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A Message From Pastor Joe

Mt 3 (NRSV)11 ...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

A few years ago, I found this poem by Judy Brown called "Fire".

What makes a fire burn
is space between the logs,
a breathing space.
Too much of a good thing,
too many logs
packed in too tight
can douse the flames
almost as surely
as a pail of water would.
So building fires
requires attention
to the spaces in between,
as much as to the wood.
When we are able to build
open spaces
in the same way
we have learned
to pile on the logs,
then we can come to see how
it is fuel, and absence of the fuel
together, that make fire possible.
We only need to lay a log
lightly from time to time.
A fire grows
simply because the space is there,
with openings
in which the flame
that knows just how it wants to burn
can find its way.

May the rest of this summer season allow us the spaces we all need for flourishing. Thank you for giving me the space to flourish in this church community and as we follow God's lead into a flourishing church community.

Safe Travels and Happy Memories,
Pastor Joe and Janice



Billie Navojosky
Moderator

Message From Our Moderator

It's nearly August when the fireflies are most active, and the rhythmic whine of the evening cicadas are announcing the waning of summer. Where has the summer gone? While time seems to be moving ever so fast, throughout these past months your Governing Board has been actively meeting to discuss and address several concerns, including the development of a Vision for our Music Ministry along with how to keep everyone safe in the midst of a significant rise in the infection rate of Covid 19 in Sumter County.

As a first step, a Music Ministry Vision Team will be appointed within several weeks comprised of 7 individuals many of you have nominated or those who have offered to serve. Their goal will be to develop alongside Pastor Joe a vision for the future of our Music Ministry—hopefully thinking outside the box, revitalizing a central coalition of old, new, traditional and contemporary styles to musically honor and praise God. Yes, we all come with our personal preferences and history of musical worship. But collectively we can each grow as we experience new and perhaps different approaches knowing that a friend or fellow member may be joyfully celebrating. Change is challenging yet growth producing.

Concerned that the Delta Variant is ever changing, your Lay Leadership has temporarily suspended fellowship following services. With the goal to keep "in person services" continuing and everyone safe, we have asked all non-vaccinated individuals and any immunologically compromised individuals to wear a mask. Your health and safety are our most important focus.

In these times of uncertainty, new beginnings, change and growth we continue to be comforted knowing God is Still Speaking. Let us each be still enough to hear the message.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer,

Billie Navojosky, Moderator



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facebook

Why should you follow us on Facebook? Go to our page at UCC at the Villages and you'll see inspirational postings, photos, and a live link to our worship service every Sunday. Don't forget to "like" our page so you won't miss out on a thing!



You've probably been hearing about the resurgence of COVID due to the Delta variant. Here in Florida, the infection rate has reached 10%. Because of a desire to protect our most vulnerable congregants, particularly those who cannot take the vaccine, we are re-enforcing some COVID

protocols. Please be mindful and adhere to the following:

1. If you are unvaccinated, please wear a mask when entering the building and during your time inside the church. If you arrive and forgot your mask, please ask an usher for one.
2. Please maintain social-distancing. When we are dismissing the congregation at the end of our service, please do not crowd the aisles. The ushers will dismiss one row at a time. Do not leave until your row is dismissed. Do not stand in the aisle but move out while maintaining distance from those in front of you. We know this will require some patience, but this is done to protect us all.
3. Fellowship Hour will temporarily be halted. If you want to socialize, please do so in the parking lot or plan a lunch with your friends after worship.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this difficult time for us all. And, if you are able, please consider getting vaccinated. It could save your life or that of a loved one.



Did we miss your birthday or your anniversary? Help us update our files by emailing us the information or by calling the church office.

