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Monthly Publication



Vic's Views....

Exciting News!

Fortunately, as the eye of the storm arrived and the winds temporarily lessened, I was able to open the door and let her in.

Now, I'm pretty sure leaving your spouse out in a hurricane is not a good thing. However, I am sure—positive really—that God loves it when we laugh! When was your last really good belly laugh? If you can't remember, well then you just may be violating one of the laws of boundaries—the one that says, “you reap what you sow. If you sow sourness, you will reap sourness. If you sow light-heartedness, you will reap lightheadedness!”

Just one of the ten laws of boundaries we will learn in a new course called, surprisingly, “**Boundaries!**”

Drawing from principles in the Bible, participants will learn how to live their lives more fully and display truth and love more freely. Sessions will involve DVD presentations by Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend, teaching insights and discussions that can profoundly improve the quality of your relationships in all spheres of life.

We will define what Boundaries are and why they are important. We will identify what we are responsible for within our boundaries. We will learn that the concept of boundaries comes from the nature of God Himself. We will discover how boundaries results in freedom and freedom leads to love. We will identify specific struggles in establishing and enforcing boundaries, and we will determine how boundary problems develop and how boundaries are injured.

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Let me share with you a couple things coming up in October that I am really excited about. But first, here's a story that made my wife, Debbie, fall down laughing. I give Rick Nelson all credit for this haha!

Thinking back a few years, living in Florida, I remember Hurricane Matthew. I was ready for it but my wife was not.

When the wind reached a screaming pitch with the trees snapping and threshing, the horizontal streaming rain, flying roofing shingles and destroyed fences as well as the unnerving sound-levels, my wife was rooted to the spot. She stared and stared through the glass of the window.

Immovable, with her nose pressed to the window-pane, the stark fear in her eyes will stay with me forever.

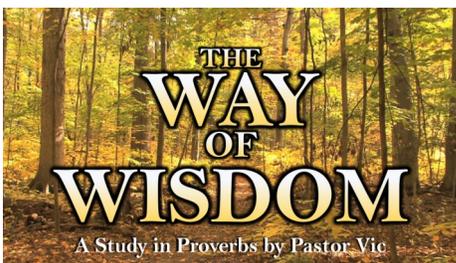
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About eight years ago I offered the Boundaries Course for anyone who might have trouble saying “No.” It was received well and several people found freedom by learning not only HOW to say “No,” but WHY it is important! Sometimes we in the church believe we have to be “all things to all people” in order to be a faithful follower of Christ. This belief is dangerously wrong and it is a recipe for frustration and depression and burnout!

From a solid scriptural perspective, we will see how saying “no” to even good things is the only way to say a strong “yes” to the best things. We’ll also see how God does that for us all the time and since we are made in God’s image, we are to reflect Him.

We will also look at boundaries of another kind. We will learn how to set boundaries with each other when it comes to appropriate behavior in emotional, physical and psychological ways. In our day it seems some rules about interpersonal behavior are very fluid and in the process of change even as we speak. We will learn how to set them for ourselves and how to help others set them in their behavior toward us.

You will need to purchase the \$10 book called **“Boundaries.”** You may do that in the Fellowship Hall at church on Sundays.



Then, on Wednesday, October 31, we will focus on the traditional theme of Halloween, Good versus Evil, from the Way of Wisdom in Proverbs. With Halloween in full swing, no better time to explore what the Bible says about evil and how the wisdom of Proverbs helps us combat it.

And the third thing is: Rev. Dr. Rinaldo (Rini) Hernandez, District Superintendent to the South West District, will be preaching at EUMC on October 7th.

Rev. Dr. Rinaldo D. Hernandez is a fifth-generation Methodist, born in Jovellanos, Matanzas, Cuba. Hernandez received two degrees from Evangelical Theological Seminary, Matanzas, Cuba: Bachelor of Theology in 1984 and Master of Theology in 1998. He completed his doctoral studies at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2000.

Hernandez answered God’s call to pastoral ministry in 1978, and he served the Cuban Annual Conference during 23 years as a pastor. His service included seven appointments, the longest one at University Methodist Church, Havana, from 1992 to 2000. He was a District Superintendent for 11 years for the Holguin Norte, Pinar del Rio and Matanzas Districts. Hernandez’s academic career includes serving as a seminary professor for 13 years, teaching Bible, New Testament Greek and Wesleyan Theology, and serving as the President of the Theology Commission.

