



Where faith happens and love abounds!

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PALM FRONDS

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 THE POTLUCK STUDY

Sunday, September 30  
11am Potluck Lunch  
11:45am Bible Adventure  
1:00pm On our way home

Bring a dish to share and join us for a delicious potluck lunch. Following conversation around the tables we will join in an most excellent Bible adventure to consider the God who calls us to new beginnings.

Pastor Brad will lead us in a stimulating review of the story of Abram's call in Genesis 12. We'll parse verbs, ask questions, share our insights and, perhaps, engage in a little bit of hubbub!

Sign up at Church or call the Office. Your RSVP helps plan for adequate materials & set-up.



Don't miss it!

From the Pastor

Dear Friends

As we receive new members on September 2, I am reminded of the song, *I am the Church* (by Avery & Marsh). The first verse goes like this: *The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple; the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.* And the refrain follows: *I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!* It's a lively song and especially appropriate for a church with congregational polity where every person, every voice, and every gift play a role in building the Body of Christ. Everyone matters at the Church of the Palms.

The role we play as individuals is highlighted by a piece from a newsletter I received from a congregation I served in Pennsylvania many years ago.

*This is My Church.*

*It is composed of people like me, And people unlike me. Our diversity is a gift. Our differing skills and opinions enrich and enliven us. Together, we make our church what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be open, if I am. It will be accepting and grace-filled, if I am.*

*Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them. Its programs will be vital, if I participate.*

*It will do great work, if I work and work well with others. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will teach our youth, inspire our children and give hope to those who seek it, if I am a faithful mentor and a trustworthy friend.*

*It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship if I bring them in. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.*

As we move forward with the New Beginnings and Pastoral Search processes, let us commit to making the Church of the Palms a welcoming, exciting and vibrant community of faith where *we are the church together* – a church where *faith happens and love abounds!*

Blessings,

*Pastor Brad*

## September Worship - Sundays, 10 am

September 2 – Pentecost 15 - *Holy Communion*  
Scripture: James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Sermon: *Putting Faith & Action in All of Life*

September 9 – Pentecost 16  
Scripture: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; Mark 7:24-37  
Sermon: *God's Personal Touch*

September 16 – Pentecost 17  
Scripture: Psalm 19; James 3:1-12  
Sermon: *A Healing Tongue*

September 23 – Pentecost 18  
Scripture: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Ps. 1; Mark 9:30-37  
Sermon: *Walking the Walk*

September 30 – Pentecost 19  
Scripture: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; Mark 9:38-50  
Sermon: *The Right Stuff...for Ministry*



To submit a request, fill out a Prayer form in the pew and place it on the offering plate or call the Office. All requests are prayed for at Prayer Ministry gatherings.

**Prayer Ministry** meets for 1 hour on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 10:30am. Gatherings include a time of mutual support, exploring prayer practices, and praying for others. Meetings are in the sanctuary. We hope you will join us!

**Note: There will be no gathering on September 6.**

### **Prayer Requests received during July/August**

**Linda Dick + Carol Lois Bryant + Sally Stella & Vince on the death of their grandson  
Peter Gregory + Al Small + Frank Davis  
Putnam Family + Peter Wm. Balance  
For family + For all who are sick & in pain  
Protection for illegally detained refugees, the homeless & marginalized around the world & in the U.S. + For wisdom to show mercy & love rather than suspicion & hate + For all who are indifferent in the world + Thanks for all my blessings + For the ability to help others + For physical & spiritual strength**

### **And our shut-ins:**

**Dot Cooper, Barbara Daum, Linda Dick, Jackie Fusco, Marlene Hambleton, Dorothy Jones, John Mann, Ellen Mason, Miriam Mabrey, Barbara Miller, John Nemire, Henrietta Smith, Harry Wagner, Lorna Zirbel**



## The Women's Fellowship

Invites you to join them at their next meet on **September 11, 2018, 10:30am** at the Church. Bring your scissors and straight pins to cut from patterns for Comfort Dolls.



**Rummage Sale** will be held on Friday, October 26 from 12 Noon until 2:00 pm. Admission of \$3 will be charged at the door. On Saturday, September 27 the door will open at 8:30am until 1:00pm with no charge. We need your donated items! If you have any questions or can help with the sale, please call Margo Beck at 561-737-0012



**Bible Study Resumes in September** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 10:30am. Beginning September 13 we will be studying the Book of Job.

Job is one of the most-read books in the Hebrew Bible. Often assigned in secondary school and college literature classes, it is for many people the only book of the Bible they have read. Why Job? Because the story of Job is a thrilling, challenging, and compelling account of the spiritual transformation that's possible as we find ourselves in between the falling apart of the old world and the building up of the new.

There will be six sessions using *Listen Up! Bible Study* resources from the United Church of Christ. Each participant will receive a book. Donations of \$5 per book are welcomed but not required.

