



THE VOICE



New Possibilities

**"NEVER PLACE A PERIOD WHERE GOD
HAS PLACED A COMMA!"
- GRACIE ALLEN**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.
IN OUR SANCTUARY OR VIA ZOOM.

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We celebrate the image of God in every person.

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

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Ones,

I admit to being surprised by your amazing and heart touching gift of the “pastor’s purse” during our Epiphany celebration last week. (I know it is a little weird that I repeatedly forget something you have been doing for a number of years, but... chalk it up to living in the present!) Your persistent loving kindness is a gift that continues to strengthen me as we minister together. If you have not gotten a close look at the beautiful purse Debby Hughes made, you will have to ask to see it. I love it and I had just lost my favorite purse, when, (tada!) I received this special new one! What a blessing to walk beside you all in this church body! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! Your generosity grows my heart!

Another special joy I had as last year drew to a close is that a group of intrepid Bible study folks made it through the entire One Year Bible as we discussed our reading, questions, horrors, delights, and exclamations weekly. I have done this study here and in other churches before, but I have NEVER had a group that was willing to go the distance in study through December. Previously folks have felt so pressed by the holiday season that I had to leave them on their own to complete the readings and so we never finished discussing Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi in the Old Testament. Doesn’t that sound like a crazy lot of books from the Old Testament? The “minor prophets” as they are called may be brief (we get through them just in the month of December because they are so short!) but they pack in some important understandings about justice and what actions strengthen our knowledge of God’s loving mercy. (Hint... we are called to show it to others!)

In the New Testament, I’ve missed discussing 1 John, 2 John, Jude, and the book of Revelation. These guys really wanted the full satisfaction of completing, in community, an examination of ALL our Holy Scriptures and it was a special blessing to share this with them! I have rarely preached on these Old and New Testament books because, for example, our Advent season is not the best time for examining the purpose of Revelation. During December we want to remember the Scripture...

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...references to Jesus' birth. But I will try to squeeze some neglected books into sermons in the new year.

If I could recommend one spiritual discipline, it would be reading the One Year Bible, particularly reading it in community. The reason for this recommendation is that it is difficult to stand on our faith if we are unclear about what exactly we are standing on. It is insufficient to memorize snippets of Scripture and to view passages removed from their context, in particular the context of the WHOLE Bible. Of course, we will never remember everything we read, but we WILL remember SOME things... and we will notice things we had no idea were in the Bible. And if we READ the Bible, the whole way through, it will be impossible for folks to tell us the Bible should be taken literally. The Hebrew people who brought us our most ancient texts DID NOT take the Bible literally. Goodness, we cannot even get through the first two chapters of Genesis, finding two, mutually exclusive, creation stories and think we are going to be able to go with a literal translation!

If we want to stand on our heads and come up with a convoluted story about how they could be compatible and insist that we understand 7 days of creation as 7 literal days we will come smack up against, "But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." (2 Peter 3:8) and "For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night." (Psalm 90:4) A watch was a 4-6 hr. period. God's Word in Scripture is meant to hold together in ways that bring us insight about how we must read and listen to the depths of meaning.

Think we can EVER know it all? A wise student of the Bible will notice asterisks and when one checks the footnotes we will see, "Hebrew uncertain." That means NO ONE KNOWS... not even the most learned Biblical scholars... what we read in these places is our best GUESS about what the original text meant. And of course, there are gems like, "Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes." (Proverbs 26:4-5 NIV) Two proverbs laid side by side in Scripture so we cannot...

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...miss the truth that instructions are situation specific! What do we do? It depends!

As again and again, Christian conservatives claim the “moral high ground” with positions they claim are “Biblically based” we have to know our Bibles and be willing to speak to the Biblical truth we see.

