

Come Worship With Us...

Our Sunday Worship Service is at 10:30am;
Communion Served 1st Sunday of each month.
Sunday School and Nursery are available.
Coffee & Fellowship
following the service at 11:30am

SUNRISE CITY

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Like to sing? This is a newly formed, non-auditioned group of folks who love to sing a variety of music. Meets weekly at 7pm on Mondays at the First United Methodist Church at 616 Orange Avenue in Ft. Pierce. All are welcome. For more information please contact Kathy Krueger at 772-216-4814.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

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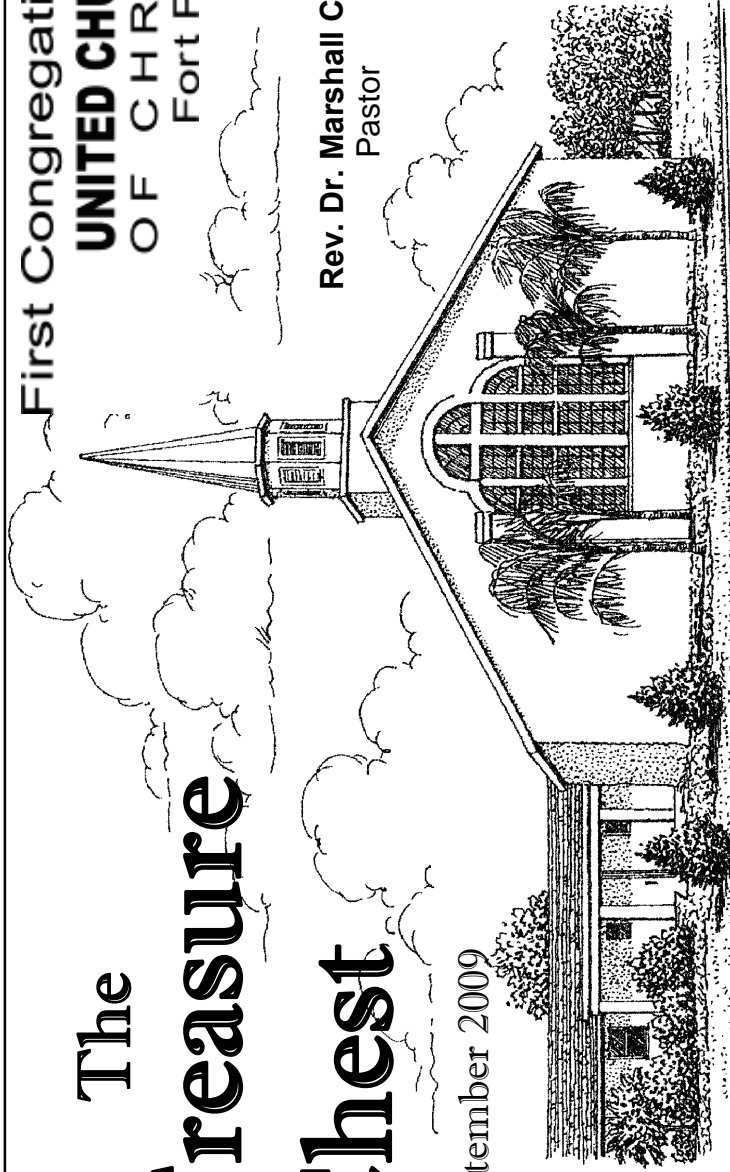
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The Treasure Chest

September 2009

First Congregational
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Fort Pierce

Rev. Dr. Marshall Cook
Pastor



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



FROM THE PASTOR

From the Internet, the Rev. Bass Mitchell writes: "From time to time I like to go to a restaurant and just sit. If available, I choose a booth with a large, wide table to spread out a book, newspaper or notebook. I turn it into a mini office. I also try to choose a spot far from the hustle and bustle as possible, an increasing difficult endeavor. One day I thought I had found such a place. True, there was an empty booth behind me but I dared hope for the best. Alas, it was not to be. For as I sat there that day many people came and went. A man like me with a newspaper looking for a little solitude...A young mother with perpetually moving and inquisitive children... Two exotic men in unfamiliar garb speaking a language I never heard...Couples in varying stages of friendship, romance or marriage...One elderly man who kept mumbling to himself...Seats full of energetic and very loud youth. No sooner did one leave than another and then another arrived. Much coming and going the whole time. I thought of earlier in the day when I made a visit to the hospital, only to arrive in the room and see a sheet over the person and bereaved family members arriving and each being told the sad news. And as I left that hospital that day I walked by the newborn unit, beholding a harvest of wiggling, wrinkled, sleeping, crying infants making their first appearance in the world. Comings and goings...That day in the restaurant I collected my materials, got up and walked outside, only to look back through the window and see that my booth had been taken. Comings and goings...I got in my truck and even before I could back out, two cars were waiting in line to take my parking place. Comings and goings...I drive out to the airport to pick up my daughter arriving from college, embracing her with a longer hug than usual while all about us there was much coming and going, tearful goodbyes and tearful greetings. Comings and going...arrivals and departures...ebbings and flowings...waves flow in and flee away...beginnings and endings...hellos and goodbyes...Summer and Fall...sunsets and sunrises...days into nights into days."

