

UNION TIDINGS

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CELEBRATING 131 YEARS OF BEING 'BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING'

Union, we are blessed to be a blessing! For 131 Years, this Church has been blessed to serve its neighbors near and far. To fund this amazing ministry at Union, our 131st Church Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off was held on October 5th and will conclude with the Thanksgiving Luncheon & Silent Auction on November 23rd. This year, we will have a Talent Show, so please help us get the word out to our families and friends!

This message of blessing reminds us about the importance of giving thanks. As thanksgiving is found in our scripture readings. In 1 Thessalonians 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." Being thankful reminds us that God will guide our paths. As such, thankfulness has led to our generous offer to have Union's campus serve as a home for seniors to have affordable housing. Church, God is continuing to bless this ministry project!



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 are blessed to give thanks to God for our diversity, and for bringing us together for worship, prayer, study, service, advocacy, and fellowship!

We ask that you prayerfully discern your giving amounts in support of the church's ministries. Please know, we are grateful for every gift and hope that Union will continue to be a blessing for another 131 Years! To live in this hope, our Stewardship Team sent out letters asking for your financial commitment to help support the ministries of the church in the coming year.

We also ask if you have been blessed financially to please consider pledging your support by sending back the commitment cards to the church by Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23rd. 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 in being 'Blessed to Be a Blessing' as we celebrate Union's amazing 131-Year history of ministry here in West Palm Beach and beyond! Hopefully, you will bring others to celebrate with us on Sunday, November 23rd. We look forward to seeing you then!

*With Love,
Pastor Sheila*



Robert Herald family & friends; Holly Dozier family & friends; Joan Gerson; Pastor Sheila's Uncle Leonard's family & friends; Shameer Mohammed; Timothy Blood; Tom Richards's sister, Cindy Richards-Wallace & his friend, Jackie Sloan; Jan Mark; Ada Harvey's grandson, Grant; David Ramirez; Irv Koehler; 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; Lin 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; Charlene Buck; Linda Padmore's niece, Yvette & sister, Christine; Rosemarie Lightfoots'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'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; Palestinians; Hurricane victims; Wild fires; Immigrant families; Attack on DEI; Medicaid & Food Assistance Programs; Hurricane Season Protection

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Sabine Wiesbauer
3	Georges Edris Francois
5	Emma Shah
5	Mark Hines
5	Frank Burd
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
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. 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.

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

MOBILE:
Scan this
Code



ONLINE:
UNIONUCC.NET (GIVE)

ENVELOPE:
CASH AND CHECKS MADE
PAYABLE TO UNION UCC

Union UCC & P.E.A.C.E.



Congratulations!

Pastor
Sheila



Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey, Senior Pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ in West Palm Beach, Florida, and author of "Messages of Hope: Preaching Peace and Justice for All."



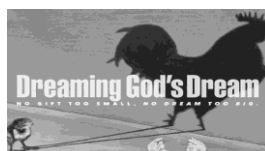
UNION CELEBRATES WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!





Founded 1894

The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey
Pastor



"Dreaming God's Dream"

No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big

Dear Prospective Donor,

The Union Congregational United Church of Christ of West Palm Beach, Florida will be celebrating our **131st Anniversary** this November. Being the oldest church in West Palm Beach, we have a long history of serving our community with needed resources, love and compassion. It has taken the faith and determination of all the stewards who have gone before us and who are with us now to create this legacy. To celebrate we are planning a Celebration Worship Service and a 'Dreaming God's Dream' Stewardship Luncheon immediately following the service. This memorable event will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2025 beginning at 10 AM.

As part of our event a **Silent Auction** has been planned and we are asking for your help in making this auction and celebration a great success. Union Congregational would appreciate a contribution from your business to add to our auction. The funds raised from the Silent Auction will go to support the mission and ministries of the church. Our local missions include a monthly Food Pantry, our participation in P.E.A.C.E., volunteering with CROS Ministries, our Free Little Library located on our campus and our new relationship with the Lord's Place. In addition, we are also working to create an affordable senior living facility on our property. Your contribution will be recognized during the celebration, including an ad for your business in our Celebration Booklet.

