

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

January 2019

Our Mission

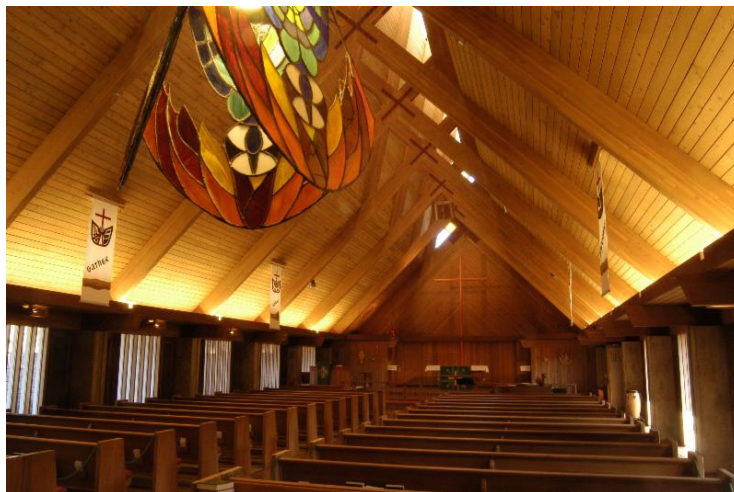
UELC's Mission:

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

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February Newsletter Deadline

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

January Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers

Jan 6 Pat Dasler / Jim Yale
Jan 13 Krissi Norford / Otto Johnston
Jan 20 Nathan Gross / Ron Bauldree
Jan 27 Becky / Sam Borgert

Altar Guild

Jan 6 Joan Anderson
Jan 13 Elaine Manion
Jan 20 Jackie Klein
Jan 27 Mary Lou Schirmer

Lector



When I asked us all to consider a New Year's resolution to spend five minutes alone with God in prayer and reflection, most people looked at me strangely. One look seemed to say, "Are we going to be like **those** Christians now? You know, those legalistic types." I'm not one for religious vows and forced rituals, as they quickly become meaningless, but when our intentions are simply to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and not to "check off" some list of chores, we just might get somewhere; "somewhere" in our quest to be more like the Gospel asks us to be. Being a witness of

ACTS 1:8
"BUT YOU WILL
RECEIVE POWER
WHEN THE HOLY
SPIRIT HAS COME
UPON YOU; AND
YOU WILL BE MY
WITNESSES IN
JERUSALEM, IN
ALL JUDEA AND
SAMARIA, AND
TO THE ENDS OF
THE EARTH."

the Gospel is not a purely human task. It requires us to be moved by the Holy Spirit (refer Acts 1:8). When we spend time alone with God, the Holy Spirit becomes active in our lives, or we just do works on our own.

Some had the look that said, "Only five minutes!" With most New Year's resolutions, we become so ambitious and we think that our enthusiasm itself will make us fulfil it. But lo and behold, each New Year's Eve we lament not having accomplished the resolutions we made for that year. In a fast paced world, even five minutes seems like a long time to wait. Today, we pace impatiently in front of the microwave and get impatient with the coffee maker – even the quick Keurig is not fast enough.

So, I am asking us to be more realistic. Spend five minutes alone with Jesus every evening. Start by reading a short piece of scripture; reflect on the relevance of that for your life; then think about today and what you can be thankful for, as well as what you may need to ask forgiveness for; then, think about tomorrow and how you can be a witness of the gospel; ask God's help to be that witness; then just pray for whatever is on your mind, remembering to be thankful, confessing and offering prayers for others and yourself. We did exactly that exercise during Advent Evening Prayer last month. Let's resolve to do just that all year in 2019! If you have your "Quiet time" in the morning, then use the above by replacing "today" with yesterday and "tomorrow" with today. Have a Blessed New Year!

