



"Never place a period where God has placed a comma!"
- Gracie Allen

Good News!!



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Message from Pastor Diane

Dear Ones,

“My whole soul is in this!” our president said as he spoke to us on the day of his inauguration. My heart sings in response. What a power-filled gift to have a president whose soul, I genuinely believe, is all in and calls us to join him in stepping up. We are called to join in rebuilding our nation physically and morally as well as economically, mindful of folks who have been left in the ditch by this pandemic and deadly lies. My soul is all in too!

The joy of watching Kamala Harris, our first woman, first African American and first Asian American vice president in the history of the United States be sworn in today cannot be overstated. Ginger Gadsen, on channel 6 news in Orlando, spoke about how affirming and strengthening it was to watch someone who looked like her be sworn into the second highest office in the country. Now that Kamala Harris has such an important place at the table, she said, makes it feel possible for others to feel that there will be welcome for them at the table. This reminds me of Christ’s loving invitation draw near at the same table. This IS a new year in so many ways.

If you did not hear Amanda Gorman read her inaugural poem, you must. (You can read her poem and hear her speak it at the same time at <https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/20/politics/amanda-gorman-inaugural-poem-transcript/index.html>). In her poem, she says, “Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one shall make them afraid.” It is a quote from Micah 4:4. Hearing a twenty-two-year-old, Harvard educated woman quoting Scripture caused my ears to perk up happily. And it’s a clarion call reminding us that work for justice and peace are a sacred responsibility... a fulfillment of God’s will. As a person of faith, my heart swelled, and my eyes welled. This IS a new year.

I continue to be more grateful than I can say for this church family. We are sorely pressed by this pandemic. In many ways it was a good thing that, as we began Zoom worship back on March 15, we didn’t know how long we’d be in this struggle. Last March some of us felt as though we were discussing the “worst case scenario” when we privately admitted that it might even be as late as the fall before we could get together again. Sigh... those were the days! Here we are in January 2021 and we have more cases than ever, there’s an even more contagious strain afoot and the vaccination “roll out” to date has been more of a “dribble out”.

Pastor’s Message continued...

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Nevertheless, a new administration committed to the well-being of all Americans brings renewed hope even in this shadowed time. As our pandemic has stretched on and on, we have had to become folks who know how to go the distance. And we HAVE become those hardy folks! I'm thanking God that we have been willing to learn, together. Some of us have become heroes of staying in touch. In addition to our card ministry, currently handled with love by Gail Besaw, a number of you have stepped up to become part of our church prayer chain, reconceived and revived by our new moderator Debby Hughes. This chain includes our prayer group (who meet on zoom every Tuesday) but also has other members who join in the commitment to pray daily for the concerns that are shared and with the intent of deepening their own relationship with God. These prayer warriors are heroes among us and strengthen the body of Christ that we are as a church family. What a blessing to know that in our joys and in our hard, hurtful time we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses lifting us to the loving arms of God.

Being a pastor is a job that can still be done in a pandemic, but definitely NOT in many of the ways I always loved. Like you, I desperately miss being all together in our cozy, full of love sanctuary. I miss Journey tackling me with hugs and my arms ache to snatch up his baby brothers Dom and Ace and carry them around. I miss wandering around at coffee hour checking in with as many folks as possible. I miss being surer about how you are because I could see for myself! Holding hands and watching your faces as we all sang, Let There Be Peace on Earth... sigh. Those little tiles at zoom worship have become like gold for me! And when you call to talk with me or when I am able to reach you by phone my heart sings.

I wish I could still pop around to visit more often. Some pastors are less keen on visiting, but I always loved it and long for that day's return. Even in a pandemic, there continue to be times when folks NEED to see their pastor. I have adapted by volunteering to go for a walk with anyone who wants to talk in a safer, but in-person way. I have told you that before, but I'm reminding you again. For folks who prefer a sit-down talk, we can visit with social distancing in your yard or outside at the church. We can even, if needed, meet in my office with masks and social distance... that is less safe, but I can leave the door to the outside open and I will do this if you need it. Sometimes I've been able to see you when you come into the thrift store where I've been working on Saturdays. Additionally, I receive and make a LOT of phone calls. I do encourage you to call and check in with me (as many of you, so kindly do) when you want to tell me something, ask me to pray, or just hear my voice. I LOVE to hear your voices. As you all know, I am excellent at keeping up my end of phone tag.

