

Faith Family United Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter



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*Welcome to
Our Faith Family Church*

An Open And Affirming Congregation.

All Are Welcome Here!

April 21, 2024

Sermon & Scripture this Week: Genesis 37:1-11

Humility and Forgiveness leads to great opportunities

Gen 37:1-11 The favored son

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and

he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.



Scripture Reading for April.

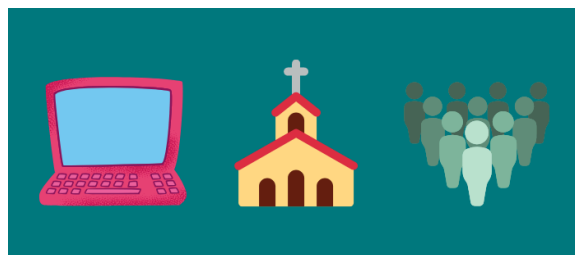
Apr. 7,	Gen. 32:22-32	Wesley
Apr. 14,	Gen. 34:1-17	Jill
Apr. 21,	Gen. 37:1-11	Mike
Apr. 28,	Rev. Cyr Preaching	Jackie

Hospitality Volunteers

For April

Apr. 7,	Cindy
Apr. 14,	Jackie
Apr. 21,	Natalie & Mike
Apr. 28,	Randy & Michael

This could be the new look for the Church of the Future.



If you are unable to join us in person, please join us at 10:30 every Sunday on the Faith Family facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FaithFamilyUCC> . If you can't join the livestream, the videos will be available on our facebook page and on our website for

replay at your convenience. You can also re-watch the sermon on the church's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCToaxv_kDUYBpjNQpAkAuL



How Do We Worship?
Florida UCC Women
97th Annual Conference

Come let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
Psalm 95:6 (NLT)



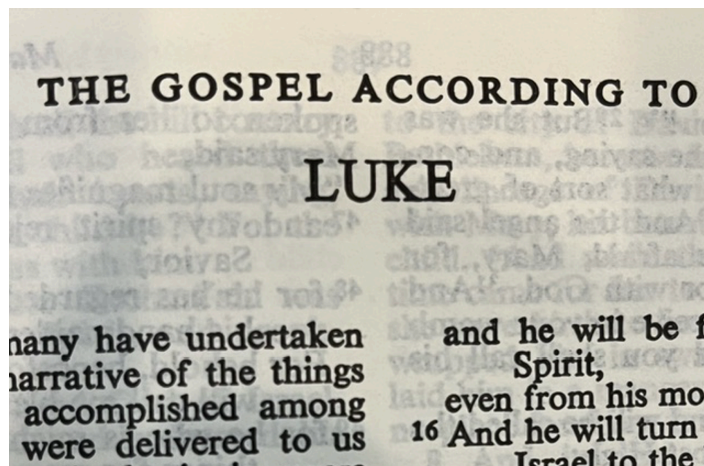
Join us as we gather to explore
alternative worship experiences!

April 26 - 28, 2024

**Warren Willis United Methodist
Camp and Conference Center
Fruitland Park, Florida 34743**

Registration Information & Conference updates
now available at: www.uccfla.org/meetings





Bible Study

Sunday morning @ 9:30

We are live streaming the study on Facebook.

We are going through the book of Luke.

This week we Apr. 7th will be going over Luke 8:16-39



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Congregation Beth Shalom

2024 Food Bank Dates

April 21 May 19 June 16 July 21 Aug 18
Sept 22 Oct 20 Nov 17 Dec 15

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People's Prayers for Peace



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"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Phil. 4:6-7

Wars and conflicts continue to escalate around the world. Injustices and inequalities manifest as racism, discrimination, gender-based violence, economic disparities, and other issues. As a communal response to uplift these sorrows and support our neighbors near and far, General Minister and President, the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson calls the church to a season of prayer. Prayer undergirds our witness, ministry, and advocacy as we work for peace and a just world for all.

This is an open invitation to anyone who feels called to offer a prayer to end violence in any manifestation, and to bring about peace. Share your prayers using the [People's Prayers for Peace form](#) on the National website. New prayers will be published on this page daily. Publishing is at the discretion of the National Ministries of the United Church of Christ and prayers may be edited for content and length.

[Send a Prayer](#)

[Read Prayers of Peace submitted throughout the United Church of Christ](#)



Registrations Now Open for "Epic Journey": An Authorized Ministers Retreat

Mark your calendars and prepare your hearts for a spiritual retreat that promises to rejuvenate and inspire! We warmly invite all authorized ministers of the Florida Conference to gather at the Florida Conference Church House, May 1st and 2nd, 2024, at 9300 University Blvd, Orlando.

This noon-to-noon retreat will be under the guidance of The Rev. Kim Wood, Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference of the UCC, and The Rev. John Vertigan as they lead us through a journey of reflection, connection, and spiritual renewal.

[For more details, and to register, please click here.](#)

Finding your ministry!

Here are some of the ministries here at

Faith Family UCC.

If you have an idea or a passion for helping to make the world a better place, let us know and we can help you with creating, continuing, or expanding a ministry you would like to see.

Feeding homeless people.



Clothing the homeless people.

Boots & Blankets Clothing Give-a-way



Creating a new generation of compassionate people.



Our Youth Group is ready to receive kids for worship on Sunday mornings. But we still need volunteers.

Youth Group Volunteers.

If you would like to be a part of our youth group please let Cindy know so you can start a background clearance.



Music Leader and Musician Wanted!

We are searching for a music leader and musician to enhance our worship together. We have passed out flyers to local music stores, emailed professors at USF, and we are working on sending out emails to local schools. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please direct them to our leadership staff.



With the launch of our Fall In Action campaign, we encouraged our community to show up at every school board meeting across the state for the months of September and October. Over 1,000 individuals across 40 counties in Florida have signed up so far — and are making their voices heard.

It's not too late to join the movement. We are seeing a momentum change, but we still need YOU to sign up, recruit, and engage!



Click [here](#) to check out the latest edition of the UCC Florida Conference Celebrate Florida.

<https://www.uccfla.org/celebrateflorida>



Please send your prayer requests to Joe Ebbing via email, text, or Facebook Messenger. Also please see the emails at the end of the newsletter to send your prayer requests to the Congregational Care Team.



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Faith Family United Church of Christ
...an open and affirming faith community



Faith Family UCC Vision Statement: Because we believe that all are God's children, created in God's image and likeness, this is a community of and for all God's people. We who come together as that community do so in response to the call of faithful stewards of one another and all God has entrusted to each of us individually as well as to all of us communally.

Faith Family UCC Mission Statement: As a Christian faith family of the Great Commandment, we offer sanctuary in the love

of God as we seek to live out a mission that calls us to welcome all without distinction, realize God's reconciling deeds among us, share our gifts to heal the world, and live in love, forgiveness and grace.

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