



February 2019

Monthly Publication



Vic's Views....

What's Coming.....

This is an important month in the life of the global United Methodist Church. On February 23-26, 864 delegates from around the world will meet for a Special Session of General Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The delegates attending this session, will be half clergy and half lay persons. They will meet to decide the church's stance regarding same-sex marriage and ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexual persons.

I'm writing to inform you of the plans the conference will be voting on and to share my perspective about the conference and what you can do. There are three plans that have been vetted by a 1½ year study commission and the judicial council of the UMC that will be up for consideration:

1. The **Modified Traditional Plan**: Keeps the language the same in the *Book of Discipline* and strengthens the accountability required of Bishops and Pastors and Boards of Ordained Ministry to follow the standards of the *Book of Discipline*, and maintains the current structure of the denomination, but provides a gracious exit for churches that can't live within the *Discipline*.

2. The **One Church Plan**: Also maintains the current structure of the denomination and recognizes the diverse theological and scriptural understandings of our global church. However, it redefines marriage as being between two adults rather than a man and a woman and allows for the ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexual persons.

3. The **Connectional Conference Plan**: Would, in essence, create three values-based connectional conferences: traditional, unity, and progressive. This plan allows for a different Book of Discipline

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within each of the connectional conferences and would require a number of constitutional amendments in order to be implemented. The CC Plan is widely seen as the most cumbersome and confusing of the options and has received the least traction.

Let me remind you of our purpose: We are a Servant Church. And we serve in order “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.”

Loving EVERYONE is the ultimate goal, so that they might be embraced by the love of God and come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We have opened our doors wide to all God’s people and we will continue the mission of Christ reaching out to all with the love of Christ. This is a purpose that must not get sidetracked in the midst of the larger church deliberations in February.

I am most comfortable with the Traditional Plan because it reaffirms the definition of marriage as being between a man and a woman and it helps to maintain scriptural authority. I truly hope the Conference will result in a reaffirming of the Traditional standards the Christian Church has lived by for nearly 2000 years.

What can you do? You can be aware of the issues and you can pray. For a more exhaustive explanation of the plans you can go to www.umc.org. Keep the General Conference in your prayers

throughout all of February and put on your calendar our day of prayer and fasting which is scheduled for Wednesday February 13. Doan Chapel will be opened from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. that day for you to come and spend time in prayer. We will have members of our prayer team here to assist you. We will offer a prayer and fasting guide this Sunday at church that you can pick up in the Fellowship Hall so that you start your fast in a healthy way.

God bless you and may we all learn to love the way Christ loves—by holding in tension the love of God and the truth of God as we continue the mission of being a Servant Church!

You Are Loved!

Pastor Vic Willis

New Members Class

The new members classes will be held Tuesdays, February 5th and 12th for those interested in joining the church. Classes are from 6:00—8:00 p.m. (room to be announced). Membership Joining Sunday will be February 24th during the service you attend.



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.



Save the Date!
Mustard Seed Society Luncheon –
February 24, 2019
12:30 p.m.

Dear Friends,

The Mustard Seed Society is a special recognition society initiated in 1999 for church members and supporters who wish to make gifts to the Englewood United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund. The Society celebrates stewardship through planned giving and encourages others to do the same.

We are blessed that many “saints” who have expressed their love of EUMC have made gifts from their estates, in conjunction with their professional advisors, to grow our Permanent Endowment Fund to almost \$2 million today. A percentage of the fund is allocated each year to help pay for needed improvements and programs at EUMC. A gift to the Permanent Endowment Fund will benefit EUMC in perpetuity!

Our annual Mustard Seed Society Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 24 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Invitations have been mailed and RSVPs are requested by February 18 by calling Linda in the church office at 474-5588.

Interested in joining? The only requirement is to either make a current gift of \$1,500 or more or indicate your commitment to at least arrange over the next few months a planned gift valued at \$1,500 or more to benefit the EUMC Permanent Endowment Fund.

Please call me at 474-5588 or e-mail bharrison@englewoodumc.net with any questions or to obtain additional information.

