

UNION TIDINGS

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God's Economy: People Over Profit!

On September 20th, we will celebrate Just Peace Sunday with our wider church and explore the theme, "God's Economy: People Over Profit."

On Just Peace Sunday, we will be invited to reflect on the world around us. We will also be invited to recognize where glimpses of peace may be found. In scripture, we see that the "things that make for peace" include loving our enemies, welcoming the outcast, healing diseases and illnesses, feeding the hungry, and the power of love to transform our lives and culture.

Union's Justice and Peace Ministry also invites us not just to 'talk the talk,' but to 'walk the walk.' This hope of forward movement can be found in our mutual repentance and forgiveness. As we seek to better understand God, ourselves, and one another along our journey of faith.

As a Just Peace Church, we can also seek God's strength and guidance on how best to love all of God's creation. Matthew 20 speaks directly about the intersection of justice and peace, stating in verses 14-16,

*I choose to give this last
To the same as I give to you...
The last will be first,
And the first will be last.*



This passage expresses hope for an economy that places people over profit. We especially hope that these virtues, long separated, will be reunited, leading to a flourishing society rooted in both truth and equity.

May our quest to seek the "things that make for peace" begin in each of our hearts. Let it be so. Amen.

*In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Sheila*



Linda Padmore; Jenny, Paula & Kirk's daughter; Sharon Smith; Sam Clark; Zaida's family & friends; Susan Young's family and friends, 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; 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; Linda Padmore's niece, Yvette & sister, Christine; Donna's brother, Clevert; George Gerson's Brother, Michael; Borjana's son, Petar; George Gerson's friends, Diane & Timothy Scott; George Gerson's nephew, Glenn; 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

September Birthdays

- 4 Jane Louise Smith
- 6 Rebekah Gay
- 7 Geovani Francois
- 12 Rebecca Oliver-Remshifski
- 12 George Englert
- 14 Hercilia Francois
- 16 Tom Richards
- 16 Steve Ventimiglia
- 21 Cunny Burgos
- 25 John Webster
- 26 Amy Dickinson
- 28 Simone Shah

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

MOBILE:
Scan this
Code



ONLINE:
UNIONUCC.NET (GIVE)

ENVELOPE:
CASH AND CHECKS MADE
PAYABLE TO UNION UCC

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



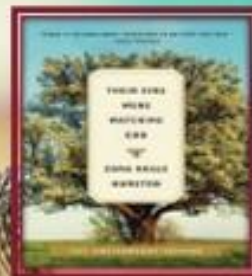
Every Sunday, beautiful flowers adorn our altar. We have a flower chart for sign-ups. Also, you can call the office or send an email to office@unionucc.net. Garden flowers are \$10 and floral arrangements are \$40. As an added bonus you can list the flowers in the bulletin in memory or in honor of someone or a special occasion. You are also welcome to take the \$40 arrangement home.



Summer Fellowship at Union!



REFLECTIONS ON INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE TRIP AND SUMMER BOOK READING



Pastor Sheila was invited to preach at Martha's Vineyard UCC Church!!



Trustees hard at work!



WAMM Team News

The music department has had a busy spring and summer. With the addition of Adderley to our staff, the choir has been rejuvenated! The first performance for the fall was on August 9 following 2 weeks of preparation. We currently have 9 active members and are eager to expand. Pastor Sheila, Tom and Michelle continue to assist with leading the hymns and praise music during each service, including solos, duets and trios. We are looking to start the Handbells in September. We had 4 ringers during the spring, but would love to expand those numbers this Fall. At this point 8-10 members would be ideal. No experience is necessary. Tom is slow and patient in teaching people to read the music and play with proper technique! Come join the fun.

The committee and the choir took 4 Sundays to completely clean and file away years of music back in June. Our thanks to the 8 volunteers who worked very hard to file close to 100 pieces of music.

WAMM was in charge of the Fellowship Hour in July and with the help of Patti and Steve, had a great celebration on the 4th of July. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers done on the grill, beans, Mac and Cheese, and other goodies were on the menu! We will also be doing the Fellowship Hour in December.

If you have any suggestions for music or things you feel will enhance our contribution to the worship experience, please pass them along to Pastor Sheila, Adderley, Tom or any member of the WAMM Committee.

Tom Richards
WAMM Chair



KINDNESS IS LOVE IN ACTION CONTINUES!



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 enjoying putting our kindness into Action!