Thank you in advance for your support. Union will continue to be 'Dreaming God's Dream' for years to come because of the generosity of businesses like yours. If more information is needed, please contact the church at 561-686-0330. I look forward to your participation in the upcoming celebration event.

Sincerely,

Linda Padmore & Borjana Pejic
131st Celebration Chair

POSITION AVAILABLE **Music Director**

INSPIRE, LEAD, & GROW our Music Ministry!

Do you have a passion for Worship through music? Union Congregational United Church of Christ is searching for a dedicated and enthusiastic Music Director for our growing, intergenerational & diverse congregation. We are excited to find a director who can honor our traditions while bringing fresh, creative ideas to our music ministry.

Email your resume and a letter of interest to:

zaida@unionucc.net.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Fellowship is accepting monetary donations for Thanksgiving gift cards so the family can purchase their own Thanksgiving Meal. We would like to set a goal this year for 8 meals of \$50 each. You can call the church office to arrange for drop-off time between 10am to 12pm Tuesday through Friday. You also can send monetary gifts via mail to 5088 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach FL 33415 or through our website at Unionucc.net and hit the "Give Now" button. Please see George Gerson for more information.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.



UNION'S CALENDAR

Church Anniversary Celebration on
November 23, 2025



All are invited to share a photo of yourself for
Union's 2026 Calendar. Your photo will be
featured on your birthday month.

Please send your photo and birthday month to
Zaida@unionucc.net.



UNION'S TALENT SHOW!

Church Anniversary Celebration
on November 23, 2025



As part of the celebration, there will
be a Talent Show during our
Anniversary Luncheon. All who are
interested in participating, please
signup on the soundboard.

Holiday Sing-Along Ensemble & Handbell Choir

Kids, Teens, & Adults

Union will be putting together a
Holiday Sing - Along Ensemble.
If you would like to join,
please sign up on the soundboard.



UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
131st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION &
"Dreaming God's Dream" LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 23, 2025



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 18th)

☐ **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 a welcome
board. Recognition of sponsor during the program.

☐ **SILVER - Sponsor**

\$100.00

1/4 page recognition in the program

☐ **BRONZE - Sponsor**

\$50.00

Your name, logo, and/or company name in the program.

☐ **Donation**

Any Amount is Appreciated

☐ **GOLD - Sponsor**

\$150.00 +

1/2 page in program with your name, logo and/or
company name
Recognition of sponsor during the 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

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 131st CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

URGENT EMERGENCY RELIEF NEEDED FOR JAMAICA



PRAY FOR THE
CARIBBEAN

SUPPLY DONATION:

- Union will collect items, to help those most
impacted by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica.

We will seek local partners to get the items to
those in need.

- Collection Hours: The church office will be
open Tuesday-Friday from 9-1, and on Sunday
mornings.



YOUTH & KIDS CORNER

Children & Youth at Union Celebrating World Communion



John 3:16
"For God so loved the world."



Union Children & Youth Participating On Children's Sabbath Day October 19th!

No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor.

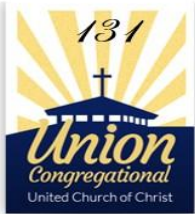
NOVEMBER 2025

hello
November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Food Pantry 9am-11:30 am  FEED THE HUNGRY
2 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday	3	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 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	8
9 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	10	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 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	15
16 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	17	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 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	22
23 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming 131st Year Anniversary Celebration/ Luncheon	24	25 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	26 9am-1pm Office Hours Sanctuary open for prayer	27 Office Closed  Happy Thanksgiving	28 Office Closed	29
30 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming						

SAVE THE DATE

YOU ARE INVITED



**Church Anniversary
Celebration on
November 23, 2025**

Ministry Investment Opportunities!

- *Anniversary Luncheon Sponsor**
- *Silent Auction Participation**
- *Talent Show**
- *Church Calendar**

PEACE VILLAGE

ALL SMILES!!

The Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners
votes 5-1 to award \$1 Million in funding towards
Union's Affordable Senior Housing Project!

Let's keep those prayers coming, Union!!



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

November News Especially for you:

