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Monthly Publication



Vic's Views....

God's Faithfulness

In a recent visit to my childhood home, I found myself mesmerized in the doorway of my mother's living room. Everyone else had gone to bed. I felt an overwhelming sense of urgency to just stand there and remember. So I replayed in my mind as many events that had occurred in that room that I could remember from my growing-up years. Like a rapidly revolving rolodex my mind whirled pulling random scenes:

Building a fire in the fireplace as a 12 year old...

Christmas parties with cousins, aunts, uncles where laughter, love and song filled the room...

bringing Debbie through the front door to meet mom and dad for the first time...

sitting on the hearth of the fireplace watching my little brother take his first steps...

my siblings and me sitting on the couch after dad's death, remembering...

my parents, waiting up for me when I was out all night, telling me they had checked with all the area hospitals and police departments...

me, as a 19 year old, lying on that same couch curled up in a fetal position locked down with anxiety and fear over all the choices that lay ahead of me in life...

my mother sitting next to me praying for God to 'show me His way, '...

loading up the U-Haul for Florida with my bride and exiting that front door for the last time as a resident... my father playing the piano to wake my sister and me up to get ready for church (On a Hill Far Away; Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound; I Serve A Risen Savior; and he'd always play the old polka, "Roll Out The Barrel"—every time I hear that tune I think of my dad, Sunday mornings and church!

And there were other memories that crowded my mind in those few moments. Then I realized this exercise was much more than engaging in nostalgia for me. I was doing important work! Work that can often be neglected because of busy-ness or expediency or an underlying belief in "chance" or "fate."

Jeremiah 31:21 says, ***Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Mark well the path by which you came.***"

Like a marker on the roadside, our memories of what has shaped us need to be rehearsed. A path well marked by guideposts helps us remember God's faithfulness! Remembering God's faithfulness leads to more trust in His guidance in present situations. Memory serves much more than sentimentality. It is God's tool for celebration and guidance!

When the children of Israel had taken their long, winding and often treacherous trek from Egyptian captivity to the Promised Land, they were warned, ***"...be on your guard and diligently watch yourselves, so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen, and so that they do not slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and grandchildren."*** (Deuteronomy 4:9)

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God's faithfulness is always to be rehearsed... because it's so easy to forget! When I am not reflective on my past, I can easily put all past events under the category of "coincidence" or "dumb luck." And to the undiscerning eye, it would seem so. But God is behind so much of the mundane in life that we tend to forget just how silently pervasive His guiding hand is. We crowd Him out of the picture by simply thinking it was 'fate' or the 'luck of the draw' or chance.

Those same Israelites on the eve of their inhabiting the Promised Land were further encouraged to remember God's action because... *'You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.'* (Deuteronomy 8:17-18)

God's faithfulness is always to be rehearsed... because it's so easy to forget! God's warning here is that chance or fate may not be the worst thing that replaces God's providential leadings, but that our own pride is an even bigger problem. We may begin thinking it was solely our own decisions and our own cleverness that got us to where we are. And to the undiscerning eye it would seem so! But God says that's like building a little shrine to yourself and setting it on your mantle and praying to it every day.

It's important to remember often 'the path by which you came,' in order to stay on track with the path that God has you on right now!

That's what I find so important in returning home and traveling down those country roads that I traveled as a youth—a youth wondering if God would be faithful—wondering how God would lead and guide—wondering what my life given to Him would look like one day.

Poet Edgar A. Guest wrote "***Back Home***" exactly 100 years ago, but for me, the first and last verses set a very up-to-date description:

"Back Home"

*Glad to get back home again,
Where abide the friendly men;
Glad to see the same old scenes
And the little house that means
All the joys the soul has treasured —
Glad to be where smiles aren't measured,
Where I've blended with the gladness
All the heart has known of sadness,
Where some long-familiar steeple
Marks my town of friendly people.*

*Like to be where men about me
Do not look on me to doubt me;
Where I know the men and women,
Know why tears some eyes are dimming',
Know the good folks an' the bad folks
An' the glad folks an' the sad folks;
Where we lived with one another,
Meaning' something to each other.
An' I'm glad to see the steeple,
Where the crowds aren't merely people.*

You are Loved!