We will be having a wonderful Study which promises rich spiritual strengthening beginning on January 19. You can read about it elsewhere in the Voice. I am excited to be involved with that Wednesday early evening study and I encourage you to join this group. If, additionally, there is ANYONE who missed out on the One Year Bible study last year and wants to try it this year, (or read it last year and wants to reread it as I do every year) I will happily become involved in this study with as many or as few folks are interested from now until I retire April 17, and I will ensure that there is a plan to continue the study beyond the time I must go. It is not too late to consider this! It is NOT too hard to achieve. It is really not a ton of daily reading... but if it feels like that, it is possible to read either the Old or New Testament one year and the other the next year and make it a two-year plan. Talk to me about this if you have ANY interest. We mean it when we say God is still speaking! Come and listen!

**In Christ's Love,
Pastor Diane**

COME WORSHIP WITH US!



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 11 Genesis 24:52-26:18 Matthew 8:18-34 Psalm 10:1-15 Proverbs 3:7-8	January 21 Genesis 42:18-43:34 Matthew 13:47-14:12 Psalm 18:16-36 Proverbs 4:7-10
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ONE-YEAR BIBLE PLAN

ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING for FEBRUARY

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Council Corner: Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2021

Debby Hughes Moderator	Diane Langworthy Pastor	Bill Peterson Vice Moderator	Marilyn Morelli Council Secretary
Tom Besaw/Hal Francis Finance	Alice Lewis Worship-absent	Karen Austin Membership	Sammie Hartwell Christian Ed
Bobby Lambert George Smith Property	John Buchanan/Donnie Coleman Hospitality-absent	David LeBlanc Thrift Store	Shawn Proctor Outreach
	Marion Lange Visitor Lizzie Mollica Visitor	Ronnie Sciullo visitor	

Debby Hughes opened meeting at 6:05PM with Bible Verse and Prayer.

Ronnie Sciullo spoke of the changes in the upcoming year. She has left her role as council Recording Secretary and thanked Marilyn Morelli for helping with a smooth transition there. Ronnie has started to train Natalie Hageman in the position of Office Manager as well. She reported that she feels Natalie is more than qualified for that position. She requested that if you have any issues you need to discuss with Natalie, please use the following church email for that purpose: newsmyrnabeachucc@gmail.com and she asked that people do not use texting unless Natalie Ok's it.

Moderator's Report: Debby asked if minutes from previous meeting were accepted, a motion was made by Sammie to accept and seconded by Shawn. Minutes were accepted as written.

Finance Report: Hal Francis and Tom Besaw

We had an increase in building and maintenance repairs in November. Items such as an upgrade to our security system, insurance increase of approx. 20%, upgrades made to worship equipment (new microphone for the Pastor) Even with these added expenses we still have a surplus for the month and year so far. A unanimous vote was taken to give paid staff a Christmas bonus this year.

Pledges have decreased from 2021 to 2022. We are hoping for an increase in pledges in 2022.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for November 2021

	Nov	Year-to-Date
Collections and other income =	23,569	235,145
Payroll and other expenses =	22,332	212,812
* Net =	1,237	22,333

Fundraising income was \$3,480

Thrift Store income was \$6,581

Thanks to having 5 weeks of collections, a bump up in PayPal contributions and the successful fundraising dinner, our income was much better than average in November.

Council Corner Continued:

Pastor's Report:

The Pastor shared her thoughts on the transition from Zoom to in person worship. Thank goodness we were able to continue to connect via zoom through the pandemic. There are pros and cons. The children are once again enjoying being part of in-person Worship and Sunday School. However, it is more convenient for some families who are having a stressful time to be able to be on Zoom and experience Worship and that is a good thing, but she suggests that those who can attend come back to the Sanctuary. We should remember that God is reaching people in gentle and healing ways even on Zoom worship. We are all coming back together in both ways. The Pastor is really excited that we have some upcoming spiritual disciplines we will be working on in the New Year and it is important that we work on ourselves as disciples and get stronger in being kind and connecting to one another.

