

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

November 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

Thanksgiving is a time of Hospitality

After Sunday morning Worship, as we were spending time with each other in fellowship in the Kaiser Center, a woman with a few suitcases and bags came to sit at the bench we have near the street, as a sign of our hospitality to all passersby. One of our members noticed her and engaged her in conversation. She explained that she was homeless and in need. Our member invited her into the Center to join us for refreshments and to speak to me.

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December Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the October newsletter by November 28th to Andy Noss
andrew.noss@yahoo.com

November Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers

Nov 4 Pat Dasler / Otto Johnston

Nov 11 Becky / Sam Borgert

Nov 18 Krissi Norford / Nathan Gross

Nov 25 Austin MontMarquette / Ron Bauldree

Altar Guild

Nov 4 Joan Anderson

Nov 11 Elaine Manion

Nov 18 Jackie Klein

She was helped to bring her bags into the Center, introduced to me and others and was led to the food table. She was served food and invited to sit at tables with our people, and engaged in deep conversation.

Once I was done with another conversation, I invited her to meet with me in our meeting room, asking her to bring her food along. I apologized to those who were sitting with her. She was overwhelmed by the hospitality of UELC. After spending a fair amount of time listening to her story, I asked what she needed. It turned out that she needed some money to get a bus ticket to another Florida city, where her chances are greater to find shelter, a job and to connect with family. We bought a bus ticket online, printed her ticket, gave it to her, and invited her again to sit at table to share food and conversation. Then we gave her one of our regular food packs to tide her over on the bus. Finally, two of us prayed for her and another UELC family drove her to the bus depot and sent her on her way. She could not stop thanking us.

This is a very common narrative for the homeless in Gainesville, and we have assisted many in their struggles. The lessons we continue to hear as God places people in need before us, is that **hospitality is not just about giving people money or food. It includes spending time with the needy, inviting them to our table, talking with them about their lives, offering to pray with people and helping them in any tangible way we can.** Let us strive this Thanksgiving to be hospitable by freely giving off our time, our resources, our skills and abilities, doing all out of a heart that Jesus reaches out through. Be God's vessels of the Love of Christ to all people. Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Hospitality!

Your Pastor, Terrance Jacob



Nov 15 Jackie Kohn
Nov 25 Mary Lou Schirmer

Lector

Nov 4 Sam Brill
Nov 11 Sandy Bauldree
Nov 18 William Speer
Nov 25 Ruth Fugmann

Ushers

Nov 4 Jeanne / Bill Chamberlin
Nov 11 Roger Springfels / Phil Noss
Nov 18 Gene Brandner / Andy Noss
Nov 25 John MontMarquette / Phil Noss

Greeters

Nov 4 Krissi / Dan Norford
Nov 11 Ron Fourman / Gene Brandner
Nov 18 Andrea Fourman / Andy Noss
Nov 25 Krissi / Dan Norford

Sound Assistant

Nov 4 Dan Norford
Nov 11 Sam Brill
Nov 18 Dan Norford
Nov 25 Sam Brill

Counters

Nov 4 Donna Day / Andy Noss
Nov 11 Dan Norford / Ron Gordon
Nov 18 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette
Nov 25 Jackie Klein / Rick Dienhart

Council President's Report

Friends, lots of news to report this month.

This fall's stewardship campaign was kicked off with Temple Talks during worship. These are focused on what UELC does as a church, mostly outside our doors. Our Financial Action and Stewardship Team announced that Pastor Ana Lugo, Regional Gift Planner of the Florida Bahamas Synod and the ELCA Foundation, will be doing a presentation to the congregation on March 3, 2019 about making long-term gifts and bequests to the church.



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.

Treasurer Jim Yale reported to the Church Council in October that UELC's income for the year through September is very close to our budgeted income prorated up to this point. He noted that utilities expenses are 30 percent above what was projected but the consensus of council members and media reports indicates that GRU rates in much, if not all, of the community, have been increased substantially for the year.

The council has presentations from two local construction firms who have submitted bids for a permanent replacement of the sanctuary roof. Meanwhile, the Financial Action Team is developing a plan to fund the replacement of the roof. One initiative will be a capital campaign. Your 2019 offering envelopes will have a line, "Roof Fund", representing this campaign.

