

September 12, 2023

IN OUR HOUSE

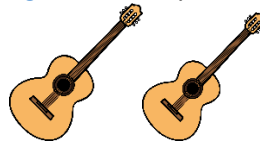
This Sunday



***Saturday, September 23 THE COFFEEHOUSE SEASON BEGINS!**

Loren Barrigar and LJ Barrigar on Sept. 23rd. Amazing guitarists doing originals and covers. Admission is \$20 per person. Hope to see you all there! Doors open at 6:45 performance from 7:30 to 9:30.

Contact Kathy Zinkiewicz 315.440.1826, kez1938@gmail.com if you can bake.



***Next Sunday, September 24
Mission Sunday**



John Tumino from *In My Father's Kitchen* will be our guest preacher. John gave up being a restaurateur about 10 years ago to begin ministering to the homeless in Syracuse. He formed *In My Father's*

Kitchen and has been growing this outreach street ministry since. It now includes a medical van that does "house" calls to this underserved population. He is a leading advocate and spokesperson for the Homeless in Syracuse. Check out the Front Page of last Sunday's paper (8/27/23) about how this ministry saved a homeless man's life recently. UCF has been a regular supporter of this ministry. John has had amazing results and experiences to share and these stories can educate us. John who lives his passion for Christ through this ministry of love will be here to "preach". He is not someone who preaches at you, just humbly tells the stories of his journey with the homeless. You really won't want to miss this.

***UCF Chicken BBQ Fundraiser**



***Sunday, October 1** World Communion Sunday
Peacemaking Offering Received

***Sunday, October 8** Church in the World Sunday

UPDATES: DR. EVEN'S RETIREMENT AND TRANSITION

***Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 15, 2023 Following Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Linda D. Even has informed the Board of her intent to retire from active ministry at the United Church of Fayetteville effective October 31, 2023. The Board, honoring this request, has set a Congregational Meeting for October 15, 2023, immediately following worship. The sole purpose of this meeting is to concur with her retirement request and share this action with our respective denominations. You may participate in person or on-line. (It will be a hybrid meeting.) A Zoom link will be sent in a dedicated email on Wednesday, October 11.

***Board Met with ABCNYC and Presbytery of Cayuga Syracuse on September 6, 2023**

The Board met with Rev. Jim Kelsey from the American Baptist Conference and the Revs. Kathleen Dain and Ken Wonderland from Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery last week. We discussed our next steps after Rev. Even retires. The representatives were thrilled to learn that in a short period of time period the church has filled the pulpit until the end of January including two services on Christmas Eve, organized individuals to continue with the newsletter to keep our church family informed and made sure all pastoral concerns will be addressed.

The representatives acknowledged that the congregation is and will be anxious during this time of transition and discernment, which is natural. They also reminded us that this is a time of great excitement and engagement as we all look to see what the future holds for UCF.

The denomination's representatives outlined shorter-term possibilities as we discern what our future looks like. The Board decided that the best course of action would be to hire an Intentional Transitional Interim Pastor (ITIP). This is a combination of the position titles from both denominations. The representatives will start looking for pastors that would be appropriate for our congregation. As there is a shortage of pastors in general, this process will take time, we need to be patient. The Board also has work to do to aid in this process.

***Update from Change Group: UCF as Client of Public Relations Campaign Class at Newhouse School**

Dave and Rev. Even met with the class, the professor and teaching assistant last Tuesday to provide an introduction to UCF and answer their questions. We were impressed with the students' engagement and thoughtful, insightful questions. We have been asked to meet periodically with the team throughout the semester. Janet will step into this role with Dave after Linda retires.

UCF IN THE WORLD

***Church In the World Sunday, October 8, 2023 Sign up sheets on poster in the hallway**

Diaper Drive Bundling

We will meet in Women's Lounge following the service to bundle diapers we collect or purchase with your donations into larger units. The CNY Diaper Bank provides plastic wrap so we may wrap a week's worth of diapers into one bundle at a time. All hands-on deck makes this a fun time, standing or sitting. Diapers will delivered to the CNY Diaper Bank.



Samaritan Center Cooking

Join the team preparing Sunday dinner at the Samaritan Center Food Kitchen in downtown Syracuse from 9:00 to noon. We prepare the meal under the center's direction. All that is needed is provided. We will be standing for most of the time, but not all jobs require that. There is a lot of camaraderie in a beautiful space, providing a much needed, and a much appreciated, service.



Adopt A Highway Clean Up

We will collect trash along our designated length of Route 5, east of Fayetteville following the Service. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to get vests and supplies, then drive out to our spot. At least 9 volunteers are needed to help care for our small place on our precious earth. Working alongside a partner makes this a meaningful fellowship time.



More About the Diaper Drive and How you Can Help Beforehand

The CNY Diaper Bank is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to supporting families who use diapers, which are not included in government safety net programs. The average cost of diapers for a toddler is \$2.50 a day. Buying single units can cost up to \$100 a month. Buying in bulk reduces the cost to about \$70-\$80 a month. One in three families have to choose between diapers and food.

Unopened boxes of diapers can be placed in the labeled bin in the hallway outside Beard Lounge. The greatest need is for size 6. You may also provide a monetary donation for purchasing diapers. Make checks payable to UCF, with "Diaper Drive" on the memo line. Cash donations can be placed in the UCF envelopes in the pews with "Diaper drive" on the outside of the envelope. Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plates. (Checks can be mailed.) Monetary donations need to be received by October 1.