Blessings,

Beth Harrison

Business Administrator

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

At Home
 Fran Altman
 Jimmy & Rhoda Clovis
 Joe & Ethel Croce
 Dick Davis
 Audrey Grant
 Colleen Haag
 Lori Ierardi
 Howard & Nan Jackson
 Jean Kushall
 Deborah Larsen
 Geri Meneely
 Roger & Barb Molendyke
 Jackie Morton
 Damon & Ruth Runyon
 Adele Stewart
 Mary Thompson
 Matt White
 Matt & Helen Williams
 Gina Willis
 Virginia Wilson

Bay Breeze
 Dorothea "Dodie" Fleming

Brookdale Palmer Ranch
 Vivian Slimak

Brookdale Venice
 Jim Roch

Discovery Village
 Jean Leshner

Family Affair
 Marjorie Fitzgerald

Gardens of Venice
 Alice Buck

Grand Villa
 Margaret Cypher
 Dorothy Hill
 Diane Keemon
 Ken Lavrack

Heritage Oaks
 Frances Bates
 Peg Grim
 Charles Lindberg
 Willard & Janet Wilson

Jacaranda Trace
 Margie Laney

Inglenook
 Millie Messner
 Jeanne Sawyer

Live Oak Manor
 Shirleen Gallagher

Magnolia Acres
 Gayle Davis

North Port Pines
 Janice Reynolds

Pinebrook
 Geri Demmin

Sunset Lakes Village
 Al King
 Vivian Miller

Towers of Venice
 Audrey MacEhiney-Rogers

Tuscan Gardens
 John & Janice Watson



A dear friend recently gave me a book he had just finished reading. The title of the book is *"Attitude Is Your Paintbrush"* Well it certainly goes without saying that attitude colors every situation! *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."* Romans 12: 1-2

There are so many attitudes covered in this book – Gratitude - stopping to say thanks, Compassion - leading with your heart, Confidence - sailing under sealed orders, Determination—taking a dead aim, Humility— giving our best, Perseverance - not giving up, Open-mindedness - Joy, Faith, Trust, Commitment and Hope.

I deeply appreciate the attitude of our Congregational Care Ministers who visit so many of our homebound and assisted living congregants. Moore says in this book and I have always believed and taught this - that the happiest people are the grateful people, the strongest most fulfilled people are the thankful people. This is true of those who serve OTHERS so well in our congregation.

Even in the most difficult circumstance of life we are encouraged by counting our blessings. The old gospel song says to "Name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done" Can you this day give thanks in everything? Paul doesn't mean that we ought to give thanks for cancer, war or tragedy or suffering – but he does mean that in every circumstance we can be grateful. Why? Because God lives. Because God loves us. Because God cares and shares life with us! As Christians the attitudes of life is our paintbrush. It colors every situation!

Have a colorful day!

Pastor Don

Sunday Parking Lot Ushers Needed

From now through April 28, EUMC needs people to help guide cars between the 9:15 & 11:00 services. We need a minimum of 2 people from 8:50-9:15 and 6 people from 10:30-11:15 each Sunday. A team of 10 would be ideal. You can sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Joyce in the church office 941-474-5588 ext. 261.



WHAT ARE MY... Spiritual Gifts?

One Day Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Network Curriculum

Facilitated by:

Carol Storch, Lyn Harder & Ellie Manser

Saturday, February 2, 9:00-4:00

Cost: \$15, lunch included

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

Invitation: A 10 Week Bible Study by Brian D. Russell Genesis to Revelations

Each week will have 5 daily readings & 1.5 hour class including half hour video

Thursday, February 21—May 2

6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$23, scholarships available

Please register in Fellowship Hall between services or by contacting Joyce in the church office 474-5588 ext. 261
joyce@englewoodumc.net



LADIES, SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019
PRISCILLA SHIRER SIMULCAST
**LOCATION: ENGLEWOOD UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Three Down—Two to Go

We have completed three of our five UMCOR Hurricane Irma Recovery Mission weeks in LaBelle. EUMC Irma Recovery Teams have continued with the rebuilding process for Francisco and Norma Arroliga whose home was nearly completely destroyed by Hurricane Irma. The home owners have continued to work daily with our crews. They are a very deserving couple.

Our team is based at the Riverside Retreat for sleeping, showering, and meals for the week. Riverside is only 15 miles from the work site. There is no fee for your participation.

Our next mission date is February 11-15 and we are looking for team volunteers. Construction skills are a bonus, but if you can follow directions, we can use you.

You may sign up in the church workroom in the Lampp Building.

**Future mission date:
March 11-15, 2019**

Contact Peter Patrick 410-713-2406



Appalachia Service Project—

October 13-21, 2019

Volunteers are needed. Are you interested? Here is an overview of what it is all about.

We work assisting families that are less fortunate than us. Making their homes “Warmer, Safer, and Drier.” Last year a crew of four from EUMC made an eight day trip to southwestern Virginia. It takes a day and a half of travel there and back. We spend Monday thru Friday working on the assigned project that is given us. We have accommodations provided at the ASP lodge where bunkbeds and showers are provided..

This past year we were fortunate to assist John and his daughter. John is disabled with a bathroom that made it difficult for him to step into the old high tub. Upon our arrival a previous crew had removed the old tub, sink, washer and dryer. Our crew replumbed and installed a new walk-in shower, sink, leveled the floor underneath, and finished the walls and ceiling. In the living room the walls and ceiling were repaired and painted. The last project completed, although not on our list was, replacement of the living room window. The old window was so loose you could put your fingers between the panes.

Part of this trip was the fellowship amongst ourselves and the family. John is such a spiritual person that joined us for our lunch break. His prayers were very moving filled with the Holy Spirit that touched our hearts. This mission always lets us receive way more than we give. If you feel you would like to be a part of this ministry, construction skills are a plus but not necessary. There are many needs where your talents may assist.

Additional factors include: helping raise funds for lodging and travel and the ability to climb steps and hills.

If you feel God is calling you to join this mission in Appalachia, please contact:

Martin Bencski at: pinesandbox@sbcglobal.net

Or

Margie Kennedy at: mkenn01@hotmail.com



Comparative Financial Operations/Performance For the 12 months ending December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,727,369	\$1,720,837
Cash Expenditures	\$1,721,978	\$1,679,909
Tithes & Offerings Less Expenditures	\$ 5,391	\$ 40,928

Over the counter medicines needed for EUMC's three Sister Churches in Cuba

The people of Cuba do not have the ability to purchase basic over the counter meds...so, it is up to us to help them.

The following meds are needed with an expiration of at least May 2020:

Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin)
Aspirin
Antidiarrhea (tablets) Imodium D,
Pepto-Bismol
Children's Vitamins
Neosporin Cream

The meds will be taken to Cuba in April. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Drop your donation off at the office.



Ladies Bunco
once a month on the
last Saturday of the
month.
5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall
Pizza & Prizes
Questions: Call Brenda
941-473-0150



Ms. Patty's Playroom

It's February! February is a special month for me because it is the month I officially became the Preschool's Director 4 years ago. I remember thinking this can't be that hard, it's going to be great. Well, although it has been great, it has also been the hardest job I have ever had. The learning curve has been HUGE and the pace a whirlwind. I don't know what I would have done without the staff that has stuck with me, the patience my husband has provided me and the reassurance God continually has provided.

As I enter my 5th year I find that the tornado has subsided and that although there are gale force winds every now and then that the Preschool is doing really well. Much of this is because of you. Your prayers have been the foundation of our progress and your financial support...the gasoline. Although I know I can't fully share the impact of your help, I am going to try to provide a snippet of what your support has meant.

Last year, we knew it was time to make some changes but we weren't clear on the direction God wanted us to take. I shared this in newsletters and in conversations with many of you and asked for prayer. Those prayers resulted in a clear direction. It was time to stop serving infants and after schoolers. By faith, we listened. At mid summer, we started receiving calls for more VPK students than I could house. I once again asked for prayer and received my answer...Add another class. These situations are just two examples of how prayer provided answers that have guided us as our school continues to improve.

The financial support has been amazing. Our Adopt a classroom donors continue to be so faithful and others often stop me to ask how they can help. Believe me when I tell you, every penny we receive makes an impact. I just recently had to provide our Board with an list of items purchased with these donated funds. When I looked at that list I found myself feeling grateful because without those funds, we couldn't have made it because I wouldn't have been able to fill the classrooms with the things necessary for a quality program. It really is amazing.

I thank God every day (well almost everyday, I'm sure there are a few I miss) for our donors who provide "Sponsor a Child" money to the school. Do you know that last year we were able to give \$2,174.00 in scholarships? That doesn't even include the few families I've been able to give discount pricing to because they are down on their luck. These gifts to our families are gifts from you!

So once again, as I start my 5th year let me say thank you! Let's continue to pray (especially that there are no tornadoes) and let's continue to work together to provide the finances necessary to be a successful difference in this community for our children and families. It's going to be a good 5th year!!

Patty Tuff

Director of Preschool

EUMC MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, March 2

8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

**Come see many of the
ministries offered at**

EUMC.

