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Monthly Publication



Vic's Views....

If Only I Won The Lottery!

Have you ever had fantasies about how generous you would be if only you won the lottery? If you have, I commend you. It's a good thing to want to be a generous person, and to want to share the wealth when wealth comes your way. But there is a fatal flaw in your "If Only I Won the Lottery, How Generous I Would Be" fantasy. None of us has to wait to win a lottery. Each and every one of us has already won a lottery, we have won the greatest jackpot of all!

Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven was like winning the lottery. He said that inheriting the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who found a great treasure in a field (Matt. 13:44). The man was so excited that he sold everything that he had to buy the field. To be a Christian is to know that you've found the greatest treasure in the world.

Fundamentally, this is what makes Christians different from non-Christians. Christians don't have any treasure except that which God gives. Christians, however, who know that they have the treasure, recognize the treasure's great value, and are eternally grateful to God for the treasure. So, the central theme of Christian life is gratitude. And, of course, we express this gratitude to God by our generosity to others.

This is where stewardship comes into Christianity. Stewardship is not an "add on" part of our religion that appears during a capital stewardship or annual campaign. Rather, it's bound up with the very center of our faith. You simply can't be grateful to God without being generous to others. The Bible drives this point home over and over, but never more forcefully than in this passage from Matthew 18:21-35.

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A slave owed his king a massive debt, a debt which he couldn't have repaid if he had worked several lifetimes. When the king ordered that the slave and his family be sold, the slave fell on his knees and pleaded for mercy. Graciously, the king pardoned him. Talk about winning the lottery! How could the slave have wished for anything more? You would think that his heart would have been full of gratitude. But no, as soon as that slave left the generous king, he met a fellow slave who owed him a small sum of money. Despite that fellow slave's pleading, the slave seized him by the throat and threw him into prison. When the king found out about what had happened, he summoned the original slave to his presence, and ordered that he be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

"That's not fair," the legalist in us says, "The king never stipulated in advance that the slave had to be generous to others the way the king had been generous to him. Such conditions were never made clear to him."

That doesn't matter. The point is spiritual, not legal; it is absolutely impossible to be the recipient of God's generosity without becoming generous to others at the same time.

So, if we aren't generous now, it's unlikely that we will become generous when we become richer still. If we don't appreciate the great lottery that we've already won, the gift of new life in Jesus Christ, it's unlikely that winning another lottery, no matter how much, will significantly deepen our happiness.

To be a Christian IS to know that we've got a buried treasure in our backyard. It IS to know that we've won the lottery. It IS to want to be generous to others as God has been generous to us. Let us encourage each other in this generosity, for the well being of others, for our joy, and most of all, for the glory of God.

You Are Loved!

Pastor Vic Willis



Pastor Perri's Notes.....

I'm not super musical, but I'm in a band! Since last May, a group of 6 women, myself included have met bi-weekly to discuss the state of our souls. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, learned about the "band meeting" from the Moravians. Band Meetings served as the primary structure for professing Christians to grow into more faithful disciples of Jesus.

We believe in prevenient grace, the grace that woos us towards Jesus. We believe in justifying grace, the grace that is our saving faith in Jesus Christ. In justifying grace, we believe nothing can separate you from the Love of God through Christ. We also believe that the Holy Spirit enters someone's life when they confess their sins and receive salvation. Unfortunately, far too often, this is where salvation ends for many people.

However, reality is there is another grace that follows this process. It is called sanctification. This is the grace that is ongoing and is remaking us into the image of God. It's participating with the work of the Holy Spirit to make us the kind of person Jesus would be if he were us. Though we have lots of work to do, it is not our work that saves us and makes us right with God, but it is all God's grace working in us that makes us more like God.

So, a "New Room Band" is a group of 4-6 same gender people, who 1) read together, 2) pray together and 3) meet together to help one another grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ in this life. (The "New Room" is the oldest Methodist chapel in the world that John Wesley built. It's in Bristol, England.) Basically, we share where we are this week in walking out our faith. Ephesians 3:16-19 gives a vision for these groups. This is not another Bible study. This is not a traditional accountability group.

