

UNION TIDINGS

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Union Receives Salt & Light Award!

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 talk when it comes to being God's love and light in the world. So, it is with great appreciation that Union received the 2026 SALT AND LIGHT AWARD from our community partners, People Engaged in Active Community Efforts (PEACE). As it represents the congregation that shines brightly in the community through a deep commitment to PEACE, justice, compassion, and faithful witness. To God be the Glory!

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 with our faith in God. And in doing so, we remain steadfast with our mission and outreach. We remain steadfast in our prayer. We remain steadfast in matters of justice and peace. And we remain steadfast being the salt and light of God.

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





Keep
in Your
Prayers

Jan Mark; Debbie Englert; Dorothy Bates; Linda Padmore; Stephen Spencer: Joan Gerson; Paula & Kirk's daughter-in-law, Melissa; Adderley's mom, Maxine; Lin's mom; Sharon and Donna's family and friends; Phyllis Adderley; Martha Yanick family & friends; Stephen Spencer family and friends; 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Eric Burgos
- 15 Sabita Shah
- 15 Phyllis Adderley
- 19 Sharon Harvey Hughes
- 22 Joan Gerson
- 25 Susan DiAmicis
- 28 Melanie Shepherd
- 29 Ada Daniels Harvey

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Demetra Sweeting
- 8 Laila Joiner
- 11 Linda McNaughton
- 11 Amy Heimburger Lopez
- 16 Bonnie Avery
- 19 David Ramirez Alonso
- 19 Frank Byrd
- 20 Gloryanne Manderson
- 21 Dornevil Mirlande
- 22 Billie Campbell
- 24 Paula Dorhout

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.

CELEBRATING PENTECOST & MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY AT UNION



HOUSE OF WORSHIP INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR SHEILA & CHURCH SAFETY TRAINING



Union received the 2026 SALT AND LIGHT AWARD from our community partners, People Engaged in Active Community Efforts (PEACE)!





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) 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/>



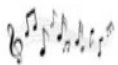
Hymn Sing Sunday



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Please fill out the form on the soundboard with your favorite hymn!



ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE



How can I give to Union UCC?

MOBILE:
Scan this Code



ONLINE:
UNIONUCC.NET (GIVE)

ENVELOPE:
CASH AND CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO UNION UCC

Orlando Trip

Thanks to all who participated in our intergenerational trip to Orlando! We explored meaningful, historic sites and had lots of fun! For our summer reading, we invite all to read "Their Eyes When Watching God". On August 9th, we will reflect on our trip and the book. For book information, contact Paula Dorhout.



VBS SUMMER 2026

Last week's VBS was a HUGE success! Many Thanks to our Christian Ed & Youth Ministry team, Pastor Sheila, parents and AMAZING students. What a great way to kick off the Summer Break!





Christian Education/Youth Summer Offerings

We are excited to offer the following Summer Activities for our students.

- 1) MAY 31: Student Appreciation Day Celebration (during worship)
- 2) MAY 31-JUNE 1: Orlando Trip!
- 3) JUNE 2-7: VBS, 10am-12pm
- (Time with Pastor Sheila - learning about music & tech-sound in worship, inspiring short films, & discussing school highlights)
- 4) JUNE 14: LOGGERHEAD MUSEUM & JUNO BEACH PIER (free)
- 5) JULY 18: NORTON MUSEUM VISIT (Saturdays are free)
- 6) JULY 19: \$6 MOVIE THEATRE (students' choice)
- 7) AUGUST 9: SUMMER READING REFLECTIONS: Their Eyes Were Watching God, Book (older students/parental permission)

Looking forward to our summertime adventures!

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist



- Evacuation Plan
- Medications and Medical Supplies – Two Week Supply
- Cash
- Flashlight – Batteries
- Battery Weather Radio
- 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
- 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
 - Tool Box/Rope
 - Plastic Sheeting
 - Work Gloves
 - Duct Tape
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Cleaning Supplies
 - Clothing
 - Special Needs Items for Infants/ Small Children or Elderly/Disabled
- COVID-19 Supplies
 - Face Masks
 - Disinfectant Wipes
 - Hand Sanitizer



YOUTH & KIDS CORNER

Student Appreciation Sunday & Union's Trip!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Deannalise Burgos is going to Kindergarden.
Pressley Cadejuste is going to 11th grade.
Kinsey Grandusky going to 4th grade.
Kaydence Grandusky going to 5th grade.
Kendall Grandusky is going to 10th grade.
Brandon Guillaume is going to 11th grade.
Laila Joyner will be going to the 6th grade gifted.
Lauren Serena Joyner is going to 3rd grade.
Abigailgloryann Manderson going to 9th grade.
Gloryannel Manderson going to 4th grade.
Nathan Minott is going to 12th grade.
Isaac Nuñez is going to 11th grade.
Emma Shah will be going to 8th grade.
Jumilly Toussaint going to 9th grade.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES

Schnelle Burgos going to High School.
Abigailgloryann Manderson going to High School.
Jumilly Toussaint going to High School.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Veyanca Burgos graduated from High School on May 12.
Going to Palm Beach State College.






June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	3 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	4 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	5 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	6 Food Pantry 9am-11:30 am 
7 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday	8	9 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	10 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	11 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	12 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	13
14 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Juneteenth Sunday	15	16 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	17 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	18 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	19  OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Father's Day 	22	23 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	24 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	25 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	26 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	27
28 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Hymn Sing!	29	30 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open				

JULY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	2 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	3 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	4 Food Pantry 9am-11:30 am 
5 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday Celebrating the 4th!	6	7 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	8 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	9 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	10 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	11
12 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	13	14 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	15 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	16 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	17 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	18
19 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	20	21	22	23	24	25
		OFFICE CLOSED				
26 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	27	28	29	30 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	31 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	
		OFFICE CLOSED				

Sunday, June 21, 2026

**Happy
Father's
Day**



Union will celebrate
Fathers and Father figures with
“Meatball Hoagies” lunch.
All are invited!

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