In 2001, Rinaldo moved with his family to Miami, where he started a new United Methodist Hispanic Congregation in Miami-Dade County. He’s been married to his wife Magalis (Maggie) for 38 years, and they have two children: Judy, is married to Alejandro, with two daughters, Natalia and Carolina; and Andy, married to Madeline, with one son, Adam. Both Judy and Andy serve as worship leaders in their respective churches in the Miami area.

Rinaldo has served the Florida Conference from 2001-2011 as the founding Pastor of La Nueva Iglesia, Miami. At the District level, he has served as Cuba-Florida Covenant Coordinator, on the SE District Leadership Team, and on the SE District Committee on Ordained Ministry.

At the Conference level, he was the President of the Hispanic Assembly (2004-2008), the Director of the Hispanic Institute (2008-2011), has been a member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (2004-2011) and the Strategic Leadership Team (2010-present).

Your Are Loved!

Pastor Vic Willis

Pastor Perri's Notes...



I love this time of year! When the dates were finalized for the Family Retreat I was so excited to run into MIA and share with our families when they needed to book their calendars. As I shared the dates, I looked around the room and noticed, more of the class had attended the family retreat last year than many of the prior years. Others were asking, “What is family the retreat?” And I didn’t need to explain, because everybody who has gone, spoke right up. “Oh, it’s just so much fun!” “It’s relaxing by the river with your church friends.” “It’s campfires, and s’mores and a talent show.” “It’s a big church wide kickball game.” “You gotta go!” “It’s church on the Caloosahatchee River October 26—28!”

As I listened, I thought back to three years ago at my first retreat and the questions I had leading up to it. The retreat experience was very similar to these comments back then, but many more families have joined us over the last few years. The opportunity for new relationships to build has been amazing! It is a weekend to get away from the norm of your days: to rest, play or watch kids play, fish, take a nap, read a book, take a walk, play board games, attend a fun little talent show, AND eat really well! I proudly and confidently say; this retreat is one of the closest pieces of heaven we get to experience at EUMC! It’s a time that we gather all ages 0-99 to love on each other, get to know each other, and serve with each other. It is holy and special. We end the weekend with an outdoor worship service on Sunday morning with communion.

Over the last few years, I have enjoyed seeing how different people who attend different church services meet each other, connect and share life together from this retreat forward. I’ve seen wives drag husbands who were not eager to attend and by Saturday the husbands are really enjoying themselves, having fun and making friends. I’ve seen it

start with two teens and over the years, so many more are coming. Last year, when all the young families head for bed after campfire, the teens begin their evening activity of “Capture the Flag.” It’s wild what being out of our norm does for each of us and how we get the opportunity to spend time with others who end up meaning so much more to us than we could have ever imagined.

If you would love to get away and relax with your church friends, come join us! If you and your family have recently started attending the church and want to make some friends and build your community, come join us. If you classify as somewhere in between, you should totally join us too! You can get a room in the lodge (with 6-8 bunkbeds in your room), bring your RV or camp out in a tent all weekend. Whatever you do, just come join us! See Joyce in Fellowship Hall on Sundays to sign up or call her at the church office. There are payment plans available. Start prepping your talent for the talent show! Last year, my family sang the ABC’s backwards! We are already in discussions of what our talent will be this year! (See page 5 for full details.)

I’ll see you on the River!

Pastor Perri

Memorial Corner

8/20 Martha Willis

8/27 Bill Von Zagorski

8/27 Betty Gatewood

9/14 Justine Stoeffler

9/16 Bill Anderson



Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

At Home

Fran Altman
 Jimmy & Rhoda Clovis
 Joe & Ethel Croce
 Dick Davis
 Dorothea "Dodie" Fleming
 Audrey Grant
 Joan Griffin
 Howard & Nan Jackson
 Jean Kushall
 Deborah Larsen
 Geri Meneely
 Roger & Barb Molendyke
 Jackie Morton
 Jan Prins
 Damon & Ruth Runyon
 Adele Stewart
 Mary Thompson
 Matt White
 Matt & Helen Williams
 Virginia Wilson

