

Ministerial Description

First United Church of Christ Hollywood is a vibrant, open, and inclusive congregation located in beautiful Hollywood, Florida. As a member of the United Church of Christ, we are deeply committed to a faith that is progressive, socially just, and rooted in love for all people. We are currently seeking a new pastor to help lead our church into a bright future, embracing our values of diversity, inclusion, and service.

Our church is small in size but big in heart. We strive to create a welcoming community where all individuals—regardless of race, gender, sexual-orientation, or background—feel seen, heard, and loved. We value the unique experiences and perspectives of our community and are dedicated to fostering a culture of empathy, understanding, and mutual respect.

At First United Church of Christ Hollywood, we are passionate about building meaningful connections, both within our church and in the local community. Our members come from all walks of life, and we seek a pastor who will nurture that diversity, while inspiring our congregation to grow in faith and in love. We believe in making a tangible impact in the world around us, whether through local outreach, social justice initiatives, or simply by showing up for one another.

At First UCC Hollywood, we believe that ministry is most effective when it meets people where they are. We seek a pastor who is committed to understanding our congregation's unique needs and spiritual paths. Whether we are wrestling with doubt, seeking deeper meaning, or looking to live out our faith more fully, we want a pastor who will listen, guide, and encourage us as we walk together.

If you are a pastor who believes in empowering others, committed to meeting people where they are in their spiritual journeys, engaging with the wider community, and living out the values of justice and love, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can build a church that is a beacon of hope, peace, and positive change for generations to come.



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HOLLYWOOD

God is still speaking | open & accepting

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Inc

200 North 46th Avenue

Hollywood, FL 33021



CHURCH DIRECTION

The future plan for the church is to:

1. Increase the size of the congregation.
2. Attract children and youth to the church.
3. Have a variety of music: classical, folk, jazz, contemporary.

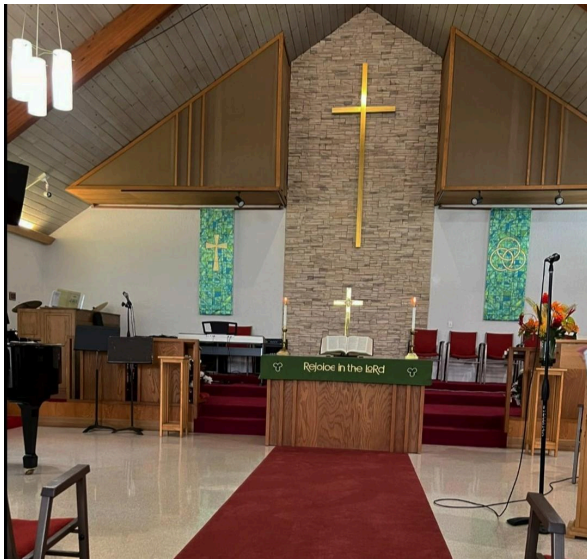
We would like to be known as a diverse, loving and accepting church that communicates and demonstrates God's love through faith, respect and service for its members, friends and the community.

Our goals are:

1. Teach God's word as it applies to everyday life.
2. Have people in the 20–40-year age bracket join the church.
3. Increase outreach to the community.
4. Create a program to foster children and youth church involvement.
5. Increase communication and involvement with the Florida UCC Conference.
6. Keep expenses within the congregation approved budget, where possible.
7. Renew our affiliation with the Broward Interfaith group.

Our church's mission statement is:

First UCC is a self – governing congregation of seekers guided by the three principles of the



United Church of Christ: a) a church of extravagant welcome and hospitality; b) witnesses to justice as we have concern for our neighbors; and c) priesthood of all believers, every person has the right to discover who God is calling them to be. We are not a one size fits all faith. You come to God your own way and on your own terms. Christ is the head of the Church. Through our relationship with God, we know He is still speaking.

We strive to provide a place for prayerful worship and fellowship, within a respectful and welcoming environment; and to meet the spiritual needs of our congregation and community, using Christian ideals and values. Those who self-identify as Christians and those who are seeking a path are equally valued.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Congregation of First United Church of Christ, Inc. is seeking to covenant with a long-term supply minister to lead our congregation. We need someone to meet the following expectations:

1. A pastor to lead religious services, including Sunday worship, communion, Ash Wednesday and or Good Friday, and Christmas Eve services, funerals, weddings, baptisms.
2. A pastor to assist the congregation on their spiritual journey by providing guidance and direction.
3. A pastor who regularly delivers sermons/reflections/meditations based on the three principles of the United Church of Christ, to educate and inspire the congregation.
4. A pastor who leads prayers for the congregation, community and global issues.

Compensation will be negotiable.

Monetary compensation is direct deposited through a payroll service used by the church.

PASTOR GOALS

The goals for our pastor are:

1. Provide spiritual guidance; and be approachable and accessible to members and church friends.
2. Interpret God's word for practical application.
3. Assist with increasing membership.

Other staff include:


Church secretary

Music Director

Office space is available

CONGREGATION INFORMATION

Membership total	40	
Active membership	20	
Average Sunday attendance	30 adults / 0 youth	
Ages of membership	Under 20	0



	20-40	0	
	40-60	2	
	Over 60	38	
We have frequent and recurring “snowbirds” who we see every year, who are UCC members, and who always visit our church during season!			

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Standing Committees/Boards

Church Council	4
Board of Trustees	7
Spiritual Life	3
Christian Mission Outreach	3

Thrift Store	5
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The Story of the Thrift Store



Unique Finds At The Thrift Store

From Shoppers To
Church Members



From Community
Volunteer To Church
Member

The Thrift Store at First United Church of Christ Hollywood has been operating for over 30 years. It is a beloved community resource that helps make a tangible difference in the lives of local individuals and families. Operated by dedicated church volunteers and some community volunteers, our store offers gently used items at affordable prices, with all proceeds supporting the needs of our church. We provide a space where donations are transformed into treasures—benefiting not only those who shop with us, but also the many who rely on our support.

Through the store we support the homeless by providing clothing, socks and hygiene supplies free of charge. Working with the Broward County Sheriff's Office we are able to offer opportunities for individuals to complete community service hours by working in the Thrift Store.

We accept donations of clothing, household items, books, and more. Every item that comes through our doors is carefully sorted, and priced to offer quality goods at bargain rates. Whether looking for something practical, decorative, or unique, they find something special at our Thrift Store.

The Thrift Store is more than just a store—it is a hub of connection to the community and a source of outreach for the church. Volunteers and shoppers come together to support the church's broader mission of love, service, and community. By shopping with us or donating to the store, customers and community volunteers have become friends of the church and some have become members of the church.

CHURCH FINANCES

2023 average Sunday offering	\$869.00
2024 average Sunday offering	\$805.00
2024 total Mission Outreach	\$4,447.00
Endowment fund value	\$212,619.82

RECENT LEADERSHIP

Pastor - Reverend Jack Branford	Years 2006 - 2024
Pastor - Reverend Sharon Rogers-Groggett	Years 1999 - 2005
Pastor - Reverend Samuel Askew	Years 1994 - 1998

CONTACTS

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