

The Treasure Chest
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
United Church of Christ
Fort Pierce
SUMMER 2024



3601 Kirby Loop Rd

Fort Pierce, Florida 34981

(772) 465-2082

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

Come Worship With Us ...
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Joel Reif



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OF CHRIST
a just world for all

PASTOR'S REPORT

Summer has arrived and heat has already started. Some of our folk head north for the summer and others plan vacations and travel elsewhere. That means there will be fewer of us in church each week. That also means that it is important that we be there on Sundays to offer support to one another. One of the lessons that we learn is that we all need one another in this life. We don't do well when we are left all to ourselves. So, make sure to make an extra effort to be with us on Sunday and enjoy one another's company and fellowship.



See You in Church.
Rev. Joel Reif

LET ME KNOW

Just a reminder to be sure to contact me **IMMEDIATELY** if someone is in the hospital, there has been a death, 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

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**.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS!

We will be studying the Book of Job so if you are interested in God helping you keep a positive attitude despite what life brings, please join us! Fridays 10:30 - 11:30, continuing through the summer. (We will NOT be meeting on Friday, June 7).

See or call Judy Jones (860-230-8554) for more information or questions.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TARGETED DONATIONS FOR THE SUMMER –

Over the summer, our **Community Outreach** to our homeless neighbors and others in similar difficult circumstances will focus on:

June – shorts & t-shirts (new or like new) for men and women

July – school supplies

August – socks, underwear, & bras for all ages and sizes (must be new)

Please place your donations in the bin provided in the entry hall of the church. Your support for this program has been extremely generous so far – keep up the good work. Thank you!!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



“Every dollar in a church budget is a dollar that someone has given freely, under no compulsion, driven by a wish for the church to exist. Every dollar in a church budget represents one person’s generosity and good will. The church budget is not a necessary evil or a mere tool; it is a celebration of organized generosity.”

Stewardship letters went out in the mail this week. Remember your annual pledge card can be placed in the collection plate at church or dropped in the mail – thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of your support of the church!

And, if you didn’t receive a letter and pledge card and would like one, please contact Dickie Brooks (772-971-1370) or leave a message on the church phone (772-465-2082).

NOTE: If you need additional weekly contribution envelopes, please let Kim Sinotte know (772-971-9765).

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 19, 2024

Attendance: Joel Reif, Pastor; Dickie Brooks, Clerk; Doug MacWilliam, Deacons; Mary Keller, Treasurer; Elaine Souza, Memorial; Janis Gonzalez, Music; Terry Fritz, Church Fellowship; Rachel Spence, IT Support; and Judy Jones, Member at Large.

Doug led the meeting in Carol's absence. Joel opened the meeting with a prayer.

Clerk's Report – No report.

Treasurer's Report – Mary submitted the report which was approved as submitted. She requested that we consolidate some accounts to make bookkeeping simpler. After discussion, Dickie made a motion that the three checking accounts the church holds at TD Bank be consolidated by closing "Memorial" and "Deacons" and the balances transferred to "General Checking". For recordkeeping purposes, Memorial and Deacons can still be tracked internally but not carried as separate accounts. Doug seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. Then Dickie made a motion that the two money market accounts that the church holds at Bank United be merged by closing one and transferring that balance to the remaining account. Rachel seconded that motion and it passed unanimously. Mary will provide the actual bank account numbers to Dickie to prepare letters to TD Bank and to Bank United to authorize these transactions.

Pastor's Report – Joel reported that a graveside service was held for David Holtje this past Thursday in Stuart.

Deacons Report – Doug reported that Kim will fill in as head deacon for him while he's gone this summer.

Stewardship – Dickie passed out a draft of a letter for the annual stewardship campaign. No changes or edits were suggested. It will be mailed with pledge cards and an insert about online giving options this week.

Evangelism – Rachel encouraged anyone on Facebook to share the church posts on our personal pages at least occasionally. This spreads the information and multiplies interest beyond our actual followers.

Memorial – Elaine will order a plaque for David Holtje. She also reported that Marv Lammers has agreed to help with correspondence related to memorial donations.

Church Fellowship – Terry reported there has been a good response to our targeted donation program.

Trustees, Property, Music, Missions, and Nominating – No reports

New business – Judy Jones was welcomed at her first Council Meeting as Member at Large.

The next Council Meeting will be September 15, 2024.

