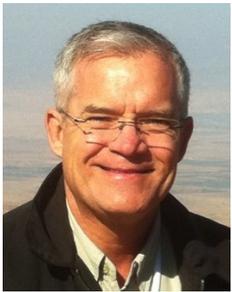




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Vic's Views....

“Find a Need and Meet It”

In the days of the circuit riders a minister was out riding one afternoon and came upon a man out working in his field.

“Fine day isn’t it?” the minister called out.

“It’s fine for you,” the man replied, “All you have to do is ride around on that horse thinking about God all day long, while I have to sweat here in this field and then walk home afterward. I don’t think it’s right you should have things so easy while I have to work so hard.”

“On the contrary,” the minister answered, “thinking about God is one of the most difficult things you can do. And to prove it, I’ll give you this horse if you can think about God and nothing else for one minute.”

You’re on,” said the man and immediately he sat down in silence. Thirty seconds

later he looked up at the minister, and said, “Does that include the saddle?”

I assure you, your ministers at EUMC don’t just sit around thinking about God all day long, but the point is obvious: **we are easily distracted from a Godly focus.**

A growing Christian finds God everywhere—in creation, in a friend’s love, in work and even in the mundane routine of life. When we think of God for only one hour on Sunday, we’ve fallen into the worst kind of religion.

There are several folks at EUMC who have found the secret of a consistent Godly focus. These are people who get involved in service to others—who see a need and try to meet it!

You may be wondering how you can develop such a focus. Well, here’s how: look for an unmet need—there are hundreds of them—and then respond to God’s Call to do something about it.

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A few examples from our life together:

1. **Celebrate Recovery** was started 2.5 years ago with a small group of people who saw the need for a Christian recovery ministry within the bounds of Englewood. It's been helping people break the power of hurts, habits and hang-ups through the power of Jesus Christ.

2. After Hurricane Irma in 2017, Peter Patrick saw the need of a mission in our "backyard," and the **Irma Recovery Team** was launched. They still take day trips and week-long excursions to help the people most affected by Irma get back on their feet with minor home repair.

3. Rick Krieger reintroduced "**Financial Peace University**" after seeing the need for stewardship on an everyday basis. Many people are finding freedom from debt and learning how to be wise stewards of God's gifts through this ministry.

4. Jane Parker saw a need of a very concrete symbol of healing for our many folks struggling with health issues and the **Prayer Quilt Ministry, "Prayers and Squares,"** was started in 2013 serving many dozens over the years.

5. **Senior Advocacy Ministry** is just beginning this December born from a need among us that Lisa Fink saw. This ministry will empower our Senior Citizens with much needed information to help them navigate the turbulent waters of insurance, Alzheimers, scams, among many other topics.

These ministries are the Body of Christ doing what the Body of Christ is supposed to do—finding needs and meeting them!

So if you're feeling nudged by the Spirit to start a ministry that's not already going, don't worry. We have a very simple process of approving new ministries around here: if our Guide Team can answer "yes" to the following three questions about a proposed new ministry—it's very possible that God is calling our church to that ministry.

To make decisions concerning ministry priorities we ask:

- ♦ Is this God-given? (How does it fit our discipling process?)
- ♦ Is this potentially life changing? (Can people experience new life from this new idea?)
- ♦ Are there people committed to it? (Are there Godly leaders committed to making this Godly vision a physical reality?)

If all three questions can be answered "yes," then we take that as God saying, "This is a ministry that I am starting and I want EUMC to be a part of it."

Find a need and meet it—that's God's Calling for you to find fulfillment in Him!

You are Loved!

Pastor Vic Willis



Ideas for Making the Most of Your Charitable Giving Under the New Tax Law

As we approach year end, I wanted to offer tips to consider for your tithing/giving to Englewood United Methodist Church. We are learning that deducting charitable donations made in 2019 may pose a problem for many taxpayers this year. That's not because the recent tax overhaul limited these donations...most are still deductible, just as they were in prior years. However, the new tax law did increase the standard deduction and limited the deduction for state income and property taxes. That means more filers will find they're better off simply claiming the standard deduction rather than itemizing deductions, including those for charitable donations. Here are the details behind the changes – and what you can still do to gain tax breaks from your charitable donations to EUMC and other worthy causes.

