



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

Be The Church!



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Message from Pastor Diane

Dear Ones,

This Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday. That is a very big deal. Pentecost is the day we celebrate the memory of the Holy Spirit coming into Christ's fledgling church... the day we actually became a church. A church was born when the Holy Spirit blew into a gathering of disciples. Scripture tells us (read all of Acts 2) that "they were all together in one place". ***They were all together.*** That's when the Holy Spirit came. The Spirit blew in like a violent wind... no soft, "What do you think that was?" moment. There was a strong wind no one would miss and there appeared flames like tongues of fire which rested on each one of them and they were filled, FILLED, with the Holy Spirit. This was not a sprinkling, or a gentle dusting, the Holy Spirit FILLED THEM RIGHT UP. They over flowed, speaking in tongues... not a weird, spooky mystery language, but real words that foreign people could hear and UNDERSTAND. When the Holy Spirit came everything was changed for the disciples... on the inside of their hearts and outside for the strangers gathered around. When they were all together, the Holy Spirit came in ways that could never be denied.

This Pentecost, I wonder what our gathering will look like. It is a blessing that we can have folks far away gathering through Zoom, but some folks way closer than Wisconsin have been joining on Zoom. At this point, out of an abundance of caution, we are only allowing fully immunized people (and the occasional unvaccinated child who is with a vaccinated parent). By now most of us are immunized and a few of us are simply waiting for the second shot to reach its effectiveness. But some of us, despite the CDC invitation for immunized folks to gather together and feel safe do not yet feel safe. Some of us, for rare medical reasons, have been advised against immunization. I know one person who, though immunized, resists coming back until ALL people (including those who aren't immunized) can join us. Others of us have just grown so comfortable on our own couches with a cup of coffee that it is not feeling as desirable to dress up and drive to sit down in the sanctuary. We are an eclectic group with a wide and odd range of reasons for not being in the sanctuary.

But Pentecost is coming. The disciples were gathered in one place. I am hoping that as many folks as possible will join us in the sanctuary. There is a special Holy Spirit power that courses through folks who have gathered for worship. I miss having a sizable group of us. Pentecost is coming.

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We have upped our air circulation game in the sanctuary with a new, improved capability to zap the air being filtered with an ultraviolet purifier. We clean and reclean. We have hand sanitizer. We are not requiring masks, but anyone feeling more secure in a mask is very welcome to wear one. If you are thinking about coming to the sanctuary, please try it! I believe it is safe, way safer than our local grocery stores. But know that however we gather, through Zoom or in person, the Holy Spirit will find us, moving, healing, connecting, and filling our hearts. Come if you can. Wear red if you can. But know the love of God that finds and fills us still.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Diane

COME! WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

In our sanctuary or online via Zoom.

Communion is celebrated every Sunday!

For information call (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.

SUMMER
IS TIME FOR WARM NIGHTS
BARE FEET AND BARBEQUES WATERMELON
SWEET CORN SUNFLOWERS
RIP E PICNICS CAMPFIRES
TOMATOES LEMONADE LOVE
LIGHTENING STORMS



ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for MAY

May 1

Judges 13:1-14:20
John 1:29-51
Psalm 102:1-28
Proverbs 14:15-16

May 2

Judges 15:1-16:31
John 2:1-25
Psalm 103:1-22
Proverbs 14:17-19

May 3

Judges 17:1-18:31
John 3:1-21
Psalm 104:1-23
Proverbs 14:20-21

May 4

Judges 19:1-20:48
John 3:22-4:3
Psalm 104:24-35
Proverbs 14:22-24

May 5

Judges 21:1-Ruth 1:22
John 4:4-42
Psalm 105:1-15
Proverbs 14:25

May 6

Ruth 2:1-4:22
John 4:43-54
Psalm 105:16-36
Proverbs 14:26-27

May 7

1 Samuel 1:1-2:21
John 5:1-23
Psalm 105:37-45
Proverbs 14:28-29

May 8

1 Samuel 2:22-4:22
John 5:24-47
Psalm 106:1-12
Proverbs 14:30-31

May 9

1 Samuel 5:1-7:17
John 6:1-21
Psalm 106:13-31
Proverbs 14:32-33

May 10

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27
John 6:22-42
Psalm 106:32-48
Proverbs 14:34-35

