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A Message From Pastor Joe

Luke 18:22 (NRSV) *When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”*

The Holidays are rapidly approaching, and Jesus invites us to “come, follow Him”. This is a daily invite. November is Native American Heritage month, and the Thanksgiving Holiday is this month. This is the time we are to acknowledge as a nation our indigenous history, tradition, and knowledge. We are supposed to honor the indigenous land upon which we live; we are meant to celebrate peace between nations and cultures. But the truth is we still have much work to do. We should acknowledge and make reparations of any Christian domination and imperialism that has happened in the name of Christ. Christ is the way of sacrificial love, gentleness and embrace, not dominance. Jesus invites us to follow him for He is meek and lowly in heart. It is an invitation. Do we accept the invite of Jesus this month as we celebrate Thanksgiving? I prefer to think of Thanksgiving not so much as a holiday but a way of living and giving.

The word “Thanksgiving,” is a compound word, made up of the two words “thanks” and “giving.” Gratitude can rise within us at any moment, and while gratitude is a good feeling, it doesn’t necessarily accomplish or lead to anything. That is where the “giving” part of Thanksgiving comes in. True “thanksgiving” does not happen until we give back. The unique and beautiful intention behind this holiday is that it is designed to result in giving – in concrete action— it could be on behalf of the poor, on indigenous people, your church community and the have-nots. The act of thanksgiving, therefore, has two essential parts: the feeling of *gratitude* and the act of *giving*.

We have a lot to give thanks for all God has done for us as a church and a lot to give back to God. We can give back to God by supporting our church through our giving and service, and we can offer our love and service also to the world all around us. Your *thanksgiving* might just rekindle another’s faith in the goodness of God and in humanity, something we all so desperately need. To whom much is given much is required! Amen.

Happy Memories of “thanks” and “giving”!

Pastor Joe and Janice

Message From Our Moderator



Billie Navojosky
Moderator

“BE THE CHURCH. Care for the poor. Embrace diversity. Reject racism. Forgive often. Love God. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life”.....and may I add Give of time in service to others.

This motto of UCC at The Villages spoke to me 7 years ago when I came to visit the church. It touched my spirit deeply. Now I am aware of how important it is to embrace these words. It does take a Village to keep our church running and growing. There are a number of openings on Ministry Teams; Greening of the church is approaching, 11/26, and in need of volunteers; Shepherds are needed to welcome and offer assistance to new members; Administration Team is asking for volunteers to give 2 hours for working on the grounds; and volunteers are needed to set up and take down tables and chairs for Fellowship hour before and following Sunday services. There are many more opportunities for each of us to offer

time, talents and resources. Won't you “Be the Church” and give of your time?

New members will be received during the month of November. As the positivity rate in Sumter and Lake County continue to drop it is our hope that Fellowship can begin November 7 following two weeks of less than 5% positivity for both counties.

Painting of the exterior of the church will begin Nov. 8, barring no inclement weather.

Lastly, I want to encourage everyone. The Martin Luther King scholarship drive has begun and I pray we as a congregation will once again contribute to provide scholarships for area worthy students. Last year our congregation contributed \$1500 and our church was recognized in the program.

We are truly blessed in so many ways. Feel free to contact any of the Ministry Team Chairs, Charlotte Davis, Vice Moderator or myself with ideas, comments or concerns. We all are The United Church of Christ at The Villages!



A Fresh Start

Have you submitted your pledge? Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign is winding down, but you can still take part! It is important that we each search our minds and hearts to assess what we might be able to pledge next year. Please remember that we began the last three years with a negative budget. We have been fortunate each year to do better than our budget, primarily due to external forces such as not using our building for most of 2020 due to Covid-19.

We have improved our worship delivery with streaming video and YouTube recordings. We want to continue to expand our interface via Social Media with our congregation. There are great plans coming for future development. Pledges may be made via our website, www.VillagesUCC.org. Click on the image (as shown above) on our web's front page. The form is private and secure. You may also request a pledge card by calling our office.

This feels like a new beginning for our church. We are back to face-to-face worship which helps give us a real sense of community. We have a new Pastor who brings new energy and vision to our church. Accordingly, the theme for our campaign is “Fresh Start.” (by Jack Chandler, Finance & Stewardship Chair)

Welcome New Members!

In the next few Sundays, Pastor Joe is going to conduct New Member Covenant ceremonies during our Sunday morning worship. We are very happy to announce the following schedule and names of the newest members to our UCC family! Please welcome them with your attendance at these services!