Pastor Vic Willis



Pastor Perri's Notes.....

River Rafting Vacation Bible School



As I write this Newsletter, we are in the middle of Vacation Bible School! What an exciting event for our children, families, and volunteers! We are having such a fun week! Today, I loved watching the students from Lemon Bay High School Drama Department lead us in the skits, followed by lots of dancing and singing to Jesus. After that time of everyone in the sanctuary together, all the small groups split off and headed to their other activities. We have two different Vacation Bible Schools running at the same time - Preschool and Elementary. So that means, Preschool Crafts and Elementary Crafts, and so on for the different activities. I loved walking around campus today seeing Bible stories being shared, science experiments being done, yummy snacks being snacked on, crazy games being played and rafting vests being decorated.

Two of my favorite things I saw today were a huge group of kids playing life-size Hungry Hungry Hippo! Think of that game you played with your family growing up, maybe your kids or grandkids. Now think of kids rolling around on small scooters on their bellies while teammates push them forwards and backwards while they are collecting pit balls from all over the floor. It was so much fun to watch them having fun.

My other favorite activity was leading Preschool Bible story. We had easily 40 three and four year old's lined up on the first 2 rows of the sanctuary squirming all over and trying to pay attention while I was teaching them about how when Jesus called the fisherman to follow him. We talked about how these men didn't use fishing rods to fish, but nets. So, we practiced throwing out pretend nets. We basically got to tell the bible story with all types of motions! We walked in place - fast and slow. We talked about how Jesus saw the disciples from afar and when He

got to them, He waved them towards Him and said, "Come with me. I'll teach you to fish for men. You just wait and see." The kids also got a little toy compass because we need God to point us in the right direction when we follow Him.

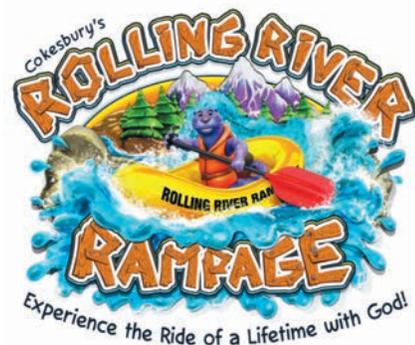
Overall, I love VBS! I've always loved VBS. Maybe because this is where I came to know Jesus and my faith journey began. Maybe because I know this could be what is happening with these kids as we serve and honor God this week. Or maybe it is because I see the inquiry on their faces as they say, "Fish for people? How?"

I know the rest of the week will continue to go amazingly well and I am so thankful that we have such an awesome crew of adult and youth volunteers to make this happen! We couldn't do any of this without y'all! I hope you know that. Thank you! Thank you to Ms. Suzie for pouring your heart and soul into sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the kids in our church and community! We are truly blessed by your leadership.

If you will pray for the children to come to know Jesus more this school year as Lord of their lives. Pray for the families who came to VBS to find a place to plug into the ministries we have going on here or in another church where their faith is fostered. Pray for volunteers to desire or continue to desire to serve in different ways with the children and youth of our church! We have so much need as our ministries are growing. It is an honor and privilege to serve with y'all in Ministry.

It is an honor to serve with you!

Pastor Perri



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

At Home

Fran Altman
 Joe & Ethel Croce
 Dick Davis
 Dorothea "Dodie" Fleming
 Audrey Grant
 Howard & Nan Jackson
 Jean Kushall
 Deborah Larsen
 Geri Meneely
 Roger & Barb Molendyke
 Jackie Morton
 Damon & Ruth Runyon
 Bill Schultz
 Adele Stewart
 Justine Stoeffler
 Matt White
 Matt & Helen Williams
 Virginia Wilson