Brookdale Palmer Ranch

Vivian Slimak

Brookdale Venice

Jim Roch

Discovery Village

Jean Leshner

Family Affair

Alice Buck
 Marjorie Fitzgerald

Grand Villa

Margaret Cypher
 Dorothy Hill
 Diane Keemon
 Mary Rainey

Heritage Oaks

Frances Bates
 Peg Grim
 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



Daily I pray with people who are experiencing anxiety, and don't we all? Sometimes challenges come into our lives when things seem overwhelming. I have learned that sometimes just sitting still and breathing deep breaths helps. Meditation is a vehicle that can be used to bring us close to God and help us when life seems to be filled with discord and anxiety. God says in Peter 5:14 to "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you" Upon the Lord your burden cast, to Him bring all your care; He will sustain and hold you fast, and give thee strength to bear. Worry, anxiety and depression have been the subjects of many discourses. The reason, of course is that these conditions are so common to everyone. Many descriptions of these times have been given. "Worry is nothing more than borrowed trouble." Worry is unbelief in disguise." Worry does not relieve tomorrow of its stress, it merely empties today of its strength. "I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God" The following words to the song "***All Your Anxiety***" sums it up beautifully:

Is there a heart o'er bound by sorrow? Is there a life weighed down by care? Come to the cross -each burden bearing, all your anxiety – leave it there!

No other friend so keen to help you, no other friend so quick to hear; no other place to leave your burden, no other one to hear your prayer.

Come then at once – delay no longer! Heed His entreaty kind and sweet; you need not fear a disappointment – You will find peace at the Mercy Seat.

All your anxiety all your care, bring to the Mercy Seat leave it there – never a burden He cannot bear – Never a friend like Jesus.

Hallelujah! *Pastor Don*



**6th Annual Church Family Retreat
Friday, October 26-Sunday, October 28
Riverside Camp & Retreat
LaBelle, FL**

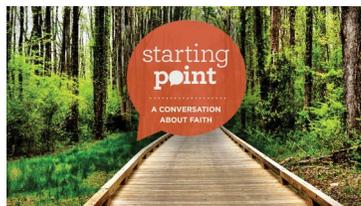


We have two lodges reserved with space for tents and motorhomes. There will be special activities, family style meals, campfires, Annual Talent Show and a special outdoor worship service on Sunday morning. Space is limited.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall between services or by calling Joyce in the church office.

Number of People	Lodge	RV	Tent
2 People	\$240	\$160	\$100
3 People	\$260	\$190	\$120
4 People	\$275	\$220	\$140

Prices are for the entire weekend, all inclusive *Payment Plans available*
Each unit in the lodge can sleep up to 8 with their own bathroom. People can choose to room together to



8-week conversation on Faith

Begins October 8, 6:30 p.m. in Room 101 (Parlor)
Facilitated by Tom Calderon

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall or by calling Joyce in the church office.
Workbooks \$13 * Scholarships Available

Bible Basics

**Thursdays, October 25– November 15
4:00 p.m. - Room 102**

A class for people who want to know how to use to use their Bible. We will cover the basics of how to locate scripture, along with an overview of the Bible’s purpose & content.

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall between services or by calling Joyce in the church office. Classes will be led by Joyce Doyle. Bibles will be available if you don’t have one. There is no cost for the class.



DAVE RAMSEY’S “FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY”

Sundays, 11:00 – 12:30*

January 20-March 18, 2019

Facilitated by Donna Peyton

Cost: \$109 per household, partial scholarships available

Registration begins November 9 in Fellowship Hall or through the church’s website

*Nursery & Children’s One Room Sunday School will be extended for parents taking the course.

Health and Wholeness

This month we will continue our series on grains and look at barley. It is one of the first grains cultivated in Eurasia 10,000 years ago. This grain contains so many minerals, vitamins, soluble and insoluble fiber. It just may be one of the best additions to our diets for the following reasons:

1. Helps reduce blood pressure by the selenium, manganese, potassium, calcium, and magnesium. A good source of soluble and insoluble fiber.
2. Bone health-iron, phosphorus, calcium, manganese and zinc.
3. Heart health-fiber, potassium, Vitamin B6 and no cholesterol. The Beta glucan fiber lowers LDL, the bad cholesterol by binding bile acids thus removing them during excretion from the gastrointestinal tract. Vitamin B6 and folate prevent the build up of homocysteine which can damage blood vessels and cause heart problems.
4. Selenium in barley plays a role in enzyme functions by helping to detoxify cancer causing compounds in our body. Selenium helps prevent inflammation and decreases tumor growth rate, improves the immune system by increasing the killer T cells.
5. Miscellaneous functions: choline in barley helps with sleep, muscle movement, learning, and memory. Choline helps to maintain cellular structure, aids in transmission of nerve impulses and the absorption of fats.
6. Weight management: increases satiety or feeling of being full and satisfied, reduces appetite as you feel fuller longer thus reduce calorie intake.

