

October 24, 2023

IN OUR HOUSE

***Saturday, October 28, 2023 The Steeple Coffee House**

The "BOULDER EXPRESS" featuring Bob Cannistraro is in town for one night only. Bob is an F-M area guitar player of local renown. Joining Bob will be Dave Novak (guitar, vocals), Mike Kallet (keyboard, vocals), and Ed McBarron (drums). Doors Open: 6:30; Show: 7:30pm. Suggested donation is \$15/person



Can you bake? Contact Kathy 315.440.1826



***Sunday, October 29, 2023 Celebration in Fellowship**

Celebration! Please join us for a Celebration of the Rev. Dr. Linda Even's ministry with us immediately following the 10:00 service in Fellowship Hall at The United Church of Fayetteville. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Castilano: 315-663-5273; sstaples616@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!



UPDATES ABOUT THE TRANSITION

We are moving forward. At its October meeting, the Board appointed the Change Workgroup (Dave, Jenny, Beth, Gloria and Janet) to engage a transitional pastor. They will be seeking guidance from our ABCUSA (American Baptist Church USA) and PCUSA (Presbyterian Church USA) liaisons to locate potential candidates. The pastor will be having specific training in transitional ministry.

The role of the transitional pastor is to lead the congregation through a visioning process to determine where we as a church would like to grow; our strengths, weaknesses. Where do we see ourselves in 5 years? What will our finances be able to sustain - a full time, part time or shared pastor? Will we reimagine UCF in another form? The time of discernment is a time to dream of what could be.

The transitional pastor is likely to guide us through the visioning process for about 1.5-2 years. They will help the Board put together a transition team and if it is our will, a committee to search for our next pastor. During this transitional time there will be surveys to answer, small group meetings to attend, plenty of time for your ideas to be heard and, of course, much prayer.

Throughout the process to find a transitional pastor, the Change Workgroup will be as transparent as allowable. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak with one of us.

***November 17, 2023 7:00 – 9:00 Save the Date! Game Night Back by Popular Demand!**

Bring your favorite game or enjoy a new one.



Snacks and drinks to share are always welcome.



UCF IN THE WORLD

***UCF Outreach & Social Opportunity Brown Memorial United Methodist Church Dinner (Prep and Serving)**

Help with one or all three! 1-Saturday, November 4th (9AM-Noon) - Meal Preparation at UCF; 2-Sunday, November 5th (1:45pm-4:30pm)-Transport & serve meal at Brown Memorial.; 3-Helpers are also needed to make and individually wrap dessert bars, brownies or cookies for dessert & then deliver to church Sat.AM, 11/4 or Sun. AM, 11/5 Sign up on poster in the hallway to help. Call/text Diane Brundage 914.649.7734 with questions.

***How Did We Do? Feedback on Our Outreach Efforts**



Last Saturday's Blood Drive in memory of Stu Woodcock collected 26 units of blood.

September's Chicken Barbecue raise more than \$1200.



THIS WEEK'S THANKS

*Beth and Gail for continuing to chip away at cleaning rooms and making arrangements for outdated equipment and other items to be appropriately disposed of. They focused their efforts on Room 9 this month.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

Is extended to Jenna Shorkey and Jon Bergman on the death of Jenna's grandmother this past week. Cards and notes of condolence can be sent to 100 Cross Road, Camillus NY 13031.

A PRAYER FOR THESE TIMES, Rabbi Sheila Weinberg, Thank you to Gloria for sharing.

*Two peoples, one land.
Three faiths, one root.
One earth, one mother,
One sky, one beginning, one future, one destiny,
One broken heart,
One God.
We pray to You:
Grant us a vision of unity.
May we see the many in the one and the one in the many.
May you, life of all the worlds,
Source of all amazing differences
Help us see clearly.
Guide us gently and firmly toward each other,
Toward peace. Amen.*