

United Church of Fayetteville

December 7, 2022

IN OUR HOUSE

Wednesday, December 7 @ 6:00PM in Women's Lounge -- All UCF Women!

The Annual Tabitha Women's Christmas Pot- Luck and White Elephant Exchange Extravaganza! Mark your calendars and *Jingle All the Way*. Bring a dish to share and *any heinous/funny CHEAP item lurking* in your closet that you wish to dispose of- Christmas wrapped, of course! Please only attend if you want to laugh a lot and have some holiday cheer. All UCF Women Invited!



Christmas Poinsettias and Music Gifts LAST CALL! Deadline: December 11

December 11 10:00 AM Minute for Mission Birthday Extravaganza



Celebrate with F-M Food Pantry Director, Pam O'Malley

Meet in the classroom downstairs at 9:55 to get our instructions for the service. After we present Ms. O'Malley with the cards and birthday bags we will back downstairs for a surprise of our own. **See you on the 11th.**

3:00 PM Brass and Bells Concert

Benefits Our Ministry in Haiti

Free-will offering & non-perishables for F-M Food Pantry appreciated

Join friends and family at the UCF Brass and Bells Concert in the UCF Sanctuary. Hear pieces like *Exuberant Joy, Coventry Carol, A Short Ride in a Brass Machine, Christmas Herald and Christmas Troika* among others at this annual holiday celebration. Performing are the award-winning Syracuse University Brass Ensemble and the locally spectacular UCF Hand Bell Choir. Reception to follow!



One of our 100 supported Haitian students

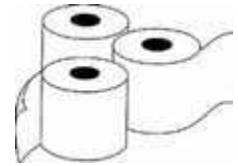


Saturday, December 17 White Christmas Drive-By Collection

Benefits the F-M Food Pantry

Happy holidays! This year we are organizing another White Christmas Drive for the Fayetteville-Manlius Food Pantry. We are collecting toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, feminine supplies (tampons and pads), and bars of soap. Donations can be left in the

bins in the hall leading to the Fellowship Hall. The collection will conclude with a “drive-by/drop-off opportunity on Saturday, December 17th. We will be at the church from 10am-12pm that Saturday to collect any remaining donations. Thank you for your generosity and support this holiday season!



UCF Needs You!!

The Nominating Committee is working to prepare a slate of candidates to fill the various positions called for in our bylaws to be elected at the Annual Meeting in January. For the most part, those who currently serve in those positions have expressed a willingness to continue in their roles serving United Church. At this time, however, we are still in search of people to fill the following positions:

- Christian Education Chair
- Facility Oversight Chair
- A member of the Nominating Committee

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these positions, even if feeling you don't have the skills or, more likely, the time necessary to fulfill any of these 3 positions. You will be guided by others in the church, others who held the position formerly, or who are on the current Board and, of course, Rev. Even, and you will find you are, indeed, able to contribute to the life and mission of UCF. To express your interest and ask any questions you may have, please contact any of the following members of the Nominating Committee: Gail gmarieps8@gmail.com. Thank you for your thoughtful, prayerful consideration

A Note from the Finance Corner

As 2022 draws to a close, please remember to submit any end of year pledges or other donations to the Church office before December 30th. Your ongoing support for UCF's ministry and mission is greatly appreciated!

2023 Offering envelopes are available on tables in the hallway. Please pick up your envelopes for use beginning January 2023.

I also want to bring the Congregation up to date on where we stand with next year. The good news is that total pledges for 2023 are up nearly \$8,000, close to 2021 levels. As always, THANK YOU for your generosity, especially now in this time of rising costs and inflation!

There's still time to pledge if you haven't yet done so, and we still need your support. Even with the increase in pledges, **we face a shortfall of nearly \$52,000** to meet the 2023 proposed bare-bones budget. The Board will explore options to help fill this gap, but with stocks underperforming this year, we already know there will be no earnings to use like we have in the past. Creative fund-raising ideas welcome!

Jenny, Financial Pod Chair

UCF IN THE WORLD

Advent Lessons and Carols

The new format was well received. Many people commented on how happy they were that it had returned. The Food Pantry offering came to \$1650. Special thanks to our choir members who participated.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is across from Beard Lounge.

Please take a tag from the tree and buy gifts for people from infants to the elderly. Bring the new unwrapped gift and put it under the tree by Sunday, December 11.



THIS WEEK'S SMILE

Advent Dreams: Let just one bird land on the feeder!



THIS WEEK'S THANKS

*'There are angels among us! And they bake! What incredibly festive and yummy cookies our homebound will receive! The wingless cherubs participating included: Connie, Mary Jane, Sarah, Debbie, Beth, Jean,, Linda, Kim, Linda, Donna, and Sandy. Thank you to all and to all a good night!'

Love, Cindy, Congregational Care Committee Chair

