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FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Fred Rhines, Interim Pastor

November 2011

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Congregational Meeting November 6, 2011

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 6th after the service to discuss the following items:

- ♦ Vote to accept or reject the proposed Church Council from the Renewing Our Church Committee as our governing body for 2012. This includes suspending portions of the by-laws as currently written to allow the Church Council to function. During 2012, we will update/modify the church council as limitations are noted and rewrite the by-laws to match the final organization for 2013 and beyond. Proposed changes on page 7.
- ♦ Christmas Service(s) - How many plan to attend services - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day? The 25th is a Sunday. Should we have services both days?
- ♦ Stewardship, our financial situation & decisions we may need to make.
- ♦ Recruitment for Leaders of the Church in 2012.

Regards,
Mark Sulloway, President, Board of Governors



Choir to Begin

Choir practice will begin Wednesday Nov 2 at 7PM.

If you have difficulty getting there at that time, please arrive when you can & we can discuss other times.
Mark Sulloway

HONORING OUR MILITARY Sunday November 6th, 2011

The Young Adults wish to pay a special tribute to our veterans.. **Those who served in the past - those currently serving - those who gave their all ...** PLEASE bring any memorabilia, photos, etc. that you would like to share. If you would like to write a story, share a memory or thoughts, please do. We will display it for all to read and view. The DEADLINE for us to receive items for display is Nov. 4th. Please contact Ina with any questions.. ina8667@aol.com or 941-725-1092. Bradenton VFW Post #10141 will be Presenting the Colors.

Mark Your Calendar Time Change November 6



“Our mission is to **affirm** all people as we grow together in the **light** and **love** of Christ.”

Worship With Us

November 6, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines
Flowers: Larry Taylor for all the Vets
Greeter: Eleonore Sulloway
Guest Book: Betsy Biro
Hospitality: Young Adults
Scripture: Mark Sulloway
Usher: Linda Anderson & Marge Hooie

November 13, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines
Flowers: Ina Bingham in memory of all Vets
Greeter: Eleonore Sulloway
Guest Book: Betsy Biro
Hospitality: Kaye McGregor
Scripture: Harry Anderson
Ushers: Patricia Osborne & Linda Theiss

November 20, 2011, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines
Flowers: Available
Greeter: Eleonore Sulloway
Guest Book: Betsy Biro
Hospitality: The Andersons
Scripture: Rev. Barry Stipp
Ushers: Linda Theiss & Pat Osborne

November 27, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines
Flowers: Judy Wetter in celebration of Faith Church
Greeters: Jack Williams & Margy Stewart
Guest Book: Betsy Biro
Hospitality: Jack & Mary Lou Williams
Scripture: Joan Sheehan
Ushers: Jack & Mary Lou Williams

Sunday Volunteer Servers

If you are serving for the first time and have questions regarding your duties, please look on the bulletin board. Detailed duties for each assignment are printed and for you may take a copy if you wish. Thank you for volunteering.

Invite a Friend to Church



**YOUR
STAFF**

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The Rev. Fred Rhines

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Faith UCC Food Bank

**Next collection day
Sunday, November 6**

From the Pastor's Desk.....

It doesn't seem strange anymore when one busy month is followed by another even more busy. That will be the case with November following this jam-packed month of October which finishes up with a Halloween weekend Haunted House at the church and a worship service conducted by our youth and young adults.

On Sunday, November 6, our service of Holy Communion will honor our military personnel both living and deceased on this celebration of All Saints Day. Prior to the start of our service, we will be led in a special recognition of our nation and a pledge of allegiance to our flag by the Bradenton American Legion Post #10141. All service veterans in the area are invited to attend this special worship. On November 13, we celebrate Stewardship Sunday where in prayer and action we are called to a special effort to support our church for this next year, 2012. Finances are tight and getting tighter.

November 20th is the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving and we will explore what and how much we have to be thankful for. And, yes, the 27th is the First Sunday of Advent. The Christmas season is fast-approaching! This year's Advent theme will be the Lineage of Jesus (Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38). We will begin by talking of Ruth, the foreign woman who married Boaz—they were the great grandparents of King David of Israel.

