

UNION TIDINGS

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Journeying Through Lent, Together!

Blessed be the Lord, day by day, God our salvation who carries us. Psalm 68:19

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, at 6 PM. We plan to have delicious soup followed by our 7 PM service, which officially begins the Season of Lent!

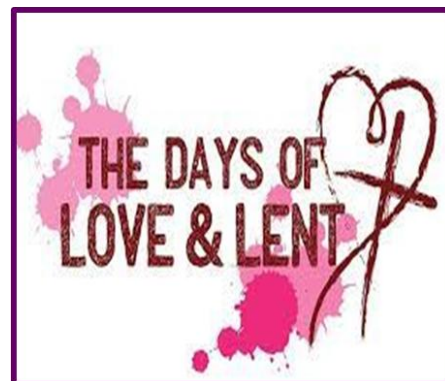
During the Season of Lent, we are called to focus on our spiritual growth and to exercise our capacity to show love and kindness to the wider world. To help us with the journey, all are welcome to meditate in the lovely Prayer Room. In addition, we will discuss our love for our neighbor based on Micah's call to love justice, and kindness, and walk humbly with God at our intergenerational fellowship gathering on February 18th.

In worship, our Lenten journey will tell of the Hebrew people going out of Egypt and into a promised new land and will focus on their journey, Jesus' journey, and our journey of discipleship today. The worship experience will remind us that we seek a deeper relationship with God and a greater understanding of our faith.

Worship during Lent also tells of both the ordinary and unexpected people of the bible who are like us, to teach us that the story of God's unconditional love continues. There are people like Peter who have denied Jesus; people like Paul who were once persecutors of Jesus' disciples; people like Ananias who gave the gift of healing and reconciliation; and people like Tabitha who cared for others.

Lent reminds us that individuals such as these, and the small community of Jesus' followers after the Resurrection, were the beginning believers of the worldwide church we know today. And it should not be doubted that a group of small people, even one person, can make a significant impact on the world.

So, let us embrace this Lenten prayer: 'O God, you give me new life through Jesus Christ. May I seek you with a clean heart and grow day by day in your likeness.' May it be so. Amen.



*With God's Love,
Pastor Sheila*



Dorothy Bates; Martha Yanick family & friends; Stephen Spencer family and friends; Jan Mark; Robert Herald family & friends; Joan Gerson; Timothy Blood; Tom Richards's sister, Cindy Richards-Wallace & his friend, Jackie Sloan; Ada Harvey's grandson, Grant; David Ramirez; Irv Koehler; Tom Richards; Linda Padmore's family & friends; Rod Jennings's family & friends; Marion Gaetano's family & friends; Jane Grandusky's husband, Mark; Bonnie Avery's family and friends; Teresa Byrd; Lin McNaughton's mom and cousin, Cade; Linda Padmore's daughter, Jeannine; Linda Harvey; Susan Young's sister, Genie; Kirk Dorhout; Evelyn Chouris; Charlotte Snowden; Renna McGinnis; Beth White's family & friends; Frank Byrd's family & friends; Melanie Shepherd; Charlene Buck; Linda Padmore's niece, Yvette & sister, Christine; Donna's brother, Clevert; George Gerson's Brother, Michael; Melanie's Friend, Donna; Borjana's son, Petar; George Gerson's friends, Diane & Timothy Scott; George Gerson's nephew, Glenn; Ruth Cassidy's husband, Bill; Rose's daughter, Tyshawna for healing & recovery; Jan Mark's son, Gary; Justice & Peace efforts; grieving, depression and anxiety; all refugees; Ukraine War; Puerto Rico; Haiti; Gun violence everywhere; Environmental concerns; Maui, HI; Florida; Israel conflict; Palestinians; Hurricane victims; Wild fires; Immigrant families; Attack on DEI; Medicaid & Food Assistance Programs; Mass deportations of Immigrants

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5	George Gerson
9	Patti Yacks
10	Stephen Spencer
16	Vanie Joseph
18	Marion Gaetano
27	Alice Payne

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



Every Sunday, beautiful flowers adorn our altar. We have a flower chart for sign-ups. Also, you can call the office or send an email to office@unionucc.net. Garden flowers are \$10 and floral arrangements are \$40. As an added bonus you can list the flowers in the bulletin in memory or in honor of someone or a special occasion. You are also welcome to take the \$40 arrangement home.

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Scan this Code



ONLINE:
UNIONUCC.NET (GIVE)

ENVELOPE:
CASH AND CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO UNION UCC

PEACE

PEOPLE ENGAGED IN ACTIVE COMMUNITY EFFORTS



UNION CELEBRATES FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday



Union Welcomes Our New Food Pantry Coordinator, Frank!



Donna Minott Presents on Hurricane Melissa Relief Efforts



Visit From Our Dear Friends...



We Are PEACE WE Are Neighbors



NEIGHBORS TOGETHER



TOGETHER IN THE GLADES

Join PEACE as we travel to the Glades and learn more about affordable housing and mental health disparities impacting our Glades Neighbors!

