

# UNION TIDINGS

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## ***An Eastertide of Hope!***

***“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”***

*-Romans 15:13 (NIV)*

*Church, it is Eastertide! A time when we embrace Resurrection Hope by asking God to fill us with joy and peace. A time when we celebrate the glorious morning of Jesus' Resurrection for fifty days by placing our trust in God. A seven-week timeframe, when we remember that 'weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.' And a time when our hope overflows through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*For anyone following the news, buying gas, or groceries, we can easily find many reasons to be discouraged even during Eastertide. As we have engaged in new global conflicts, and the cost of living is going through the roof! But our faith reminds us that Eastertide brings hope amid economic hardship. Our faith teaches us that Eastertide brings hope in the face of national and global conflict. And Christ's Passion shows us that Eastertide brings hope in times of sorrow. As we believe that Eastertide brings Resurrection Hope for better tomorrows. And so, we celebrate!*



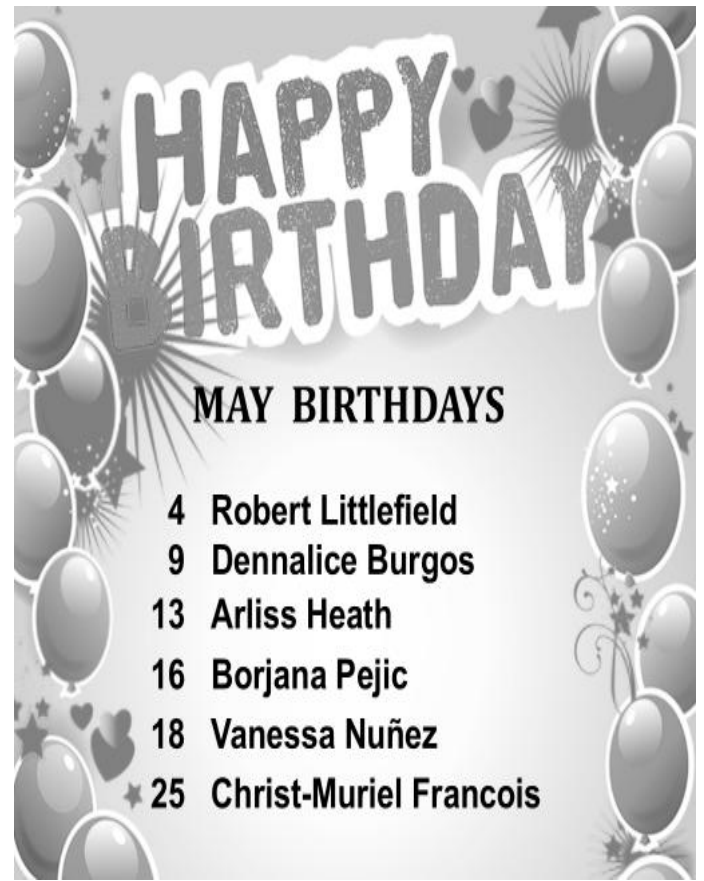
*During this Eastertide, we also celebrate our Mothers, Students, and Graduates with special moments in worship and during fellowship hour. We also celebrate how we care for one another, our neighbors, and our faith in God, whose love has created us all. We also celebrate with great joy Union's newest Members who have become part of our church family as we pray for Christ's love and light to guide us forward no matter what the world throws our way.*

*Lastly, let us continue to embrace Resurrection Hope during this Eastertide journey by allowing the light of Christ to see us through every valley and to carry us in our moments of weakness. As we give thanks that death is no more, and that God's Love Is Forever!*

*In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Sheila*



Joan Gerson; Paula & Kirk's daughter, Melissa; Adderley's mom, Maxine; Lin's mom; Sharon and Donna's family and friends; Phyllis Adderley; Dorthy Bates; Martha Yanick family & friends; Stephen Spencer family and friends; Jan Mark; Robert Herald family & friends; Timothy Blood; Tom Richards's sister, Cindy Richards-Wallace & his friend, Jackie Sloan; 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; Donna's brother, Clevert; George Gerson's Brother, Michael; Melanie's Friend, Donna; Borjana's son, Petar; 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; Mass deportations of Immigrants; War In Iran; Cost of Living Increases



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Robert Littlefield
- 9 Dennallice Burgos
- 13 Arliss Heath
- 16 Borjana Pejic
- 18 Vanessa Nuñez
- ★ 25 Christ-Muriel Francois

**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](mailto: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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# JOURNEY TO EASTER



## Good Friday Fish Fry & Service



## EASTER SERVICE



## EASTER SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AND BOOK SIGNING AT UNION!



## UNION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

APRIL 12, 2026

**Suelene Rottura** was born in Brazil. Her talents include sewing, crocheting, dancing, comedy, photography, languages, and singing karaoke.

