Watch for the Coming *Celebrate Florida*



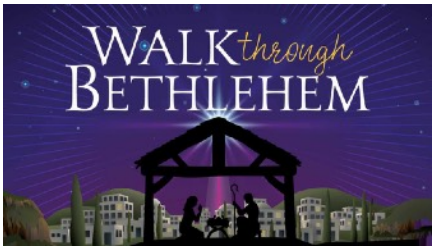
The upcoming December/January issue of *Celebrate Florida* will be posted next week. Want to learn what happened at the annual Gathering this past October? You'll find a brief recap. If you missed the two addresses given by keynoter Rev. Vince Amlin that appeared in the two most recent *SunCon*s, they will be repeated in the upcoming *Celebrate Florida*. Not to be missed.



Remember how at this time of year we shine the spotlight on our Florida clergy authors by noting the books they have written – which make great Christmas gifts, by the way. You'll find this in the coming issue.

Are you one of those clappers who applauds during Sunday morning worship?

What churches had interfaith Thanksgiving services?



What are Advent and the Christmas season without Salvation Army bell ringers, supporting Palestinian children and Native Americans still living on reservations, Cookie Walks, strolling through a real live Bethlehem -- and then there's Mean Mary (?!) and Flamy Grant (!!)

Reflecting on our Conference covenant we have with one another, which UCC church contributed $30,000 to another UCC church devastatingly impacted by the recent hurricanes?



What's going on here? Isn't that **Rev. Nayiri**, our Transitional Conference Minister, blowing bubbles?

How did a number of our churches reach out in various ways as a follow-up to the results of the November election?

Find out the answers to these and other profound questions in the upcoming *Celebrate Florida*.

As you may have heard, the December 2024/January 2025 edition will be the final one. If you have been a regular reader (thank you!), you will want to check it out for the many stories that tell of all the good being done by you and others in our Florida congregations. This particular *Celebrate Florida* section of the *Sunshine Connection* will also be ending.

We hope you are finding this weekly e-blast helpful in your ministry and that you will continue to check it out on Wednesday mornings. With the cessation of *Celebrate*, **Neal** and the Conference staff will be revisioning the most effective ways to communicate timely, supportive and helpful information with you about the United Church of Christ in Florida, so if you have thoughts on this please do be in touch with Neal at nwatkins@uccfla.org.

Thank you, again, for being a part of the United Church of Christ in Florida. Blessings for the coming holiday seasons.