Sunday, October 31



Larry Beam



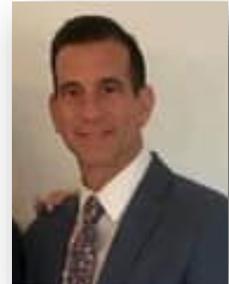
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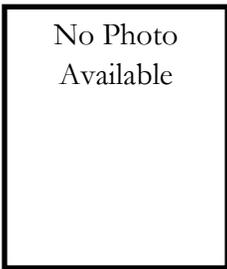


Janice DiDonato

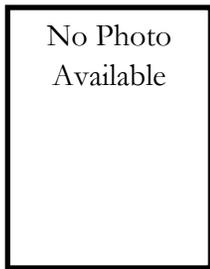


Rev. Joe DiDonato

November 7



Tom Fumicello



Grant Anderson



Chris Thomas



Ron Thomas



Keith Miland



Mary Lund

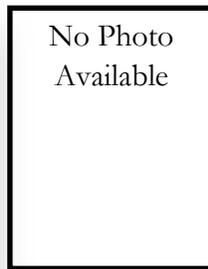
November 14



Ken Boettcher



Daniel Skidmore



Barbara Teel



Mary Ellen Shea



You've probably been hearing about the resurgence of COVID due to the Delta variant. Here in Florida, the infection rate has reached 19.8%. ([FloridahealthCOVID19.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19)) 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. 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. We will not be passing the collection plate. You may place your donations in the box in the Narthex or use our online donations app at our website, www.VillagesUCC.org.
4. Fellowship Hour has been temporarily 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:

Joan Newell (1)
 Anna Darr (2)
 Ken Powley (4)
 Mary Lou Slayback (5)
 Beverly Hallman (7)
 Dail Sleeper (7)
 Jo Rhoades (13)
 Diane Carr (14)
 Dot Powley (16)
 Carol Wahlenmayer (16)
 Charlotte Davis (19)
 Ron Thomas (19)
 Lucretia Leen (22)
 Kathy Frymire (25)
 Barb Bateman (27)
 Jay Richards (29)

Happy Anniversary To:

Denny & Nora Lawson (23)
 Doug MacFarlane & Chris Janis (24)

Administration Team



Cherie Harrold,
Admin Chair

Your Admin Team met virtually on October 12. Present were Cherie Harrold, Chris Janis, Pete Winnen, Tim Phelan, Moderator Billie Navojosky, Vice-Moderator Charlotte Davis and Pastor Joe. Missing were Jerry Fabian, Bill Richter and Nancy White.

UPDATES:

Ceiling Fan for Pastor's Office: Fan and wall switch are installed and working. Repairs were needed to the wallboard above the wall switch because the electricians ran into an obstacle - a metal plate - while snaking the wires down the wall from the attic and had to make a large hole for the wires to get the wires in place. Dalton and Owens has provided a repair person versed in drywall installation to patch that hole - at no charge to us.

Exterior Painting of UCC: Weldon Painting was selected as the company to paint the church's exterior. Colors will remain as close to the original as possible. A work agreement with Weldon as well as a certificate of insurance have been received and signed. He plans to begin on November 8th with power washing the building. All work should be completed before Thanksgiving.

Room Requests/Rentals: Until the positivity rate for Sumter County, where the majority our members and visitors reside is 5% or below, requests for room rentals are not being processed. The numbers are below 8% at the time of this writing and the hope is we can start opening up more soon.

Constitution and By-Laws: Admin Team reviews these every three years. Team members are reviewing them now and making suggestions/edits. This will be reviewed by the Governing Board on October 19.

Building Use Request Forms/Facility Use Details Form/Fees for Weddings and Funerals: These were presented to the Administration Team which approved them.

AED Batteries: These finally arrived from the manufacturer after nearly a 5-month delay. Bill Richter put them in the AED and it is now at 100% capacity.

Fire Alarm Inspection: No issues were found with this inspection and UCC was issued a certain of inspection. We passed in all four categories.

Termite Inspection: Florida Pest Control did their annual termite inspection of the interior and exterior of UCC. We passed with no issues.

Kitchen Refrigerators: Three members of the Admin Team cleaned these out, disposing of all food items that had a use by date of 2020. New items will be purchased - staple items - as soon as we have a date of when the kitchen will be utilized again for coffee hour.

REPAIRS

Air Conditioner #2 that cools the Fellowship Hall: A small leak of the drain pipe where two pieces of PVC pipe connect was discovered in the attic. DelAir was already called for another call on another air handler and glued this loose joint together which stopped the leak.