Pastor Jacob and I reported to the Church Council that the two of us attended a meeting of Gethsemane's Vision Team, a committee established to consider what to do with the vacant lot that church owns next to its parking lot. As part of its consideration of what to do with the lot, the team wanted to talk to the Pastor and me about future possibilities for coordination of activities between Gethsemane and UELC, simply exploring ideas about a possible joint future. The Pastor and I embrace joint activities between the two congregations in general with no specific commitment to a joint future at this point.

The church council has adopted a form that congregational members can sign if they prefer that pictures taken during church events not be used in the *Lampstand* or on the UELC website, or sent to local media as a part of publicity for church events, or posted on individual posts on websites. Council members acknowledged both the importance of using church publications, social media and websites for sharing information about church activities and the need to recognize that some individuals in the congregation may not want their pictures used. The pictures of minor children without their parent's consent will be prohibited.

The annual congregational meeting for 2019 has been rescheduled from February 17 to February 10, to be consistent with the church's constitutional stipulation that the annual meetings be convened within 45 days of a new year.

The church council has voted to convey its appreciation to Anna Grace MontMarquette for her service as a member of council and multi-year coordinator for the football parking. Anna has resigned both positions due to her starting a new career as a school teacher.

Blessings to you all,

Bill

UELCC People



November Birthdays

11/ 4 Loretta Fauerbach
11/ 8 Lissa Montmarquette
11/ 10 Krissi Norford
11/11 Andrea Fourman
11/18 Shari O'Brien
11/22 Rev. Terrance Jacob
11/26 Phil Noss
11/30 Jeanne Chamberlin

Special Prayer Concerns

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



CHRIST CHILD TREE

Look for the Christ Child Tree in the narthex to receive your gifts to show Christ's love. This year's donations will support Family Promise of Gainesville. Your gift carries God's love to others, making a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families. Place your offering in a red stocking and hang it on the tree – take an ornament from the tree for your tree at home.

Passing of Annikki Christensen (92), a former member of UELC

On October 7, 2018 Annikki Christensen, age 92, passed away of natural causes on Sunday, October. She had been a longtime member of University Lutheran Church. Some years ago she moved to the Tampa, FL area to be near family.

Born in Huittinen, Finland on September 24, 1926, she married Bent Christensen in Helsinki, Finland in 1958. They had met at M.I.T. as participants in a Fulbright Scholars program. After courting, they married and relocated to Minneapolis, Minnesota for Bent to complete his Ph.D. It was during this time, Annikki gave birth to their son, Ken. They settled in Gainesville in 1963 when Bent accepted a faculty position at the University of Florida. The birth of their daughter, Eva, followed and Gainesville became their permanent home.

Annikki is preceded in death by her husband of 56 years. She is survived by her son Ken, daughter-in-law Loraine, three grandsons Erik, Lukas, and Kurt, and her daughter Eva. Per the family's choice, a memorial service was held on Saturday, October 13th at 11am in the chapel at Forest Meadows Cemetery.



Our condolences to Annikki's family from all at University Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Campus Ministry News

Students continue to meet on Thursday's at 5:30 p.m. (note change in day in the last 2 months). An initiative is underway to extend our ministry towards a Young Adult Ministry at UELC. This will provide the opportunity for students and younger adults up to age 40 to engage faith conversation and develop a ministry to suit the needs of young adults in a changing world.

One of the Activities:





MOVIE NIGHT: Saturday, November 11, 2018 in the Kaiser Center at 5:30 pm. The movie this time will be the blockbuster, "The Dark Knight". the format includes sharing a meal, watching the movie and having a discussion relating the movie to their lives and faith.

On Thursday, November 29 UELC will host the **Student Survival Dinner** at 5:30 p.m. followed by the **Greening of the Sanctuary** at 6:30. All are invited to the "Greening". Please contact Krissi Norford to confirm your participation in the "Greening" (decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas).

And Thank You to the Football Parkers!