We have to keep doing our level best, all of us, to stay in touch, encourage folks who are getting discouraged and keep being the church in every new way we are called to learn! Additionally, if we are to continue in going the distance, we must deepen our spiritual disciplines. In this new year, many of you have joined me in reading the One Year Bible and many are coming together Wednesday morning or Wednesday evening to share insights and ask questions. If you haven't joined, it is not too late! Scripture is fertile soil for our roots as we grow in the Spirit. I also encourage you to deepen your prayer life. If ever we needed the strength of prayers this is that time! Our country, our church, our families, and we ourselves need the faith-fuel of prayer. Our prayer chain and prayer group both provide a way to keep in touch with and minister to the needs and joys of others in our church family.

God calls every moment of every day. This IS a new year, and the good news is, you are loved beyond measure by your Creator and your church family... including your pastor.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Diane

Thank You from Pastor Diane

Thank you more than I can say for the over-the-top-generous Epiphany gift you gave me!! It was a total surprise and I felt like I was on the Ellen Show when Ronnie rang my doorbell during worship! I am humbled by your amazing gift.

I know it represents lots of love and caring and encouragement and I certainly feel it! It provides opportunities that I can hardly take in, but I will, and every use will be a cherished reminder of the people whose kindness made those opportunities possible.

A bazillion Thank Yous!!!!



COME! WORSHIP WITH US!

**DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
ALL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL
BE CONDUCTED VIA
ZOOM ONLINE MEETING**

**Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Communion is celebrated every Sunday**

Check your e-mail for the invite.

**Please contact the office for information on other
meetings (386) 428-2352**



We are an Open and Affirming Church. We welcome all into the full life and ministries of the church irrespective of race, gender, age, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socio-economic status, and mental and physical disabilities.

We celebrate the image of God in every person.

Our mission is to do justice, seek peace, and love all as Christ loves.

ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for JANUARY

January 1

Genesis 1:1-2:25
Matthew 1:1-2:12
Psalm 1:1-6
Proverbs 1:1-6

January 2

Genesis 3:1-4:26
Matthew 2:13-3:6
Psalm 2:1-12
Proverbs 1:7-9

January 3

Genesis 5:1-7:24
Matthew 3:7-4:11
Psalm 3:1-8
Proverbs 1:10-19

January 4

Genesis 8:1-10:32
Matthew 4:12-25
Psalm 4:1-8
Proverbs 1:20-23

January 5

Genesis 11:1-13:4
Matthew 5:1-26
Psalm 5:1-12
Proverbs 1:24-28

January 6

Genesis 13:5-15:21
Matthew 5:27-48
Psalm 6:1-10
Proverbs 1:29-33

January 7

Genesis 16:1-18:15
Matthew 6:1-24
Psalm 7:1-17
Proverbs 2:1-5

January 8

Genesis 18:16-19:38
Matthew 6:25-7:14
Psalm 8:1-9
Proverbs 2:6-15

January 9

Genesis 20:1-22:24
Matthew 7:15-29
Psalm 9:1-12
Proverbs 2:16-22

January 10

Genesis 23:1-24:51
Matthew 8:1-17
Psalm 9:13-20
Proverbs 3:1-6

January 11

Genesis 24:52-26:16
Matthew 8:18-34
Psalm 10:1-15
Proverbs 3:7-8

January 12

Genesis 26:17-27:46
Matthew 9:1-17
Psalm 10:16-18
Proverbs 3:9-10

January 13

Genesis 28:1-29:35
Matthew 9:18-38
Psalm 11:1-7
Proverbs 3:11-12

January 14

Genesis 30:1-31:16
Matthew 10:1-23
Psalm 12:1-8
Proverbs 3:13-15

January 15

Genesis 31:17-32:12
Matthew 10:24-11:6
Psalm 13:1-6
Proverbs 3:16-18

January 16

Genesis 32:13-34:31
Matthew 11:7-30
Psalm 14:1-7
Proverbs 3:19-20

January 17

Genesis 35:1-36:43
Matthew 12:1-21
Psalm 15:1-5
Proverbs 3:21-26

January 18

Genesis 37:1-38:30
Matthew 12:22-45
Psalm 16:1-11
Proverbs 3:27-32

January 19

Genesis 39:1-41:16
Matthew 12:46-13:23
Psalm 17:1-15
Proverbs 3:33-35

January 20

Genesis 41:17-42:17
Matthew 13:24-46
Psalm 18:1-15
Proverbs 4:1-6

January 21

Genesis 42:18-43:34
Matthew 13:47-14:12
Psalm 18:16-36
Proverbs 4:7-10

January 22

Genesis 44:1-45:28
Matthew 14:13-36
Psalm 18:37-50
Proverbs 4:11-13

January 23

Genesis 46:1-47:31
Matthew 15:1-28
Psalm 19:1-14
Proverbs 4:14-19

January 24

Genesis 48:1-49:33
Matthew 15:29-16:12
Psalm 20:1-9
Proverbs 4:20-27

January 25

Genesis 50:1 - Exodus 2:10
Matthew 16:13-17:9
Psalm 21:1-13
Proverbs 5:1-6

January 26

Exodus 2:11-3:22
Matthew 17:10-27
Psalm 22:1-18
Proverbs 5:7-14

January 27

Exodus 4:1-5:21
Matthew 18:1-20
Psalm 22:19-31
Proverbs 5:15-21

January 28

Exodus 5:22-7:25
Matthew 18:21-19:12
Psalm 23:1-6
Proverbs 5:22-23

January 29

Exodus 8:1-9:35
Matthew 19:13-30
Psalm 24:1-10
Proverbs 6:1-5

January 30

Exodus 10:1-12:13
Matthew 20:1-28
Psalm 25:1-15
Proverbs 6:6-11

January 31

Exodus 12:14-13:16
Matthew 20:29-21:22
Psalm 25:16-22
Proverbs 6:12-15

ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for FEBRUARY

February 1

Exodus 13:17-15:18
Matthew 21:23-46
Psalm 26:1-12
Proverbs 6:16-19

February 2

Exodus 15:19-17:7
Matthew 22:1-33
Psalm 27:1-6
Proverbs 6:20-26

February 3

Exodus 17:8-19:15
Matthew 22:34-23:12
Psalm 27:7-14
Proverbs 6:27-35

February 4

Exodus 19:16-21:21
Matthew 23:13-39
Psalm 28:1-9
Proverbs 7:1-5

February 5

Exodus 21:22-23:13
Matthew 24:1-28
Psalm 29:1-11
Proverbs 7:6-23

February 6

Exodus 23:14-25:40
Matthew 24:29-51
Psalm 30:1-12
Proverbs 7:24-27

February 7

Exodus 26:1-27:21
Matthew 25:1-30
Psalm 31:1-8
Proverbs 8:1-11

February 8

Exodus 28:1-43
Matthew 25:31-26:13
Psalm 31:9-18
Proverbs 8:12-13

February 9

Exodus 29:1-30:10
Matthew 26:14-46
Psalm 31:19-24
Proverbs 8:14-26

February 10

Exodus 30:11-31:18
Matthew 26:47-68
Psalm 32:1-11
Proverbs 8:27-32

February 11

Exodus 32:1-33:23
Matthew 26:69-27:14
Psalm 33:1-11
Proverbs 8:33-36

February 12

Exodus 34:1-35:9
Matthew 27:15-31
Psalm 33:12-22
Proverbs 9:1-6

February 13

Exodus 35:10-36:38
Matthew 27:32-66
Psalm 34:1-10
Proverbs 9:7-8

February 14

Exodus 37:1-38:31
Matthew 28:1-20
Psalm 34:11-22
Proverbs 9:9-10

February 15

Exodus 39:1-40:38
