

*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!*

March 31, 2024

**Sermon & Scripture this Week: Genesis 22:1-18**

**The Greatest Faith**

**Genesis 22:1-18** After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young

men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of

heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”



### ***Scripture Reading for March.***

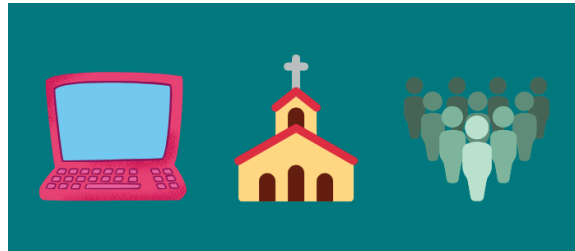
<b>Mar. 3,</b>	<b>Jackie</b>
<b>Mar. 10,</b>	<b>Jill</b>
<b>Mar. 17,</b>	<b>Wesley</b>
<b>Mar. 24,</b>	<b>Mike</b>
<b>Mar. 31</b>	

### ***Hospitality Volunteers***

### ***For March***

**Mar. 31, Faith Family Luncheon @ Tibby's**

*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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCToaxv_kDUYBpjNQpAkAuL)



This month's council meeting is postponed due to all of the activities of Pride Week.



If you are not a member of **Faith Family UCC** but would like to:



**Faith Family UCC!**

**Membership Sunday: March 31**

**What Does Membership Mean?**

- Belonging:** Be part of a loving community that supports and encourages one another.
- Spiritual Growth:** Deepen your faith through worship, study, and service.
- Impact:** Join hands in making a difference locally and globally.

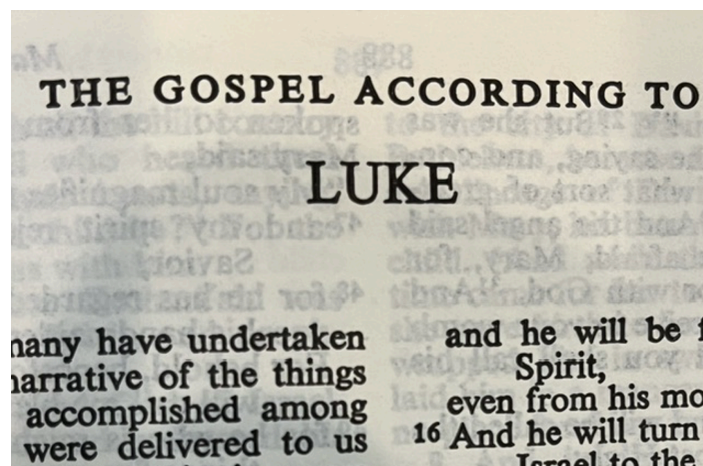
**How to Become a Member:**

- 1.**Profess Your Faith:** Declare your commitment to follow Jesus Christ as part of our Faith Family.
- 2.**Baptism:** If not already baptized, we'll celebrate this sacred rite together.

**Questions? Contact Us:**

- Phone:** (813) 462-6658

Membership has its privileges.



# **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 will have our breakfast Apr. 7th will be Luke 7:11-50*

# 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](http://www.uccfla.org/meetings)**





We talked to so many people, handed out 500 cards, engaged with people eager to feel God's love AND had so much fun!  
See our Website and Facebook for pictures.

We will be celebrating togetherness at Tibby's at 12:30 on Sunday March 31. The cost will be \$20 per person. It is not too late to join us. If you are not sure or need assistance paying please see Pastor Edd. We just want everyone to have a good time in loving fellowship.



# 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](https://www.uccfla.org/celebrateflorida) to check out the latest edition of the UCC Florida Conference Celebrate Florida.

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**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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