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*Seeking to love all people ...
growing in faith ...
working toward God's vision of
justice, healing and joy.
Sanibel Congregational United
Church of Christ*

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

This year, Easter Sunday falls just four days after April Fools' Day.

And while those two days would understandably seem to have nothing in common, from the earliest days of our spiritual tradition, there has been a strong association between Easter and foolishness.

The prominent early church leader Paul anchors his first letter to the Christian community he founded in the ancient Greek city of Corinth in the idea that our tradition is grounded in foolishness.

“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us it is the power of God”, Paul says to them.

(1 Corinthians 1:18)

And, “For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.” (1:25)

Several other times in that letter, Paul refers to the message of the cross and resurrection as being “foolishness” or “God’s foolishness”. He is not saying, however, that it actually *is* foolish. He is saying that it is only seen that way from the perspective of what we would call “conventional wisdom”, or as it is commonly referred to by theologians, “the ways of the world”. The wisdom of the ways of the world which says that force equals strength; money equals power; and fame equals success.

By that standard then, the message of the cross and resurrection – the message and wisdom of Easter – that true strength lies in compassion and vulnerability; that true power lies in caring for the weak and providing justice for the oppressed; that true success lies in service and giving - is foolish.

But by God's standard, it is not. Not at all. And it must not be to us. For throughout history, the world's wisdom has served humanity and creation far less than God's foolishness has.

So let us be foolish this Easter, and always. Let us be a community of fools for God's sake. For each other's sake. And for the world's sake.

Easter Blessings,
Mark

Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea
Senior Minister



WORSHIP NOTES

In **March**, we continued our Lenten theme of *He Said What???!!!*, as well as celebrated the **Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, March 1.**

Following that, on **March 6 and 8**, we held our annual *Pulpit Exchange Weekend* in collaboration with our sisters and brothers from Temple Bat Yam.

On Friday, March 6, at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall, Mark offered a Message to the Bat Yam community. Then, on Sunday, March 8 at 10 AM in the SCUCC Sanctuary, Rabbi Sunny blessed our community with a Teaching. Many thanks to those from both communities who attended these special Worship times.

Sunday, March 22 saw the return of our great friend **Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes**, who preached and led Worship as Mark was away.

Then, on Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday, our Worship time featured a Lenten Music Festival, with the Choir and guest musicians offering selections from both the Faure and Brahms Requiems, all under the direction of Mackenzie Albert.

Now, we turn our attention to the remainder of Holy Week and Easter.

On **Thursday, April 2 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary**, we will **commemorate Maundy (Holy) Thursday** with a Worship time featuring readings from the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper, hymns, anthems and solos led by Mackenzie Albert and the SCUCC Choir, the Sacrament of Communion, and a Dramatic Reflection from Mark.

The following day, **Friday, April 3 at Noon in the SCUCC Sanctuary**, we will offer a **Good Friday commemoration** which will be a contemplative time of readings, music, and a Reflection from Mark based on what is known in the Christian spiritual tradition as ***The Seven Last Words of Christ***.

Then, of course, on **Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10 AM in the SCUCC Sanctuary**, we will celebrate the triumph of God's ways, embodied in Jesus, over the ways of violence and death, with a time of spirit-filled music, prayer and an Easter Message from Mark.

The Sunday after Easter, April 12, will be our next ***Ask the Minister Sunday!*** Instead of a Message that morning, Mark will attempt to address as many of your biblical, theological, spiritual, and personal questions as time allows. In addition, we will officially welcome some new members into the SCUCC community!

Then, on Sunday, April 19, we celebrate SCUCC's 40th Anniversary!!!

That morning's Worship time will serve as a celebration of that milestone, and will also include the conferring of Pastor Emeritus status on former SCUCC Senior Minister Rev. Dr. John Danner.

Afterwards, please plan to stay for a celebratory lunch, as well as other activities, such as a historical tour of the SCUCC campus.

Finally, **Sunday, April 26** will see the return of **Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes** as Worship leader and preacher in Mark's absence.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office **WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, April 6th.