Mark 1:1-28
Psalm 35:1-16
Proverbs 9:11-12

February 16

Leviticus 1:1-3:17
Mark 1:29-2:12
Psalm 35:17-28
Proverbs 9:13-18

February 17

Leviticus 4:1-5:19
Mark 2:13-3:6
Psalm 36:1-12
Proverbs 10:1-2

February 18

Leviticus 6:1-7:27
Mark 3:7-30
Psalm 37:1-11
Proverbs 10:3-4

February 19

Leviticus 7:28-9:6
Mark 3:31-4:25
Psalm 37:12-29
Proverbs 10:5

February 20

Leviticus 9:7-10:20
Mark 4:26-5:20
Psalm 37:30-40
Proverbs 10:6-7

February 21

Leviticus 11:1-12:8
Mark 5:21-43
Psalm 38:1-22
Proverbs 10:8-9

February 22

Leviticus 13:1-59
Mark 6:1-29
Psalm 39:1-13
Proverbs 10:10

February 23

Leviticus 14:1-57
Mark 6:30-56
Psalm 40:1-10
Proverbs 10:11-12

February 24

Leviticus 15:1-16:28
Mark 7:1-23
Psalm 40:11-17
Proverbs 10:13-14

February 25

Leviticus 16:29-18:30
Mark 7:24-8:10
Psalm 41:1-13
Proverbs 10:15-16

February 26

Leviticus 19:1-20:21
Mark 8:11-38
Psalm 42:1-11
Proverbs 10:17

February 27

Leviticus 20:22-22:16
Mark 9:1-29
Psalm 43:1-5
Proverbs 10:18

February 28

Leviticus 22:17-23:44
Mark 9:30-10:12
Psalm 44:1-8
Proverbs 10:19

IMPORTANT DATES!

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY Worship Service 10:00am contact the Office for invite
...Ash Wednesday Service—more to come via email and announcements!

RECURRING COMMUNITY / SOCIAL GATHERINGS

...**MONDAY** COH To-Go Meal Distribution 4:00pm
...**TUESDAY** Prayer Group 2:00pm (Zoom) - contact Pastor Diane
...**WEDNESDAY**-
One Year Bible Study Group (Morning) 10:00am (Zoom) - contact Pastor Diane
One Year Bible Study Group (Evening) 6:00pm (Zoom) - contact Pastor Diane

RECURRING MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

2nd Monday 11:00 am Finance Meeting (Zoom) - Tom Besaw/Hal Francis
2nd Tuesday 6:00 pm Council Meeting (Zoom) - Debby Hughes
3rd Monday 5:00 pm Worship Meeting (Zoom) - Lara Nance

NOTE: February is Black History Month

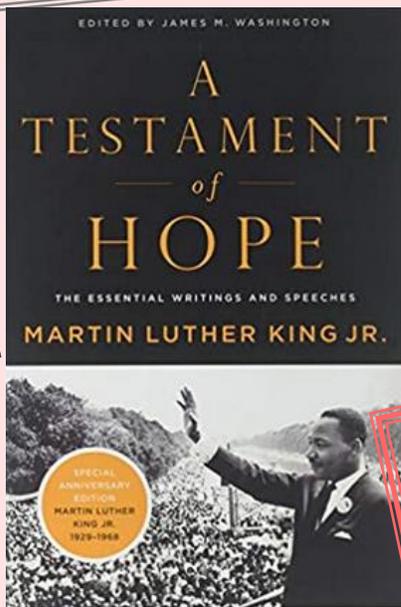
"It may well be that we will have to repent in this generation. Not merely for the vitriolic words and the violent actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence and indifference of the good people who sit around and say, "Wait on time."

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

*"Hatred paralyzes life;
love releases it.
Hatred confuses life; love
harmonizes it.
Hatred darkens life; love
illuminates it."*

*"Darkness cannot drive out
darkness:
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate:
only love can do that."*

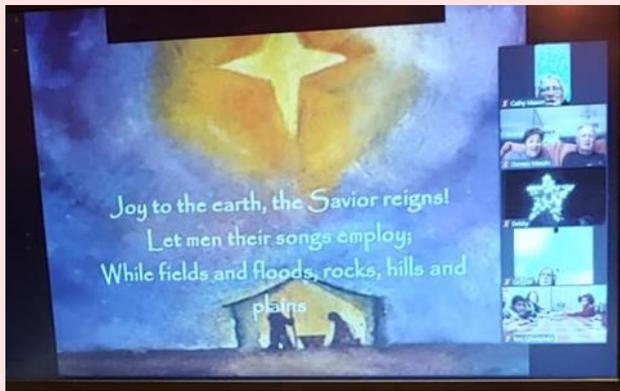
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*"I have decided to stick to love ...
Hate is too great a burden to bear."*

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A "Different" CHRISTMAS WORSHIP



Moderator Musings!

I greet you through the love and in the name of Jesus who binds us together on this journey we share.

It is mid January 2021, our Church Council has already met once, our Annual Congregational meeting has been held and you are reading the first Voice of the year.

You, our church membership approved new servant leadership and our 2021 Budget, thank you for your support.

And yet, still, a pandemic rages on with no end in sight, we continue to gather on Sunday's virtually and the work of the church continues!

We continue to be a vibrant presence on the corner of Washington and Faulkner in New Smyrna Beach Florida and beyond, thanks to our outreach via the virtual platform of Zoom. Our mission field is here...in the feeding of those who are hungry both physically and spiritually. We serve our community through our Thrift Store providing items at a low cost. This mission serves our greater community while adding substantially to our income.