Happy Birthday To:

- Dianne Dill (1)
- Sandy Lynch (1)
- Leah Van de Bussche (1)
- Sheila Carpenter (3)
- Rick Doucette (3)
- Edward Peters (7)
- Tim Phelan (8)
- Phyllis Lachman (14)
- Carol Correa (15)
- Beth Babcock (16)
- Mary Grace Royal (16)
- Millie Allen (17)
- Barbara Sullivan (23)
- Chet Wendell (26)
- Adelaide Staton (27)
- Beverly Kuhlewind (28)

Happy Anniversary To:

- Barry & Charlotte Davis (3)
- Lyn & Mike Lang (5)
- Steve & Joyce Wheeler (6)
- Jan & Jeanie Schmeichel (8)
- Sandy & Ken Lynch (16)
- Greg & Jos George (19)
- Doug & Connie Bates (22)
- Anne & Bob Berg (22)
- Joe & Joanne LeFevre (23)
- Jerry & Barb Fabian (31)

Administration Team

The Administration Team's July Meeting was held virtually via Go To Meeting. Pastor Joe opened the meeting with a short prayer. With the exception of Jerry Fabian who was recuperating from recent back surgery, all members of the team were present along with Pastor Joe and our Moderator, Billie Navojosky.



Cherie Harrold,
Admin Chair

Ongoing Business:

Fellowship Hall Room Use Request: Doug and Connie Bates are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 22nd and had requested the use of the Fellowship Hall after Sunday services on the 22nd to share cake and ice cream with the congregation. The request was unanimously approved.

Ceiling Fan for Pastor Joe's Office: Pastor's office AC/air flow is controlled by the thermostat in Penny's office - and at times, additional air flow would reduce the stuffiness when the door is closed. A price to run additional electrical wires, add a dedicated line and circuit breaker as well as purchase a 52" ceiling fan with a wall switch was obtained from Dalton and Owens, the electrical firm who did the initial wiring of UCC when it was built. This company has firm knowledge of the intricacies of our attic which involves crossing over rooms and over and around vaulted ceilings, etc. They also have the original plans and know where everything is located.

The UCCATV men's Friday morning golf group surprised the Admin Team with a gift of \$300 to pay for the fan for Pastor's Office. Golf team members put in a dollar or two weekly - or more if someone on the team gets a birdie - and that is collected to be used for a smaller project/expense at UCC when the fund has cash built up. It was an unexpected but very welcome surprise - thank you golfers. No more golf jokes from the Admin Team.

The fan and switch have been ordered; the installation date will be known soon.

Landscaping: The weather hasn't been kind to Rock Solid (or any landscaper) so UCC grass is taller than usual, the shrubs are straggly and unkempt and the weeds are taller than some of the Admin Team members! Stephen Steinmetz, owner of Rock Solid, has agreed his team will remove the dead shrubs along CR 101. And they will trim the lower branches off the large pine trees in the memorial garden section. In addition, he will bush-hog the back unused portion. Admin has talked to Stephen about the church's needs and he is willing but weather does play a part - for both his equipment and the safety of his workers.

I know summer isn't everyone's favorite time to be outside in the heat/humidity but if you can spare a small amount of time now and then, please consider helping to keep the weeds at bay on ALL of the church gardens. Because we have a "meadow" that runs along the north side of the church property that is not mowed fully because of the steep downward incline, the weeds just keep coming and growing right into our shrub area and gardens along the north driveway coming into the church parking areas.

In addition to weeding, many shrubs need help by pulling out the Virginia Creeper vine that sprouts up in the middle of shrubs and then spreads all over it, and eventually killing it.

Painting the Church: A quote has been received for the 2021 price to paint UCC; they previously had quoted back in 2019 but that work was not performed. Two more quotes are forthcoming shortly.

After Church Coffee Hour: Through the summer months, the four leadership teams will each take a month and be responsible for securing food and drinks, set up and clean up for the Sundays in their month. Rectangular tables are being used as they are a might lighter weight and easier to put up/take down than the heavier round tables.

