

## Those Assisting with Today's Worship...

**Liturgist**  
Frank Palaia

**Ushers**  
Gene & Jo Hardy

### **Announcements**

**Bible Study will not meet this Thursday, February 2. It will resume February 9,** from 11 AM to 12:15 PM on Zoom.

#### **Spiritual Exploration Unit Continues Tuesday, January 31.** "You Mean That's NOT in the Bible?"

Tuesdays: January 31; February 7 & 14. 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.

**Next 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.**

**BE MY VALENTINE! On Tuesday February 14th, 5pm SCUCC Singles and Friends** gather for refreshments at Gail Creager's home at the Woodlands, Shell Point. At 6pm we will dine at the Palm Grill at Shell Point. A three course dinner, with a choice of 3 entrees will be served for \$42.00 plus tip. To reserve your place contact Eleanor Miller (in a green Sanibel baseball cap), after church, or call 860-318-1557 or email, [eleheamiller@gmail.com](mailto:eleheamiller@gmail.com).

#### *Sentence Sermons ....*

*"A religious person is one who holds God and humanity in one thought at one time; who suffers harm done to others, whose greatest strength is love and defiance of despair."*  
Abraham Joshua Heschel, rabbi, theologian and philosopher

*"Christianity is sustained by the knowledge that the object of our life on earth is our development as eternal beings."* Ellen Key, Swiss writer

*"Our relationship with each other in Christian community is the criteria the world uses to judge whether our message is truthful."* Francis Schaeffer, American minister and theologian

**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 January 29, 2023



### **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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