We ended the very challenging year of 2020 due to your continued support and on behalf of the Church Council, we thank you for that support.

While our future may not be as predictable as we once felt it to be, I know that God is guiding us all, giving us courage and patience and strength for the journey ahead. Please know that your church leadership is continuing to monitor the pandemic, the federal response and the vaccine situation in order to safely resume some form of collective worship. We continue to work on the physical plant to make gathering more welcoming whenever it comes. We are preparing with no idea of when we might safely gather again.

While I cannot tell you when, one thing I know for sure is that it will not be what we expect!!! While we will plan and try to make good decisions, it has been my experience that God always throws some kind of curveball into the mix. Which always reminds me that we are never called to be perfect, but we are called to lean towards love and if we are fortunate, a bit of faith.

If you have any concerns or questions about church leadership, how or why things are done or if you just want to chat, please contact me and we can talk!

Your Sister in Christ,
Debby Hughes
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The United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach, FL
Council Meeting Dec 14, 2020

Attendees:

S. Hartwell Moderator	D. Langworthy Pastor	D. Hughes Vice Moderator	R. Sciuillo Secretary
T. Besaw / <u>H. Francis</u> Finance	L. Nance Worship/AV	D. Massin Membership	A.Lewis, Christian Ed
G. Smith Property	D. Leblanc & B. Peterson Hospitality	F. Baker Thrift Store	J.Buchanan / D. Coleman Outreach (Absent)

Sammie called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Ronnie confirmed a quorum was present. The minutes from November meeting were unanimously approval. Motions made (D. Massin/F. Baker) to accept.

Pastor met with Alice and Debby to coordinate children costumes for Christmas Eve. Blue Christmas will be held next week.

Sammy reported that going forward Debby Hughes would be doing Sunday Announcements and Birthdays. Sammie also encouraged this council and all councils going forward realized that whatever we do individually or as committee's or a council body affect others. It is incumbent on us to communicate with others.

Debby Hughes shared that she is establishing a prayer chain. More information will be delivered via email and in the VOICE.

Tom and Hal presented the financial reports and for the month of November. Income is up overall due to increased giving and reduction of budgeted expenses. It was agreed that specific items in property that have been deferred should be completed as soon as possible – Steeple repair (bat problem), Narthex Floor, Parking Lot, Security Cameras.

George shared information on the vandalism to the Southeast Narthex Door. A "No Trespass" order has been logged with the police. Police will do three drive-bys per night. When alarm trips, police will go directly to property and not wait for us to call them. George will provide estimates to replace the door using metal or glass. George and Bobby will be contacts.

Frances indicated that she and two other volunteers paid to get Thrift Store windows painted. Point was to draw folks into the store.

Debby asked what time/day people would be available for council meetings going into 2021. It was agreed to send out an email requesting preference before setting the meeting time/day for 2021 Council meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made and it was seconded. All agreed.

Pastor said a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ronnie Sciuillo.

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th 6:00pm.

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The United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach, FL
Council Meeting Jan 12, 2021

Attendees:

D. Hughes Moderator(Pending)	D. Langworthy Pastor	B.Peterson V. Moderator(Pending)	R. Sciuolo Secretary
T. Besaw / <u>H. Francis</u> Finance	L. Nance Worship/AV (Pending)	D. Massin Membership (Interim)	S. Hartwell Christian Ed (pending)
B. Lambert Property (Pending)	J. Buchanan / D. Coleman Hospitality (Pending)	F. Baker Thrift Store	Outreach S. Proctor (Pending)

Debby called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Debby opened the meeting with prayer. Ronnie confirmed a quorum was present.

Moderator's Welcome - Debby welcomed all to the meeting. She shared that this is a transition period for most of the Council. Debby thanked all out-going members who attended for their help in transitioning and encouraged the members new to their roles.

Secretary Report - The minutes from December meeting were unanimously approval via email vote following the meeting. Motions made (D. Massin/B. Peterson) to accept. Ronnie shared that mail slots reside in the office and that all committee chairs should check them regularly. The office is available to assist committees but need a minimum of one week notice.

Pastor's Report - The Pastor shared how grateful she is for all the faithful prayers in our prayer group and others who now through the Prayer Chain that Debby Hughes has started are using the power of prayer to aid our congregation, our church and our community.

