

August 22, 2023

IN OUR HOUSE

**WOW! SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER ARE ALREADY SHAPING UP TO BE ACTIVE FUN MONTHS!**

**Start Marking Your Calendars Now!**

- \***Sunday, September 3** Labor Day Weekend, The Lord's Supper, Last Day of Summer Schedule
- \***Sunday, September 10** **Worship 10:00 AM** Choir Returns
- \***Sunday, September 17** Fall Brunch Follows Worship
- \***Sunday, September 24** **Mission Sunday**



We welcome John, co-founder with his wife, Leigh-Ann, of *In My Father's Kitchen*, a very effective ministry to the homeless in Syracuse to the pulpit.

**\*UCF Chicken BBQ Fundraiser**

UCF is holding a chicken barbecue fundraiser on **Sunday, September 24** from noon until the food is gone (~ 2 hrs).

How you can help:

- \* Plan to attend - buy advance tickets for your family for \$15 each
- \* Help spread the word and encourage friends, family, and coworkers to attend, including putting up flyers at places you frequent and sharing our Facebook event.
- \* Help set up the tent and tables prior to the service September 24<sup>th</sup>
- \* Donate bottled water
- \* Lend coolers
- \* Help assemble the meals on the day of the sale after service.

Please look for the sign-up sheets or reach out to Andrea Lowell at 315-415-6023 or [LowellEverAfter@gmail.com](mailto:LowellEverAfter@gmail.com) for more information.



\***Sunday, October 1** World Communion Sunday

\***Sunday, October 8** Church in the World Sunday Peacemaking Offering Received

**OUR SUMMER OF THANKS**

**The Worship and Spiritual Life Pod Sarah, Pod Coordinator**

This is our last Sunday in the cycle of thanks for all the folk that make our ministry a living thing. Today, we recognize all those associated with our worship ministry –the choirs, the liturgists, (who among other things create the verbal welcome that opens worship each week, the ushers who provide a welcome, plan for the liturgical seasons, change the decorations, coordinate flowers, communion, and other special services and provide the resources for devotions, music, special music and many other offerings. If you look at the list of folk associated with this area of ministry you will realize this is in no way an all-inclusive list of their activities.

They are also anticipating new tasks in the period immediately after my retirement –until an interim

pastor is engaged (likely to be a few months), they will be seeing that the pulpit is filled each week, and providing liturgy, among other things. I am going to ask those folk to stand that we might thank them now, and thank them in advance.

Worship and Spiritual Life Committee: Sarah, Julie, Gloria, Gail; Choirs:

Lyn, Debbie, Sul-Young, Shari, Sarah, Julie, Jenny, Beth, Andrea, Steve, Gloria, Scott, Jackie, Barb, Steve Pike, Janet, Linda, John, Karinda, Marti, Mary Jane. Kathy; Liturgists: Al, Jane, Dave, Debbie, Alice, Carl, Gay, Rich, Sarah, Kim, Donna, Henry, Lyla, Sophia, Matt, Dave, Sarah, Julie, John, Jenny, Aubrey, Beth, Gloria, Scott, Barb, Betsy, Pam, Peter, John, Gail; Streaming: Bob; Ushers: Debbie, Jean, Alice, Carl, Carol, Sarah, Dick, Sarah, Betsy, Janet, John, Dave, Gail, Mary Jane (Coordinator), Marti.

### **From the Finance Corner as of July 31, 2023**

Churches typically experience a downturn in summer contributions as folks are away on vacation or engaging in other activities. This summer at UCF has been no different. As shown below, pledges received have fallen a bit farther behind and our expenses have exceeded our income by over \$24,000:

Total Pledged: \$73,058  
Pledges Received: \$61,512  
Difference: - \$11,546



Total Income: \$111,049  
Total Expenses: \$135,195  
Difference: -\$24,146

While we approved a deficit budget in January with an estimated \$58,000 shortfall, we still need funding to pay our bills. We are fortunate that previous generations at UCF have blessed us with investments we can use, but we still need your support to help meet pledge goals and help shrink the gap. Thank you in advance for bringing your pledged giving up to date if you are able! *Jenny, Financial Pod*

### **UCF IN THE WORLD**

#### **\*Fayetteville Manlius Food Pantry**

With continuing high food costs, many of our neighbors are experiencing food insecurity. We particularly encourage contributions on Sundays when we share the Lord's Supper, remembering those whose tables do not nourish. On Labor Day weekend, let's remember the working poor whose labors do not provide for basic needs. Needs include: cereal, canned spaghetti sauce, canned beans, canned beets, canned fruit (esp. peaches and pears) and cream of chicken soup.



### **FROM THE GARDEN**



I divided IRIS (Bearded), ready to plant. 3 colors: bright yellow, purple, and blueish purple with white beard. Free to a good home. Glad to deliver.

Also, I left a pair of blue handled snips/trimmers on side of church building. If you find them, you know where their home is.



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*If you have plants to share, you can let people know here.*

### **DIRECTORY CHANGE**

Phil and Suzy have moved! Make changes to your directories and address books.



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