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Mark is normally on the campus Tuesday-Thursday pending pastoral visits or offsite meetings. Please feel free to just “drop by” or make an appointment directly with him by email: mark@sanibelucc.org or text/phone call: 908-477-5426.

Mackenzie Albert, our Director of Music, is normally on campus each Wednesday and some Fridays. Please make an appointment by phone or text at 203-517-5427.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

BIBLE STUDY

In April, Bible Study will meet on the following dates from 10:30 am-11:45 am on Zoom:

Thursday, April 2

Thursday, April 16

Thursday, April 30 (tentative)

Each week, we explore the Scripture passage(s) being used in Worship that coming Sunday. The sessions are largely “guided discussion” in approach, focusing on your questions and insights from reading the text ahead of time, with Mark facilitating and adding relevant context and detail as needed or wanted.

This approach allows for participants to engage with the Bible creatively, and with an eye toward how the texts speak to us in our time and lives. In addition, the sessions are great preparation for getting more out of the Sunday Messages!

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

Our Lenten unit concluded this past Thursday, March 26th. Our next unit will begin in May. Dates and topic are still being determined.

FROM OUR MODERATOR

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” John 11:25-26

In the late 1960’s, Harry Nilsson had a hit song named “Everybody’s Talking”, whose theme and emotions struck a chord in many people. It was used as the theme song in the movie Midnight Cowboy:

“I’m going where the sun keeps shining, even through the pouring rain
I’m going where the weather suits my clothes
Banking off from the northeast winds, sailing on a summer breeze
And skipping over the ocean like a stone.”

This picturesque imagery brought many people to Florida and to our beautiful Sanibel Island, especially retirees who came and enjoyed many years in the land that Nilsson created in their minds.

Eventually, their spirits returned to God, as we all will. Many had their mortal remains cremated. It was for their cremains and their family’s memories that our church created a Memorial Garden (technically, a legal scatter field) on the property of the church in 1995. In 1996 a Memorial Garden committee was established to maintain it. To date, the families of 256 former members have added a named plaque to the memorial rocks, and most have placed their loved ones’ ashes in this sacred space.

Hurricane Ian severely damaged the Memorial Garden. As we focused upon the church structural restoration, the gazebo remained in poor condition, and its grounds become overrun with invasive and non-native species of flora. In 2025, a formal committee was re-established to renovate the Memorial Garden and this year those renovations are in progress.

Please read Trustee Cheryl Tice’s entry in this issue, for more about the history and status of our beautiful garden.

**Rejoicing in the day the Lord has given us,
Frank Palaia, Moderator**



FROM THE DEACONS

March and April Activities

A huge thank you to the fabulous Green Team for our Fellowship Time on March 15th. They offered delicious green treats, which were appreciated by all of us. Again, thanks to all of you.

Please plan on joining us for our very special 40th Anniversary Celebration on April 19th. We will have a celebratory Worship, including the conferring of former pastor, John Danner, as Pastor Emeritus. That will be followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

A huge thanks to all of our Deacons who have worked very hard to assist Rev. Boyea with Sunday Worship and with Fellowship after those celebrations.

Shirley Akins
Chair, Board of Deacons



HEALTHY HAPPENINGS



No-See-Ums

All of us living here in Florida, either full or part time, have become acquainted with no-see-ums, and wish we hadn't. These tiny bugs, sometimes referred to as "biting midges" are small flies that can leave itchy bites on you and your pets. Although it may sometimes seem like it, they are not invisible but are so small that they can be mistaken for a grain of dirt or a bit of lint. The eggs can take between 2-6 weeks to mature from an egg into a pest that is a real annoyance to outdoor enthusiasts. Like mosquitoes, only the females bite because they require protein from blood to produce their eggs. Despite their small size, the females can and do bite you. To be more specific, their mouth has sharp parts that can pierce your skin, resulting in pain and itchiness. The Itchiness and pain you experience is determined by your sensitivity to their saliva . These "bites" are not usually dangerous, but can cause allergic reactions, sometimes quite severe and infection.

However, please don't let this ruin your holiday or discourage you from venturing outside, as there are easy natural ways to ways to protect yourself. No-see-ums are most active during dawn and dusk hours. If possible, plan outdoor activities for mid-morning through mid-afternoon when these pests are less active. Of course, dawn and dusk are often the most pleasant times to be outside, especially during hot weather. If you must or want to be outdoors during these peak times, use multiple protection methods. Combine repellents, protective clothing, and fans for maximum effectiveness. No-see-ums are not good fliers, and are no match against a stiff breeze. If you are sitting outside or even on a screened patio, the use of a fan is helpful. Also, light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothing that covers your legs and arms can prevent bites. No-see-ums can bite through tight fabric that's pressed against your skin. (All that clothing is no fun in 90 degree weather though).

There are many commercial options, many containing DEET, that are effective, but DEET, especially in combination with some sunscreens, absorbs readily through your skin, into your body and can cause toxicity. You may want to try a natural repellent instead. You can easily make your own spray that will keep no-see-ums away. It doesn't take long to make, it is very affordable, and is tried and tested by many outdoor enthusiasts.

Homemade Natural Repellent:

Get yourself a small spray bottle and fill it up with witch hazel and yellow Listerine mouthwash (half/half).

Add 20 drops of tea tree oil to the mixture and shake well. If you want it to smell amazing also add 5-8 drops of lemongrass oil to the mix. If you have a favorite smell, you can always swap this out for another essential oil.

Use a couple sprays on the areas where your skin is exposed (legs, arms, etc.), and although this will not kill them on contact, the no-see-ums will definitely avoid the places where you spray. This solution should be applied every two to three hours. The Listerine and tea tree oil can be substituted with olive oil and eucalyptus, and due to it being a little thicker, put a little in your hand and rub on your skin instead of using a spray bottle.

The most effective oils against no-see-ums are eucalyptus, mint, camphor, citronella, and lemon. Mix these oils with a carrier like witch hazel, vodka, or a neutral oil using a 2 to 5% dilution ratio. For example, add about 1 ounce of essential oils to 19 ounces of carrier liquid.

Store the homemade repellent in a dark bottle and shake well before each use.



Carbon dioxide traps work by mimicking human breathing patterns to lure no-see-ums away from you. They are attracted to CO₂. Why not try a yeast and sugar trap. I've never tried it, but it sounds easy to make Next time I go to the beach I think I'll include a homemade CO₂ trap. Here are the simple instructions:

Cut a 2 Liter soda bottle in the middle, and put a cup of water, two spoons of sugar, and a layer of yeast into the bottom half. Stir it, then reverse the top half (nozzle facing down) and secure it using tape. The yeast reacts with the sugar water to produce CO₂, and midges that go into the bottle will not be able to get out.

Treating No-See-Um Bites

Immediate Care: Wash the bite area. Use warm water and mild soap to clean the affected area. This helps reduce irritation and the risk of infection. Place ice or a cold compress on the bites for 10-15 minutes. This can numb the area and reduce swelling. My daughter was visiting and was covered with bites. Nothing worked to relieve her itching. As a last resort we filled a big bucket with ice water and plunged her legs into it for about 15 minutes. This relieved the terrible itching, and she was able to sleep.

Over-the-Counter Treatments: Apply hydrocortisone cream to alleviate itching and inflammation. Antihistamine gel can help soothe the skin and reduce allergic reactions. Oral antihistamine medications like Benadryl or Claritin can minimize itching and swelling.

Natural Remedies like baking soda paste can be helpful. Mix baking soda with water to create a paste and apply it to the bites. Witch Hazel can soothe inflammation and reduce redness. Aloe Vera Gel known for its cooling properties soothes the skin and can help accelerate healing. Always keep an aloe vera plant around the house. It's great for sunburn too. Break off a leaf and put it in the refrigerator. Peel the outer leaf off and apply the cooling gel to any kind of bite or sunburn.

Important Precautions: Try to avoid scratching. Scratching can break the skin and increase the risk of infection. If you do scratch, clean the area and apply antibiotic ointment.

When to See a Doctor

Seek medical attention if you experience severe allergic reactions, signs of infection, or if the bites worsen.

Hopefully, none of you reading this article will need any of this information. The bites don't affect me very much, but several members of my family have been greatly affected by those tiny attack bugs. This information may be helpful to friends, family, or visitors.

