



November 2017

# UNITED CHURCH NEWS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER?

### A LOT!

Sometimes this month seems like a place-holder—a pause between the hectic days of school and church programs and other schedules changing for a new season and the arrival of the major holidays of winter. Along with our ongoing schedule of coffeehouses, education and fellowship, there are a lot of special events at UCF in the month ahead.

#### **November 5 – All Saints' Sunday**

This service includes the traditional reading of the names of those members of UCF who have died in the past year, as well as an opportunity for worshippers to name those whom they mourn. We will also dedicate those memorial gifts which have been used in this same year. The Word will be proclaimed through music and you can read more about that elsewhere in the newsletter. As always we conclude the service by gathering at the Table in communion with our Lord and the saints of every age.

#### **Sunday, November 12 –UCF Remembers the Start of the Protestant Reformation**

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We will be recognizing this historic time in a number of ways. In Adult Forum, I will address the social and geopolitical seedbed of the Reformation.

Our worship will address how this period affects our worship and faith and hymns and music from that era will be selected. Also, because the Reformers emphasized the importance of people being able to read and hear God's Word in their own language, it has become a widespread Protestant tradition to present Bibles to young people in this season and we will do that in worship.

**Also on November 12 -- The Annual Meeting of the Iroquois Association**

Through our Baptist antecedent congregation, UCF is the longest continuously serving congregation in the association. We will provide a simple meal at 1:30, with the meeting beginning at 2:30 in the Sanctuary. Sue B. will share some UCF history especially as it relates to the Baptist congregation. I will share information about our contemporary ministry. The choir will offer an anthem during the brief worship service, with the remainder of the afternoon focused on the mission work being done throughout the association. It is an open meeting and anyone who wishes may attend.

**November 19 – Our Thanksgiving Sunday**

During our worship, through Word and song, we seek to strengthen our sense of gratitude for all that we have. On this day, we will dedicate our Thanksgiving Offering, which goes to serve a specific mission need in the world.

**November 26 – Christ the King Sunday**

We look forward to Christ's fulfilled rule on earth. It is the final day of the liturgical year, before we once again start the cycle anew with the Advent of the Christ-child, looking forward to Jesus' birth. Following worship, volunteers will also begin decorating for the season to come.

In faith,



Linda



## Notes from the Director of Music Ministries

It has been another lively start to a program year in the music ministry at UCF. Finding a way to balance work, school, and family with our ministry is always a challenge, and this year it has also been a source of our shared experience and mutual support. Our numerous ministry volunteers are busy professionals and volunteers in our community who work hard in mission and ministry throughout the world. There are those in the midst of careers, those at the outset, those changing to new professions and those who are active in their retirement. On top of all of these commitments, they spend between three and four hours per week not only learning notes but supporting each other in rehearsals, coordinating with church office and constantly striving to grow together as singers and as members of a dedicated team.



This month, our efforts together are going to be represented in a choral service on November 5th. This service will recognize the church's celebration of All Saints' Day. In our previous choral services, I have asked for suggestions from the choir members to go along with my repertoire choices which are usually based on the lectionary texts. This year I invited the choir members not only to help with suggestions, but to make the final decisions regarding anthems for the service. They chose pieces that reflect what All Saints' Day means to them and works that are among their favorites. I'm looking forward to presenting a choral service that reflects the music that the choir has chosen for you to hear. It is music that our singers wish to share with you with the hopes that it moves you the way it moves them.

Recognizing that our music ministry is an intense, but part-time, commitment for all of us, (myself included), means knowing that it isn't any one person's show (myself included). For only a few brief and intensive hours each week, we give our best to each other in order to more deeply express our communal prayer and, hopefully, touch the lives of those people who join us in worship and in ministry. It is a great joy for me to be at the center of this effort, and I hope to do my best to allow everyone to make the most of those precious few hours. I'm glad that in November you will get to hear those things nearest to the choir's heart and I'm delighted to work with them in offering it to you.

