

# *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!*

May 19, 2024

### *Pentecost Sunday*

*Sermon & Scripture this Week: Exodus 2:1-10*

#### *Is Civil Disobedience Wrong?*

#### *Exodus 2:1-10 Birth and Youth of Moses*

*Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from*

*the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”*



## ***Scripture Reading for May.***

<b>May 5,</b>	<b>Acts 10:44-48</b>	<b>Jackie</b>
<b>May 12,</b>	<b>Rev. Cyr Preaching</b>	<b>Jill</b>
<b>May 19,</b>	<b>Ex 2:1-10</b>	<b>Mike</b>
<b>May 26,</b>	<b>Ex. 3:11-15</b>	<b>Wesley</b>

## ***Hospitality Volunteers For May***

<b>May. 5,</b>	<b>Jackie</b>
<b>May. 12,</b>	<b>Sandra</b>
<b>May. 19,</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Dottie</b>
<b>May. 26,</b>	<b>Edd &amp; Cindy</b>



## *Dollars for Scholars*

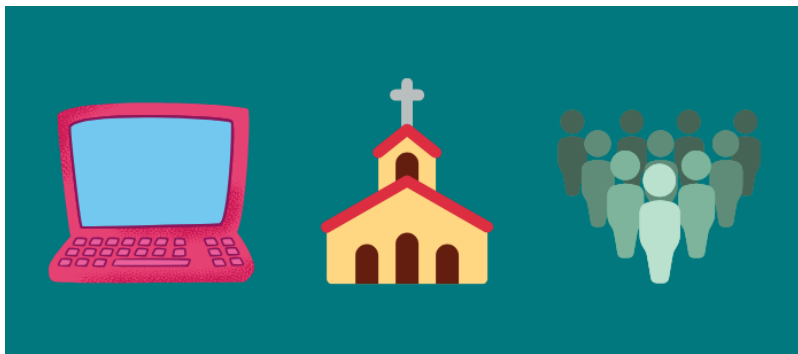
It seems it is that time of year for graduations - Pomp & Circumstance, robes, tassels, mortarboards and all that. Here in Florida we continue to deal with book bans in our public schools and contentious school board meetings. We just celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10 while trying to reconcile that with the April report from the

National Education Association that ranks Florida 50th in average teacher pay. Add to that U.S. News & World Report's recent ranking of Florida as the #1 state for education. You may recall the "open letter" from the Florida Conference, which was sent to the Governor and legislators regarding controversial issues surrounding public education in Florida. It appeared as a paid advertisement in the Orlando Sentinel at the end of December. [The open letter may be found in the December 6 Sunshine Connection and the February/March issue of Celebrate Florida.] We are grateful to have congregations that gift hardcover books to students at Christmas and over the summer, provide after-school and summer tutoring and mentoring, create banned book libraries on church property, donate funds to teachers to supplement the personal monies they use for school supplies and have rallied in support of New College in Sarasota. In today's space in the Sunshine Connection we are shining the spotlight on congregations which offer scholarships to students to pursue a post-high school education. We commend them for this special ministry. We note also that the Florida Conference offers a few very specific educational grants (see [www.uccfla.org/requestscholarshipsmatchinggrantsorawards](http://www.uccfla.org/requestscholarshipsmatchinggrantsorawards)).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Upcoming Events*

*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)

We are currently working on bringing back our full worship service via livestream. We have had some issues with copyright and broadcasting, so until then we will just be offering the Sermon live online.



## Faith Family United Church of Christ

and



*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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**We have 12 tickets to the Rays' Pride afternoon.**



**Saturday, June 8 at 4:10 p.m. vs Baltimore Orioles**

Celebrate Pride presented by Chevrolet at Tropicana Field on **Saturday, June 8** when the Rays take on the Baltimore Orioles. Fans can purchase a special Pride package that includes a limited edition bucket hat and a seat in the Lower Level. Please go to the redemption center before the 6th inning to pick up your bucket hat.

The deadline to purchase tickets is **Thursday, June 6 at 11:59 p.m.**



**If you are interested in going please contact Pastor Edd.**

**The cost is \$33 per ticket and this includes a Rays Pride bucket hat.**



*In Loving Memory*  
*Rev. Carol Hale*

Our beloved friend, and long-time church member, Rev. Carol Hale, has returned to be with God. While we are deeply saddened by her passing, we take comfort in knowing that Rev. Carol's struggle is over, after many years of battling Alzheimer's disease.

Born on Christmas Eve in 1939, Carol left this world on the eve of the Resurrection, March 30, 2024. Rev. Carol has been a part of our MCC family for many years. She is remembered for her love and devotion, as a member of the clergy in MCC, as a veteran of the US Coast Guard, and as a devoted friend to so many.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at MCC Tampa on Saturday, May 18, at 11:00 a.m., all are welcome to attend.

If you have stories or pictures of Rev. Carol, that you would like to share, please send them to [churchoffice@mcctampa.com](mailto:churchoffice@mcctampa.com).

One of the best ways to honor Rev. Carol's life is to do what she loved, go to church, sing out loud, and shower everyone with love!

You are loved,  
*Rev. Jakob*



**GMCTB**

The Gay Men's Chorus of Tampa Bay  
PRESENTS

**Songs of a Man's Heart**

**&**

**I ♥ The 80's**

ALLENDALE UMC - FRIDAY MAY 17TH

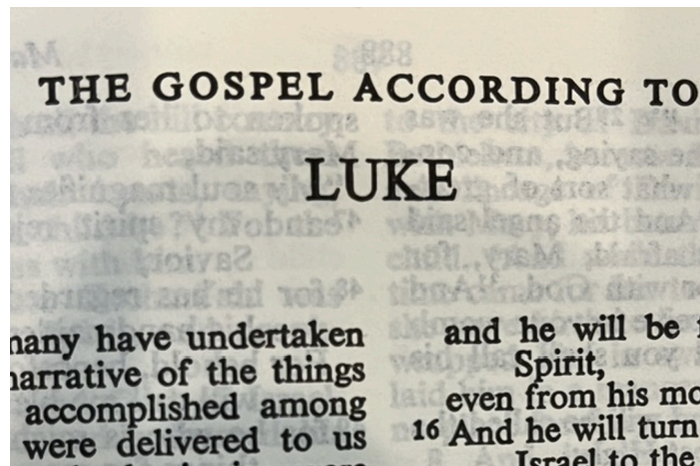
MCC TAMPA - SATURDAY MAY 18TH

[gmctb.org](http://gmctb.org)

GMCTB Spring Concert

**Songs of a Man's ♥ &  
I ♥ the 80's**

Friday, May 17 @ Allendale UMC  
Saturday, May 18 @ MCC Tampa



## **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 May 19th, will be going over Luke 9:1-27*

**We are trying to start some  
small groups.**

*Grow closer together as you explore and learn about  
yourself and God.*

If you would like to join a small group or become a small group leader please see Bill Tone. Groups will hopefully begin in October.



To learn more about UCC Open and Affirming Coalition, Click on the link below.

# Celebrating A New ONA Church!



[UCC Open and Affirming Coalition](#)

# 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.*





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.

*Creating a new generation of compassionate people.*

## *Clothing the homeless people.*

### **Boots & Blankets Clothing Give-a-way**





***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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