Air Conditioner #5 that cools the choir loft area: The thermostat in this area went dead suddenly. DelAir was called and found out a clogged drain line caused water to back up in the drip pan and flood the float switch which then shut down that system. That is how the float switch should work so water doesn't keep backing up and cause a drip pan overflow. The drain was unclogged and all is working properly now.

Ant Hills in the grassy parking areas: You may have noticed large piles of dirt/sand in the parking areas. The ones with a hole in the top - pyramid in shape - are red pyramid ants which do not bite people. The ones that have no hole in the top and appear more random in shape are Fire Ant Hills and they bite. Florida Pest came to inspect and gave a one-time per year price to treat the ant hills with an industrial-grade granular product that will kill the fire ants for a guaranteed year. If they return before the end of the year, there is no charge to treat them again. UCC Admin Team will try other product on remaining ant hills to move them out of the parking areas. Red pyramid ants actually fire red ants and other insects that can destroy things growing in the gardens so are considered "good ants."

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TO BE DONE

External Audit: Chris is coordinating this with Penny.

Equipment Video: For insurance purposes, we plan to video all the church's equipment, including all electronics, including serial numbers, models, etc. This will be stored in the safe and/or out of the church.

Landscaping: Rock Solid has been contacted to bush-hog the overgrown grass and weeds behind the shrubs along the driveway on the north side. Half was done previously but was not finished. They have some labor shortages and are doing the best they can.

Garden Day: A UCC Garden Day is being planned for Saturday, October 23 from 8 to 10:30am. Bagged mulch will be purchased. Pete Winnen has volunteered his truck to pick up bags. Volunteers will concentrate on de-vining the shrubs where invasive creeper vines are growing inside the shrubs, some weeding and lots of mulch spreading. Another garden day will be planned in November.

Rusting Propane Tanks: A church member is concerned about the rusty propane tanks sitting in the dumpster area. Pete will power wash them to clean and they spray with Rustoleum paint to protect them from further rust. All four tanks have propane in them - for use with UCC's two propane grills for outdoor cooking. They haven't been used in about two years.

ADMIN REQUEST

If you notice something broken or not right either inside or outside the church, please mention it to a member of the Admin Team. The responsibilities for this team are numerous and any help we have to not overlook something is welcome. And we are always happy to have members join our team; there's enough responsibilities to go around

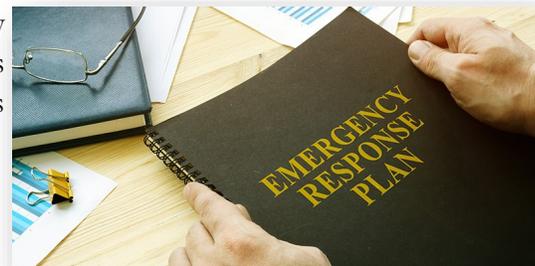
Free Exercise Program!



If you missed out helping with our Garden Day, no worries! Weeds happen in our landscaping all the time. If you'd like to get out in the fresh air and sunshine and get a little exercise, too, then please consider pulling some weeds and vines in our Memorial garden or around the church landscape.

Emergency Coordinator

We are looking for a couple of people to be co- Emergency Coordinators. These people would oversee our emergency protocols and volunteers. If you would like to know more, please contact Chris Janis, crjanis@comcast.net or 617-750-3101.



Report from Our Delegates to the UCC Florida Conference Annual Meeting



Charlotte Davis

On Wednesday evening, Tena Nock-Hope led opening vespers. The topic of Liberation Through Lament was moving as we looked at loss and grieving. All brought a cup of water for our mediation in allowing our grief of loss to flow out. After time for sharing, all participants spoke of where their cup of water would be poured out, just as pouring out grief can be liberating. My cup of water now flows in the fountain of my front yard.



Rev. Rachel Beam

On Thursday, Dr. Raymond Hargrove was honored upon his retirement as Regional Minister. This was followed by Dr. Carrie Call from Penn Central Conference of UCC, who gave the keynote address, “Sea-change in the Modern Church: Navigating Rough Waters

toward a New Horizon.” I believe it can still be heard via YouTube. She spoke on membership in the UCC and the differences among regions. Membership is declining and the birth rate of children born to main line protestant churches does not keep up with the loss of members. There are more adults in Sunday School than children. She went on to say that we must move towards the future with a strategic plan, a clear, strong Mission for the church, an active prayer life, and a joy in each other that nurtures needs. Get to know each other as a family of God, not just an acquaintance. We were asked to consider what would be missed in our community if our church closed its doors. What is our history and our future? What is our Why? Dr. Call continued to advise us that traditional membership is changing. If we have online members, then our technology must be excellent. Bylaws are the framing for the church and need to be updated frequently. It is bureaucratic, but necessary, to be open with all about how church operates. Find the gospel in your church, get fuel from Holy Spirit to proclaim Jesus’s love and salvation. All members

should be partners, having team unity that is invested in working towards the Mission.

