

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER  
UNITED CHURCH OF FAYETTEVILLE

MUSINGS FROM LINDA

In these fading days of summer, I have paused to reflect on the days just past, the ones of which we are in the midst and those soon to come. For each of these months -- our long rainy spring and June, the hot and humid days of July and these gorgeous days of August which remind me of a New England summer, enlivened by some awesome thunderstorms, I have had a list of weather-appropriate things to do in the house or in the garden. There is also a list of things to do or catch up on at work in the "quiet times." As is usual, the weather wasn't always as predicted, things aren't as quiet as predicted and schedules are merely suggestions. Nonetheless, some things were accomplished on every front (that's an appropriate word, but I wish there was one that didn't come from war or stormy weather 😊); some fun was had, some relationships strengthened, some mind, spirit and body restored. I hope everyone can say the same.

As the earth spins, we are looking at a new season of home and work, school and faith. I am always tempted to start with a list. While there will be one, it will be a little more focused, and a little more measurable, for my sake and the sake of those things that lie before us as a community of faith.

I encourage everyone to find a way to look ahead in positive ways. Do not simply assume the rhythms of the season as it has gone before, but instead to explore how we might enrich our spirits, our community life and our service to those around us, by shifting one thing in or out of our personal schedules, making one extra gift, offering one extra hour...

As we prepare for the opening of a new program year, this is one of the longest newsletters we have produced in more than a year, rich with opportunity for worship, for mission, for service, for prayer and for caring. There is something here for every age and ability. There is a lot of information shared. Take time to make yourself informed.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. In faith, Linda

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Thank you to all of the people who offered your musical talents during the summer months. It was a real joy for the congregation and me to share in your expression of beauty and worship. Thank you to all of the singers who joined us - both for the women's choir and for the signers who were here for the Baldwins' send-off. And also thank you to our instrumentalists: **James Mason** (viola), Joe Cannella (bassoon), and **Sean O'Malley** (piano).

With fall, comes the beginning of our music ministry's program year and the return of our choir, handbell choir, and Joyful Sign. Thursday, September 5th will be our first rehearsal for the season. Handbell Choir rehearsal starts at 6:30 and goes until 7:25. UCF Adult Choir begins at 7:30 and finishes at 8:30. Joyful Sign Choir rehearses before Handbell Choir on weeks where they are in preparation for interpretation of a hymn or anthem. Barb Morison can be contacted for further information.

All of our choirs are always looking for new members to join us and sing, ring, or sign our musical offerings during worship. In addition to participating in worship every Sunday, our choirs participate throughout the community in celebrations of Lessons and Carols and Brass and Bells

during the Advent Season. If you would like to join us and experience the many benefits of participating in music-making with a group of supportive and enthusiastic people, please let me know either in person or feel free to email me at [jared.shepard@gmail.com](mailto:jared.shepard@gmail.com). -- Jared

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE FALL ACTIVITIES

### FOR EVERYONE

CARING AND SHARING The Congregational Care Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00, but on September 10<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 3:30. This is the group that endeavors to keep our folks who are unable to join us in worship regularly due to mitigating factors connected to the church and congregation. We would love to have you join us if this type of ministry appeals to you! For further information, do not hesitate to contact **Cindy Rosbrook**. 315.682-7982; [drosbrook@twcny.rr.com](mailto:drosbrook@twcny.rr.com)

### FALL BRUNCH – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

A favorite returns. Do you have any new recipes from this summer or old favorites to share? Plan to stay after church and share this great time of fellowship and fun. Can you help with set-up and prep? Contact **Janet Press**. 315.663.8185 The easiest assistance of all – sign up!!!

### FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Though Stewardship is a year round, lifelong responsibility we face both through our church and our daily living, the upcoming fall season is the time we pledge our support of the United Church of Fayetteville and our work in God’s world. As Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we need to embrace a larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world. As you begin the prayerful process of determining what you and your household will pledge, please remember “Christian giving is a responsive act. It represents gratitude to God. It is a symbol of self-giving. Therefore, giving is not a once-for-all event, but a regular part of life. It is a spiritual discipline that reminds us who we are and whose we are.” Thank you.



Did you know... that United Church of Fayetteville continues to have a College Pen Pal Ministry?!? UCF friends and members send snail-mail notes, cards, letters, cookies, popcorn, and other goodies to our college students who live and attend school out of town. Sometimes our Sunday School children create cards too! College youth are not obliged to write back as we realize how busy they are, but we want them to know we remember them in our prayers.