*Jared Shepard, Director of Music Ministries*



Since last spring we have been considering how to Love our Neighbors and more recently, as part of our Stewardship Drive. We know that "Love your neighbor as yourself" is the second greatest commandment, following "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." Both commandments are central to Jesus' message to us, and "Love your neighbor"

requires action—through not only word, but deed. United Church finds many ways to show the world how to **Do Something About It**. Through our offerings, we do "something" by providing vibrant worship, spiritual, musical and educational offerings and pastoral care and through our many outreach opportunities. Together, our combined pledges and offerings can have a greater impact than our individual dollars alone.

A report will be forthcoming in December to update you on how well we did in meeting our pledge goal for 2018. As of this writing, we are nearly 50% of the way but need everyone's effort to move us to 100% or more. Please ask for a pledge card on a Sunday morning if you have not already brought one in and fill it out before you leave. Scott M., Gail S., Cindy R. or Carl B. will be happy to take it. Thank you all—for your prayerful consideration of how to "Do something about it."



**Tabitha Women** will be meeting Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. We will be assembling Advent bags for our homebound along with a cookie exchange! AND we will be making some tree decorations for our adopted Christmas family! Come and join the fun and fellowship- All United Church women are invited! Questions? Contact Cindy R.

**Congregational Care Committee** will be meeting Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00pm. We would be delighted to have you join us and learn about all we do!

"Thank You" to Denny B., Kim C., Gail S., and Jackie M. for extending last month's Communion Table and their love to those members unable to worship with us.

### **Salvation Army Angel Tree Program**

There will be a Christmas tree outside of Beard Lounge with tags from the Salvation Army on it. Taking a tag from the tree and buying presents for people varying in age from newborn to their 90's helps to ensure that the holiday season will be brighter for families facing economic challenges. Bring the new unwrapped gift with the tag attached and put the gift under the tree. The gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 10th. I will take the gifts to the Salvation Army. If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane W.

## Greetings from the Fellowship Committee!

- Many thanks to all who have hosted Fellowship this Fall. We are looking for hosts for Sundays in November. Coffee and tea with light snacks or desserts are welcome and appreciated. Thanks to Marti V. and Penny A. for signing up for November 26! Please contact Tracy W. if you need training on the coffee system.
- Also there are many personal dishes, containers and pans that have been left in the UCF kitchen this fall. Please visit the kitchen counter inside the stairwell kitchen door to retrieve your items. Anything not picked by November 15 will be donated or discarded.

Contact Tracy W. and Janet P. with any questions.

## From Syracuse to Haiti with Love!

From October 23-October 28 UCF's Scott M. accompanied by SU's Maxwell School grad student, Stephanie S., traveled from Miami to Cape Haitian, Haiti. They stayed at Deep River Mission, about a forty minute drive to Paulette, where our partner, FEED (Fondation Pour l'Epanouissement des Enfants Démunis de Paulette), Foundation for the Development of Underprivileged Children in Paulette, is located along with the schools where we support 100 orphan children with tuition for school, uniforms and books. The Cayuga-Syracuse Haiti Educational Mission Partnership (HEMP) also runs a yearly mobile medical clinic, training for the teachers and principal, a literacy class for adults and had sent funds for hurricane relief aid. It provides funds for 10 children to go on to secondary school and has built roofs for the FEED Center, and supplied tables and chairs among many other supplies over these last four years in Paulette. It has been a labor of love and neighborly help by our HEMP ministry in an area, very much ignored for many years. We have enjoyed making Haitian friends who care so much for each other and their home town that they donate 10% of their small earnings to help their fellow citizens!



Scott teaching French negatives to children at L' Ecole Nationale in Paulette, Haiti

The week was full with meetings with Principals Serge and Eliphine, members of the FEED Board, and Marieme D., a Vibrant Village representative, who came from Portland, Oregon, to discuss how to get potable water pumped to the village. Scott also taught the 18 teachers an interactive lesson on French negatives; visited the children and the Literacy class; and brought all the supplies donated by UCF and Park Central, including soccer balls, pumps, Frisbees, coloring books and crayons, jacks and balls, other games, teaching clocks, French reading books, 18 teacher supply kits with red pens, pencils and stickers, and two teaching skeletons!