Music Ministry

Advent Midweek Reflective Worship and Soup Supper

Wednesdays, Dec 5th, 12th & 19th

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., starting with a light soup and salad meal followed by a reflective prayer service led by our UELC Music Ministry.



Planning for Advent

Advent is a wonderful opportunity to receive more of God's Grace. God wants to bless us with more power, love and joy but we are too busy with our lists of chores and the clutter of our daily lives. The loud clamoring voice of living drowns out the voice of John the Baptist "prepare ye the way of the Lord". God does not need Advent WE DO!

If we want this treasure - this gift of Christ's Life in us - we need to stop and make room for Him. We need to build our Hope and our Faith to enable us to live in Peace, Love and Joy in a world with so much strife and heartache. Then we can be witnesses to the life of Christ in us.

During Advent we take time to remember how much we are loved by God. We look deep into our hearts to root out all the stuff that is keeping us from having a close, loving relationship with Jesus. We may want to empty out more of ourselves to make more room for Jesus to be born in us so that we will be able to walk, talk and live like He did. These three worship evenings are a gift to us from our Father, come receive your Gift.

Crystal Jacob, Minister of Music



Advent Potluck and Soup Suppers

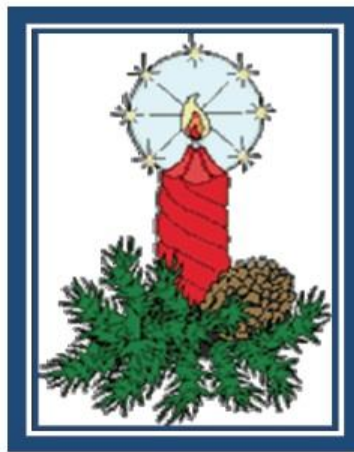
Advent Lunch Potluck

December 2nd following the worship service

The annual advent lunch potluck and Christmas Carole sing-a-long will be held Sunday December 2nd. Following the worship service in the Kaiser Student Center. This is a festive event for everyone - members, students and friends.

Please add your name to the sign up sheet so we will be sure to set a place for you. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share that serves 12 or more. A punch will be served. There is always a need for volunteers to help with set up, decorating and clean up. Call Caroline Yale 495-1742 if you can help.

This Advent Lunch will honor all UELC Nineties Club Members – those members 90 years old and above by the end of 2018.



Advent Soup Suppers

Wednesday's at 5:30 PM

Starting on Wednesday December 5th

Volunteers are needed to help with the soup suppers for the 3 Wednesdays in Advent. Two volunteers are needed to prepare a pot of soup to feed about 30 and provide the bread or crackers. One of the soups should be vegetarian. Additional volunteers are needed to help set up and clean-up. Someone from the hospitality action team will be around to assist volunteers in the kitchens

Please consider adding your name to the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.



The Bee

**JOIN US ON TUESDAYS
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

Lutherans In Fellowship Together (LIFT), our monthly gathering to share a meal, have fellowship and hear presentations of interest to all.

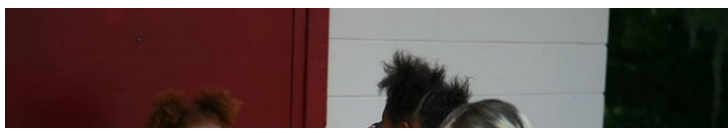


Thrivent Presentation by Deanna Edwards, on Investments and Financial Planning on 10/11/2018. Deanna shared many tools for financial planning. Her polished PowerPoint presentation included investment trends, stats and best practices. There was an enthusiastic time of discussion following her presentations. Deanna is well known to UELC; she is the daughter of Beverley and Ron Gronwall.

On November 8, 2018, Colt Little will do a presentation on Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, and share his experiences of climbing Africa's highest mountain. Colt is a member of UELC and is happy to share his travelogue with us.

Family Promise

You will not want to miss a special Family Promise event coming up this week at the



Harn Museum. "Through the eyes of a child" is on exhibit now until Nov. 19th, BUT this Thursday, Nov. 8, from 6 - 9 pm the photography installation will be featured during Museum Nights at the Harn.



