

Weekly Updates - November 14, 2023



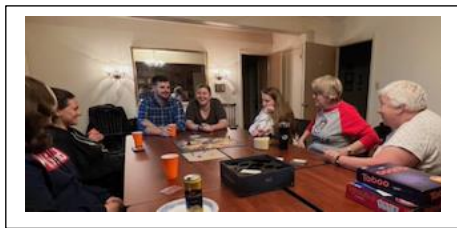
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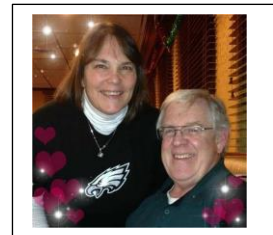
IN OUR HOUSE

***Wednesday, November 15, at 2:00pm - Women’s Bible Study -** Please join us by Zoom by contacting Gail.

***Friday, November 17, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm-Intergenerational Game Night.** Invite friends or just bring yourself and your favorite game and a snack to share.



***Sunday, November 19, 2023 –10:00am Worship –** Join us in worship as we welcome as Guest Preacher our liaison to the Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry, **Rev. Kenneth Wonderland**. Ken and his wife Sue are both PCUSA ministers and have worshipped with us several times this past year. They recently retired from PA churches to be closer to their grandchildren in Syracuse.



The Wonderlands

Our Thanksgiving offering for our Syracuse-based **SNUG (Safer Not Using Guns!)** will be received and dedicated on this day. (Donation envelopes are available in the pews, as well as in your offering boxes. You can also make contributions by check to UCF and in the memo, write SNUG---guns written backwards!) This is a preventative educational project with Syracuse children and youth.

*Stewardship Report

Thank you for your pledges! Our goal for 2024 is \$128,000. As of November 10th we have pledges totaling \$113,532. As we “move forward together”, won’t you soon pledge your support so we can make our goal?



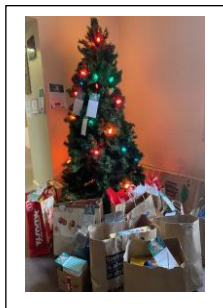
* UPDATES ABOUT THE TRANSITION

*UCF Members of the “Change” Committee

We’ve been charged by the UCF Board with finding an “Intentional Interim Minister” to guide us through our Visioning process into the future. Please don’t hesitate to speak with us at any time. We appreciate your prayers! Members are: **David, Jenny, Beth, Gloria and Janet.**

Where do you fit in? This is our church and your voice will be needed along with your presence and your assistance over this time period. We will remain a strong vibrant church family with your help, participation and prayers!

*UCF IN THE WORLD



*The Salvation Army Tree is back!

Located outside of Beard Lounge is the Christmas tree with Salvation Army tags on it. You may take as many as you wish to make the season brighter for families facing economic challenges. There are all ages from newborn to those in their 90s. Your gifts should be new and unwrapped. You may place them with their tag under the tree by December 10th. MJ will take the gifts to the Salvation Army that week. Please contact Mary Jane at 315-637-5804 with questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

***Fayetteville-Manlius Food Pantry** Please consider increasing your non-perishable donations to our church food bins and baskets for the rest of the month of November! White Christmas coming in December!

A letter from Pam at the F-M Food Pantry...

Hello Church and Library Partners,

I hope this email finds you doing well as we approach the holiday season. It has been a few months since my last email -- so I wanted to thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity and also to update you about the pantry.

We are continuing to see a significant increase in our monthly service numbers over this time last year. We are busier than we've been since April 2020, and in fact, are seeing higher numbers than in most of 2019 -- which can largely be attributed to reduced SNAP benefits for many of our clients (especially seniors), combined with high food, energy, and housing costs and overall inflation. Now, with the holidays, finances are becoming even more challenging for many in our community.

Please help us continue to spread the word that we are here to assist people in need of food. We know there are more people in the community who would benefit from the pantry and we need your help reaching them. Thank you in advance for your partnership on this!

We are always grateful to receive any non-perishable foods people wish to donate, though at this time we are in need of the following regular size food items:

- canned fruits (esp. peaches, pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges, mixed fruit)
- beets (canned)
- chicken (canned)
- tuna (canned)
- beef stew (canned)
- baked beans (canned)
- tomato sauce (canned)
- tomato paste - 6 oz cans
- pasta sauce
- cannellini beans (cans)
- soups of all kinds -- favorites are tomato, chicken, beef, vegetable, split pea, lentil, clam chowder varieties
- broth - chicken, beef, vegetable
- coffee (regular and decaf) -- 11 oz containers
- tea (regular and decaf)

I know that is a long list, but our inventory is being quickly depleted each month. So there are lots of food options for giving!