Pastor Terrance

Council President's Report

Just as suddenly as the Christmas season came upon us, it seems to have left us! As I write this, we have 7 more days of Christmas left. For me, that means sneaking in a few more carols and getting a few more days wear out of my Christmas socks! However, for the liturgical season, it signifies the time when we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ and await the visit of the Magi to see the Christ child. In that wait, we can consider what gifts we bring to the church, and not just material gifts, but how we can use our talents and interests within the church. We may not have frankincense, gold, and myrrh, but we do have our time and our bodies to do work for God's church.

In church news...Congratulations to our new and returning Council members starting in 2019! Becky Borgert, Sandy Bauldree, Jackie Klein, and Janet Janke were elected by the congregation to serve on Council. We look forward to having you on board!

Jan 6 Sandy Bauldree
Jan 13 William Speer
Jan 20 Rick Dienhart
Jan 27 Sam Brill

Ushers

Jan 6 Jeanne Chamberlin /
Ron Fourman
Jan 13 Gene Brandner / Ron
Gordon
Jan 20 Sam Brill / Ron Fourman
Jan 27 John MontMarquette /
Andy Noss

Greeters

Jan 6 Krissi / Dan Norford
Jan 13 Andy Noss
Jan 20 Gene Brandner / Dan
Norford
Jan 27 Pat / Ron Gordon

Sound Assistant

Jan 6 Sam Brill
Jan 13 Dan Norford
Jan 20 Sam Brill
Jan 27 Dan Norford

Counters

Jan 6 Donna Day / Andy Noss
Jan 13 Dan Norford / Ron
Gordon
Jan 20 Rick Dienhart / Peter
Fauerbach
Jan 27 Gene Brandner / John
MontMarquette

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.





Also, at the December meeting, the congregation voted to amend the Enduring Gift Fund Continuing Resolution, which included expanded use of the funds; not limited to Campus Ministry. The church then voted to use the funds available in the Enduring Gift Fund to be used towards the cost of the roof replacement.

As we await the Magi's visit, prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve in the church. What gifts is He asking you to bring to the Christ child? It may surprise you in what direction God may be nudging you.

Peace, joy and blessings,
Krissi Norford, Acting President

UELC People



January Birthdays

1/2	Patricia Simpson
1/6	Benjamin Brander
1/7	George Chappell
1/8	Gene Ryerson
1/8	Lauren Samuels
1/11	Agnes Martinsen
1/13	Beverly Ryerson
1/14	Ronald Bauldree
1/16	Benjamin Borgert
1/16	Barbara Dalsheimer
1/19	Dutch Schirmer
1/26	Crystal Jacob
1/28	Scott Simpson
1/31	Diamond Stutzman

Special Prayer Concerns

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

Baby Shower

Coming to Crib Near You

Tiny yawns and sleepy sigh,

Nursery rhymes and lullabies

Please join us as we celebrate the arrival of

Krissi and Dan Norford's 1st baby

With a Baby Shower Sunday January 13, 2019 from 2-4 pm

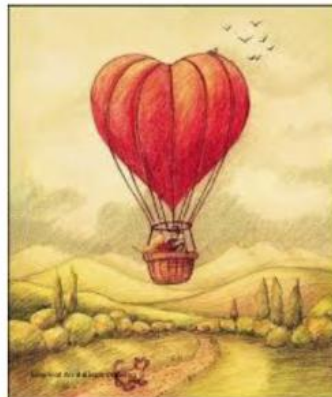
At University Lutheran Church

1826 W. University Ave., Gainesville, FL

Diaper Raffle: Bring a package of diapers of any size for a chance to win a door prize

Check out Kristina and Daniel's baby registry at Target.

RSVP by January 8th - Caroline Yale 352-495-1742 or yaledepot@gmail.com



The 90s Club





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.

Holiday Music

Right in the middle of a busy holiday season at Oak Hammock, Moses Choi came to play some beautiful songs and carols for us in the Upper Commons at 4pm on a Friday afternoon. It was time to take a deep breath and stop to listen - and sing along with - the festive tunes he played on the piano.