Please join with our adult Pen Pals by keeping youth in your prayers. Welcome them back over the holidays and ask students about their school experiences. If you are interested in becoming a future pen pal, please send your name to Gloria Manuel at [sgmanuel40@gmail.com](mailto:sgmanuel40@gmail.com)

**Parents of College students...** Please email Gloria Manuel [sgmanuel40@gmail.com](mailto:sgmanuel40@gmail.com) and let her know if your child would still like a pen pal and also, send her your college child's snail-mail address for the fall 2019 term as soon as you can.

**These are the college students of whom we are aware:** Matt Craft-grad; Kaitlyn DeHority-med student; Hannah Ketcham-grad; Thomas Mason-undergrad; Anna Mpinga-grad; Noella Mpinga-undergrad; Edie Olmsted, undergrad; Maggie Olmsted, undergrad; Stephanie O'Malley, undergrad.

### **CHURCH IN THE WORLD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

On Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> UCF will again participate in Church in the World Sunday, taking our good work beyond the church doors and into the community. Here are some of the opportunities for all to participate, including some new and exciting activities. Sign up sheets will appear soon. Sign up early, so we can confirm with our partnering organizations that we will be there.

#### **Assembling and Packaging Sandwiches for the Samaritan Center**

As always, we have an activity for our K-12 folk and those who want to participate but need to stay in the building. We will gather in Fellowship Hall to make 200 sandwiches for some of our hungry neighbors in Syracuse. (Appropriate for Adults and K-12).

#### **Building Beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

Hands on participation at Manlius True Value with building beds for children in need in the area – The local chapter of *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* is celebrating their one year anniversary with this special event and they are expecting UCF to join them. (Appropriate for Adults and age 14 and older; permission slips, releases required for all participants.)

*Here is their mission statement: We fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to our attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, we stepped up and took initiative. We are a national organization responding to a national problem. Children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across the U.S., too many boys and girls go without a bed - or even a pillow - to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health. That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.*

#### **Clear Path for Veterans**

Clear Path For Veterans, a non-profit Veterans Resource Center located at 1223 Salt Springs Road, Chittenango, NY is very happy to have members of our congregation work as volunteers at their Fund Raising Program. This major fund raiser is a motorcycle run .NO, you do not have to ride or own a motorcycle to participate. Volunteers will help serve lunch to the hungry riders at about 12 Noon and also help to clean up after the luncheon. Volunteers need to have a hat or hairnet and wear low cut flat shoes. This should be a fun and heart-warming event and we hope you will consider it for your participation in this special service program. (Appropriate Adults and K-12).

#### **Adopt A Highway**

Here is another opportunity on September 29<sup>th</sup> to minister to our neighbors! Did you know that

UCF has its very own Highway? It's Route 5 east of the village and we can use up to 11 folks to sign up to help pick up trash to keep our highway beautiful! (Appropriate for Adults and Age 14 +older)

### FM Food Pantry

Join us at our local Fayetteville/Manlius Food Pantry to assist with cleaning, restocking, sorting, and reorganizing the food pantry. The F/M pantry serves those in need in our local community and is run by volunteer help. (Appropriate for Adults and K-12).

### FOR K-12

#### CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe, healthy, and happy summer break. Here are some important dates to remember. On Sunday School Sundays, K-12 begin in worship, then go to class which lasts until 11:00 Am

September 8: First Sunday School Class K-12 begin in Worship.

11:05-11:30 Parents' meeting Downstairs in SS room.

September 15: Sunday School in session

September 21: Fayetteville First Festival

September 22: 5-7 PM UMC Manlius Welcome Back to Youth Group .

September 29: Church in the World Sunday. We encourage all of our youth to participate in some way with their families on Church in the World Sunday. There are age appropriate activities for K-12 participants.

As always, we are in need of teachers and assistants. If you feel called to serve in this way, contact [Paula Marquart](#) 315.382.3893; [paula.pbrown@gmail.com](mailto:paula.pbrown@gmail.com)

### FOR WOMEN

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY The Wednesday Bible Study group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in Women's Lounge. We are a group of people with varying amounts of knowledge about the Bible who share ideas, resources and experiences in a warm friendly environment. On September 4th we will begin with the results of the survey taken at the summer luncheon. Then, we will continue our study of the Old Testament with a discussion of II Kings. We welcome new participants at any time. Questions? Contact [Jackie Meyer](#) ([jmeyer@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jmeyer@twcny.rr.com); 315 632-4267) or [Diana Norcross](#) ([diana.norcross25@gmail.com](mailto:diana.norcross25@gmail.com); 315 446-6723).

