

September 21, 2022



Verizon at work while placing new cell tower antenna in our steeple

What a view!

Given the distance from which the steeple can be seen, how far could we see from the steeple?

*Not a bad question to ask ourselves as we look to the future with hope,
remembering Who gives us the gift of spiritual vision.*

IN OUR HOUSE

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have thanks to express, see someone one doing good or if your group is having an activity, prayer for the world concern, etc., it can be included in the weekly email just by sending your "blurb" to Linda. Items received by 10AM on Tuesday mornings can be included in that week's email.

THE DESSERT CLUB

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 on the poster...or online.

AS WE COME TO THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR PLEDGE IS UP TO DATE

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!

UCF IN THE WORLD

UPDATE ON DIAPER DRIVE

Congregational donations total \$215 to be used to purchase diapers to be given to the CNY Diaper Bank. This is enough money to provide about 95 days of diapers. Thank you! The Outreach Committee has added \$300 to that amount. Gifts received this week will be included and diapers can be donated through October 2 –Church in the World Sunday. On that day, we will break apart the boxes and bundle the individual diapers according to the CNY Diaper Bank requirements.

THERE IS STILL SPACE FOR YOU!!! CHURCH IN THE WORLD SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022 SIGN UP!

Have fun getting to know other UCFers' while working together on these hands-on mission projects.

Painting at the FM Food Pantry – Manlius A maximum of 6 people (high school, adult) will prep and prime two sections of the pantry. Wear appropriate clothing. Materials will be provided/extra brushes welcome.

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 to get vests, helmets and your assigned section of the route.

Diaper Packaging for the Diaper Bank – Participants gather in Fellowship Hall after worship, where all supplies will be set up.

Food Preparation at the Samaritan Center Food Kitchen – Syracuse Participants will assist with food preparation for Sunday afternoon dinner. Meet Betsy and Rich 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 worship attendance.)

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

"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.

A NOTE FROM THE F-M FOOD PANTRY

The pantry has served an increased number of clients throughout the summer. All food donations received have been distributed and are so very appreciated by our families! Thank you!

Here are ways you can continue to help:

***A community event, Buzzy's Diner Reunion, is being held next weekend at the Manlius Village Recreation Building behind the old fire station. It will be a fun, nostalgic community get together and generously benefits the FM Food Pantry. All money received, including tips, will go to our food pantry! They'll have breakfast & burgers, cash only & will be serving Sat. 5:00AM-2:00PM and Sun. 6:00AM-1:00PM.**

*We are seeking a few volunteers to assist us with food deliveries from the Food Bank of CNY. These take place on Tuesday mornings, twice a month.

*We are in need of the following popular food items to restock our shelves: canned beans (black, red kidney, garbanzo), tomato soup, canned tomatoes, canned beets (regular size cans), spaghetti sauce (regular size jars), and bar soap.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the pantry and in advance for assisting with the above items! We

couldn't help the community without you!

A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS IN HAITI



Measuring soap ingredients



Making jewelry



Fashion design

Try your hand at translating French in the letter from Serge with news from Haiti regarding the donations from UCF, Pebble Hill and Park Central this past spring for FEED to hold its summer school for teens in Paulette, Haiti. These courses kept young people off the street and taught them trade-type classes...

Chers Scott et Gloria,

Merci à votre Eglise ! Voici les nouvelles du cours d'été pour cette année et je partage avec vous quelques photos prises pendant la formation. **Thank you to your church! Here is some news from our summer courses for this year and I am sharing some photos taken during the training.** Cette année on a travaillé sur: **This year we worked on:** - La coupe – couture- **fashion design** - Chimie industrielle-**industrial chemistry**, Artisan local- **local artisan (handmade) jewelry** 46 jeunes garçons et filles ont participé et sont contents d'apprendre un petit métier qui peut les aider à faire face à la vie. **46 boys and girls participated and were happy to learn a small trade that can help them face life.** L'équipe de FEED profite cette occasion pour remercier les bienfaiteurs, (donateurs) qui aident à tenir ce grand oeuvre d'amour. **The FEED Team takes this opportunity to thank its donors (benefactors) who helped to hold this great work of love.** Nous serons toujours reconnaissants de ce que vous faites pour notre communauté et notre jeunesse. **We will always be grateful for what you do for our community and our youth!** Serge, Votre ami. **Your friend, Serge**

THIS WEEK'S THANKS

*Everyone who followed up and got in touch with other folks in the congregation after last week's homework assignment. Both from contactors and recipients, I received lots of positive feedback about the experience for both parties and many people we have been missing were here on Sunday. Thinking that should not be a once-a-year activity.

*From the Tuesday morning art class: Thank you so much for the use of Fellowship Hall. It was a pleasure working with everyone at the church. Hope everyone involved with the church stays well and blessed. *Jill* (and all the members of the class signed the card)

*Dear United Church of Fayetteville, Thank you very much for your gift of \$910.00. Today, 13 million kids in America are food insecure, meaning they don't know where their next meal will come from... We are so glad to have you on Team Blessings. If you are wondering whether you made a difference by partnering with us, you can be certain that you have. *Sincerely, Erin Kerr, Chief Executive Officer, Blessings in a Backpack.* This is in response to our Easter Offering.)