May 11

1 Samuel 10:1-11:15
John 6:43-71
Psalm 107:1-43
Proverbs 15:1-3

May 12

1 Samuel 12:1-13:23
John 7:1-30
Psalm 108:1-13
Proverbs 15:4

May 13

1 Samuel 14:1-52
John 7:31-53
Psalm 109:1-31
Proverbs 15:5-7

May 14

1 Samuel 15:1-16:23
John 8:1-20
Psalm 110:1-7
Proverbs 15:8-10

May 15

1 Samuel 17:1-18:4
John 8:21-30
Psalm 111:1-10
Proverbs 15:11

May 16

1 Samuel 18:5-19:24
John 8:31-59
Psalm 112:1-10
Proverbs 15:12-14

May 17

1 Samuel 20:1-21:15
John 9:1-41
Psalm 113:1-114:8
Proverbs 15:15-17

May 18

1 Samuel 22:1-23:29
John 10:1-21
Psalm 115:1-18
Proverbs 15:18-19

May 19

1 Samuel 24:1-25:44
John 10:22-42
Psalm 116:1-19
Proverbs 15:20-21

May 20

1 Samuel 26:1-28:25
John 11:1-54
Psalm 117:1-2
Proverbs 15:22-23

May 21

1 Samuel 29:1-31:13
John 11:55-12:19
Psalm 118:1-18
Proverbs 15:24-26

May 22

2 Samuel 1:1-2:11
John 12:20-50
Psalm 118:19-29
Proverbs 15:27-28

May 23

2 Samuel 2:12-3:39
John 13:1-30
Psalm 119:1-16
Proverbs 15:29-30

May 24

2 Samuel 4:1-6:23
John 13:31-14:14
Psalm 119:17-32
Proverbs 15:31-32

May 25

2 Samuel 7:1-8:18
John 14:15-31
Psalm 119:33-48
Proverbs 15:33

May 26

2 Samuel 9:1-11:27
John 15:1-27
Psalm 119:49-64
Proverbs 16:1-3

May 27

2 Samuel 12:1-31
John 16:1-33
Psalm 119:65-80
Proverbs 16:4-5

May 28

2 Samuel 13:1-39
John 17:1-26
Psalm 119:81-96
Proverbs 16:6-7

May 29

2 Samuel 14:1-15:22
John 18:1-24
Psalm 119:97-112
Proverbs 16:8-9

May 30

2 Samuel 15:23-16:23
John 18:25-19:22
Psalm 119:113-128
Proverbs 16:10-11

May 31

2 Samuel 17:1-29
John 19:23-42
Psalm 119:129-152
Proverbs 16:12-13

ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for JUNE

June 1

2 Samuel 18:1-19:10
John 20:1-31
Psalm 119:153-176
Proverbs 16:14-15

June 2

2 Samuel 19:11-20:13
John 21:1-25
Psalm 120:1-7
Proverbs 16:16-17

June 3

2 Samuel 20:14-21:22
Acts 1:1-26
Psalm 121:1-8
Proverbs 16:18

June 4

2 Samuel 22:1-23:23
Acts 2:1-47
Psalm 122:1-9
Proverbs 16:19-20

June 5

2 Samuel 23:24-24:25
Acts 3:1-26
Psalm 123:1-4
Proverbs 16:21-23

June 6

1 Kings 1:1-53
Acts 4:1-37
Psalm 124:1-8
Proverbs 16:24

June 7

1 Kings 2:1-3:2
Acts 5:1-42
Psalm 125:1-5
Proverbs 16:25

June 8

1 Kings 3:3-4:34
Acts 6:1-15
Psalm 126:1-6
Proverbs 16:26-27

June 9

1 Kings 5:1-6:38
Acts 7:1-29
Psalm 127:1-5
Proverbs 16:28-30

June 10

1 Kings 7:1-51
Acts 7:30-50
Psalm 128:1-6
Proverbs 16:31-33

June 11

1 Kings 8:1-66
Acts 7:51-8:13
Psalm 129:1-8
Proverbs 17:1

June 12

1 Kings 9:1-10:29
Acts 8:14-40
Psalm 130:1-8
Proverbs 17:2-3

June 13

1 Kings 11:1-12:19
Acts 9:1-25
Psalm 131:1-3
Proverbs 17:4-5

June 14

1 Kings 12:20-13:34
Acts 9:26-43
Psalm 132:1-18
Proverbs 17:6

June 15

1 Kings 14:1-15:24
Acts 10:1-23
Psalm 133:1-3
Proverbs 17:7-8

June 16

1 Kings 15:25-17:24
Acts 10:24-48
Psalm 134:1-3
Proverbs 17:9-11

June 17

1 Kings 18:1-46
Acts 11:1-30
Psalm 135:1-21
Proverbs 17:12-13

June 18

1 Kings 19:1-21
Acts 12:1-23
Psalm 136:1-26
Proverbs 17:14-15

June 19

1 Kings 20:1-21:29
Acts 12:24-13:15
Psalm 137:1-9
Proverbs 17:16

June 20

1 Kings 22:1-53
Acts 13:16-41