Finance Report – We ended the month and the year with a cash surplus. This was due to receipt of increased giving, Thrift Store sales, persistent fundraising, and decreased spending. Our insurance cost has increased by 25% for 2021. Finance is working with the Insurance Board to evaluate a new program that is tailored to smaller congregations. Tom/Hal provided information to be shared at the annual meeting. Ronnie shared that the bios and finance info would be emailed to members tomorrow. The group discussed best ways to tally votes while conducting the meeting on ZOOM. It was agreed to ask those in favor to put a hand up and counts would be made by at least two people to confirm.

Property – George reported that the cost to repair the southeast door of the Narthex with impact resistance glass would be around \$400. Ronnie asked if George got a quote for a metal replacement door that would effectively eliminate the ability to break in. George indicated that when he spoke to the vendor, a metal door would be significantly more expensive. No physical quote was available to the council to assist in evaluating the two options. There was a motion made to accept moving forward with the impact resistant glass replacement. The vote resulted in 8 “ayes” and 3 “nays”. The motion carried. The pantry A/C will be completed by Anderson A/C. They will extend the ductwork into the pantry from the kitchen. Frances asked if the irrigation system has been repaired. Bobby said we needed a new pump and it was very costly. This item was deferred for discussion to next month. **Worship** – Lara presented a proposal for an interim Music Director. She indicated in her proposal that the position would be 50% part-time until we return to worship in the sanctuary. Shawn Proctor had expressed an interest in being considered for this position as he felt called to serve. Lara recommended that we take on Shawn as the Music Director. The motion was made and unanimously passed. Bill Peterson provided some current statistics on COVID cases, deaths, and pandemic growth. There was discussion regarding the increase in cases/deaths and the lack of available vaccine. The council agreed that now was not the time to open the sanctuary but we would monitor progress and revisit the question at our next meeting.

Hospitality – Donnie shared that the pie sale in Nov netted \$1,058 and the one in Dec netted \$1,142. The next fundraiser will be in March. **Membership** – Doreen asked if we could send out the new bios to new members in 2020.

The Pastor led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:42p. Our next meeting will be held on Feb 9, 2021 at 6:00p via ZOOM.

COUNCIL

ORDER

The United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach, FL
Annual Congregational Meeting
January 17, 2021

AGENDA:

Opening Prayer	Pastor Diane Langworthy
Call to Order	Debby Hughes
Determine Quorum	Ronnie Sciullo
Present of New Council Members	Debby Hughes
Request Motion to Accept Nominees	Debby Hughes
2021 Proposed Budget Presentation	Hal Francis and Tom Besaw
Request for Motion to accept 2021 Budget	Debby Hughes
Closing Prayer	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Pastor Diane opened the meeting with prayer. Debby Hughes, called the meeting to order at 11:20a.m. Debby welcomed the congregation and asked Ronnie Sciullo if a quorum was present. Ronnie confirmed a quorum.

Debby explained how the voting would be handled since we were not in-person but using ZOOM meeting. Debby presented the slate of nominees for officers and committee chairs for the term of 2021 thru 2022.

Debby Hughes	Moderator
Bill Peterson	Vice-Moderator
Sammie Hartwell	Christian Education
John Buchanan /	Hospitality
Donnie Coleman	
Open	Membership
Shawn Proctor	Outreach
Bobby Lambert	Property
Lara Nance	Worship

Debby asked for any nominations from the floor. The congregation was made aware that Sharon White would be willing to co-chair Membership as she is a snowbird. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented (Hopper/Proctor) and the floor was open for discussion. There being no discussion, the vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Tom shared slides that detailed the proposed budget for 2021. He reviewed our proposed obligations and projected income for 2021. There is an increase in our obligations due primarily to three items – increase of Property/Liability insurance premium; relocation/renovation of Sunday School room to Sanctuary; and payroll increases for Pastor and Office Manager. The result is that we have a \$7,000 shortfall. Additionally, he reviewed our cash reserves noting that we have more than enough to cover the shortfall. The floor was opened for questions. Nora Jane asked if it was our plan to handle the shortfall in the same manner as we have in the past and was told we would. Sharon White asked, as a new member, what that actually means. Debby explained that we will be dealing with the shortfall as a Faith Community and thereby insure we meet our obligations. Debby noted that last year we had a larger expected shortfall than this year and not only did we cover it, we had a surplus. There being no more questions, Debby asked for a motion which was given and seconded (Baker/Koch). A vote to accept the budget as presented was taken. The 2021 budget passed.