Worship: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Property Report: George Smith

Roof Repair has been done, we still need gutters where termite rot occurred, Zachery from Suncoast to provide a quote. Jeremy from Airtech of Volusia will give a quote on taking over the A/C system and doing maintenance on all units. Airtech of Volusia will also provide a quote to fix vent on side of church and check the fan issue in the Narthex. Fifty-pint humidifier needs to be purchased to collect moisture in the meditation room in the church building when the A/C is not running.

Membership: Karen Austin

Karen reports that Tee Shirts are available for Sale again. Contact Doreen Massin if you are interested in purchasing a shirt. The craft fair on November 10th had 10 vendors in attendance and \$350.00 was raised. Karen says that there are several members committed to be on Membership committee and she is looking forward to making it a FUN committee again! If you are interested, contact her.

Outreach: Shawn Proctor has decided that he will be stepping down as Music Director. He will continue to support us until we can replace him.

Thrift Store: David LeBlanc

David is looking forward to the New Year in the Thrift Store and is happy to be there.

Council Corner Continued:

Christian Education: Sammie Hartwell

Sammie is looking forward to Chairing the Finance Department next year. We still need someone for Christian Education. Castor Welsh and Natalie Hageman are likely candidates. Sammie stated that the first meeting of the Search and Call committee went well and she will continue to update regularly

Old Business: Council Meetings are to be changed to Monday Nights at 4PM and will take place on the second Monday of every month in person at the Church.

By Law revisions are being updated by Bill Peterson as they are recommended. Final version will be available for the next Council meeting in January so they can be submitted to the congregation at the Congregational meeting on Feb. 6th.

Tom Besaw reports that the three workshops for our Strategic Planning have been going very well and the results are really good so far.

Debby Hughes reminded the council chairs to update their policy and procedures and yearly reports prior to the end of the month.

New Business:

Incoming Chairpersons

Karen Dreggors – Outreach

Sammie Hartwell – Finance

Property – Vacant

Thank you to outgoing chairpersons: Frances Baker, Tom Besaw and Hal Francis

Spiritual Development using
12Steps/Breathing Under Water...late
January/early February

Pastor Diane closed the meeting with a
prayer at 7:25 PM

Next council meeting at 4PM on
Monday January 10th 2022

Respectfully submitted: Marilyn Morelli



SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE



Minutes from Search Committee Meeting - December 6, 2021

Attendees:

Leslie Etheredge – Associate Conference Minister, FL Conference UCC

Sammie Hartwell – Search Committee Lead

Debby Hughes – Search Committee member (without vote)

Bill Peterson – Search Committee member (Secretary)

Ronnie Sciullo – Search Committee member

Dave LeBlanc – Search Committee member

Mel Lange – Search Committee member

Belinda McCarthy – Search Committee member

Castor Welsh – Search Committee member (Prayer Leader)

There are three options for a replacement minister.

Interim Minister

Designated Minister

Settled Pastor

Leslie recommended and the committee agreed to proceed with the Designated Minister search

