

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

May 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

Behind a Frowning Providence, He Hides a Smiling Face

On Good Friday, after the storm that downed many trees and left many without electricity in Gainesville, we were still able to have a blessed Good Friday Tenebrae Service that night. God the Holy Spirit so moved our hearts and



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June Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the June newsletter by May 29th to Andy Noss
andrew.noss@yahoo.com

May Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers

May 5 Ron Bauldree / Jim Yale
May 12 Becky / Sam Borgert
May 19 Pat Dasler / Austin MontMarquette
May 26 Krissi Norford / Otto Johnston

Altar Guild

May 5 Mary Lou Schirmer
May 12 Joan Anderson
May 19 Anna Grace MontMarquette
May 26 Elaine Manion

Lector

May 5 Joan Anderson
May 12 Wm. G.

that night. God the Holy Spirit so moved our hearts and worked in each of those who participated in the service, that all present said they “felt something”. As Christians, we need to allow ourselves to “feel” the presence of God. Many of us are afraid to bring our whole selves into our experience of worship. For some it is fear of being vulnerable, for some it is the need to be in control, and for some it feels counter to what they were taught about our religious expression. The Spirit-led “feeling” is not manufactured, but allowed to be felt.

The week after the storm, I was on my roof clearing out branches that had fallen, when I heard the frantic chirping of birds in the tree above. I had learned as a child, that I should take notice of that frantic chirping of the birds as there may be a predator around. Low and behold, as I looked up, I saw a huge owl calmly perched on the tree. It was a sight to behold! I was amazed at the awesome scene, that I felt invited into. The owl looked down on me. The other birds looked little next to this huge owl, as some of them swarmed around her. Even the bright red, energetic cardinal did not cause the great owl to flinch. The owl sat there for over an hour, allowing me to take pictures (one shared above) and letting me get on with my work. The little birds gave up their cackling, as if to acknowledge that the owl was not intending to harm them. They seemed to feel secure, as did I.

I connected the grim - almost morose - liturgy of the Good Friday Service that captured the import of the grim crucifixion of Jesus, with the experience of the birds with this owl, and I marveled. I had been invited into both these in a special way. So I found myself thinking about the words of a hymn: *“Behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face...”*, better known for its title and first line, *God moves in a mysterious way; His wonders to perform* (William Cowper 1774):

***Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.***

Blessed Easter Season

Pastor Terrance



May 12 William Speer
May 19 Ruth Fugmann
May 26 Rick Dienhart

Ushers

May 5 Jeanne Chamberlin / Ron Fourman
May 12 Gene Brandner / Andy Noss
May 19 Ron Gordon / Phil Noss
May 26 Roger Springfels / John MontMarquette

Greeters

May 5 Ron Gordon
May 12 Dan Norford
May 19 Ron Fourman
May 26 Gene Brandner

Sound Assistant

May 5 Sam Borgert
May 12 Sam Brill
May 19 Dan Norford
May 26 Sam Brill

Counters

May 5 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach
May 12 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette
May 19 Jackie Klein / Phil Noss
May 26 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.

Council President's Report

Spring has arrived!! April showers bring May flowers! Mothers Day is May 12th, with our newest Dad , Dan Norford, organizing the days activity. Thank you, Dan.

The new roof looks beautiful and will soon be completed. Thank you for your patience and assistance in altering parking for the period of construction. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

William, our student worship assistant, gave a great sermon on April 28th. Thank you, William--well done.

Attendance is continually being monitored. There were 67 people in church on Easter Sunday!!

There will be a Congregation Retreat in the Kaiser Center on May 18, 2019. Light breakfast will be served at 8:30. The meeting will begin at 9:00 and end at noon. Lunch will be served after the meeting. Please plan to attend as we plan the future of our church.

The Pinelands Concert Spring Gathering on Congregational Vitality will take place May 4, 2019 at Hope Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs at 9425 North Citrus Springs Blvd. Refreshments/fellowship at 9 AM, 9:30 business meeting, 10-12 noon Program.