Mark your calendars for December 3rd at 8:45 AM when a Power-point presentation will be shared for all ages on this mission trip!

**UPDATE ON 308 E. GENESEE STREET** You will see the realty signs changing because the house is currently under contract for sale. When the sale is finalized (We expect that to be before the end of the year, or in early January 2018.), the Board will provide more specifics and plans. They are cautiously optimistic as the previous contract fell through when the potential buyers moved out of state just prior to closing.

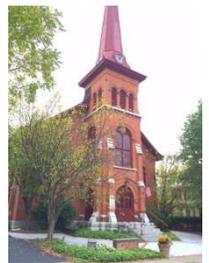
### **Thank You to Our UCF College Pen Pals!**

Many thanks to our 2017-2018 UCF pen friends who keep in touch with our college students while they are away at school with hand-written notes, cards and goodies: Gail and Dave S., Lynn S., Lisa G., Barb D., Cindy R., Betsy N., Kim C., Sue B., Lois S., Tracy W., Deb D., Martha K., Stephanie W., Alice B. and Beth K.! The listing of our college students is located next to the Education bulletin board. Please keep our students in your prayers!



**LIVING IN COMMUNITY:** We call this our church home but it has many more residents than our houses. As we continue to pick up speed this fall, let's remember:

- ❖ if we find something somewhere (even if it's in the "wrong place", someone put it there with a plan.
- ❖ that we are all responsible for keeping our space neat, clean and organized, so we need to put things away, or throw things away we aren't going to use or are broken.



### **We help by:**

- ❖ returning things to where we found them
- ❖ whenever we have a special service or event, making sure there is time scheduled before everyone leaves to make the space as we found it.
- ❖ turning lights off when we leave a room, event or the building (this includes hallways and coat closets)
- ❖ locking the door when we leave the building (and when we enter, if it's locked when we arrive).
- ❖ leaving dials (especially sound system) set as they have been or asking for assistance from a staff member or Building and Grounds person.
- ❖ asking a B&G person for assistance with all building mechanicals (circuit breakers, thermostats etc.)
- ❖ reporting something broken with a quick email to [bg@theucf.org](mailto:bg@theucf.org)

We will spend less time asking, "Where did it go?" "Why doesn't it work?" "Is it supposed to be this loud?" and more time enjoying the events we experience and our life in community.

**Thanks all for helpfulness in keeping our common space pleasant, safe and clean.**

## Adult Forum News –November



- Nov. 5th - **Spirit of America** As part of the Spirit of America project, InterFaith Works developed this past summer, we will hear from a New American (former refugee) about his/her personal experiences as a refugee and a New American. You can find additional information about this program on InterfaithWorks' website ([www.interfaithworkscny.org](http://www.interfaithworkscny.org)) including website, Facebook links and a video link of two young refugees telling their personal stories; Interfaith Prayer Service for Refugees; and a fact sheet about InterFaith Works and its refugee resettlement program. *Introduction by Denny B.*
- Nov. 12th - **The Social and Geopolitical Seedbed of the Reformation** This year marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing his 95 theses to the door at the University of Wittenberg, considered to be the official start of the Reformation. What was happening in the church and world as Western Europe knew it that provided fertile ground for the Reformation's spread and adoption? Dr. Even will share ideas.
- Nov. 19th - **Making Advance Medical Care Decisions** Our own Janet P. (CNS) will educate and lead us in a discussion about medical care planning. We all have ideas about our own deaths and how we would prefer they occur. However, many of us have not discussed these preferences with our loved ones or our health care providers. Join us to discuss how to fill out a MOLST form. What is a MOLST form? What does M-O-L-S-T stand for? Who should have one? What does the form mean? Empower? How do you make your wishes known? Janet is certified in Thanatology
- Nov. 26th - **Thanksgiving Weekend Educational Holiday** *Adult Forum resumes on December 3.*

