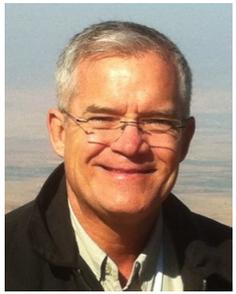




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Vic's Views....
Looking Forward

The beginning of each year is a time for setting goals—or resolutions. But for most of us by January 15 our resolutions have all gone by the way-side. Instead, let's try making God's Purposes our continual goal. After all, Proverbs 19:21 says, *"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."*

It seems to me that Proverbs is saying that we need a certain relinquished attitude as we go about charting the course for our lives. Ultimately it is God's purposes that will be accomplished. Therefore, it just makes sense for us to make plans that are in concert with the Lord's purposes. What are the Lord's Purposes? Well, answers to that are found throughout the Bible. Some

of my favorite verses dealing with God's purposes are the following:

Micah 6:8, *"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* Great instruction! It simplifies what we try to make much too complicated sometimes. To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly. This seems to be what we can do and it is completed by Jesus' words that again emphasize the simplicity of God's purposes: *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

(Matthew 22:37-40)

God speaks these very encouraging words through Jeremiah which tell us

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He has our very best in mind... *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”*

(Jeremiah 29:11-13)

And Jesus confirmed that we should be about the task of continually seeking in Matthew: *“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

(Matthew 6:31-34)

So there you have it...four alternatives to our fleeting and flimsy resolutions....to hook into God’s Purposes: To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly. To love God with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves. To prosper and not to harm, to have hope and a future.

To seek God’s Kingdom and His righteousness first, and watch how God then meets all our other needs.

We United Methodists hold Scripture to be the highest guiding force for our lives, so in 2020 renew the commitment you have to hearing from God through His Word. May all your plans for 2020 be shaped by God’s purposes!

You Are Loved!

Pastor Vic



New Members Class

The new members classes will be held Tuesdays, January 14th and 21st for those interested in joining the church. Classes are from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (room will be announced). Membership Joining Sunday will be on January 26th during the service you attend.

If you are interested in joining the EUMC family call the church office at 941-474-5588 ext. 105 and let Teresa know you’re planning to attend the classes.



A WORD FROM.....

PASTOR BO

Are you wondering how to begin year 2020? The beginning of each year we set goals, or resolutions, however, for most of us by second week of January, our resolutions have all but gone by the wayside. Instead, let's try to set God's Purposes our continual goal. After all, Proverbs 19:21 says, "*Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*"

It is all about where our heart is. Come, take a walk with me, and let me share a story with you.

A teacher said the following to his pupil as he was bequeathing a precious gem to him. "Take this gem to the market and ask about its value. But do not sell this gem at any price." The pupil first took the gem to the fruit store and asked the shopkeeper. "What will you give me for this gem?" The shopkeeper replied, "I'll give you two oranges." The pupil then went to a potato stand. "I will give you four pounds of potatoes," was the reply. The pupil went to a blacksmith; having had some experiences working with jewelry before, the blacksmith told the pupil that he would give him \$500 for the gem. After stopping off a few more places, the pupil eventually arrived at the largest jewelry store in the market. After taking a good look at the stone, the jeweler said, "This stone cannot be bought or sold with money. It's PRICELESS!"

Even though they all were looking at the same gem, each person assessed different value to the stone. For some, it was worth only two oranges; for others, it was priceless. Jesus is the same way. For some, He may be some religious genius, or the founder of Christianity. But we all know that Jesus was the priceless being, one who was worth much more than the life. Therefore, after discovering the 'gem' called **Jesus**, like the faithful who went before us, we begin to devote our lives in serving Him.

If we consider Jesus as the precious being, then all that we have viewed as valuable or priceless will seem worthless to us. And because of Jesus, our past will not matter. No matter how glorious or bright our past was, we will not reminisce about our

past. I hope that our knowledge of Christ, our discovery of Jesus, will become the most important thing in our lives. As a result, I hope that we will forget about our greed, our attachments to, and our vanity of the past year.