### TABITHA WOMEN

We will be reuniting on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for our annual after summer check up! This is an extremely informal group that includes all ages and sizes of United Church women who enjoy sharing some fun fellowship time with an occasional speaker, bible study, or service project just to keep us legitimate! Please join us! For more information, contact [Cindy Rosbrook](#). 315.682-7982; [drosbrook@twcny.rr.com](mailto:drosbrook@twcny.rr.com)

### FOR MEN

#### MEN'S COVENANT GROUP

This men's fellowship group meets the third Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Women's Lounge. We share fellowship, engage in discussions and study programs. Donuts, juice and coffee are provided. Give us a try. The next meeting is September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please join us. Contact [Dave Clutton](#) for more information. 201.232.2837; [dsclutton@gmail.com](mailto:dsclutton@gmail.com)

## SUMMERTIME UPDATES

### !!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To **Lucas Froelich** and **Christy Christman** who married in Van Etten on July 12, 2019. John and Janet served as congregational witnesses of this off-site ceremony led by Lucas's childhood pastor.

To **Sam** and **Kandice Graniero** who were married on July 26, 2019.

To **Toni Hines** and **Bhawanjot (BJ) Singh** who were joined in a service of Blissful Union according to Sikh tradition on August 17, 2019. A wedding service according to the Christian rite will follow in October.

### THANKS! THANKS!! AND MORE THANKS!!!

### A LETTER FROM THE BALDWINS

August 18, 2019

Dear UCF Friends,

What a wonderful send off on Sunday morning, August 18, complete with one of our favorite anthems—sung and performed beautifully by the Choir and the Joyful Sign Choir, Linda's resonate sermon, the tasty post service reception— with that delicious cake, the awesome photo book gift and lots of hugs and well wishes. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Over the years our UCF church family has meant so much to us. We will miss you all dearly but happily will be taking with us many, many fond memories as we embark on our next adventure with family in Florida. That said, we're thinking more in terms of au revoir than farewell, as we expect to return to CNY from time to time and hope to see some of you before too long as you seek refuge from our cold winters....

Thanks also for being such a caring, loving and generous congregation throughout our 50 year membership. We have treasured our time together and trust that God's blessings will continue to shine upon you and the next generation of UCFers. Be well, take care and please keep in touch.

Love,

Gail and Denny

### THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS GREAT GRATITUDE TO

**Kathy Bohnsack and Carl Borning** for their six years of service on the Board. Their commitment to the church, their dedication, leadership and faithfulness benefitted our life together greatly. We are also glad for their continuing support of new Board members, **Rich Brundage** and **Jenny Jones**, who were ordained on July 28.

**The Staff Support Committee** which has been working tirelessly through staff changes and illness, with still more work ahead of them. Please be sure to mention your appreciation to **Janet Press, Dave Clutton, Beth Krauss and Gloria Manuel** for their ongoing efforts.

**Nancy Schiffhauer and Mary Jane Woodcock** for their summer labors, helping keep the office running smoothly during these transitions and illnesses.

**Linda Raymond** for volunteering to proof our published materials in our time of need.

those who helped make the celebration of the Baldwins' time with us special: **Gloria Manuel** for designing and creating a pictorial memory book; to **Cindy Rosbrook** and **Janet Press** for preparing the great reception and to the **UCF Choir** and **Joyful Sign** for making a summer appearance to offer a very special blessing.

-- Linda

### UPDATES FROM PAULETTE, HAITI!

The photos tell the story as this summer FEED (our Haitian Partners) with Serge and Eliphine, completed the security gate to their location at FEED HEADQUARTERS. The water filter system and sales of water to residents is open daily. The older children were treated to a summer school of cooking, art and music and the daily lunch program sponsored by our American partners, the Vibrant Village Foundation continues! Merci beaucoup United Church of Fayetteville family and our Cayuga-Syracuse partner churches, US French Clubs and friends for your support!



Security Gate completed at FEED



Drinkable water for sale—see name of our church!



Over 200 students have lunch daily!

Summer program of art, music and cooking for teens!

### UPDATES FROM THE BOARD

#### At its July meeting, the Board:

- \*Welcomed **Rich Brundage** and **Jenny Jones** as deacon-elders. **Sarah Castilano** has accepted the call to serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee upon election by the congregation.
- \*Recognized the August 15 deadline for committees to submit their proposed budgets for 2020.
- \*Formally accepted the resignation of Michele Sargent as our Admin. Asst. effective 08/25/2019.
- \*Continued visioning work incorporating congregational input with education about trends and needs. The Board will choose events, projects, efforts to be implemented in the upcoming program year.

