

University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

September 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

Friends in Christ, I am on vacation but commend to you, in these times, the message from Bishop Pedro Suárez. I am following the track of Hurricane Dorian from the north and have you in my prayers.

I ask that you read the letter below from the Florida-Bahamas Synod Bishop during this "hurricane season". It includes a special prayer. Please pray for all our people in the whole of Florida, especially our congregations in the south and southeast.

Our community at UELC will, as usual, be there for each other. I have been in touch with our Congregation Council to ensure that we are as diligent as we were during the last hurricane.

May Christ, the Prince of Peace be with us now and always. God IS our refuge, no matter what we encounter in life.

Take care and stay safe.

Peace and blessings,
Pr. Terrance

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October Newsletter Deadline

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

September Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers

Sept 1 Austin MontMarquette / Jim Yale
Sept 8 Krissi Norford / Ron Bauldree
Sept 15 Nathan Gross / Pat Dasler
Sept 22 William Speer / Ron Bauldree
Sept 29 Becky / Sam Borgert

Altar Guild

Sept 1 Anna MontMarquette
Sept 8 Joan Anderson
Sept 15 Jackie Klein
Sept 22 Elaine Manion
Sept 29 Mary Lou Schirmer

Lector

Sept 1 Ruth Fugmann
Sept 8 William Speer
Sept 15 Ruth Fugmann
Sept 22 Ruth Fugmann
Sept 29 Ruth Fugmann



A Word from Bishop Suarez about Preparing for Hurricane Dorian

August 30, 2019

Dear Friends,

Current projections predict Hurricane Dorian will make landfall in Florida sometime Monday or Tuesday. In an abundance of precaution, the synod office will be closed on Tuesday, although the staff are able to work from home and will stay connected and in good communication with each other throughout the weekend. Please continue to monitor local safety instructions and do what you need to do to stay safe and to help those around you stay safe.

Michele Hilton has been working hard to put the pieces of our synod's disaster response plan into place. She is in good communication with local and national disaster response partners, as well as with ELCA leadership in Chicago. We are grateful for that care. We will continue to share relevant information via email, on the synod web site, and on our synod facebook page as it is available. Conference Deans, disaster chaplain Pr. Rusty May, synod staff, and other response partners stand ready to walk with and support this synod in whatever we experience throughout this storm. Michele Hilton can be reached at 941.373.5596 .

As I am sure many of you continue to watch the news reports and review the potential impact in your community, I am also aware that anxiety from previous experiences resurfaces. I have personally been remembering the experience of waiting through Hurricane Irma in a bunker in Pompano Beach. The names of previous storms and the memories are etched in the minds of those who have been through storms before. The memories flood back during these days. My heart is with the communities still finding their way following Hurricane Michael, and for our siblings in Christ in Puerto Rico

Sept 15 Rick Dienhart
Sept 22 Joan Anderson
Sept 29 Paige Hansen

Ushers

Sept 1 Gene Brandner / Andy Noss
Sept 8 Ron Fourman / Ron Gordon
Sept 15 Gene Brandner / Phil Noss
Sept 22 Austin MontMarquette / Ron Fourman
Sept 29 John MontMarquette / Roger Springfels

Greeters

Sept 1 Ron Gordon
Sept 8 Gene Brandner
Sept 15 Ron Gordon
Sept 22 Gene Brandner / Ron Gordon
Sept 29 Nathan Gross / Andy Noss

Sound Assistant

Sept 1 Dan Norford
Sept 8 Sam Borgert
Sept 15 Sam Brill
Sept 22 Dan Norford
Sept 29 Sam Brill

Counters

Sept 1 Jackie Klein / Andy Noss
Sept 8 Donna Day / Andy Noss
Sept 15 Dan Norford / Ron Gordon
Sept 22 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach
Sept 29 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.

and elsewhere who have been so impacted by previous storms. We have heard initial reports from partners in both the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico that, while they received heavy rains, they have not experienced extensive destruction. I am grateful to God for that.

It is in times like this that I take comfort in the reminder our hope is not in our 'stuff' but in the God who promises to hold us. Even in the midst of a storm, we trust that we belong to God, and that in good times and in difficult times, God is present. Christ suffers with us as nature takes its course. No matter what the future holds, we know WHO is there already: our beautiful savior, Jesus Christ who loves us even through the rough moments of life. May you be surrounded by the comforting presence of God's promise to never leave nor forsake you this weekend, and may you be encouraged by the prayers and support of those around you.

Sisters and brothers, as we gather this weekend--in our congregations or in our homes--let us pray together...

"Most gracious and caring God, we are again in the possible path of a powerful storm. We commend to you those who will suffer loss. Sustain them with your love during this difficult time. Unite us as we work with each other hand in hand. Give us strength and courage to face the consequences. Bless and protect those in search and rescue teams. May your Spirit move among us with her grace and power, so we may recover wisely, making the best decision at the right time. Above all, give us your peace, so we can rest in you. Trusting in your mercies, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen"

Together with you in Christ,

+*Pedro*

Bishop Pedro Suarez



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Council President's Report

On August 10th the second Retreat was held with good response of those attending.

On August we welcomed the students back with a luncheon. It was nice to see the interactions and conversing at the luncheon.

A letter was issued to all members of the church containing an update of the spending plan. Any questions or comments, please speak with Jim Yale.

Please be safe and prepare for the possibility of effects from the tornado. If assistance is needed, please notify one of our Council members. Pray for those affected and for their safety.

Go with God!!

Donna Day



UELC People





September Birthdays

9/ 2 Sofia Panagiotopoulos
9/ 7 Ruth Fugmann
9/ 7 Joan Anderson
9/16 Patricia Gordon
9/17 Kristina Panagiotopoulos
9/28 October Stutzman
9/29 Ruth Kalch
9/30 Richard Ezell
9/30 Virginia Lakotas Hedden

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



Happy Birthday to Jackie in August!!

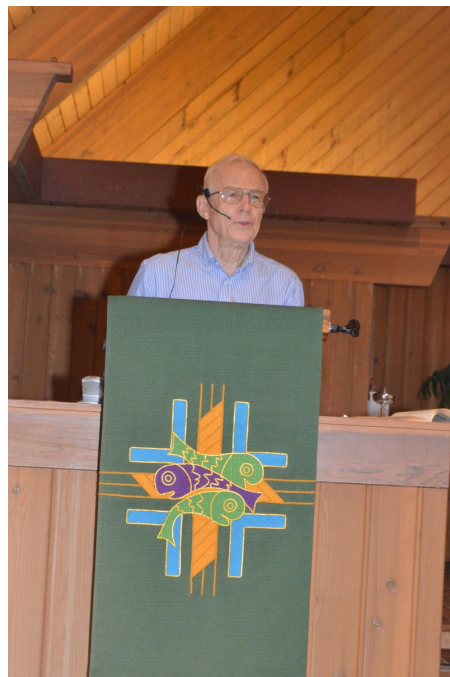




Godspeed to Sharai, off to seminary in Chicago!!



Thanks to our worship leaders in August!



Women's Fall Bible Study

Let Us Pray is the Bible Study that will be offered this fall 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 lead by Janet Janke.

It will be held on the following Saturdays:

Sept. 14, The paradoxes of prayer

Oct. 12, The practices of prayer

Nov. 16. The expressions of prayer

We begin with fellowship at 9:00 AM and end before 11:00. We gather 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.

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 fall schedules it may not be possible to come to all three but come when you can. All three are on Saturdays when Gators play away games!

LIFT

LIFT will 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.

Welcome Sunday for the Congregation, Students & Friends





Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Weekly Bible Study and Discussions have resumed, on Thursdays 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

Adult Forum is pausing, until further notice.

Phil Noss

The Bee

What's the Buzz from the Bee?

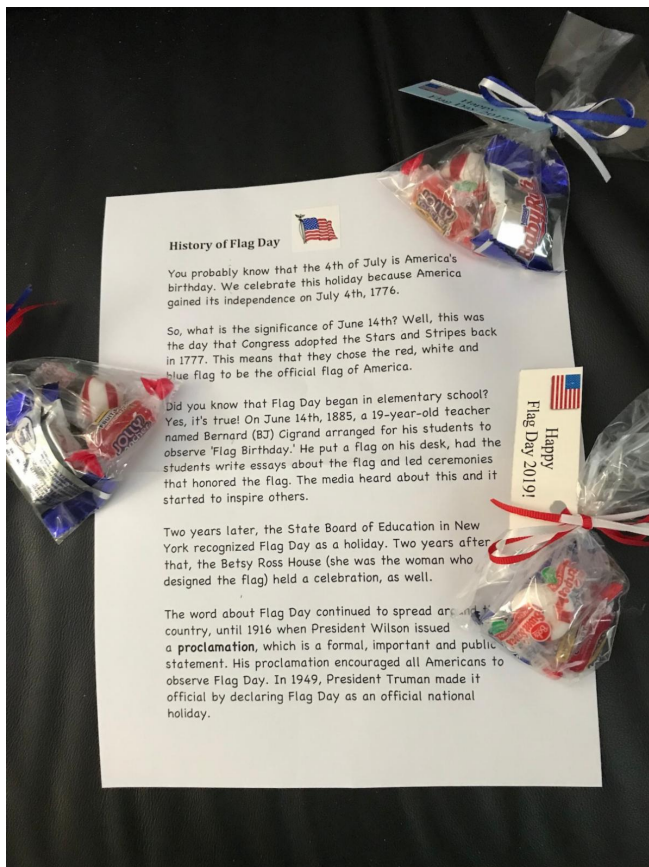
A dedicated cadre of ladies have met over the summer on Tuesday morning from 11:30 am until 1:00. Everyone brings their lunch or not and we share fellowship time together.

We continue to study the Bible and other parts of the service. Sharon Grant has led the review of hymns providing their origin, who wrote the and other interesting information that helps everyone to understand more about the beautiful music that is part of our Lutheran heritage.

We are thankful to be able to have an active ministry of cards to our members and friends. We send cards of encouragement and healing. We also send birthday cards each month to the members who are celebrating their birthday.

The Bee was instrumental in contacting the ladies of the church about the Bible study as an exploratory activity on the development of WELCA at UELC. Janet Janke led the study at Oak Hammock. Each month was devoted to a woman in the Bible.

Recently we started a ministry of providing treats for holidays or special occasions for the assisted living section at Oak Hammock. For Flag Day we provided candy treats to the residents with a note saying "Happy Flag Day!" For the 4th of July we made "rocket treats" for the residents. See pictures attached to this article. The treats are delivered to their dining area during lunch time. The residents are all delighted to be remembered on these special days by the Bee of UELC. For Labor Day, we have made treats about school days since many residents started school after Labor Day when they were children. They will have the School Days song at each table so they can sing it together.



Since our hosting in July, both Kavina and Pam/Richard's families have moved into their own homes, thankfully. As she thanked all who provided meals and shelter, Pam wrote: "This is a positive program as long as you do what is needed to better your situation. The good news is we have our home now. We got our keys!"

Our next hosting is Oct. 6 - 13. Why not [sign up](#) early to volunteer? And in the meantime, all volunteers - and potential ones - are heartily invited to this year's Fall luncheon on Sept. 26. The keynote presenter is a motivating speaker and champion of the homeless, so volunteers are heartily encouraged to attend with no pressure to donate. Please consider joining! (see flyer).



You're invited to
"Every Child Deserves a Home"
Luncheon

September 26, 2019
12 to 1 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville
300 SW 2nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601
(parking is just south of church across 2nd Ave)

Keynote speaker is the CEO of the national network of over 200 Family Promise chapters, Class Ehlers. Mr. Ehlers is one of the nation's leading voices for the fight against family homelessness.

PLEASE RSVP by September 12th
352.378.2030 or
jayne@familypromisegainesville.org
www.familypromisegvl.org

Village of Hope



Village of Hope Plans to Expand Its Impact

Over the past several years, the Board of Directors for VOH has been working on plans to move Hope House in Port-au-Prince out to the Village of Hope campus in the community of Ganthier.

Our vision is to move from being in and out of the community each day, to being truly present in the community we serve. As we plan for this, we see the opportunity to increase the direct impact we have on students, multiply the number of patients we can see daily, and strengthen the authenticity of our service; while also expanding the number of volunteers who can come each year, and providing a better experience for our volunteers when they are here.

Plans for development are underway. More details about this exciting opportunity will be shared soon!

UELC members, Ron Gordon and Janet Janke have fond memories of staying at Hope House sharing meals and fellowship with others who were also there on a Mission Trip that week.

Pinelands Fall Gathering

Pinelands Conference Fall Gathering

September 7, 2019



9:00am - Refreshments
9:30am - Business Meeting
10:00am - Noon - Program

Please note the change in the gathering time and order of the agenda (business meeting before program).

Ascension Lutheran Church
5730 SE 28th St, Ocala

We invite you to join your sister congregations in the Pinelands Conference for our 2019 Fall Gathering. The congregations of the Pinelands Conference meet twice a year—in Spring and in Fall—for fellowship, worship, program, and brief business meeting. We have an exciting program prepared—you won't want to miss it! Business at this meeting includes election of a Conference Dean, Secretary and Treasurer, each for 2-year terms. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in any of these roles, please let us know prior to the meeting if possible. Pr. Terrance Jacob is eligible and willing to serve as Dean and Diane Kahler is eligible and willing to serve as Treasurer if elected.

Program

Interfaith Forum & Fellowship

"United in Diversity: Celebrating Our Differences"

Join us for an Interfaith Forum & Fellowship as we come together "United in Diversity: Celebrating Our Differences." The objective is to educate and engage our leaders/members to begin the conversations around diversity and how to better understand the "other." The setting will be informal allowing for listening and sharing.

Several of our interfaith partners will participate in this forum:

Imam Dr. Shady - Islamic Center of Clermont
Abhinav Dwivedi - Vice President, Hindu University of America, Orlando
Rose Ramos - Bahai Faith Tradition, Ocala

Our program moderator will be *Pr. Rani Abdulmasih*, Associate Pastor at Hope in The Villages. Pr. Rani was a leader in the Interfaith dialogue in Michigan for almost two decades. He is a recipient of the internationally recognized "Building Bridges Award" from the Queen of Jordan, upon her visit to Michigan in 2003.

All pastors and members of the congregations in our conference are encouraged to attend our Fall Gathering. Please share this information with your congregations, including your Church Council!

For More Information Contact: Pr. Terrance Jacob, Pinelands Conference Dean at terrance.jacob@gmail.com or Val Neuhart, Pinelands Conference Chair at val@hope2all.org or by phone 352-978-4593.

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September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12th Sunday Pentecost 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	2 7 pm AA	3 11:30-1 pm The Bee	4 7 pm Choir	5 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	6	7 9 am Pinelands Fall Gathering, Ocala 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
8 13th Sunday Pentecost 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	9 7 pm AA	10 10 am FAT 11:30-1 pm The Bee	11 7 pm Choir	12 Noon LIFT 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	13	14 9 am Women's Bible Study, Oak Hammock 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
15 14th Sunday Pentecost 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	16 7 pm AA	17 11:30-1 pm The Bee 7 pm Council	18 7 pm Choir	19 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	20	21 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
22 15th Sunday Pentecost 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Welcome Lunch	23 7 pm AA	24 11:30-1 pm The Bee	25 7 pm Choir	26 Noon Family Promise Luncheon 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	27	28 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
29 16th Sunday Pentecost 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	30 7 pm AA					

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