

# OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER UNITED CHURCH OF FAYETTEVILLE

## MUSINGS FROM LINDA

I always need to live in a place with four seasons, but fall remains one of my favorites—clear sunny days, cool nights, crisp air, the turning of leaves and seeing the bounty of the fields everywhere I turn. At home I am putting the gardens to bed, but each day bring in a few last flowers, seed or vines to enjoy these days before winter. Even as the year draws ever-closer to its end and I find myself wondering where the days have gone, it is a season that fills my spirit with gratitude.



As have most of us, I lost some loved ones this year. Yet even as I mourn and know they will be especially missed in the holiday time ahead, I am also able to look back with gratitude for all that was and enjoy the fruits of those long and rich relationships and my spirit is filled with gratitude.

If some things are fading, these are the days that our life together continues to gain energy, build relationships, serve our neighbors and encourage one another. These are the days in which memories are made, faith is strengthened, community is built and hope expanded. For us to enjoy these fruits, we need to be engaged and participate where we can. Such gifts do not fall into our laps. We need to put ourselves in places where we can receive the wealth of blessings and we will find our spirits filled with gratitude.

Master Eichart once wrote, "If the only prayer you ever pray is 'Thank you' that is enough." At home, at work, at school and here at church there are things beyond number for which to give thanks. This month, let's find occasion to say "Thank you" four times each day. Our spirits will not only be filled with gratitude. They will overflow.

In faith,

Linda

## FROM THE STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE

### **CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE**

As of this writing, our Administrative Assistant Michele has returned to the office. We are very grateful she is well and able to return to her desk. For the help provided in the interim, we are grateful to Gloria Manuel and Chris Harrison for keeping our website and Facebook page up-to-date; Scott Manuel, Bob Craft and John Price for picking up financial and building use tasks normally done by the AA, and especially to Gail Sandle who essentially stepped in to fill the role.

### **NURSERY WORKER**

The Staff Support Committee is actively seeking a nursery care worker for our Sunday morning worship coverage. The Board approved making this a \$30.00 flat fee position for approximately an hour and a half each Sunday, from fifteen minutes before worship to fifteen minutes after worship. This is a year-round position. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and able to pass a background check. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact **Janet Press** at 315.663.8185. Until then, if you can assist in keeping our kids safe by increasing our volunteer nursery coverage to keep our kids safe. If you can assist, please contact **Betsy Nash** at [nash.betsy@gmail.com](mailto:nash.betsy@gmail.com). One teen may work with one adult on Sundays when there is no Sunday School.

### **UPDATES FROM THE BOARD**

At this September meeting, the Board:

\*Approved our education ministry in Haiti as the beneficiary of the Brass and Bells Concert in

December.

\*Thanked Janet Press and Cindy Rosbrook for providing for a UCF presence at the Fayetteville Festival.

\*Approved the replacement of the ramp to E. Genesee Street with an updated ADA compliant ramp, work to be accomplished before the snow flies (provided it doesn't fly in October 😊)

\*Continued its discussion of our efforts to strengthen and expand our reach into the community.

### **Request from the Nominating Committee:**

In order to prepare our list of nominees for 2020 officers for election at the Annual Meeting, we are seeking suggestions for nominations for two positions—that of Auditor and Facility Oversight Chair. If you have more than one name to suggest, or would care to volunteer to be nominated yourself, please submit your suggestions by October 13. You may place your nominations in the basket in either the Narthex or in the

hallway leading to Fellowship Hall. You may also call Sarah Castilano at 315-663-5273 or email her at [sstaples616@hotmail.com](mailto:sstaples616@hotmail.com). Thank you.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

### **THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!**

#### **Opportunities For Enhancing UCF's Reach and Service to the Community while Strengthening Our Ministry**

Especially with reflection on the idea presented in the sermon "Committed" please prayerfully consider if there is a way you could participate in some of these "one-and-done" opportunities for sharing what we have here with the community. If you are interested or can help with one of these projects, please contact the person indicated. If it's indicated that we are still looking for someone, please contact **Dr. Even** and she will point you in the right direction. Among those projects:

\*Continuing and strengthening of potlucks **Cindy R, Maryjane W.**

\*Organizing a series of family game nights implemented to include the community.

#### **COULD THIS BE YOU?**

\*Hosting a church and community education event potentially involving the leadership of the

PCUSA Office of Public Witness. **Outreach**

\*Developing a video story about UCF **AI Arras**

\*Working with local young musicians to develop an event such as a "Battle of the Bands" for high school musicians. **COULD THIS BE YOU?**

\*Recruiting local artists to design bulletin covers. **Janet P**

\* Cooperative church/community effort to serve our homeless neighbors **Rich B**

**The 8th Annual Blood Drive** in memory of Stu Woodcock will be held Saturday, October 26 from 8:00AM -1:00PM in Fellowship Hall. All blood types are needed to ensure an adequate supply. To donate visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767. Stu was an active member of the church, serving in many capacities. Any questions please contact Mary Jane Woodcock at 315-637-5804.

