

UNION TIDINGS

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Celebrating Christ's Love!

During this Easter Season, let us continue to celebrate Christ's love for us all!

Let us celebrate Jesus Christ's love for us by lifting the verse in John's gospel (15:5), which teaches us that we do not stand alone in our faith walk because together, we abide in the vine of Christ. And being part of Christ's vine teaches us how to love one another!

Abiding in love is also exemplified in the story about a man who watched a group of workers tear down an old building. He watched them pull down the walls as a large ball swung from a crane and began to pound repeatedly into the walls. Then he asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled or do they need special training to tear down this building?"

The foreman replied, "No, what these men can tear down in a day or two, it took builders who are skilled in each of their crafts, a year or more to build." As this story exemplifies for us just how important it is to nurture our faith in God, as well as nurture our love towards one another.

Christ-like love suggests that we spend our time building one another up with kindness and acts of mercy. Christ-like love also helps us flourish in our prayerful efforts toward peace and justice for all!



Paul also explains the importance of abiding in love when he writes to the Corinthians, "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never ends." In other words, love meets a person right where they are, takes them for what they are, accepts a person for themselves, and then gives the person the freedom to grow and mature in themselves and in Christ. This is how Jesus's love is abiding in us. And during this Easter Season, we celebrate the love of Jesus Christ whose love and light shines upon us all!

Prayer

God, you are the vine grower. We are the branches. Help us abide in Jesus Christ, your true vine, so that we may bear much fruit. Help us faithfully proclaim the good news until all are welcomed into the new life you so generously give. May it be so. Amen.

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Sheila*



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5	Mary Purham
6	Schnelle Burgos
9	Ariel Hines
12	Kinsey Grandusky
24	Suelene Marletta


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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UNIONUCC.NET (GIVE)

ENVELOPE:
CASH AND CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO UNION UCC

UNION CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!



Leadership Orientation



PEACE trip to Belle Glade!



Pastor Sheila attends CHHSM & UCC BOARD GATHERINGS!



Palm Sunday & Multicultural Taste -Testing Fellowship Hour at UNION!



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.



PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Happy Spring and Blessings to All!!!

“Did You Know?”

The Pastoral Relations Committee promotes and helps develop healthy relationships between the pastor and congregation so the mission and vision of the church can be fulfilled. In order to uphold Christian values in treating each other with kindness and love, the Pastoral Relations Committee listens to all voices to help resolve conflicts through active listening, mutual feedback and confidentiality. If there are concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to the PRC by contacting the PRC chair, Cynthia Clark by email spencrsan21@att.net.

Cynthia Clark,
Pastoral Relations Committee



JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRY TEAM

Over the past several months, Union's Justice team has worked closely with PEACE - Palm Beach County to ensure the success of the Nehemiah Action Assembly held on March 24, 2026. With Union's support, we filled Jupiter FIRST Church with nearly 1,200 attendees, almost filling every seat! Not only did we achieve this impressive turnout, but we also leveraged our collective strength to secure significant commitments in the areas of affordable housing, mental health, community policing, and immigration.

Union Congregational UCC was recognized for its vital role in making the Nehemiah Assembly a success. In fact, Megan Sease wrote, “**Union crushed it at the action.**” Pastor Sheila and I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone at Union, especially to those who attended the Nehemiah Action Assembly. It was inspiring to witness such a large turnout, and we also appreciate those who could not attend but supported us and PEACE's efforts through their prayers. We can be proud of the impact we made during this year's Nehemiah Action Assembly.

In April, several members of Union's PEACE team will share their testimonies during Fellowship Hour. This will give church members an opportunity to hear about the powerful impact of the Nehemiah Action and receive updates on important work related to Affordable Housing, Immigration, and Mental Health.

As we move into the summer months, our Justice and Peace team will meet to explore additional ways we can advocate for our congregational members, neighbors, and for justice for all. Be on the lookout for exciting news regarding an upcoming intergenerational trip where our youth group and other congregation members will learn more about our history related to racial justice. Also, we discuss how Union can engage with our denomination's Love Knows No Borders initiative. For more information about Love Knows No Borders, please visit ucc.org/LOVE-KNOWS-NO-BORDERS.

Paula Dorhout, Moderator





**PRAYER FOR THE DAY OF OUR
NEHEMIAH ACTION**
March 24th, 2026

God of the orphan and the immigrant, the poor and the homeless
We have heard your requirements of us,
revealed through your prophets
To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.
Today, with Moses and Aaron,
we stand and confront the oppression of Pharaoh.

Today, with Nehemiah, we call together a great assembly to address
injustice in our community.

Today, with Jesus, we express our anger with systems that take
advantage of our sisters and brothers.

We gather as a people of faith and power to share your light of
justice with our community.

We pray that You will move mightily in our midst
as we call for justice.

We pray for the open ears and softened hearts
of those whom we will address.

And we pray for your sustenance for those gathered and the faith
communities they represent,

That we may endure the long journey toward justice for all.
Amen.



UNION'S TRIP TO ORLANDO!

The Christian Education/Youth and Justice and Peace Teams are planning an intergenerational trip to Orlando! The purpose of the trip is to gather as a church family to deepen relationships with fun activities while exploring historical sites that remind us about the importance of embracing peace and justice for all!

A signup sheet is on the soundboard for all who are interested in participating.



YOUTH & KIDS CORNER

Union's Children and Youth – Pool Party!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SCHEDULE







- First Sunday: Rebekah Gay
- Second Sunday: Cunny Burgos
- Third Sunday: Michelle Benghttt
- Fourth Sunday: Simone Shah
- Fifth Sunday: George Gerson



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April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming Communion Sunday/ Easter/ Resurrection Day Book Signing & Easter Party 	6	7 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	8 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	9 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	10 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	11
12 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming New Members Sunday	13	14 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	15 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	16 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	17 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	18
19 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	20	21 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	22 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open Earth Day! 	23 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	24 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	25
26 Worship 10 AM FB Live Streaming	27	28 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	29 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	30 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open		
			1 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open	2 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open Maunder Thursday Soup 6pm Worship 7pm	3 9am-1pm Office Hours Prayer room open Tabernacle Baptist Church Fish Fry 6pm Worship 7pm 	4 Food Pantry 9am-11:30 am 

TODAY! April 5, 2026

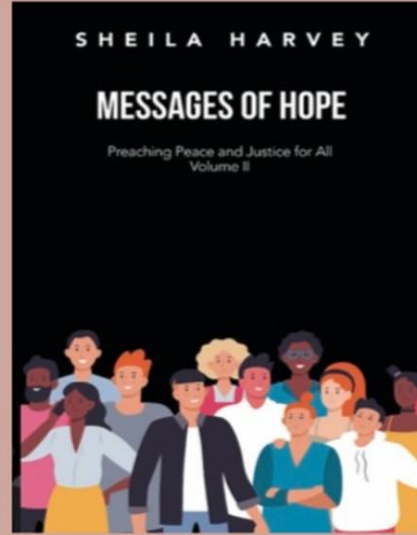


The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey

MESSAGES OF HOPE

Preaching Peace and Justice for All

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**EASTER SUNDAY
BOOK SIGNING CELEBRATION!**

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