When the ladies and I gather, in each other's homes, at late hours of the evenings (because that's what works best for our group) we open in prayer. Then one of us starts. Each person has about 15-20 minutes to share our answers to:

- ◆ "What is the state of your life and faith?"

- ◆ "What is God stirring in you?"
- ◆ "What is holding you back?"
- ◆ "What ways and means will move you forward in your walk this week that we can check on next time?"
- ◆ And the favorite... "Is there anything you don't want the Band to know about you this week?"

After one-person shares, and the group has helped them process their comments, one of us offers a prayer for this person who shared. Then we go to the next person. It's that simple. It's that humbling. It's SO good!

The "New Room Band" I am a part of has grown so much this past year, and that I have grown from them. A year ago, I asked them to consider trying this out with me. I gave them all a 3-month trial period that they could get out if they didn't like it. By 3 months, each of us recognized the deep need for this type of relationship/friendship/sisterhood in our lives. It is sweet. It is sacred. It is stretching. It is loving. It is Holy. It is God glorifying for sure, and I look forward to every meeting with them. These are women I know I can call when I am off, and they can point me to Jesus. These are women I have prayed for and I know they have prayed for me. We have stayed in daily contact via a text message group. We have laughed together, cried together, shared secrets together and seen God break bondage in our lives and then celebrate as we walk away from the old shackles!

I'm thankful John Wesley saw the goodness in this Moravian style of group, and I look forward to telling you more next month how you can get involved in one yourself!

It's an honor serving with you!

Pastor Perri



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

At Home

Fran Altman
 Joe & Ethel Croce
 Dorothea "Dodie" Fleming
 Andy & Audrey Grant
 Nancy Hallman
 Mel Herman
 Geri Meneely
 Pauline Quimby
 Damon & Ruth Runyon
 Adele Stewart
 Matt White
 Matt & Helen Williams
 Virginia Wilson

Bay Breeze

Dick Davis
 Joan Larsen

Brookdale Venice

Jim Roch

Discovery Village

Jean Leshar

Family Affair

Alice Buck
 Marjorie Fitzgerald
 Betty Gatewood

Gardens of North Port

Justine Stoeffler

Grand Villa

Sarah Carter
 Diane Keemon
 Chelsea Nelson
 Mary Rainey

Heritage Oaks

Bill Anderson
 Mike Bibens
 Jimmy & Rhoda Clovis
 Peg Grim
 Audrey Lindsay
 Charles Lindberg
 Willard & Janet Wilson

Horizon Bay—Sarasota

Glen & Mary Brewer

Inglenook

Millie Messner
 Jeanne Sawyer
 Doris Smith

Live Oak Manor

Shirleen Gallagher

Magnolia Acres

Gayle Davis

North Port Pines

Janice Reynolds

Pinebrook

Geri Demmin

Quality Health Care Center

Dorothy Burton

Sunset Lakes Village

Al King
 Vivian Miller

Village on the Isles—Venice

Mim Bone



I read somewhere recently that "It's your attitude not your aptitude that determines your altitude." This brings to mind the verse that tells us "We can do all things through Christ." You can be optimistic. Because people who expect things to turn out for the best often set the stage to receive a beautiful result. You can put things in perspective. Because some things are important, and others are definitely not. You can remember that beyond the clouds, the sun is still shining and when remembering that you can pray – Dear Lord, help me to give up my fears and anxieties, and give myself fully to you. You can meet each challenge and give it all you've got. Remember the old song that I add to the list of ones I love.... "Count your blessings." You can be inspired to climb your ladders and have some nice, long talks with our Lord who leads, guides and directs. You can be strong and wise. And you can believe in happy endings, because God is with you and You can do it....because He does it EMPOWER YOU....Have a great day in the Lord!

Pastor Don

Book Buzz



More and more of you are using the library! It has a variety of books. As one gal said, “Wow, this just isn’t full of religious stuff!”

If you haven’t taken the time to check out the library, I encourage you to peruse the shelves and enjoy reading a book soon! We have magazines too if you need to wait while meeting a friend. If the lights are out in this space, come on in and turn them on. The library is a quiet, cozy place for small group meetings too. Please use this comfy space because it is YOUR library!