**Come see where
God is calling you to use
your gifts, talents
and passions!**

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

2/12 David Crowl **
 2/15 Lee Waddle
 2/18 Elly Jacklich **
 2/18 Connie Taylor **
 2/19 Doris Finn **
 2/19 Russell Tichacek
 2/20 Richard Stegmeyer
 2/21 Jimmy Clovis **
 2/22 Ray Pomeroy **
 2/23 George Howard **
 2/23 Pauline Lauer **
 2/28 Matt Williams **

February 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.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS **2018 Giving Report**

<i>Cuba—Preschool</i>	\$1,075
<i>Cuba—Food Program</i>	\$ 920
<i>Galcom Recorded Bibles</i>	\$ 105
<i>Kayongo's Hope</i>	\$2,600
<i>Whitlock—Kenya Mission</i>	\$1,060
Heifer International:	
<i>Goats</i>	\$ 970
<i>Pigs</i>	\$ 680
<i>Water Buffalos</i>	\$ 775
<i>Honeybees</i>	\$ 810
<i>Chicks</i>	\$1,360
<i>Heifers</i>	\$ 650
Total Giving	\$11,005

The Mission Committee "thank you" for your support to this program.

Music Ministry

Have you ever heard a Saxophone Orchestra, made up entirely of saxophones? We hosted the orchestra several years ago, and we again have the privilege of hosting them in concert on Sunday, February 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Combining five different sizes of saxophones, the soprano, alto, tenor, baritone and bass instruments sound almost like a pipe organ when playing together. Their sonorous harmony is quite pleasing, and their music will be varied: jazz, classical, showtunes, etc. Directed by Sarasota Concert Band Conductor Bill Barbanera, these professionals and semi-professionals will be sure to please a multi-generational audience.



This is the time of year when our choirs swell in number, and we have the opportunity to share some bigger sacred choral and handbell pieces in worship. I am grateful for those who join us for 2 months to 12 months. They are all part of the choir family!

Blessings,
Fonda
 Director of Music

Making A Difference In Belize

“Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country”

(Proverbs 25:25 ESV)



While perhaps no longer quite so distant from us considering modern transportation methods, Belize is none-the-less distant from us both culturally and economically. Formerly a British colony known as British Honduras, Belize was re-named when it became an independent sovereign country in 1981. Today it is home to more than 300,000 inhabitants, and there are significant minority and tribal groups there. The official average income is only 16% of the USA. In reality, most Belizeans are not even this well off- especially in minority areas. The good news is that Belize is currently experiencing positive evangelical church growth.*

Belize has a considerable number of Mayan Indians living inside its borders. Some of these formerly proud descendants of the great Mesoamerican Mayan empire have settled in Belize after their lands were confiscated in Guatemala and to avoid strife in Mexico. Others were indigenous to Belize and moved to the southern region when the British came. Here they cling to their ancient cultural uniqueness, clustered in small villages and practicing subsistence agriculture.

In order to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ and to facilitate church planting among the Mayans, Galcom has teamed up with missionaries Don and Cindy Palmer and “The Message” Christian radio 105.3 FM in Santa Cruz. The Palmers have made good use of the 1000+ solar powered fix-tuned radios provided to them through the generosity of Galcom partners. We recently received this report from Galcom:

Christian radio allows us to go into a person’s home and minister in a way that was never possible before. Some might not ever know the Truth without Christian radio. Perhaps they work on a farm to raise food for their families and are not close to a church....or maybe they don’t feel comfortable in church yet. Whatever the reason, we are reaching the lost for Jesus Christ.

I personally know of a family that lived on the outskirts of the jungle with no power and accessing water only at a nearby stream. One night I visited them, climbing up creaky, uncertain steps in the process. As I entered this small hut, there was one room lit only by a single candle. The family of seven was gathered around a table built of planks that held the candle in the center of the room. In the darkness of the jungle night, a ray of hope was coming in through the Galcom solar-powered radio. The lost were being led to Christ, and the captives were being set free!

There’s more to this story. The old man in the house used to be a drunk. He beat his wife and was mean to his kids. Since listening to our station through your solar-powered radio, he has accepted Christ as his savior, stopped drinking and now treats his wife and children with respect. Thank you for partnering with us to change lives here in Belize.