There are many other things going on in November, as well. I want to call your attention to our special congregational meeting after church on November 6 to approve a new, simplified structure for the operations of our church. Please be here to participate and vote. I can't emphasize too strongly the hard work put in to his proposal by our Moderator Mark Sulloway and many others. Please participate in our Mission 1 offering the first 11 days of November. Barbara Brownell and her SAM (Social Action and Missions) Committee have been working hard on this.

The next month and, indeed, the next few weeks to come are critical to our survival as a viable, functioning church. How we conduct ourselves as a congregation worshipping and serving Jesus Christ and how creatively we can muster the finances needed, will determine our future.

May His Force be with Us,

Pastor Fred

Church Women United

As the seventieth birthday of the 1941 founding approaches, in this celebration Church Women United looks back to its past and forward to its future. Join them on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Rogers Memorial United Methodist Church, 1100 15th St East, Bradenton, Fellowship and coffee at 9:30 AM service is at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Migrant Tea

Friday, November 18th, 2011



Manatee United Methodist Church
315 15th St. East

The program will be provided by children and adults working with migrant families.
Sponsored by Church Women United

Doors open at 8:30 AM for your contributions.

FAITH UCC
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OCTOBER 10, 2011

Present: Mark Sulloway, Pastor Fred Rhines, Marge Hooie, Judy Wetter, Dick Sluss, Barbara Brownell, M.R. Lembright, Mary Lou Williams and Kaye McGregor.

The meeting was opened at 7:10 PM with a prayer by Pastor Fred.

The Minutes for the September meeting were approved.

Financial Secretary Report: Marge reported that collections for the Operating Fund for September 2011 had gone down by \$3000. So far in October the Operating Fund is down \$2000. Collections for the Building Fund for September were \$4007. So far in October \$1586.30 is needed for the mortgage payment. Memorials for Jerry Gerlach totaled \$275, and \$200 for John Potts. Collections for Neighbors in Need was \$123, and \$224 for Habitat for Humanity.

Treasurers Report: Pete Groth reported that after bills are paid there will be a \$7922.54 balance in the Operating Fund.

Upcoming events were reviewed including: the Gay Pride Festival in Sarasota on October 22 and a Military Honor Guard leading our November 6 service honoring all veterans.

Pastor's Report: On October 23 we will welcome three new members. Pastor Fred will be on vacation October 26 to November 2. We will not need a supply pastor as October 30 is the Youth Led Service. Jack Barnes will be available for pastoral needs. Fred thanked Mark for all his work on ROC.

Secretary's Report: We need to spend \$295 to replace two sprinkler heads to pass the fire inspection report. Judy will be on vacation from October 25 to November 8. Marge will check the answering machine.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds: There was a work day on October 8. Exterior clean up was done, one wall of the pastor's office was painted and furnace filters were changed.

SAM: We will collect for Veterans of the Cross and make holiday baskets in December. Our church did 5 buckets and 20 hygiene kits (12 by the Young Adults and 8 by Faith Women) for the UCC disaster drive. We will be at the Gay Pride Festival passing out cookies and candy. We will also participate in Mission One, more info will follow.

Faith Women: Met for a brunch on October 8.

Congregational Involvement: Information will be available at the November meeting.

ROC: The next meeting will be October 19 at 6 p.m.

Old Business: All were encouraged to check Judy's calendar before scheduling events. Rev. Donna Papenhansen will teach Adult Sunday School, date to be announced. There was a discussion on sharing or renting our facility as a way to stay financially solvent. A committee has been formed to look into this.

The meeting closed at 9:10 p.m. with a prayer by Pastor Fred.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 14 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye McGregor, Secretary



Food Pantry

We need your help! Please continue to support our food pantry. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Suggested items might include:

Hearty soup, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, paper products, laundry products, hand soap, shampoo, etc.



News & Notes.....

With Heartfelt Thanks

Thanks so much for the cards, calls, notes and other expressions of concern for Joe's "back" problems this spring and Summer, and my fall this past month. We are doing better and hope to be back in church soon.

Margaret & Joe Gregory

CS

Thanks to many, Faith UCC sent 5 clean up buckets and 20 hygiene kits to victims of Hurricane Irene in support of Church World Services relief project! It was a real team effort! Special thanks to Faith Women and Social Action and Missions teams who contributed 4 kits, our Young Adults who contributed 12 hygiene kits, Faith Preschool staff and families who contributed a clean up bucket, and others who donated the items for another 8 hygiene kits! We are small but mighty!

