

### **Come Worship With Us ...**

Our Sunday Service is at 10:30 a.m.  
Communion is served the first Sunday  
of each month, and all are welcome.

Coffee & Fellowship following  
the service at 11:30.

**Pastor: Rev. Joel Reif**

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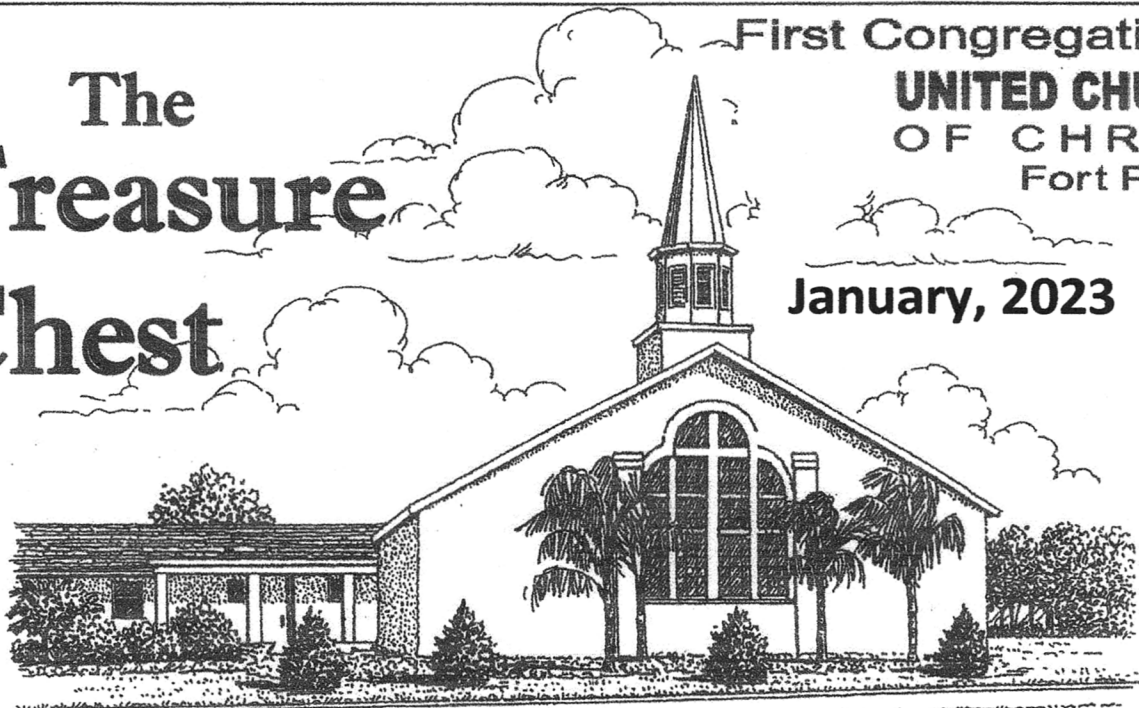
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# The Treasure Chest

First Congregational  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
Fort Pierce

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*No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Time for our New Year's resolutions. I seldom make them since they tend to last for at best a week or two. This year might be a time to reconsider that. These past couple of years have been hard for all of us. COVID came along and really disrupted our lives. There have been numerous other events that have shaken us at times. I am going to resolve to kind of reset my outlook on life and try to see all the positive things around me. I want to let go of what has been and find the joy that God intends for all of us to have. I am not sure how well I will do, but I am going to give it a try. Will you join me?

See You in Church.

Rev. Joel Reif

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for all the well wishes for Christmas as well as your very generous gifts. They are truly appreciated. It is a joy for us to be with you.

Cindy & Rev. Joel Reif

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**Happy New Year**

## GOOD NEWS ... GOOD NEWS!!!

### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at the church, **starting on January 20**. Bring your Bible or we can borrow one from the church. Any questions please let me know... I look forward to beginning!

Judy Jones 860-230-8554

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## OF GENERAL INTEREST ...

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** – There are openings to host Coffee Hour after church over the next couple of months. Please sign up on the list in the Narthex if you're interested.