Most of you know that there are scout groups meeting in our church each month. But did you know that the Boy Scout movement was launched by Robert Baden-Powell in 1908. Mr. Baden-Powell was an interesting gentleman. He was revered for his scouting leadership, but most of you do not know that he was a spy for the British military. He was the James Bond of the day! He loved being a spy and later wrote the book entitled *My Adventures As A Spy*.

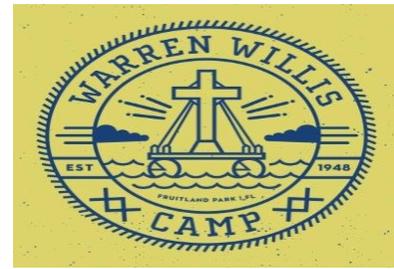
He was a master of disguise. He would disguise himself as a naturalist with a butterfly net, sketchbook and false beard. Then he would send his coded sketch—an innocent—looking drawing such as a butterfly—which would contain military secret drawings within the pattern of its wings.

He spied for Britain on several different continents, barely escaping capture many times. Espionage was a game to him, and he pursued it with great zest. He believed that if you were tired of life, the life as a spy would be a very fine recuperation. I imagine he was a great scoutmaster too!

The information for this article is in one of our library books entitled: *The Greatest Stories Never Told*.

Enjoy our Springtime and keep reading!

Pam Heady,
Church Librarian



Date: July 9th—14th!!!

Who: 6th—12th grade Students

Cost: \$210

A \$75 deposit is due at registration.

Please contact Gil Martin for information on signing up for this awesome experience.

941-474-5588, ext. 103

Or

gil@englewoodumc.net

Experience a high-energy, life-changing week at one of our eight weeks of classic overnight camps. Youth are invited to jump start their faiths while making lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories on beautiful Lake Griffin. Spend four full days zip lining, tubing, sailing, making crafts, learning archery, and so much more! The moments that aren't a flurry of activity are devoted to growing your relationships with others and with God.

New Members Class

The new members classes will be held April 16th and 23rd for those interested in joining the church. Classes are from 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the Lampp Building. Membership Joining Sunday will be April 29th during the service you attend.

The classes are a great way for Pastor Vic to get to know you as well as for you to know him, and to learn about the history of EUMC.

If you are interested in joining the EUMC family, please call the church office at 941-474-5588, ext. 105 and let Teresa know you're planning to attend the classes. Childcare will gladly be provided upon request.



Ms. Patty's Playroom....Last night I was asked if Foundations is a Day Care Center or a Preschool. I immediately answered and always will answer a Preschool. I can be confident in that answer simply by looking at the definitions:

Day care, daycare, child day care, or childcare is the care of a child during the day by a person other than the child's legal guardians, typically performed by someone outside the child's immediate family. Day care is typically an ongoing service during specific periods, such as the parents' time at work.

Preschool - Wikipedia <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preschool>

A **preschool**, also known as nursery school, pre-primary school, playschool or kindergarten, is an educational establishment or learning space offering **early childhood** education to children before they begin compulsory education at primary school.

The key difference between the two is "education." Although daycare or childcare is very important as a method of keeping our children safe, it is not obligated to perform any educational opportunities for the children. A preschool however has very specific educational requirements, even for infants. This may not always include the ABCs but it does involve social and emotional behaviors, physical strength, dexterity, language, mathematical and science skills. Each being building blocks in helping to form a well equipped child ready for elementary school.

At Foundations, all of our classrooms have a curriculum and lesson plans they must follow. The Teachers are responsible for not only creating those plans in alignment with the Florida standards, and adjusting those plans for children who may need additional assistance in specific areas.

So next time you are telling someone about the Preschool, feel confident in saying "One of my church's ministries is our Preschool. From our infants to our oldest kids, the children are exposed to the Word of God 5 days a week and learning everything from manners to mathematics."

Have You Signed Up for Our Golf Tournament Yet?

Don't miss this event

Saturday, April 21st

The Hills at Rotonda

Register today!

Www.inglewoodumc.net

Foundations-eumc.com

Or Stop by the Church Office for Your Team's Registration Form.



Health and Wholeness—Opioid Crisis

This is my attempt to bring some light to this distressing event in our country as well as around the world.