SAM (Social Action & Mission)

CS

Special thanks:

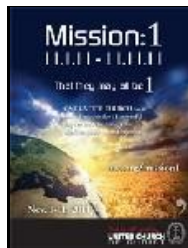
- to all who support – encourage and tolerate us – you are deeply appreciated.
- to all that have volunteered freely or were lovingly coerced to help make our haunted house event possible: 'you are totally 'awesome...' May God Bless!!

Ina Bingham

We are sorry to report the passing of Charter Member, Jerry Gerlach, on September 10, 2011. A Memorial Service was held at Faith UCC on September 17. Doris's address is: 8310 Marie Lane, Ellenton, FL 34222.

We are also sorry to report the passing of long time Faith UCC member John Potts on September 27, 2011. A memorial service will be held, in New Jersey, at a later date. Nancy's address is: 2000 Bristol Glen Dr. Newton, NJ 07860.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gerlach and Potts families.



Mission 1 is coming!

November 1-11, 2011...ONE

United Church on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and address food - related injustice. This is how you and all of us at Faith can help this

national effort:

- **DONATE food---** We are asking you to donate healthy food items such as peanut butter, tuna, vegetables, cereal and beans to our church's food pantry by Church on Nov 13th. On that day we will deliver the food to a local food pantry. We will report the number of food items donated to the UCC website and it will be tallied nationally with our other UCC churches. The goal is for over 1 million items to be donated!
- **DONATE on line:** Go to the UCC website and make a one-time donation to NEIGHBORS IN NEED where they will disperse it to hunger-action agencies. That web site is: www.ucc.org/mission1 When you get into the site, after Nov 1, you can click on the left side bar under "donate to Mission 1" and follow the directions. That is all you do. Please mark your calendars, and we will be reminding you.....to donate--even a little will make a difference. The national goal is \$111,111

On November 13 we will give you a report in church as to if we reached our goals in this worthy effort to address hunger in America. The world needs the distinct values, vision and voice of The United Church of Christ--Continuing testament. Extravagant welcome. Changing lives.....

THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE!

God is still speaking,

Purposed Church Council

Pastor*

Moderator*

Paid Staff Supervision

Pulpit Supply

Deputy Moderator*

Pastoral Relations Committee

Music Committee

Council Secretary*

Historian

Finance Team -

Treasurer*

Financial Secretary*

Chair of Stewardship

Chair of Endowment

Worship Team - Leader*

Usher

Greeter

Guest Book

Children's Sermon

Altar

Communion

Sanctuary Decorations

Lay Worship Leaders

AV Services

New Visitor Gifts

Church Events & Fellowship Team - Leader*

After Service Hospitality

Other Hospitality & Fellowship Events

Liaison to Faith Women

Liaison to Men's Fellowship

Spiritual Life Team - Leader*

Prayer Team

Nominating Committee

Leadership Development

Membership Roll

Visitation

Congregational Care of Current Members

New & Future Member Care

Social Actions & Missions Team - Leader*

Food Pantry

Holiday Baskets

Habitat Workdays

Neighbors in Need

Strengthen the Church

Blanket Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing

Veterans of the Cross

Community Outreach Programs - Leader*

Publicity

Marketing

Advertising

Outreach Events

Christian Education Programs & Events - Leader*

Bible Study

Adult Sunday School

Young Adult Sunday School

Youth Sunday School

Primary & Elementary Sunday School

Youth Programs

Buildings & Grounds Team - Leader*

Facility Management

Burial Steward

* indicates an elected church council member - total of 13 voting members

Team Leaders duties are:

Recruit own team members as needed - long term or per individual event or activity

hold team meetings as needed

plan, coordinate & delegate team tasks

brain storm for innovative ideas & actions

coordinate with other teams as needed to improve the Church & complete activities

attend Church Council & vote on Church issues

report on scheduled activities to the Church Council

provide articles for church publications

Church Council Executive Committee for emergency actions -

Moderator or Deputy Moderator & two (2) other elected council members



Faith Women Meeting

A salad luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 12, at Noon. Please bring a salad to share and enjoy the fellowship.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS 9 AM -10 AM
Young Adult Sunday Class
Leader/Teacher Ina M. Bingham
Ages 18-30

