

50  
years



# UNITED CHURCH OF UNDERHILL

STEWARDSHIP 2023: WE ARE STILL GROWING.



We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

Romans 12:6-8

This fall, the United Church of Underhill is blessed to celebrate 50 years as a united congregation. In 1973, the Methodists and Congregationalists, already working collaboratively in a decades-long partnership, decided to officially unite as one church. While the perceived benefits to such a merger were many, the devil, as they say, was in the details. The Articles of Agreement that hang in our narthex and continue to guide our organization were the result of many, many hours of dreaming, negotiating, considering, and revising. It was no small feat when the document was finally signed that December.

Both in the creating of that agreement and in the abundant ministry that has followed, the people of the United Church of Underhill have employed their gifts with joy and persistence. Within and beyond the walls, faithful stewardship has meant food for the hungry in body or spirit; worship to inspire, comfort and challenge; activities that bring folks together in mission, fellowship, and even administration, in turn leading to new ideas about how best to be and serve community.

This fall, we'll celebrate our 50th with a special service on Sun., Nov. 5. Our 90-minute worship will not be long enough to reflect the whole story, but we'll mark some highlights and display even more. All are encouraged to add photos and notes to the sanctuary wall (or email [memories@ucu.church](mailto:memories@ucu.church)).

Then, on Nov. 12, we will consecrate our financial pledges for the first of our next fifty years. As we remember our roots, may we share in faith that God will continue to bear fruit among a united people in Underhill, Jericho, and beyond!

Your Stewardship Team,  
Jen Mihok, Peter Mitchell, Julianne Nickerson & Sandy Wilmot

## MARK THE DATES

Sun. Nov. 5 @ 10:00 am - Anniversary Celebration

An extended worship service celebrating 50 years since the founding of the United Church of Underhill. Potluck brunch to follow.

Sun. Nov. 12 @ 10:00 am - Consecration Sunday

Worship service with communion and time to present our financial pledges for the coming year.

## WOULD WE HAVE IMAGINED 50 YEARS AGO...?

(clockwise from top left) Bulletin cover for the 1973 uniting service; livestream worship tech; presentation of ARPA funds to the Harvest Crossing team for affordable homes; 2023 apple pickers; baptism Sunday with Jonah and the whale.

