

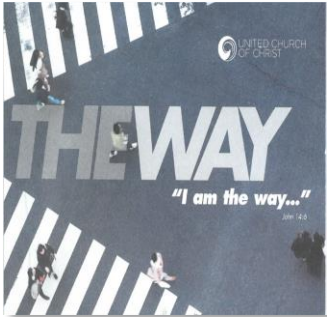


Where faith happens and love abounds!

November/December 2019

PALM FRONDS

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Annual Stewardship

This year's theme takes share from John 14:6, when Jesus said to Thomas: ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to God except through me."***

Watch for more information on our 2019 Pledge Campaign. You are invited to reflect on this shared way and how we individually and collectively are stewards of His way.

The journey to generosity is indeed the way of Jesus.



Dear Friends,

You and I share a particular way of being Christian and being church. We are not alone. The early Christian movement was known internally as well as to its persecutors as ***the Way*** (Acts 9). The life of faith is **a way** of being human, **a way** of interpreting, **a way** of practicing, **a way** of living.

- The wisdom tradition of the faith often spoke of **the Way**. *God watches over the way of the righteous. Psalm 1:6*
- The prophetic tradition of the faith also refers to faith as **a Way**. *Prepare the way of our God, make straight in the desert a highway for our God ... Isaiah 40*
- Jesus refers to himself and his commitment to a cruciform **Way** of life as, *"I am the way."* John 14:6
- Paul advising the early church in Corinth being torn asunder with division counsels that in the way of love, he would show them *"a more excellent way."* I Corinthians 12:31

Over the coming weeks you are invited to reflect on this shared way and how we individually and collectively are stewards of this way. I invite you to be in prayer about your participation, for those in our church who are leading this campaign and for the ministries we will make possible.

Our participation is the opportunity for us, the community and our faith to evolve and remain vibrant. Church of the Palms UCC represents:

- a **way** of being church,
- a **way** of practicing one's faith,
- a **way** of interpreting received texts and the times in which we live,
- a **way** of articulating *"the hope that is within us,"*
- a **way** of intellectual honesty and courage,
- a **way** of creating a new eco-system for the church,
- a **way** of sustaining a movement not a moment,
- a **way** of doing justice, seeking peace and building community.

If you have not received your Pledge Campaign materials in the mail, please call the office. Join us in giving to create and maintain this **distinctive way** of being faithful, of being Church of the Palms UCC.

Blessings,

Barbara Sinclair, Moderator Church of the Palms UCC

Let me show you a more excellent way... I Corinthians 12:31



Rev. Todd Allan Petty was overwhelmingly accepted as our new settled pastor in our last congregational meeting on October 27. He will start in February 2020.



November Worship - Sundays, 10 am

November 3 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Ice Cream Social following worship

Guest Minister, Rev. John Arens

November 10th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

Super Sunday for All Mission Teams

Guest Minister, Rev. David Cooper

November 17 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Susan Moore

November 24 – Reign of Christ

Rev. Luigi Checkwa

December - Sundays, 10 am

December 1 – First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Holy Communion

Rev. Susan Moore

December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

Super Sunday for All Mission Teams

Guest Minister, Rev. Theresa Baudier

December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

Guest Minister, Rev. Linda Smith

December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Guest Minister, TBD

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service

Guest Minister, TBD

December 29 – First Sunday after Christmas

Guest Minister, TBD



TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST, complete the back of the “CONNECT” card in the pew and place it on the offering plate or call the Office.



For our shut-ins:

Barbara Daum, Linda Dick, Marlene Hambleton, Dorothy Jones, John Mann, Ellen Mason, Barbara Miller, John Nemire, Henrietta Smith, Harry Wagner

Prayer Requests:

Tammy Cady

Linda Dick, knee replacement surgery

Clover Miller, death of her son, Jeff

Darlene Webb, death of her husband, Jim

Ruth Landis

Bertha Jolicouer



Church of the Palms World Communion Day



Project Holiday

One Soldier at a Time

We are supporting the 14th Annual Project Holiday supporting our local men and women deployed overseas during the holidays. Donation boxes are in the sanctuary and the office. Items needed are snacks, lip balm, sun block, socks, notes cards, hand sanitizer, eye drops, hand lotion, soap, disposable razors, and shampoo (travel size).



Birthdays

November:

- 02 Matthew Hammett
- 19 Liz Dangler
- 23 Ronald Longwell
- 25 Robert Mendoza
- 30 Margo Beck

December:

- 6 Diane Longwell
- 13 Jeanna Joseph
- 18 Noel Smith
- 23 Ellen Mason



Notes from meetings on October 28th

- Meeting times will change to the 4th Monday of each month at 1 PM, in the church office.
- 2020 Budget will be complete on November 18.