All business concluded and the congregation closed out the meeting singing “Let There Be Peace on Earth” and the meeting adjourned at 11:50a

Finance Update

By Hal Francis

	Dec	Year-to-Date
Collections and other income	= 19,150	234,423
Payroll and other expenses	= 17,687	205,434
Net	= 1,463	28,989

Fundraising from this month's "drive thru" pie sale was \$1,298.
This includes sponsorships of \$150.

Thrift Store income was \$6,627, with one shortened week because of the holiday.

	Nov	Year-to-Date
Collections and other income	= 26,112	215,273
Payroll and other expenses	= 14,703	187,746
Net	= 11,408	27,527

In Nov we had five Sundays. This increases tithes and offerings for the month. Again, not having a music minister reduces our expenses by about \$1,000.

Fundraising from this month's "drive thru" pie sale was \$2,701.
This includes sponsorships of \$820.

Thrift Store income was \$7,049, with five weeks credited to Nov.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR
CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR
PRECIOUS CHURCH AND
LOVING CHURCHFAMILY
IN THESE STRANGE AND DIFFICULT TIMES.
GOD BLESS US ALL !**



THRIFT STORE

Green collared hangers will still be 50¢

SPECIAL SALE

Thursday Jan 21st & Friday Jan 22nd

Be sure to drop by :

Everything in the store will be **\$1.00**

IT'S COOKIE TIME!



It's time to order your Girl Scout Cookies!

Our own Lily Chiafalo is offering to take your orders and deliver your Girl Scout cookies. Lily was given a great suggestion for all those who do not eat cookies—why not buy a box of cookies to be given away at **COLORS of HUNGER** Meals on Monday? This is a great idea, not only do we help Lily but we help those who are less fortunate and likely don't have the benefit of purchasing these delicious cookies!

Lily will take your orders ... each box of cookies is \$5.00.

Please contact Lily or her Mom Shannon at snrohr@hotmail.com or calling them on (386) 562-0881.

LITURGISTS

January 24 - Louise Lentz

January 31— Marcia Naugle

February 7- Lara Nance

February 14—Gladys Starkey

February 21—Teens

February 28—Marcia Naugle



BIRTHDAYS

January

Gerie Spencer
Barbara Plentz
Ron Hartwell
Charlene Kulchak
Charlene Sparks
Lilly Williams

Total for January: 6

February

Maggie Arndt
Tammy Cote
Jennifer Coady
Debby Hughes
Cecelia McKinney
Peg Tanner

Total for February: 6

March

Brandon Hendricks
Ron Langworthy
David LeBlanc
Catherine Baier
Loren Harmon
Gail Besaw
Wynn Davies
Frances Baker
Char Tyler

Total for March: 9

Day

January 04
January 09
January 16
January 22
January 30
January 31

Day

February 19
February 19
February 20
February 21
February 22
February 28

Day

March 01
March 04
March 04
March 08
March 08
March 12
March 22
March 26
March 28

WE CARE!

Prayers for:

- * All those struggling with cardiac issues
- * All those who are wrestling with cancer
- * All family and friends of those wrestling with Covid-19 and those who respond and care for them
- * Those living alone in these challenging times and those living at assisted living or nursing homes and cannot not receive visitors
- * People struggling with mental health and addiction issues
- * All of our country's leaders and their support system



Prayer Requests:

Contact Pastor Diane and she will arrange to have your prayer added to our Prayer Group and the UCC Prayer Chain.

Send your cards of love and support to. . .

- Ronnie Hartwell 2420 Taylor Rd
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
- Linda Bishop Brilliance Assisted Living
699 N. Dixie Freeway
NSB FL 32168
- Cindy Carlin 1310 Palmetto Street
NSB FL 32168
- Judy Ebert Chateau Madeleine
205 Haroon Lane
Melbourne FL 32940
- Debbie Smith Port Orange Rehab Center
5600 Victoria Gardens, Room 171
Port Orange, FL 32128
- Walma Taylor Country Side Lakes
941 Village Trail
Port Orange, FL 32127



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Gifts of Love Food Bank:

Our local community foodbank continues to serve those in need in New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater and Oak Hill.

They need our help! Contact them to donate food or send contributions:
 820 W Park Avenue, Edgewater, FL 32132
 Phone: (386) 423-5257
 Open Tues and Thurs 9am–2pm



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