Thank you, Galcom partners, for your faithful prayers and gifts that make Galcom’s growing global outreach possible. Don Palmer indicated that he would like more Galcom radios tuned to 105.3 FM. Your continued partnership with us is appreciated. If you would like to consider going on a future Galcom International mission’s trip, please contact the Galcom office.

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*According to Operation World: **Galcom is accorded the highest 5-star rating for transparency and efficiency by Ministry Watch. Your gifts are tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.**

Nancy Prins,
Missions Committee



**2019 Florida Conference
Women's Retreats
"....got Joy?"
February 8-10 &
March 8-10**

Please prayerfully consider joining us in 2019 for a glorious weekend, a time to pull away from your daily responsibilities and truly relax in the peace and beauty of the Life Enrichment Center. Be inspired by the assembly of leaders providing spiritual guidance, and experience the very presence of the Lord. You will join like-minded women and surely strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

There are two sessions from which to choose. While each session is similar, each has very different speakers who will set distinctive vibes for the weekend. If you can't decide, attend more than one! The theme for 2019 is "**...got Joy?**"

For more information go to the EUMC website at: www.inglewoodumc.net

To register:

www.flumc.org/floridaconferencewomensretreats



**United Methodist
Women**

The UMW work all year to raise monies for college scholarships to High School Seniors. Scholarship forms can be picked up in the church office. The form **MUST** be submitted by March 31.

Reminder: There will be no February Unit Meeting due to set-up for Night to Shine and our annual Rummage Sale.

We encourage you to support these very worthwhile events in any capacity you are capable.

Hope

Hope launches a positive outlook. Have you ever hoped for something; a new car, a physical healing, or a personal problem solved? Without hope, lives remain broken. Personal dreams go unrealized, and hearts lose the capacity to cope! But, HOPE tells you to hold on in anticipation and expectation, because something good is just ahead.

Romans 15:13 says, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

When we don't know the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit prays with and for you, and God answers." So bring your requests to God. Trust that He will always do what is best.

Remember Romans 8:28, "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them."

A Sample Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, we come to Doan Chapel as a group of prayer warriors. We HOPE these partners will increase. You are with us Lord, and can see we are small in number, for the prayer requests we receive each week. So, let us pray that this group will increase with additional prayer warriors.

Guide each of us this week, as we take home and pray over these lists of names and situations. We ask that the prayers spoken over these lists will bring healing, that these words will prosper, and that each prayer will receive the best results.

In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen (Patty Miller)

Patty is one of our very dedicated prayer warriors. She is committed and deeply sincere in her praying, along with rest of our small group. There are only five of us who faithfully pray for the needs of the congregation, their families, and their friends. Please prayerfully consider joining us. Meetings are on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 in Doan Chapel. No special training is needed and you don't have to pray out loud if this is not your thing. Just come to and join our group.

Barbara Terardi, Group Leader

Health & Wholeness

Did you know that taking medications as your Doctor prescribes is known as adherence? This is the key to staying healthy and managing chronic symptoms and diseases.

Did you know that non-adherence is a serious Public Health problem? Nearly 3 of 4 people report that they do not always take their medications as directed, a problem related to third of medicine related hospitalizations and nearly 125,000 deaths per year. Dr. Aaron Kisselheim, an internist who studies medications at Harvard affiliated with Brigham and Women's Hospitals states that it is unfortunate since we have many medications to help people avoid many common and deadly diseases.

Why does non-adherence happen?

1. Cost is a big factor. If you are prescribed a brand name when a generic is available then get the Provider to switch.

2. Invest in a good pill box. There are many on the market. Some can be set up for 4 times a day for a week.

3. Medication side effects is another reason. People may not like the side effect or understand the reason for taking the drug. Sometimes a change in medication may help.

4. Question if the time can be changed to fit your schedule.

5. If the cost is too high—check to see if there is a generic. Many big chains such as Walmart, Target and others may offer a 30 or 90 day supply at a much lower price. It pays to call around and price your drugs, some are even free! A useful website, Good Rx.com, offers an opportunity to comparison shop and links to coupons.

6. An alarm on your watch or even an alarm clock may help with forgetfulness.

7. Making a chart and checking it off after taking the medication.

8. Some pharmacies offer a bubble or blister pack organized by morning, afternoon and evening packets. You can do this also or have a trusted friend or relative arrange these packets.

9. Many persons as they get older need a friend or relative to go to the provider with them to assist in note taking and remembering important details regarding medications and reasons for taking them. In this way you won't become a statistic!