What are opioids? They are a class of drugs that include the illegal drug heroin, synthetic opioids such as Fentanyl and pain relievers available by prescription. These include oxycodone (Oxycontin), hydrocodone (Vicodin), Hydromorphon, codeine, morphine as well as many others such as Perodan (Actiq), Percocet, Tylox, Diaudid, Duragesec, and Sublimaze. The pharmaceutical industry in the 1990's assured the medical community that patients would not become addicts and the usage has increased yearly.

The short term effects are drowsiness, slowed breathing, constipation, unconsciousness, nausea and vomiting.

The long term effects are abuse and addiction. Many people start with an injury or a toothache. As the body adapts to the drugs, to get the same effect they increase the dosage - this is called tolerance. This escalates until more of the drug is needed and more often. Many addicts turn to heroin or other street drugs as they are cheaper and more available. The quality of the street drugs vary greatly. So the "Fix" one time may kill at another time. The scope of the problem has increased drastically!

DID YOU KNOW?

A baby is born every 25 minutes suffering from withdrawal as the mother was addicted.

The life expectancy in the U.S.A. has been dropping since 2000.

In some parts of the country people are dying in such large numbers from drug overdoses that the medical examiners are stowing bodies in make shift freezers.

Police officers are responding to so many overdoses that it is decreasing their ability to address other crimes.

Firefighters are expected to carry naloxone to revive addicts that overdose so often that they know their names.

Drug overdoses killed about 64,000 persons in 2016. This includes other potent drugs and combinations of drugs and alcohol.

Opioid overdoses kill on average 115 persons per day in our country.

The cost of Narcan, the antidote, is killing the budgets of many counties.

Withdrawal symptoms include severe muscle cramps, restlessness, vomiting, cold flashes (Cold Turkey) as well as diarrhea. Addicts will do most anything to avoid these symptoms!

In our home county in Pennsylvania, an evening event in the three theaters is showing the movie "Unknown Pleasures" as a part of an "Evening of Addiction Awareness." This is sponsored by the agencies dealing with drug addiction.

They explain that the brain and many cells in the body are opioid receptors. It takes seven months before the brain starts to really heal from addiction. They say that for every \$1.00 spent in treatment \$7.00 is saved in the criminal justice system.

Right now Recovery facilities are a \$35 BILLION industry. At about \$25,000 per month that it takes to wash out those drugs. They have found that this is not enough time to confront all the issues that lead to addiction. Many addicts relapse in the first day home and the doses of drugs send them into overdose as their body is use to the old amount!

There are 4 steps in Recovery from addiction:

1. Prevention 2. Intervention 3. Treatment 4. Recovery support. Recovery support include government, health profession, and churches for a goal of saving lives and add long term support to the addicts and their families. It is a team effort to make recovery a reality.

Things we can do to help: Dispose of any of these drugs legally prescribed and unused at the following places: Walgreen's Pharmacy and Charlotte County Sheriff's office M-F between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 6868 San Casa Drive in Englewood and help in the Celebrate Recovery program at EUMC.

Grace Talada,

Chairman of Health and Wholeness

**** 90 (or over) Years Young!**

4/05 Peg Beattie **
 4/10 Rex Chase
 4/20 Audrey Rogers
 4/22 Julie Kern
 4/22 Mary Lanham
 4/24 Mary Rainey
 4/25 Patricia Guillerm
 4/26 Nancy Short
 4/28 Ken Guillerm



April Super Senior Birthdays

Super Senior Birthday Registration

Name _____

Birth Date / /

Month Day Year

Are you a Super Senior of four score years or more? We have the names and birth dates of many of our 80 (or more) years old, but we want to recognize ALL of these honored members. Please register your birthday if you haven't done so already. Just call the church office or send in the registration form.

The Super Senior birthdays are listed each month in the Messenger. Help them celebrate their super birthday by congratulating them on their special day.