Bay Breeze

Joan Larsen

Brookdale Palmer Ranch

Vivian Slimak

Brookdale Rotonda

Bruce & Ann Paasse

Brookdale Venice

Jim Roch

Discovery Village

Jean Leshner

Family Affair

Alice Buck
 Marjorie Fitzgerald
 Betty Gatewood

Grand Villa

Margaret Cypher
 Dorothy Hill
 Diane Keemon
 Mary Rainey

Heritage Oaks

Bill Anderson
 Frances Bates
 Audrey Lindsay
 Willard & Janet Wilson

Inglenook

Millie Messner
 Jeanne Sawyer

Live Oak Manor
 Shirleen Gallagher

Magnolia Acres
 Gayle Davis

Manor Care
 Mel Herman

North Port Pines
 Janice Reynolds

Pinebrook
 Geri Demmin

Quality Health Care Center
 Dorothy Burton

Sunset Lakes Village
 Al King
 Vivian Miller

Towers of Venice
 Audrey Rogers



This week on Facebook a dear friend tagged me a neat sign that said they were thinking of me when they saw this posting. The sign said, "I still believe in Amazing Grace – that there is Power In The Blood - that He Walks With Me And He Talks With Me – that Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow all because of The Old Rugged Cross" It made me feel like I wanted to head to the piano and play all of these wonderful hymns which have meant so much and continues to mean so much to me. God has used these hymns to speak and to draw men and women into a closer relationship with Himself.

In one of England's famous old churches there is a tablet marking the last resting place of one of its rectors, and on the tablet this epitaph: "John Newton, clerk, once an Infidel and Libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa was, by the rich Mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned and appointed to preach the Faith he had long labored to destroy. The inscription, written by Newton himself before his death, tells the strange story of the life of the man who wrote "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" and scores of other beautiful hymns. When he was nearly eighty years old it was necessary for an assistant to stand in the pulpit to help him read his manuscript sermons. One Sunday Newton had twice read the words, "Jesus Christ is precious." "You have already said that twice," whispered his helper; "go on." "John," said Newton, turning to the man, "I said that twice, and I am going to say it again." then the rafters rang as the old preacher shouted, "Jesus Christ is precious!" Newtons' whole life may be said to be summed up in the words of one of his appealing hymns: *Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

God Bless You! *Pastor Don*

Health and Wholeness

The main source of this article is from *Who Knew?*
by Jeanne and Bruce Lubin

This is the second in a series on grains. We will explore oats this month. They were first grown in America in the 1600's. By the 1880's they were the most popular breakfast cereal of the time. They were grown, packaged and sold in stores.

In the 1970's our church had an auction of various furniture items. We bought a "water less cooker." It looks like a wooden chest. An old friend told us that her family had owned one. It has 2 compartments, with 2 hinged lids. Inside each compartment it looks like an aluminum pail. She told us that you heated a soap stone on the stove and then put it in the bottom of the well. In a container, you put oatmeal, water and a little salt and sealed the lid. In the morning you had oatmeal all cooked and ready to eat. This is a fond memory of hers.

1. Oat bran, the outer coating of the oat kernel is known to lower cholesterol. It is used in muffins, meat loaf, bread and other foods. It is high in some vitamins, minerals, and an excellent source of soluble fiber.

2. Instant oatmeal is made by slicing the oat in small pieces, cooked and dried. Some of these packages can be eaten after adding hot water. Some need brief cooking.

3. Oat flour is finely ground oats. It can be used in breads but lack gluten which must be added so the bread will rise.

4. Quick cooking oats are sliced, steamed flattened and dried. They take about 5 minutes to cook.

5. Rolled oats steamed flattened and flaked. They cook in 15 minutes. These can be used in many recipes. An example is Apple Crisp.

6. Steel cut oats are cut instead of rolled. They are not steamed and need 20 minutes to cook. They have a chewy texture. Delicious with milk and brown sugar.

Grace Talada,

Chairman of Health and Wholeness



SUNDAY, JULY 29th

SkyZone

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

MEET AT SKYZONE \$15

MONDAY, JULY 30th

Slip and Slide Kickball

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bring Lunch and Water

Session #1

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

IN THE YOUTH ROOM

Eat before you come

TUESDAY, JULY 31st

Movie and Lunch

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$5 for Movie + \$\$ for lunch

StoneCrabs Baseball Game

5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

\$2 ticket, \$2 hotdogs and \$2 drinks

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1st

Session #2

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

IN THE YOUTH ROOM

Eat before you come

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2nd

Beach Day

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bring Lunch and Beach Stuff

Burger Bowling Formal

5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

WEAR FORMAL ATTIRE

\$7 for Bowling + \$\$ for dinner

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3rd

Busch Gardens

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\$50 for ticket + \$\$ for lunch

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th

Session #3

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

IN THE YOUTH ROOM

We will practice for Youth Sunday from 9:00PM to

10:00PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th

YOUTH SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. to Noon

Community Emergency Response Team

3 Day Training at EUMC

Thursday, August 16, Friday, August 17 & Saturday, August 18

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

The Office of Emergency Management will be offering a FREE Community Emergency Response Team training class at EUMC in Fellowship Hall.

