

April 18, 2023

COMING UP AT UCF!

***7:00 PM Saturday, April 22 Steeple Coffeehouse** **Note the Time change!** Dave Novak will be hitting the stage with a very talented crew of musicians! Fred Lawrence on piano from Nashville, Tenn., and from right here in CNY: Pete Heitzman on guitar, John Dancks on Bass, George Newton on Pedal Steele and last but certainly not least, Jimmy Johns on Drums! This will be an incredible evening of music, starting at 7:00 PM and ending at 9:30. Tickets are available in advance (Brownpapertickets.com) and if you have not bought one there, please come early. The doors open at 6:30. The usual beverages and a dessert are included in the admission/donation fee which is \$20/person. FYI: Doors will close if no more seating is available. We look forward to this night of great music!!!



Can you bake for this/other coffeehouse events? Contact Kathy Z.

***10:00AM Sunday, April 23 Special Earth Day Service**

Be sure to be present for this fun and enlightening service, designed, written and led by the Creation Care class members: Elder Bob C., Elder Jenny J., Elder Sarah G., Elder Beth K., Andrea L., Steve L., Elder Betsy N., Steve P., and Elder Janet P.

***10:00 AM Sunday, April 30 Young People's Gathering -Spring Service Project**

Young people will begin the morning in worship and depart for Fellowship Hall with Mrs. D. and Ms. G. during the first hymn.

3:00PM Sunday, April 30 Spring Pops Concert; Beneficiary: *IFW Refugee Resettlement

UCF is proud to partner with the Syracuse University Brass Ensemble and Interfaith Works of Central New York to raise funds for its refugee resettlement program. The Pops Concert will include such pieces as: Widor's *Toccata*, Billy Joel's *Billy the Kid*, *Star Trek*, Alan Menken's *Tangled* and *Ghostbusters* among others. A free-will offering will be taken.



IN OUR HOUSE***Dr. Even Out of Office from Afternoon of April 23 through April 30**

During the week, I will check email at 6:00Am each morning, attend the SU class feedback session and do the welcome at the Spring Pops Concert in the afternoon of April 30.

While I am away, Scott and Gloria will be serving as Elders on Call. They are coming home from FL just in time. They have been missed. Please contact them with any pastoral needs during that time.

***The Eastertide Challenge – How Are You Doing?**

Eastertide is the six-week season between Easter and Pentecost when the Church intentionally continues to celebrate the resurrection and the new life it makes possible. Gift yourself with a smile once each week in Eastertide, sending a note or email of appreciation to someone who made our season rich and full.

***Pass-a-long Plants and Friendship Gardens**

Do you occasionally have plant to divide and share? Does your garden have space for new friends? Let me know if you would like to be on an e-list for the exchange of plants.

UCF IN THE WORLD***From the Food Pantry**

We are seeing our service numbers increase since SNAP Emergency Allotments ended in February. This marks a significant reduction in SNAP benefits -- even though food prices remain high and inflation has impacted the cost of many basic necessities including housing and energy.

At this time, though we are grateful to receive any non-perishable foods people wish to donate, we are in need of the following regular size food items: canned fruit (esp. pineapple, peaches, pears, mandarin oranges); spaghetti, pasta sauce, beef varieties of soup, broth/stock (beef, chicken, vegetable), tomato sauce (canned).

From the Outreach Committee

At its April meeting, the committee made donations on behalf of the congregation from its operating budget to several local efforts.

<u>In my Father's Kitchen</u>	\$300
<u>Tornado Disaster Relief</u>	\$400 Split between ABC/PC(USA)
<u>A Tiny Home for Good</u>	\$300

Further, according to the model agreed upon by the Board and the Steeple Coffeehouse organizers, the following approximate (i.e. some minor rounding) distributions were made from coffeehouse funds:

<u>Outreach Budget</u>	\$1710
<u>F-M Food Pantry</u>	\$2575
<u>Building & Grounds Budget</u>	\$2575

UCF HOUSEKEEPING***Maximize Your Communications to the Congregation**

*ANY items to be included in weekly email – announcements, prayer requests, etc. should be sent to **Linda**. Sending them elsewhere increases the likelihood they will not be communicated in timely fashion.

*When leaving requests or info in the office, even if it's only a sticky note, please sign them. Unlike your Pastor, Betsy has not been here long enough to recognize your handwriting or nuances that allow identification. Without a name, there is no opportunity for questions and can delay getting requested task completed. Also, anything left on Sunday won't be seen until Tuesday.