The new tax law increased the standard deduction for single filers to \$12,000 from \$6,350 and for married filers to \$24,000 from \$12,700. It also limited the deduction for state income and real estate taxes to \$10,000. Because of these changes, many taxpayers who itemized deductions in previous years will no longer do so. Here is what you can do to gain tax breaks from your charitable donations:

Donate Appreciated Stocks/Mutual Funds

A valuable tax strategy is to donate appreciated shares of stock or a mutual fund that you've owned for more than a year instead of writing a check and giving cash. If your donation of stock is worth \$1,000 or more, the tax benefits can really reduce the after-tax cost of the gift. That's because when you donate shares of an investment that has appreciated, you avoid ever reporting the gains as taxable income. This results in two potential tax benefits: a charitable donation deduction, plus the avoidance of tax on the capital gains.

Donate from an Individual Retirement Account

For anyone who has an IRA and is required to take minimum distributions from it each year, there's a way to make charitable donations that will

reduce taxable income dollar-for-dollar, even if you plan to claim the standard deduction and not itemize. Here's how, and who, can do it.

If you are required to take minimum withdrawals from an IRA or retirement plan because you're age 70½ or older, you can use the pretax dollars in your IRA to make direct donations to EUMC or other qualified charities. This is called the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution rule, and it allows IRA owners age 70½ or older who are subject to the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules to use the untaxed money in an IRA to donate to a charity tax-free. Be aware that you can't also claim this charitable donation on your tax return (no double dipping allowed!).

Note that the money withdrawn from an IRA and donated to charity stays out of your adjusted gross income only if you make a direct transfer to the charity. It's not tax-free if you withdraw the money first, deposit it into another account and then donate it to the charity.

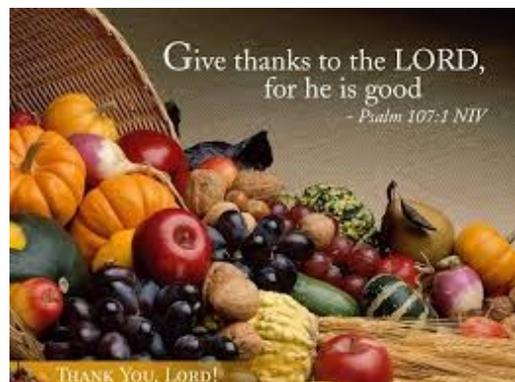
Please consult your tax advisor to confirm how the new tax laws apply to your specific situation. EUMC does not offer tax advice...only educational information about giving options.

Many of our members have taken advantage of these giving options in 2018, and I want to encourage others to do the same this year. If I can be of assistance with your giving needs to EUMC, please call 474-5588 or stop in the church office.

Blessings,

Beth Harrison

Business Administrator





At Home

Janet Albrecht
 Fran Altman
 Mary Lou Bogart
 Jenny Chastain
 Joe & Ethel Croce
 Audrey Grant
 Shirley Grayson
 Lori Ierardi
 Howard & Nan Jackson
 Jean Kushall
 Deborah Larsen
 Betty Madison
 Geri Meneely
 Roger & Barb Molendyke
 Jackie Morton
 Damon & Ruth Runyon
 Adele Stewart
 Mary Thompson
 Helen Williams
 Gina Willis
 Virginia Wilson

At Nursing Home or Assisted Living

Frances Bates—*Heritage Oaks*
 Alice Buck—*Gardens of Venice*
 Helen Campbell—*Heritage Oaks*
 Margaret Cypher—*Harbor Chase*
 Ruth Davidson—*Pinebrook*
 Gayle Davis—*Magnolia Acres*
 Jim & Shirley Davis—*Grand Villa*
 Geri Demmin—*Pinebrook*
 Sandra Dussault—*Englewood Health Care Rehab*
 Marjorie Fitzgerald—*Family Affair*
 Helen Funk—*Venetian Gardens*
 Shirleen Gallagher—*Live Oak Manor*
 Peg Grim—*Heritage Oaks*
 Colleen Haag—*Heritage Oaks*
 Dorothy Hill—*Magnolia Acres*
 Diane Keemon—*Grand Villa*
 Barbara Liddle—*Aston Gardens*
 Charles Lindberg—*Heritage Oaks*
 Audrey MacEhiney-Rogers—*Towers of Venice*
 Vivian Miller—*Sunset Lakes Village*
 Janice Reynolds—*North Port Pines*
 Jim Roch—*Maris Pointe*
 Jeanne Sawyer—*Inglenook*
 Vivian Slimak—*Brookdale Palmer Ranch*
 Marilyn Smith—*Summerfield—Bradenton*
 Willard & Janet Wilson—*Heritage Oaks*