Diaconate took the month of July and is doing a fantastic job. Missions is taking the month of August and Admin is taking the month of September. Jerry and Barb will be up north from the end of July through August so are not available to do it.

Anyone who likes to bake - all home-made goodies are gratefully accepted!!!

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Disaster Manual: Rhea Singesen and Chris Janis took on the project before COVID and worked as they could, virtually, to update the years-old manual as well as adding new information such as church security, member training for safety, etc. It is just about finished after one more editing by Chris and should be available to all in the future.

Request from the Admin Team:

When you are at UCCATV, if you notice something that needs attention - water dripping, toilet running too long or not shutting off, soap dispenser out of soap, etc. - please send an email to any member of the team or to Cherie at caharrold@gmail.com. That will ensure a timely solution to getting it fixed.

And remember, if you are traveling away from FL this summer; please be safe in your travels. Your Admin Team wants to see ALL of you safely back at UCC at the Villages come fall. Till then, send us some of your cooler weather!!!

officeangels

What's it take to be an "office angel?" Just a few hours of your time! Most of our volunteers only answer the phone for the church while our Office Administrator is away. Office hours are 9am—1pm, Monday-Thursday..

We also have a few people who can do computer work or what we call "production" work. If you know Microsoft Publisher, then we'd love for you to be on our production team. Please contact Chris Janis, Cherie Harrold, or our Office Administrator, Penny Timson, for more information!

UCC Landscaping & Gardening

Between the heat, the humidity and summer frequent rains, the gardens are filling up with weeds, the grass sometimes is taller than usual, the shrubs need trimming, the trees need lower branches removed, and more mulch needs spreading. Our landscaping company is aware of this through conversations with your Admin Team and is doing the best he can, given the weather conditions as of late.

If you have a few spare minutes, particularly in the early morning when it's the coolest, please consider pulling a few weeds in the gardens at the church. In particular need right now are the gardens around the big signs.



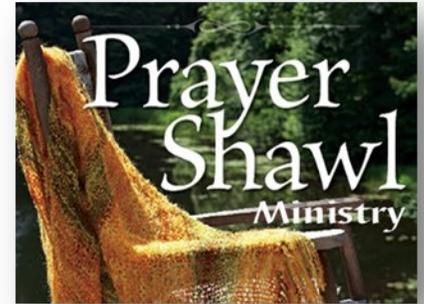
Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is alive and well! Prayer shawls are free for anyone to take. Just sign the book and help yourself. A prayer shawl is the perfect gift for anyone who is ill, grieving, moving, had a baby or anyone who just needs a hug!

They are located in the narthex in the new wall unit under the TV. We will be Blessing the Prayer Shawls on the 4th Sunday in July, so remember to bring your completed prayer shawls on that Sunday.

The knit and crochet group will resume meeting in September of October.

Hope to see you there for refreshment, conversation, and fellowship (and a little needlework also). Questions? Contact Kaye Phelan, ktygrl123@aol.com



Shepherd's Report

Summer is here and another Fourth of July holiday and I feel blessed. And I wish to send blessings to you all, too. Whenever I'm out with my dog I look for 4 leaf clovers. It reminds me how lucky I am, grateful for all I have now, and reminds me to reach out to others. Dear church family, as part of the Pastoral care team we try to stay connected with each other. Shepherds and helpers are always looking for more volunteers to make care calls. If this is something you would be interested in doing please contact

me or Pastor Joe. Our next group in person meeting is scheduled SEPT 23rd 1PM to share our plans and ideas. Thanks for your continued ministry, Shepherds and Helpers. Blessings Jo Posillico 352-430-5148



Dinner with Pastor Joe & Janice



We've got the hosts, now we need the diners! You are invited to join us for dinner with Pastor Joe and Janice at one of a variety of locations, dinners, and dates. Look for the sign-up sheets on the counter under the TV in the narthex. Sign up with whatever meal, host, and time that fits your needs. Make sure you include your contact information. There aren't many opportunities left, so sign up now for this limited time event!

Amazon Smile



Are you an Amazon shopper? If so, you can make a free donation to your church when you make a purchase through Amazon! To activate charitable giving through Amazon, you can either go directly to Smile.Amazon.com and choose United Church of Christ at The Villages as your charity OR you can click on the link at the bottom of our website, www.VillagesUCC.org and it will take you to Amazon Smile. A small portion of your purchase will be donated to your church for participating products. This is at NO cost to you! We've already begun to receive these donations!!

June 2021 Financial Report



	Current Month	Year to Date	Per Cent of Annual Budget
Total Income	\$26,629	\$184,925	68%
Total Expenses	\$31,910	\$142,232	45%

Please remember that while our church is holding online worship for the safety of our congregation and community, our expenses are continuing. We still have to pay our mortgage, utilities, payroll, missions, etc. There are a variety of ways to make a donation:

1. You may continue supporting your church by sending in your pledges/offerings to our mailing address:
United Church of Christ at The Villages, PO Box 194, Oxford FL 34484
2. You can pay through our online donation system on our website, www.VillagesUCC.org. Make a one-time or recurring donation to the fund of your choice.
3. You can use your own bank/credit union's Bill Pay systems which are usually free and easy to use! If you aren't using one, call your bank/cu for information.



Pastor Joe's Sermon Series

Pastor Joe continues his sermon series: "In These Times." As he explains, "Stress, change, pandemics, health concerns, and political polarization are sure to challenge our lives and faith. These are the times we are living in so how can we live whole lives and build a better faith?" Come to worship this Sunday and hear a message relevant to our lives today. Can't make it to church this week? You can watch our service live streamed at 10am or even later on the recorded version. Just go to our website at www.VillagesUCC.org,

or to our [Facebook Page](#) or to our [YouTube channel](#) and click the link for worship!.



Rev. Kathy Peters

Women's Spirituality Group

Each month this summer Rev. Kathy Peters will offer a "How is It With your Soul?" reflection and list of "points to ponder" as she has done before. Her hope is that the women in this group will find them helpful and enriching. If you would like to be included in her emails, please send your request to revkathyp@comcast.net

The group will gather again in person in October.

Men's Saturday Morning Study

The Men's Breakfast group meets on Saturday mornings inside the Fellowship Hall at 8am for breakfast, study and fellowship. A small fee is appreciated to cover the expense of breakfast (usually \$3-\$5)

Contact Denny Lawson, dennylawsosn@hotmail.com if you'd like to join them and he will inform you of the book they are currently discussing.



The UCC Spiritual Group (Wise) meets each Monday at 2 PM. All are welcome. Currently the Zoom app is being used. The meeting ID is: 681 299 1778 and the passcode is: 204326. For more information, please contact Beverly Hallman at 207-807-5896.

WISE

UCC Golf Group

The UCC Golf Group plays golf on Friday mornings. All levels of golfers are welcome! For more information on how you can participate, please contact Doug Bates at 515-291-7772.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is meeting monthly on the second Tuesday, 7:30am, at Perkins on the corner of Avenida Central at 27/441, in Lady Lake (across from the CVS Pharmacy). All men are welcome to join them for food and fellowship! Questions? Contact Glenn Kramer, gkramer40@gmail.com

WISE Report

How Gratitude Changes You and Your Brain

New research is starting to explore how gratitude works to improve our mental health.

BY JOSHUA BROWN, JOEL WONG | JUNE 6, 2017

With the rise of managed health care, which emphasizes cost-efficiency and brevity, mental health professionals have had to confront this burning question: How can they help clients derive the greatest possible benefit from treatment in the shortest amount of time?

Recent evidence suggests that a promising approach is to complement psychological counseling with additional activities that are not too taxing for clients but yield high results. In our own research, we have zeroed in on one such activity: the practice of [gratitude](#). Indeed, [many studies](#) over the past decade have found that people who consciously count their blessings tend to be happier and less depressed.

The problem is that most research studies on gratitude have been conducted with well-functioning people. Is gratitude beneficial for people who struggle with mental health concerns? And, if so, how?

We set out to address these questions in a recent research study involving nearly 300 adults, mostly college students who were seeking mental health counseling at a university. We recruited these participants just before they began their first session of counseling, and, on average, they reported clinically low levels of mental health at the time. The majority of people seeking counseling services at this university in general struggled with issues related to depression and anxiety.

We randomly assigned our study participants into three groups. Although all three groups received counseling services, the first group was also instructed to write one letter of gratitude to another person each week for three weeks, whereas the second group was asked to write about their deepest thoughts and feelings about negative experiences. The third group did not do any writing activity.

What did we find? Compared with the participants who wrote about negative experiences or only received counseling, those who wrote gratitude letters reported significantly better mental health four weeks and 12 weeks after their writing exercise ended. This suggests that gratitude writing can be beneficial not just for healthy, well-adjusted individuals, but also for those who struggle with mental health concerns. In fact, it seems, practicing gratitude on top of receiving psychological counseling carries greater benefits than counseling alone, even when that gratitude practice is brief.

And that's not all. When we dug deeper into our results, we found indications of how gratitude might actually work on our minds and bodies. While not definitive, here are four insights from our research suggesting what might be behind gratitude's psychological benefits

1. Gratitude unshackles us from toxic emotions

First, by analyzing the words used by participants in each of the two writing groups, we were able to understand the mechanisms behind the mental health benefits of gratitude letter writing. We compared the percentage of positive emotion words, negative emotion words, and "we" words (first-person plural words) that participants used in their writing. Not surprisingly, those in the gratitude writing group used a higher percentage of positive emotion words and "we" words, and a lower proportion of negative emotion words, than those in the other writing group. However, people who used more positive emotion words and more "we" words in their gratitude letters didn't necessarily have better mental health later. It was only when people used fewer negative emotion words in their letters that they were significantly more likely to report better mental health. In fact, it was the lack of negative emotion words—not the abundance of positive words—that explained the mental health gap between the gratitude writing group and the other writing group.

Perhaps this suggests that gratitude letter writing produces better mental health by shifting one's attention away from toxic emotions, such as resentment and envy. When you write about how grateful you are to others and how much other people have blessed your life, it might become considerably harder for you to ruminate on your negative experiences.

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2. Gratitude helps even if you don't share it

We told participants who were assigned to write gratitude letters that they weren't required to send their letters to their intended recipient. In fact, only 23 percent of participants who wrote gratitude letters sent them. But those who didn't send their letters enjoyed the benefits of experiencing gratitude nonetheless. (Because the number of people who sent their letters was so small, it was hard for us to determine whether this group's mental health was better than those who didn't send their letter.)

This suggests that the mental health benefits of writing gratitude letters are not entirely dependent on actually communicating that gratitude to another person.

So if you're thinking of writing a letter of gratitude to someone, but you're unsure whether you want that person to read the letter, we encourage you to write it anyway. You can decide later whether to send it (and we think it's often a good idea to do so). But the mere act of writing the letter can help you appreciate the people in your life and shift your focus away from negative feelings and thoughts.

3. Gratitude's benefits take time

It's important to note that the mental health benefits of gratitude writing in our study did not emerge immediately, but gradually accrued over time. Although the different groups in our study did not differ in mental health levels one week after the end of the writing activities, individuals in the gratitude group reported better mental health than the others four weeks after the writing activities, and this difference in mental health became even larger 12 weeks after the writing activities.

These results are encouraging because many other studies suggest that the mental health benefits of positive activities often decrease rather than increase over time afterward. We don't really know why this positive snowball effect occurred in our study. Perhaps the gratitude letter writers discussed what they wrote in their letters with their counselors or with others. These conversations may have reinforced the psychological benefits derived from the gratitude writing itself.

For now, the bottom line is this: If you participate in a gratitude writing activity, don't be too surprised if you don't feel dramatically better immediately after the writing. Be patient and remember that the benefits of gratitude might take time to kick in.

4. Gratitude has lasting effects on the brain

About three months after the psychotherapy sessions began, we took some of the people who wrote gratitude letters and compared them with those who didn't do any writing. We wanted to know if their brains were processing information differently.

We used an fMRI scanner to measure brain activity while people from each group did a "pay it forward" task. In that task, the individuals were regularly given a small amount of money by a nice person, called the "benefactor." This benefactor only asked that they pass the money on to someone if they felt grateful. Our participants then decided how much of the money, if any, to pass on to a worthy cause (and we did in fact donate that money to a local charity).

We wanted to distinguish donations motivated by gratitude from donations driven by other motivations, like feelings of guilt or obligation. So we asked the participants to rate how grateful they felt toward the benefactor, and how much they wanted to help each charitable cause, as well as how guilty they would feel if they didn't help. We also gave them questionnaires to measure how grateful they are in their lives in general.

We found that across the participants, when people felt more grateful, their brain activity was distinct from brain activity related to guilt and the desire to help a cause. More specifically, we found that when people who are generally more grateful gave more money to a cause, they showed greater neural sensitivity in the medial prefrontal cortex, a brain area associated with learning and decision making. This suggests that people who are more grateful are also more attentive to how they express gratitude.

Most interestingly, when we compared those who wrote the gratitude letters with those who didn't, the gratitude letter writers showed greater activation in the medial prefrontal cortex when they experienced gratitude in the fMRI scanner. This is striking as this effect was found three months after the letter writing began. This indicates that simply expressing gratitude may have lasting effects on the brain. While not conclusive, this finding suggests that practicing gratitude may help train the brain to be more sensitive to the experience of gratitude down the line, and this could contribute to improved mental health over time.

Regardless of whether you're facing serious psychological challenges, if you have never written a gratitude letter before, we encourage you to try it. Much of our time and energy is spent pursuing things we currently don't have. Gratitude reverses our priorities to help us appreciate the people and things we do.

Let The Music Play!

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Praise Songs and New Songs!

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual praise songs to God. 17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ps 33:1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. 2 Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

The writer of Colossians is sharing with us the value of singing together in the body of Christ. The writer presents a varied and diverse experience of music both lyrically and in composition: psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. The church is meant to present a varied experience of music and as the writer of Psalms encourages us to “sing new songs” and use various musical instruments.

As a pastor I am concerned about the content and the presentation of the Word, and this has kept the Scripture fresh and relevant for today and we as a church should feel the same way about our music. UCC at The Villages places an important place on the Word preached but also on the music in our church service. We are a singing church that wants to meet the needs of today and the future. This leads me to why I am writing.

Music Committee and Accompanist at UCC at The Villages

Our accompanist has resigned due to personal/family decisions, and we find ourselves reevaluating our Music Ministry. In our Personnel Committee meeting we were discussing the job description and the need for certain expectations and excellence. We have come to an agreement that we will first develop a music committee and proceed from there.

Purpose of Music Committee: To implement the initial Mission and Vision of the Music Ministry at UCC at The Villages. Because this is a select committee, the Pastor as the primary leader of the Worship Service will work alongside this team. We envision that our Music Ministry will be able to offer and explore a variety of styles of worship providing excellence in musical presentation.

Duration of this Committee: This is not a standing committee but a select committee that will exist in its current structure for a specific period. At such time it will be evaluated by the Governing Board on whether it is still needed.

Plan/Structure: A team will be assembled of varied ages, experiences and interest. You may submit your interest and nominations to our Church Moderator, Billie Navojosky, at billie518@roadrunner.com or the office. The Music Committee will be assembled by the Personnel Team and will meet, as necessary. Please submit your interest and/or nominations before August 9th.

I am so excited about our future together as we make some old traditions new and seek to forge new traditions together so that we can have a bonding and shared experience at “our” church. One more thing: have you invited someone to church or to check out our livestreaming on Facebook, YouTube or through our website? If not, what are you waiting for?

(by Pastor Joe)





Member Only Website Pages

We now have Member-Only access pages on our website. It includes a photo membership directory and the Annual Report. So, how do you access it?

YOU HAVE TO BE A CHURCH MEMBER

Only church members will have access to the Membership Page. That means you should not share your registration with anyone else. This is private information for your use only. Each registration must be approved

before access is granted.

YOU MUST REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

- Go to our website, www.VillagesUCC.org and click on the **Registration/Log In** tab at the top of the page.
- When you click on the registration tab, a box will appear that will allow you to register. Fill in your name, email address, and a password that you can remember. Please note: we will not know your password and cannot retrieve it for you if you forget it. If that happens, you will have to retrieve the password on the site itself by re-entering information.
- Once you register, our administrator will have to give approval. This might take a couple of days, depending on when you register.

LOG IN TO SEE YOUR PRIVATE PAGES

- Once approved, you can “log in” to the site. At that time, a box will appear showing you the private pages to which you have access. Click on the page you wish to view and it will appear.
- The Membership Directory can be accessed two ways. If you want a printable non-photo directory, click on the title “Membership Directory” at the top of the page and a pdf of the directory will appear. You can print this page. If you want to view the photo directory, it is listed in an accordion-style menu on the Membership page. Just click on the letter of the last name of the person you would like to see and all last names beginning with that letter will appear in a list.

KEEP IT PRIVATE

Please remember that the information listed on these pages is for your personal use only. It is not to be used for any kind of solicitation, other than church business. Your password is yours only, so please do not share it with anyone else.

PROOF YOUR INFORMATION

Don't forget to look at your own information in the membership directory to make sure it is correct. If anything needs to be changed or you have any questions, please contact our church office at uccatvoffice@gmail.com



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MAILING TO UCC?

If you need to mail your contributions/pledges or anything else to us, please remember to mail it to our **PO BOX**. Our mailing address is: PO Box 194, Oxford, FL 34484. **DO NOT MAIL** us at our physical location address. We want your contributions and communications to be safe. Thank you!

2021 UCC at The Villages Officers, Assistants & Chairs

Moderator.....	Billie Navojosky
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Recorder.....	Jeff Osterman
Asst. Recorder.....	Kathy Frey
Treasurer.....	Jean Doyle
Asst. Treasurer.....	Glenn Kramer
Membership Clerk.....	Kaye Phelan
Administration Chair.....	Cherie Harrold
Diaconate.....	Alex Mariano & Joanne LeFevre
Mission.....	Sandy Lynch
Finance/Stewardship.....	Jack Chandler & Donna Herbert



Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests may be submitted to our Pastor through our website www.VillagesUCC.org . Prayers are held for one month only. If you need prayers to continue, please resubmit your request each month. To ensure we're not violating confidentiality, if you're submitting a prayer request for someone other than yourself, please ensure you have their permission to do so. Prayer recipients will be announced during our Sunday worship service.

Discretionary Fund

The first Sunday of every month, we collect donations for the Discretionary Fund. This is a fund which our church uses to help local families in need who come to our church door. 100% of your donations go to aid those in need in our own community. This fund has become low due to the increased needs of our neighbors during COVID-19. If you are able, please consider giving to this important fund. Thank you for your continued support! ***Whether at our door or in our pews, this fund helps all those of our "beloved community!" You can make donations through our online giving on our website or mail your donations—just write "discretionary fund" on the memo line of your check. If mailing, make sure you only use our PO Box 194, Oxford FL 34484 address.***