The Proposed Budget was presented on Friday. There was time for questions and explanations. The Board made a decision to not replace the vacant position of Regional Minister at this time. The remaining positions were re-defined to cover these duties. Leslie Etheridge, John Vertigan, and Neal Watkins will serve in these positions. This allowed the line item of the budget stabilization fund to remain and support any losses of income. It also allowed a raise to be given to staff and clergy since there has not been one in the past 2 years. Concern was expressed as to whether the budget will cover the needs of congregations in the region. There were also comments that income is dependent on the voluntary giving from area churches. Others noted that some memorials continue to grow but have not been used due to guidelines that are out of the norm for today. They are proceeding with legal counsel to see if some of these funds can be released.

On Saturday the delegates met. Esther Robles of Tampa opened with worship, followed by prayers of the people led by Chaplain Vonshelle Beneby. Sumner Hutchison III called the conference meeting to order. A Consent Agenda was approved followed by the slate from the nominating committee. Two vacancies were filled during the meeting and a full slate was approved. Michael Downs presented a report on the Legacy Funds. These funds total over 8 million dollars with a 7.6% return. He also mentioned awards and grants that support programs between Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are listed on the conference website. The Rev. Gabriel Marcus of Sterling, Florida, reported on Anti-Racism ministry. All were encouraged to join the effort by contacting ARM via jointhementuucc.org. Another ministry is the Alliance for Fair Food that protects workers such as those in Immokalee, Florida. There will be a program Nov. 3, 2021 regarding these efforts. The Rev. James Pennington is the new coordinator for Back Bay Mission in Mississippi. He gave a report on the efforts of this program to combat homelessness. *(continued next page)*

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The Budget was presented and approved. It was noted that Mental Health ministry funds have been moved to Faith Formation in the budget line.

Updates of the By-Laws were presented by Lynn Jones, vice-moderator of the Board of Directors. The approved changes are in bold: Article 3 Memberships: church authorized ministers **with standing in the FL conference**; COCAM changed

to **Committee on Ministry**; ministry #s changed from 9 to **6 per region - 3 clergy and 3 laity**. There were also some approved grammatical changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent UCC at The Villages,

Rachel Beam

Char Davis



Joanne LeFevre
Co-Chair

Having an interfaith Thanksgiving service was discussed and it was decided that due to continued Covid restraints, it would not take place this year. It will be revisited again for next year.

There will be a Christmas Eve service this year. Final time set is coming and will be announced in the weekly bulletin. There will not be a Christmas Day service, but a normal Sunday service at 10:00 will take place on December 26th.

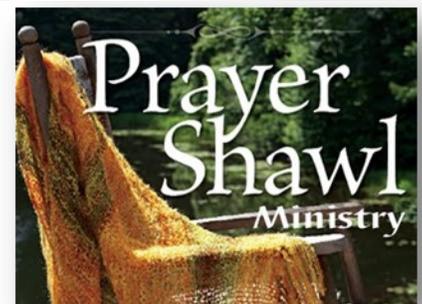
Poinsettias will be ordered again for Christmas Eve. More information will be coming in next weeks Sunday Bulletin. Stay tuned.

The greening of the church for Christmas will be at 10:30 on November 26th. Advents starts on November 28. Anyone wishing to help with the greening can sign up in the Narthex.

Diaconate

The Music Committee has been set up and is having their first meeting on October 25th at 6:30PM at the church. The Committee is comprised of Diane Carr, Janice DiDonato, Carolyn Hamel, Denny Lawson, and Cathy Frey. Non voting members are Charlotte Davis, Pastor Joe, and Mike West. There were so many wonderful people wanting to serve on this committee and it was a very difficult choice. People serving on the committee will do so for a year. The term will be from January 2022 thru December 31, 2022. There will be an opportunity next year for different people to service on the Music Committee. If anyone in the congregation has a particular song they would like to hear, feel free to request it from a member of the Committee and they will do their best to accommodate.