Memorial Corner

*2/1 Bob Potter
 2/3 Duncan Morton
 2/4 Mike Bibens
 2/12 Myrtle Gray
 2/20 Glen Brewer
 2/16 Doris Smith
 3/6 Becky Miller
 3/6 Dick Elsbury*



*Our thoughts and prayers are with
 their family and friends.*

Memorial Gifts

Foundations

In Memory of: Dean Wise
 Given by: William & Franchin Wise

Children's Clothes Closet

In Memory of: Marlene McLauhlin
 Given by: Nancy Bouzon

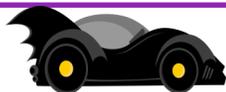
Music Fund

In Memory of: Dean Wise
 Given by: Nancy Beadle

Non-designated Giving

In Memory of: Dave Pogue
 Given by: Jim & Lorna VanStechelman

Where's My Car?



The Hospitality Committee has addressed the confusion some people have over finding where they parked their car. It's a big campus, and it's very easy to get turned around. The paved parking has been designated into four colored sections: red, blue, green and yellow. From the inside there is signage above most building exits indicating which parking lot is closest to that door. So next time you park, please look to see what colored lot you are in & follow the signs back to your car! If you invite someone new, this is a great way to help them navigate our campus. If you still have questions, please stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday morning.

EUMC Total Giving 2017

	Missions	UMW	UMM	Congregation	Total
Agape Flights	\$ 2,300				\$ 2,300
Appalachian Service Project			\$ 500	\$ 800	\$ 1,300
Apportionments				\$ 57,650	\$ 57,650
Boy Scouts			\$ 500		\$ 500
Children's Clothes Closet		\$ 850		\$ 512	\$ 1,362
Children of the Lamb (Dental)				\$ 400	\$ 400
Celebrate Recovery			\$ 500	\$ 6,319	\$ 6,819
Cuba (Sister Churches & Pre-school)	\$16,440	\$ 2,500		\$ 18,287	\$ 37,227
Cub Scouts Pack 36			\$ 500		\$ 500
ECHO	\$ 500	\$ 200			\$ 700
Eng. Community Care Clinic		\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000
Eng. Elem. School Supplies		\$ 100			\$ 100
EUMC Children			\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Eng. Elem. School Food for Kids		\$ 100			\$ 100
EUMC Youth			\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
EUMC Operations		\$ 2,450	\$ 4,500		\$ 6,950
Family Promise		\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 2,308	\$ 3,308
FISH		\$ 300			\$ 300
Foundations		\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 11,200	\$ 11,700
Foundations Adopt a Class		\$ 350		\$ 11,316	\$ 11,666
Galcom (Recorded Bibles)	\$ 2,000			\$ 1,242	\$ 3,242
Global Serve International	\$ 1,000				\$ 1,000
Girl Scout Troop 580			\$ 500		\$ 500
Habitat for Humanity, Sarasota	\$ 500	\$ 100			\$ 600
Habitat for Humanity, Charlotte	\$ 500	\$ 100			\$ 600
Heifer Intl. (Alternative Gifts)				\$ 5,550	\$ 5,550
Helping Hand		\$ 2,500	\$ 500	\$ 15,131	\$ 18,131
Kayongo's Hope (Uganda)	\$ 2,835			\$ 2,901	\$ 5,736
Kairos Prison Ministry	\$ 1,000	\$ 150	\$ 300	\$ 470	\$ 1,920

	Missions	UMW	UMM	Congregation	Total
Latin American Missions (Ecuador)	\$ 1,000				\$ 1,000
Lemon Bay Project Graduation		\$ 150			\$ 150
Literacy Council		\$ 50			\$ 50
Loveland School		\$ 300			\$ 300
Ministry Through Men			\$ 500		\$ 500
Meals on Wheels	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 500		\$ 2,700
Mercy Wings (Mexico)	\$ 500				\$ 500
New Tribes	\$ 1,500				\$ 1,500
Pastor's Discretionary Fund			\$ 1,000	\$ 17,945	\$ 18,945
Pioneers (Peru)	\$ 1,500				\$ 1,500
Radio Ministry		\$ 500	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,500
Scholarships		\$ 6,000	\$ 30,000		\$ 36,000
Shepherd's Lambs (Haiti)	\$ 3,335				\$ 3,335
Shoes for Kids				\$ 1,621	\$ 1,621
SOLVE		\$ 100			\$ 100
TEAM	\$ 1,000				\$ 1,000
UM Children's Home		\$ 1,500		\$ 42,800	\$ 44,300
UMCOR		\$ 500		\$ 31,560	\$ 32,060
Vineland Backpack Program		\$ 125			\$ 125
Youth Mission Drive	\$ 150			\$ 14,523	\$ 14,673
Young Life - Charlotte County	\$ 1,200				\$ 1,200
Whitlock, Dave & Sue (Kenya)	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500	\$ 9,444	\$ 19,644
Wycliffe Bible Translators	\$ 500				\$ 500
TOTALS	\$46,260	\$ 24,325	\$ 51,800	\$ 251,979	\$ 374,364



