via the food pantry. A driver needed to shop and pick up the groceries once a month. For details, please contact Debbie Chea at calledtoserve62@yahoo.com.

YOUTH & KIDS CORNER



Florida
Conference

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2024 Fall Youth Retreat

UCC Fall Youth Retreat will be the first weekend of November! It will be hosted by the RealLife Youth Camp in Vero Beach, FL **Vero Beach 1416 82nd Ave Vero Beach, Florida 32966**. This campground provides air-conditioned cabins (with twin mattresses!), water activities (a lake to swim in, water slides, and lifeguard supervision), wonderfully-prepared meals, and awesome spaces for us to meet, play, and hangout! In addition, there will be a few different options for fun activities during our Saturday morning as well including fishing, painting, and “pizza class”! Our theme will be “Rooted & Rising!” where we will seek to empower and encourage our students with small-group discussions and games while also facilitating PLENTY of time for your group and leaders to nurture relationships that will continue to support your students in the future.



Union’s Sunday School Class encouraged all to “Take the Climate Hope Voter Challenge” on Just Peace Sunday!

Oct 20: Fall Youth Fundraiser





Come get your delicious and lovingly made baked goods! They will be beautifully displayed after worship on October 20th.

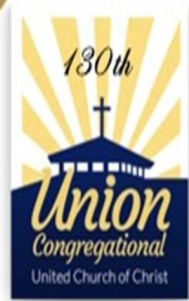
Funds will go to Heifer International and for a January multigenerational peace and justice trip to St. Augustine.

Thank you for supporting us!!

October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	2 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	3 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	4 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	5 Food Pantry 9am-11:30am 
6 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming World Communion Sunday/130th Celebration Kick-off Picnic & Multicultural tasting	7	8 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	9 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	10 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	11 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	12 12:30 pm Depart from church 1:pm History Museum Tour
13 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming 12:30 PM Memorial Service for Margorie Hanson	14 2:00 PM Grave-side service for Margorie Hanson at Memorial Gardens	15 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	16 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	17 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	18 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	19
20 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	21	22 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	23 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	24 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	25 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	26
27 10:30 AM Joint Service/Fellowship Poinciana Chapel	28	29 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	30 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	31 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open		



Church Anniversary Celebration

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING TOGETHER!

Kick-off Picnic – Oct. 6

History Museum Tour – Oct. 12 at 1pm

Joint Poinciana Chapel Service – Oct 27 at 10:30am

Choral Celebration Ft. Bryan Ijames - Nov. 17

Celebration Luncheon & Silent Auction - Nov. 24

*SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE SOUNDBOARD.



Donate a Dollar for Each Year!

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A ONE TIME \$130 DONATION OR SPREAD IT OUT OVER THE YEAR

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