Barley has a nutty flavor and a chewy texture. It is sold in two forms: hulled and pearl. Hulled barley only has the hard outer shell removed. Pearl barley has the hard shell and the bran removed.

Barley can be used as a breakfast cereal, added to soups, stews, and casseroles. Beware barley contains Gluten. Must stop now and go shopping for my barley!

Grace Talada



Hello everyone,

Thank you for the out-pouring of support. We had so many phone calls to offer us furnishings, that we were unable to accept all of the donations. WOW! Thank you for being awesome and please forgive us if we were unable to accept your gift.

The open house was well attended and many youth were adopted by prayer warriors! We still have a few kids who could use your prayers on a daily basis. Please contact me to obtain a young person who needs your prayers.

Bi-weekly service projects and Lock-In dates for Boys and Girls are to be determined.

Volunteers are needed to engage with the awesome Youth of our church and community. During Wednesday evening WOW programming we need small group leaders, and fun adults who enjoy controlled chaos! Sunday morning (11 am) and special events are also available time frames for you to come mentor our middle and high school students. Please pray about these available opportunities and contact me through the church office.

Many Blessings!

Suzie Asa

941-474-5588, email suzie@englewoodumc.net or susanasa93@gmail.com

**Halloween Safewalk on Dearborn Street
Wednesday, October 31st**



**Join us as we bless others with
water and treats!**



Ms. Patty's Playroom...



I am so excited to announce that Foundations will be Welcoming Polly Beebe, A Conscious Discipline Trainer for a two Day Workshop that will focus on:

1. Understanding the impact of trauma and steps to reach relationship resistant children.
2. Learning how to build a classroom culture based on safety and connection.
3. Learning how to build resiliency in all children.
4. Learning brain-based strategies and interventions to reach even the most difficult children.

Why are we hosting this workshop? Our school serves many children who have experienced a traumatic event in their lives. How we approach these children in both educational and behavioral situations can significantly impact their overall success. This workshop will help not only the staff as educators, but anyone who works with or loves children that have experienced a trauma in their life.

Dates: Friday & Saturday, October 26th & 27th

Location: Fellowship Hall

Times: 9 am - 4 pm each day

Lunch and snacks will be provided both days

\$50.00 Pre Registration by October 15th

\$75.00 At the Door

Call 941-681-3169 to reserve your spot today.

Mark Your Calendars
John Tuff and Friends
Fundraiser for
Foundations
Friday, November 9th
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Carpet and flooring update: As I have written in past articles, we have been working hard to raise the funds for new carpeting and flooring at the pre-school. We raised \$10,000 at our golf tournament in April and an anonymous angel donated \$5,000 to us this summer towards the project. We have \$10,000 still to go but are working with Beth Harrison, Business Administrator, to identify options.



The goal is that sometime in October, the school has the new carpeting and floors. This will not only improve the look of the school dramatically, the changes will help with sound, safety and most of all the overall health of the kids. Our carpeting has been in place for over 20 years and even though it has been cleaned, you can imagine what is probably lurking. We are so excited that we are this close and have faith the improvements will be made soon. Thank you for your support of the school to help make this happen!

Financials Through August:

- ◆ We have used \$10,000 of the \$15,000 budgeted from the church.
- ◆ All bills have been paid without having to borrowing extra money from anyone.
- ◆ Thanks to our Adopt A Classroom Donors, all Back to School expenses were covered.
- ◆ As indicated in my carpet and flooring update, we are working with Beth to obtain the final \$10K for our flooring and carpeting.
- ◆ Anxiously awaiting Fall State payments to arrive so we can remain financially solid.

Patty Tuff.