Ryan – Uganda

Dr. Eastlund—Ecuador

Whitlocks—Kenya

3 Cuban Churches



Starting Point

Have you ever wondered, “What exactly is faith?” Or just have questions about God in general? Are there aspects to your faith you’re just not sure of? If asked, could you explain what you believe and why? If you’re not sure, there is a new 6-week study and it’s your **Starting Point**. This is an opportunity to explore faith, ask any and all questions in a safe, guided environment. Classes will begin Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. Sign -up in between Sunday services in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or by calling Joyce 941-474-5588 ext. 261 in the church office.

The workbook is \$13 and scholarships are available.

United Methodist Women Unit Meeting

April 5, 2018

Come join us for another great program!

Friendship Punch 11:30 a.m.
Potluck Luncheon 12:00 noon
(Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share.)

Program: “CRISPR—the most exciting gene editing tool that could revolutionize cures for world hunger, HIV, genetic diseases, and some cancers.”
Speaker: John Schoenbauer

Hostess: Dorcas Circle



Relay For Life of Englewood has combined with the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda Relays and is now known as Relay For Life of Charlotte County. The 2018 Event will be held on Saturday, April 14th, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. The theme which was selected is ONCE UPON A CURE!! Below is the link to register as an EUMC team member or survivor for the event.

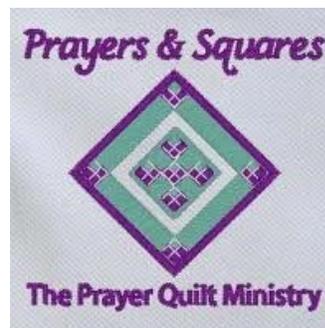
http://main.acevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY18SER?pg=entry&fr_id=86513

I will be walking the first "VICTORY" lap this year as an 11 year breast cancer survivor, and I hope many of you will join me. EUMC has led the area for several years in fundraising and bringing HOPE to our local cancer survivors and caregivers. Help me celebrate MORE BIRTHDAYS and LESS CANCER!!!

God bless,

Carolyn Kennett

Prayers & Squares



Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry will meet on April 12th & 19th at 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall 1 & 2. Come and spend as much or little time as your schedule will allow.

There are many ways to help that **do not** require sewing skills, and you’re always welcome to observe. Please feel welcome to come for any amount of time that your schedule allows during those hours. Bring a sack lunch and beverage, we’ll be waiting with a special place at the table just for you at 12:30 p.m.!

If you have any questions about this ministry be contact me.

In His Love,

Jane Parker

firstjp@aol.com or 941-564-6844

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY ENGLEWOOD 2018

CELEBRATE everything
EMBRACE change
LOVE GOD and others
ENCOURAGE others
BE INVOLVED in service
READ THE BIBLE daily
ATTEND YOUR MEETINGS regularly
TAKE TIME to reflect
ENJOY SHARING the Good News

According to Pastor Rick Warren's Article of 1/17/18 entitled 7 Features That Make Celebrate Recovery Uniquely Impactful, he describes brokenness as *"a willingness to abandon our pride, our pretensions, and our self-righteous posturing."* And he believes that *"great churches are built by broken people, ministering to other broken people."* And goes on to say that brokenness *"is the prerequisite to God's blessing on our lives and our congregations."* *"When we reach the end of our rope and give up our self-sufficiency, that's when God moves into our lives with healing and growth. Sin is addicting, and "ALL HAVE SINNED."* That is why we need a recovery ministry. I would contend just as Pastor Warren believes that *"the success of Celebrate Recovery has a lot to do with the fact that it's grounded in a Christlike approach to ministering to the broken."*

Here are the seven features that make CR uniquely impactful:

1. Celebrate Recovery is based on God's word.
2. Celebrate Recovery is forward thinking.
3. Celebrate Recovery emphasizes personal responsibility.
4. Celebrate Recovery emphasizes spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ.
5. Celebrate Recovery is built on the Biblical principles of real community.
6. Celebrate Recovery addresses all types of habits, hurts and hang-ups.
7. Celebrate Recovery moves members into ministry.

