

May 2, 2023

IN OUR HOUSE See UCF in the World for mission opportunities this weekend.

***Sunday May 7 Filled, Full, Fill**

We will be sharing the Lord's Supper. As we are filled at the Table, it is a good time to remember those whose tables are never full. Let's fill our Food Pantry barrel this Sunday. Some needs are: Rice (not microwavable), coffee (caffeinated and decaffeinated), tea bags, bar soap, toothpaste, tissues, and toilet paper.



Sunday May 28 Graduation Recognition Sunday

Help us celebrate the gifts and blessings of our graduates. 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.** by May 21, 2023.

UCF IN THE WORLD

***Brown Memorial Meal - Several ways you can help**

Saturday May 6 Morning

1. Prepare individually wrapped dessert bars and cookies. Deliver to church **Sat a.m. May 6 or Sun a.m. May 7**
2. Prepare the dinner **9:00AM-Noon HELP STILL NEEDED TO PREPARE THE MEAL! Contact Diane.**



***Sunday May 7 Afternoon**

Transport and serve dinner. Leave UCF parking lot 1:45; Return 4:30 ish
Contact Diane B. with questions. Sign up in the hallway.

***Sunday May 7th ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ANOTHER WAY TO CARE FOR THE EARTH**

Our trash pickup for 2 miles on Rte. 5 East commitment with Onondaga County ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY is right after church. Grab coffee and a cookie. Meet in Women's Lounge for marching orders and protective gear. Let Scott or Gloria know you are coming. You can also just Show Up. Thanks for coming. The first pickup in the spring is an important one. Many hands make light work! Dress for the weather; bring work gloves; water, snack or light lunch; insect repellent, sunscreen Many hands make light work!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



***Sunday May 21** Serve dinner at Samaritan Center Sunday afternoon.

HOUSEKEEPING***Dr. Even's Vacation**

Dr. Even will be on vacation from the afternoon of Sunday May 7 through Sunday May 14. While she is away, Julie H. will be Elder on Call. If you have a pastoral need during that time, please contact her.

***Office Hours Reminder**

Beginning this week through June 18, our Administrative Assistant, Betsy P. will be working on **Wednesday and Friday Only from 7:30AM-12:30 PM.**

Some notes about what this means in practical terms:

- 1) I (Linda) work remotely on those days, as I don't relish being alone in a distant corner of a big empty building.
- 2) I do stop in the office when it is not open. I don't read other people's mail, email, (includes notes on desks.)
- 3) Reach me easily, directly & more quickly, via home phone and email.
- 4) All articles for the weekly email and prayer list requests and updates should be sent to me.
- 5) Typically, the weekly email goes out on Tuesdays at 9:00AM.
- 6) Exceptions are times when I will be away as with my upcoming vacation.
- 7) **Next weekly email, Sunday, May 7, 1:00 PM.**

***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, a one-year term, renewable once. This is the only business to be done at this brief meeting which will be in-person only.

THIS WEEK'S THANKS

*Dear United Church of Fayetteville, Thank you for your generous gift to *A Tiny Home for Good*. Your continued support and belief in our work are such important contributors to breaking the cycle of homelessness. When everyone is housed, everyone wins. We are so grateful to have you in our corner.

With gratitude, Katie and the Tiny Homes team

*Dear United Church of Fayetteville, Please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your recent gift of \$200.00. Westcott Community Center relies on the generous support of our community so we can offer the high level of service our clients deserve... Again, thank you from the center staff, Board of Directors and participants. Our sincere gratitude for your continued support of our programs and services. We appreciate it.

Sincerely, Joan Royle, Executive Director

*Dear United Church of Fayetteville, Thank you for your generous donation of \$2730 to the FM Food Pantry. Your generosity helps advance our mission of alleviating hunger in the FM area ... On March 1, 2023, Syracuse.com shared these statistics regarding SNAP changes.

*Nearly 70,000 people in Onondaga County are losing some of their SNAP benefits...

*Loss of the emergency allotment will result in a deduction ranging from \$90 -\$200 per month as households are returned to their normal benefit amount.

The FM Food Pantry is already seeing a swift increase in the number of households needing our assistance due to a combination of SNAP changes, higher food, housing and energy costs, and overall inflation. Your donation helps us to support these households in this challenging economy. Thank you again for your generosity. We could not help our FM neighbors without your support.

Sincerely, Pam O., Director

*April 29 Coffeehouse bakers: Linda E., Gloria M., Sandy M., Janet P. and Mary Jane W.

*Gloria and Scott M. for serving as Elders on Call during my time away; Linda R. for providing proofreading/office support.

*Contributors to the reception after the SU Brass Ensemble concert: Penny A., Jean B., Lyla C., Linda E., Beth K., Sandy M., Janet P., Marti V., and MaryJane W.; and to others who helped with the concert; came in and set up or put away tables and chairs. We make a Mighty Team, don't we??!

Betsy N. :O)

*For clearing and re-setting the chancel: Bob C., John P., Nico C., Lauren C. John H., Steve P., Dick G., and Jon B.;
Parking: Dick G., Dave B., Jim H.; Ushers: MaryJane W., Carol C. and Scott M.; We couldn't have done it without you!!
Julie