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PALM FRONDS

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From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we enter a new period of our work together under the Designated Term Pastor Covenant, I want to express my gratitude to all who have worked so energetically to move the Church of the Palms to a stronger place. Along with the Pastoral Search Committee, the New Beginnings Assessment process will help us not only get a better sense of where the Church is at present but also uncover a robust vision and direction for the future. To guide my work with you, the Leadership Council and I have agreed to the following goals for the coming six month period of the Covenant:

1. Continue to strengthen new governance model & increase participation from the membership by working with Leadership Council & Ministry Teams; and, to plan & offering a workshop in early 2019 on decision-making by consensus as recommended at time new constitution was adopted.
2. Continue to provide opportunities for conversation about the church's future, and spiritual growth
3. Work with the Spiritual Life Team to a) review membership status of current members, b) follow up with inactive members, and c) assist with training greeters and ushers
4. Work with Administration Team & Leadership Council to address need for year-round Stewardship Program
5. Work with Leadership Council & Ministry Teams to consider options for addressing what it means to be *Open and Affirming* with the congregation
6. Recruit, train & empower Communications Coordinator(s) (volunteer) to manage website, Facebook page, & weekly email.

These are goals that will continue to build on the foundations we have laid over the past two years. I hope you will join the leadership of the Congregation and myself in moving the Church of the Palms into the future God has in store for us.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Brad*



## Ice Cream Social

Kicks off our 2018  
Stewardship Drive

on

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 21

11:30am

- Ice cream & treats
- Interactive Stewardship Stations
- Music
- "The Extra Scoop"



## October Worship - Sundays, 10 am

October 7 – Pentecost 20 - *Holy Communion*  
Guest Minister – Rev. Misti Johnson-Arce

October 14 – Pentecost 21  
Guest Minister – Rev. Susan Moore

October 21 – Pentecost 22  
Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45  
Sermon: *In Spite of Ourselves*

October 28 – Pentecost 23  
Scripture: Mark 10:46-52  
Sermon: *Take Heart*



**Pastor Brad is on vacation October 5-17.**



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!

### Prayer Requests received during September

Carol Lois Bryant + Peter Wm. Balance  
Jay Putnam + Marilyn + Felicia Ben Margre &  
baby Parson + David Cooper  
Peace, safety & health for whole world  
For the joy I feel to be at Church of the Palms

### 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 function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays."  
~Soren Kierkegaard



# RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, October 26,**

**12 noon – 2pm**

**\$3 early shopping admission**

**Saturday, October 27**

**8:30am – 12:30 pm (No charge)**

Help is needed with set up beginning Wednesday, October 24. If you have any questions or can help with the sale, please call Margot Beck at 561-737-0012



**Bible Study Continues in October** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 10:30am.

**October 11:** a session on the Silver and Golden Rules – an:

*Interfaith Comparison* and will be led by our Administrative Assistant, Theresa Baudier, who is also an Interfaith Minister.

**October 25: Book of Job, chapters 1-3** using *Listen Up! Bible Study* resources from the United Church of Christ. Study books are available in the office; if you missed the initial sessions, you are still welcome to participate.

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



The next meeting of the Women's Fellowship is **Tuesday, October 2 at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall.**

The Council met on Monday, September 24. All e-reports sent in advance were reviewed and accepted.

- **Lizz Sanders** was welcomed as newly appointed facilitator of the Mission Team.
- A report was given about the Pastoral Search by **Fred Moore**.
- **Goals** for the extended Designated Term Pastor Covenant were discussed and affirmed.
- The next meeting is Monday, October 22, 6pm in the Volunteer Office. Minutes & reports are filed in the Church Office and available for review on request.



#### ADMINISTRATION TEAM

- Update on Hurricane preparations: shutters are numbered & identified & bolts are ready
- 2018 Stewardship Campaign will kick off on October 20 with an ice cream social - details to follow. Stewardship testimonies will take place during worship on October 21, 28, and November 4. A stewardship letter with pledge cards will be mailed in October. Pledges will be received in worship on November 11.
- Also discussed planning for the 2019 Budget and suggestions from FPL.

#### FAITH FORMATION TEAM

- New Sunday School curriculum, *Deep Blue Kids*, has been well-received. Kids are having fun while learning the scriptures. A BIG thank you to **Miss Milan** for her service to children of the church.
- Discussed children in Communion.
- Discussed teaming up with the Mission Team to host a Book Fair.
- Discussed a "Preparing for Advent" party on Sunday, November 25th after church with a light meal (potluck) and making Advent wreaths to bring home. Planners welcome to join in our talks.
- Thanks to **Charles Mory** for agreeing to facilitate the Children's Conversation during worship on October 7 & 14.

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE & CELEBRATION TEAM

- We are recruiting individuals to take part in the ministry of hospitality; This includes greeters and ushers. Training will be scheduled for one hour after church with date to be decided.
- Team member **April Nobles** is coordinating the potluck on September 30. If you can help clean up, the Team would greatly appreciate it. Many thanks to **Women's Fellowship** for providing the meat for the meal.
- We are reviewing signage to welcome visitors to our church.