Come check out Celebrate Recovery at EUMC to see for yourselves how God is working in the lives of people like you and me, broken but forgiven by the grace of God. We all have some type of hurt, habit or hang-up that weighs us down but we are healed by the blood of Jesus Christ. And by seeking a personal relationship with Him we can be filled with the Holy Spirit and freed of that weight, the chains/shackles or the mask we wear to cover up the hurt inside.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. here at EUMC in Fellowship Hall and is a Biblical based program designed by John Baker and Rick Warren of Saddleback Church to help us overcome our hurts, habits and hang-ups.

God's Vision for Celebrate Recovery at Englewood United Methodist Church: To partner with God in transforming people with hurts, habits and hang-ups from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus, to the Glory of God.



Englewood United Kids Ministry

"They will be called Oaks of righteousness, A planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor."

Isaiah 61:3

Easter is a wonderful time to share the love of Jesus with kids. What a blessing our ministries were to the community this season! A huge heart-felt thank you to everyone who helped us make it a successful season of love through outreach. Some of you donated eggs, candy, toys and baskets. Others stuffed eggs, assembled baskets, distributed baskets, worked the egg hunt or donated financially to our efforts. It is clear that EUMC is a place that welcomes children and loves families. What an honor and privilege to serve along side all of you! Please continue to pray that we reach more and more kids with the Gospel. Thank you for allowing me to lead the children's programs of our church.

Sincerely,

Suzie Asa

Our next big outreach opportunity...

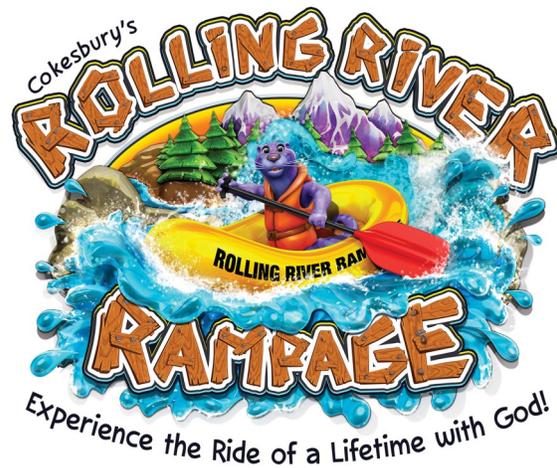
Vacation Bible School 2018

July 16th-20th, 9am-12 noon



Welcome Casey Church
to our team!

Casey will be serving part-time with us in ministry to children. The kids love her! If you see her around, please say, "hello".



For more information about serving in our Children's Programs, or how we can serve you? Please call Suzie Asa through the church office, 941-474-5588 or by email suzie@englewoodumc.net

Believe!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

These words echo through the ages:
Listen! Listen to what the Angels sing!

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is full of His Glory!

Scripture has been fulfilled. As the prophets foretold, Christ died for our sins, he was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the scriptures say. He appeared alive, raised! He has conquered sin and death! There were witnesses. This is not a story made up, it is truth; God's truth, our truth. Believe!

Jesus is not finished with us yet. He will return. He will rise up those who have died first, and then all true believers will meet Him in the air, to be taken into Heaven. He will come in the clouds, with a shout, and the sound of a trumpet. Everyone will see Him. What a wonderful joyous sight that will be. Believe!

Jesus is the Son of God. He came to seek and to save; to save sinners like you and like me, so He could give us the gift of eternal life with Him in Heaven. He conquered sin and death. If you have confessed your sins, if you believe Jesus died to pay for your sins and God raised Him from the grave, then you will be raised up when Jesus comes in the clouds. Be ready. Keep watch. Look up! He is coming! Believe!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Barbara Terardi

Intercessory Prayer Group



Dinner in Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:30 p.m.
\$6 suggested donation.
Children eat for free!
Kid's meals are always served.