We have 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/>



ELECTION EXPO 2026

Leadership | PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE | LEADER IN WOMEN VOTING

NONPARTISAN • NETWORKING • ICE CREAM • COFFEE • FAMILY FUN

FREE
ALL WELCOME

SEPTEMBER 28 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE GYMNASIUM
4200 S. CONGRESS AVE., LAKE WORTH

VOTE

- ✓ Free Voters' Guide
- ✓ Voting Machine Demo
- ✓ Election Dates & Deadlines
- ✓ Amendments & Referendum

MEET CANDIDATES ONE-ON-ONE

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

We are excited to share that Union's Food Pantry is transitioning to a team-based approach. This new model will allow volunteers to share responsibilities, work together more effectively, and ensure the pantry continues to serve our community with care and compassion. By working as a team, we can build on each person's strengths, provide greater support for one another, and create a sustainable ministry for the future. We are grateful for everyone who has faithfully served the Food Pantry over the years and look forward to this new chapter of collaboration. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. A sign-up sheet will be on the soundboard for baggers and shoppers.

VOTER EDUCATION

Please join us on Sunday,
September 20, 2026 at 11:30am
in the Fellowship Hall
for an exciting presentation from the
League of Women Voters
Palm Beach County

A representative from the League of Women Voters will be providing a presentation titled, "**Our Decision 2026: The Amendments on the Ballot**" that explains the three constitutional amendments appearing on Florida's November 2026 ballot. All three measures involve budgets: one at the state level and two at the local level. This educational presentation aims to make a potentially dry and confusing topic clear, accessible, and engaging. As often happens, the impact of passing an amendment can be more complex than when it first appears. This presentation helps voters understand the three proposals that, if approved, could affect their daily lives for years to come.

The presentation will last approximately 30 minutes.

This is a good Sunday to invite your family and friends to church for Fellowship and this important educational presentation.



STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Next month, we will begin our Annual Stewardship Campaign. It will begin October 4th and we will Celebrate on November 22nd. Stay tuned for more details!



CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION WITH THE UCC ELECTION CENTER

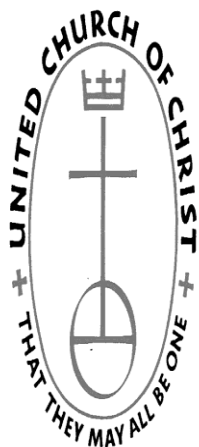


Election season is here, don't get caught off guard! Head to the **UCC Our Faith Our Vote Election** Center to:

- Check your registration status
- Find your polling location
- Access state-specific voting resources
- And so much more!

Access our Election Center here
<https://www.votervoice.net/JAWM/ElectionCenter>

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



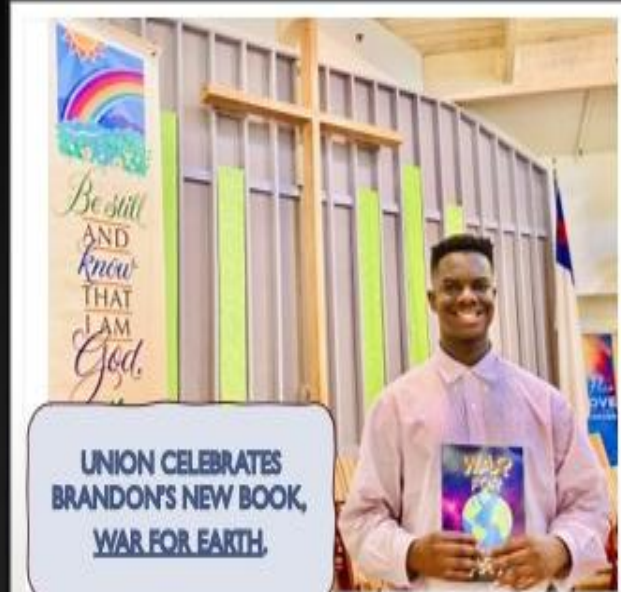
We are inviting returning guests to be part of Union's church family. All who are interested in becoming a member of the church, please see Pastor Sheila or a deacon.

YOUTH & KIDS CORNER

Back to School Blessing & Fellowship 2026



BACK TO SCHOOL BAG GIVE AWAY!



UNION'S KIDS SERVING GOD!!



Please take a moment to fill out the Union's Kids Serving God form located on the soundboard. There are a variety of Ministry opportunities for our students to consider. Please turn in the form today, Sunday, September 6, 2026.

September 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 Food Pantry 9am-11:30 am 
6 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday	7 Labor Day	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 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	12
13 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	14	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 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	19
20 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Just Peace Sunday!	21	22 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	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
27 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	28	29 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	30 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open			

JUST PEACE

SUNDAY 9.20.2026

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Sweet September News Especially for you:

