

# University Evangelical Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry

The Lampstand

February 2020

## Our Mission

UELCL's Mission:

To Embrace and Share the Love of God in Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit Empowers us.

UELCL'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

### Black Is Beautiful - lament, repent and celebrate!

In the 1960s a movement with the name and slogan, "Black is Beautiful" rose into the spotlight. In a world decrying blackness with "white is right" and "black get back", it became necessary to affirm blackness. This movement did not seek to put down people classified as white but to liberate those classified as black and anyone not considered white.

*"...Full many a flower is born to blush unseen  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air..."*  
Thomas Gray, *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*

February in the US is a month when we celebrate and commemorate the often unacknowledged contributions of Black people in the history of the United States of America and of the world. These are the unsung heroes and sheroes, the "flower(s) born to blush unseen" as the harsh order of modern society "waste(s) (their) sweetness", relegated to the "desert air". In the US, we have, therefore, declared February "Black History Month". Our world celebrates the role of people of African Descent in world history, and laments the omissions as the story of humankind is rewritten.

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## March Newsletter Deadline

Please send any articles for the March newsletter by February 27th to Andy Noss  
andrew.noss@yahoo.com

## February Worship Volunteers

Assisting Ministers  
Feb 2 Austin MontMarquette / Ron Bauldree  
Feb 9 Krissi Norford / Jim Yale  
Feb 16 Becky / Sam Borgert  
Feb 23 William Speer / Pat Dasler

Altar Guild  
Feb 2 Mary Lou Schirmer  
Feb 9 Pat Dasler  
Feb 16 Anna Grace MontMarquette  
Feb 23 Joan Anderson

Lector  
Feb 2 Joan Anderson  
Feb 9 Paige Hansen  
Feb 16 Ruth Fugmann  
Feb 23 Rick Dienhart

Ushers  
Feb 2 Jeanne Chamberlin /  
Feb 9

Also in February of the Church Year this year, on Ash Wednesday, we begin a great lament and recommitment as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ that rewrote the history of humankind. Jesus himself, born as a brown-skinned middle-eastern male, spent his first four or more formative years in Africa as a refugee.

*Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly,  
Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land  
To the house of the Lord your God,  
And cry out to the Lord [in penitent pleadings (laments)].*  
Joel 1:14 (Amplified Version)

On February 26, 2020 we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. During Lent we take the opportunity to intensely focus on the sacrifice Jesus made for us and we examine our own lives with the lens of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That too causes us to lament, repent and celebrate, as "Black is Beautiful" does.

We start the period of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday Service at UELC at 7:00 pm. on February 26.** It will be a blessed, solemn service and I hope that every UELC member will strive to be present. Please also invite your friends and family.

Peace and blessings,  
Pastor Terrance



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## Council President's Report

The UELC Church Council met on January 21, 2020.

Jim Yale, treasurer presented the 2020 spending plan. The council discussed budgeting for facility improvements including the bathrooms in the sanctuary building, as well as a provision to cover potential merit pay increases for the staff in 2020. The council discussed the need for reactivation of the Mutual Ministry board in this regard. The final spending plan will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 9, 2020.

The Financial Action Team (FAT) report, presented by Jackie Klein, noted several items discussed at their meeting and the council recommended exploring a different version of QuickBooks® software to potentially resolve errors in payroll deductions that have occurred by the currently contracted company. Pastor Jacob noted there have been several visitors to UELC over the past few months, many of whom reside in Gainesville. Pastor suggested the need for a subcommittee of the "Inviting Team" to follow up with visitors.

Bishop Pedro Suarez will be hosted by UELC on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> as part of his visit to the Pinelands Conference, of which Pastor Jacob is Dean. The Bishop will lead a worship service, and also address questions about the synod. UELC will prepare to host the Bishop and Pinelands Conference members with breakfast that day.

Andy Noss  
Feb 9 Gene Brandner / Ron Fourman  
Feb 16 Ron Gordon / Phil Noss  
Feb 23 Roger Springfels / John MontMarquette

### Greeters

Feb 2 Joel Beaudry / Phil Noss  
Feb 9 Collin Larke / Ron Gordon  
Feb 16 Austin MontMarquette / Ron Fourman  
Feb 23 Gene Brandner / Andy Noss

### Sound Assistant

Feb 2 Sam Borgert  
Feb 9 Sam Brill  
Feb 16 Dan Norford  
Feb 23 Dan Norford

### Counters

Feb 2 Dan Norford / Ron Gordon  
Feb 9 Rick Dienhart / Peter Fauerbach  
Feb 16 Gene Brandner / John MontMarquette  
Feb 23 Jackie Klein / Phil Noss

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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 newborn 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.

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The Hospitality Action Team (HAT) reported a new refrigerator has been installed and HAT will be improving the signage to ensure proper use.

The next council meeting will occur on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,  
Becky Borgert

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## UELC People



## February Birthdays

2/ 2    Becky Borgert  
2/ 9    Eugene Brandner  
2/18    Laura Ling  
2/24    Elaine Manion  
2/26    Walter Leite  
2/26    Otto Johnston

## Continued Prayer Concerns

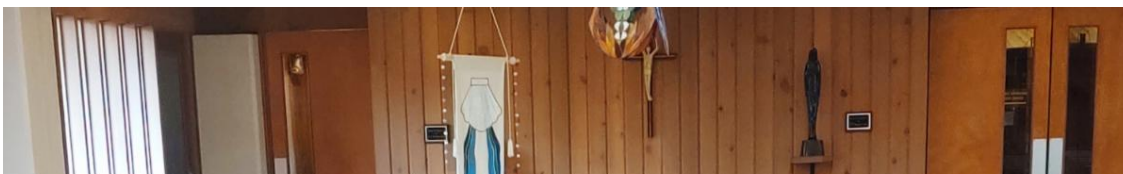
- Prayers for healing: Agnes Martinson, Lois Wilkowske, Dutch Schirmer, Ron and Beverly Gronwall, Les O'Brien



## *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 Dutch!**



**Thank you for your visit, JiHye and family**



On Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Pie Day “π”. We are only a day late. Members of the congregation are asked to help the hospitality team by bringing a pie to serve at hospitality time. It can be a meat pie, a vegetable pie or dessert pie. Please contact Caroline Yale if you can bring a pie.



## Calling All Bakers

Do you enjoy baking? Each month at UELC we celebrate the people who have birthdays during the month. The Hospitality Team is looking for cake bakers for birthday Sundays. If you are interested, please let Donna Day, Jeanne Chamberlin or Caroline Yale know.



## Missing Coffee Pot

Missing from the church kitchen is one of our coffee pots. Does anyone in the congregation have a coffee pot they are no longer using and would like to donate it?



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### In Memory of Alvin Schilling

UELc member since 1998, Alvin Schilling, passed away in Jacksonville Memorial Hospital on January 6, 2020, Pastor Jacob at his side.

Alvin (Al) was born on April 8, 1949, in Newberry, Michigan, to William and Myrtle Schilling. Following his graduation from George Mason University International School of Law, he built a successful law practice in northern Virginia. Later, after moving to Florida, he continued his work as an attorney, obtained a Masters' degree in history, and a PhD in History and Educational Law. Al is survived by siblings William Schilling, Lois (John) Winslow, Fred (Marcia) Schilling, and Timothy (Judy) Schilling; seven nieces and nephews; seven cousins and many great nieces and nephews. Brother Paul Schilling preceded him in death. A memorial service will be held at a future date in Michigan. His family asks that memorial gifts be made to the Organ Fund at University Evangelical Lutheran Church.



While Al was an active member at UELC, he served on the Congregational Council, the Worship Committee and headed the Worship Board. He helped with a number of fundraisers, and frequently led the Adult Forum sessions. He was a gourmet cook and brought exceptional contributions to our monthly LIFT potluck luncheons and to church dinners. Shari, who knew Al for twenty years, tells how he had supported her ministry to the Jacksonville Campus Ministry program in many different ways. She also recalls Al teasing her about going motorcycle cruising with him, which she declined. Otto expands our knowledge of Al's contributions on the University of Florida campus. When Otto was President of the Florida Foreign Language Association, he called upon Al to give a key note address on legal issues in the educational establishment. This aroused such interest and prompted so many questions, Otto invited Al to offer workshops on the subject in subsequent meetings.



Al's early hearing loss complicated his professional life, and he was in poor health the last several years. Following surgery for cancer at North Florida Hospital in 2018, he was admitted to Plaza Health and Rehab in Gainesville, and later transferred to First Coast Health and Rehab in Jacksonville. A number of UELC members who knew him wrote thoughts and tributes to Al in a memory book, which was sent to his sister Lois in Michigan.

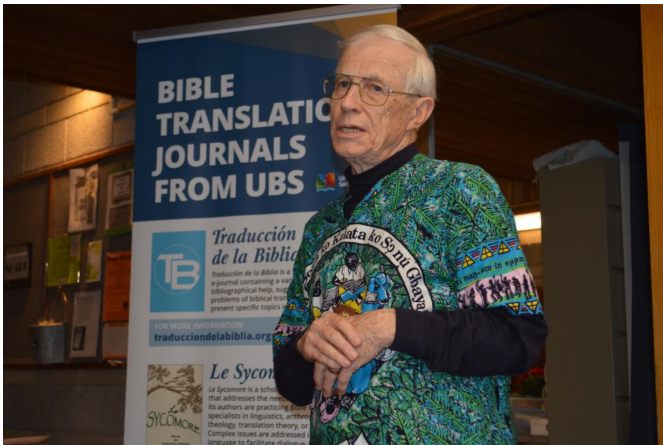
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## LIFT

**Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, at Noon**

**The Alachua County Library.** Rachel Cook, Public Relations and Marketing Manager for the Alachua County Library District, will be with us to talk this powerful resource in our county. Our library offers much more than just books. Rachel is also a UELC member.

Join us for our monthly potluck luncheon where we continue learning while enjoying the fellowship of our fellow Lutherans. Please bring your favorite potluck dish and join us. We will see you then. If you have any questions, contact Ron Bauldree, [rbbauldree@msn.com](mailto:rbbauldree@msn.com)



Thank you to Phil Noss for his talk in January on Translating the Bible Today.

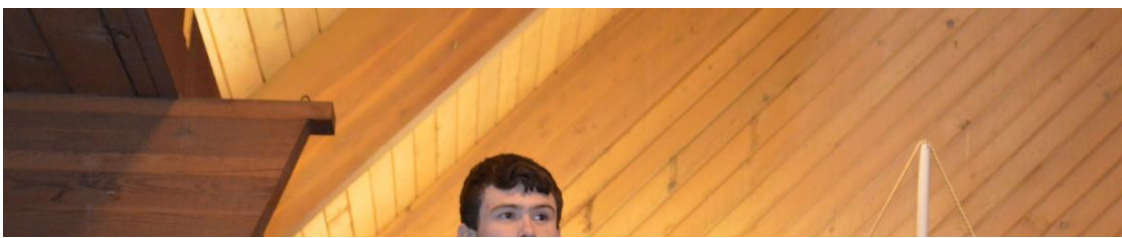
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## Young Adult Ministry

Campus/Young Adult Ministry weekly meetings on Thursdays, 5:30-7:00.

All Students and Young Adults are welcome. We are alternating between Bible Studies and discussion on the new series, *Dialogues: Race*.

For inquiries contact Krissi and Dan Norford ([keb.dan@gmail.com](mailto:keb.dan@gmail.com)).





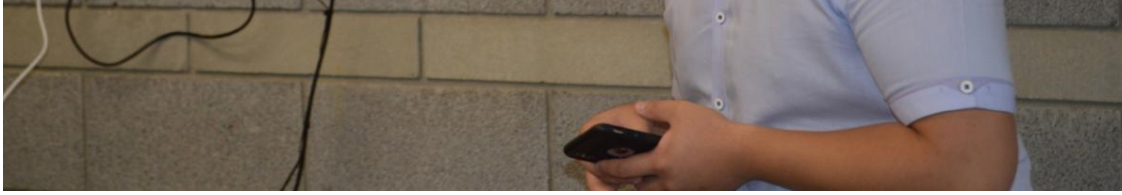


Thank you to William for your sermon.



Blessing Sharai as she returns to seminary.





Moses reporting on his December Mission Trip to Haiti.



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## 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.

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## The Bee - What's Happening?

The Bee has been busy doing projects and sending cards- get well, birthday, and thinking of you - to members and friends of the congregation.

Blessings,  
The Bee

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## Adult Forum

A new discussion on ***Dialogues: Racism*** meets on Sunday mornings, 9-10 am.



## Family Promise



### Family Promise

#### Bed Race to help end child homelessness

This is an earlier Leap Year Family Promise bed race, a fundraiser to help our Gainesville area end childhood homelessness. Please join as a spectator from 9:30 - noon on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> at Trinity United

Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Because of the timing conflicting with the UF Spring break when our students will be away, we've decided not to enter a bed this year. Instead, we're asking folks to:

- donate toward a UELC 'twin bed' sponsorship of \$350
- come cheer on the racers!! This is actually the best thing you can do. As always, plenty of raffle prizes and kid-friendly activity abound on the pleasant grounds of Trinity UMC.

#### Current hosting

We'll farewell three families this first weekend of February. One family graduated and moved out, while two others moved in during the two weeks of hosting (first week staffed by Grace UMC). As the new families arrive, it is incredibly heartening to see the young children excited to see their new beds in a warm room! Thank you so very much for all of your continued support -- emotional and tangible!

## Village of Hope



### Lazarus Project Sponsorships

It's that time again! February/March is the time sponsorships are renewed and new sponsorships begin at UELC for the students at Village of Hope in Haiti.

Sponsorships at the Village of Hope provide a child with a Christian education, uniforms, two meals each school day, and dental and medical care.

The cost to sponsor one child is still \$480 a year. This can be paid annually, quarterly, or monthly at \$40 a month. Another option is for two or three people to share a sponsorship of a child.

Checks should be made out to University Lutheran Church and put in your offering envelope with the notation "Lazarus Project" on the special gift line and also on the memo line of your check. Your contribution will be reflected on your UELC statement of giving.

For additional information contact Janet Janke, Lazarus Project Coordinator at University Lutheran Church. at [irianke147@gmail.com](mailto:irianke147@gmail.com) or 372-8610.

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## February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> FAMILY PROMISE 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
<b>2</b> FAMILY PROMISE 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Epiphany 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	<b>3</b> 7 pm AA	<b>4</b> 11:30-1 pm The Bee	<b>5</b> 7 pm Choir	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 pm AA 10 pm AA
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<b>23</b> Transfiguration of our Lord 9:00 Adult Forum 10:25 Worship Service 11:30 Fellowship	<b>24</b> 7 pm AA	<b>25</b> 11:30-1 pm The Bee 7 pm Council	<b>26</b> 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Young Adult and Campus Ministry	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 pm AA 10 pm AA

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