EVENT DETAILS



THURSDAY
MARCH, 5TH 2026



9:00 AM
6:00 PM

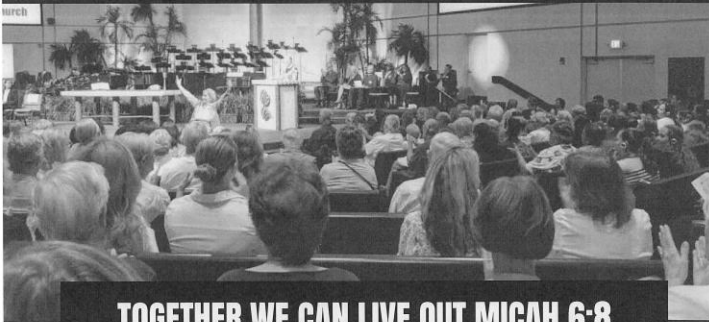
Transportation and lunch will be provided. RSVP required.

RSVP:

Contact Megan Sease at megan@peacebc.org



NEHEMIAH ACTION



TOGETHER WE CAN LIVE OUT MICAH 6:8

7pm Tuesday, March 24th at
JupiterFIRST Church

1475 INDIAN CREEK PKWY, JUPITER, FL 33458

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45

Questions???

Contact Megan Sease:
Megan@peacebc.org

NEED A RIDE ???
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN
UP FOR A PEACE BUS



PANTRY NEWS



The Union Congregational
United Church of Christ Food

Pantry would love to have you be a part of the Ministry!

Whether it is helping to bag for one Sunday after Fellowship, being a part of the distribution on the first Saturday of each month or being a volunteer who pledges to pick up supplies, you are needed!

Please reach out to Frank Remshifski if you are interested in being a part of this vital and necessary Ministry.



Rally

Monday, February 23, 2026

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Juliana Catholic Church

4500 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL, 33405

GLEANNING: Feeding Our Neighbors



All are invited to participate in our Gleaning mission – to gather fresh food for families in need. There is a sign-up sheet on the soundboard for all who would like to participate in gleaning. We will meet at the church parking lot on **February 21, 2026 at 7:45 am**. Donna Minott, Mission & Outreach

Journey to

EASTER



PALM SUNDAY PARADE

March 29, 2026

10:00AM

Multicultural Taste-Testing

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2026

6:00PM Soup Fellowship

7:00PM Service

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3, 2026

6:00 PM Fish Fry

7:00 PM Service

Ecumenical Good Friday Service at
Tabernacle Baptist Church, 801 Eighth St.,
West Palm Beach, FL. All are invited.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 5, 2026

10:00AM

Intergenerational Easter Party to follow!



UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting will be held on

February 15, 2026

11:45 AM after morning Fellowship.

All are invited to attend.

Please plan to attend as we review
2025 and make plans for 2026.

Join us on

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Soup - 6pm

Service - 7pm

If you would like to bring soup,
please sign up on the soundboard.

YOUTH & KIDS CORNER

Letter from Rev. Michael-Ann Veziroglu

Hello Union Congregational, UCC Friends,

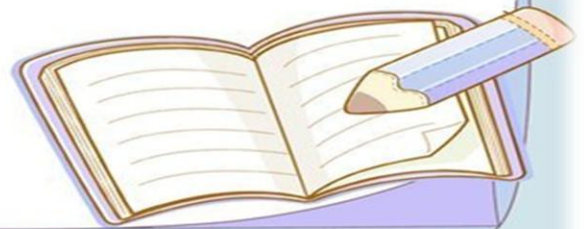
I wanted to share with you all how much I appreciated the lovely, heartfelt, and thoughtful good-bye you all organized on December 21st. The huge card was amazing, and I so enjoyed reading your notes. It was a pleasure and an honor to serve as Sunday school teacher at Union Congregational, UCC. The kids kept me on my toes. They are an amazing group! I have missed them each week I have been away.

Thank you so much for welcoming us into the church family five years ago. You are such a welcoming, dedicated community.

We are settling into our Maryland home, but I still have my same cell number and email address.

Peace and Blessing to all in this new year. May we all find ways to let compassion and kindness spread.

~Love to all,
Michael-Ann and family




SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 8 – “Soup-er” Bowl Sunday
– 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Music Rehearsal after class
- FEBRUARY 21 – Gleaning: Departing from church at 7:45 AM
- FEBRUARY 22 – Music Performance during morning Worship
– Black History Month Celebration.
– Helping with Food Pantry Prep



FEBRUARY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday	2	3 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	4 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	5 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	6 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	7 Food Pantry 9am-11:30 am 
8 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming "Soup-er" Bowl of Caring	9	10 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	11 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	12 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	13 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	14 <i>happy Valentine's day</i>
15 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Annual Meeting 11:45am	16	17 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	18 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	19 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	20 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	21
22 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Black History Month Celebration	23	24 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	25 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	26 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	27 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	28

Celebrate
BLACK HISTORY

freedom strength
hope voice
struggle unity peace
courage change

**UNION CELEBRATES
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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Heartwarming News to:

