

Those Assisting with Today's Worship...

Liturgist

Ed Hannon

Ushers

Helen Sullivan & Joanne Newcomb-Jenkins

Announcements

Bible Study will meet this **Thursday, January 26** from 11 AM to 12:15 PM on Zoom.

Spiritual Exploration Unit Continues Tuesday, January 24. "You Mean That's NOT in the Bible?"

Tuesdays: January 24, and 31; February 7. 7:00-8:15pm on Zoom only.

You know them - the sayings and aphorisms so many Christians and non-Christians alike have learned, passed on and trust in. Ones like: "God helps those who help themselves." "Everything happens for a reason." Many Christians and non-Christians are certain those sayings come directly from the Bible. But they, and other commonly shared ones, don't. During this four-week unit, we will explore some of those common sayings and aphorisms which people of faith are often strongly invested in, but are only partly or minimally rooted in the biblical literature. We will also examine both the elements of spiritual truth to be found in them, as well as the ways they inhibit our spiritual growth. Each session will be self-contained, so you do not need to be concerned if you are unable to attend them all. Join us for what promises to be a series of lively and insightful conversations.

Get Your Hymn Choices In!

Next Sunday, January 29, the music will be selected by YOU! On that day, the hymns, Offertory and Music Meditation will all be based on your favorite hymns. Either tell or email Mackenzie with your choice **by the end of tomorrow, Monday, January 23**, and we will include as many of your most popular choices as we can in our usual music spots.

Then, on the following Sunday, February 5, we will join in the first of what will be a regular series with Rev. Mark: "**Ask the Minister**". On that morning, rather than delivering his usual Message, Mark will spend this part of Worship answering as many of your biblical, theological and spiritual questions as time permits. So get those questions ready! Either come that Sunday ready to ask them, or email them to Mark ahead of time if you wish. Over the years, this has proven to be an enjoyable, insightful and popular event at the church's Mark has served, and hopefully will be here too! **Please note that this is a change of date from the originally announced Sunday, January 29.**

Sentence Sermons

"Progress is impossible without change; and those who cannot change their minds, cannot change anything."
George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright

"The opposite of faith is not doubt: it is certainty. You can tell you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do." Anne Lamont, American author

Ministers: All Members and Friends of SCUCC

Moderator: Ron Periard; **Vice Moderator:** Diana Day

Parish Nurse: Linda Convertine, R.N., B.S.N.; **Music Director:** Dr. Mackenzie Albert

Office Administrator: Sandra Simmons; **Assistant Office Manager:** Jordan Jones

AV Technicians: Bob Eidem, April Boehnen, Luke Crater & Dr. Renee Rawe

Missionaries: Mark Knowles & Danielle Murry-Knowles in Lesotho,
Debbie & Larry Colvin in Ghana

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea; **Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Randall H. Niehoff

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

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WELCOME EVERYONE!

If you are visiting with us, and you are looking for a friendly church ... where you will be loved, accepted, supported and affirmed regardless of your age, class, ability, race, ethnicity, gender identification or sexual orientation... where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith ... where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached ... where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries ... then we hope to get to know you as a new friend. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey ... you are welcome here!



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