

Weekly Updates - November 7, 2023



IN OUR HOUSE



***Saturday, November 11, 2023 - The Steeple Coffee House Dave and Friends • A Very Special Event**

Dave Novak and his friends, Jimmy Cox, Jimmy Johns, John Dancks, and Pete Heitzman will be playing an eclectic mix of their favorite tunes.

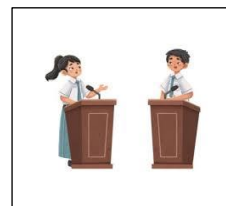
Doors Open: 6:30; Show: 7:30pm. Suggested donation is \$20/person.

Can you bake? Contact Kathy 315.440.1826 (We expect a large crowd and could use your help!)



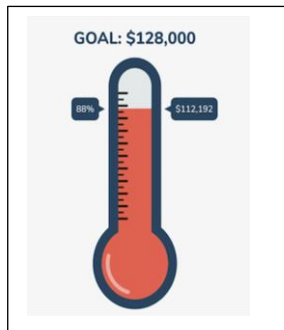
***Sunday, November 12, 2023 – UCF Music Sunday – 10:00am Worship**

As we worship the Lord together, please join our youth: Aubrey and Henry and Lyla representing composers, Director of Music Jon Bergman, Liturgist Janet, the choir and handbells presenting an offering of **Hal Hopson's A Festival of Hymns: The Writers Tell Their Stories**



***Stewardship Report**

Thank you for your pledges! Our goal for 2024 is \$128,000. As of November 5th we have pledges totaling \$112,192. We are missing pledges from about ten families. As we “move forward together”, won't you soon pledge your support?





* UPDATES ABOUT THE TRANSITION

What are our next steps?

The Change Workgroup (Dave, Jenny, Beth, Gloria, and Janet) has been in contact with our denominational representatives regarding engaging a transitional pastor. We do have the luxury of time in regard to finding a transitional pastor who is a good fit for UCF as we have our pulpit filled with guest preachers for the next three months. (Thank you, Sarah!) When hired, the transitional pastor will guide us through a visioning process as we seek, with God's help, to discern what our next chapter will be. Typically, a transitional pastor is with a congregation for 1.5 to 2 years.

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 Kitchen Assistance Needed

November 13-17, 2023 - We are going to have a clean UCF Kitchen! We will be setting up tables in Women's Lounge on **November 13th** for the contents of the kitchen cabinets. One table will be designated for Steeple Coffee House and one for Fellowship. The rest will be organized by cabinets. We need to have the cabinets and counters emptied by **November 17th** for the cleaners on **November 18th**. During that week, **the 13th-17th**, If you have some time and ESPECIALLY if you don't have a problem climbing to the higher cabinets, please empty cabinets contents onto the tables. I will be there on the 17th to make sure we are ready!

Thank you!
Janet

***November 17, 2023 - 7:00 – 9:00** - Save the Date! **Intergenerational Game Night** is back by Popular Demand! Invite friends or just bring yourself and your favorite games and a snack to share.



UCF IN THE WORLD

***Brown Memorial United Methodist Church Dinner was prepared on November 4th and served on November 5th.**
Thanks to Diane and Rich for organizing. Photos to come next week with further thanks.



***Thanksgiving Offering - Received and Dedicated on Sunday, November 19**

The Thanksgiving Offering will benefit the Anti-Gun Violence program Syracuse **SNUG (Should Never Use Guns)**. SNUG is a program that engages at-risk individuals who are causing violence in communities to address the issues that may be causing these individuals to engage in gun violence. Additionally, SNUG shows residents of the affected community how violence is spread. SNUG is an evidence-based program, i.e., having rigorous outcomes that demonstrate the relationship between the program and reduced gun violence among Syracuse youth, ages 13-22 in the south and southwest neighborhoods. The program uses community outreach workers and violence interceders who experienced violence themselves and who have strong relationships with young adults, community leaders, and service providers. The goal is to stop “conflicts before they happen and re-direct the highest-risk youth away from life on the streets. SNUG is focused on behavioral changes in the target population to prevent victimization and perpetuation of gun violence.”

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.

***Fayetteville-Manlius Food Pantry**

With continuing high food costs, many of our neighbors are experiencing food insecurity. Let’s remember the working poor whose labors do not provide for basic needs. These include: **cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned beans, canned beets, canned fruit (esp. peaches and pears) and cream of chicken soup.**



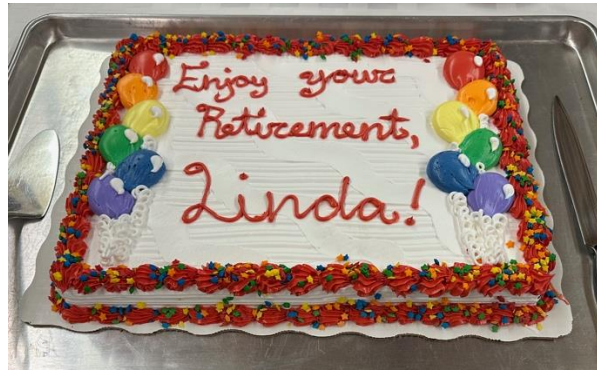
***Reminders**

-This week the UCF office will be closed Friday for Veteran’s Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, November 14th. You may contact Mary Karen at office@theucf.org

-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!

THIS WEEK’S THANKS –

Once again, many thanks to Rev. Even for her worship planning and sermon, our liturgist Gail, and, to Jon, Barb and the choirs, Mary Karen, Marti and the Fellowship crew, Janet, “the Sarahs”, the Board and its committees and the entire congregation for making our October 29th worship and reception for Rev. Even so special! Here are a few scenes:





A Note from Linda...

Entirely of my own volition, I have requested not to be included among the weekly email list recipients for about a year. While I obviously will not be participating in any congregational activities, of course, I do still care and am interested in what UCF is doing and how it is developing. You will be receiving a lot of news about developments, change and transition. I didn't want any kind people to wonder if any of this information would cause me stress or dismay (or to experience such emotions ☺). If you wish me to know of any joys, prayer requests for my personal prayer list or deaths, please communicate with me directly. I write this only so someone wouldn't be hurt because I hadn't responded in an entirely personal, not professional way to such an event. I am always happy to receive an invitation for an entirely social, meal, cup of tea or other social connection. Best, Linda (513) 910-3427.

***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