

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 9, 2024

Pride Month!

Sermon & Scripture this Week: *John 4:4-26*

***I am Living Water,
to satisfy the human thirst for truth.***

John 4:4-26 I am the Living water, for those who thirst for truth.

Now he (Jesus) had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to

him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true

worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”



Scripture Reading for June.

Jun. 2,	John 6:25-35	Jill
Jun. 9,	John 4:4-26	Sandra
Jun. 16,	John 15:1-5	Jackie
Jun. 23,	John 10:7-15	Wesley
Jun. 30	John 11:25-26	Mike

Hospitality Volunteers

For June

Jun. 2,	Jill
Jun. 9,	Natalie
Jun. 16,	Jackie

Jun. 23,

Need a volunteer

Jun. 30,

Mike & Dottie

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where GLSEN posts Action
Alerts



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Volunteer or Attend an Event

Volunteer with GLSEN
Tampa Bay! Scan the QR
code to receive updates on
our work, events, and
volunteer opportunities.



LGBTQ Students & School staff Survey



2024 National School Climate Survey

Our flagship report on the school
experiences of LGBTQ+ youth in
schools. This survey sheds light on the
current school climate for our youth,
informs policy makers nationwide, helps
GLSEN create safe and affirming
schools.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events



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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Sunday July 14th

**@ Brandon Cristian Church
Fellowship Hall**

Lunch & Training

**Voter Outreach Training
Sponsored by Equality Florida
Time: 1:15-3:00pm**

Food Bank Needs

Tuna/Canned meat

Pasta Sauce

Fruit cups

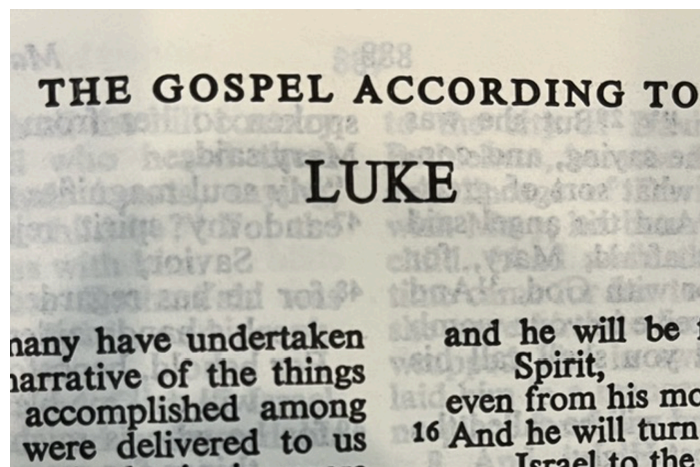
Peanut Butter

Jelly

Rice

Pasta

Rice side dishes



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 26th, will be going over Luke 9:28-43

*If you would be interested in attending the
2024 Annual Gathering of the Florida
Conference UCC,*

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Thursday, October 17, 2024 to Saturday, October 19, 2024

The 2024 Annual Gathering of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ will take place at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs / Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs.

Please let someone on the council or Pastor Edd know.

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

[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.



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.

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.

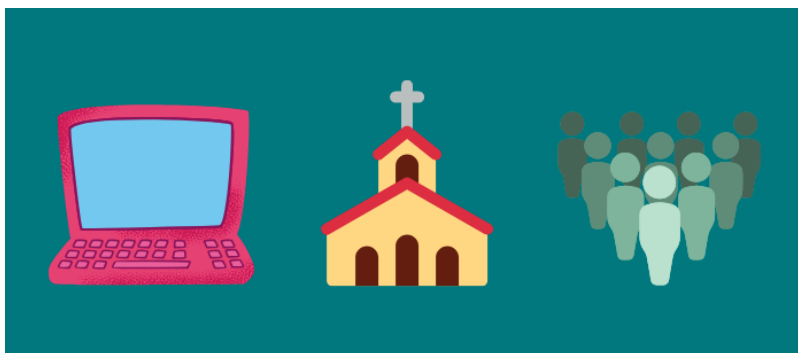
It's not too late to join the movement. We are seeing a momentum change, but we still need YOU to sign up, recruit, and engage!



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

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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

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.



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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.



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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