ADMINISTRATION

We will be assembling the Church budget soon. We are asking that each team put together a budget for this coming year so we can anticipate our needs for 2020. Please itemize our budget as much as possible. Please have our budget ready for the November Leadership Council.

MISSION

Lizz spoke to the Congregation about the great progress the Interfaith Committee for Social Services has made tremendous strides in its assistance to the Community in helping the homeless with Live Fresh Shower Truck being the most successful.

Spiritual Life and Celebration Team

The spiritual life has been visiting and sending cards to our homebound members and friends. The leadership council approved the formation of an interim worship group (Charles Mory, Susan Moore, Joycelyn Patrick and Barbara Sinclair) to plan and coordinate worship during this transition time.

Faith Formation:

Sunday School will be available each Sunday. Ms. Milan and Ms. Lorraine will be the leaders.

Music Notes

To Worship is to Sing



Do you like to make a joyful noise? Come and share your joy by joining our choir! We sing the first Sunday of the month and on holidays. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6 pm, but contact Dr. Hellman before attending, kirsten.hellman@gmail.com.



November 10
December 8

Ministry teams meet 12:00pm-1:00pm with a wrap up from 1:00pm-1:15pm.



As an **Open and Affirming congregation** of the United Church of Christ, our goal is to extend to everyone an extravagant welcome in hopes that all will experience the abundant love of God and be inspired to share that love with the world.





A Message from CROS Ministries



We are one month away from the start of the 2019-2020 gleaning season at CROS ministries. You can register online by going to www.crosministries.org or you can email Keith at kcutshall@crosministries.org. Thank you for your continued support of our hunger relief efforts. We could not do it without you..

THE LIVE FRESH SHOWER TRUCK



Many thanks to all the volunteers who are supporting the Live Fresh Shower truck for the homeless in Delray Beach.



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

Women's Fellowship

It is that time of year again. The Women's Fellowship is holding their Christmas luncheon at the Delray Beach City Golf Club on Monday, December 2nd at Noon.



Wayne Hosford will again provide us with his usual delightful entertainment. The price is \$20 per person. Selections are fish, chicken, or eggplant parmesan. Salad, dessert and drink is included. See or call Margot Beck at 561-737-0012 for reservations.

Special Thank You – Office Volunteers

We had a lot of mailings in October and we appreciate our many volunteers who helped stuff envelopes.



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Elaine Reinhardt, Pianist
Milan Charles, Sunday School Teacher
Lizz Sanders, Mission Team
Jeanrony Esther, Alexander Castle, Sextons

Barbara Sinclair, Moderator
"Bud" Scott, Vice Moderator/Administration Team
Kathy Mory, Clerk
Deirdre Scott, Treasurer
Charles Mory, Faith Formation Team
Susan Moore, Spiritual Life & Celebration Team

... and many incredible volunteers!

November

NOVEMBER 2019



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 All Saints' Day 	2
3 21st Sunday after Pentecost 10am - Communion 11:00 am - Social Hour & Pledge Campaign Ice Cream Social	4	5 11am Women's Fellowship Meeting at Palm Diner	6	7	8	9
10 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Sunday 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30 SUPER SUNDAY	11 Veterans Day 	12	13	14	15	16
17 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 10am – Breakfast Church 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30 pm Ask the Treasurer	18 1pm – Leadership Council	19 11:30 am Ask the Treasurer, church office	20	21	22	23 Parenting Safe Children Workshop Friendship Center 9:30AM – 3:00PM
24 Reign of Christ 10am -Worship 11:00 am - Social Hour	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	29 Office Closed	30



DECEMBER 2019



Tuesday – Friday, 9am-1pm
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 available.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent 10am - Communion 11:00 am - Social Hour	2 Women's Fellowship:  At Delray Beach Golf Club	3	4	5	6	7
8 2nd Sunday of Advent 10am - Worship 11:00 am - Social Hour	9	10 Human Rights Day 	11	12	13	14
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 10am -Worship 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30 SUPER SUNDAY	16	17	18	19	20	 4pm Empty Chair Rev. Linda Smith
22 4th Sunday of Advent 10am – Worship 11:00 am - Social Hour	23 1st day of Hanukkah  1pm Leadership Council	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed  6:30pm Music 7pm Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 	26	27	28
29 First Sunday after Christmas 10am – Worship 11:00 am - Social Hour	30 Last day of Hanukkah 	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed 				