Have a blessed May

Donna S. Day



May Birthdays

5/16 Bruce Simpson
5/25 Paula Waterman
5/26 Cecilia Noss
5/28 Betty Flanders
5/29 Ronald Gronwall

Special Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for healing: Al Schilling, Agnes Martinson, Lois Wilkowske, Alice Simpson, Dutch Schirmer, Ron and Beverly Gronwall



Altar Flowers

A beautiful way to remember a loved one or a special occasion in your life.

Check the altar flower chart located in Kaiser Center to sign up for a Sunday that would be meaningful for you. Cost for flowers is \$25.00. Please contact Evelyn in the church office if you have any questions. 352-373-6945



Happy April Birthdays to Kathy, Sam and Rick!!

Hats off to HAT

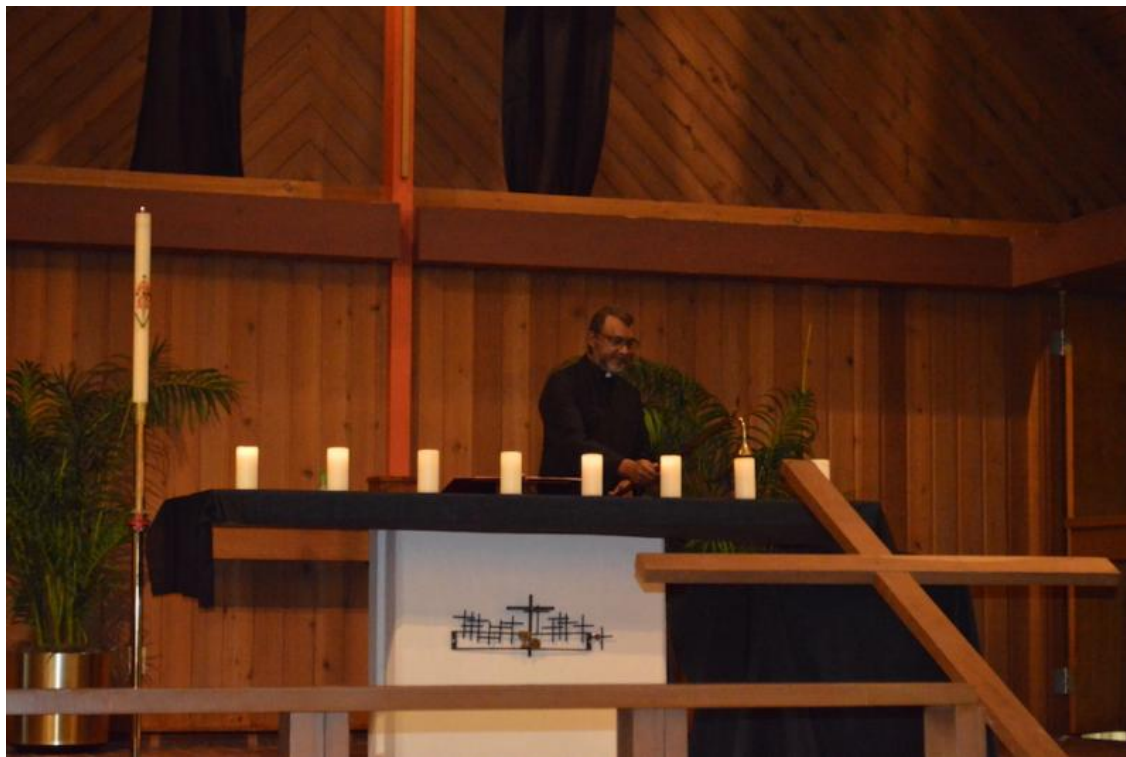
I am overwhelmed with admiration and gratitude for the dedication of the Hospitality Action Team (HAT). Overseeing weeks of Lenten suppers, regularly hosting a creative variety of tantalizing and nutritious

Sunday treats, organizing an inviting and festive Easter brunch ... especially remarkable efforts even as different members of HAT individually were experiencing personal life-challenges along the way.

Thank you, HAT, for facilitating fantastic fellowship for the church family and friends!

Not signing, since I am surely not alone in the sentiment and many would say "Amen" to **that**!