We have our own comings and goings at church as people head north for the summer and return in the fall. Comings and goings fill our days. They make up the stuff of life. They fill our days with opportunities to know and be known, to love and be loved, to learn and unlearn, to receive and to give. And in so living I believe that God is always coming, never going. God sees all our comings and goings. There is a great going some day for each of us, but it just leads to the great coming into God's presence for all eternity.

As the Psalmist sang, "The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore." (Psalm 121:8)

Dr. Marshall Cook

Marshall's Office Hours...

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 1-4pm; Wednesdays Noon-2pm

You may also feel free to contact him anytime at 772/340-0472. Please call before stopping by church in case he is out calling on people.



**...for
October &
November**

October...

2nd Don Scott
6th John Goldacker
7th Diana Junker
9th Cyndy Webb
10th Chuck Erickson
13th Marilyn Kreger
20th Donald Facey
Sandy Starkey
Evelyn Yutz
23rd Jackie Columbo

November...

2nd Diann Holtje
9th Ken Hower
Peg Luehrs
19th Peggy Freeman
23rd Dewey Showalter
26th Ed Merrill
29th Carolyn Rogers
30th Alice Fowler

and ANNIVERSARIES —

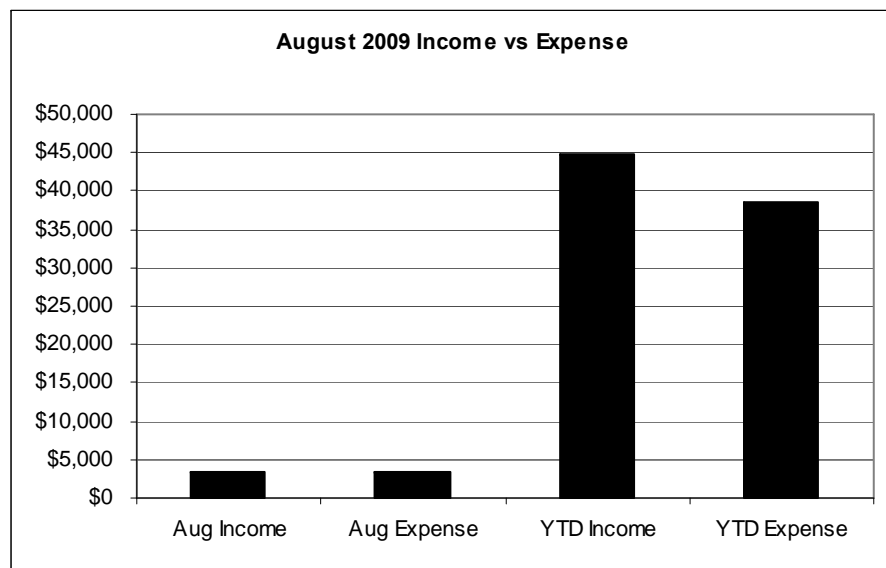
Oct. 13th Jason & Trish Fairbanks
Oct. 24th Doug & Betsy Wolmer
Oct. 30th Don & Shirley Facey—**HAPPY 55th!**
Oct. 31st Bruce & Bette Forbes—**HAPPY 50th!!**
Nov. 18th Bob & Leone Bater
Nov. 23rd John & Peggy Goldacker
Nov. 25th Dewey & Carol Showalter —**HAPPY 55th!**

Upcoming Dates...

YARD SALE—Sat., Oct. 3rd
CHOIR PRACTICE BEGINS—Wed. Oct. 7th
HOLIDAY BAZAAR—Sat. Dec. 5th
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK—Sat. Dec. 12th

Treasurer's Report...

August was a break even month for the church. However, year-to-date income thru August still exceeds expenses by about \$6,400.00.

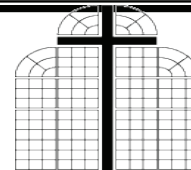


Fund transfers were not included in the numbers above. This is money gifted from Memorial and Designated Gifts funds and typically used for major purchases. These transfers increase the income over expense amounts to \$9,400.00 (YTD). As usual, all bills are current.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Webb, Treasurer

Pet Blessing... Many churches have a blessing of pets in October in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi who was renowned for his love of animals. We would like to offer a blessing to those in our church and community who have pets. The date will be **Saturday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.** at the church. Bring your dog, cat or whatever pet you might have to be blessed. If you have friends and neighbors who would like to come with their pets, invite them. The service will not be long.

Prayer



List...

