

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ORANGE CITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Worship Service Sunday at 10:30 AM also via Zoom**  
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**Office hours will now vary to give a more flexible time to church staff to be allowed to get work done. It is important to us if you call to please leave a message and we will respond as soon as possible.**



## **YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL AND STAFF WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!**

We want to make sure you are feeling connected to the church family during this time. Various communications are being sent to you via Email, Zoom, Facebook but often we do not hear if you are getting the messages or if they are meaningful to you. Please take a few minutes to think about what you would like or need and let us know. Please update the church office if you have an email. Please let us know if you are receiving the zoom invites, the monthly newsletters etc.; Any suggestions to make you feel more connected is welcome.

*"No matter who you are or where you are on Life's Journey, you are welcome here."*

Greetings!

In a recent sermon I spoke of the passing of Hans Kung, a man whom I have long looked up to and admired. As a young theologian fresh out of his doctoral studies he was appointed an advisor to the bishops at Vatican II, and it is said that few had as great an impact on the agenda of the council as he did. He went on to become a highly respected scholar and prolific writer, and among his many books he wrote one in 1971 called “Infallibility: An Inquiry”, which argued against the Roman Catholic doctrine of papal infallibility. As a result, he was censored by the Vatican, and no longer allowed to be recognized as a Roman Catholic theologian - or, as he once put it, his theological driver’s license was revoked. (However, he remained a priest in good standing.) Despite his censure he continued on as a full professor at the University of Tübingen, (Germany), and made director of its ecumenical institute. In his later years he would become a founder and head of the Global Ethic Foundation. A global ethic has to do with a search for common ground between the world’s religions. Underlying the foundation’s mission is the idea that there can be no peace in the world without peace between the religions, and there can be no peace between the religions without dialogue between the religions. Along with his numerous books on Christian theology Küng also wrote books on Judaism and Islam, as well as various Chinese religions. I have always admired him for his willingness to speak truth to power, and his example that sometimes the most faithful thing you can do is offer positive criticism when the Church has fallen off its Christian rails. He also demonstrates through his writing and actions that one can remain faithful to one’s own religion without disrespecting the beliefs of others. Such a recognition is essential on the road to peace. There was once a time in world history when a person could go an entire lifetime and not encounter people of a religion other than their own, but that is far from the reality today. As Kung wrote in his book, ‘Christianity and the World Religions’, “In a world so closely knit together, the old religious boundaries are becoming increasingly blurred, and we find large numbers of people with different faiths even in our own country, in our hometown, in our factories and schools, often on our own block.” That was never more apparent to me than in the fourteen years that I lived in Flushing, NY, where there are around two hundred houses of worship, including churches, synagogues, temples, and mosques, which only emphasizes the fact that a deeper inter religious understanding is more than a global issue. It is important in terms of peace in our own neighborhoods as well

Peace David W.

# The Deacons Corner

We have returned to worship in our sanctuary, with CDC guidelines in place. Masks are required. There will be no Fellowship hour. Those who cannot attend in person, we invite you to worship on ZOOM and hope you will join us. Please feel free to invite others to join our services. **Check your email for the Invite....** Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.

**Rev. David Westcott will be in the Office and available for calls/visits most Thursdays from 1pm-3pm. If these days are not convenient other arrangements can be made.**

**May 2: 10:30am Worship Service** (*Fifth Sunday of Easter, Communion*)

**May 9: 10:30am Worship Service** (*Sixth Sunday of Easter*)

**May 16: 10:30am Worship Service** (*Third Sunday of Easter*)

**May 23: 10:30am Worship Service** (*Pentecost Sunday*)

**May 30: 10:30am Worship Service** (*Trinity Sunday*)

A special Thank you! To the Members of the Volusia Music Club for their wonderful donation to our church of \$2,178.00



## Birthdays in May

- 8 – Ingrid Ringer
- 25 – Don Kline
- 26 – Errin Brown
- 26 – Nancy Kimmel

## MISSION BOARD



A “HUGE” thank you to everyone, that participated in our Baby Shower project. Donna, from the Pregnancy Center, was simply thrilled with all the donations. She will be sending a letter with the total monies that were collected also. We maybe few in numbers but we are mighty in heart!

We have a new project in the works. We will be collecting for the incarcerated. The inmates that have no family or friends to help them buy toothpaste, soap, etc. at the commissary. Some inmates have jobs but only receive 50 cents per hour and half of that goes to any restitution they may owe. If they cannot afford to buy their own, they must use the same bar of soap etc. as possibly 3 or 4 other inmates. This project pulls at the heart strings of some of our parishers, who have family or know someone incarcerated.

Again, it looks like a lot of collecting but, **please remember, you must not feel obligated to participate in all the projects. The option is there for your choosing.**

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Information for the June/July Newsletter is due on **May 24**, you can put information in the secretary’s box in Jane Murray Hall, or you can call Sharon at 386-775-2462 or you can email it to [firstucc\\_ocy@yahoo.com](mailto:firstucc_ocy@yahoo.com)

### **HAVE YOU VISITED OUR CHURCH’S WEBSITE LATELY?**

It is full of interesting information about our local church and our denomination. David McCarthy, our webmaster, updates it frequently, so be sure to check it out on a regular basis. <https://www.orangecityucc.org>

