University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

June 2019

Our Mission

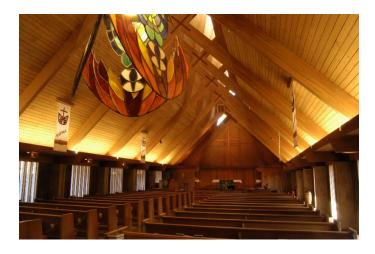
UELC's Mission:

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

Pastor's Corner: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it".



This month the country will celebrate or commemorate what is called Juneteenth, which remembers the final end of slavery in all US states on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas (www.juneteenth.com). While President Abraham Lincoln's

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July Newsletter Deadline

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

June Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers

June 2 Ron Bauldree / Otto Johnston

June 9 Pat Dasler / Jim Yale June 16 Krissi Norford / Otto Johnston

June 23 Becky / Sam Borgert June 30 Austin MontMarquette / Ron Bauldree

Altar Guild

June 2 Pat Dasler June 9 Mary Lou Schirmer June 16 Anna Grace MontMarquette June 23 Joan Anderson June 30 Jackie Klein

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Emancipation Proclamation became effective on January 1, 1863, Texas maintained slavery until Juneteenth. So some might ask, why should we not move on from remembering

this event. For most Blacks it's a celebration of freedom from slavery, but for some Whites is may be a reminder of "the sins of the fathers (and mothers)". In the present day, Juneteenth is celebrated more as a focus on **Black excellence and achievement, against the backdrop of an oppressive past.** To quote Jorge (George) Santayana, the Spanish-born American philosopher "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" (1905).

Even after the end of slavery, for nearly one hundred years, African Americans were treated as less-than – even legally. This made it necessary for the passing in 1964 of the Civil Rights Act, thanks to work of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, made famous by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The jury is still out as to whether we live in a country free of discrimination on the basis of

color. There is still ample evidence that we are struggling as a people to fully transform into a non-racial society. Whether one looks at the reality of racism through the lens of recently talked about gerrymandering, redlining or other pillars of institutional racism, or the widely spoken of racial profiling, which by the way, extends far beyond policing in our society, evidence is clear that we have a long way to go in ending racism in our society.



Even in the church, particularly in the "historic White" churches, it remains difficult for anyone other than White clergy to be called to a predominantly White congregation.

All of this is not for lack of trying. There is a genuine will on the part of ordinary citizens of all races, to work towards a non-racial society. Therefore, we as a congregation need to be vigilant in working towards a more non-racial society, and not say, "We're over it" or "Let's move on." So let us remember: celebrate progress and still work towards fighting racial discrimination, starting with our own "Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria and then to all parts of society". We are all guilty of racial stereotyping, causing us to undervalue some or overvalue others on the basis of race. Our Jerusalem is to start with that. It is what God expected of Peter in Acts 10; to intentionally work against his learned racial stereotypes. Peter listened and the Holy Spirit came to his aid. Use this bible study from the Women of the ELCA as a resource: https://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/resources/StoryofPeterCorneliusBibleStudy.pdf

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it".

Pastor Jacob

Council President's Report

WOW! Summer has not officially arrived, but someone forgot to tell Mother Nature! I hope this finds you "keeping your cool" and helping anyone you know who does not have air conditioning.

Due to conflicts with availability, there was no Council meeting in May. June 4th at 7 Pm will be the next meeting.

The Congregation Retreat on May 18th was well attended. Thank you to all that participated in the event. There was good discussion, a feeling of wanting to improve and to increase attendance. A tour of the buildings was taken to note how a visitor might view our buildings when entering. Two subcommittees were formed to develop and plan future recommendations.

The roof looks beautiful---thank you to all that made it possible to accomplish. A dedication of the roof will happen on June 9th.

Evangeline Norford will be baptized on June 2.

Fathers Day is June 16th.

Enjoy your summer!!!

Donna S. Day

June 2 Sam Brill
June 9 Sandy Bauldree
June 16 William Speer
June 23 Ruth Fugmann
June 30 Joan Anderson

<u>Ushers</u> June 2 Jeanne Chamberlin /

Ron Fourman June 9 Phil Noss / Andy Noss June 16 Ron Fourman / Ron Gordon June 23 Roger Springfels / Phil Noss June 30 Gene Brandner / John

MontMarquette

<u>Greeters</u>

June 2 Gene Brandner June 9 Ron Fourman June 16 Gene Brandner June 23 Ron Gordon June 30 Andy Noss

Sound Assistant

June 2 Sam Borgert June 9 Dan Norford June 16 Sam Brill June 23 Dan Norford June 30 Sam Brill

Counters

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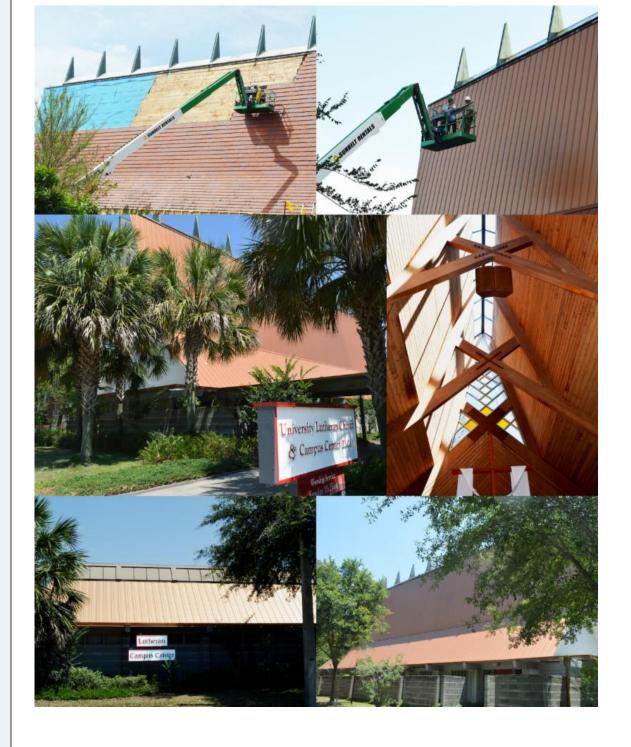
Still Collecting Diapers!

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.



UELC People



June Birthdays

6/13 Peter Fauerbach 6/21 Donna Day 6/22 Anna MontMarquette 6/22 Victoria Stutzman 6/24 Sharon Grant 6/25 Lois Wilkowske 6/27 Kjell Ryerson

Special Prayer Concerns

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

From Lois Wilkowske: "I always enjoy receiving news about the church and members. I do get the Lampstand on my computer and also the weekly sermon with Pastor Jacob. My apartment here is much smaller than the one I had at the Village, but I like it. I get all my meals and housekeeping here so I don't need a larger one. A friend and former neighbor always liked my apartment at the Village and moved in it as soon as it was painted and new carpet installed. She's 20 years younger than me and plans to stay there a long time." If you wish to write to Lois, please contact the church office for her address.

Olive oil from Palestine (organic, extra virgin, fair trade) is available for \$12/bottle (only 2 bottles left!). Please contact Joan Anderson if you would like some.



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 \$30.00. Please contact Evelyn in the church office if you have any questions. 352-373-6945



Congratulations to Bruce on his 92nd birthday!





Thanks your for your visit former UELC pianist, JiHye with Seong and baby JuAhn Hong!



Happy Mother's Day to Krissi!

UELC an Inviting Church - May 18 Retreat













Women's Summer Bible Study

Of Many Generations: Mary, Elizabeth, and Lydia is the Bible Study that will be offered this summer for the women of UELC. This Bible Study is from Gather, the magazine published by WELCA, [Women of the ELCA]. This three part study will be led by Janet Janke.

It will be held the second Saturday of each month on June 8th, July 13th, and Aug. 10th beginning at 9:00 AM in a meeting room at Oak Hammock, the retirement community off Williston Rd. Just let the gate know you are there for the University Lutheran Church meeting and they will let you in and give you directions. We will begin at 9:00 with coffee and end before 11:00.

An invitation has been extended to the women of Gethsemane and the Campus and Young Adult Ministry at UELC to join in this Bible study.

A copy of the study will be available in the church office prior to each session although it is not necessary to read it ahead of time.

The first session on June 8th will also involve a service project, making favors to put on the tables in the Assisted Living Dining Room at Oak Hammock on Flag Day.

With busy summer schedules it may not be possible to come to all three but come when you can as we

gather for study, service, and renowship this summer.

Young Adult Ministry News

The Young Adult Ministry at UELC will resume activities during Summer B. For inquiries contact Krissi Norford (keb.dan@gmail.com).

Music Ministry

At UELC, we continue to have a variety of music and song choices in worship.







Adult Forum

On May 19 we started 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

LIFT will be taking a summer break. We will next meet on Sep. 12th. Our speaker will be Deanna Edwards speaking on Thrivent supported community projects.

Any questions, please contact Ron Bauldree at ronbauldree@msn.com.



Thank you to Dr. Morris Hylton for his inspiring presentation in May on "Landmark Status for our Church."



Family Promise





Thank you to all you supported the successful hosting in May!







Family Promise Bed Race



And thank you to our intrepid Bed Racers!





Gainesville Community Ministry Thank You



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05/07/2019

Dear University Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for generously donating \$345.00 to Gainesville Community Ministry (GCM.) We are very grateful for your generosity and support of our work.

Our work is very important, and what we do is very valued in our community. Our organization was formed to aid the working poor, elderly, disabled and homeless in our community. We help people with food, clothing, housing deposits, utility disconnect, dental, vision, medical and special needs. Our mission is to provide the basic necessities of life in a loving and caring environment and to help those that able to become self-sufficient and free of poverty.

Your kind donation helps us to continue the important and needed work that we do. Again, thank you for your contribution towards our organization. Our work is essential in our community, and donations are how our work is made possible.

To find out more about our organization, please visit our web page at

If you want you can also help us save money on postage. You can elect to receive a thank you/receipt each time you donate or you can elect to receive only a year-end thank you/receipt. Just let us know when you send your next

Thank you !!

donation.

Blessings,

Michael L. Wright Executive Director

Village of Hope



Meet the Principal at VOH

Clovis Elias is the Principal of Village of Hope School in Haiti. Under his leadership the school has grown to nearly 700 students and a faculty of 50 high quality teachers. Clovis and his team have successfully implemented the most rigorous Ministry of Education academic curriculum. Over 90% of the students achieve passing scores on national exams on their first attempt! The VOH school was recently ranked #7 academically among 350 schools in their District.

Clovis says he likes VOH because of the "loving hearts" of the many donors and supporters. He feels God is calling us all together in the mission of education. VOH is a place of action, continually making progress. We are a highly respected member of the Ganthier community and its largest single employer.

From the March 2019 VOH newsletter.

Migrant Refugee Sunday



In June we are invited by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) to celebrate the resilience and courage of refugees and migrants in America and to support them in prayer and welcome.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

DID YOU KNOW?

25.4 MILLION = current number of refugees worldwide

Less than 1% of the world's refugees are ever resettled

85% of refugees are hosted in developing countries (UNHCR figures)

A message from Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, President & CEO of LIRS and

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA ---

"For 80 years, Lutherans in the United States have joined together to respond to God's

call to love the neighbor who comes to us as stranger and sojourner. Since 1939, LIRS has led the Lutheran movement to welcome vulnerable migrants and refugees in America. Together we have equipped and supported over half a million new Americans, while advocating boldly for policies that protect those we serve."

"As you proclaim God's care for the most vulnerable, **pray** for those whose lives are uprooted, and **interact** with migrants and refugees in your communities, we pray that you experience grace and hope in welcoming the stranger, in welcoming Christ our Lord."

Among their other services for refugees and migrants, the LIRS network supports 15 organizations that visit immigrants in detention, including Baker Interfaith Friends. During the last six months of 2018, LIRS reported that more than 900 volunteers around the country made 4,700 visits to 2,200 individuals in detention! In our corner, during the first six months of this year, local volunteers with Baker Interfaith Friends visited with people from 17 different countries who are detained in the Baker County Jail in Macclenny. (The encounters are guaranteed to expand your horizons. We visit twice monthly, offering conversation and compassionate presence. You are invited to join others from Gainesville faith communities in volunteering. Contact Joan Anderson.)

Visit LIRS.org to learn more and to offer support for refugees and migrants.

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Moses Choi Pianist

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June Mon Tue Thu Sun Fri Sat Wed 30 1 3rd Sunday Easter 9 am Inviting Visioning Team, Oak 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service Hammock 11:30 Fellowship 9 am Immigration Table, Creekside 7 pm AA 10 pm AA 5 7 3 4 6 7th Sunday Easter 9 am Ladies' Bible 9:00 Adult Forum Florida-Bahamas Florida-Bahamas Study, Oak 10:25 Worship Service and 11:30-1 pm The Bee Synod Assembly Synod Assembly Hammock F-B Synod Assembly Baptism Evangeline Norford 7 pm AA 7 pm Council 7 pm AA 11:30 Fellowship 7 pm Choir 10 pm AA 13 10 12 14 11 15 11:30-1 pm The Bee Pentecost Sunday 9:00 Adult Forum 7 pm Welcoming 10:25 Worship Service 7 pm AA 11:30 Roof Dedication 7 pm Choir 7 pm AA Visioning Team 10 pm AA

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