**Caring for you and your health,
Linda Convertine, Parish Nurse**



Psalm 104:24-25

“How many are yours works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures” (even when you can’t see-um). ~ The Passion Translation

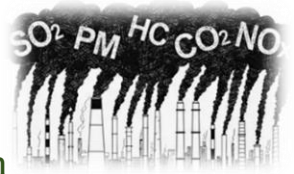
FROM THE GREEN TEAM

Lenten Fast to Help People and Our Planet Flourish

Contentment is a practice. If we have food, shelter, and clothing, it should be enough. Yet with the world of a catalogue at the click of a button, it's become too easy to shop for what we don't need.

Our challenge: fast from excessive and unnecessary buying, and be satisfied with what we already have.

Overconsumption is costing the earth



- The **fashion industry** generates 8-10% of global carbon emissions – **more than aviation and shipping combined.**
- **670,000 tons of furniture** are discarded in the UK alone each year, yet making new furniture produces up to 1,000 times more CO₂ than refurbishing old pieces.
- The UK is the **2nd-largest producer of e-waste per capita** in the world at 23.9 kg per person, yet only 30% is recycled.

NOTE: Statistics for the US are nearly identical.

Every new item we buy carries a carbon footprint from resource extraction, manufacturing, transportation, and eventual disposal. When we fast from excessive buying, we reduce carbon emissions.

Waste Hierarchy: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle

The waste hierarchy shows us the most effective ways to cut our carbon footprint. The best option is to refuse to buy in the first place. Next comes reducing what we buy, then reusing and repairing what we have. Recycling comes last – it's better than landfill but still uses energy.

If you must buy, buy better.

Before purchasing, ask:

- Can I repurpose something I already own?
- Can I pick up a giveaway?
- Can I buy it second-hand?
- If buying new things, can I find an eco-friendly or fair-trade version?
- Can I buy it locally to reduce transportation emissions?
- Was it made in sweatshop conditions? Avoid mass-produced items from exploitative supply chains



This Lent, give up things made by slave labor: fast fashion, fast furniture and fast food.

Reflection: **Contentment isn't about denying ourselves joy – it's about finding joy in what we already have. When we pause the cycle of buying, we discover that enough truly is enough.**

"For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."

1 Timothy 6:7-8 (NIV)

Adapted from ClimateStewards.org/UK

See Also ClimateStewards.org/US/

Linda Graf
Green Team Committee



MUSIC



FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee is grateful for the congregation's support for this year's Choir and other musical events. In an effort to open up the direction of our Music program to a diversity of interests, we are actively seeking congregational input and suggestions regarding the type and variety of musical programs you would like to hear in Worship and for special events, such as Gospel, Jazz, Bluegrass, Country, Opera etc. Also, if anyone is interested in underwriting and/or partially supporting one of these programs or any of our Sunday morning musical presentations please contact Ellen Hoeltgen, 630-247-2885 or ehoeltgen@me.com. Thank you.

Ellen Hoeltgen
Chair, Music Committee



MEMORIAL GROUNDS UPDATE

In 1996 a committee from the SCUCC Board of Deacons was established to create a Memorial Grounds on our church property. The committee members were Rev. Dr. Randall H. Niehoff, Pastor; Rev. Sandra R. Boler, Associate Pastor; Polly Cosyns and Mary Jo Hynden. In March 1996 land was legally surveyed and established in our SCUCC deed as a permanent “Memorial Ground” for scattered ashes of loved ones of SCUCC members and friends of our congregation.

The Deacons determined that boulders should be placed at the entrance to the Memorial Ground. Upon the boulders would be mounted plaques, each inscribed with a person’s name and year of birth and death. These plaques would assist visitors in paying their respects.

At the present time there are three coral boulders with plaques arranged in 10 rows and seven columns. There is one coral boulder with plaques arranged in 10 rows and eight columns. Presently 256 plaques of the total 290 have inscriptions of decedents with 34 remaining for availability.

In addition to the plaques an archival list is maintained in our Church Office. This is available to family members doing genealogical research.

