

UNION TIDINGS

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Lenten Blessings, Union!

Blessed be the Lord day by day, God our salvation who carries us. Psalm 68:19

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. At 6 PM, we plan to have delicious soup, followed by our 7 PM service which officially brings us into the Season of Lent!

During the Season of Lent, we are called to focus on our personal spiritual growth and to exercise our capacity to show love and kindness to the wider world. To help us with the journey, all are welcome to meditate in the Prayer Room. In addition, we will discuss our love for our neighbor based on Micah's call to love justice, and kindness, and walk humbly with God at our intergenerational fellowship gathering on March 16th.

In worship, our Lenten journey will tell of the Hebrew people going out of Egypt and into a promised new land and will focus on their journey, Jesus' journey, and our journey of discipleship today. The worship experience will remind us that we seek a deeper relationship with God and a greater understanding of our faith.

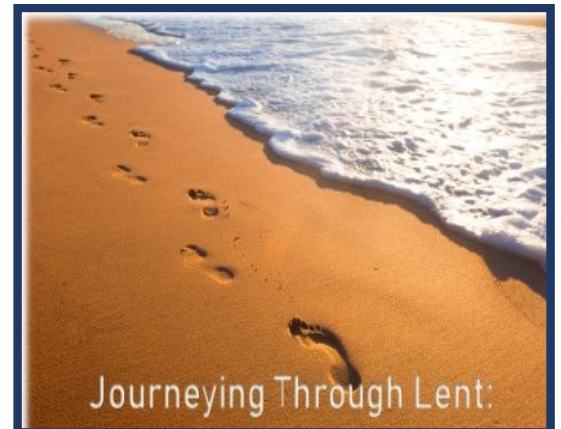
Worship during Lent also tells of both the ordinary and unexpected people of the bible who are like us, to teach us that the story of God's unconditional love continues. There are people like Peter who have denied Jesus; people like Paul who were once persecutors of Jesus' disciples; people like Ananias who gave the gift of healing and reconciliation; and people like Tabitha who cared for others.

Lent reminds us that individuals such as these, and the small community of Jesus' followers after the Resurrection, were the beginning believers of the worldwide church we know today. And it should not be doubted that a group of small people, even one person, can make a significant impact on the world.

So, let us pray this Lenten prayer: 'O God, you give me new life through your Son. May I seek you with an undivided heart and grow day by day in your likeness.' May it be so. Amen.

With God's Love,

Pastor Sheila





Renna McGinnis; Beth White's family & friends; Frank Byrd's family & friends; Melanie Shepherd; Ada Harvey and family; Charlene Buck; Linda Padmore's niece, Yvette & sister, Christine; Alice Payne; Bonnie Avery's family member, Greg; Rosemarie Lightfoots's sister, Anita; Marion & Criss Gaetano's family & friends; Charlie Rodriguez's family and friends; Richard Lightfoot; Beth White; Louise's friend, Martha; Susan Harrell's husband, George; David's family members, Evelyn Soza, Jerman Rodrigues, Carmen, Malgarita; Donna's brother, Clevert; George Gerson's Brother, Michael; Melanie's Friend, Donna; Borjana's son, Petar; Ruth Deischer's sister-in-law, Susan Deischer; Renna McGinnis; George Gerson's friends, Diane & Timothy Scott; George Gerson's nephew, Glenn; Ruth Cassidy's husband, Bill; 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; Hurricane victims; Wild fires; Immigrant families; Attack on DEI

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

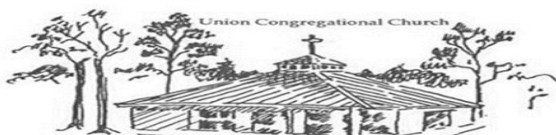
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Mureille Paul
2	Mary Calliste
3	Cindy Silver
4	Tori Niki McDanel
5	Eleanor Law
7	Pierre Sylne Charles
11	Carol Whitlock
11	Sharon Kenrick
12	Stephen Gudernatch
26	Judith Mooers
27	Jason Yens
29	Ray Lyon
30	Estelle Fanucci

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. 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.



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

Please contact the church office for more information.

UNION CELEBRATES VALENTINE'S DAY!



Union Celebrates Black History Month!!



EASTER HANDBELL CHOIR



All are invited to participate in Union's
Easter Handbell Choir.

No Experience Necessary.

If interested, please sign-up on the
soundboard or contact the office via
email: Office @unionucc.net.

Nehemiah Action

JOIN US AS WE LIVE OUT

MICAH 6:8

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

AT 7:00PM

IN-PERSON: PALM BEACH COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

ONLINE: ZOOM



WHAT IS PEACE?

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

PEACEPBC.ORG/2022_NA

PLEASE SIGN-UP ON THE SOUNDBOARD.

Mission & Outreach



GLEANNING: Feeding Our Neighbors

Thank you to those who joined us as
we went gleaning on Saturday,
February 15, 2025 to help by picking
vegetables to be distributed in Palm
Beach County.



Justice Rally

Monday, March 10, 2025

7:00 PM 8:30 PM

This is when we report who we have
confirmed for the Nehemiah Action and when
the Research Committees will report the
research and the proposed action to address
the community problems we voted on in the
fall. More information to come.