Grace Talada

Memorial Corner

12/26 Duncan Baird

12/27 Phil Wallace

1/16 Dorothy Burton

1/16 Roger Coast

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



Memorial Gifts

Sanctuary

In Memory Of: Cindy Doherty

Given By: F. Neil Doherty

Kayongo's Hope (Ryan Kaminski)

In Memory Of: Jan Prins

Given By: The Nowlin Small Corporation

Helping Hand

In Memory Of: Richard Haag

Given By: Evelyn & Rudy Disabato

*The EUMC office will be closed
on Monday, February 18, 2019
in honor of Presidents Day.*



EUMC Music Ministries Presents the
Sarasota Saxophone Orchestra

Don't Miss the Exciting Sounds of 15-20

Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone, & Bass Saxophones

**Professional, Semi-Professional
 & Top Area Student Musicians**

3:00 pm ~ Sunday, February 24

Classical Music & A Touch of Jazz

Conducted by William Barbanera
Sarasota Concert Band Music Director

Freewill Offering

Information: 941/474-5588 -or- www.inglewoodumc.net

Arrange Childcare (Age 3/under only) with Children's Ministries, Ext. 257/Suzie by Sun., February 17



Family Promise

Together with Habitat for Humanity

Building Communities, Strengthening Lives

2018 Women Build Team



L to R: Mary Mahshie weekend assistant,
 Gail Syrstad administrative assistant,
 Jennifer Fagenbaum executive director,
 Christen Cowan programs coordinator,
 Allisa O'Leary family service coordinator.
 The staff at FPSSC decided to give back for their
 team building exercise and chose to be part of
 the volunteer team for the
 Habitat for Humanity Women Build.
 It was a great day and a lot of fun!
 We were proud to help such a worthwhile
 organization and make a difference.

It is all about giving back....



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

- ◆ February 3rd, 4th and 5th graders serve communion during the 9:15 Sunday morning service
- ◆ February 23rd 6-8pm Butterfly Ball, Daddy/Daughter Dance RSVP by February 20th
- ◆ February 13th, No Dinner, No WOW due to annual Rummage sale
 - ◆ April 20th, 9am-12 noon, Easter Egg Hunt
 - ◆ July 15th-19th, 9am –12 noon daily, Vacation Bible School



Winter Retreat, "Build Your Life on the Rock"
(based on Isaiah 26:4 & 1 Corinthians 10:4)



The EUMC Youth had a great time on Winter Retreat. All in attendance (15 youth and 4 adults) either committed for the first time, or reconfirmed to following Christ.

We are planning a mission trip for the upcoming summer.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



Do you have questions about our program? or if you are led to get involved by mentoring our awesome children or youth?, contact me through the church office.

Please pray for our efforts. Thank you! Suzie Asa

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

Book Buzz!!!!

Happy Valentines Day to all!

A few weeks ago Chris Cameron was reading the Biblical Archeology Review magazine (Nov-Dec. issue) and pointed out an article about "How Many Animals Are in the Bible". There are around 100 animals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes and invertebrate mentioned in the Bible. Since the setting for the Hebrew Bible is the Holy Land, the animals are from the region of Western Asia and Northern Africa.

You might want to have your Bible handy for the rest of the column as we list some of these animals.

Proverbs 6:5 mentions the industriousness of the ant.

Deuteronomy 12:15 states a law allowing us to eat deer and gazelle.

King Solomon was one of the wealthiest Kings to ever live during ancient times. In 1 Kings 10:22 he had apes and monkeys shipped in to adorn his dwelling. Lovely!

Isaiah 13:21-22 lists five kinds of animals dwelling in Babylon. What are they?

Ezekiel 1:10 Ezekiel had a vision and the Bible describes the four living creatures having the faces of a man, lion ox and eagle. The following attributes are: the man for his intelligence, the lion represented strength, the ox diligent service and the eagle divinity.

At one time the Holy Land was much more densely covered in forests and swamps and many creatures roamed wild such as the lion, cheetah, hippo and gator.

You might want to keep a list of the animals you find in the Bible during your daily readings!

Thank you to those who continue to donate books to the library! Thank you to those who donate Bibles as many who have none are receiving your gifts!

By the way, bifocals are God's way of saying, "Keep your chin up!"

Happy reading!