Good Friday



Easter Sunday

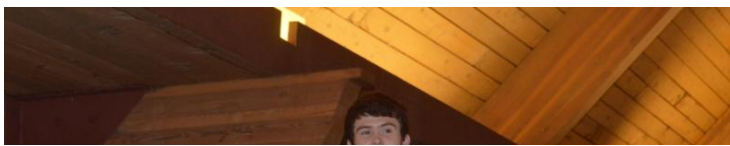




Campus Ministry News

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.

Thank you for blessing the congregation through Young Adult Sunday on April 28.







Music Ministry

It was fun for our Music Ministry to engage in so many diverse ways during Lent. Yes, it was hard work, yet it was a blessing for every one of us. Our Music Ministry has some of the most dedicated people who, most importantly, bring their hearts to this ministry.

On Lenten Wednesdays we used the Holden Evening Prayer (Lutheran) combined with elements of the *Lectio Divina* (Benedictine) and *The Examen* (Ignatian). The Good Friday Service was a Tenebrae-type service (used in various Christian Traditions on Good Friday), but we incorporated Eight Stations of the Cross, following Jesus' steps to the cross - the Via Dolorosa. These services, or parts of them are available through UELC's FaceBook page and YouTube.

From Easter on, we have returned to our more upbeat liturgy, to mark the joy of the Resurrection.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Adult Forum

May 5 and 12: We will study the Document, "We will No Longer Be a Welcoming Church". It is a study in preparation for our Congregation Retreat on May 18, and it covers the issue of being an Inviting Church, in addition to being welcoming, as most churches profess to be. The article is available in the narthex and from the office.

May 19: We start a study of the devotional book by Rev. Frederick Castor, "Discerning God's Active Involvement in Your Life". This will be discussed over 6 weeks. The book will be available for purchase at \$8.00. Please sign up for it in the Kaiser Center. It can also be purchased online.

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

L.I.F.T.

Lutherans in Fellowship Together

Noon, May 9th

at University Evangelical Lutheran Church

“Landmark Status for our Church”

Join us on Thursday, May 9th to find out how University Evangelical Lutheran Church's Sanctuary may be eligible for certification as a landmark structure.

Dr. Morris Hylton, of the UF Historical Preservation Board, will talk to us about “Landmark Status for our Church?”.

Our Sanctuary was built in 1960. Its design is similar to that of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Sanctuary, which was built in the late 1950's in Colorado Springs, CO. While not as large, it is very distinctive and, at that time, very progressive for Gainesville.

Bring your favorite pot-luck meal to U.E.L.C.'s Kaiser Center and join us for fun and fellowship. If you have questions, contact Ron Bauldree, 352-378-9354; email ronbaldree@msn.com.

Family Promise



Join the Family Promise Bed Race May 4th 9:00 – Noon



Come witness the spectacle that is the Family Promise Annual Fundraising Bed Race, and cheer on University LutherUNS Bed Race team this Saturday, May 4th at Trinity United Methodist, 4000 NW 53rd Ave. Race starts at 9:30. There's plenty of shade and atmosphere. I'll have a couple of chairs for you, too! Amidst the crazy costumes and snazzy mobile beds, there'll be a raffle drawing, bouncy house, and possibly a local celeb or two. And all the cash you drop in the

LutherUNS jar will go to support Family Promise's goal of ending child homelessness. Alternatively, we're still collecting money for our bed's donation to the fundraising event. Give a check or cash designated to 'Family Promise' at church. Or, you can always donate via the [FP website](http://www.familypromisegvl.org) at www.familypromisegvl.org.

From portable to stationary beds

We've received 8 hand-crafted bunk bed frames and mattresses that will remain in the Education Wing (on loan from Grace UMC while they rebuild their hosting facilities) for hostings. Hopefully they'll all be up and ready to provide more comfort to the guests this coming host week.

We're accommodating 4 families beginning this Sunday, May 5. Every bit of assistance you give helps our congregation make these hosting weeks work. It's a small contribution of time, talent and groceries that provides a place for several children to sleep and eat in comfort and safety with their parents. Contact me to volunteer or to learn more at amy_schirmer@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continued blessings on this program!



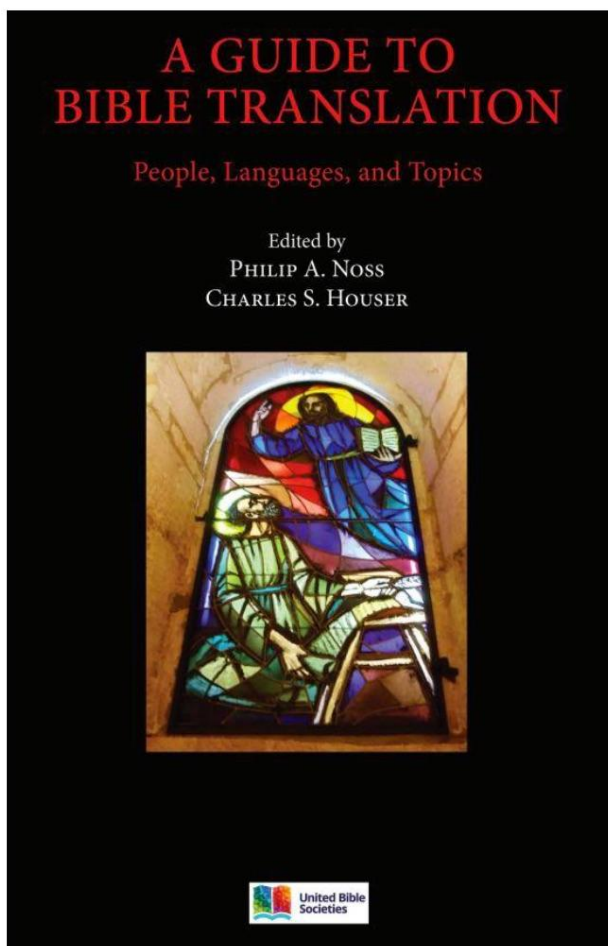


Thank you to all who have renewed or began a new sponsorship for a student at the Village of Hope school in Haiti. Thus far there are 16 students who have a sponsor. It isn't too late if you still want to participate.

UELC recently received a letter from Village of Hope thanking the church for our donation of \$8,538.00 for 2018. We have helped to provide a Christian education for the children who attend this school.

As you may already know, there has been civil unrest in Haiti. This has resulted in the cancellation of mission teams during February and March. That has caused a delay in sending out new photos of your sponsored child. Hopefully they will begin to arrive in the near future.

A Guide to Bible Translation



A new book, *A Guide to Bible Translation: People, Languages, and Topics*, has just been published by United Bible Societies, headquarters in Swindon, England, and Xulon Press of Maitland, Florida. The co-editors are Philip Noss (retired from United Bible Societies) and Charles S. Houser (retired from the American Bible Society). This volume of over 1000 pages contains articles by 180 Bible translators and scholars from around the world. It represents ten years of concerted effort, and even more years of experience and research by the contributors. It is not a "How to translate the Bible" manual. Rather, each of the three sections comprises many short and some longer entries. The first part gives biographies of individuals through the ages who have made significant contributions to Bible translation. The second section tells the histories and stories of many different Bible translations. The third and largest section contains articles about topics of significance in Bible translation, the challenges facing Bible translators in the past and present and the choices they have to make to render the result accurate, understandable and

acceptable to the people for whom they are translating. Examples include anthropomorphism (giving God human qualities); the Tower of Babel; translating rituals, prophecy, poetry, blessings and curses; suggestions for translating words and concepts unfamiliar culturally or geographically to the readership;

translating for blind or deaf audiences; translating for modern media, and many, many more.

This book will be useful for Bible translators, those aspiring to be Bible translators, students, clergy, and laypersons engaged in serious Bible study. The list price is \$61.49 for the soft back version, \$71.99 for hardback, and \$9.99 as an eBook. It is available from Xulon Press, and soon will be posted on Amazon and available as well from Barnes and Noble and Christian bookstores. Royalties will go to the United Bible Societies to support its ongoing work.

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9 am Pinelands Conf

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