Living with Loss Luncheon

The November 12th Living with Loss luncheon will be at Farlow's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. All Grief Share participants are invited and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Linda Jencks at 941-421-4067 or lwleumc@gmail.com

God Bless You,

Pastor Don



Christmas Rummage Sale!
Friday, November 29th & Saturday, November 30th
Held in Fellowship Hall 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Benefits: Foundations Early Childhood Education Center



Country Breakfast!

Served by Men's Fellowship
Saturdays 7:30 to 11:00am
2019-2020

November 16 February 8 & 22
 December 14 & 28 March 7 & 21
 January 11 & 25 April 4



All the Pancakes You Can Eat!
OJ & Bottomless Coffee/Tea
With
Egg & Sausage or Biscuit &
Sausage Gravy or
Quiche & Fresh Fruit or Waffles
\$6.00
Children under 12 eat FREE!

Memorial Gifts

Pastor's Discretionary

- In Memory Of: Jack Whitaker**
 Given By: Marlene Russell
- In Memory Of: Dale Whitaker**
 Given By: Quentin & Diana Burkey
- In Memory Of: Don Judy**
 Given By: Rick & Bev Barkley
 Gary & Patricia Fischer
 Ed & Dena Scarlett
 Mary Conrad
 Friends & Neighbors at
 Southwood, Block 1

In Honor Of: Russ Gustin
 Given By: Foxwood Friends

Helping Hand

In Memory Of: Nancy Bauzon
 Given By: Barry & Marlene McLaughlin

Congregational Care Ministry

In Memory Of: Dick Davis
 Given By: Frances Doyle
 Karen Hoepfner

UMCOR 2019-2020 MISSION TRIPS



We are planning to assist UMCOR again to help families devastated by Hurricane Irma (2017). According to Steve Potter, UMCOR Volunteer coordinator, there are many families still needing home repairs.

Riverside Retreat continues to need help with projects at the retreat center and we will plan day trips to assist them. Consider getting involved with either the UMCOR or Riverside opportunities posted below:

- November UMCOR week of Nov.18-22
- November Riverside Retreat day trip Nov.14
- December UMCOR week of Dec.16-20
- December Riverside Retreat day trip Dec. 19
- January UMCOR week of Jan.13-17
- January Riverside Retreat day trip Jan. 16
- February UMCOR week of Feb. 17-21
- February Riverside Retreat day trip Feb. 20
- March UMCOR week of Mar. 23-27
- March Riverside Retreat day trip Mar. 26

Contact: Peter Patrick 410-713-2406 or
propanepete@live.com



Comparative Financial Operations/Performance For the 9 months ending September 30, 2019

	2019	2018
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,238,106	\$1,296,493
Cash Expenditures	\$1,255,890	\$1,274,063
Tithes & Offerings Less Expenditures	- \$17,784	\$22,430



IGNITE

Englewood UMC Youth

"His word is like a fire in my heart, I can't hold it in." Jeremiah 20:9

Teenagers are inundated with messages and lies about who they are and what it takes to be accepted and valued. Far too often and too easily, they believe the lie that their identity is rooted in what others think of them. And at times they believe they're only lovable if they act a certain way.

We spent four weeks in a series that helped to equip our students to identify, acknowledge, and respond to the lies regarding their identity. We encouraged them to pay more attention to what Jesus says about them rather than what they hear from outside voices. And we pointed them toward Scripture to discover their true identity.

In lesson one we spent time "Identifying the World's Lies." Focusing on 2 Corinthians 11:1-15. We talked about the reality of how vulnerable we are to these lies and how it's been that way since the beginning of time, when Adam and Eve believed the serpent's deception. We challenged our students to identify the lies they might be hearing about themselves, and we encouraged them to choose to follow truth instead of deception.