On the Memorial Grounds is a gazebo that is utilized for Internment services. It is often too small to accommodate all those attending. At this time our gazebo and surrounding area has also fallen into great disrepair. Walkways are unstable and unsafe. The grounds are overgrown with invasives. Exotics have spread and must be removed.

A Memorial Grounds Committee has met multiple times with architect Amy Nowacki, landscape designers from Coastal Vista Design and a landscaper from Landgraphics. Many repairs and improvements are necessary and are in progress.

April 19 is our church's 40th Anniversary Celebration. During this celebration you are invited to meet with committee members on our Memorial Ground to have your questions answered and see the artist's views of the new design.

Please visit our Memorial Ground. Find the plaques of our former members and friends. Sit upon the benches. Enter the gazebo. Take time to meditate.

Before departing visualize our rebuilt tranquil Memorial Grounds which will have stable walkways, sturdy benches, additional boulders, an enlarged gazebo and more. This space is a blessing. It will become a welcoming, safe, peaceful place for all who enter. Pray for this future.

**Cheryl Tice, Trustee
Memorial Committee Chair**



Fellowship Time, Please Consider Volunteering

Please consider volunteering your time to serve during our Fellowship Time after Worship. It's a wonderful way to contribute to our community, connect with others, and give back to our spiritual home. If you have any questions concerning volunteering, please reach out to Shirley Akins at akinsteach@gmail.com.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Sign Up to Serve** – Select a Sunday and mark it on your calendar! You'll find a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall. Serving is easy, and help will be available if needed.
2. **Bring a Treat** – If you love to bake or have a favorite snack to share, consider bringing it along to make our Fellowship Time even more special. Beverages are also welcome.
3. **Contribute to Fellowship Time** – If serving isn't for you, a donation is a meaningful way to support this cherished time together.

Your time, treats, or donations will be deeply appreciated, making our gatherings warm and welcoming for everyone.

**Thank you for considering this opportunity
to serve and strengthen our community!**



Participation At SCUCC

STAY HEALTHY!

Join the Santiva Islanders with Mahnaz Bassir,
for cardio & strength, Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Currently there are two classes being offered:

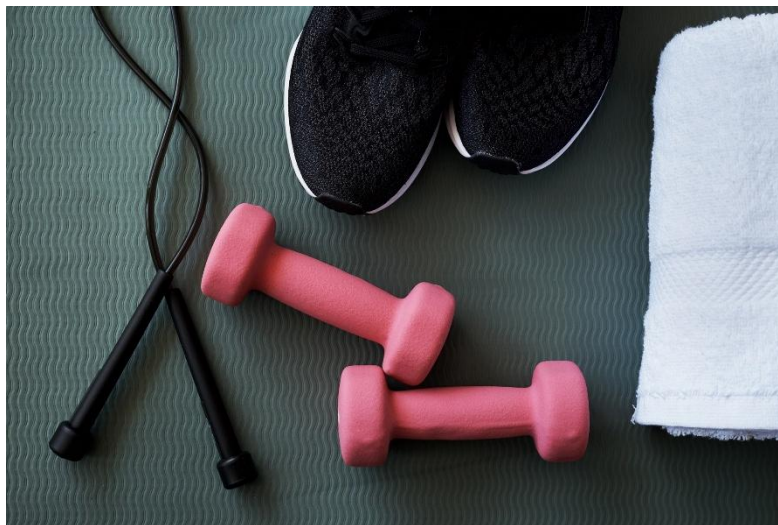
9:30 am – 10:30 am

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Please note that only the 9:30 AM class
will be held this Friday, April 3rd.**

As people migrate for the summer, the schedule will
return to one class per day.

Please stay tuned for schedule updates.