#### MISSION TEAM

- Discussed project of preparing various packages of personal hygiene, school supplies, and/or cleaning products for those in need. Each of those projects were reviewed from the Church World Service (CWS) but were tabled due to funding requirements
- Discussed project idea of providing mailbox services for the homeless through a UPS outlet.
- Agreed that inviting various members of the faith communities and permissible governmental agencies to speak with our Congregation about where we can do the most good with the least overlap with other congregations and agencies.
- Discussed holding a Book Fair in conjunction with Faith Formation Team and resuming the Racial Amity series
- Lizz Sanders reported on the September Interfaith meeting and noted that many of the congregations are struggling with similar issues.

### The next



## is October 14

**All ministry teams will meet  
11:30am-12:30pm  
with a wrap up from 12:30-12:45pm.**

*We always hear about the rights of democracy, but the major responsibility of it is participation.*

Wynton Marsalis



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28  
11:30am-12:30pm

Learn about what's happening at the Church of the Palms as our future unfolds.

- Update on the Pastoral Search process and how the New Beginnings program impacts it by Fred Moore, Chair of the Search Committee,
- Update on the next steps of New Beginnings and how it is helping us strengthen our vision and mission
- Presentation of the new goals of the Designated Term Pastor Covenant for the next 6 months.

All members and friends of the church are invited. This is your opportunity to be informed and to ask your questions. Every voice counts!



### Music Notes

*To Worship is to Sing*

Choir begins singing this month for Sunday morning worship. New volunteers are need in all section this season. There are no auditions, choir is open to everyone. There is a very small percentage of people who cannot sing. With practice, people are able to join in with choir members making a pleasant sound. That is what singing in a choir enables. We are not recruiting operatic soloists. Join us at rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm or speak to Ed Krynicki about joining the group.

Handbell choir will also begin rehearsals this month. If you are interested in ringing handbells be in contact with Ed Krynicki.

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



**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

We will receive the NIN offering on October 7, 2018 as part of the World Communion Sunday observance. Envelopes will be provided on October 7 and your generous contributions may be made through Sunday, October 28.





**October Birthdays**

<b>3</b>	<b>Kathleen Mory</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Genelle Groh</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Linda Smith</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Angela Hammett</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Susan Moore</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Elise Putnam</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Jean McFadden</b>



**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
	1	2 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	3	4 10::30am Prayer Ministry  <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	5 <b>Pastor Brad is on vacation through October 17</b>	6
7 <i>Neighbors in Need Offering</i> 10am - Communion & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour	8 <i>Indigenous Peoples Day</i>  9am-4pm Life Screening Friendship Center	9	10	11 10:30am Bible Study	12 UCC FL Conference (Naples) – Joycelyn Patrick & Barbara Sinclair attending	13 UCC FL Conference (Naples)
14 10am -Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30am – Super Sunday meetings	15	16	17	18 9am Staff Meeting 10::30am Prayer Ministry  <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	19	20
21 10am - Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30am Ice Cream Social Stewardship Kick-off Event	22 <i>Pastor's Office Hours from 1pm</i>  6pm Leadership Council meeting	23	24 <i>United Nations day</i>	25  10:30am Bible Study  <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	26 <b>Rummage Sale</b> Early Bird noon-2 PM	27 <b>Rummage Sale</b> 8:30 AM –12:30 PM
28 10am - Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30am Coffee & Conversation	29	30 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	31 <i>Reformation Day</i>			



## CROS Ministries

CROS' IMPACT in 2017

Programs to Eliminate Hunger:

- Seven Community Food Pantries distributed food to 66,570 individuals, 35% of whom were children.
- The Caring Kitchen served 68,841 meals. Cason UMC distributed 15,360 brown bag weekend lunches.
- CROS Gleaning recovered 497,142 pounds of fresh produce which was distributed to local food programs by the Palm Beach County Food Bank (2016)

### Volunteer Needs for Caring Kitchen - Delray Beach - Drivers to deliver meals to the Homebound

Time commitment approximately 2 hours, one day per week. Background check and clean driving record mandatory. After training, delivery time is flexible anytime between 9:30 am-11:30 am. *Please contact Shona Castillo for more information, 561-278-0918 or email [scastillo@crosmministries.org](mailto:scastillo@crosmministries.org).*

DO NOT BE DAUNTED BY  
THE ENORMITY OF THE WORLD'S GRIEF.

DO JUSTLY. NOW.  
LOVE MERCY. NOW.  
WALK HUMBLLY. NOW.

YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO COMPLETE THE WORK,  
BUT NEITHER ARE YOU FREE TO ABANDON IT.

## Attendance and Offerings: August

**Average Attendance: 40**

**Total income \$4,808**

**Total Expenses \$30,703**

**Total ~~-\$25,894~~**



***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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Susan Moore, Spiritual Life & Celebration Team

... and many incredible volunteers!