More than 20 photographs by children capture their perspectives on homelessness. The art creation and installation was organized by Family Promise of Gainesville, a shelter for working families with children. Using the 100 Cameras: Snapshot Project curriculum and the Photovoice technique, this program gives children a voice to express the effects of poverty through photography. The installation takes place during National Homeless and Hungry Week 2018 which supports local children in need.

Attendants who visit the *100 Cameras* photo booth will have the opportunity to receive a free

Fracture glass print of one of the photos on exhibition!

If you can't make it on Thursday evening, the installation is also on view during Harn Museum of Art hours from now until November 19. This is such a unique event that highlights Family Promise's work, but more importantly, the perspective of our community's children who experience homelessness. I hope to see you there!

Hosting

Our **next hosting week is Dec. 2 - 9**. Please ask me how you can get involved!

Peace! amy_schirmer@yahoo.com

Website Update

Hello friends,

In my effort to make our website more helpful I have added an icon and a webpage named Calendar.

I am looking for timely information regarding programs and activities in our church community and by our fellow congregants that serve as an invitation to our members, visitors and interested people to participate in our mission.



Please keep me in mind when you add anything to the church calendar, newsletter and bulletin so I can post it at the beginning of each month. And please do verify that I have the details correctly.

Our website is still a work in progress and I am not totally satisfied with the look. but currently

I wish to work on content. To that end I need all the help I can get. Your council is concerned about privacy, and I am working on a "Members" only web page which would serve as a resource with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. I am in possession of the latest formal membership list, but several of the email listings were rejected when I made a trial mailing with the invitation to our recent Voices Rising Community Chorus Fall Concert.

It would be very helpful that we all check our addresses and emails at the church office and maybe add cell phone telephone numbers in an effort to make communication more direct. Cell phone numbers also come in very handy in the case of a major disaster when our phone tree would be activated to ensure that assistance may be offered or received as the case may be.

Our website is yours, not mine alone. I am happily learning the skill of managing it but would also gladly pass on the opportunity and the service project to anyone more skilled or interested in taking on the mastering of the design.

Thank you for any help you can provide,
Vibeke
Cell 352-262-9803
vibekewilken@gmail.com

Haiti Task Force

Appreciation for UELC's Generosity in Supporting Haiti

Kathie Winemiller, on behalf to The Haiti Task Force of the Florida Bahamas Synod (FBS), expressed sincere appreciation for UELC's contribution of \$220.00 towards the 'Seeds for Haiti' project, by letter of September 28, 2018.

Collectively, the gifts of 25 congregations of the FBS were pooled to send a total of \$10,000.00 (including \$2,500.00 matching 'special projects' funds) to the Lutheran Church of Haiti (LCH) for use in the purchasing of seeds for food crops. These seeds will be distributed to two Haitian communities: **Savanne Zombie** and **Orianie**. The recipients will use the seeds to grow food for their households and possibly also sell some of their harvest. This will assist in increasing their household income as well as their food and nutrition security.

Importantly, they will be encouraged to retain 15% of the harvest: one half of this (7.5%) for replanting and the other half for distribution to other members of their congregation or village who did not receive seeds in the first instance. This feature will promote the project's sustainability.

Pr. Livenson, President of the LCH, comes to Florida several times each year. Arrangements can be made for him to visit UELC through Anita Unrath, Haiti Task Force Chairperson (321-757-3637 or tunrath@cfl.rr.com)

RMG

Village of Hope



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

Our Pastor and Staff

Pastor Terrance Jacob
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Crystal Jacob
Minister of Music (Direct Choir and music-related ministries)

Moses Choi
Pianist

Evelyn Simmons
Administrative Assistant
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November						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults	2	3 Football parking 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
4 23 rd Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	5 7 pm AA	6 11:30-1 pm The Bee	7 7 pm Choir	8 Noon LIFT 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults	9	10 10 am Council Retreat Football parking 5 pm CM Movie night 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
11 24 th Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	12 7 pm AA	13 11:30-1 pm The Bee	14 7 pm Choir	15 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults 7 pm Council	16	17 Football parking 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
18 25 th Commitment Sunday 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	19 7 pm AA	20 11:30-1 pm The Bee	21 7 pm Choir	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
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