

UNION TIDINGS

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Shared Hope on the Journey!

Psalm 121 is known as the “Traveler’s Psalm.” It is an 8-verse prayer that speaks to one’s trust in God’s constant protection during life’s journey. The Psalm assures us that our help comes from God, our Creator, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

As we Journey through the Lenten Season, we can lean into this hopeful message to guide us forward. By keeping our mind on God’s love as the source of our help in times of trouble and uncertainty. This Psalm also reminds us that God is our guardian who travels with us. So, when difficult moments come our way, we will not stumble because God is active in our lives 24/7 and is watchful over us all. Along the journey, we also learn that God is the “shade” that protects us against the sun by day and the moon by night. Reminding us that we are protected by God along the way. As the Psalm concludes with a promise of protection from “all evil” for one’s life, covering “coming and going” from now until eternity.

It is with this shared hope of God’s abiding love that we continue our Lenten journey. As we are being called to journey together and alongside our neighbors to offer loving support to those in most need. We are being called to journey together as children of God to seek guidance on matters that concern us all. Matters of affordable housing, mental health care, and immigration concerns. Trusting that God will help us along the way.



*One way we are seeking to live into God’s love for all is during our **Nehemiah Action on Tuesday, March 24th!** All are invited to join us on this journey as we prepare to gather on behalf of our neighbors. We are meeting at the church on Tuesday, March 24, at 6PM, to get on the bus and travel to our sister church, Jupiter First, a United Church of Christ. The Action event starts at 7PM, and we expect 1600 people to attend! We hope you will join us.*

Our shared hope throughout this Lenten Season is our strength to overcome our despair and offer a guiding light amid the gloominess of life. So, let us continue together as the church with the love of Jesus Christ in our hearts. May it be so, Amen.

*In Christ’s love,
Pastor Sheila*



Lin McNaughton's Mom; Sharon and Donna Minott's family and friends; Joan Gerson; Phyllis Adderley; Dorthy Bates; Martha Yanick family & friends; Stephen Spencer family and friends; Jan Mark; Robert Herald family & friends; 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 Jenning's family & friends; Marion Gaetano's family & friends; Jane Grandusky's husband, Mark; Bonnie Avery's family and friends; Teresa Byrd; Lin McNaughton's 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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mary Calliste
- 4 Tori Niki McDaniel
- 7 Pierre Sylne Charles
- 25 Judith Mooers
- 30 Estelle Fanucci

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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MOBILE:
Scan this Code



ONLINE:
UNIONUCC.NET (GIVE)

ENVELOPE:
CASH AND CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO UNION UCC

UNION CELEBRATES SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!



UNION CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

PEACE
PEOPLE ENGAGED IN ACTIVE COMMUNITY EFFORTS
UNION JOINS P.E.A.C.E.
In Rally
@ St. Juliana Catholic Church

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.



GLEANNING: Feeding Our Neighbors

Thank you to all those who joined us as
we went gleaning on Saturday, February
21, 2026, to help the hungry by picking
vegetables to be distributed in Palm
Beach County.



NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

MARCH 22, 2026

We are inviting returning guests to
be part of Union's church family.
All who are interested in becoming
a member of the church, please
see Pastor Sheila or a deacon.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Let me introduce you to the new M&O
committee.

Frank: is heading up the food pantry.

Rebekah: will be taking the minutes.

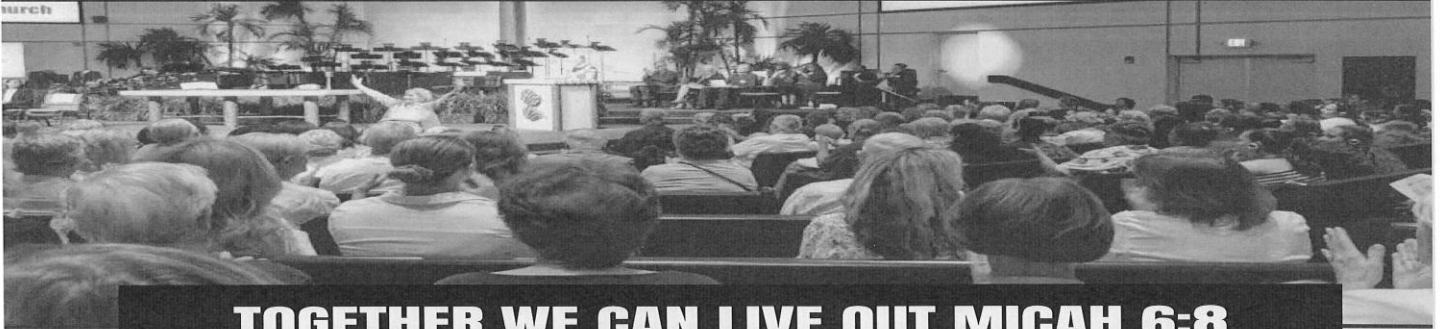
Donna: will continue to look after Gleaning.

Vanessa: will be helping Frank at the Food
pantry as well as helping with the Free little
library. Although there are many more
aspects to M&O we will work on them
together as the needs come up. Things such
as, The Lord's Place, 5 for 5 Giving, T-shirts
or any new projects. During the month of
February, we were asked to host a dinner for
a group of cyclists on a mission. It was a
wonderful evening.

Marion Gaetano,
Chair



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@peacepbc.org

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



Ministry Teams 2026 - UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Trustees

Stephen Spencer
Debbie Englert
Rebecca Oliver-Remshifski
Kirk Dorhout

Diaconate

*Lifetime – George Gerson
Lifetime – Judith Mooers
Lifetime – Joanna Hollis
Stephen Spencer
Louise Dempster
Sabita Shah
Melanie Shepherd

Mission & Outreach

Marion Gaetano
Donna Minott
Rebekah Gay
Vanessa Nuñez
Frank Remshifski

WAMM

Tom Richards
Sam Clark
Michelle Benghtt
Rebekah Gay
Mary Puhrman

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Cunny Burgos
Michelle Benghtt
Dorothy Bates
George Gerson

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Paula Dorhout
Rebecca Oliver-Remshifski
Shelby Norris
Frank Remshifski
Louise Dempster

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Jane Grandusky
Mary Puhrman
Crescenzo Gaetano

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Linda Padmore
Paula Dorhout
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Nathan Minott
Isaac Nuñez
Brandon Guillaume
Emma Shah

Stewardship Committee

*Michelle Benghtt
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Joanna Hollis
Debbie Englert
Paula Dorhout

Fellowship

Patti Yacks
Debbie Englert
Cynthia Clark
Sabita Shah
Tom Richards

Nominating Committee

George Gerson
Stephen Spencer
Paula Dorhout
Cynthia Clark

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Moderator
Paula Dorhout
Vice Moderator
Stephen Spencer

Clerk

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Joanna Hollis
Treasurer
Crescenzo Gaetano
Stewardship
Michelle Benghtt
Historian
Tom Richards

welcome
TO THE TEAM

YOUTH & KIDS CORNER



**UNION'S CHILDREN
AND YOUTH
CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY
MONTH!**





SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

**Union's Youth and Children
Join in Souper Bowl Sunday!**



March 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 Amistad Sunday/ International Women's Day	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
15 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	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	23	24 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open Nehemiah Action 7pm Depart Church at 6pm	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
29 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Palm Sunday Parade/ Multicultural Taste-Tasting	30	31 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open				

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!

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