**All are invited – all are welcome!  
No need of previous knowledge or study.  
Just bring a curious mind and an open heart!**

*"A man told me a while ago he could not believe a thing he had never seen. I said, 'Man, did you ever see your brain?'"*

~Dwight L. Moody, *How to Study the Bible*

The Leadership Council met on August 27th. Here's a snapshot of the agenda:

- Ministry Team, Financial, & Pastoral reports were reviewed and accepted
- Approved using Newkirk Education Fund to purchase Sunday School curriculum
- Adopted a Hospitality Policy for ushers & greeters presented
- Approved having all palm trees trimmed prior to any storms
- Voted to extend the Designated Term Pastor Covenant with Pastor Brad for 6 months The Council will work with the Pastor to identify goals for this period.
- Joycelyn Patrick and Barbara Sinclair will attend the October 11-13 meeting of the Florida UCC Conference in Naples
- Council minutes and related documents are filed in the church office and available for view upon request.



### ADMINISTRATION TEAM

- New AC units have been installed in Fellowship Hall and Sunday school rooms
- A new fire alarm system is in the education building
- Discussion about repairs to the stained glass window are ongoing and include the possibility of a fund raiser event to cover the cost
- The church fax machine has been discontinued for a savings.
- Thanks to Theresa Baudier for finding ways to save on our monthly Comcast bill.

Bud Scott, Facilitator

### FAITH FORMATION TEAM

- Requested Newkirk Education Funds to cover Sunday School Curriculum - \$431.26
- Evaluated summer "Kids Korner" with ideas to tweak the program next year

- Discussion included consideration of how to offer faith formation/spiritual growth opportunities to the community.

Colleen Putnam, Facilitator

### SPIRITUAL LIFE & CELEBRATION TEAM



Have you ever been to a new place and felt uncomfortable or unwelcome? Recently, I went to a new optometrist office. As I opened the door, I saw a beautiful room full of the latest eyewear and no one in sight. Then, spotting a receptionist behind a huge circular desk, I walked over. She barely greeted me while handing over the paperwork clipboard. While waiting, I heard giggling and gossip in the work area. "I think I made a big mistake coming here," I thought. "They don't take their work seriously and don't seem to want new customers." I felt on edge, uncomfortable and unwelcome. Finally, a friendly young optometrist with a big smile on her face walked up and greeted me, "Mrs. Moore, my name is Dr. Smith, and I'm so happy to meet you. What did you have in mind for today?" Contrary to my first impression, all the staff was friendly and professional and I soon felt comfortable and right at home. The good news in this story is that my mind was changed from a negative to a positive impression. The bad news is that it almost wasn't.

It's the same with the church. Many of us have been here for a while and forgotten what it feels like to be new. Yet, if our task as Christians is to love our neighbors and make disciples in the name of Christ, we must laser-focus our efforts on the guest, the visitor, the newcomer and show them they are indeed welcome here.

The Spiritual Life & Celebration Team is now recruiting greeters and ushers for Church of the Palms' new Hospitality Program. We are excited about expanding the current way of welcoming guests to include more volunteers and the best new practices of hospitality.

Yet, it takes more than a few of us to be a welcoming church. All of us share this ministry of reaching out with kindness to our guests and to one another.

Susan Moore, Facilitator



is September 9!

All ministry teams will meet

11:30am-12:30pm

with a wrap up from 12:30-12:45pm.





## Music Notes

### To Worship is to Sing

Summer Sing Camp was a tremendous success. With campers, youth counselors and adult instructors, there were 22 each week. The Friday afternoon programs were well received each week and were a blessing to everyone who attended.

The Chancel Choir will begin singing in October. New volunteers are needed for this season. If you enjoy singing consider joining the choir. Speak to Ed Krynicki if you have any questions.

*Soli Deo Gloria* (Glory to God Alone)  
Ed Krynicki



*From the Church Office*  
*Theresa Baudier*  
*Administrative Assistant*

I'd like to express my deepest appreciation to Pastor Brad, Ed, and the office volunteers for their excellent support while starting my new job at the church. We've been busy organizing the office and getting important tasks done. We need one more volunteer with basic computer skills to work on Fridays between 9am and 12 Noon. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Brad or call me at the Office.



**Peter Aispuro**, Delray Beach, received by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Robert Mendoza**, Boynton Beach, by Letter of Transfer from Granada Presbyterian Church, Coral Gables.

Peter and Robert were received on September 2 during worship.