Psalm 138:1-8
Proverbs 17:17-18

June 21

2 Kings 1:1-2:25
Acts 13:42-14:7
Psalm 139:1-24
Proverbs 17:19-21

June 22

2 Kings 3:1-4:17
Acts 14:8-28
Psalm 140:1-13
Proverbs 17:22

June 23

2 Kings 4:18-5:27
Acts 15:1-35
Psalm 141:1-10
Proverbs 17:23

June 24

2 Kings 6:1-7:20
Acts 15:36-18:15
Psalm 142:1-7
Proverbs 17:24-25

June 25

2 Kings 8:1-9:13
Acts 16:16-40
Psalm 143:1-12
Proverbs 17:26

June 26

2 Kings 9:14-10:31
Acts 17:1-34
Psalm 144:1-15
Proverbs 17:27-28

June 27

2 Kings 10:32-12:21
Acts 18:1-22
Psalm 145:1-21
Proverbs 18:1

June 28

2 Kings 13:1-14:29
Acts 18:23-19:12
Psalm 146:1-10
Proverbs 18:2-3

June 29

2 Kings 15:1-16:20
Acts 19:13-41
Psalm 147:1-20
Proverbs 18:4-5

June 30

2 Kings 17:1-18:12
Acts 20:1-38
Psalm 148:1-14
Proverbs 18:6-7

IMPORTANT DATES!

WORSHIP SERVICES (recurring ZOOM meeting contact the Office)

SUNDAY Worship Service 10:00am

May 23rd—Pentecost Sunday

RECURRING COMMUNITY / SOCIAL GATHERINGS

...MONDAY COH To-Go Meal Distribution 4:00pm and
Beatitude Health Ministry

...TUESDAY Prayer Group 2:00pm (Zoom) - contact Pastor Diane

...WEDNESDAY 1-Year Bible Study 4:00pm (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

UCC NSB T-Shirts

During the pandemic, people rush into stores, speed the aisles to pick up groceries, patiently wait in line—the required six feet apart—and then race out of the store. Well, sometimes. Other times, especially if you are wearing your UCC NSB "Love Knows No Limits" t-shirt, the person in line with you will comment on what a cool t-shirt! Great conversation starter and motivator to maybe ask if they need a church or might want to spend an hour with a loving, caring, bunch of people.

You can purchase either a black or lavender shirt in sizes S, M, L, XL for \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. If you need a Plus Sizes the price of the shirts increase with each size - 2X for \$1 more, 3X \$2 more, 4X \$ 3 more. The shirt sizes are more money because shirt manufacturers charge us higher prices for the Plus sizes.

Fill out the order form on the next page and remit your check to UCC Membership and not "T-shirt" with Size and quantity in the check memo. Note on the outside of the envelope "ATTENTION: Doreen Massin".



UCC T-Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

\$15.00 Members & Associates/ \$20 Non-Members

	BLACK	LAVENDER
<u>ADULTS</u>		
4X	_____ (+\$3 ea)	_____ (+\$3 ea)
3 X	_____ (+\$2 ea)	_____ (+\$2 ea)
2 X	_____ (+\$1 ea)	_____ (+\$1 ea)
Ex Large	_____	_____
Large	_____	_____
Medium	_____	_____
Small	_____	_____
<u>KIDS</u>		
Large	_____	_____
Medium	_____	_____
Small	_____	_____
TOTAL # Shirts	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

CASH or CHECK made out to UCC NSB w/T-shirts in Check Memo

Contact Doreen Massin for information at [347-556-8661/DoreenMassin@aol.com](mailto:DoreenMassin@aol.com)

O Come Holy Spirit **(Veni, Sancte Spiritus)**

Come, Holy Spirit, send down those beams,
which sweetly flow in silent streams
from Thy bright throne above.