**CONTACT INFO** – If you have changes to any of your contact information (phone, address, email) or aren't on the birthdays and anniversaries list and would like to be, please let Elaine Souza (772) 462-2272 or Dickie Brooks (772) 971-1370 know.

**TOYS FOR TOTS** – We collected a box overflowing with toys and some monetary donations for this very worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - The next meeting is Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00. We'll meet at 10:00 and follow the meeting with lunch – bring your own brown bag. At this meeting we'll also have our Chinese Auction where everyone brings a small item and the highest (secret) bid on each wins it. The proceeds help fund our charitable giving.

**All women of the church are invited!**

**LET ME KNOW** - Just a reminder to be sure to contact me if someone is in the hospital or in need of a call or visit from me. I would rather have 10 people contact me than miss someone.

Rev. Joel A. Reif

## EVENT UPDATES ...

The Christmas Bazaar was an overwhelming success. We raised approximately \$2,500 and had a great time in the process.

The Spring Yard Sale is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 1, and there are plans underway for a church dinner themed toward either Valentine's Day or St. Patrick's Day. Details to be provided soon!

## PET BLESSING

Mark your calendars for Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. We will have a pet blessing service at church. Plan to bring your pet, whatever it may be, for this special time and a personal blessing. All pets are welcome, even snakes or spiders.

## IN OUR PRAYERS



Jennifer Gray, Doug MacWilliam, Bev Russell, Joanne Hower, Diana Junker and her family, Bob Evans, Marv Lammers, Greg Garneau, Charlotte Fritz, Danny Fanning, Roger Carpenter, Joyce Maybury, Gail Stroud, Cindy Meads, Joy Hutchins, George Starkey, Tyler Prince, the family of Maria Marshall, Anita Tuccillo, Bob Charpentir, Scott Burgoyne, Karen Casavant, Eleanor Fortini, Justin Archambault, Patty Hills, Becky Miller, Mike, who had a severe stroke and is the fiancé of Jody Falcone, Kathy Nelson, Jay White, Donna Mariarski, Sandy Maybury, Margaret, Ed Galpen, Janis Gonzales, Dick Sinotte, Ann Marie Colonnese, the family of Jean Donahue, Emmy Cook and her family at the loss of Carol, Jay and his family, Susanne Colombo, Sandy Martyn, Bob Therrien, Amelia Joseph, Katie Rogers, the family of Roger Carpenter.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 8<sup>th</sup> Dickie Brooks
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bob Sternal
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sydney Hallford
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Paulette Kainec
- 24<sup>th</sup> Leone Bater
- 28<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Humphrey

## PASTOR REIF'S OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Reif is usually in the office either Tuesday or Wednesday. Please call before stopping by the church to make sure he's going to be there. His cell phone is **772-480-3245** if you need to reach him outside of office hours. His email is [jr7618@yahoo.com](mailto:jr7618@yahoo.com).

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DEADLINE

The third Sunday of every month.  
You may drop them off in the newsletter mailbox at the church, or call Elaine Souza (772) 462-2272 or Dickie Brooks (772) 971-1370.



## POINSETTIAS

Pat Allen	In honor of Jack Sullivan and in memory of Ken Allen
Leone Bater	In memory of Bob Bater & Susan Brondell
Emmy Cook	In memory of Carol Droege
Peggy Goldacker	In honor of my family
George & Cynthia Humphrey	In memory of all our loved ones
Judy Jones	In memory of Marion Giorgi
Dick Keller	In memory of Robert & Marguerite Keller
Mary Lyford	In memory of Ruth & Leo Manley
Doug MacWilliam	In memory of Mom & Dad
Kathryn McGlaughlin	In memory of Keith McGlaughlin
Becky Miller	In memory of Lindsey, brother, & parents
Tomm & Bonnie Mountz	In memory of our parents and our son, Bryan
Sally Pellilo	In memory of Mom & Dad, Leanna, Sue, Shirley & Andy, & Wyit
Rev. Joel & Cindy Reif	In memory of our parents
Elaine Souza	In memory of John Souza