*"[God] placed us in churches to serve, to care for others, to pray for leaders, to learn, to teach, to give, and, in some cases, to die for the sake of the gospel. Many churches are weak because we have members who have turned the meaning of membership upside down. It's time to get it right. It's time to become a church member as God intended. It's time to give instead of being entitled."*

~Thom S. Rainer

*I Am a Church Member: Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference*




**September Birthdays**

13	<b>Christopher Joseph</b>
13	<b>Charlotte Long</b>
15	<b>John Nemire</b>
17	<b>Robert Okerman</b>
19	<b>Jodi Knapp</b>
24	<b>Ed Krynicki</b>
25	<b>Dot Cooper</b>



### New Beginnings

The next New Beginnings process event will occur **Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3.**



Led by Jill White, the Friday evening session (7-9pm) is open to everyone who would like to participate in house meetings or who just wants to attend. Saturday (9am-3pm) is training for house meeting facilitators, leaders, and pastor. More details to come but save the dates now.



# SEPTEMBER



**Tuesday – Friday, 9am-1pm**  
*Pastor's hours on days indicated from 9am but  
 always call first to be sure he is available.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 am Worship (Communion) & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour	3 Office Closed <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY!</b>	4 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	5 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	6	7	8
9 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30am Super Sunday Team Meetings	10 Office Closed	11 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 10:30 am – Women's Fellowship at Church	12	13 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 10:30am – Bible Study	14	15
16 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour	17 Office Closed	18 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	19	20 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 10:30am – Prayer Ministry  Deadline for October <i>Palm Fronde</i>	21	22
23 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am – Social Hour	24 Office Closed <i>Pastor's Office Hours from 1pm</i> 6:00p Leadership Council	25	26	27 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 10:30am – Bible Study	28	29
30 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School 11:00am –Potluck & Bible Adventure  <b>POTLUCK</b>						



## CROS Ministries

### SNAP for Seniors

Do you know a senior struggling to make ends meet? SNAP

(Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program) can help them stretch their food dollars and prevent them from having to choose between buying medicine or buying food. It's free to apply, and they can get one-on-one help completing the application online or by hand.

### CROS Lunch & Learn, Sept 26 - CROSS

Ministries is hosting a fun-filled day learning about the many programs of CROS Ministries. We start in Lake Worth at our administrative offices and then to Delray for lunch.

**When:** Wednesday, September 26, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:** CROS Administrative Offices, 3677 23rd Avenue South, #B-101, Lake Worth

**What:** Learn about CROS Programs

**For more information and to RSVP:** contact Rev. Juanita Bryant Goode at [jgoode@crossministries.org](mailto:jgoode@crossministries.org) or 561-699-5113

### Caring Kitchen Meals: noon to 1:00 pm weekdays

**MONDAY** – Resurrection Life Fellowship

**TUESDAY** –Cason UMC; Enter on south side

**WEDNESDAY** – St. Matthew’s Episcopal;

**THURSDAY** –Cason UMC; Enter on south side

**FRIDAY** – St. Matthew’s Episcopal; Parish Hall

**SATURDAY**– 9 am; Bag Lunches at Cason UMC

**SUNDAY** - 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm; Delray Beach Haitian United Church Of The Nazarene. Now more than ever we need to continue to support CROS Ministries and their Food Pantry through our gifts of canned and dry goods.



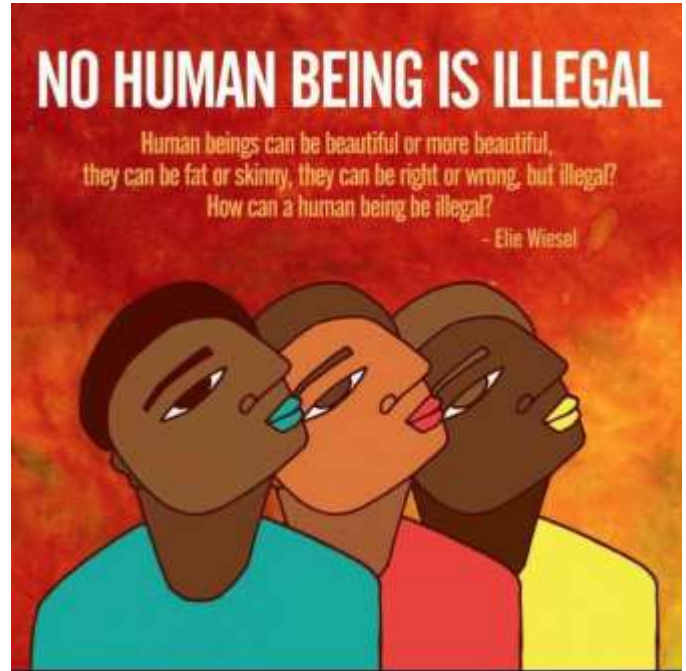
## Attendance and Offerings: July

**Average Attendance: 40**

**Total income \$16,404**

**Total Expenses \$21,084**

**Total -\$4,680**



***No matter who you are, who you love, or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome at Church of the Palms United Church of Christ where faith happens and love abounds!***



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Colleen Putnam, Faith Formation Team

Susan Moore, Spiritual Life & Celebration Team

... and many incredible volunteers!