Director of Preschool



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

10/04 Nancy Nees **
 10/06 Hugh Pollon **
 10/07 Larry Derrah
 10/10 Earle Bretz
 10/14 Ray Wallasky **
 10/19 Rafic Cotran **
 10/20 Doris Brown **
 10/29 Howard Kosnick **



October 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

Permanent Endowment Fund

In Memory Of: Dayton Baker
 Given By: David & Nellie Buckout

In Memory Of: Louis Keacher
 Given By: Jane Keacher

In Honor Of: Kathy Powelson
 Given By: Theodore & Mary Jeffries

Non-designated Giving

In Memory Of: Jim Tutak
 Given By: Jean Leshner

In Memory Of: Edna Kaufhold
 Given By: Susan & Lou Davelman

In Memory Of: Betty Gatewood
 Given By: Ann Marie & Larry Lewin

In Memory Of: Kimmie Cornwell
 Given By: Daniel & Karen Huffman
 Roy & Julie Kern

Non-designated Giving

In Memory Of: Bob Hermes
 Given By: Bob Edwards, Laura Hechler,
 Doug & Bev Kline

In Memory Of: Joanne Larsen
 Given By: John & Paul Ritchie

New A/V System, Internet Broadcast

In Memory Of: Lloyd Krieger
 Given By: Richard Krieger
 Lauren Krieger

Children of the Lamb

In Memory Of: Karen Krueger
 Given By: Working Class Sunday School
 John Early



Missions

October— friends returning to Englewood, more people in church, anticipation of holidays soon to come. Christmas trees and cards are becoming available in stores and it isn't even Halloween yet! The "Season" is upon us. And it's time to start thinking about the annual Christmas projects of your Mission Committee.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child... gift boxes have been ordered and will be available for you to pick up and fill on Sunday, October 12. See the information inside the box for suggestions of what to pack and what not to pack.



You can discover the destination of your shoebox gift. Every shoebox needs a \$9 donation to provide for collecting, processing, shipping, and other project costs. If you make this donation online, you can Follow Your Box and receive a tracking label. Attach the label to your shoebox, and use the [Look-Up Tool](#) at Operation Christmas Child website to find out the country where your box will be delivered with the message of Christ's love. Collection Sunday is November 11. All boxes must be returned by that date for 2018 shipment.

Alternative Christmas Gifts.... Having trouble finding a gift for the people on your list who are difficult to buy for and seem to have everything they need? How about an alternative gift of a donation to EUMC mission programs? Our three sister churches in Cuba are expanding through the planting of additional house churches. Your donations are used to provide a \$25 a month salary for the pastor of a new church plant or assistance to the new pre-school/daycare in Mayari. Kayongo's Hope School in Uganda is expanding and ground has been broken to build a pre-school! We've seen the wonderful work Ryan Kaminski is doing providing education to children in Uganda. For the grandkids who like receiving an animal, we have goats, pigs, rabbits, chickens and how about a graduation gift for a grandchild of a heifer? Come and shop in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, November 18. You can shop through Sunday December 16.



Some Sobering Statistics... In Uganda, 1.2 million primary school students are considered to be orphans. Of the children enrolled in primary school, only 54.7% have adequate space to learn. And, 28% of Ugandans age 10 or above are considered to be completely illiterate. A young man from Michigan saw the need, had a dream, made a plan, and has built a school which



opened in 2012. Interested? Ryan Kaminski, the founder of Rising Star School (also known as Kayongo's Hope) will be telling us about his journey on **Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** Come and be a part of this exciting and rewarding EUMC mission program. You will be able to meet Ryan personally for refreshments in the Mary Martha Suite after the presentation. A free will offering will be taken.

It's a joy to serve,
Nancy Prins, Chair

**Hurricane Irma Recovery
Team Opportunities**
We are offering 3 work weeks:
**October 15-19,
November 5-9, and December 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. The sign up form is in the office workroom.

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

Englewood United Methodist Church Music Ministry 2018-2019 Concert Series Presents

Pumpkins, Pipes, & Pandemonium

A Fun-Filled Evening **In the Sanctuary** For All Ages!
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24

Wear a Costume or Dress Up (optional)

Fonda on keys & the band "Fusion by Fire"

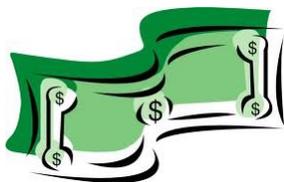
MUSIC & ANTICS!

FREE-WILL OFFERING



Operations/Performance For the 8 months ending August 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,128,351	\$1,175,493
Expenditures	\$1,152,465	\$1,073,955
Tithes & Offerings Less Expenditures	\$ -24,114	\$ 101,538



Prayers & Squares



The Prayer Quilt Ministry

Prayers & Squares Workshop Day will be Thursday, October 18 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.