Please contact Ina with any questions at:
ina8667@aol.com 941-725-1092

The classes are structured, have lesson plans and yet relaxed. Some may be offsite as we explore and grow.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH LED SERVICE
Sunday October 30th, 2011

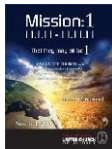
You Are—In Control of Your Life
Past-Present-Future



MISSION 1

NOVEMBER 1-11, 2011

Young Adults and Youth will be participating in UCC'S 'Mission 1' challenge. Each of them will ask 11 people to donate \$11. This will be going to: NEIGHBORS in NEED. This event is throughout ALL UCC'S and on 11/6/11 we will go to St. Pete Beach to have a HUGE group picture.. To learn more go to www.ucc.org and click on Mission 1.



ONE CHURCH – ONE MISSION – ONE WORLD – ONE GOD!



Annual Young Adult & Youth Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Pie tasting - Sunday, November 6th, 2011
Start placing orders on October 30th
Last date to place orders is Nov. 16th
Delivery date - Sunday, November 20th.
Watch for pie list

If you wish to donate pies, you set the limit and we will state that on the order forms. If you would like to donate pies, ingredients, or a monetary donation just contact either



Heather Reardon h_morrell@hotmail.com
941-592-4836, or Ina Bingham
ina8667@aol.com. 941-725-1092

Thank you for your support of the Youth and Young Adults Fund

Greetings from Faith Preschool.....

Our school year is off to a great start with many exciting things happening!

So far in October the fire department visited and taught the children



about fire safety, the preschool and families put together a "Hurricane Irene Emergency Clean Up Bucket" to add to the churches donation, the children had "Dessert Night" with Dad, and the VPK class went on a field trip to Florida Studio Theatre to see "Jack and the Enchanted Bean



Stalk". The T/TH and MWF classes are going to Hunsader

Farm for their field trip this month and all of the classes will have their Fall Festivals outside on the playground at the end of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of Faith Preschool.

Wendi Steinbach, Director

CONGRATULATIONS ALEXIS THEISS!!



Our New Acolyte

October/November Celebrate Florida

To view the October/November Celebrate Florida newsletter go to <http://www.uccfla.org/docs/Celebrate%20Florida%20Oct-Nov%202011.pdf>

November 2011

November Birthdays



11/7 Scott Brownell
 11/9 Fred Damianos
 11/17 Evie Garcia
 11/20 Margaret Gregory

“Jesus Didn’t
 Reject People.
 Neither Do We.”

PRAYER TEAM

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer call one of the following:

Betsy Biro 798-8472
Janis Groth 779-6988
Marge Hooie 747-2734
Helen Nutting 792-3124
Joan Sheehan 748-2498
Evelyn Anderson 792-6991
Mary Lou Williams 723-3332



Members of the Prayer Group are anxious to keep the prayer list current. Please advise us when you would like a name removed.

Please Contact the Church

If you, a member of your family, or someone you know is ill or hospitalized please let the office know, as soon as possible. A member of Faith Church would like to make a visit to bring God’s word of comfort. The church office telephone number is 746-8890 or email at faithchurchucc@verizon.net.

- 2 7:00 PM Choir
- 4 9:30 Church Women United
6:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 5 Faith Women
- SUNDAY 6 9:00 AM Young Adult S. S.
10:30 AM Service of Worship
Tribute to the Military
Communion/Food Bank**
- 7 7:00 PM Building & Grounds
- 9 7:00 PM Choir
- 10 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 11 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- SUNDAY 13 9:00 AM Young Adult S.S.
10:30 AM Service of Worship
Stewardship Sunday**
- 14 6:00 PM Christian Education
7:00 PM BOG
- 16 7:00 PM Choir
- 17 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 18 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 19 8:00 AM Power Squadron Boating Class
- SUNDAY 20 9:00 AM Young Adult S.S.
10:30 AM Service of Worship
Dept. of Ministry**
- 21 FOLLOWER deadline
7:00 PM Preschool Staff Mtg.
7:00 PM Braden River HOA
- 23 7:00 PM Choir
FOLLOWER emailed
- 24 Thanksgiving Office Closed
- 25 Office Closed
6:30 Narcotics Anonymous
- 26 10:00 All Church Decorating
- SUNDAY 27 9:00 AM Young Adult S.S.
10:30 AM Service of Worship**
- 28 7:00 PM Inlets HOA
- 30 7:00 PM Choir