- ◆ The course will consist of three days of classes and if you miss a class you can make it up in the next class offering.
- ◆ Dates for the class: August. 16th, 17th, and 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (you may get out a little early or late depending on how fast the class moves along).
- ◆ Topics will include: Preparedness, Light Search and Rescue, Fire Safety, Disaster Psychology, Team organization, and Medical 1 & 2.
- ◆ There will be exercises and **no exams** for those of you who are stress test takers.
- ◆ Everyone learns a lot and has quite a bit of fun in the process.
- ◆ Please bring your lunch and something to drink. Time constraints and location of the building make going out for lunch impractical. There is a refrigerator where you can store your lunch.
- ◆ Please bring something to take notes. A manual will be loaned to you for the class and at the end of class you will be given a jump drive that has all the documents and the manual so you can reference it in the future.
- ◆ Please do not bring children to the class.
- ◆ Please do not wear sandals. It is recommended to bring a sweater since the building can get chilly. It is suggested to bring a hat and sunscreen if you need to protect yourself from the sun for periods when you may be outside.

If you have any questions, please send an email to:

CharlotteCountyCERT@gmail.com



Tervis Tumbler Sale

As part of a fund raiser for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund*, we are selling 16 oz. Tervis Tumbler glasses with lid (no handle) and the church logo for \$20 each. Purchase them on Sundays in Fellowship Hall.

*Discretionary Fund is used to help people who walk in to the church in need of assistance.



Ms. Patty's Playroom...

It's August! Our summer has been spent preparing for all of the changes we are to implement this month. I'm optimistic because we have been praying about the changes and have faith God is going to see us through. Here is some of what we are now doing:

- ◆ We no longer have babies and in a couple of weeks, we will be saying good bye to our school age kids. Our school will be smaller and our focus will be on 1-5 year olds.
- ◆ The physical moves are done and these have provided us with a room for special activities such as gym, music and art. This room will also be available for physical activities when it is too hot or raining outside.
- ◆ Classrooms and students have been assigned. As I write this article, the only spots we have left open are for the 3 year olds. I find that very exciting because if we are going smaller, we must maintain our numbers to be financially strong.
- ◆ As I mentioned in last month's article the staff has been busy upgrading/renewing their credentials. This better prepares us for our accreditation process which we will begin in September.

You might be asking yourself what does the school still need to help in its success? Let me share some things with you:

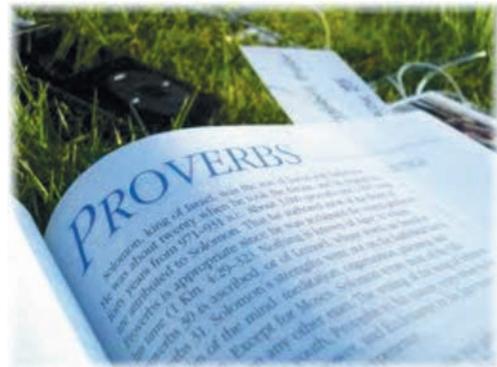
1. We used to have two wonderful sisters who would donate cases of copy paper and/or construction paper. One of the sisters has passed away and we no longer receive this donation. We sure could use this once again.
2. Volunteers are really needed. In addition to readers, helpers in our VPK room for projects and providing an extra set of hands with our little ones, we would like our gym classes to start again but we need someone willing to take on this responsibility. We would also really like to begin classes in music and art. If you have a talent in this area or a passion to teach these things, please contact me at 941-681-3169.

3. With the new school year starting, we can always use financial assistance through our *Sponsor a Child, Adopt a Classroom*, or *Community Sponsor* programs. If you would like to learn more about these programs, please contact me at 941-681-3169.