Our motto is: *"It's not about the quilt; it's all about the prayers."*

In Christian LOVE,

Jane Parker

firstjp@aol.com or 941-564-6844

The Holy Spirit, Ever Near

I had been feeling “down” for a few days, trying to figure what was troubling me. I was sitting at my desk, just beginning my daily Bible lesson and prayer time, when the Holy Spirit brought me to “Holy Ground.” I became very still and just listened. I could feel the presence of God with me, His peace and unconditional love.

Some time during my encounter with the Holy Spirit our cat Phoebe meowed to be let outside. As I got up to attend to her, the Spirit called to mind, this pet feline was an animal of God’s creation; how she entertained us with her antics but also exhibited an aloof personality, very typical of cats. I was then led to the lanai still feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit as my attention turned to the beauty of the rising sun; the soft pinks and blues, and the snow whites painted across the sky, still another example of God’s handiwork. I stood in the presence of a Holy God. I said the Lord’s Prayer. I didn’t just rattle off the words; I pondered them with a renewed and deeper meaning. I was no longer feeling “down.” My heart became full of joy and hope.

These experiences did not end my encounter with the Holy Spirit that morning; my heart knew our God is an awesome God. He was preparing me for my Bible lesson of that day. He took me to John 14:16-17, John 15:16, and John 16:13.

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father and He will give you another counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

How perfect our God is. He reminded me of the work and the reason why Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit. He ministers to us on Holy Ground, if only we will stop, find a quiet place, and listen. God knew what I needed and the Holy Spirit took care of me.

Barbara Terardi
Intercessory Prayer

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Coffee & Donuts in the morning



Christmas Dinner Workers!

This is the time to be thinking about the job you want on Christmas Day. As of November 1st, I will be placing people in jobs for our 27th Annual Christmas Dinner. Call: Grace Talada, 941-474-2385.

EUMW October Unit Meeting Thursday, October 4th Salad—Dessert Luncheon

If your last name begins with A-M,
bring a salad.

If your last name begins with N-Z,
bring a dessert.

Hostesses: Dorcas Circle

Program: “Getting to Know You”

All women are welcome to join us and learn
what we are all about.





**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.

October 3

Parmesan Crusted Chicken
Blackeye Peas
Seasoned Rice
Salad

Black Forrest Cake

Music by: John Tuff & Friends

October 10

Baked Potato Bar
Soup
Salad

Apple Strudel Cake

October 17

Spaghetti with Meatballs
Green Beans
Salad

Garlic Bread
Fruit Cobbler

October 24

Chicken Pot Pie
Butter Beans
Salad
Fruit Parfait

October 31

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Coleslaw
Chips
Brownie A La Mode



Fort Lauderdale CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please join Pastor Don and Mary on a trip to Ft. Lauderdale for the Christmas Pageant at the First Baptist Church, on December 8, 2018. This is an outstanding presentation. We will leave EUMC at 8:00am, stop along the way for refreshments, enjoy a buffet lunch together, attend the pageant at 3:00 p.m., then return to EUMC stopping on the way back for a snack. The cost is \$100 per person. Please make your reservations in Fellowship Hall. *Seats go fast!!*

Breaking Bread Together

It is that time of year that we elicit interest in a small social group within the church better known as "Breaking Bread Together." this is a group of 5 to 8 people that gather 4-5 times to create new friendships within the church. Each couple or single person hosts a small potluck gathering in their home. You may choose to go to a restaurant, have lunch, brunch or a dinner together. It is up to each group to determine how they will meet, the times, dates and places. It is a great way for newer people to get to know members of the church or even for long-time members to get acquainted with others that they may not know. Devotional time is suggested at each gathering.

We plan to have first group gathering in October and meeting through January. New groups beginning in January meet through April. It is up to the discretion of each group how often and long they wish to meet.

For more information please contact either.....

Beth Delp: 941-493-0942 bethdelp@comcast.net

Pat Cameron: 417-230-1008 putterinpat@gmail.com

Thank You!

On behalf of the Brotherhood Ride and the families of the fallen. Thank you for your generous support.

Together we were able to raise \$1,691.

Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Katsarelas

Brotherhood Rider



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*

Mark your calendars

Sunday, October 21st at 11am Children's Choir Practice begins in the Kids Upper Room

Wednesday, October 24th, Pipes, Pumpkins and Pandemonium from 6:30-7:30 in the Sanctuary

Friday-Sunday, October 26th-28th Annual Family Retreat Weekend, pre-registration required

Wednesday, October 31st Safewalk on Dearborn. Join us as we bless others with water and treats.

Donations of non-chocolate, wrapped candy are being collected for the Safewalk outreach event. Please drop them off at the church office before October 31st. Thank you for your support!

Hi!

Although it is off season for our much of our community, this is a busy season for families. The kids have started back to school, clubs are meeting again, sport teams are practicing and our church programming for young people is ramping up too. Seasons of re-evaluating and re-structuring come as simply as the seasons change.

By now you have probably heard that I am leading the youth program in addition to children's ministry. As we have been headed toward this place, the Lord quietly told me that I needed to personally simplify for a season to focus on the basics of children's ministry, to focus on steadying the base of the youth ministry, to focus on building a rock-solid support for all the young people of our church family. It is a season to build and shore up our foundation. This was indeed the solid confirmation The Lord gave me as I prayed fervently for His direction before accepting the Interim Youth role. In Psalm 30, we are reminded that The Father's Mercy is new every morning. As long as we listen carefully to and act upon the quiet voice of the Father we can be assured that he is with us, guiding us and giving us clear direction toward the foot of the cross. We must be reminded, that taking as many people as we can to The Cross is our ultimate goal. Do not fret, the Lord God is guiding my steps as well as directing the forward movement of ministry for all the young people from birth through 12th grade here on our campus. We are currently looking for leaders who love kids to help us. Call me about the many opportunities available to help us build tomorrows leaders.

Love and Blessings,

Suzie Asa

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 or susanasa93@gmail.com



Book Buzz!!!!

Welcome back, Snowbirds! We are excited about you coming back because we miss you! It was a loooong hot summer!

Many of you have come into the library hunting for reference materials. As you enter, directly to the left are commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and various handbooks of the Bible plus different types of Bibles.

In the are right corner of the library, the shelves hold many reference materials. If you are in the Disciples classes, this is an area where you can find dialogues about the various books in the Bible.

I have a Smith's Bible Dictionary on my desk that has over 6,000 entries from people and places to Queens and Kings, weights and measurements and key words from the Bible. This book was given to the library by a reader and I thank you!

For this column today, I want to dig further into my Miscellaneous file to find some entertaining thoughts.

Did you know that....

28% of people who sing in the shower say they sing rock'n roll tunes. 19% sing country tunes.

44% of Americans say they'd be willing to share their toothbrush with their spouse in a pinch.

One third of all Scots said they would be willing to share a shower or bath with another person to save money.

Nearly 1 in 3 South Koreans polled 2009 say they have a TV in the bathroom. 65% say they talk on phone while there.

In 1979 when Simon Cowell was 20 years old, he worked at Elstree Film Studios in England. One of his jobs was to polish the ax that Jack Nicholson used to break down a door in *The Shining*.

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Pam Heady,

Your church librarian

Ft. Myers Christmas Keyboard Festival



Please join Pat Cameron who is coordinating a trip on Friday, December 7, 2018 to the Christmas Keyboard Festival at the Ft. Myers First Assembly of God Church. It will be a music-filled night of both sacred and secular music with eight baby grand pianos, a 100 voice choir, orchestra and featuring the power-house vocals of *Veritas* (5 men who are back up singers for Sandi Patty!).

We will depart EUMC on December 7 at 3:15 p.m. by bus and have dinner at *The Three Fishermen Seafood Restaurant* on the Caloosahatchee River in North Ft. Myers. The show begins at 7:00 p.m., we will board the bus to return to Englewood at 9:00 p.m. and should arrive back at EUMC at 10:30 p.m.

Cost is \$48 per person and includes food & transportation. A love offering will be taken at First Assembly of God Church for the beautiful program. We have a great block of seats reserved.

Sign ups for this trip will take place November 11 & 18 in Fellowship Hall and we are limited to 55 participants.

New Members Class



The new members classes will be held Tuesday, October 16th and 23th 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 October 28th 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.



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Dream Walk



Taking strides to make a difference

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Family Promise is preparing once again for their Annual Fundraising Event in support of their programs that serve homeless children & their families.

EUMC is now recruiting, "Pace Makers" for the Holy Walkamolies' Team.

Because of your support, EUMC came in 2nd place last year.

Thank you for making our team a success!!

Please join the Holy Walkamolies Team or

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MARK YOUR EVENT CALENDARS

Saturday - November 10, 2018

Call Maria Ciampi 941-473-0945

Watch the Sunday Bulletins for upcoming information.

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