

UNION TIDINGS

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Marching in The Light of God!

We are marching in the light of God. This is the song we sing during our worship from time to time to remind us that we are walking the walk, and not merely talking the talking when it comes to being God's love and light in the world.

We have continued walking in the light of God, even with challenges brought forth by new federal and state policies that threaten our access to a well-rounded education, affordable health care, social and economic advancement, along with the awful human rights tragedies we continue to endure globally. Life has changed rapidly. We have had to watch people be taken away from their schools, families, and communities without due process of the law. We have had to endure attacks on Social Security and Food Assistance Programs for everyday Americans. We have had to witness our Constitutional rights on free speech threatened by fear of retribution. We have had to live into being a welcoming church for all people, even when living with the threats of ICE coming into our sanctuary during our morning worship services.

And yet, Union has continued to walk together, united in the Spirit of God's love. Thus, we have had to minister boldly by showing love for all as we continue walking in the light of God.

Along our journey, we have come together in service to God, to each other, and to our neighbors, near and far. We remain steadfast in our faith. And in doing so, we have continued our food pantry, and have fed more people than ever before. We have reached out to one another in prayer like never before. We have opened our hearts to matters of justice and peace, like never before. And we have spread the Word of God, like never before.



Surely, the presence of God's Spirit is in our hearts!

Therefore, we invite you to share with your family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances, that Union welcomes them. No matter who they are, or where they are on life's journey, all are welcome here! 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, and our wider community.

May God's loving Spirit continue to guide us forward, every step of the way.

*In Christ's Love,
Pastor Sheila*



Teresa Byrd; JJ's (Jiajin) cousin, I-Chen Tsail; Lynn McNaughton; Ariel Hines; Lynn McNaughton's cousin, Cade; Joanna Hollis's family friend, Gavin Weiss; Linda Padmore's daughter, Jeannine; Linda Harvey; Susan Young's sister, Genie; Kirk Dorhout; Evelyn Chouris; Charlotte Snowden; 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; Bonnie Avery's family member, Greg; Rosemarie Lightfoots's sister, Anita; Charlie Rodriguez's family and friends; Beth White; Louise's friend, Martha; 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; Medicaid & Food Assistance Programs



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

Please contact the church office for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Livia Cola
15	Sabita Shah
16	Aja Levy
22	Joan Gerson
25	Susan DiAmicis
28	Melanie Shepherd
29	Sue McMath
30	Ada Daniels Harvey

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Irma Carreras
3	Julie Smith
5	Demetra Sweeting
10	Rodney Jennings
11	Linda McNaughton
11	Kathy Church
13	Evelyn Chouris
14	Shirley Thomas
26	Cindy Chouris

MOTHER'S DAY AT UNION



Congratulations to All Our Students!



On Sunday, May 11th, Union's students received a certificate to congratulate them on a job well done! Many thanks to our Moderator, Linda Padmore.

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Upcoming
YARD SALE
July 26th!

START
GATHERING
NOW!

Donate your gently used
clothing and household
goods to support the
missions of Union!

**DONATE
& HELP**

VOLUNTEER TO HELP SET UP
& SELL THE DAY OF - SIGN UP
ON THE SOUND BOARD

Accepting donations beginning
July 20th thru July 25th
9 AM-1 PM or 4-7 PM

Visit Us : www.unionucc.net
Call: 561-686-8444
Email: office@unionucc.net

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.

Union's Yard Sale



GET MORE. SAVE MORE



SATURDAY

26TH JULY, 2025

8 AM - 4 PM



**HUNTING AND FINDING TREASURES
AT UNBEATABLE PRICES!**



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Scan this
Code



ONLINE:
UNIONUCC.NET (GIVE)

ENVELOPE:
CASH AND CHECKS MADE
PAYABLE TO UNION UCC



Saturday, June 21, 2025

Day One of VBS will be **"BEACH DAY"**

at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park.

We will study scripture, participate in a beach clean up, explore nature, and have lots of **FUN!**

INTO THE
DEEP
LUKE 5:4

Please be sure to wear appropriate clothes to get wet in, bring a change of dry clothes, sunblock, bring a beach/lawn chair and a towel. Carpool leaves the Church at 10:30am. Beach Day is from 11am – 3pm.

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Day Two of VBS will be at Union as we share our experience going **"Into The Deep,"** in Worship and during Fellowship Hour.

UNION'S FOOD PANTRY

Union continues Its mission in serving the people our community in need of food. In May, we distributed 93 bags of food.



We thank all our volunteers who shop, pack bags, serve on the first Saturday of each month, and all who donate to this special ministry.

SUMMER *Praise* ENSEMBLE

Kids, Teens, & Adults

All are invited to participate in Union's Summer Praise ensemble during the summer months.

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

Summer Handbell Choir

Kids, Teens, & Adults

All are invited to participate in Union's Handbell Choir during the summer months of July and August.

No Experience Necessary.

Tom Richards will be our Handbell Director.

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



YOUTH & KIDS CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Lauren Serena Joyner is going to 2nd grade.

Kinsey Grandusky going to 3rd grade.

Gloryannel Manderson going to 3rd grade.

Kaydence Grandusky going to 4th grade.

Laila Joyner will be going to the 5th grade.

Emma Shah will be going to 7th grade.

Schnelle Burgos is going to 8th grade.

Abigailgloryann Manderson going to 8th grade.

Jumilly Toussaint going to 8th grade.

Brandon Guillaume is going to 10th grade.

Isaac Nuñez is going to 10th grade.

Veyanca Burgos is going to 11th grade.

Pressley Cadejuste is going to 11th grade.

Nathan Minott is going to 11th grade.

ELEMENTARY GRADUATE

Ada Harvey's Grandson, **Grant Jones** will be going to Middle School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATE

Kendall Grandusky is going to be a freshman in High School.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Criss & Marion's granddaughter, **Maddy Gaetano** is graduating from High School.

Joseph Saintiris will be graduating from High School with excellent grades.

Derya Veziroglu is graduating from Park Vista Community High School. She has been in the Medical Academy for four years and has earned three certificates! No Place for Hate, Student Voices and HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) are three of the organizations she served as a member and officer. She played volleyball and basketball in her first year, and has held various jobs all while maintaining good grades through her HS career. In August, she will begin at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA in the College of Liberal Arts as a Criminal Justice major.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Alois Falcon's grandson, **Lorenzo Falcon**, graduated on May 3rd from Florida A & M University (FAMU) with honors, "magna cum laude."

Peg Lafferey's granddaughter, **Sara**, graduated from college with a degree in Engineering & Economics from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



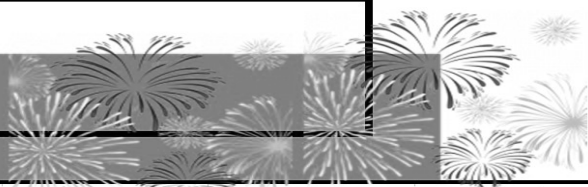




June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday	2	3 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	4 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	5 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	6 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	7 Food Pantry 9am-11:30am 
8 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	9	10 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	11 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	12 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	13 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	14
15 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Father's Day	16	17 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	18 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	19 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	20 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	21 VBS: John D. MacArthur Beach State Park Carpool leaves the Church at 10:30am.
22 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Juneteenth Celebration VBS Pizza Party!	23	24 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	25 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	26 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	27 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	28
29 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	30					

July 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	2 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	3 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	4 Office Closed 	5 Food Pantry 9am-11:30am 
6 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday	7	8 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	9 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	10 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	11 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	12
13 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	14	15 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	16 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	17 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	18 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	19
20 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	21	22 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	23 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	24 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	25 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	26 8am-4pm Church Yard Sale
*****COLLECTING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE*****						
27 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	28	29 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	30 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	31 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer		



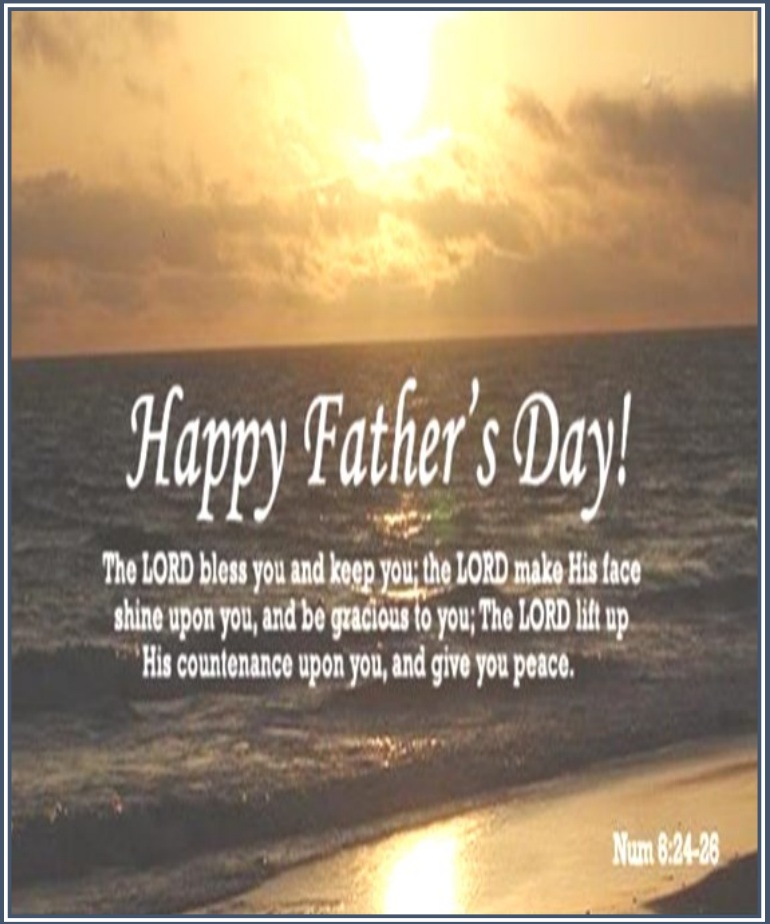
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CELEBRATE
JUNETEENTH

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Union's Special Musical Guest:
Steel Drummer, James Graham
&



Summer Music Ensembles



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