Faith Family United Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter



An Open And Affirming Congregation.
All Are Welcome Here!

Jul 28, 2024

Sermon & Scripture this Week: Matthew 22:37; Psalm 42:1-5

What does it mean to love God with your soul?

Matt 22: 37 "and with all your soul"

Psalm 42:1-5

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the

throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you



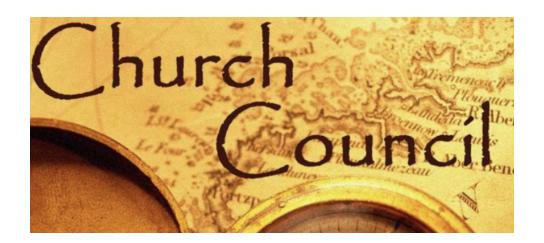
Scripture Reading for July.

Jul. 7,	1 Peter 3:15	Mike
Jul. 14,	Matt. 22:34-38, Phil. 2:3-8	Jackie
Jul. 21,	Matt. 22:37, 2 Cor. 3:14-16	Wesley
Jul. 28,	Matt. 22:37	Jill

Hospitality Volunteers for July

Jul. 7,	Natalie
Jul. 14,	Jackie
Jul. 21,	Sandy
Jul. 28,	Jill

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<u>July 28th</u> <u>Our monthly council meeting will be</u> <u>right after service.</u>

We will be having hospitality at the same time. Please feel free to help yourself to a snack while we discuss the future of our church Family.

Food Bank Needs

Tuna/Canned meat

Pasta Sauce

Fruit cups

Jelly

Rice

Pasta

Peanut Butter Rice side dishes

It's that time of the year again!

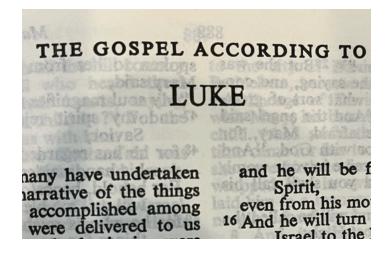
We are collecting backpacks and school supplies for Mintz elementary. We have been told there are a lot of children in need this year, and they are very appreciative of our help.

Please have your items to us by Sunday July 28th so we can deliver them in time for the back to school open house. You will find the list of items for each class listed below.

If you would prefer to donate vs. purchasing the items yourself, please email Cindy cindy.kostelnik@gmail.com



Click here for School supply list.



Bible Study Sunday morning @ 9:30

We are live streaming the study on Facebook.

We are going through the book of Luke.

This week July 21th, we will be going over Luke 10:21-37

The Sunshine Connection

This is the Florida Confonference's weekly newsletter.

Click here to see the newsletter.

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.

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

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Finding your ministry!

Ministry, caring and showing love to those who are not seeking to be part of God's Kindom. This is how we change hearts and minds. If we want the statement "on earth as it is in heaven" to become a reality, we need to show compassion and love, changing hearts and minds. We do this through ministering to our communities. What is 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





Equality Florida's Parenting with Pride program is just days away from celebrating its first anniversary with nearly 2,000 parents, grandparents, guardians, and family members having joined the network!

This program has served as a pipeline for parent engagement — creating communities where every LGBTQ+ child feels safe, affirmed, and loved. We have hosted monthly webinars, connected with families across Florida, supported advocacy efforts of parents, and are about to https://example.com/host-our-first-ever-family-Education Summit on July 30th from 11am-2:30pm EST.

Register Today!



Click <u>here</u> to check out the latest edition of the UCC Florida Conference Celebrate Florida.

https://www.uccfla.org/celebrateflorida

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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