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! Shawls are located in the Narthex in the wall unit under the TV. The knit and crochet group will resume meeting in October. Hope to see you there for refreshment, conversation, and fellowship (and a little needlework also). Questions? Contact Kaye Phelan, ktygrl123@aol.com



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!!

September 2021 Financial Report



	Current Month	Year to Date	Per Cent of Annual Budget
Total Income	\$14,915	\$223,690	82%
Total Expenses	\$26,056	\$209,555	60%

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.



Royal Caribbean Cruise News

Now that we are confirmed for 3/18/2022 sailing, our deposits are in, and it is time to consider the trip cancellation policy!

For those who have reserved a cabin, Maribeth will continue to reach out to you as to the date for the final payment

Our bus transportation is confirmed. The original quote of \$110.00 Round Trip will change due to the fact it was based on our having 10 cabins booked. We are up to 8!

If you would like to join us, we have two more cabins available. Please contact Doreen Rafacz for information, 352-268-3213.



Rev. Kathy Peters

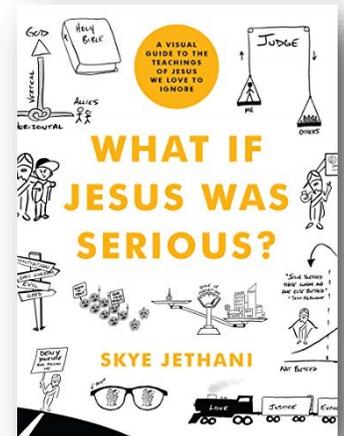
Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality Group will have its first in person gathering of the Fall on Wednesday November 3 from 2:30 to 4 under the front portico of the church. This is the plan and the HOPE (in consultation with church leadership) if Covid numbers continue to decrease and as more of us can get our third vaccine shot. In the meantime please continue to look for How Is it with Your Soul? emails. If you are not on our email list send your information to Kathy Peters at revkathyp@comcast.net. All women are welcome to join this group. Keeping each other in prayer always!

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. They are beginning a new study called "What If Jesus Was Serious?: A Visual Guide to the Teachings of Jesus We Love to Ignore." A small fee is appreciated to cover the expense of breakfast (usually \$3-\$5)

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



WISE



The next WISE meets each Monday at 2pm via Zoom. Their topics include those dealing with a variety of mental health and wellness issues. If you would like information about the meeting or the group, please contact Becky Dunning, 612-281-1811.

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 monthly fellowship breakfast will be starting up once again in November, allowing for people to get their booster shots. **We're MOVING to a NEW Day: Second Thursday (11/11 is first time) We're starting at a new later time: 8:30 am.** The location will continue to be at Perkins restaurant. For information, please contact Glenn Kramer, 608.320.4535

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund



**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are we doing for others?”
Martin Luther King, Jr.**

As a congregation, last year UCC at The Villages contributed \$1,500 to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund. Thank-you to all of you who watched the virtual scholarship presentation and/or contributed! Because of our generous donation, we were able to play a part in helping fourteen students from six high schools around The Villages, move closer to realizing their educational dream. Each student received a \$4,000 scholarship. Thank-you to all who donated to support our scholarship fund! You have made a difference in those students’ lives!

If you were among those who heard the stories of last year’s Martin Luther King Scholarship recipients, you could not help but be touched by the importance of this scholarship money to those worthy students. This year again, because of COVID19, the scholarship recipients will be recognized virtually on Saturday, January 8, 2022. The scholarship committee is working tirelessly to

create a quality virtual program for those deserving students.

In order for the MLK Committee to know how many scholarships we can award we need to know in November how much money we have for the scholarships. If you can help our Martin Luther King Scholarship Committee to fund this year’s student scholarship applicants, please write your donation check to: UCC at The Villages with “MLK Scholarship” in the memo line and mail it to UCC at The Villages P.O. Box 194 Oxford, Fl. 34484 or click on church website www.villagesucc.org At the website, go to Give, and click on “Fund” then MLK Scholarship.

We are also looking for corporate donors. If you are aware of some corporation that might be interested in donating to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund, please contact me.

Thank- you for sharing your Blessings!

Jean Christopher,
Martin Luther King Scholarship representative
330-770-8841



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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!

Pastor Joe’s new sermon series: “Commonunity” has begun. As he explains, “Practicing unity creates generous stewardship, inclusive hospitality and sacrificial service.”

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.Villages_UCC.org, or to our

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





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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Phone: 352-748-9199
Email: uccatnoffice@gmail.com

We're on the Web!

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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
Vice Moderator.....	Charlotte Davis
Secretary.....	Jo Posillico
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.***