#### **Breakfast at Isaiah's Table**

On Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will again serve breakfast at Isaiah's table - an ongoing program on the near east side serving those in need. UCF provides and serves breakfast and a short service follows. A sign-up sheet will be posted for both prepared breakfast dishes and for those interested in serving on the 26th.

#### **Peace and Global Witness Offering**

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, World Communion Sunday, we will receive a special Peacemaking and Global Witness offering. Proceeds are divided, with approximately a third going to each

---Presbyterian, American Baptist and local uses. For this offering, the UCF portion will be donated to further the mission work of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which builds beds and provides bedding, for those in need. This portion of the offering will be matched by funds from Outreach, so please give generously to this worthy cause.

### **Dinner at Brown Memorial**

On Saturday and Sunday November 2-3, we will be preparing and serving dinner at Brown Memorial Church in Syracuse. Saturday morning meal preparation is at UCF from 9-12 and on Sunday the meal will be served at Brown (for approximately 80-120). Sunday afternoon the group will leave UCF around 2PM and return before 5. Look for sign-up sheets as the date gets closer.

### **MUSIC NEWS**

While Director of Music Jared Shepard is on leave, UCF will have the following organist-choir directors:

September 29<sup>th</sup> & October 6<sup>th</sup>: **Alice Hatt** was employed for over 40 years as a minister of music and worship, the last for 18 years at UCF. She is a member of SU Oratorio Society, the Syracuse American Guild of Organists, and volunteers with the Center for New Americans sewing class.

October 13<sup>th</sup> & October 20<sup>th</sup>: **Glenn Armstrong** is a retired organist/choir director having served at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption for 45 years. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Organ from Syracuse University, and the rank of Colleague with the American Guild of Organists. He served as a dean of the AGO chapter here in Syracuse from 1990-92.

October 27<sup>th</sup>: **Sally Gould**, A native of Modesto, California, Sally came to the Eastman School of Music in Rochester to get her MM in Organ after getting her BA from San Francisco State College. She was the Organist-Choir Director for 25 years at the Cazenovia Presbyterian Church, and later played for many years at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in North Syracuse. There is a shortage of organists, so substituting for vacationing organists has taken the place of retirement for her. She still teaches piano and attends all that's offered in live music, drama, and arts in the area. She is honored to have been asked to play for Henry's dad!!

## **SOUNDS OF THE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

**Save the Date-December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm!**



UCF's annual *Brass and Bells Concert* will feature the SU Brass and UCF Handbell Choir in concert. They will collaborate to raise funds for needed school books for Haitian children. Help us advertise by sharing this information with friends and family. (Free-will offering and donations of non-perisables for the F-M Food Pantry appreciated!) For more info: <http://www.theucf.org/ministries/outreach-mission/haiti-education-partnership/>

### **NEWS FROM K-12**

Seeing our young people participating in Sunday School has been wonderful to see. We thank all those who taught and assisted in September.

There are now three sections of Sunday School which need your support as teachers and assistants. Please contact Paula Marquart to participate in the meaningful Christian education of our young people.

#### **Calendar Dates:**

October 11: Youth Group Activity offsite

October 20 and 27: Sunday School

October 27: Bibles will be presented to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in worship

Congratulations are given to Phoebe Maggio and Rhyan Grandy as they receive their bibles. May God bless their reading and exploration of God's Word.

### **WE GIVE BECAUSE WE CAN**

... ***My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference.*** Pres. Jimmy Carter

The 2020 Stewardship Campaign is underway. Hopefully, you have received a mailing containing information about our financial needs for the coming year along with a pledge card personalized for your household. All you need do is thoughtfully and prayerfully consider what you can pledge and return the card at any time between now and Gratitude Sunday, October 20. See Gail Sandle, Scott Manuel or Cindy Rosbrook with any questions. Thank you.

## **SHARE A MEAL WITH LINDA**

Let's get connected and meet for breakfast or lunch. All meals would be at Kirby's in Fayetteville. -

Breakfast @ 8AM or earlier. Or Lunch @ 11:45AM

Dates available for either meal:

Wednesday, October 2

Wednesday, October 16

Tuesday, October 22

Wednesday, October 23

Tuesday October 29

Email [lindaeven@theucf.org](mailto:lindaeven@theucf.org) or call me (315.637.3186)

Looking forward to spending time with you.

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 6, 2019**

We share the Lord's Supper on that day and highlight our connection to Christians in all the world. As always, our K-12 students remain in worship so that the whole family of God comes to the Table together. On this particular Sunday, worship will be designed as a fairy tale, leading us through the parts of worship, reminding us or letting us learn for the first time why we do what we do, through the story of our faith.

**Tabitha Women** will be meeting **Wednesday, October 9 @ 7:00pm.** Have you read some good books lately? We will be discussing some good reads and share titles/authors to "stock up" before the snow flies! If you have a good one you would be willing to lend, bring it along with your name inside. All women invited! Questions? Contact Cindy Rosbrook at [drosbrook@twcny.rr.com](mailto:drosbrook@twcny.rr.com)

## **FOR WOMEN**

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** The Wednesday Bible Study group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in Women's Lounge. We are a group of people with varying amounts of knowledge about the Bible who share ideas, resources and experiences in a warm friendly environment. On October 2 and 16 we will continue our study of the Old Testament with a discussion of II Kings. We welcome new participants at any time. Questions? Contact **Jackie Meyer** ([jmeyer@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jmeyer@twcny.rr.com); 315 632-4267) or **Diana Norcross** ([diana.norcross25@gmail.com](mailto:diana.norcross25@gmail.com); ( 315 446-6723).

## **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

**Please be sure to wear your nametags** (And leave them in Fellowship Hall on your way out)! We more “mature” folks appreciate not having to fumble in our heads to remember names (And this comment does not apply to Mary Jane!). Love, from your Membership Committee.

## **FOR MEN**

### **Men's Covenant Group**

We are meeting Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 AM in the Women's lounge. Great fellowship, good discussions, and of course, juice, donuts and coffee. Give us a try.

## **ONE MORE THING**

In the September 15 sermon, I mentioned opportunities for service to the church that would not require extraordinary time commitments and would strengthen our ministry, lower stress and increase joy for all of us. Here are but a few of those ideas, with contact people:

Bulletin boards: Gloria Manuel [sgmanuel40@gmail.com](mailto:sgmanuel40@gmail.com)

Fellowship: Janet Press [jpress1102@gmail.com](mailto:jpress1102@gmail.com)

Flowers: Pam Bender [PLeeBender@yahoo.com](mailto:PLeeBender@yahoo.com) or sign up in the hallway

Gardening/landscaping: Pam Bender [PLeeBender@yahoo.com](mailto:PLeeBender@yahoo.com)

Helping with K-12 Sunday School: Paula Marquart

Playing with babies/toddlers: Betsy Nash [nash.betsy@gmail.com](mailto:nash.betsy@gmail.com)

Seasonal music commitment: Jared Shepard: [jaredshepard@theucf.org](mailto:jaredshepard@theucf.org)

Seasonal inside decorating: Shar Horton [shar9112000@yahoo.com](mailto:shar9112000@yahoo.com)

Signing Choir: Barb Morison [bmorison@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:bmorison@twcnny.rr.com)

Small cleaning, painting, upkeep projects: John Hess [Jhess204@gmail.com](mailto:Jhess204@gmail.com)

Ushering: Deb DiPietro [ddipietro02@gmail.com](mailto:ddipietro02@gmail.com)

Visiting a homebound member: Cindy Rosbrook [drosbrook@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:drosbrook@twcnny.rr.com)

You do not have to join a committee or commit to an every week schedule in order to participate meaningfully in our ministries.

## NEWS FROM HAITI

### Haitian Teens Enjoy Summer Cooking Classes

Below are scenes from the cooking classes offered “our” students in Paulette, Haiti this summer. The daily courses helped teach skills and kept them busy during summer school break. Our Cayuga-Syracuse Haiti Educational Partnership sponsored these courses through the generous donation of two of its committee members. Students learned about nutrition, how to read recipes and measure ingredients. Both teenage boys and girls especially liked tasting the treats they made!



Measuring!



Boys helping to stir!



Anxious to taste!

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 6

#### **World Communion**

9:15 Nursery Care

9:30 Choir

10:00 AM Worship (K-12 remain in Worship)

11 AM Fellowship

Tuesday, October 8--1 PM Congregational Care

Wednesday, October 9--7:00PM Tabitha

Thursday, October 10--5:45 Joyful Sign

6:30 Handbell Choir

7:30 Choir

Saturday, October 12--7:30PM Steeple Coffeehouse

### Sunday October 13

9:15 Nursery Care

9:30 Choir

10:00 AM Worship (K-12 begin in worship then depart for Sunday School)

11:00AM Fellowship

Monday October 14—Office is closed

Tuesday October 15--7:00 PM Board Meeting

Wednesday October 16--2:00PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday, October 17--5:45 Joyful Sign

6:30 Handbell Choir

7:30 Choir

### Sunday October 20

#### **Gratitude Sunday**

9:15 Nursery Care

9:30 Choir

10:00 AM Worship (K-12 begin in worship then depart for Sunday School)

11:00AM Fellowship

Wednesday, October 23--Newsletter\_deadline

Thursday, October 24--5:45 Joyful Sign

6:30 Handbell Choir

7:30 Choir

Saturday, October 26--8:30 AM Isaiah's Table

7:30PM Steeple Coffeehouse

**Sunday October 27**

9:15 Nursery Care

9:30 Choir

10:00 AM Worship (K-12 begin in worship then depart for Sunday School)

11:00AM Fellowship



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