We are celebrating our 40th birthday this year and I can't wait to see what God has in mind!

Patty Tuff,

Director of Preschool



August Bible Study with Pastor Vic

Doan Chapel

Every Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Series: "The Way of Wisdom"

Series Description:

You will find in the book of Proverbs profound wisdom that is extremely practical and relevant to life even though these words were written in ancient times. The issues that confronted people long ago are the same issues that confront us today. We learn from Proverbs that the human condition has not changed and what was wise then is still true and wise. Come join us for this amazing journey— *"The Way of Wisdom!"*

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

8/04 Roy Kern
 8/11 David Carlson
 8/14 Barbara Farley
 8/16 Bob Kitson **
 8/19 Joseph O'Reilly
 8/22 Shirley Bauer
 8/22 Ed Ferguson
 8/22 Beverly Parvin
 8/26 Doris Carlson
 8/31 Millie Cheek



August 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 Gifts

Congregational Care

In Honor Of: Grace Drescher
 Given By: Chuck Dye

Missions-Ryan Kaminski

In Honor Of: Adrienne Silvernail's Birthday
 Given By: Jane Hubbard

Non-designated Giving

In Memory Of: Becky Miller
 Given By: Barbara Coan

In Memory Of: Evelyn Woodford
 Given By: Joseph Woodford

In Memory Of: Dayton Baker
 Given By: Kiwanis Club of Mendon

In Memory Of: Dean Beckstead
 Given By: Doug & Carol Stewart

In Memory Of: Andy Grant
 Given By: Josephine Gallaher

In Memory Of: Cecelia Carvolho
 Given By: Cecelia Carvolho's Family

Memorial Corner

7/09 Karen Krueger
 7/17 Renee Arnold

Our thoughts and prayers are with
 their family and friends.



EUMC will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of
 Labor Day.

The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 4th at 8:30 a.m.

Messages From the Field

Haiti – The Mission Committee received a \$2,000 donation from an anonymous donor earmarked for Audrey Volz of Shepherd’s Lambs, Haiti. We received a thank-you letter from Audrey informing us that the funds were sent to Haiti immediately. The letter reads, in part, “What a wonderful, generous person, (whom I’m sure was led by the Lord) to make this very generous contribution for the work in Haiti... The money was sent to Haiti to be used in Milo where the entire city was flooded and everyone there lost everything they owned: their homes, clothes, cooking utensils, etc.” Audrey quotes Proverbs 19:17 in her thank you. “*He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.*”



Papua New Guinea - George Walker writes to us about his latest trip to Papua New Guinea. Once again, he was greeted by the Bisorios dressed in their traditional garb. They told him it was a

reminder of what life was like 40 years ago, before they knew God’s word. In



In addition to bringing copies of the newly reprinted and bound portions of the Old Testament and the entire New Testament, he also took solar lights. You know, the kind we use to light our driveways and gardens. In Bisorio-land these lights were used inside the huts at night to provide light for reading. Four churches have been formed and over 300 representatives came to meet with George. He also witnessed the ordination of 4 more church leaders who had been disciplined over the past few years by the existing Bisorio church leadership. There are now 11 pastors serving the four established churches. Can we get an AMEN?

Agape Flights, Water Systems and Cuba

Many churches throughout the county have made donations to The Southwest District Mission Program, Inc. making it possible to purchase approximately 40 water purification systems and a one-year supply of replacement filters and ultra-violet lights. The systems are for churches in nine districts in Cuba. The systems are crated and in Agape’s hanger in Venice waiting for the Cuban authorities to approve of the shipment. We hear stories being told by parents about what it means to have clean, pure water for their children, plus all the children in the village. Your prayers are solicited for government blessings, customs mercies and a safe flight for this much needed cargo in Cuba.



Dave and Julie Eberhard - A new job for Wycliffe translator Dave brings this couple back to the States after many years abroad. The new position is as General Editor of the Ethnologue, a unique database of the 7,105 known living languages of the world. Since the new position is mainly based on the computer and internet, they have flexibility where they live, they will be settling back into their home in Kentucky. As of July 9th Julie emails that they are “officially ‘cramping’” in their own home, encountering new challenges as they prep for repairs and settling in. They are blessed to also be living close to their daughter and son-in-law who are expecting their first child. Julie closed her message, “And I got to feel my grandson move yesterday!”