Sal Alibrio, Richie Allen, Fred Aniello, Wanda Bartoy, Helen Boyd, Carol Brooks, Stephen Burke, Family of Evelyn Campatelli, Ida Cram, Gertrude Dovey, Alex & Dee Ford, Jim Fritz, Katharine Gordon, Jennifer Gray, Shirley Hage, Dennis Hower, Woodra Keene, Debbie Knapp, Ruth Livingston, Diane MacWilliam, Audrey & Dick Magown, Diane Millard, Chuck St. John, Kathy Schaaf, Carol Strunk, and Lillian Williams

NOTE: If any names contained here should be removed, or new ones added, please see one of our Deacons.

Our Sympathy...

Julia Culbertson's daughter-in-law, Lorie, passed away on the August 18th. Lorie has been battling cancer for some time and has been on our prayer list. Our sympathy goes out to Julia and her entire family.



DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

Sunday, November 1st...

It's a brand new season with lots to talk about. So, let's fill the newsletter with all that is planned for this season.

As usual, articles can be dropped in the Treasurer's mailbox at church, e-mailed to candc@webbplace.com; or faxed to (561)348-9909.

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Pastor: Marshall Cook (772/340-0472); **Organist:** Helen Boyd

Church Officers & Leaders—**Moderator:** Diane MacWilliam; **Vice Moderator:** Tom Maybury; **Clerk:** Carol Sinotte; **Treasurer:** Charlie Webb; **Asst. Treasurer:** Kim Sinotte; **Financial Secretary:** Diane MacWilliam; **Member-at-Large:** Bob Bater

Board & Committee Chairs—Trustees, **Don Locke**; Property, **John Souza**; Christian Education, **Becky Miller**; Deacons, **Tom Maybury**; Memorial, **Joyce Maybury**; Missions, **Audrey Magown**; Music, **Gerry Brown**; Nominating, **Diana Junker**; Auditors, **Bob Bater, Don Rogers**; Evangelism, **Cyndy Webb**; Women's Fellowship, **Carolyn Rogers**.

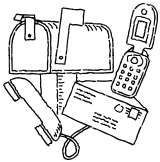
Thank you's...

To my church family...thank you for the calls and cards and kind words, and most of all for your prayers at the loss of our beloved Lorie.
Thanks, **Julia Culbertson**

Dick and Carol Sinotte sponsored the Fish & Chips dinner on Sept. 12th. They would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the dinner, and a big thank you to John Souza for cooking a truly exceptional meal. Also thanks to Gail, Diane and John for baking pies for dessert, and to Kim and everyone who helped serve and clean up. It was a fun evening and everyone enjoyed the fellowship, and money was raised for the church's general fund.

Member news...

Dick and Audrey Magown celebrated their 52nd anniversary on August 24th, and were treated to a cake and a celebration at The Isles of Vero, their new home.



Address Updates...

Ed & Jeanette Merrill have a new address which is now:
346 Pleasant St. # 444, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801

Monthly Meetings to Resume...

Women's Fellowship had its first meeting on Monday Sept. 21st. Due to Carolyn Rogers' absence, Diana Junker conducted the meeting.



FALL YARD SALE...OCTOBER 3RD

Please bring your gently used items in to the church on Sunday, September 27th or Wednesday through Friday of the following week. If you have large items to donate which you cannot get to the church, please contact Carol Sinotte, Diana Junker, or Diane MacWilliam and we will see if we can arrange a pick-up for you.



Music Department News...

As we mentioned last month, Helen Boyd has announced her retirement as our organist and choir director effective October 18th. So—here's all the scoop.

Farewell Luncheon... We will host a farewell luncheon for Helen Boyd after church on Sunday, October 18th. We appreciate all that Helen has brought to the music department at First Congregational and we would like to recognize she and her husband Dick at that time.

New Organist/Choir Director... Welcome to **Janis Gonzales!** Janis has taught in public schools and worked previously for Stuart Congregational Church and PSL Congregational church when Arlo Vandlen was there. Janice's first Sunday will be October 25th. Be sure and introduce yourself to her.

Thanks... to **Gerry Brown, Helen Boyd, Diane MacWilliam, and Marshall Cook** for all their efforts on our behalf to fill this position!

Choir Practice... begins Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 7:00 pm. Come join us!



Mission Efforts have many looks...

- **Neighbors in Need Offering:** This is one of four special offerings throughout the year and will be received on Oct. 11th. It supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States; 2/3's of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects and 1/3 supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by the Council for American Indian Ministries. Please prayerfully consider your gift to this annual special offering.
- Bring in your **"Box Tops"** and **"Labels"** for Education or donate to the food bank "In the Image of Christ". There is a bin and container located by the front door for your convenience.
- Bring **refreshments** for after-church fellowship
- Be a **Lay Reader, Usher or Greeter**. When you return this winter, perhaps you will consider helping to spell our "year-rounders" who have served all summer long.
- Join the **Crafty Ladies**—come at noon on Wednesdays or make something at home.
- Plan to be a part of **CROP Walk** next February