Our second lesson focused on the lie that other people define our value. Through our study of Galatians 1:6-10, students discussed how other people may unintentionally or intentionally define us in ways that are harmful and ways that can keep us from experiencing the freedom and grace that Jesus offers us.

Week three we continued our discussion with "Performance Produces Love" looking to Galatians 2:15-21. Our culture promotes the message that our value is deeply rooted in what we can do—to be loved and fully accepted we must perform. This lie can leave us paralyzed by the fear of rejection, or we can get so consumed with keeping busy performing for others that we lose sight of what really matters most. And if we believe this lie, it can affect the way we think about faith—we can attempt to "make" God love us more through our actions or deeds.

Our final lesson focused on Titus 3:1-8 and the importance of leading a life of humility. One of the biggest lies in our culture is that arrogance and pride are not only acceptable traits, they're also admirable. This lie tricks us into focusing on ourselves and ignoring others. It also makes us think that we experience freedom through selfishness, and happiness through arrogance.

Our conversation this week focused on how true freedom comes through humility—the attitude that recognizes our needs and limitations while emphasizing our dependence on Jesus. He was confident without being arrogant, and humble without getting walked on. Some people might look at his crucifixion as a sign of weakness or defeat, but it wasn't. It was an act of humility—he gave everything for us. He loved us so much that he willingly died in our place, to pay the penalty for our sin. It was the ultimate demonstration of humility, of the attitude that says, "I cannot ignore others."

Our teens are engaging in and seeking God's Word in new and fun ways each week as we gather. Please seek your prayers for them as they continue to grow in their faith.

Kory Hall,

Director of Youth



Serve Retreat

Youth will be attending a weekend long retreat at Warren Willis November 8-10.

Please pray for hearts that are open to hearing the Word of God and for safety of our students and leaders during this fun and life changing weekend.





Ms. Patty's Playroom.....

At our monthly advisory board meeting one of our members who volunteers at the school suggested I write an article to invite more people to volunteer. I thought that was a great idea so here we go!

Our school has 4 VPK (Voluntary Pre Kindergarten) classes. The purpose of this program is to prepare the children for Kindergarten. The class works on not only letter and number recognition but how they fit into our language and world, grasping an understanding of our calendar, writing, beginning reading, math and elements of science. Much of this is done through Art, literature and play but one of the most effective ways of teaching is small group activities. Each classroom has 11 children, 1 Teacher and 1 aide available to them for an hour making small group activities a bit of a challenge. Spoiler alert: this is where you come in! Volunteers provide another adult body to help the kids within a small group. They can be there to help with an art project, when the kids are practicing sorting, writing and even reading. Volunteers can be an amazing asset to the class while also creating intergenerational relationships that can build lifetime memories.

Our preschool classes love volunteers to come in and read, help with art projects and participate in their small groups too. If you think you would prefer to volunteer with younger children, there are opportunities at the preschool level as well.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at 941-681-3169.

My Mission Update: Last month I shared that I was a woman on a mission because we have a real need for Mental Health Assistance for our children. We have contracted a person to work with our staff, children and families providing onsite counseling. We are very excited about this individual and anticipate she will be able to begin offering services within the next two weeks.

This counseling will not be covered by families insurance. As a result, our counselor will be working with the families on a sliding fee scale and thanks to our very special donor angels, the school will pay 50% of the fee for each session.

I want to thank each one of you for your referrals, suggestions and mostly your prayers. I really feel that finding this person was an answer to prayer. I have 3 children I will be referring to her immediately and we'll see what the need is from there. Please keep us in your prayers as this is a new adventure and I'm hoping it becomes the blueprint for other schools so that all kids have a chance for help.

Patty Tuff

Director of Preschool



Dinner in Fellowship Hall 5:00-6:30pm

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.

November 6

Stuffed Bell Peppers

Scalloped Potatoes

Broccoli Salad

Caramel Apple Crumb Cake

November 13

Baked Tuscany Chicken

Green Bean Casserole

Arugula Orange Sesame Salad

Bananas Foster Ala Mode

November 20

Turkey

Stuffing

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Green Bean Casserole

Fruit Cobbler



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

- 11/01 Georgia Mitchell
- 11/02 Ron Matthews
- 11/03 Bill Miller **
- 11/08 Betty Fulton **
- 11/13 Dale Jo-Jo Matthews
- 11/18 Helen Funk **
- 11/20 Russell Gustin **
- 11/30 Bill Brookstra



Happy birthday wishes to all!

November 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.

Christmas Poinsettia Plants

We will be decorating our Sanctuary with Poinsettia plants for December 22, & Christmas Eve services at 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 p.m. If you would like to order a plant "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special, please fill out the form below. Please put the form in the collection plate or bring to the office. Make check payable to EUMC, \$10 per plant.



The deadline to order is Monday, December 2nd

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ I will take my plant(s) AFTER the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve church service or pick up on Christmas Day outside the west entrance to the Sanctuary between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

_____ I will leave my plant(s) for the homebound.

Goat Facts - Heifer International's Amazing Animals



A goat is one tough animal! Learn all kinds of amazing facts about goats and how they can even help people

the world over overcome hunger and poverty. The Mission Committee LOVES goats at Heifer International. And can you blame us? Goats are adorable, friendly, and hilarious AND they can help end hunger and poverty for struggling families around the world. Here are a few facts about one of the world's cutest ruminants: the goat!

1. Goats are one of the world's oldest domesticated animals Experts estimate that humans first domesticated goats anywhere from 9,000 – 11,000 years ago.
2. Goats can recognize each other's voices. Mother goats can recognize their babies' unique bleats soon after they are born and vice versa. Additionally, studies have shown that young goats pick up accents from other members of their herd as they grow up.
3. Goats don't eat cans OR clothes. Much like human toddlers, goats investigate things using their mouth and will gum (not eat) pretty much everything they come across. In reality, goats are quite picky eaters and will refuse to snack on anything but the most nutritious foods.
4. Goats are extremely agile. Though they don't look particularly athletic, goats have incredible balance and agility. Not only can many goats leap up to 5 ft. in the air, they can easily scale steep cliffs and even climb trees! They have horizontal pupils!
5. Goats are responsible for the discovery of coffee. According to an Ethiopian legend, a goat herder named Kaldi discovered the stimulating properties of the coffee berry after he noticed that his goats (bless their beautiful hides) had extra spring in their step after munching on the plant. He tried some of the berries himself and the rest is caffeinated history.

6. A female goat can produce 1 gallon of milk a day which can be used to make yoghurt or cheese. There are more people in the world today who drink goat's milk than cow's milk.

Bonus Fact: A goat stampede is the cutest thing you'll ever see.

Donating a Heifer International goat in honor of friends and family is an easy, fun and meaningful way to celebrate the holidays! Meanwhile, that goat will go on to help a family out of poverty. It's a win-win!

**You can purchase a goat and other selected gifts in Fellowship Hall through our Alternative Gift program after each Sunday worship service on:
November 24, December 1, December 8,
December 15 and December 22.**

Nancy Prins,

Mission Committee Chair



DivorceCare is a faith-based 13 week group that meets weekly to help you through the pain and hurt of a separation or divorce. The topics are diverse and relevant to the different emotions caused when a marriage is ended. The time is spent viewing a video, small group discussion (not mandatory to participate verbally) and prayer. The workbook walks you through and helps you with daily thoughts and stories of others in similar situations. Our next group session will begin November 5th at **West Coast Church, 240 Pine St.**, Englewood. Workbooks are \$15. Scholarships are available.

DivorceCare "Surviving the Holidays" is a one session course on helping you navigate the holidays through tips and sound advice from many who have been in similar situations. Seeing how others worked through all the gatherings and events which happen during holidays, how they were able to deal with family and friends may help you not only survive but heal. Join us on November 15th at 10:00 a.m. at EUMC. Workbooks are \$5. Scholarships are available.

Please call EUMC to register for the classes.

Book Buzz.....

Since this is a column about your church library, I want to write about reading. I was trying to remember when I first realized that I could read. Do you remember when that happened for you?

One thing I do remember was when I would follow my mom from room to room, while she dusted and cleaned and I would read the Reader's Digest to her. To this day I still subscribe to that little magazine. And whenever I go on trips, one goes into my carry-on.

