University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

September 2018

Our Mission

UELC's Mission:

To Embrace and Share the Love of God in Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit Empowers us.

UELC's Guiding Principles:

Jesus is our Lord and Saviour; therefore, we are to:

- > Worship God in inspiring, diverse, and creative ways
- > Be a community engaged in spiritual practices that attune us to the Holy Spirit's guidance for our living
- > Welcome all people in their diversity to worship, learn, and serve with us
- > Be a safe place to learn, explore, and debate
- > Be generous stewards of the gifts God has given each of us to bless others and care for the natural world
- > Continue outreach to, and further develop connections with, the academic communities of Alachua County
- > Affirm human rights and work for social justice



Pastor's Corner

On the first Monday in September, we celebrate Labor Day in the US. It's a day to celebrate and honor all workers. The observance of this day is often traced back to the 1880s internationally. We salute all workers, regardless of socio-economic status, as it is all of us that keep the wheels of society turning - as we have throughout human existence.

Labor or work has always been a highly held ethic in every society. Initially all work was seen as equally important; like every part of one body keeping the body functioning. However, human greed and ego entered the fray through sin and opened the door to what we have now an advanced state of human exploitation. Calling it "sin" might seem simplistic, yet it does boil down to that.

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October Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the October new sletter by September 28th to Andy Noss andrew .noss@yahoo.com

September Worship Volunteers

Altar Guild

Sept 2 Haine Manion Sept 9 Jackie Klein Sept 16 Mary Lou Schirmer Sept 23 Anna Grace MontMarquette Sept 30 Joan Anderson

<u>Ushers</u>

Sept 2 Jeanne / Bill Chamberlin Sept 9 Phil / Andy Noss Sept 16 Ron Fourman / John MontMarquette Sept 23 Gene Brandner / Sam nineteenth century stepped up our exploitation of workers. Then with the so-called "Second Industrialization" of the late 1800s - and the expansion of electricity, petroleum and steel was applied to "modern living" - the exploitation of workers was stepped up to alarming proportions. Hence, it was in this period that workers' unions gained momentum, to protect the rights of workers. It was during that period, "Labor Day" was declared.



Modern society sets aside times like "Labor Day", "Women's Day", and "Black History Month" to honor those whom society has exploited over time. Yet, much of that exploitation continues. Perhaps the observance of these days is simply to appease our conscience and to give the appearance that we value those we exploit. I'm trusting it is not, yet we need to be reminded.

Let's take a moment to honor all workers this Labor Day. We may not be able to really change the course of human "modernization", but we can do everything in our power to respect all people, regardless of their role in society - Jesus set that example!

Pastor Terrance

President's Message

Friends, because I spent much of the month with family in the Pacific Northwest and this week's council meeting was the next to the last day of the month, I have little to report this month. I encourage everyone who can to sign up in the Kaiser Center for our God's Work, Our Hands service project at Luther Springs on Saturday, Sept. 8. Also, if you can, please help Austin MontMarquette coordinate parking at home football games the first three weeks in September and home games after that. It will be possible to serve at Luther Springs part of Sept. 8 and still help Austin that day. Krissi Norford has a few God's Work, Our Hands T-shirts for sale for those who don't have theirs from last year to wear.

Please note the new adult forum being led by Cecelia Noss on Sunday morning. No advance reading is necessary. LIFT in September features a nationally known dynamic speaker who will discuss fake news.

Thanks to everyone who made the student welcome back lunch a success.

Peace and Blessings to you all, Bill

UELC People



September Birthdays

9/2 Sofia Panagiotopoulos

9/7 Ruth Fugmann

9/7 Joan Anderson

9/12 Tim Manion

9/16 Patricia Gordon

9/17 Kristina Panagiotopoulos

9/20 Christy Murgatroyd

9/26 Douglas Dienhart

9/28 October Stutzman 9/29 Ruth Kalch

9/30 Richard Ezell

Brill Sept 30 Ron Fourman / Ron Gordon

Counters
Sept 2 Dan Norford / Ron
Gordon
Sept 9 Gene Brandner / John
MontMarquette
Sept 16 Jackie Klein / Phil Noss
Sept 23 Rick Dienhart / Peter
Fauerbach
Sept 30 Donna Day / Andy
Noss

Still Collecting Diapers!

We are still collecting infant/toddler diapers for Gainesville Community Ministry. You can put them in the lime green container in the Kaiser Center.

Gainesville Community Ministry says they often get plenty of new born and small infant diapers, but not a lot of the larger size (fitting 20 pounds and up).

So, if you could, donate some of the larger sizes.

If you have questions, you can contact Krissi Norford.

Special Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling, Agnes Martinson, Lois Wilkowske.

Welcome Students Sunday - August 26



Campus Ministry News

Campus Ministry Weekly Bible Study and Dinner resumed on Tuesday, August 25.

Watch this space for more updates and pictures in the future.

Adult Forum Resumes in September

Adult Forum will resume on Sunday, September 2 at 9 am. For the five Sundays in September, discussions will come from selected chapters of the book *The Hard Sayings of Jesus*, by the widely respected Scottish scholar, professor, and author, F.F. Bruce (published 1983 by InterVarsity Press).

September 2:

"You cannot serve God and Mammon." Matt. 6:24; Luke 16: 13

September 9:

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword." Matt. 10:34

September 16:

"Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his

brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of

mo. Watt. 5.22

September 23:

"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." Luke 10:18

September 30:

"And lead us not into temptation." Matt. 6:13; Luke 11:4

We will read the chapters from handouts, and share our own thoughts and reactions. These may be passages you have heard, read, or spoken in the case of the last quotation, and have not wanted to question publicly. The author gives his studied explanations. You do not have to have any particular degree of Biblical knowledge or experience attending Bible studies. Everyone has "life experience" to bring to the thoughts and reactions, which will enrich us all.

Cecilia Noss will facilitate the sessions.

God's Work, our Hands: Saturday, September 8th

Our day will begin at 9:00 AM with a short worship service. Work projects will include, but not be limited to:

- Erecting a sun shade at the archery range
- Planting bushes in and around the prayer labyrinth
- · Landscaping the new building
- Cutting up downed trees to line trails and for fire wood
- Painting the decking of Kuehner Center
- Clearing trails

Indoor projects will be included, if we have participants willing to serve out of the heat or sitting down. Let us know if this is a need.

We should take tools, specifically chain saws, rakes, shovels and spades. As work projects go, just about any other tools would also be helpful. Please label any tools so that they do not get mixed up with the camp's tools or tools from other groups. The camp's personnel recommends that each participant bring comfortable work gloves (again, please label). The camp also will have some one-size-fits-all gloves on hand. Plenty of water will be available.

Camp personnel said the plan is to work all morning, break for lunch (provided), have some free time with the pool open, etc., start again around 2:00 and end the day at 4:30. Some groups stay the day and some leave after lunch, depending on the heat and their stamina. Many UELC members will need to help football parking in the afternoon for a 7:30 game. The camp is flexible for anyone needed to come and go at different than the scheduled agenda.

Please sign up by Sept. 3rd and indicate if you have any dietary restrictions. We will pass the latter information on to camp personnel. The signup sheet indicates transportation information.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 8th!

The Bee

for **"THE BEE"**

WHERE: ULC KAISER CENTER

WHEN: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

WHAT: A "BEE"

Which is a meeting for communal work and/or amusement OR a prayer, favor, the joining of neighbors to help a neighbor in need.

We will have lunch together, short devotion, and a variety of programs to select.

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH COME and SEE!!!

For more information please contact Liz Finn

LIFT

The LIFT topic for Thursday, Sept. 13, is Fake News. Prof. Kim Walsh-Childers, a former newspaper reporter who has taught journalism and journalism-related topics at the University of Florida since 1990, will talk about how citizens can distinguish disinformation and misinformation from factual reporting. She also will explain why news consumers are inclined to see news as biased, even when it isn't, and how journalists are trained to distinguish facts from falsehoods. She'll discuss how declining trust in legitimate news organizations is undermining democracy.

At UF, Walsh-Childers has taught courses in newswriting, magazine and feature-writing, journalism ethics, solutions in journalism, the role of media in society, mass communication theory and mass media impacts on health. She has a national reputation for her research and understanding of news coverage of health issues and mass media effects on individual health and health policy. She spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Ireland, teaching journalism ethics and conducting research on the influence of news coverage on Irish health policy development. Her 2017 book, "Mass Media and Health: Examining Media Impact on Individuals and the Health Environment," discusses how media content can influence individuals' health beliefs and subsequent behaviors. It also reviews how media coverage is believed to influence public health policy. At UF now, she is a member of an interdisciplinary team of faculty members working to create courses and other resources that will help students think critically about ethical issues in public life and to develop the skills to be effective moral agents in their professional, personal, and public lives.

Prof. Walsh-Childers was studying for her master's and doctoral degrees at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill when Bill Chamberlin was directing aspects of the graduate program there. The two were on the UF faculty together for nearly 20 years.

The LIFT potluck lunch starts at noon. Prof. Walsh-Childers will start speaking at 1.



Pr. Nate Gruel and his reps from All Saints Lutheran Church, Ocala



Family Promise Update



Greetings, everyone! After a long break, we're hosting families in crisis again from **Sept. 23 - 30**. We're blessed with such a solid core of wonderfully experienced volunteers at UELC, making my job as coordinator relatively easy. However, a couple of new helpers would make the process a bit less pressured on everyone. Most hosting duties only require 2-3 hours! New volunteers will always be paired with experienced ones. There's something for extroverts and introverts alike.

These are the simple ways you can help our Family Promise families on one day during that

week:

- Dinner preparer (or purchaser): Meal should arrive at church by 5:30.
- Dinner host: From 5:00 pm till 7:00 and/or 6:00 till 8:15.
- Overnight and breakfast host: From 8:15 pm till 7:30 am.
- Breakdown of rooms helper: Sunday morning (Aug. 30) for an hour between 7:00 and 9:00.
- Linen launderer: Sunday (Aug. 30).

Also, on September 20th, is the *Every child deserves a home* Fall fundraising luncheon. Speak to Pat Dasler or me if you would like to attend or know someone from the larger Gainesville community we should invite. It's an important opportunity to reach potential congregational or corporate partners in the goal of ending child homelessness in our community.

Contact me with questions or for details on volunteering: amy_schirmer @yahoo.com. Or find the sign-up sheet in the Kaiser Center.

Website Update



Friends,

A new icon has been added to our website home page. "Our Calendar". I ask all of you to kindly email me your plans, titles and specific information about upcoming events for the month. It would be for instance service days and projects, the title and presenter of LIFT, activities of the Bee, Planned workdays, Social gatherings, Game day Parking info and contact, etc

Our website is only interesting if items are up to date ,and I will do my best provided I get the information. Andy Noss and I can work together as he published the calendar in the Lampstand, but I for one am not fond of the curious format necessitated by the inclusion of the publication in our site.

The calendar icon on the home page is my attempt to make church events and activities fairly obvious to all website visitors.

Betty Young Memorial Service

Our long-time beloved ULC member, Betty Young, passed from this earthly life on July 6, 2018. A Memorial Service celebrating her life was held in the Oak Room auditorium at the senior residential community of Oak Hammock on August 11, 2018. Pastor Jacob officiated the liturgical service. He gave a sermon titled, "The Comfort and Joy of Giving Thanks," recalling how, in every circumstance, Betty found something to be thankful for. Our pianist, Moses Choi, accompanied the hymns. A writing friend of Betty's gave a tribute, and that is when some of us learned that Betty had written published poetry. An ice cream social reception was held across the hall after the service.

A number of family members from various states attended, as well as several ULC members, and very many residents of Oak Hammock, where Betty and her late husband Bob Young had resided after they moved to Gainesville from coastal Florida. In that time she had gained many friends at Oak Hammock.

Some of us thought we had come to know a lot of Betty's adventuresome earlier life, but since she was so modest, there was much more to know in the summary printed in the service program, as follows:

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"Betty Young passed away July 6, 2018 at her apartment at Oak Hammock, Gainesville, Florida. A lifelong learner, traveler and lover of art, Betty's family and friends from around the world will miss her. She lived until the full age of 89.

Betty's career and travels took her to many corners of the world. She covered the United Nations in NYC as a reporter for the Voice of America. Later her career with the US State Department led her to many personal and professional adventures in Bordeaux, France; the African country of Dahomey (now Benin); Saigon, Vietnam; Jakarta, Indonesia; Tehran, Iran, and many other places around the globe.

After settling into her home at Oak Hammock, Betty spent her time enjoying friends, taking classes in the University of Florida's continuing education program, writing, enjoying art and being an active member at University Lutheran Church.

Betty is survived by the children of her previous husbands Alan Jackson and Bob Young, as well as a sister Linda Jo Hall, a niece Lee Ann Pugh and a nephew John Allen."



Village of Hope



Thank you for the support for the Village of Hope Christmas Project. A \$120 check was sent to VOH to purchase 120 boxes of Jumbo Crayons. An additional \$155 was donated and this money is going to help with the LIFT sponsorship of their child.

A check for \$6,720.00 was sent to VOH in June representing the 23 children that are sponsored through UELC. Another check will be sent at the end of the year with donations of members who pay monthly.

The following is from the thank you letter that was sent to UELC from VOH:

"The prayers and support of Village of Hope student sponsors make a difference in the lives of many people in Haiti. We are able to offer quality Christian education to over 600 students. We are working to fight malnutrition, provide better health, and offer dental and eye care for students and staff. Dedicated teachers, staff, mission team members, and volunteers enable us to keep administrative costs to a minimum so that we can focus on maintaining excellence

in our Christian Education and Health Ministry."

"Most important, we depend on the support of caring Christians who know that through all of us, God can make a difference in Haiti."

Sponsorships can begin at any time during the year. Contact Janet Janke, UELC Lazarus Project Coordinator, for information.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 19th Sunday Pentecost FAMILY PROMISE 9:00 Adult Forum						1 7 pm AA
10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship						10 pm AA
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16 17th Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	17 7 pm AA	18 11:30-1 pm The Bee 6-7 pm Campus Ministry	19 7 pm Choir	Family Promise Fundraiser Lunch	21	7 pm AA 10 pm AA
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