## COMMUNITY GROUPS MEETING AT OUR CHURCH

### LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

**MISSION BOARD** Thursday May 13, at 10:30 am JMH

**DIACONATE:** Thursday May 20, 10:00 am JMH

**TRUSTEES:** TBA JMH & Zoom

**COUNCIL MEETING:** May 12, 9:30 am JMH & Zoom



**Sunday Sobriety First (AA) 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (JMH)**

**Monday Grateful Group (AA) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (JMH)**

**Fourth Monday District 19 6:30 pm working with Grateful Group (JMH)**

**Tuesday Sisters in Sobriety (AA) 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm (JMH)**

**Saturday Woman's Weekend of AA 10:30 am - 11:30 am (JMH)**

**Monday – Friday COA 8:30 am - 1:30 pm (FH) Distribution of Meals on Wheels during this time.**

### **NOTE FROM DELAND LIONS CLUB.....**

The Leo club of DeLand will be hosting a grow worm project on Sunday, May 2 at 1-3 PM. This is like a Chia pet. We will have knee-high and or pantyhose legs which will be stuffed with growing solution and seeded with ryegrass. The hose will then be tied off. The kids will then glue ice and antennas. They will then be fastened into a semi-circle. If kept water, the ryegrass seed will keep growing through the pantyhose. If you love caterpillars, this project is for you. We are trying to have at least one free project for the kids every month. Weather permitting, the tables will be set up outside and distancing will be observed. Of course, there will be food. I realize that this is on a Sunday, but this is the only day we have available.

We will also be hosting a Mother's Day luncheon on Saturday, May 8 at 11 AM till 2 PM. The cost of this event will be \$10 per person. The venue for both events, DeLand Lions club. Address: 400 N. Garfield Ave. This is the corner of Garfield and Michigan behind Stetson university. Each mother will be given a wooden rose to enjoy it for quite a while. Their names will also be put into a contest for the door prizes which will be the table decorations. Menu: two different kinds of quiche along with green beans, drinks, and dessert. Social distancing will be observed along with facemask. If you would like to attend either of these events, please contact me. Take care and stay safe, Wendy Wilson.

Daytona State College, "Assisting Persons with Limited VISION"

National Federation of the Blind Newsline sponsor Circuit 7 Guardian Ad Litem volunteer

DeLand Lions Club president District 35-O Lions Hearing Program president

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## MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*MON -FRI COA MEALS ON WHEELS 8:30-1:30 pm FH						<b>1</b> Celebration of Life for David Putnam 11 am FH  WW AA 10:30 -Noon JMH
<b>2</b> Worship 10:30 am Celebration of Life for Jimmy Lampe 2pm Moose Lodge DeBary  Sobriety First 7- 9pm JMH	<b>3</b> Grateful Group 7-9 pm JMH	<b>4</b> Sisters in Sobriety 6:30-8:30 pm JMH	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Mission Board 10am JMH	<b>7</b> ICPRI 5-7pm FH	<b>8</b> WW AA 10:30 -Noon JMH
<b>9</b> Worship 10:30 am  Sobriety First 7-9 pm JMH	<b>10</b> Grateful Group 7-9 pm JMH	<b>11</b> Sisters in Sobriety 6:30-8:30 pm JMH	<b>12</b> COUNCIL 9:30am JMH	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> WW AA 10:30 -Noon JMH
<b>16</b> Worship 10:30am  Sobriety First 7-9pm JMH	<b>17</b> Grateful Group 7-9 pm JMH	<b>18</b> Sisters in Sobriety 6:30-8:30 pm JMH	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> DEACONS 10AM JMH	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> WW AA 10:30 -Noon JMH
<b>23</b> Worship 10:30 am PENTECOST  Sobriety First 7-9pm JMH	<b>24</b> Grateful Group 7-9 pm JMH  District 19 6-7pm JMH	<b>25</b> Sisters in Sobriety 6:30-8:30 pm JMH	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>29</b> CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR *SPECIAL CHURCH NEWS & UPDATES!!
<b>30</b> Worship 10:30am  Sobriety First 7-9pm JMH	<b>31</b> OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day					

# Church News



**MEMORIAL FUND:**  
Please remember our Church Memorial Fund. To remember friends and loved one's as well as to honor birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

## Jimmy Lampe

November 27, 1938 - January 12, 2021



"Celebration of Life" for My Jimmy.  
It is on May 2nd at 2:00. It will be held at the  
Four Townes Moose Lodge #655.  
201 Benson Junction Road DeBary, Fl.  
32752.

Those that will be attending please let me know how many in your group. I want to make this special for My Jimmy.  
Thank you so much, Kathy Lampe

## David J. Putnam

October 29, 1950 – April 19, 2021



**There will be a "Celebration of Life" for our Beloved David Putnam On Saturday May 1, at 11 am. The Service will be held in our Fellowship Hall. The building is larger and we can adhere to CDC guidelines. Masks will be required. There will be a simple reception following the service. Everyone is welcome.**



## Marieda "Mert" Stephenson

October 2, 1936 - March 11, 2021

Gene Stephenson and his family Brad, Greg, Doug and Rhonda Jill Would like to extend their gratitude for all the cards, calls and prayers.

For more information check us out on Facebook @WestVolusiaSchoolsoutfestival

# West Volusia County SCHOOL'S OUT!

476 S. VOLUSIA AVE AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
ORANGE CITY

# FESTIVAL

Veterans Memorial Park, Orange City

BASH



11AM-3PM

June 5, 2021

All Kids under 13 must enter  
with an adult!

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a canned  
good  
for admission.

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