

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

IN OUR HOUSE

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP

***The child-focused service is a fairy tale that's no fairy tale.**

Young people are invited to come dressed up –or dressed down – hats, bandanas, Halloween costumes...There will be a brief gathering downstairs across from the choir room **at 9:30 AM** so they can practice their easy and fun responses in the service.

***A note from Jon about our new hymn**

To start our new season of programming, Linda asked me to suggest modern hymns to augment our worship. *How Deep The Father's Love for Us* by Stuart Townend is one of my favorites - a contemporary hymn that combines modern language with old teachings. It tells the story of Jesus on the cross in a very accessible way - you'll have it stuck in your head all week!



THE SEASON'S FIRST COFFEEHOUSE

Amy Gallitan and Stillwaters is an internationally known group who have toured all over Eastern Canada, England, Ireland and parts of Europe. They have been together for 20 plus years and are extremely talented! With Amy on guitar and vocals, Roger Williams on dobro, guitar and vocals, JD Williams (Roger's son) on mandolin, vocals, and guitar and last but not least Eric Levonson on bass, this group is just fantastic! We are thrilled to have them open BOOKSour season on September 24th at the Steeple Coffee House! Doors will open at 7:00 with the performance starting at 7:30 to 9:30. Admission/donation is \$20/person with coffee and snacks provided. We look forward to seeing you all soon! In this new season, we are again welcoming bakers!

NEW WAYS TO CONNECT WITH OTHER UCF FOLK

***New! Lending Library**

Several shelves in Women's Lounge have been set aside for books our members want to share with each other. Please feel free to bring in books you've enjoyed and recommend and place them on the designated shelves. There will be limited space so perhaps fiction and biographies are preferable, not resource books or magazines. Take a book home, return it when done and take a new

book. It's going to be a long winter – help each other enrich those snowy days with romance or mystery! If you put your name in the books you bring the new reader may reach out to you to talk about it—make a new friend!"

***Coming Soon The Dessert Club in October**

EVERY UCF MEMBER and FRIEND is automatically a member of the DESSERT CLUB. Our goal is to get together in small groups and to know each other better...no agenda, no discussion topic. Just GOOD FUN and



FELLOWSHIP. You'll be able to sign up for a day and time of your choice with one of our 7 hosts who will provide their home and a dessert. Sign ups can be done at THE FALL BRUNCH (9/18) on the posteror online <https://bit.ly/UCFdessertnight>. (Please be respectful of the hosts' indication of capacity.)

A NOTE FROM THE FISCAL OVERSIGHT POD

A friendly appeal from the Fiscal Oversight Pod to please bring your pledges up to date when possible. While we typically experience reduced attendance and contributions over the summer months, UCF's ongoing costs do not diminish and inflation has increased some items like utilities. We have a full calendar of activities planned for the coming months and appreciate your continued financial support to help bring these plans to fruition. Thank you! (Questions about your pledge: treasurer@theucf.org)

UCF IN THE WORLD

CONSTITUTION WEEK BELL RINGING

On September 17, 1787 at 4:00PM, the U.S. Constitution was signed. Since 1956, the week of September 17-23 has been designated as "Constitution Week" by Congress. At the request of the Fayetteville-Owahenga Chapter of the DAR, UCF is joining local churches, firehouses, and government buildings in "Bells Across America" - ringing our church bells at 4:00PM on Saturday, September 17, the 235th anniversary of the signing. Thanks to John Price for being our ringer.

CHURCH IN THE WORLD SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022

On this special Sunday, members and attendees are invited to participate "in the world" with one of four offerings that involve service to agencies outside the church: one in-house option, 3 options leave the building.

- **Painting at the FM Food Pantry – Manlius** A maximum of 6 people (high school, adult) will prep, prime and, if time permits, paint two sections of the pantry. Wear appropriate clothing. Materials will be provided, but extra brushes are welcome. Meet in Beard Lounge after the abbreviated worship service to coordinate the drive over to the Pantry.
- **Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup – Route 5 Fayetteville** Helpers clean up trash on the UCF marked section of Route 5, east of the village of Fayetteville. Gather in Women's Lounge after our abbreviated worship service to get vests, helmets and your assigned section of the route. At least 5 helpers works well.
- **Diaper Collection for the Diaper Bank – UCF** This 'in-house' service project involves packaging donated and purchased diapers, to later be delivered to the Diaper Bank. Participants will head to Fellowship Hall after our abbreviated worship service, where all supplies will be set up to do this project on site at UCF.
- **Food Preparation at the Samaritan Center Food Kitchen – Syracuse** Participants will assist with food preparation for the Samaritan Center's Sunday afternoon dinner. Please meet Betsy Nash and Rich Brundage in UCF parking lot at 9am for the drive into the Samaritan Center. Food prep should last until noon. (Note: this project does not allow for attendance at the abbreviated worship service)

PEACEMAKING OFFERING DEDICATED ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY –
OCTOBER 2

We receive the Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering each year. The offering is divided in approximate thirds: one third each going to the PCUSA And American Baptist Conference peacemaking efforts. The remaining third is designated for a local recipient. On the recommendation of the Outreach Committee, The Board has designated **Contact Community Services** as the local recipient.

"Contact Community Services has been bringing hope and light to those in need for over 50 years. Founded in 1971 (by members of the United Church of Fayetteville!) as a volunteer-based telephone counseling service for Central New York, their services and staff have steadily expanded to include educational programs for youth and adults about social and emotional learning and mental health.

You will find designated envelopes in the pews or you may write a check payable to UCF, with Peacemaking on the memo line.

THIS WEEK'S THANKS

*From the **Westcott Community Center**. UCF made a contribution through the Outreach Committee. We are always glad for expressions of thanks, but how cool that they let the community know by posting it on their Facebook page.

THIS WEEK'S CONCERNS

- The increasing number of people so despairing as to feel suicide is the only option – and their family and friends who grieve
- Climate issues, drought, flooding in Pakistan
- Skyrocketing food and energy costs
- All those around the world who experience personal grief, awareness of impact on the UK or international relationships, or just the mark of the end of an era, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.