



January 20, 2026

First Congregational UCC
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Wednesday, January 21 – Bible Study 11-Noon

Sunday, January 25 – Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the sanctuary following worship

Monday, January 26 – 2:00 Book Club

The book for this month is "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith.

Wednesday- January 28

- **Bible Study 11-Noon**
- **Annual Chili Cook-off from 5-7 pm, Sponsored by the Community Life Team.** Bring a pot of your favorite chilli (or try out a new recipe) and we'll have fun tasting them. There will be small disposable tasting cups so you can try a sample of the chili(s) that interest you before you choose the one you want to enjoy for your supper. *To help the Community Life Team plan, please sign-up and let us know what you will bring.*

Tuesday Jan 27, 4:30 Line Dancing lessons.

For beginners and those who "used to know The Electric Slide". If you're a pro, come help the rest of us! \$5 donation. (This is a mini fundraiser for our church.) Come and have fun! If we all like it, we'll have 3 more sessions-same day/time. And a party at the end!!

**WE ARE THE CHURCH
TOGETHER**



Wednesday, February 4

- **11am – Noon Bible Study**
- **Noon – 1pm Fundraising Team**

Saturday, February 7 – Council Retreat 9-Noon

Wednesday, February 11 – Bible Study 11-Noon

Thursday, February 12 – Council 10:00am

Friday, February 13, Valentine's Potluck 5-7pm

Saturday, February 14, Happy Valentine's Day ❤

Wednesday- February 18 – Ash Wednesday

- **Bible Study 11-Noon**
- **Ash Wednesday service 6:00 pm with imposition of ashes**

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD FOR OUTSIDE THE GATES, our local food pantry, are always needed and welcomed. They may be left in the large baskets in the rear of the church.



Items most needed at this time are:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Assorted Drinks: Instant Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tea, etc.

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Reminder from our Financial Secretary, Rafael Ruiz

If you need a statement of your giving for 2025, *please make your request in writing*. You can put a note in the offering plate on Sunday morning or email the church office at LakeHelenUCC@cfl.rr.com with "2025 Giving Statement" in the subject. Many thanks for your generous donations throughout 2025.

Please note: In 2025 it was requested that you put a note on the memo line of your check indicating the fund (or funds) you would like your donation to be credited to. All offerings, tithes and gifts have been credited to the General Operating Fund unless otherwise indicated at the time of giving.

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Prayer Requests

Please contact the church office with your prayer requests so that we can provide an updated list. Email us at LakeHelenUCC@cfl.rr.com or call 386-218-5976 (leave a message if we're not available).

Anita & Steve Ambler

Ralph DeMatia

Suzanne Fielding

Mary Jo Groll

Tina Habick

Anna Haskins

Julie Hall

Frank Hotze

Ashley Illian

Karen Lindsay

Donald L.

Rosie McKenna

Dora Miletic

Rafael Ruiz

Sebastian Ruiz

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One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery. Watch for more information about this offering in your next Bulletin Board. We will receive the offering in March.

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Upcoming birthdays and anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Christy Martin, February 4

Suzanne Fielding, February 15

Frank Hotze, February 17

Jack Fielding, February 18

Happy Anniversary to:

Tina & Martina Habick, February 13

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# church **CLEAN UP**



## **Please Help**

We have lots of small jobs that need to be done around the church and the Parish House. Please look over the list below, pick one and let Suzy or Greta or Vicky know what you picked and when you're available.

- Clean the creases in the pews
- Use black marker to refresh faded letters and numbers for the sign
- Wipe down the windowsills in the church
- Clean the cobwebs high in the church Narthex
- Polish the brass candle holders on communion table & the brass offering plates
- Organize the bookshelves in the fellowship hall
- Wipe down windowsills in the parish house (office too!)
- Pressure wash north walls of the parish house
- Sweep down the walls and ceilings of the porches on the church and parish house

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Church Bylaws

At the Congregational Meeting in November, the congregation approved several important revisions to our Church Bylaws. If you would like a hardcopy of the current bylaws, please send an email to our Office Administrator, Vicky, at the church office LakeHelenUcc@cfl.rr.com.