

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

July 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

Independence and Interdependence?



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August Newsletter Deadline

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

July Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers
July 7 Ron Bauldree / Otto Johnston
July 14 William Speer / Jim Yale

July 21 Becky / Sam Borgert
July 28 Krissi Norford / Pat Dasler

Altar Guild
July 7 Pat Dasler
July 14 Mary Lou Schirmer
July 21 Anna Grace MontMarquette
July 28 Joan Anderson

Lector
July 7 Rick Dienhart
July 14 Sandy Bauldree
July 21 Sam Brill
July 28 Bill E



Happy 4th of July!!

The Thirteen British Colonies (or Thirteen American Colonies) that declared Independence from the British Monarch in 1776, as enacted on July 4 of that year, made this declaration because they felt they were ready for independence. However, this declaration was also a declaration of inter-dependence between each other AND a wider inter-dependence with the rest of the world.

History has shown the above intent, and the United States grew to be one of the most powerful nations in the world. Our independence, unless understood to be an inter-dependence with the wider community, is a declaration of isolation that turns in on itself. Once we as a nation, as a church or as individuals forget that principle, we are on a fast track to losing our power and sense of worth.

At UELC, we have learnt the value of interdependence, and so we have become a vibrant, connected church. As we celebrate Independence Day this year, let us remember the spirit of interdependence as our Scriptures insist we live into. Hear the words of the writer to the Hebrews:

"²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Heb. 10:24-25 (ESV)

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Terrance

Council President's Report

Council met on June 4th, 2019

The roofing project is nearing completion with a few uncompleted items which are in the process of completion. A request has been to Cantley to provide a completion date.

The copier will soon be replaced since the present one cannot be repaired.

The sanctuary cushions and kneelers need replacement. Vibeke presented samples of printed fabrics that can be purchased locally. It was recommended that the kneelers be 5 inches thick to ensure greater comfort. It was suggested that the Memorial fund be a source of funds for this project. Quotes and samples of suitable fabrics will be obtained.

The Financials were reviewed. Pastor shared a comparison of a 4 month period from 2016 through 2019 of giving patterns. The total seems to be less than previous years. Some may have shifted from regular giving to the Roofing campaign.

FAT will soon commence planning for the 2019 Stewardship campaign.

The next Council meeting is July 16th at 7:00 PM.

Have a happy and safe 4th!!!

Donna S. Day



Ushers

July 7 Roger Springfels / Ron Fourman
July 14 Ron Gordon / Gene Brandner
July 21 Jeanne Chamberlin / Phil Noss
July 28 John MontMarquette / Andy Noss

Greeters

July 7 Ron Gordon
July 14 Ron Fourman
July 21 Gene Brandner
July 28 Ron Fourman

Sound Assistant

July 7 Dan Norford
July 14 Sam Brill
July 21 Dan Norford
July 28 Sam Borgert

Counters

July 7 Dan Norford / Ron Gordon
July 14 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach
July 21 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette
July 28 Jackie Klein / Phil 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.



UELC People



July Birthdays

7/2	Sherrie Kirk
7/3	Jesse Noss
7/7	Richard Brill
7/14	Anders Ryerson
7/16	Caroline Yale
7/18	Kem Jacob
7/21	Mary Lou Schirmer
7/23	Sam Borgert
7/24	Daniel Norford
7/26	Emily Fourman
7/27	Scott Matthew Bauldree
7/29	Pat Dasler
7/31	Roger Springfels

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

The pictures below and others can be found on UELC's FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ULCGainesville/>



*The Holy Baptism of
Evangeline Grace Norford*



June 2, 2019

*University Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gainesville, Florida*

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Many Many Congratulations to Bev and Gene Ryerson on their 50th wedding anniversary!!



And congratulations to Jeannie and Charles Harris on their 50th wedding anniversary!!
They were married at UELC but have moved out of town many years ago, but visited on their fiftieth!



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.

In July the Bible Study will meet on July 13th. The date for the August Bible Study will not be August 10th as previously announced. The new date is Saturday, August 17th. The Bible Study will begin 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.

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 fellowship this summer.

Young Adult Ministry News

Summer B Welcome Cookout is July 2nd at 5:30 pm.

Weekly Bible Study and Discussions resume on Thursday, July 11th, at 5:30 pm.

For inquiries contact Krissi and Dan Norford (keb.dan@gmail.com).

Music Ministry

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



Choir practices in the Kaiser Center on Wednesday evenings at 7 to 8 pm and Sunday mornings at 10 am.
Please contact Minister of Music, Crystal Jacob for more information, suggestions or feedback.



Adult Forum

ANNOUNCEMENT -- Adult Forum - "Lesser Characters of the Bible"

Sunday, July 21, Adult Forum will begin a NEW series of reflections, focusing on minor characters of the Bible. It is based the book, *Obscure Characters and Minor Lights of Scripture*, by Frederick Hastings (1838-1937), a Congregational minister from England known as "the cycling pastor."

July 21, 9:00 AM. "A Devout Damascene (Eliezer); or, Answered while Asking" (Genesis 15:2; 24:1-67)

July 28, 9:00 AM. "Rebekah; or, The Worth of Life" (Genesis 27:46)

Adult Forum will take a 2-week break, and will not meet Sundays July 7 and 14.

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.

Family Promise

We are hosting families again July 21-28. Please contact amy_schirmer@yahoo.com to offer a small amount of time to help make a big difference in the lives of children by providing a safe place to sleep while their parents gather resources for family stability.

Village of Hope



Thank you to everyone who is sponsoring a child at Village of Hope this year. We reached the goal of having 20 children sponsored!

We should be getting an update soon for those sponsors who will be given a new student as the one you had has left the school. Hopefully we will be getting updated pictures to add to the bulletin board of student pictures in the Kaiser Center.

The people of Haiti have a proud history as the only slave colony ever to gain independence. This Caribbean nation, which has faced many challenges throughout history, is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Our sponsorships are making a difference in the lives of the many Haitians who are a part of Village of Hope.

Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly

Report on Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly held June 6-8, 2019 in Kissimmee, Florida

"Alive in Christ" was the theme of this year's conference. This year's assembly was voting for synod council positions, other committee positions and considering the budget for the next year. There were many reports submitted including the Bishop's, the Vice-President's the Treasurers report as well as reports regarding WELCA, Youth, the damage and recovery from Hurricane Michael and Churchwide report from ELCA head office in Chicago. These reports can be viewed on the Florida Bahama's website at fbsynod.com, go to the Synod Assembly and look at the Assembly Guidebook.

The service project this year was the Community of Hope Center in Osceola County. It is described as a homeless outreach and self-sufficiency center. They provide services to all those in need both individuals and families.

Special highlights include:

An inter-religious dialogue that included an Arab-America Muslim Imam, an African-American Muslim cleric and a Rabbi. This was followed by a showing of a brief film entitled "Father K" about Pastor Khader El-Yateem's experiences as a pastor and then candidate for public office in New York, where he brought together Jewish and Palestinian Americans. Pastor El-Yateem accepted a call to the Florida Bahama's synod where he now serves as Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) for South Florida.

A presentation entitled "Vitality" helped the assembly get an idea of the plans the Bishop and his staff have for our synod this year focusing on growing the leadership including rostered and lay leadership. Pastor Rob Gordon, DEM for the North Florida area, which gave a high energy presentation as a part of the "Vitality" plan to renew

Carson, DEM for the North Florida gave a high energy presentation on a part of the "vitality" plan to renew congregations. This was a little "foretaste of the feast to come" that our own Pastor Jacob will be leading us through.

The issues we find facing University Evangelical Lutheran Church are not unique to the synod or churchwide. But we are uniquely positioned with Pastor Jacob, who has worked on various iterations of this plan and is a skilled presenter.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Dasler and Becky Borgert
UELC synod assembly representatives, 2019

Work Days

The Property Committee invites all members to join in beautifying our church and its grounds during the following work days in July: Saturday July 13th and Saturday July 17th, from 8 am to 11 am. Please bring gloves, garden tools, pressure washers, window washing materials, and cool drinks.





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

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm AA	2 11:30-1 pm The Bee 5:30 pm Summer B Welcome Cookout	3 7 pm Choir	4	5	6 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
7 4 th Sunday Pentecost 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	8 7 pm AA	9 11:30-1 pm The Bee	10 7 pm Choir	11 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	12	13 8 am Work Day 9 am Women's Bible Study - Oak Hammock 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
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