# November



*Wednesday, November 1*

2:00 pm – Bible Study

**Sunday, November 5** - *Daylight Savings Time Ends*

**All Saints' Day**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Dedication of Memorials**

8:45 am Adult Forum

Bible Study will resume Nov. 12

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Children/Youth in Worship

11:00 am Fellowship



**Sunday, November 19**

**Thanksgiving Offering**

8:45 am Adult Forum

8:45 am Bible Study

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:45 am Nursery Care

**10:00 am Worship**

**10:00 am Sunday School**

11:00 am Fellowship

*Friday, November 10*– **Office Closed for Veterans Day**

*Saturday, November 11*– Steeple Coffee House

doors open at 7:00 pm

*Tuesday, Nov. 21* – December &

January Newsletter Deadline

*Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 pm* – Board Meeting

**Sunday, November 12**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders**

8:45 am Adult Forum

8:45 am Bible Study

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:45 am Nursery Care

**10:00 am Worship**

**10:00 am Sunday School**

11:00 am Fellowship

*Thursday and Friday, November 23*

*& 24* – **Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

*Monday, November 13*

6:30 pm - Vanderkamp Meeting

7:00 pm – Worship & Spiritual Life

*Wednesday, November 15*

2:00 pm – Bible Study

*Thursday, November 16*

7:00 am – Men's Covenant

**Sunday, November 26**

**Christ the King Sunday**

8:45 am Adult Forum

8:45 am Bible Study

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship

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## ***Mark Your Calendars For Seasonal Music!***

Taking place on December 10th at 3:00 PM in the UCF sanctuary will be the annual Brass and Bells Holiday concert! Enjoy hearing: O Holy Night, The William Tell Overture, Midnight Sleigh Ride, Christmas Encounters and other favorites played by the Syracuse University Brass and the United Church Handbell Choir!

### **STEEPLE COFFEE HOUSE NEWS**

#### **November 11 – Fall Festival**

7:30-9:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm)

Tim Rybinski – guitar; Ann Barnes – piano; Kristin & David – dulcimer & guitar; Melissa Clark – piano

*\$15/person suggested entry donation provides entertainment, a dessert, and coffee/tea.*



#### **November 25 – Dave Novak**

7:30-9:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm)

More Shades of Dave - Dave Novak & friends return to SCH!

*\$20/person suggested entry donation provides entertainment, a dessert, and coffee/tea.*

*Questions: 663-7415, see Steeple Coffee House on Facebook, or go to [www.theucf.org](http://www.theucf.org) and click on Steeple Coffee House.*



## AED UPDATE



### **Did you know that United Church has an AED? Do you know what an AED is?**

An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator. This is a device capable of delivering an electric shock to an unconscious person whose heart is beating abnormally. The shock can convert an improper heart rhythm into a proper one, possibly saving the life of the person. AEDs are common in public places. In our area there, are AEDs in the Senior Center, the Library, the Village Hall, and in many of our neighboring churches. They are common in many public buildings throughout the country.

Our AED, placed in service in 2008, is continually maintained and monitored to ensure that the battery is functional, and that the device is ready for use. It is located at the top of the main stairs, which are midway between the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Clear signage marks its location.

An AED can be used by anyone and requires no special training. While it is best used in conjunction with CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation), it can be used even if CPR is not being performed. The AED talks you through proper use and will only deliver a shock if appropriate to do so. Please do not hesitate to use it if we ever have a situation where someone is unconscious and not breathing.

If you desire to see the AED up close and in person and become more familiar with its operation, please contact the church office, and a hands on demonstration and training session can be arranged.

Let's hope that we never need to use the AED in a real emergency. We all should feel safer knowing it is in place and available.



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