Pam Heady, Your church librarian



Attention ALL College Bound Students

EUMC Men's Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now available in the church office or online at: www.inglewoodumc.net. To be eligible, an applicant must be a high school senior. College students who previously received this scholarship and will be continuing their education toward a Bachelor Degree will also be considered if funds are available. Completed applications must be received in the church office BEFORE March 1st to be considered.

Harry Shaffer

Scholarship Committee Chairman
EUMC Men's Fellowship



"Grief Share, Journey from Mourning to Joy" is a 13 session seminar for those who have experienced the death of a loved one recently or some time ago.

Each week begins with a video featuring nationally acclaimed counselors, pastors and teachers. Following the video our facilitator invites participants to share their thoughts, or simply listen. As with all programs and classes, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.

You are welcome to attend any or all weeks as each session has a different topic. Workbooks cost \$20. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

For additional information, contact Pastor Don, at 941-474-5588.

Christmas Dinner 2018

This year was our 27th Annual Christmas Dinner. Roger Thomas has provided us with a newspaper clipping regarding the first one at Englewood United Methodist Church in 1992. Dwight Eakin a builder and Reverend Dave Warner organized the first Christmas Dinner at our church. He had done this project at Port Charlotte Methodist Church three years before. Their dinner is still being held yearly also.

The first year they planned on 400 people. Deliveries, pick ups and dining room meals were instituted. Cooking of turkeys and pies were done in the homes of members. People from the community were invited to volunteer. An organist provided music in Fellowship Hall. Dinner was served from 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

My how things have changed! Today nearly 500 volunteers are assigned jobs. We served 2,160 meals. Of these, 628 were packed as take out meals. Of these, 187 were delivered by 12 teams of drivers with 110 stops. Poinsettia plants were delivered to each home.

All food must be purchased or made on site per orders of the Florida Department of Health. The turkey is purchased, baked and sliced. Pre-sets of turkey and stuffing are prepared the day before Christmas as is the sweet potato casserole. The green beans are given more flavor by adding real bacon bits this month. The mashed potatoes and gravy are prepared in our kitchen.

We have two warming closets as well as several rolling carts, and large trays to handle this large quantity of food. We use six hot boxes to store the food hot to be ready to serve. We rent a large outside refrigerator to accommodate food.

Publix donated alternate desserts to go with the pumpkin pies that we purchased from SYSCO. Tom and Annette Dignam gave us the use of their '57 Chevy golf cart and a rented golf cart was used to provide transportation all afternoon.

Many thanks to all who worked, planned to work and became sick and to the office staff that we pestered for nearly 2 months. Plans are underway for another BIG dinner this year. The committee consisted of Peter Patrick, Lori Bauer, Ted and Jane Morin, Sue Lee, Dale Whitaker, Bob Myers, Bob and Carolyn Davidson, Jim and Jeanne Richardson, Beth Harrison and Grace Talada.

Thanks to all,

Grace Talada, Co-Chairman



**Dinner in Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:30 p.m.**

There is a \$7 suggested donation. Take-out meals are available for \$7 each.

**As always children eat for free!
Kid's meals are always served.
Left over food is given to
Englewood Meals on Wheels.**

**February 6
Parmesan Crusted Chicken
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Mixed Veggies
Tossed Salad
Black Forest Cake**

**February 13
NO MEAL
RUMMAGE SALE**

**February 20
Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Green Bean Almondine
Fruit Cobbler**

**February 27
Pork Tenderloin
Stuffing
Loaded Potato Skins
Tossed Salad
Caramel Apple Short Cake**

Pancakes & More!

Served by Men's Fellowship
Saturdays 7:30—11:00 a.m.
2018-2019



**February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23
April 6**

**All the Pancakes You Can Eat!
OJ & Bottomless Coffee/Tea
With Egg & 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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February 2019

THE MESSENGER

THE HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

FELLOWSHIP HALL ~ FULL INSIDE & OUT!



Thursday, Feb. 14 ~ 3-6 pm

EARLY BIRD SALE!

\$5 for Shop Early Admission

~ Special 1 day Only ~



REGULAR SALE ~ FREE ENTRY:

Friday, Feb. 15 ~ 9 am - 3 pm

Saturday, Feb. 16 ~ 9 am - Noon



For Information Call Paul at 941/451-4611

Currently DONATE ONLY:

Clothes & Small Items until Feb. 5

Drop Off (follow signs posted)

VOLUNTEER

By Feb. 2 ~ Please!

Sign Up at Church-or-Call Sandy 941/475-3818