#### At its August meeting, the Board:

- \*Approved 2020 draft budget to be sent to congregation for this year's stewardship campaign.
- \*Heard updated plans for Church in the World Sunday on September 29 (See article).
- \*Approved the Syracuse Chapter of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (one of our Church in the World activities) as the beneficiary of the local portion of the Peacemaking Offering, received on World Communion Sunday.
- \*Approved rental rates for September 2019-September 2020 for the Village Nursery School.
- \*Agreed to recommendation that no increase was necessary this year for our long-term renters.
- \*Authorized change in rate for paid nursery worker (see article)
- \*Heard information about fall education development plans.
- \*Identified efforts to be made in 2019 programming year to strengthen our ministry, using ideas that came through last fall's dessert conversations under the umbrella theme "**UCF Reaching Out.**" Identified in the article below are people who agreed to take the lead or recruit for these projects. The Board is supportive, can provide funding, but as you know can't do the ministry of the church by themselves. If you are interested or can help with one of these projects, please contact the person indicated. If it's indicated that we are still looking for someone, please contact **Dr. Even** and she will point you in the right direction. Among them:
  - \*piggy-backing on community events as we did with the Village Fayetteville's birthday.
  - \*reinstating the use of nametags for worshippers. **Cindy R**
  - \*continuing and strengthening of potlucks **Cindy R, Maryjane W.**
  - \*organizing a series of family game nights designed and implemented to include the community. **COULD THIS BE YOU?**
  - \*hosting a church and community education event potentially involving the leadership of the PCUSA Office of Public Witness. **Outreach**
  - \*developing a video story about UCF **Al Arras**
  - \*working with local young musicians to develop an event such as a "Battle of the Bands" for high school musicians. **COULD THIS BE YOU?**
  - \*recruiting local artists to design bulletin covers. **Janet P**
  - \* Cooperative church/community effort to serve our homeless neighbors **Rich Brundage**

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 1, Labor Day Weekend**

**The Lord's Supper**

9:15 AM Nursery Care

9:30 AM Worship (K-12 remains in worship)

10:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, September 2 – LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED. Have fun and be safe!

Wednesday, September 4 - 2 PM Women's Bible Study, Women's Lounge

Thursday, September 5 - Choirs resume

5:30-6:30 Joyful Sign

6:30 - 7:30 Handbell choir rehearsal

7:30 - 8:30 Choir rehearsal

**Sunday, September 8, FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES! WE'RE BACK!**

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

9:45 AM Nursery Care

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School (K-12 begin in worship then depart for Sunday School)

11:05 AM Parents' Meeting Downstairs Sunday School Room

11:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, September 9 - 7PM Outreach, Women's Lounge

Tuesday, September 10 - 3:30 PM Congregational Care

7PM Worship & Spiritual Life, Women's Lounge

Wednesday, September 11- 7:00PM Tabitha Women's Lounge

Thursday, September 12 - 5:30 PM Joyful Sign

6:30 PM Handbell choir rehearsal

7:30 PM Choir rehearsal

**Sunday, September 15**

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

9:45 AM Nursery Care

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School (K-12 begin in worship then depart for Sunday School)

11:00 AM Fellowship

Tuesday, September 17 – 7PM Board Meeting, Women's Lounge

Thursday, September 19 - 5:30PM Joyful Sign

6 :30 PM Handbell choir rehearsal

7:30 PM Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 20 - Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, September 21 – Noon Fayetteville Festival Beard Park

7:00 PM Steeple Coffeehouse

**Sunday, September 22**

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

9:45 AM Nursery Care

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School (K-12 begin in worship then depart for Sunday School)

11:00 AM FALL BRUNCH

5:00 PM Welcome Back to Youth Group Manlius UMC

Thursday, September 26 - 5:30 PM Joyful Sign

6:30 PM Handbell choir rehearsal

7:30 PM Choir rehearsal

Saturday, September 20 - 7:00 PM Steeple Coffeehouse

**Sunday, September 29 CHURCH IN THE WORLD SUNDAY**

9:30 AM Worship (Birth –G 12 in Worship)

10:00 AM Leave for Church in the World Activities

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**ILL AND RECOVERING**

Michele Belge

Rich Penhall

Wendy Schmidt

Lynn Scharbach

**THOSE UNABLE TO BE AT WORSHIP**

Dorothy Dickson

Bruce Hotchkiss

Marge Mahony

Doug Merchant

Betty Mitchell

Doug Scharbach

Irene Sheptak-Regni

Ken & Lois Spitzer

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Denis Synan, Brundages' friend

Lain Critien, Brundages' friend

Carol, Kathy Bugnacki's friend

Evelyn Mountain, Donna Clutton's mother

Debi, Linda Dehority's sister

David Gouldin, Lauryn Gouldin's father  
Chip Bennet, Sarah Given's friend  
Woody Woodmansee, Higgins' cousin  
Diane Blann, Merchants' niece  
Emily, Betsy Nash's friend  
Anna, Betsy Nash's friend  
Patty Shepard, Jared Shepard's mother  
Gina Clements, Spitzers friend  
Connie Caldwell, Kevin Sweder's friend



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