Hands Only CPR – Held on March 8, 2026



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Why the move to HANDS-ONLY CPR

- ENCOURAGES the public to engage
- DECREASES barriers
- LESS exhausting + complicated
- DECREASE fear of disease transmission
- EXPERTS chest compression the most important element
- KEEPS the blood flowing to the brain + other organs



Fellowship Hour on March 15th, Sponsored by the Health Ministry Committee



Health Committee Presentation

Sunday, March 22

The Longevity Blueprint: Stronger, Longer Living

Speaker: Teresa Spano ND, CNS, LDN

Spano Health and Wellness

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239-766-7311

<https://www.spanohealthandwellness.com/>

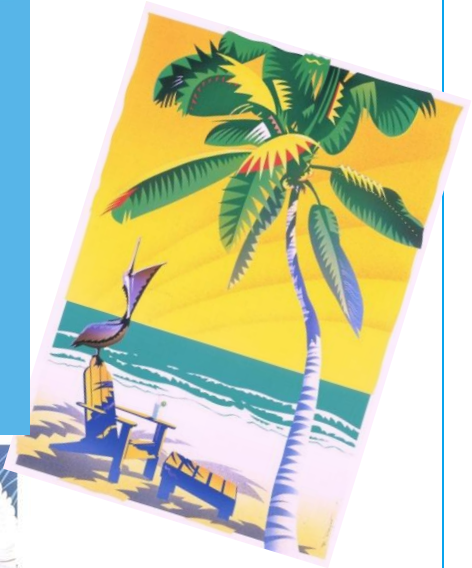
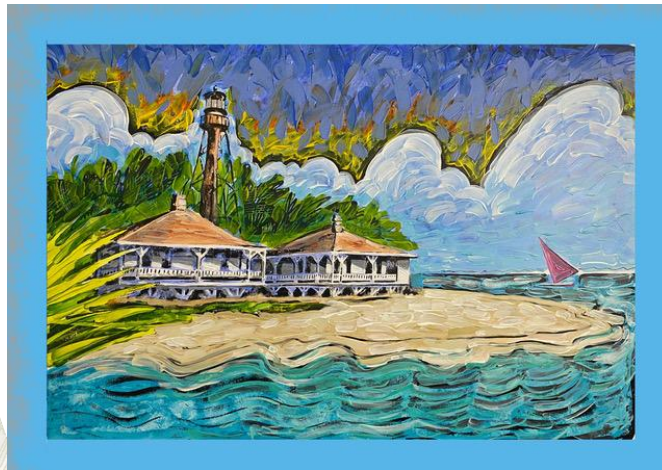


Artist of the Month

Bob Radigan

My wife Vivienne and I moved to Sanibel in 1979. I was an Illustrator & Designer with Artist Reps in 5 major US cities so we were able to live here in paradise while I worked. In 1980 Smith & Radigan Advertising opened on the island and gained recognition as the go-to creative studio in SW Florida for over 10 years. As an artist I was known widely for colorful travel and event posters, magazine & book art with numerous styles and mediums. In 1995 I joined my wife in a Real Estate career after the computer changed the Free Lance Artist landscape completely and I took a sabbatical from Art for some time. Today...I am free to create whatever I want in whichever medium I feel works best. Especially as my style is more experimental and has revived my love of art.

If you have any questions or requests,
please contact me at bobradigan@icloud.com or 239-691-6240



This show will be available for viewing on Tuesday, April 7th.

From the Mission & Benevolence Committee

Our next SCUCC & Bat Yam Food Drive will be **Wednesday, April 15th**, running from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Church Parking Driveway.

Please stop by and hand off your donation to one of the representatives from SCUCC or Bat Yam.



1. Non-perishable food items
2. Bath and kitchen paper products



Collected donations will benefit local neighbors in need through F.I.S.H. and the Gladiolus Food Pantry.

If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please contact:
Ed Hannon, Mission and Benevolence Committee Member: (239) 240-7524



Floral Invitation



We invite you to contribute to the Floral Fund.

We are preparing for Easter, and a display of beautiful Easter Lillies for our Worship Celebration on SUNDAY, April 5th.

If you would like to donate, and have not yet filled out an Easter dedication form, please send your name and dedication information to the office at

office@sanibelucc.org

This fund is dedicated to preserving the memory of a loved one through the vibrant and uplifting presence of flowers.

Floral dedications will be featured in the weekly bulletin.