Suelene life's Motto is "Sometimes what we think is bad, it is the best for us."

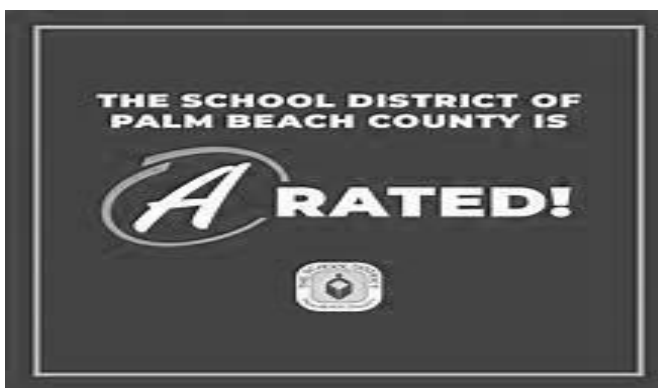


**Sharon Smith** has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She is a CNA and home health aide. Sharon enjoys gardening, baking and cooking. Her favorite Bible passage is Proverbs 3:5-6.



### CALLING ALL MEN AND SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH!

The Fellowship Team needs your support for the Mother's Day Tea. Please sit with Tom Richards during Fellowship Hour to review how you will help celebrate Union's Mother Figures on May 10<sup>th</sup>!



All are invited to attend the School District of Palm Beach County Session on Wednesday, May 6th, at 2:00PM. At this time, they will plan to vote on a 3.5% cost of living increase for our Teachers.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Union is pleased to share that we are embracing the United Church of Christ's "Love Knows No Borders" campaign. As such, we recently joined with our neighbors at a "Freedom Vigil" in front of the ICE Detention Center in Pompano Beach, to be in solidarity with our neighbors being detained.

Pastor Sheila and Rabbi Gregg were invited speakers at the Vigil and were joined by Union Members, Synagogue Members, along with others in the local community. Contact Paula for more information on the "Freedom Vigils."



**PEACE** =  
PEOPLE ENGAGED IN  
ACTIVE COMMUNITY EFFORTS

### UPCOMING EVENT: **Celebration**

Monday, May 18, 2026  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
13591 Prosperity Farms Road  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL, 33410



The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey

Thanks to all who helped spread messages of Hope throughout the Easter Season!

### **UNION'S TRIP TO ORLANDO!**

The Christian Education/Youth and Justice and Peace Teams are planning an intergenerational trip to Orlando! The purpose of the trip is to gather as a church family to deepen relationships with fun activities while exploring historical sites that remind us about the importance of embracing peace and justice for all!

A signup sheet is on the soundboard for all who are interested in participating.



### **KINDNESS IS LOVE IN ACTION!**



Union joins with the wider church and the United States of Kindness project in hopes to have a big impact on the way citizens treat each other by offering 250 Acts of Kindness, and we are already off to a great start!!

We will keep a sheet on the soundboard (or email [zaida@Unionucc.net](mailto:zaida@Unionucc.net)) for us to share how our Kindness is Love in Action! Join in on the good-fun of being Kind!!!

<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-and-values-in-action-partnership-working-to-promote-kindness-across-the-country/>



# YOUTH & KIDS CORNER



CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH DURING  
EASTER FELLOWSHIP!



## *Student* APPRECIATION DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

Sunday School Class Appreciation Sunday!

Student Appreciation Party During Fellowship!

Parents: Remember to fill out the student form to finalize summer planning, highlights of your student's achievements and grade level. If you have a graduate, **share their names** by calling the office at 561-686-0330 or email Zaida: [zaida@unionucc.net](mailto:zaida@unionucc.net).  
Deadline: Noon on Thursday, May 26, 2026.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SCHEDULE**

First Sunday: Rebekah Gay

Second Sunday: Cunny Burgos

Third Sunday: Michelle Benght

Fourth Sunday: Simone Shah

Fifth Sunday: George Gerson

JOIN US AT  
**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>6 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>7 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>1 9am-1pm Office Hours</p>	<p>2 Food Pantry 9am-11:30 am </p>
<p>10 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Mother's Day "Tea Time"</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>13 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>14 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>15 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>20 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>21 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>22 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Honoring Memorial Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p></p>	<p>26 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>27 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>28 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open</p>	<p>29 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open Last Day of School</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming "Student Recognition Sunday"</p>						

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Celebrating All Mother Figures**

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**(Following Morning Worship)**

**“Tea Time with Union’s Mothers”**



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