

UNION TIDINGS

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What Is The General Synod?

The General Synod brings together faithful members of the United Church of Christ (UCC) for inspirational worship, fellowship with friends (old and new), and public witness through engagement with the business of the church. Last month, people gathered from across the country for General Synod 35 in Kansas City, Missouri – the barbecue capitol. Together, we discerned resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. We also had a youth program and Brandon was in attendance! As a Board Member of the UCC, I was called to address the business of the church, which included the following resolutions:

- 1) Resolution on Full Communion Relationship Between the United Church of Christ and Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland**
- 2) Resolution on Full Communion Relationship Between the United Church of Christ and Iglesia Evangélica Unida de Puerto Rico**
- 3) The Small Town and Rural Coalition of the United Church of Christ Requests to Be Recognized as a Formal Group**
- 4) A Declaration of Support for Philippine Human Rights**
- 5) Faithful Stewardship of Our Whole Lives and Advocacy for Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Faith Communities Through Interfaith Collaboration Recognition of the Continually-Evolving Language of Mental Health**
- 6) A Response to Christian Persecution in India**
- 7) Responding to the Federal Government's Attack on Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees**
- 8) Calling The United Church of Christ to Oppose the 2025 Immigration Rollbacks and Support Immigrants, Refugees, and Pacific Island Communities, while Amplifying Antiracist Work On Behalf of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in Response to the Current Socio-Political Backlash**
- 9) In Support of Restoration of Full Funding for the United States Agency for International Development**
- 10) In Support of Restoration of Full Funding and Autonomy for the Voice of America**
- 11) Declaration for an End to Genocide in Palestine**

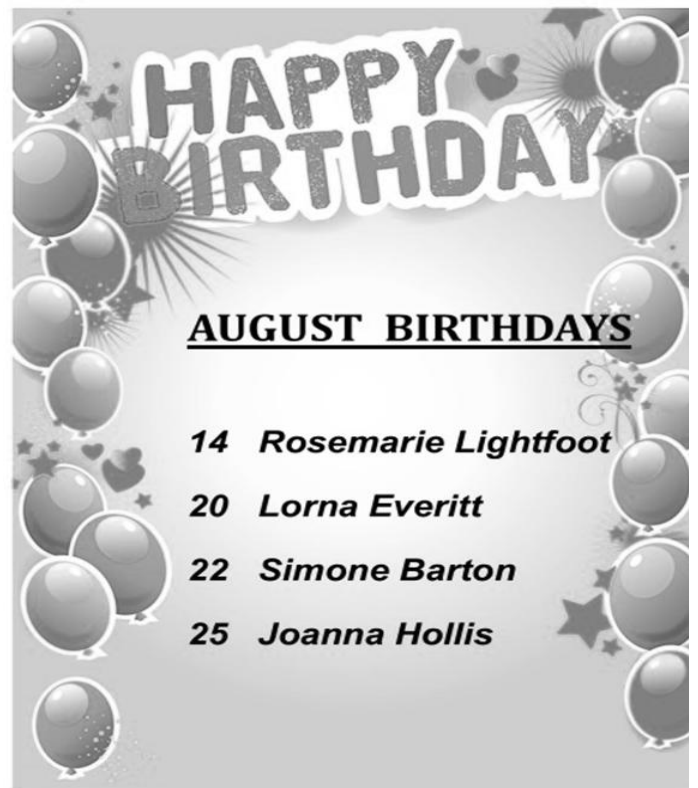
As a Just Peace Church, Union lives out the General Synod's hope for churches to embrace peace and equal justice for all. This is why we say every Sunday, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." If you know of someone who is looking for a church home that welcomes all people, invite them to worship at Union either in person or via live stream, and share they can learn more about us by going to www.UnionUCC.net!

*In Christ's Love,
Pastor Shiela*





Tom Richards; Linda Padmore's family & friends; Rod Jennings's family & friends; Marion Gaetano's family & friends; Jane Grandusky's husband, Mark; Bonnie Avery's family and friends; Teresa Byrd; Lynn McNaughton's mom and cousin, Cade; 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; Rosemarie Lightfoot's sister, Anita; 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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

14 Rosemarie Lightfoot

20 Lorna Everitt

22 Simone Barton

25 Joanna Hollis

**How can I
give to
Union UCC?**

MOBILE:
Scan this
Code



ONLINE:
UNIONUCC.NET (GIVE)

ENVELOPE:
CASH AND CHECKS MADE
PAYABLE TO UNION UCC

www.unionucc.net or the Facebook page: Union UCC West Palm Beach

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.



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

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

UNION CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH!



From all of us at Union Congregational Church,
It's not 'goodbye.'
It's 'see you later.'
Wishing you all the best in your new home!
Ada you will be truly missed here at Union!



UNION PRIDE!



Summer Hymn Sing



ALL ARE INVITED

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Join us for Union's Summer Hymn Sing.
Share your favorite Hymns or Songs by
placing them on the soundboard.

If you have any questions, please contact
the Church office via
email: zaida@unionucc.net.



Music Director Position Available

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We are a small church,
anchored by a professional
singer, looking for a part-time
Music Director to accompany
and direct a choir.

Email your resume and a letter of interest to:

Zaida@Unionucc.net



THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GEOGRAPHICAL AREA GATHERING

~Ft. Lauderdale UCC~

Saturday September 6, 2025

10am - 3pm

2501 NE 30th ST Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Imagining Possibilities

Connect • Empower • Engage

UNION'S FOOD PANTRY



Union continues its mission
of serving people in our
community who need 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. The next
food distribution is September 6, 2025.

TO OUR STUDENTS AT UNION:





Hurricane Preparedness Checklist



- ☐ Evacuation Plan
- ☐ Medications and Medical Supplies
 - Two Week Supply
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Flashlight - Batteries
- ☐ Phone and Portable Chargers
- ☐ Important Documents:
 - ☐ Birth Certificates
 - ☐ Insurance Cards
 - ☐ Social Security Cards
 - ☐ Bank/Credit Card Numbers
 - ☐ Wills
 - ☐ House Inventory Photos
 - ☐ Titles (cars, boats, etc.)
 - ☐ Vet/Microchip Records for Pets
- ☐ Battery-powered Weather Radio
- ☐ Phone List:
 - ☐ Doctors
 - ☐ Insurance
 - ☐ Electric, Gas, and Water Companies
 - ☐ Family/Friends/Neighbors
 - ☐ Landlord or Property Manager
 - ☐ Bank or Credit Union
- ☐ Keep Your Vehicle filled with Gas
- ☐ Emergency Kit:
 - ☐ Nonperishable Food and Water (1 gallon per person per day) for 7 days
 - ☐ Non-electric Can Opener
 - ☐ Cooler
 - ☐ First Aid Kit
 - ☐ Pet Supplies - Pet Food and Water, Leash and Collar, Bowls, Medications, Carrier/Cage
 - ☐ Sleeping Bags and Pillows
 - ☐ Tool Box/Rope
 - ☐ Plastic Sheeting and duct tape
 - ☐ Work Gloves
 - ☐ Fire Extinguisher
 - ☐ Cleaning Supplies
 - ☐ Clothing
 - ☐ Whistle
 - ☐ Special Needs Items for Infants/Small Children or Elderly/Disabled
- ☐ COVID-19 Supplies
 - ☐ Face Masks
 - ☐ Disinfectant Wipes
 - ☐ Hand Sanitizer



Union's Youth & Children have been invited to tour the Norton Museum of Art on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

UNION'S INDOOR



Thank you to all who gave of their time and energy during this past week to help organize and price items and work during the sale. Also, special thanks for all your donations. Thank you.



YOUTH & KIDS CORNER

UNION'S VBS: "INTO THE DEEP"




JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK



August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9am-1pm Office Hours	2 Food P 11:30 am  HUNGRY
3 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday	4	5 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for	6 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for	7 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for	8 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for	9
10 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Back to School	11	12 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	13 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	14 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	15 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	16
17 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	18	19 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for	20 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for	21 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for	22 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for	23
24 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Rodney Jennings Memorial 12:00 PM	25	26 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	27 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	28 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	29 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	30
31 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming						

BACK TO SCHOOL



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ALL ARE WELCOME!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025



**DURING FELLOWSHIP
HOUR!**

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