Now, we embark on the brand new dawn, the year of 2020. New Year brings another brand new 52 weeks to us – a clean and blank slate to write on. Therefore, we must *forget what lies behind us*. We must let go of the past. Whether our past is good or bad, glorious or embarrassing, it is only what it is at face value: *the past*. No one is more foolish than one who is captured by the grasp of his or her own past. Forget about it and leave it behind, because the knowledge that came from CHRIST is above all else. And therefore, we need to drive forth, towards the goal that lies before us. As we acknowledge we have not attained nor have we perfected, we attain this completeness through believing in Christ. And we must strive forward towards our goal, keeping our eye on that goal – **JESUS CHRIST!** Our goal lies ahead of us, not behind us; therefore, *we must strive forward*.

Paul speaks in Romans 8:28. "*And we know that **all things work together for good to those who love God**, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*" Now is the time to let go and forget about the past and look forward to our goal in the New Year. God who led us thus far is now with us – **EMMANUEL!**

Are you excited how our Lord is going to bless you this year? The grace of God, which has protected and guided us over the past year, will again fill our homes, preside over our families, and bestowed upon our church in the New Year!

HAPPY & BLESS NEW YEAR!!!

Pastor BO

"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in **CHRIST JESUS.**"*

(Philippians 3: 13 – 14 NRSV)



Ms. Patty's Playroom

As I write this article it is December 2nd. We have just completed the Christmas Rummage Sale and made almost \$7,000! I still can't believe how much work our wonderful angels did to make this event a success. I want to thank the angels, the staff, our parents and grandparent volunteers and all of you shoppers. You made this event a huge success!

I don't have the numbers for the 5th Sunday offering yet because again, I'm writing this article on December 2nd. But I'm certain God has already blessed this offering.

I want to share information regarding another special event we would like to invite you to:

**Foundations Early
Childhood
Education Center
Presents.....
John Tuff
and
Friends
"A Whole Lotta Cash"
Friday, January 24th
7:00 p.m.
EUMC Sanctuary**

This very talented group of musicians will provide a fantastic evening of music consisting of classic country hits. You will hear "A whole lotta Johnny Cash" but there will also be Hank Snow, Ernest Tubb, George Jones, Johnny Horton, and more. We are very excited that Shari Frink will join this evening singing music from some of our female country greats. Who knows, maybe even "cousin Minnie" will show up!

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased in the Church office during the week and Fellowship Hall on Sundays. All proceeds will go to the Preschool. Ya'all join us ya hear!

Patty Tuff

Director of Preschool

Rummage Sale 2020



We are gearing up for our February 13, 14, & 15th **HUGE** rummage sale. While we had a late start collecting everyone's treasures, we are getting a lot of stuff. Please consider joining our team in helping make this year another success. As you may know, all the proceeds go locally to scholarships and other community services such as Meals on Wheels, Habitat, Helping Hand, and the schools for different projects.

We will have a sign up table in Fellowship Hall beginning January 12th. . . or you can call Sandy at 941-475-3818.

Thank you all for your support!

Committee One



The Prayer Quilt Ministry, will gather together in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will be so happy to welcome you for *whatever amount* of time that you are able to share with us between those hours. Remember that there are numerous ways to help that don't require sewing skills, or you are invited to enjoy fellowship while observing what we do. Please wear your EUMC name badge or we'll supply a temporary one. Also, we usually break at 12:30 for lunch, so bring a bagged lunch and beverage and join us at our table. Refrigerators are available.

In Christian Love,

Jane Parker

firstjp@aol.com

941-564-6844



At Home

Janet Albrecht
 Fran Altman
 Jenny Chastain
 Joe & Ethel Croce
 Audrey Grant
 Shirley Grayson
 Lori Ierardi
 Howard & Nan Jackson
 Jean Kushall
 Deborah Larsen
 Betty Madison
 Joe Martin
 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—*Grand Villa*
 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*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Do you live alone? In need of company? Would you like someone to visit, enjoy your company and pray with you? Congregational Care Ministers are on hand to visit with you on a monthly basis, sharing their ministry through prayer and communion. Please call Pastor Don at 941-474-5588 to request a CCM minister.

LIVING WITH LOSS LUNCHEON

The January 14th Living with Loss luncheon will be held at Leverock's, 7092 Placida Road, Cape Haze, 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

GRIEF SHARE

"Grief Share, Journey from Mourning to Joy" is a 13 week session seminar for those who have experienced the death of a loved one recently or some time ago. You are welcome to attend any or all weeks as each session has a different topic. The next session begins January 15, 3:00 p.m., in Room 101. Workbooks cost \$20. Registration is encouraged, but not required. For additional information contact Pastor Don, at 941-474-5588.

God Bless You,
Pastor Don

Country Breakfast!