O come, Thou Father of the poor;
O come, Thou source of all our store,
come, fill our hearts with love.

O Thou, of comforters the best,
O Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
the pilgrim's sweet relief.

Rest art Thou in our toil, most sweet
refreshment in the noonday heat;
and solace in our grief.

O blessed Light of life Thou art;
fill with Thy light the inmost heart
of those who hope in Thee.

Without Thy Godhead nothing can,
have any price or worth in man,
nothing can harmless be.

Lord, wash our sinful stains away,
refresh from heaven our barren clay,
our wounds and bruises heal.

To Thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,
warm with Thy fire our hearts of snow,
our wandering feet recall.

Grant to Thy faithful, dearest Lord,
whose only hope is Thy sure word,
the sevenfold gifts of grace.

Grant us in life Thy grace that we,
in peace may die and ever be,
in joy before Thy face.

Amen. Alleluia.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus is known as the Golden Sequence, and is sung as a Gregorian chant during Catholic Mass on Pentecost Sunday. It is commonly regarded as one of the greatest masterpieces of sacred Latin poetry ever written. Its beauty and depth have been praised by many.

The hymn has been attributed to three different authors, King Robert II the Pious of France (970-1031), Pope Innocent III (1161-1216), and Stephen Langton (d 1228), Archbishop of Canterbury, of which the last is most likely the author.

Moderator Musings!

Greetings UCC-NSB family and friends.

As we transition into our new kind of normal, the life of the church continues to thrive. This past month we had challenges which presented opportunities for us to grow as a church family.

As of this writing, we have had two rather successful worship services combining our Zoomers with our Sanctuary attendees. Our family is a diverse one to be sure. Hugs and hand holding was involved and it felt strangely comforting and maybe a little uneasy too! Both. We are still learning. And so, it never ends.

As we transition towards more inclusive worship, we look forward to events where families will once again gather together. Fellowship hour will soon be held for those folks who have been vaccinated. We ache collectively as we exclude those folks who have not been vaccinated. We need to find ways to come together. And we will.

Our physical plant has some issues which are being addressed, one is a roofing/water causing rot issue which may not be an easy fix, another is a flooring issue in the narthex causing tiles to lift, which looks to be a relatively easy fix and yet another is an HVAC/thermostat issue which needs addressing as we need to have a way to be smarter about conservatively cooling our building when it is not in use, another relatively easy fix....and we have a donor already lined up ready to help pay for the costs involved in switching to smart thermostats! How great is that?

Another positive action is that we have an angel who is underwriting the cost of having our website updated, redesigned and made more user friendly! Look forward to a more integrated website experience!

Our church family is filled with good stewards.

As we transition into the lazy summer months and vacations are being planned, the life of the church continues to evolve and thrive. We are learning together. Growing into our new normal...together. And all in all, as busy as those little bees pollinating our gardens.

If there is something on your mind, if you have some suggestions, questions, or solutions...I look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings are like ripples,
Debby Hughes



THE LATEST BUZZ!

By Ronnie Sciullo



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As of Sunday, May 16, 2021, our sanctuary is open for anyone who has been vaccinated. With the new information released from the CDC, we have made masks optional for in-sanctuary services.

We are beginning to sign contracts with our rental clients for the balance of 2021 - three AA organizations, East Coast Cruisers, Inlet Condo Management and others. Slowly we are beginning to return to pre-Covid "normal".

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

If you are eligible and intend to worship in the sanctuary you may provide us your information using any one of the following methods:

- a) Scan a copy of both sides of your vaccination card and email it to the Office at newsmyrnabeachucc@gmail.com, or
- b) Drop by the office with your vaccination card Tuesday - Friday 9:30a.m. - 12:00 noon and we will make a copy of your card, or
- c) Bring your vaccination card to the Worship Service on the first Sunday that you attend. One of our ushers will register you. (You may want to come a little earlier since this may take a few minutes)

It is our goal to provide a safe, secure and holy place where we can open our hearts to the word of God. Please help us meet that goal and join us for worship.

Financial Update

Provided by Hal Francis

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Collections and other income	20,321	97,490
Payroll and other expenses	15,495	76,861
Net Income	4,826	20,629

Fundraising none.
Thrift Store income was \$7,194.
Some annual/paid ahead contributions helped make
April a good month for collections.

THANK YOU ALL
FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT
GOD BLESS US ALL !