Joel adjourned the meeting with prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dickie Brooks*

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DEADLINE

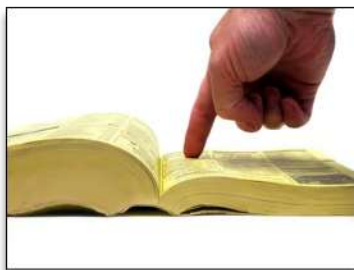
This is the last newsletter for the summer. The next one will be the first of October. Articles will be due the third Sunday in September. You may put them in the newsletter mailbox at the church or call Elaine Souza (772-462-2272) or Dickie Brooks (772-971-1370). Thank you!

SUMMER DONATIONS

Don't forget you can set up your weekly or monthly donations to the church online before you head out of town. With that set, that's one less thing to think about while you're out enjoying your summer.



UPDATED YOUR CONTACT INFO



We're always updating our church directory. If you've had any recent changes to your contact information, please let Elaine Souza (772-462-2272) or Dickie Brooks (772-971-1370) know



IN OUR PRAYERS

As you read the names of our "In Our Prayers" list below, if you know someone whose name is on the list but they no longer have specific prayer needs – or if there is someone you feel needs to be on the list but is not - please let Doug MacWilliam or Rev. Reif know. Thank you!

Jennifer Gray, Doug MacWilliam, Joanne Hower, Bob Evans, Marv Lammers, Greg and Linda Garneau, Charlotte Fritz, Danny Fanning, Joyce Maybury, Joy Hutchins, Sandy Starkey, Tyler Prince, Anita Tuccillo, Bob Charpentir, Scott Burgoyne, Karen Casavant, Justin Archambault, Patty Hills, Becky Miller, Mike and Jody, Jay White, Donna Mariarski, Sandy Maybury, Margaret, Ed Galpen, Ann Marie Colonnese, Emmy Cook and her family, Jay and his family, Susanne Colombo, Sandy Martyn, Bob Therrien, Amelia Joseph, Katie Rogers, Sally Pelillo, Torey, Razel Cramer, Janis & John Gonzales, Shawn Keyte, Ronald Powell, Patricia Allen, Terry Fritz, Rus Dunbar, the family of Alice Fowler, the family of Barbara Tuzes, the family of Jan Vandersluis, Diane Ware, Chelsy Lawton, Judy Jones, Jamie, Gabriel, Leone Bater, Ryan Caron, Bob Schwartzfeger, the family of David Holtje, Tomm Mountz



JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Holidays and Observances: 14 Flag Day, 18 Father's Day, 19 Juneteenth

BIRTHDAYS



July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Holidays and Observances: 4 Independence Day

June

- 4th Bertha (Babs) White
- 14th Joyce Maybury
- 16th Doug MacWilliam
- 24th Mary Keller
- 26th Kristin Allen
- 29th Kathy Fanning
- 30th Bob Evans

July

- 3rd Giny Heveron-Hurlbert
- 7th Carol Sinotte
- 28th Tomm Mountz
- 31st Charlie Webb

Aug

- 11th Shirley Facey
- 13th Bradley Schneider
- 13th Patricia Bryant
- 14th Joan Colburn
- 15th Greg Garneau
- 19th Mary Therrien
- 26th Marv Lammers
- 29th Rachel Spence

Sept

- 5th Janis Gonzales
- 9th Rusty Goodwin
- 20th Marty Kainec
- 20th Joanne Hower
- 20th Bob Schwertfeger
- 20th Katie Rogers
- 27th Becky Miller
- 30th Peggy Goldacker

ANNIVERSARIES

June

- 10th Dickie Brooks & Michael Cool
- 18th Charlie & Cyndy Webb
- 30th John & Janis Gonzales

July

- 2nd Kim & Giny Heveron-Hurlbert
- 3rd Bob & Mary Sternal
- 18th Tomm & Bonnie Mountz
- 24th George & Cynthia Humphrey

Aug

- 5th Jack & Rusty Goodwin
- 23rd Greg & Linda Garneau
- 24th Joel & Cindy Reif

Sept

- 4th Ken & Mary Ann Hower
- 22nd Brian & Marv Lammers
- 23rd Glenn & Joanne Hower



August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Holidays and Observances: 1 Labor Day



SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Holidays and Observances: 2 Labor Day

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the first Sunday of
each month, and all
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