

United Church of Fayetteville

February 8, 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE –LOTS HAPPENING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

THIS FRIDAY February 10, 7:00 PM Game Night is Back!



DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO SIGN UP? IF NOT, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE THIS WEEK TO LET US KNOW. YOU MAY, OF COURSE, COME ANYWAY, BUT THIS WILL HELP CHANGE WORKGROUP SET UP.

Round 2 of Game Night. Everyone is invited. Bring a game. Bring a snack. Bring yourself. No one is too old or too young to come and have fun. Who is competitive; who is a good winner; who is a good loser; and who are the sleepers who come out of nowhere to excel and show us how it is done. Look for a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

THIS SATURDAY NIGHT February 11 Steeple Coffee House



Vector Lite will be performing. Vector Lite has three amazing musicians: Bob MacBlane: guitar and vocals, Mike Hattala on guitar and vocals, and Javier Sanz on Bass! This group performs great songs ranging from The Eagles to just about anyone you can name in the industry! Admission/donation is \$15/person and includes coffee, tea, water and an assortment of cakes and treats. The hours are 7:30 to 9:30. We look forward to seeing you!!!

THIS SUNDAY! February 12 Young Person Activity

Spreading the Love

Young people create and send Valentine greeting to our homebound folk.



ALSO, THIS SUNDAY Welcoming Betsy Pierce, Our New Administrative Assistant

While Betsy is an active participant in her own worshipping community, she will be worshipping with us this Sunday and joining us for Fellowship, so we can all put faces to names.

Obviously, it's a good thing if whoever can be is with us on Sunday, but there are other ways to help with Betsy's orientation and her becoming more and more comfortable in the job. We do need to remember that she doesn't automatically know who everyone is. What tasks are obvious to us may not be obvious to her. To help her and to be sure your needed tasks are accomplished, please do the following:

- 1) When communicating with her in person or via email (not all email addresses include the sender's name), please be sure to tell her your first and last names and what you are "in charge of."
- 2) If you are leaving items for her on Sunday, please leave them on the counter between the door and her desk (as opposed to on her desk or on the credenza), so that she knows it is for her. Please carefully label what you are leaving (There are post-it notes and pens on the desk), so that she knows what you would like done and who to contact with questions).

UPDATE FROM OUTREACH

At its February meeting, the Outreach Committee voted to make a \$200 contribution to the local Meals on Wheels Program and the Westcott Center's Senior Program. They discussed potential beneficiaries for the Easter Offering and Spring Pops Concert. They will be bringing recommendations for those soon.

HOUSEKEEPING

From Fiscal Oversight -- What Is Per Capita?

On the top of your annual UCF pledge envelope box is a sticker: "Per Capita is \$23 per Communicant Member." You also see *per capita* noted under benevolences in the annual budget. What does that really mean?

Simply put, it's every member's "share" of the funding UCF provides to the PCUSA and American Baptist organizations for the fiscal year. UCF has historically asked members to pay this amount in addition to their pledged giving, regardless of whether a member receives an actual envelope box or not.

The Presbyterian and Baptist organizations provide support and guidance for CNY congregations. They both provided extraordinary support and guidance during the worst of the pandemic.

Only the local presbytery provides a suggested amount for this support. The ABC Association leaves the amount open to congregations. We are required to and do pay our budgeted amount, even if every household does not or is not able to provide the additional funds.

Every year, the UCF Board determines the per-member amount of funding we will provide. For the last

several years, it's been \$23. That amount is then multiplied by the total number of communicant members, e.g., adults and all confirmed young people. Because we are a united church, in accordance with our standard practice, we divide the total amount equally and send half to each organization. We typically make these payments in quarterly installments. So, if you've not yet made and can make your *per capita contribution*, there's still plenty of time!

Jenny Jones, Fiscal Oversight Chair

THIS WEEK'S THANKS

Dear Congregation of the United Church of Fayetteville, Thank you for your gift of \$160.00 for the Peacemaking Offering [UCF receives this offering on World Communion Sunday and divides among the PCUSA, the American Baptist Convention and a local organization.] Your contribution changes lives for the sake of the gospel around the world. Thank you once again for your support, dedication and partnership and furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner...

As always, *Lynn Foreman*, Mission Engagement Advisor

We received thanks from Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos, members of other congregations and representatives of the presbytery for our graciousness and hospitality on Sunday.