Since I was a hyper kid and my mom wanted me in bed for the night at a crazy early hour of the eve, she gave me a flashlight and let me read under the covers for as long as I could keep my eyes open. Even now I read every night with a tiny night light lifting the words into my mind's eye.

One day I heard a lady tell another that she only read educational books. I believe that everything you read is educational.

I found a couple of comments about reading in a magazine entitled *THE SUN*.

Reading is like dreaming. And buying a book is like buying someone else's dream.

Reading is a form of companionship. Children have imaginary friends; grown-ups have books.

Books can be valuable for the things you find in them. Sometimes I find old letters, postcards from other countries and occasionally a dollar or two. Sometimes, I find a four leaf clover pressed between the pages.

Even if you are a slow reader, the book's characters always wait for us. No matter what happens to us during the day, our heroine remains exactly where she was yesterday. She never moves without my permission. As we pick up where we left off, reanimate her at a whim!

Did you know that Henry James was a stutterer? However, when he would read aloud, the stuttering would cease. I find at night when I do my Bible

study, I like to read the Bible out loud. Try it the next time you study.

Well, come into the library and find a great book to read! You can just about bet that the book you take out is one that someone donated! Thanks to all those who love books so much, they want to share with our church!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Pam Heady,

Your Church Librarian



Operation Christmas Child Collection Sunday will be on November 17th. Bring your filled box to the church service that you attend. All boxes must be returned by that date for the 2019 shipment to the far corners of the world.

If you have any questions about this project please contact Jan Christopherson at the church office, 941-474-5588 ext. 106.

Memorial Corner

9/16 Don Judy

9/27 George Howard

9/29 Bill Walker

10/16 Doris Brown



Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

Intercessory Prayer

Thank You God, For the Volunteers

Generous is the heart that works for the Lord.
Persons You call to be your hands, your feet:
service to others brings God's way
to fulfillment sweet.

Kindness, love, a happy busy day, to work to help
others there is no pay;

Blessings upon blessings to enrich your heart;
A smile, a hug, a thank you is enough if the one you
are helping is having it tough.

The gift of one's time to help another is sweeter
than honey, to a needy sister or brother.

Blessings upon blessings to enrich your heart;
A drive to the doctor, proofread a letter, listens and
prays, or just set the table.

There is so much more if you are willing and able.
Hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, act upon His call;
God's mercy and His love
you are giving to all.

Blessings upon blessings to enrich your heart;
Visit the lonely, cry with the grieving, pray for an-
other; hold them close to your heart.
God's love, God's calm you will be leaving, so be at
peace dear one, because you care.
We thank you God, for the Volunteers.

Barbara Terardi,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Prayers & Squares Thursday, November 21 Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

The purpose of Prayers & Squares Ministry is to encourage the prayer life of our congregation. Simply put, "it is NOT about making quilts, it's ALL ABOUT THE PRAYERS! Please contact me if you have any questions about this ministry.

Jane Parker

firstjp@aol.com

United Methodist Women Attention Ladies!



Due to setup for the Christmas Bazaar, there will be no UMW unit meeting on November 7th. The World Thank Offering that was scheduled for collection that day will be collected at the November Circle meetings.

Winter friends, welcome back! We're looking forward to seeing you at the November 9th Christmas Bazaar and our December 5th UMW Christmas Party. Friendship punch at 11:30 a.m. followed with the 12 noon potluck. Remember, all women are invited!

EUMC Transportation Ministry



Our much appreciated "donated" minivan is, unfortunately, on its "Last Legs!"

Requests in the Messenger and Sunday bulletins have not blessed us with another donated minivan, so it's time to consider purchasing a later model. The transportation of our members to church and other functions is extremely important.

Our goal to purchase a later model minivan is \$15,000. We currently have \$7,500 committed as **matching funds**. That is, for every dollar you pledge, the matching funds will **match your contribution**.

Pray about how you might help our church with making a contribution. Make your check out to **EUMC** and note in the memo line: **Transportation**. Your contribution is tax deductible!

Thank You and God Bless You!

Peter Patrick,

Fund Coordinator 410-713-2406



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



Good News Club is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship. This EUMC hosted, afterschool program begins at Myakka River Elementary school on November 4th. We sing songs, play games, learn verses, engage in missional concepts and of course learn tons about the Lord through the Bible. This is a fantastic way to engage unchurched kids! We would love to have you join our team!

Where are the children?

Our children's ministry program is flourishing, therefore we must be diligent in our focus to keep the kids safe while on the EUMC campus. Please pay attention to the following safety measures:

- ◆ Check your kids in and out of our Kid Check system, when and only if they are staying with our volunteer staff.
- ◆ Keep the children in your direct sight lines when they are with you.
- ◆ Discourage them from running inside, as many older church members are present.
- ◆ Additionally, during church services and events PLEASE DO NOT take and post photos of other peoples children on social media.

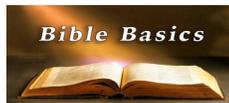
We are so thankful you are here and are committed to helping you raise your family.

Do you have questions about our program?

Or if you are led to get involved through mentoring our awesome kids, 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



4 classes:

Tuesday, 12/10 & Thursday 12/12

Tuesday, 12/17 & Thursday 12/19

5:00 p.m. - Room 104

A class for people to learn how to use their Bible.

We will cover the basics of how to locate scripture, the differences in translations, and the features of a study Bible.

Study Bibles will be available if you don't have one.

Sign-up Sundays in Fellowship Hall or at the church office.

Sunday Parking Lot Ushers Needed

Beginning December 1 - April 19, 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.



Financial Peace University Live Stream Event!

1 Night. 3 Hours. 7 Baby Steps.

Wednesday, November 20 6:30— 9:30 p.m.

The livestream of Financial Peace Live is a one-night-only event, broadcast live across the country.

You CAN win with money!

Sign up to attend this **FREE** event by calling the church office or in Fellowship Hall on Sundays!



Senior Advocacy Ministry (S.A.M.)

Introducing a new ministry at EUMC, S.A.M., Senior Advocacy Ministry. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m. in Doan Chapel. This meeting will outline the mission of the ministry and gather topics attendees would like to see in the future. A series of talks from the Alzheimer's Association has been scheduled in January: January 8, Understanding Alzheimer's Disease; January 15, 10 Signs of Alzheimer's Disease; January 22, Healthy Living for Brain & Body. Each talk will be on a Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 3-4:30 p.m. and given by Lisa Fink, RN, CDP.

2nd EUMC Women's Conference "Growing in Grace"

Friday evening, January 17 & all day Saturday, January 18, 2020

Speakers: Jennifer Speers & Sarah Baldrige

Early Bird tickets available November 1– January 1 \$30.00

Tickets January 2-January 17 \$35.00

Tickets can be purchased Sundays in Fellowship Hall, in the church office or on line at www.inglewoodumc.net under Events/Featured Events.

Friday night snacks, Saturday continental breakfast & lunch included

2 Breakouts session on Saturday to be selected at time of registration (space is limited):

- "Puah & Shiphrah, Women of the Old Testament" by Carole Storch & Pat Kelly
 - Bible Basics: How to look up scripture and use a Bible by Joyce Doyle
 - Biblically Beautiful Woman by Maria Ciampi
 - Break out #4 will be announced shortly.

All women are welcome! Invite a friend!

The 12th Annual EUMC Music Ministry Concert Series presents
Soprano Saxophonist *Eirinn Abu* **with** **Violin Virtuoso** *Pedro Alfonso*



www.eirinnabu.net

Sunday, November 24

2:00 p.m.

Freewill Offering

Eirinn, a dynamic favorite, returns to our stage this time with a notable colleague who (like him) is a brilliant solo recording artist and multi-talented musician that also performs with such greats as Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine, Jennifer Lopez, and Ricky Martin. Don't miss this diverse and exciting afternoon!



www.pedroalfonso.com

Information: 474-5588 Weekdays

www.inglewoodumc.net

Arrange Free Nursery for Ages 3 & Under Only with Suzie, extension 257, by November 17

EUMC Music Ministry Concert Series
 Presents a Christmas Cantata arranged by Derric Johnson
Sunday, December 8 ~ 9 & 11 am Worship



Choir, Instrumentals, Narration,
 Living Nativity & Multi-media Enhancements

INFORMATION 474-5588 & www.inglewoodumc.net ~ 9 & 11 am Church School & Nursery provided for children

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Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 9, 2019

8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



Coffee & Donuts in the morning!