Conversations on the Threshold: Women, Mystics and Liminal Space

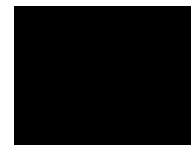
Have you been wondering about how to feel
more connected to the Sacred, to others,
to yourself? Women mystics and
contemplative practices might have
interesting insights.

Curious? Save the dates!

April 27th at 11:45 – 1:15

May 4th at 11:45 – 1:15

May 18th at 11:45 – 1:15



We'll gather to explore what happened in
their lives and what is happening in our own.

Questions? Contact Rev. Michael-Ann (m-
adveziroglu@outlook.com)

Please see the sign up on the sound board.



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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Join Us!



March 29, 2025

**BUNCO
PARTY**

Great Prizes

Homemade
Desserts

2 PM

Hosted by

**Union Congregational Church
Mission & Outreach**

A 'Love' offering will be collected to benefit the Food Pantry



Women's History Month

Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Did You Know? Women's History Month started as Women's History Week . . .

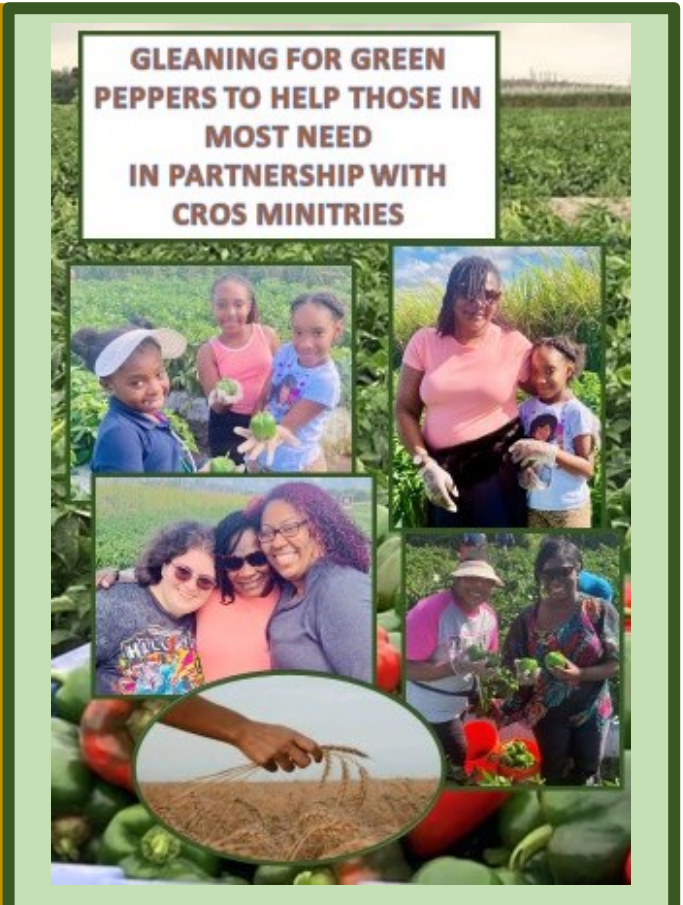
Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year. In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamation designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The theme for Women's History Month 2025 is **"Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."**



YOUTH & KIDS CORNER



Little Flower

Little Flower, little flower, may you glow through the endless night
May your sweet pedals comfort factions and remind them of the light
May you remind them that the light be nearer than farther from reality
May you remind them the light shall prevail on this planet eternally

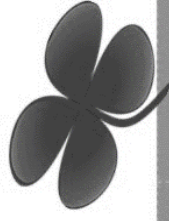
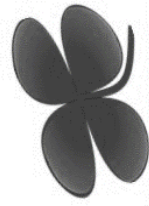
Little flower, little flower, may you grow and spread your seeds
May your seeds emerge into powerful warriors and do deeds
Their weapons aren't guns and swords, their weapons are benevolence,
May benevolence get factions amicable, and strengthen the light



Little flower, little flower, may you defend the light from monsters
Show that no matter how powerful the beast is, the light will triumph
May the light persist through storms, as people reminded it's not over
May the light extinguish the flames of war, vengeance, and evil
Little Flower, may you take the form of the light

Poem written by:
Brandon Guillaume

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March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Food Pantry 9am-11:30am
2 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday	3	4 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	5 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open Ash Wednesday 6pm Soup & 7pm Service	6 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	7 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	8 
9 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	10	11 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	12 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	13 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	14 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	15
16 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming "PEACE" Fellowship	17 	18 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	19 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	20 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	21 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	22
23 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	24	25 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	26 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	27 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	28 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer Room open	29
30 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming New Member Class	31					

Journey to EASTER



PALM SUNDAY PARADE
APRIL 13, 2025
10:00AM
Multicultural Taste-Testing

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 17, 2025
6:00PM Soup Fellowship
7:00PM Service

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 18, 2025
6:00 PM Fish Fry
7:00 PM Service
Ecumenical Good Friday Service at
Tabernacle Baptist Church, 801 Eighth
St., West Palm Beach, FL. All are invited.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION
APRIL 20, 2025
10:00AM
Intergenerational Easter Party to follow!

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