For non-food items, we also are in need of bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, paper towels and feminine hygiene products -- and would be very grateful to anyone interested in donating any of these items.

Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity to the pantry and our community!

Pam O'Malley

***Reminders**

-Next week the UCF office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. It will reopen on Tuesday, November 28th. Normal office hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-12:30pm. You may contact Mary Karen at office@theucf.org or phone her at 315-637-3186.

-If you have any news items for our Weekly Updates, please email these to Gloria by Thursdays at noon. Info for the UCF Prayer List should go to Cindy also by Thursdays at noon. Thank you for your help!

-Please use our website www.theucf.org to check the calendars and to also see copies of our Weekly Updates <https://theucf.org/resources/newsletters/> as well as old ones and other info on the Homepage and in our ministries. (Please click to see how easy it is!)-Are you on Facebook or Instagram?, See what Andrea adds each week and "Like Us" often!

-Brass and Bells is returning on Sunday, December 10, at 3:00pm. Think about inviting your friends and family for this holiday concert to benefit our Haiti Education Mission (HEM) in northeastern Haiti.

*** THIS WEEK’S THANKS –**

***Brown Memorial United Methodist Church Dinner was prepared on November 4th and served on November 5th.** Thanks to Diane and Rich for organizing this dinner. Cooks on Saturday were: Diane, Sarah C., Carol L., and Kathy Z and Sunday servers included: Diane and Rich B, Henry and Nico C., and Sandy M. Baked goods were provided by: Mary Jane, Kim, Janet, Martha and Gloria. Thank you, one and all!



***Steeple Coffee House**

Many thanks to John and Janet for their planning and hard work. Kathy Z wishes to thank all our bakers and helpers in the kitchen. The SCH will return in the New Year on Saturday, January 13th, with **Butternut Creek Revival**.



***For Music Sunday**

Much appreciation to Director of Music Ministries, Jon Bergman, the choirs, Liturgist Janet P. and composer representatives: Aubrey J-P. and Henry and Aubrey C. for their practices and inspiring stories! Also, a big thanks to Rev. Even for adding the missing parts and organizing the bulletin info and to Mary Karen for her work on the finished product along with our office volunteers.

The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee members: Jon, Sarah G, Chair, Julie, Gloria and Gail S. have volunteered to work on the organization of our bulletin info each week including liturgy, prayers, hymns and contacting pulpit subs to present a draft to Mary Karen each week. Thank them when you can! Below are the names of our future guest preachers.

***Schedule of upcoming guest preachers:**

November 19 - Rev. Kenneth Wonderland, UCF's Liaison to the C-S Presbytery

November 26 - Elder Bill Porter

December 03 - Rev. Keith Fagerheim

December 10 - Rev. Keith Fagerheim

December 17 - Rev. Keith Fagerheim

December 24 - Elder Bill Porter both services

December 31 - UCF-led Lessons and Carols (Jon & liturgists)

January 07 - Rev. Keith Fagerheim

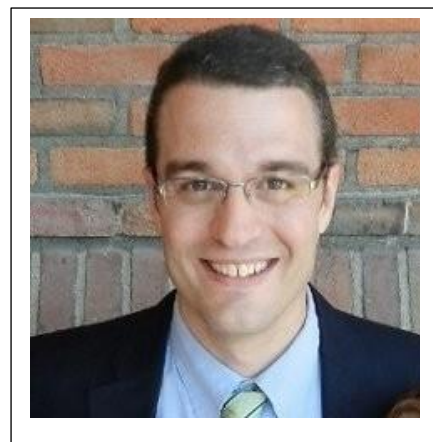
January 14 - Rev. Keith Fagerheim

January 21 - Rev. Keith Fagerheim

January 28 - Rev. Keith Fagerheim



UCF member &
Elder/Lay Preacher, Bill
Porter



Rev. Keith Fagerheim

Sent in by UCF member Betsy N. from a bulletin board she made at her former church- This is relevant and affirming for our time of "Moving Forward Together"! Let us pray that...



"In our corner of the world we try to live Your Message, visibly, with confidence and faith"

Thank you for sharing with us, Betsy!