Moses is the piano musician at the University Lutheran Church, accompanying the choir and the congregation each week. He is a third year Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Major with Piano Performance Minor and Music in Medicine Certificate student. He has an especially light touch on the keys, and plays with joy and spirit - and always a big smile!

Pastor Terrance Jacobs and Crystal Jacobs (the church music director) joined us all to participate and enjoy the season, taking a relaxed break at Oak Hammock. It was a special holiday treat.



Caroling at the Village





December Music



Adult Forum - New Year 2019

Adult Forum will resume at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 6, 2019. We will begin a series of discussions based on Walter Brueggemann's latest book, *Interpreting Silence: God's Command to Speak Out*. Each chapter of the book is based on a Bible text that highlights the breaking of silence. The first chapter is called, "The Oppressed Break Silence" (Exodus 2:23). Copies of the book are available for \$12.50. All are welcome to the discussion--with or without the book!

Advent

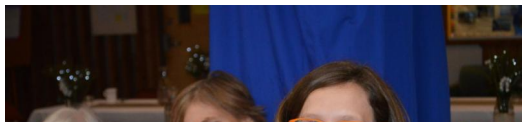








Ladies Holiday Tea





Christmas Eve







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. LIFT will resume in January 2019.

Family Promise





In December we hosted three sociable and appreciative families, providing them warm shelter and wholesome food for a week during their stay in the Family Promise program where they are given a reasonable chance to tackle their needs (jobs, daycare, education or training, and affordable housing). Imagine trying to do that while living in your car or after losing the family's only income due to an illness! Those were the stories of the three families who stayed in *our* home last month. It just so happened that these three families were very loving and supportive of each other, and their children of similar ages were steadfast playmates. Not only a fulfilling week, but fun!

The **Christmas Giving Tree** will remain through Epiphany. All donations will go to Family Promise of Gainesville. Fill a stocking with cash or check, hang it, and take a sweet little house, each made and uniquely decorated by Pat Dasler. Thank you to all who have helped us collect \$190 so far. Of course, if you can't make it to the tree, you may send a check to the UELC office. Just write 'Family Promise' in the 'For' line on the check.

Our next hosting is coming up at the end of this month -- Jan. 27th - Feb. 3. The families will actually stay at our church for an additional week (through Feb. 10th), but be hosted during that second week by United Methodist Church, as their facility is being renovated. Please contact me to see how you can get involved during our week. It's a small way to make a profound impact on the lives of homeless children and their families by extending some compassion and grace during a difficult time in their lives.

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Village of Hope



Village of Hope in Haiti educates over 650 students. Last year 97% of their graduates passed the required national exams, which is more than twice the national average in Haiti.

Other accomplishments this past year include expanding classes for computer science, music, science, and art. They now even have a small band!

The Health Center not only provide students with medical, dental, and ophthalmology care, but also the families and individuals in the villages surrounding the school. They have provided care for 21,000 adults and children this past year.

February/March is when UELC members renew their sponsorships and new sponsorships are encouraged.

The continued generosity of people living in the US ensures that the work of Village of Hope continues to be a sign of God's love in the lives of the countless people they serve.

Contact Janet Janke, UELC Lazarus Project Coordinator, for information.

Our Pastor and Staff

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

Moses Choi
Pianist

Evelyn Simmons
Administrative Assistant
info@ulcgainesville.com

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7 pm Choir	3	4	5 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
6 Epiphany Sunday 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	7 7 pm AA	8 11:30-1 pm The Bee	9 7 pm Choir	10 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults	11	12 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
13 Baptism of our Lord Sunday 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	14 7 pm AA	15 11:30-1 pm The Bee	16 7 pm Choir	17 5:30 pm Students / Young Adults 7 pm Council	18	19 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
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11:30 Fellowship

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7 pm AA

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11:30-1 pm The Bee

30

7 pm Choir

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5:30 pm Students /
Young Adults

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