APRIL BIRTHDAY 'CELEBRATIES'

April 1: Robert Scherer

April 3: Dick Hoffman

April 4: Sanda McKnight, John Sheer, VJ Wilson

April 6: Judith Daughterty

April 7: Greg Baran

April 11: Christine Faulks

April 13: Diana Day, Helen Sullivan

April 14: Suzanne Bennett

April 15: Bruce Findley

April 16: Charlotte Bond

April 19: Emily Kletzien

April 21: Linda Graf

April 23: Marilyn Niehoff

April 26: Ellen Hoeltgen

April 27: Jean Chandler

April 28: William Blaze, Elizabeth Gainer

April 29: Nina Klautt



Happy Birthday Everyone!



Shell Point Women's Group April Luncheon

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Women's Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting on **April 10th at 11:30 am at the Palm Grill in the Woodlands Common**. Please make reservations with Susan Schmitt at sudischmitt@gmail.com.

Shell Point Men's Group April Luncheon

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Men's Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting on **April 14th at noon at the Palm Grill in the Woodlands Common**. Please make reservations with Bruce Findley at bruce.findley@gmail.com.

Interested in Joining SCUCC???

If you are considering becoming a member of SCUCC, or would simply like to find out more about us, please let Rev. Mark know. After you and he discuss the expectations and, as the old commercial says, "the benefits of membership", you and he can schedule a Sunday that works best for you to become an official part of the SCUCC community.

Like A Ride To Worship?

If you would like a ride to Sunday Worship from Shell Point or Cypress Cove, please contact the Church Office at office@sanibelucc.org by Noon on Thursdays.



MAY 2026 SANIBEL LIGHT DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for submissions to the May edition of the *Sanibel Light* is **Friday, April 24, 2026.**

Please send all submissions as a Word document to:

Tammy Flatley
Church Administrator at
tammy@sanibelucc.org



YOU'VE GOT PLANS: SANIBEL & CAPTIVA



Sanibel and Captiva have so much to offer, please check out the events calendar at:

<https://sanibel-island.sanibel-captiva.org/events/>



April 4 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Known as our unofficial end-of-season celebration, SCCF's Beer in the Bushes is one of the community's favorite island events that supports one of its longest-running nonprofits. We'll have craft beer tastings, food truck offerings, and world-class music, all included in the price of admission.

You'll want to swing by and check out all of the action as we twirl and twist the night away to the sounds of the [Squirrel Nut Zippers](#). Put on your dancing shoes and wear the swingiest clothes you can find because you won't want to sit this one out.

An American swing and jazz band formed in 1993, [Squirrel Nut Zippers](#) rocketed from the underground scene of Chapel Hill, NC, to the national stage.

Individual tickets will go on sale on Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. Click [HERE](#) for more information!



Saturday, April 18 @ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

1st Annual Earth Fair Event

Join us for the First Annual Earth Fair. This fun family friendly event will bring together organizations from across Sanibel to celebrate Earth Day. This event is free and all ages are welcome!

Community Park

Address:

2231 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel, FL 33957



April 30 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

FISH of SanCap will host a free, financial education workshop, Building Your Financial Plan open to community members looking to learn tools to better manage their finances. Light refreshments will be provided. The workshop will be facilitated by Carol Kayes, an experienced accountant, and will focus on helping participants better understand their own financial picture and set achievable goals. Topics will include:

- Reviewing current financial situations, including income, expenses, savings, and debt
- Identifying financial goals for the year ahead, the next five years, and long-term
- Understanding how current finances connect to future goals
- Creating a practical plan to reach those goals
- Putting that plan into action through a realistic budgeting process

RSVPs are required by April 28th. Please visit <https://budget26.rsvpify.com/> to reserve a spot. For more information, contact Simon Robson at FISH at 239-472-4775 or simon@fishofsancap.org.



BITS & BOBS

Giving is Easy:

- 1. There are links to PayPal and Venmo on the church's homepage (www.sanibelucc.org).**
- 2. Automatic Payment Program (ACH) is available. To sign up, please send a request by email to terri@sanibelucc.org to receive the authorization form.**
- 3. Checks payable to SCUCC can be mailed to:
Sanibel Congregational UCC 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel FL 33957**

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday

9:00-3:00pm