



Dog Days of Summer greetings, Florida UCC members:

Here is [the link to the August/September issue of Celebrate Florida](#).

This issue looks back at the recent General Synod 34 in Indianapolis and shares some thoughts about it from our Conference Minister, Moderator and several of our Florida delegates.

Other articles which may be of particular interest include:

- Views about waiting (from Associate Conference Minister Rev. Leslie Etheredge), Beloved Community (from Associate Conference Minister Rev. LaTrell Harrison) and strategic ministry (from Minister for Congregational Life Neal Watkins), pp 7-9
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- Celebrating PRIDE in our Florida churches, pp 28-29
- The "extravagant welcome"/coffee hour conundrum, p 31

As always, the issue contains lots of links to helpful resources and programming ideas you may wish to consider adopting or adapting in your own congregation.

If we've not been hearing from you -- and you don't see your church mentioned on these pages -- please make sure we're on the mailing list for your newsletter and e-blasts (rickcarson1@gmail.com) -- simple and much appreciated.

We especially welcome your providing the *Celebrate Florida* link (<https://www.uccfla.org/celebrateflorida>) to church members via your newsletters, e-communications and on your website.

Summer blessings from *Celebrate Florida*,
Rick Carson, Editor

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