It’s a joy to serve,

Nancy Prins

Mission Chairperson





“So stand down my Brother, you have completed your shift. Let our legs carry your memory and remind all who will listen that ...YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE TO SAVE A STRANGER.” Jeff Morse, founder of the Brotherhood Ride.

The Brotherhood Ride is a team of first responders, who ride bicycles across the State of Florida to honor other first responders who have died in the line of duty. The money raised is given to the families of the fallen. To date approximately 7,700 miles have been ridden for 511 fallen first responders and approximately \$379,000 has been raised for the families of these heroes. This year’s ride will begin on September 9th at Stations 45 in North Naples, where the ride was founded and will end in Tallahassee on September 15th.

Kevin Katsarelas has been a member of EUMC since the late 1990’s. He has served in the military, retiring from both active duty and reserve duty after 25 years of service. He now currently works for the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office. This will be his fifth year riding with the team and he hopes you can support his calling.

The team members are either active or retired firefighters, law enforcement or medical personnel who use their own vacation time to participate. Kevin will be in Fellowship Hall between Sunday church services on August 5 & 19. Please stop by the Brotherhood Ride table and support this annual event.

ALL LADIES INVITED

United Methodist Women

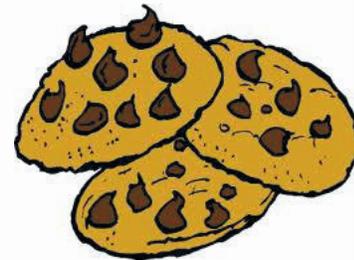
Cookie Luncheon

September 6—11:30 a.m.

Come join us for a delicious catered luncheon of chicken salad on croissant, fruit, homemade dessert, and iced tea/coffee. Also enjoy the wonderful music of John Tuff and Friends.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 by calling or stopping by the church office. Tickets will also be sold after all three church services on August 26 and September 2 in Fellowship Hall. Cut off date to purchase a ticket is Sept. 2.

Remember to bring homemade or store bought cookies to donate to Meals on Wheels. Please, no containers that need to be returned; just place your cookies in a sealed baggie so they can be easily transported.



Comparative Financial Operations/Performance For the 6 months ending June 30, 2018

	2018	2017
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 917,020	\$ 966,288
Cash Expenditures	\$ 884,741	\$ 801,690
Tithes & Offerings Less Expenditures	\$ 32,279	\$ 164,598



I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

“Come to Me, all that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
come unto me and rest.*

*Lay down thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.*

*I came to Jesus as I was; weary worn and sad,
I found in Him a resting place, and He made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say Behold I freely give the
living water, thirsty one. Stoop down and
drink and live.*

*I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I
live in Him.*

Did you recognize this hymn? Were you able to recognize compassion: the divine quality to bear with, to suffer with, to have mercy, and to love?

Please take the time to read these two stanzas from the 1846 Hymn written by Horatius Boner. Read it as poetry, as though you are the One Jesus is welcoming to rest. Ponder if you will how you are feeling. Close your eyes and imagine Jesus is actually bidding you come.

Are you feeling His love? Are you feeling His compassion for you? Are you experiencing His acceptance of you, just as you are?

I hope you have felt the rest Jesus offered. I hope you were able to be at peace and to lose yourself in the pure essence of who Jesus is.

Now focus on the word compassion. Earlier the word was defined as bearing with, to suffer with, to have mercy, and to love. It was also stated as being a divine (Godly) quality.

Through the Pastor’s weekly messages we have been learning about what it means to be a Disciple; a student, a follower, an imitator of the Teacher. Jesus was often referred to as a “Teacher.” In following with the said meaning of disciple, we are imitators of Jesus.

The Hymn refers to one who is weary, worn, and sad. He/she was looking for rest, perhaps even a drink of cold water, like the Samaritan women at the well. In this sometimes sad and fallen world we are often put into the company of persons who need compassion. An understanding look or a smile that says, “I see you, I care.” Does a falling tear bring genuine concern to your heart? Will you take the time to ask why and will you be like Jesus and offer a listening ear, even a place to rest in unconditional acceptance, offering His love?