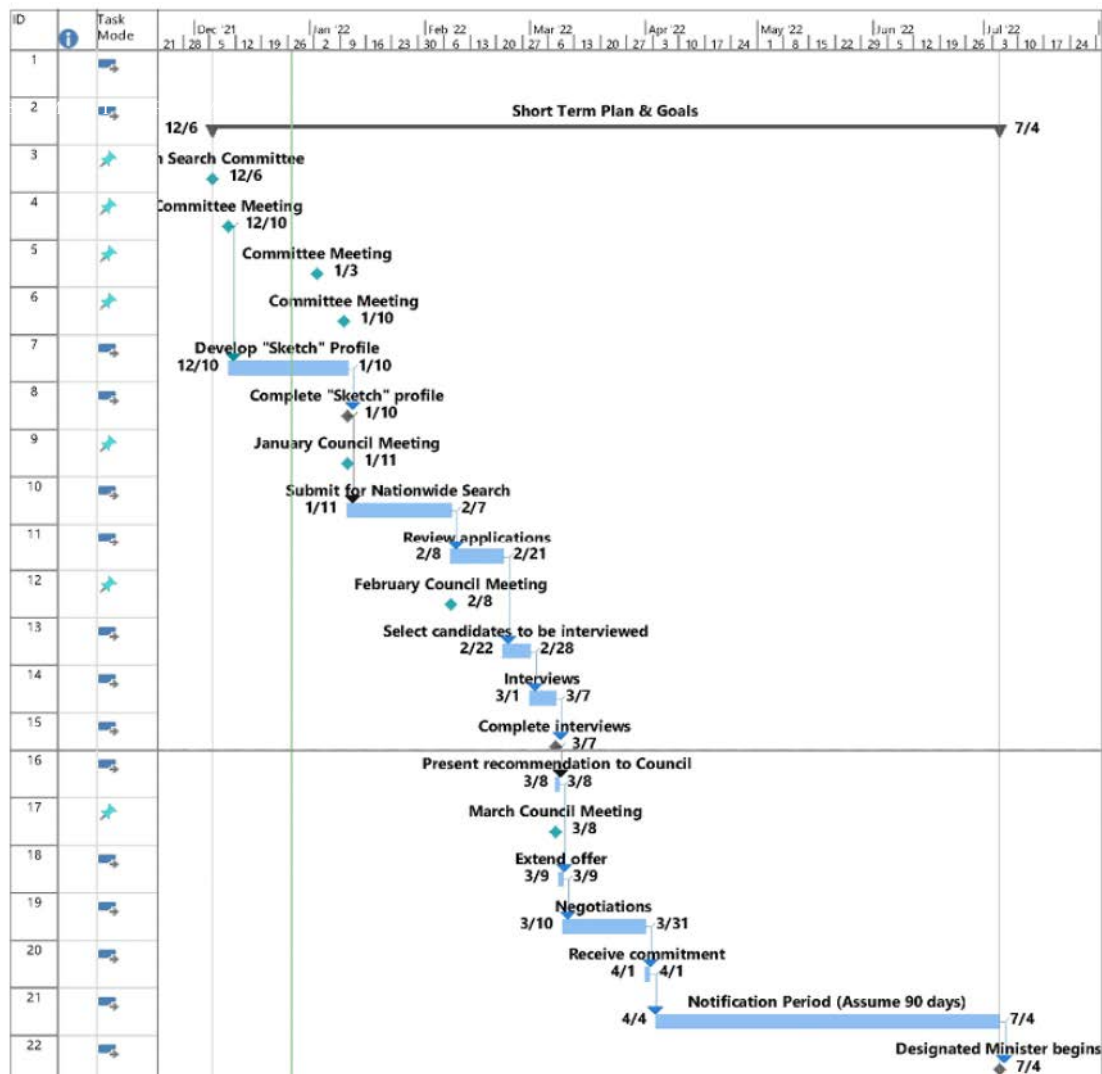
Next step is to develop a profile of our church and congregation. That process has begun with a target completion date of mid January. Goal is to have the position posted nationwide by February 1st.

Our next meeting will be Monday December 20th at which time each committee member is expected to discuss their draft “sketch” profiles.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Peterson – Search Committee Secretary

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR SEARCH AND CALL COMMITTEE





I found this old poem in my treasure trove of oldies...it seems oddly appropriate during this season of Christmas Time...God born for us. We sure needed this, didn't we? Vulnerable God. Infant Holy.

The work of the church continues to chug along. Gail Besaw has sent out 120 Cards this year on behalf of our church community. We have prayed nearly 400 prayers in our prayer ministry. John and Donnie have provided thousands of meals to those in need and Lara Nance has administered health care to those most vulnerable. Sammie and her cadre of elves through Gifts of Love provided Christmas miracles throughout our community...did you see Community Hall look like a well stocked ToysRUs? And our Thrift Store continues to be a beacon of hope in our economically challenged time. Our community faces economic challenges as do we as a faith community. We have something in common!

Our Church Council is changing its complexion as the year changes...
Outgoing members are : Tom Besaw, Hal Francis, Frances Baker, Ronnie Sciallo, Bobby Lambert and George Smith

Incoming members are: Karen Dreggors (Outreach), Sammie Hartwell (Finance), Dave LeBlanc (Thrift Store), Castor Welsh (Christian Education)
We continue to have a vacancy in Church Properties!

Our beloved Shawn Proctor is stepping down as the part time Music Minister and Pastor Diane continues to prepare us as best she can for her vacancy.

Please see the article regarding the Breathing Under Water- Spirituality and the 12-Steps sessions which are to run January 19th through April 13 th...this is a unique opportunity to grow your spirit!

Our work as God's holy presence, God's holy people continues. We are not daunted by adversity, but rather, I hope the challenge empowers us towards being our better selves. With God's help and a little grace, let this be so!

Spirit
Of
Ultimate
Life

Fill me
Use me
Love me
Let it flow

A Christmas Eve Poem



by Debby Hughes

we gather under the oaks and the
waning gibbous moon
stars lite the night sky
we join this celestial beauty
as we remember Mary bringing a babe
into this world
with a bright star rising

during difficult times
when traveling was arduous
and there was no room in the inn
and they made do

in a stable
with the cattle lowing

we gather outdoors this Florida winter's evening
observing pandemic precautions
times are difficult

Mary endured
as do we

sitting in the grass
separated by distance but not by hearts
somehow the annoyance of insects
doesn't seem so difficult

did Joseph pace back and forth
or was he Mary's doula

it took the world some time
before it realized the gift of Jesus' birth
before it understood that sometimes
the most ordinary of events are catalysts
into seismic shifts

Christmas eve

then and now

a shift is occurring
and Christ is here
Christ was always here
ever and all ways

A Note From the Office



Happy New Year, friends!

I would like to take a moment to thank our amazing Ronnie Sciullo for her service as office manager these past few years. I have tough shoes to fill as I transition into the role, so I am pleased she has offered her guidance along the way- which is just more proof that Ronnie is a true treasure to our community. Be sure to say thank you and wish her well in her future endeavors next time you see her!

I'm so excited to serve this community as your new office manager. I and my husband, Brandon and son, Lyle have loved being a part of the church here at UCC. An important thing to know about us is that we have the honor of taking care of Lyle's medical needs, as he has a rare metabolic disease. When it comes to Lyle, we ask that you treat him as you would an adorable animal at the zoo- "please don't feed the animals". It sounds strange, I know, but everything he eats and drinks has to be monitored and calculated by us to ensure he does not suffer from metabolic crisis. So, though you may not be able to stuff him full of treats, he loves high fives and hugs!

Again, I am honored to serve UCC. Getting to know each of you is the best part of the job, so feel free to come see me in the office Monday-Wednesday 9am-1pm, call the office at (386) 428-2352 or email me at newsmyrnabeachucc@gmail.com.

Love to you all!
Natalie Hageman

Upcoming Birthdays

Barbara Plentz- Jan 9th
Belinda McCarthy- Jan 16th
Charlene Kulchak- Jan 22nd

James Langworthy- Feb 7th
Anna Omiogard- Feb 10th
Marilyn Morelli- Feb 16th
Maggie Arndt- Feb 19th
Tammy Cote- Feb 19th
Jennifer Coady- Feb 20th
Debby Hughes- Feb 21st
Cecelia McKinney- Feb 22nd
Peg Turner- Feb 28th

Send your cards of love and support to...

Adam Dydak	31 Sandra Circle New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
Judy Ebert	Chateau Madeleine 205 Hardoon Lane Melbourne, FL 32940
Robin Hillman	810 E 23rd Ave New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169
Debbie Jackson	2100 N Peninsula #110A New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169
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
Diana Vanderbilt	2758 Turnbull Estates Drive New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

New Years Resolutions

Developing New Spiritual Disciplines, Daring to Change, to Reach...to Grow. A Last Hurrah of Sorts...or maybe...A New Beginning

Pastor Diane, Beth Jensen, Karen Austin and Debby Hughes are working in collaboration to present an epic opportunity to explore the depths of Spirituality and the 12-Steps by using the resources:

Breathing Under Water, Spirituality and the Twelve Steps by Richard Rohr
and:

Breathing Under Water, companion Journal, Spirituality and the Twelve Steps

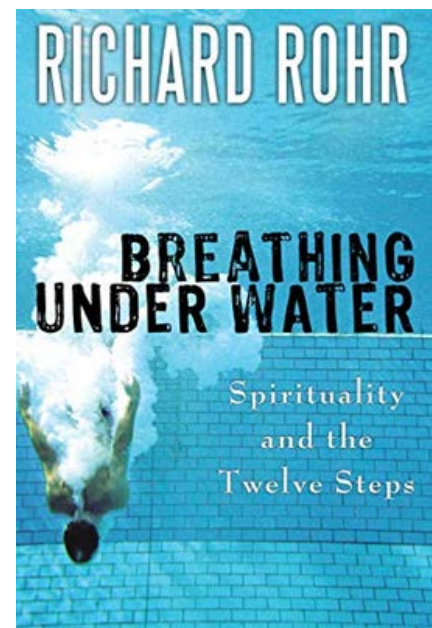
Do you know someone involved in 12-Step recovery? Have you ever wondered what it entailed? This is your opportunity to see how it dovetails with Christian teaching without having to give up anything, other than your time, your attention and your Wednesday evenings for 13 weeks. You can still drink your fill and have your chocolate cake while betting on your favorite teams during March Madness!!!

Willingness is necessary! Please join us as we come together, daring to learn from one another as we listen and share. We will begin with a simple soup supper at 5:30 where we will enjoy fellowship and share as we prepare for opening our hearts to what comes next. Our work begins in earnest at 6:00 PM and we plan on ending at 7:00 PM promptly. There may be a bit of homework, we expect you to read the text and...ponder. Yes. Lots of pondering involved.

We have Pastor Diane for just a little while longer...please join us for this spiritual encounter of the unknown kind...they often surprise, enlighten and astonish! Beginning on Wednesday January 19th at 5:30 and ending on Wednesday April 13th will allow us to finish just before Pastor Diane's last Sunday with us.

Registration is necessary. Please contact Debby Hughes or Beth Jensen if you are interested in joining us.

You must plan on using the resource materials. The book by Richard Rohr is required, the companion journal is suggested, but optional. They can be ordered on Amazon. If you need assistance with this, please contact Debby Hughes.



We Care and Say Prayers...



- For the well-being of our faith community during this time of transition
- For Pastor Diane and Ron as they come to the end of their time with us
- For our church leaders, strength, courage and foresight to lead us forward
- For John and Donnie and Colors of Hunger Ministry and the volunteer foundation which allows it to thrive
- For Lara Nance and the Beatitude Health Ministry with its outreach to those in need
- For Sammie and the Gifts of Love Ministry
- Gratitude for the volunteers who staff our Thrift Store which serves the community, allows services to those in need and financially helps our faith community
- For compassion and solidarity for the oppressed, the marginalized and the "other"
- For wisdom and strength for political leaders
- For unity amidst overwhelming division
- For our world as it comes together to ameliorate COVID and its' successors
- For faith to replace FEAR (negatively focused uncertainty)

Prayer Concerns?

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

Gifts of Love Food Bank



Our local community food bank 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



Gifts of Love Food Bank

April 27 at 10:39 PM · 🌐

Gifts of Love food pantry is open Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 2. If you need food please come to 820 west park ave Edgewater You will see the signs by the road. We want to help. — in Edgewater, Florida.



Nonprofit Organization

[Send Message](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

SANCTUARY DE-GREENING: Saturday, Jan 8th at 12pm in the sanctuary

AV MEETING: Monday, Jan 10th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary

SPIRITUALITY & THE 12 STEPS: Wednesday, Jan 19th at 5:30pm in Community Hall (recurring thru April 13th)

RECURRING COMMUNITY/SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

Mondays @ 4pm: Colors of Hunger (COH) To-Go Meal Distribution and Beatitude Health Ministry

Tuesdays @ 2pm: Prayer Group (Zoom) - Contact Pastor Diane

Wednesdays @ 5:30pm: Spirituality and the 12 Steps (Community Hall) - Contact Debby Hughes

RECURRING MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2nd Monday @ 11am: Finance Meeting (Zoom) - Tom Besaw/Hal Francis

2nd Monday @ 4pm: Council Meeting (Zoom) - Debby Hughes

3rd Tuesday @ 5:15pm: Worship Meeting (Zoom) - Alice Lewis

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE



Liturgists

Jan 9—Ed Lewis

Jan 16—Adam Dydak

Jan 23—Louise Lentz

Feb 6—Marcia Naugle

Feb 13—Debby Hughes

Feb 20—Castor Welsh

Feb 27—Cathy Mason

Ushers

Jan 9—Lori Lee, George Smith

Jan 16—Marilyn Morelli, Donna Lambert, Karen Watson

Jan 23—George Smith, Beth Jensen, Bernie Jensen

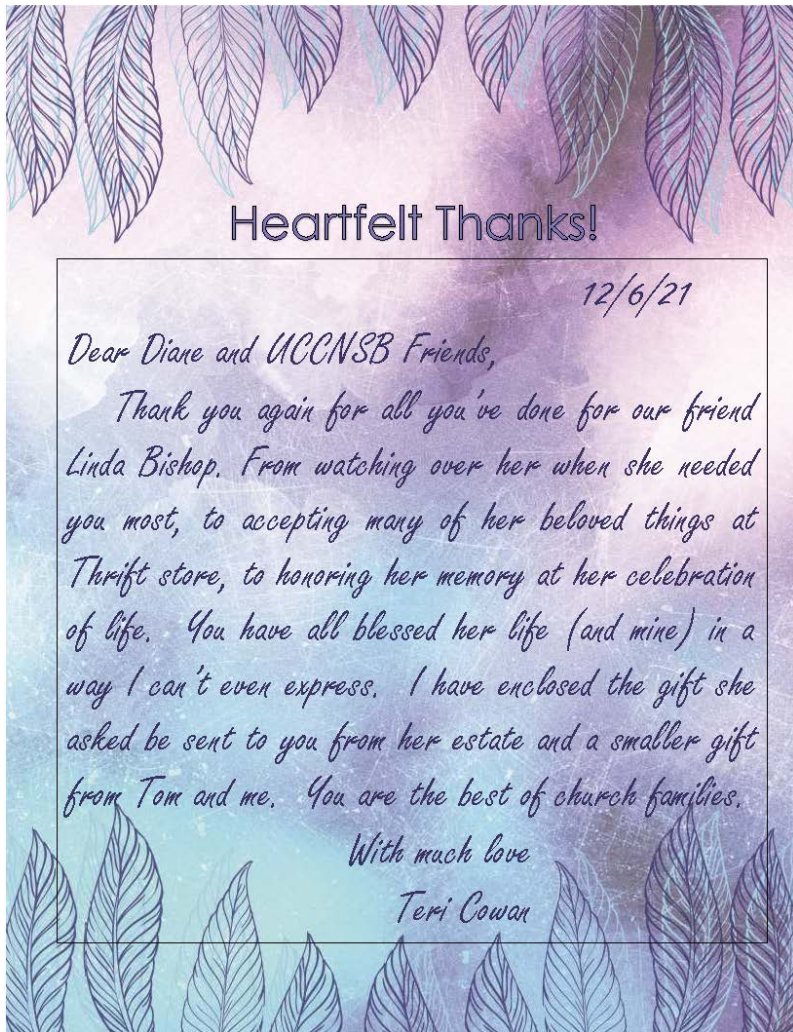
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