

May 16, 2023

**UCF IN THE WORLD**

**\*Sunday 5/21 12:30-4:00 PM Samaritan Center **Help still needed!****

Helpers still needed to serve dinner at the Samaritan Center this Sunday. In this busy season, thank you for considering this service activity and time investment. Reminder for women: bring a hat or wear a hairnet. Please contact Betsy N.



**\*Our Recent Service at Brown Memorial**

Our most recent meal served at Brown Memorial Church on Syracuse's West side, wouldn't have been possible without the help from Linda R., Sandy M., Diane B., Nico and Henry C. Baked goods rounded out the meal (always a hit) from Penny A., Mary Jane W., Martha K., Linda E., Gloria M., Sandy M. and Betsy N.. While the number of meals served on-site is down, the need is steady and all remaining food (prepared for 120) is all distributed to families in the neighborhood. This meal was a little bittersweet in that the lead pastor for Brown Memorial (and Erwin United) Dr BJ Norrix will be retiring in June and his work there will carry on with a new minister (as will UCF's commitment to this mission).



## IN OUR HOUSE

### \*Look Forward to Important and Fun Times!

**Sunday May 28 PENTECOST! Remember to Wear the Colors of Flame: YELLOW... ORANGE... RED!**

This will also be *Graduate Recognition Sunday*. (See note below about getting the info to Gloria in timely fashion for recognition of all our graduates – including your grandchildren.)

### **Also on May 28: Special Congregational Meeting**

At the request of the Nominating Committee, the Board has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, May 28 at 9:45AM in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing Lyla C. as Youth Elder: one-year term, renewable once. The meeting which will be in-person only.

### **Friday June 16 @ 7:00PM UCF Game Night is Back!**

Harry Potter Trivia will be the featured game, so start brushing up on the series now! For those muggles unfamiliar with the Wizarding World, other games will be available to play. Sign-up sheet and more details to follow.



### **Sunday June 18 Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic at Cedar Bay Park**



### **Sunday June 25 Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing**



We try to do two “music-driven worship services each program year. On this week after the Outdoor Worship service and Church Picnic, we will continue our transition to summer with an old-fashioned hymn sing. Please send your hymn requests to Jon by June 11 so he can work as many requests as possible into the service.

## HOUSEKEEPING



### **Sunday May 28 Graduation Recognition Sunday**

Please send a picture of your graduate, along with a paragraph about their course of study, activities (inside and outside school, awards and post-graduation plans  
**Gloria M.**

### \*Flowers from Your Gardens for the Communion Table

I have long thought one of the most charming UCF traditions is people bringing flowers from their gardens to grace the communion table. Professionally designed bouquets from florists are lovely, but these seasons allow the opportunity for less formal beautiful offerings, as well as building community with new awareness of our gardeners and gifts. As the earth bursts into bloom, consider signing up for a Sunday to provide flowers and bring the gifts of your garden. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board adjacent to the office.



### \*From the Finance Corner as of April 30, 2023



*Total Pledged:*     \$40,942  
*Pledges Received:* \$34,569  
*Difference:*         - \$6,373

*Total Income:*     \$81,301\*  
*Total Expenses:*   \$75,340  
*Difference:*         \$5,961

\*Note: Total income includes the annual Verizon cell antenna payment of \$33,724, which we reported receiving in March.

### THIS WEEK'S THANKS

\*Dear Partners in Christ's Ministry, On behalf of the Presbyterian Church, thank you for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people here in the United States and abroad in over 70 countries. We are encouraged by God's faithfulness, signaled by the recent support we have received from you. Because of you, the world is waking up to new possibilities in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your gracious gifts we received during the month of March. [*This is in response the PCUSA half of our Christmas Joy Offering; \$155.00.*] Thank you for your commitment and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. Please let me know how I can support your efforts. *Yours in Christ, Lynn Foreman, Ministry Engagement Advisor, Office of Ministry Engagement and Support*

\*Dear Pastor and Congregation, Thank you for your generous gift of \$300.00 to *In My Father's Kitchen*. We are very honored to be recipients of your generosity. It is a great blessing. Your gift will enable us to continue providing needed food, necessities, and medical care to those who live in campers, under bridges and places not meant for human habitation in Central New York. You can view what your donation will continue to do for our friends outdoors at [www.inmyfatherskitchen.org](http://www.inmyfatherskitchen.org). Thank you again for investing in our friends. Together, we are building hope and changing the lives of those who feel invisible. *Many blessings, John and LeeAnn Tumino, Founders, In My Father's Kitchen.*

\*Dear United Church, Thank you for your gift of \$350. Your support is greatly appreciated. The family also sends their thank you to the church. It is through partnerships like this, that we are able to assist families in need. *Sincerely, Gigi Redmond CazCares*

\*Bob C. and Sandy M. for the time-consuming task of collecting documentation, completing and reviewing forms for an Employee Retention Credit which is likely to result in a significant credit to UCF. We will report exact amount when it is confirmed.

\*As the Steeple Coffeehouse ended its season on May 13, organizers Janet P., John P. and Kathy Z. are grateful to all the bakers and helpers throughout the season. Sue W. added a cake to this last week's efforts and the bounty provided for previous events and frozen provided all the necessary treats for the season. See you next fall!

\*Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 17, is the last Wednesday Women's Bible Study for the season. Dr. Even is grateful for all the participants, their faithful study and insightful comments. She looks forward to our gathering again in September. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark. We are only beginning chapter 2, so it's not too late to feel comfortable joining in the fall.

\*Julie H. for serving as Elder on Call and Linda R. for providing office support during Linda's vacation.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Steve P. received word this week that, after 7 years of hard work, he is officially a tenured Associate Professor at SU. Send messages of congratulation to Steve.