Everyone one of us, no matter whom or what we are have moments when we need compassion. We need to feel loved and accepted. Will you offer these things as Jesus did? Will you do it with love and a non-judgmental posture? I believe you will because you are a Disciple of Jesus. You are loved.

Barbara Terardi,
Intercessory Prayer



HURRICANE IRMA RECOVERY TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

We have been informed by UMCOR FLORIDA that we can participate in Hurricane Irma home recovery. UMCOR has identified approved recovery jobs that we can do in the fall. You do not have to have special training to participate, just a willingness to help the hurricane victims. Gals and Guys are invited. Construction skills will be a huge bonus!

We are offering 4 work weeks:
Sept. 10-14, Oct. 15-19, Nov 5-9, & Dec. 3-7

The recovery jobs will be in Immokalee, Moorehaven, and Riverside Retreat. Volunteers will be housed and fed in the communities we choose to work with. We would leave EUMC Monday morning and return Friday afternoon. Volunteers unable to do a Monday—Friday week could do a “mini week” of 3 days. There will be a sign up form in the church workroom.

If you have questions contact: Peter Patrick 410-713-2406 or Joyce at EUMC 941-474-5588, ext. 261.



**Dinner in Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:30 p.m.
There is a \$6 suggested
donation. If you are unable
to afford this, please feel
free to have the meal on us.**

**Take-out meals are available for \$6 each.
As always children eat for free! Kid's meals are
always served.**

**Left over food is given to
Englewood Meals on Wheels.**

August 1

Chicken Salad Plate
with Fresh Fruit
Cake & Ice Cream

August 8

Chicken Parmesan with Pasta
Tossed Salad
Green Beans
Chocolate Parfait

August 15

Open Faced Turkey
Loaded Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Strawberry Cheesecake Shooters

August 22

BBQ Pork Sandwiches
Cole Slaw
Corn On The Cob
Brownie Alamode

August 29

Meat Loaf
Spiced Potato Medley
Tossed Salad
Root Beer Float



Book Buzz!!!!

I hope all of you are enjoying
this hot summer!

For this month I am reaching back into my trivia
file to give you some interesting facts to think about.
Maybe you already know some of these but let's
begin....

During the chariot scene in "Ben Hur," a small red
car can be seen in the distance and Heston is wearing
a watch!

A duck's quack does not echo. No one knows why.

Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out
during World War II were made of wood.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Ber-
lin in World War II killed the only elephant in the
Berlin Zoo.

If one paces a tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion,
it will instantly go mad and sting itself to death. I
wonder who the sadist was that discovered this?

Celery has negative calories. It takes more calories
to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to
begin with....

Charlie Chaplin once won third price in a Charlie
Chaplin look-alike contest.

An old law in Bellingham, Washington, made it
illegal for a woman to take more than three steps
backwards while dancing.

The glue on Israeli postage is certified kosher.

The Guinness book of Records holds the record for
being the book most often stolen from public libraries.

Bats always turn left when exiting a cave!

Enuf sed! Happy hot summer to you!

Pam Heady,
Your Church Librarian



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

The local schools will be back in session over the next few weeks. Please pray for the teachers, administrators, bus drivers, students and their parents!



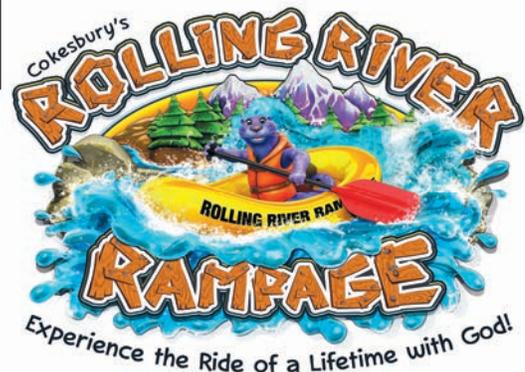
Good News Club is starting up again in a few weeks. If you have not heard about our after-school Bible clubs, we would be thrilled to tell you about them! Well-equipped volunteers host an hour and a half ministry club for school children in the local elementary schools starting in September. We are currently recruiting people who love kids and Jesus to join our team!

Please contact Suzie Asa through the church office for more information regarding this program.