COUNCIL

The United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach, FL Council Meeting May 11, 2021

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D. Hughes Moderator	D. Langworthy Pastor	B. Peterson V. Moderator	R. Sciallo Secretary
G. Smith Finance	A. Lewis Worship/AV	D. Massin Membership (Interim)	S. Hartwell Christian Ed absent
B. Lambert absent Property	J. Buchanan / D. Coleman Hospitality absent	F. Baker Thrift Store	S. Proctor Outreach
Lara Nance - visitor			

Debby opened with a prayer (meeting started at 6:05 pm)

Secretary, Minutes from Apr 12, 2021 One correction noted and made. Motion to approve as amended (Doreen, Frances) unanimously approved.

Moderator Report— The prayer chain ministry is very growing. As part of this Gail Besaw continues to stay on top of those in need of cards and she funds this activity on her own.

Pastor's Report—Pastor is very pleased with the progress made toward creating a combined worship – In-Sanctuary and ZOOM. Pastor also expressed her excitement for Lara Nance's Health Care Ministry. The newly designed Sunday School Room is complete – drop by and take a look – it's awesome!

Financial Report, March—Gary Smith filled in for Tom & Hal and shared the financial reports and the updates for April. Net Income is up for April by \$4,826 and \$20,629 YTD. Some annual tithes were received in the month. Attendance was down about 20% from last year.

Committee Chair Reports:

Property – New Thermostats that can be monitored via cell phone will be installed. Ronnie, George and Bobby are looking for an appropriate vendor and will also be evaluating cost of service contracts on all units.

Education – Absent, no report.

Hospitality/ COH – Absent, no report.

Thrift Store – Short on volunteers as snowbirds head north. Interviewed 2 possible candidates today. Frances will not be in the store and will be unavailable from June 3 – Jun 19 due to a medical issue. Volunteers are asked to coordinate with Lori Lee who is doing scheduling. Frances mentioned that she needs large brown paper grocery bags. Bill P. suggested we ask the congregation to ask for these when they shop and then bring them to the Thrift Store to recycle.

Membership— Doreen indicated that she would like to place an order for T-shirts, however she needs to know who is interested and what color and size they need. She has black t-shirts available but does not have any lavender. We ran the informational piece in the VOICE and will do it again in our next issue. UCC NSB T-shirts—prices have increased \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members with an additional charge for 2x, 3x, and 4x.

Worship – Lara Nance has stepped down as Worship Chair and Alice Lewis has been accepted the interim position. Alice appreciates the opportunity.

Old Business:

In-Sanctuary Worship – already covered in Pastor's report

Website Redesign – in progress

New Business:

Beatitude Health Care – Lara provided an update on her practice. She is in the process of submitting grants for operational funding. She is utilizing resources from a local church as well as Little Drugstore.

Farmers Market Rentals – A couple of vendors have been unable to secure space at the local farmers market and have asked if they can rent space on our lawn. Dave LeBlanc has volunteered to work with city to secure the proper licenses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 after a closing prayer given by Pastor Diane. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00p via ZOOM.

NOTE: A special vote was taken on May 14th via email as a result of the CDC decision regarding COVID. The council voted that we would continue to open worship only to those vaccinated, however, masks would be optional.

LITURGISTS

May 23—Lara Nance

May 30—Lori Lee

June 6—Louise Lentz

June 13—Gladys Starkey

June 20—Teen

June 27—Lara Nance



BIRTHDAYS

May

Ace Falk
Dom Falk
Kay Shellestad
Carly Michels
Norajane Gillespie
Lara Clevenger
Mark Koch
Marion Lange
Ed Lewis
Caleb Hendricks
Charlotte Hinson
Jake Hinxman
Tony Michels
Lara Nance

Day

May 01
May 01
May 01
May 09
May 13
May 14
May 14
May 14
May 14
May 23
May 29
May 30
May 30
May 31

Total for May: 14

June

Tony Snyder
Kaylie Hendricks
Tom Besaw
Gary Smith
Emily Ogden
Lori Lee
Roc Williams

Day

June 03
June 10
June 15
June 15
June 16
June 22
June 28

Total for June: 7

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 or Debby Hughes to have your prayer added to our Prayer Group and the UCC Prayer Chain.

Send your cards of love and support to. . .

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If your committee or group has a submission for the VOICE, please email or contact the VOICE Editor with your information.

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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