April 4

Shepard's Pie
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Strawberry Éclair Cake

April 11

Family Promise

Chicken Piccata with Rice
Green Beans
Salad
Apple Cake

April 18

Loaded Baked Potato
Chicken Casserole
Garden Salad
Root Beer Float
Éclair Cake

April 25

Boy Scouts

Hamburgers
French Fries
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

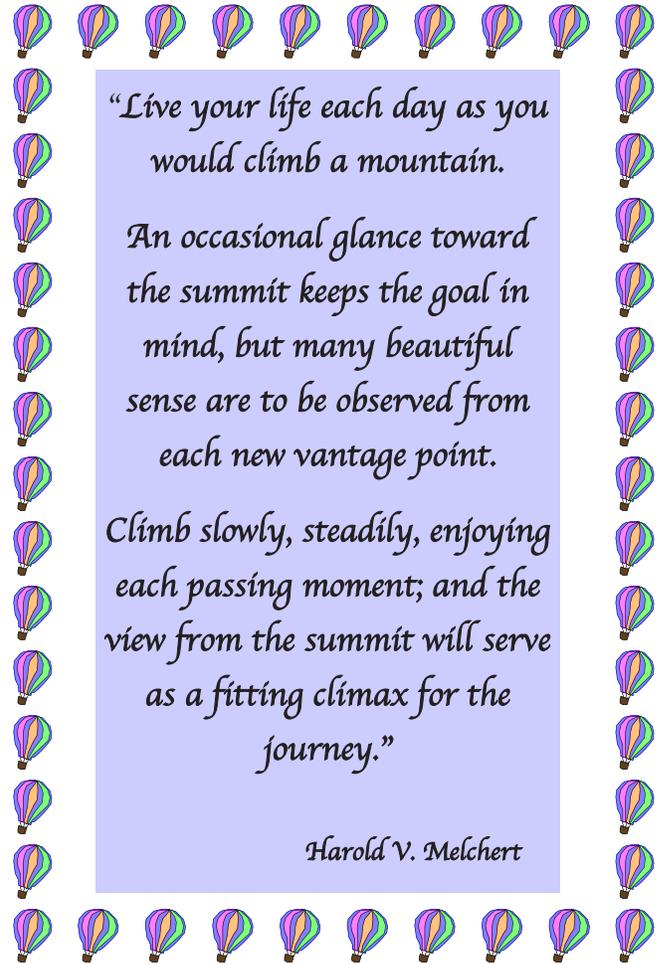




In 1908 The Florida United Methodist Children's home was established so that children who have experienced an unfortunate circumstance in their life have a place to call home. As the fifth Sunday of the month approaches, we ask for the assistance of the community and The United Methodist Church to keep this a safe place for our children to go. On behalf of Englewood United Methodist Church, I would like to thank you for your outstanding support in the past. At this time The Florida Children's Home is reaching out to us for financial support that will enable the home to remain a place of shelter, hope and light for those in their care.

Thank you for your generosity to this important ministry.

Julie Rice



"Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain.

An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful sense are to be observed from each new vantage point.

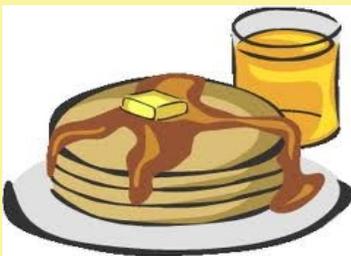
Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment; and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey."

Harold V. Melchert

Pancakes & More!

Served by Men's Fellowship

Saturday 7:30—11:00 a.m.



****** April 7th ******

**Is the last breakfast of the season.
See you next fall!**



All the Pancakes You Can Eat!

OJ & Bottomless Coffee/Tea
with

Eggs & Sausage or Biscuits & Sausage Gravy or Quiche & Fresh Fruit
\$6.00

Children Under 12 eat FREE!

Enjoy Live Music

Buy: Crafts/Honey/Nuts

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Methodist Church
Shall strive to make God
And His Kingdom
More real through our
Caring, worship, study
Fellowship & outreach.
To this end, as a
Servant Church,
We offer ourselves
And our facilities
For the Christian growth
Of all persons.*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Adopted 1978 Revised 1989