VBS+YOU=FANTASTIC!

Thank you to everyone who made it possible by giving your time, talents and resources to bless the children of Englewood.

As I am writing this on the Sunday evening before VBS Kick-off, it is difficult to give you more details. Yet, more information will be forthcoming. I can tell you we have 182 children registered so far and 70 rocking volunteers!



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

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

August 13 - 27, 6:30 p.m.

Selection of Christian movies

to be announced, held in Room 100

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study

August 20, 10:00 a.m.

Priscilla Shirer Conference Video

"*Aware of God's Presence*" & Discussion

Facilitated by Carole Storch, in Doan Chapel

Coming in September

September 10—October 29

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

"*Open Your Bibles*"

Rachel Myers & Amanda Williams

New Members Class



The new members classes will be held August 13th and 20th for those interested in joining the church. Classes are from 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the Lapp Building. Membership Joining Sunday will be August 26th 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.



Disciple Classes

The Disciple series is a highly recommended, in depth Bible study course. **Disciple I** *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*, **Disciple II** *Into the Word, Into the World*, **Disciple III** *Remember Who You Are*, and **Disciple IV** *Under the Tree of Life* are each approximately 34 weeks long and require 6 days of homework and a weekly 2 hour class.

It is a commitment but it usually is a pivotal Bible study for those who take it. You must take Disciple I first, but the rest can be taken in any order.

Classes being offered this year:

Disciple I to be facilitated by Pastor Doug Pareti. Class day and time will be available at sign-ups.

Disciple II Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Room 100. Facilitator will be listed at sign-ups.

Disciple IV to be facilitated by Margaret Rock. Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Room 102.

This class is full at this time.

Sign ups for Disciple I and II will begin Sunday, July 29th in Fellowship Hall. Workbooks are \$35, but scholarships are available.

Please contact Joyce if you have any questions at: joyce@englewoodumc.net or call 941-474-5588 ext. 261



Workshop Day will be Thursday, August 23rd in Fellowship Hall 1 & 2. Our group is an "open door ministry" which allows you to arrive, and to leave as your schedule allows between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We'll be blessed with any amount of time you can spend with us. Bring a sack lunch and be part of the fellowship. Our motto is: "*It's not about the quilt; it's all about the prayers.*"

In Christian LOVE,

Jane Parker

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Guide Team Nominations

God is doing something great at Englewood United Methodist Church! He has been faithful to lead us in being a Servant Church for many decades, but now our discipling process gives more specific and concrete steps that lead us to God-honoring service (Invite—Engage—Grow—Serve). To help us accomplish this effectively, we need to streamline ministry decisions and enhance communication. The 2017 Church Conference approved the change to a leadership structure headed up by a Guide Team.

The EUMC Church Council directed our Lay Leadership Team to pursue the Guide Team process as our new administrative procedure on June 19, 2018.

Guide Team Members: Senior Pastor, Lay Leader, Associate Pastor, Business Administrator, Finance (3 laypeople), Property (3 laypeople), Personnel (3 laypeople). Those representing Finance, Property, and Personnel will serve a maximum term of 7 years.

Role of the Guide Team:

- ◆ Cast vision for EUMC.
- ◆ Provide accountability and alignment of Englewood UMC's ministries and resources around our mission, vision, and values.
- ◆ Ensure compliance with the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are now in the process of discerning who will serve on the Guide Team starting in 2019 and would like you to suggest some names of people who are Christian Leaders. These individuals do not need to currently be in leadership, but should have the following qualities:

**Submitted to God – Loving – Wise – Honest - Self Controlled –
Humble - Compassionate -
Reliable - Giving - Members of EUMC - Committed to the
Mission, Vision, & Values of EUMC**

Please remember that this is not a vote. These names will be provided to the Lay Leadership Team who will pray, discern, interview, and nominate the people who will be asked to serve on the Guide Team.

Please prayerfully consider those that you feel demonstrate the characteristics of Christian Leaders and write them below. Then bring your suggestions to the church office or place them in the offering plate on Sunday.

We will be collecting these names until Sunday, August 26th.

Leader #1 _____ Finance

Leader #2 _____ Property

Leader #3 _____ Personnel

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The Englewood United
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

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