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

January 11 & 25

March 7 & 21

February 8 & 22

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!



UMCOR 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:

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

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

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

The people of Cuba do NOT have access to purchase over the counter medicines. There is not a Walmart, CVS, or any type of drug store to purchase even an aspirin. It is up to us to help them.

The following over the counter medicines are needed with an expiration of at least March 2021:

- Children's Vitamins (NO gummy)**
- Pepto-Bismol (tablets)**
- Imodium D (tablets)**
- Children's Cold & Cough**
- Ibuprofen**
- Aspirin**

Please deliver your donation to the church office by February 3rd. Your help will be greatly appreciated. The medicines will be taken to Cuba in February. If you have any questions call the church: 941-474-5588 and ask for Jan.



Comparative Financial Operations/Performance For the 11 months ending November 30, 2019

	2019	2018
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,508,843	\$1,535,617
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$1,566,960</u>	<u>\$1,555,268</u>
Tithes & Offerings Less Expenditures	\$ -58,117	\$ -19,651

*The EUMC office will be closed
 on Monday, January 20, 2020
 in honor of
 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s
 Birthday Observance*

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

(Making Homes, Warmer, Safer & Drier)



Our mission trip last fall was October 12th through the 20th. Eight people made the trip, six started at the church and two more met us at the Jonesville headquarters and lodge in Virginia.

Upon arrival Sunday, we visited the Pegg's home and met with them and reviewed what needed to be accomplished for the coming week. Tim and Sheila, the owners, were very nice people and made us feel like this would be a great week. Monday we started vinyl siding their home which was two mobile homes that had been joined together. The leaky roof had already been completed and the underpinning and foam insulation installed. Our crew, split up into 4 groups: applied flashing, starter strip, marked studs, and finished some framing, and vents. By the end of the week the entire home was almost completely finished.

We noted they were in need of two rear doors, one didn't seal shut and the other had poorly patched holes in it. With the help of those that sponsored our mission, and colder weather approaching, we felt buying two much needed doors would be helpful. Upon our return, we were able to purchase and have delivered the doors to the ASP center for them to be installed. The Peggs were very happy and appreciative to see their home transposed from two old looking mobiles to a beautifully finished single home.

Many Blessings to all that donated their time and supported us on this 2019 ASP mission in October.

2019 Team: Jim Stetlar, Marci Spearman, Matt Cicchella, Sandra & John Everitt and Quentin Burkey.

In Christ We Serve,

Martin Benesik & Margie Kennedy

ASP Coordinators EUMC

Ministry of Music

I am so grateful for the many "ministers of music" we have at EUMC! From the Sanctuary Choir to the Praise Team, to the Voices in Bronze and the many instrumentalists and pianists, all are part of the music ministry team that serves at the church. We have been graced by their wonderful Christmas music and look forward to their musical gifts in a new calendar year. Thank you, one and all!



Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass will fill the sanctuary with their awesome music on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm. This concert appeals to the whole family, so be sure to pick up your tickets online, in the church office, or at the door, as available.

Our children's choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 am. Our new children's choir director is Shirley Kmetz. She is an accomplished musician, plays piano, sings in the Sanctuary Choir and you have seen her playing her marimba in worship services at EUMC. Parents, bring your children to the Chapel on January 5 to meet Ms. Shirley.

Blessings in the New Year!

Fonda

Director of Music



College Scholarship Applications

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

AGING AIN'T FOR SISSIES

We have a eight week small group for those of us who are learning to live with the loss of body or mental function. We are learning to live and accept that part of ourselves, being comfortable with that part and Coming to peace with God as we age. We try to truly love Him and be loved by Him.

We use the great commandment: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and will all your soul and with all your mind. The second is like, Love your Neighbor as Yourself! (Matthew 22:35-40)*

Unless we love ourselves, we have difficulty accepting the love of others. That means learning to love our frailties and accepting the losses that may come to us.

Starting January 15th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 101. For questions call Bob & Pat Cameron (941)474-4358.

Welcome



ALL United Methodist Women are invited to attend the UMW's January Salad—Dessert Luncheon Meeting.

This month's program will be the return of Martha Bireda of Blanchard House in Punta Gorda. Martha will continue with her historical presentation about "The Little Town that Unity Built."

Join the fun and comradery beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 2nd for punch and snacks followed by lunch at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall.

Members whose name beginning with A-M, please bring a dessert and those with N-Z, please bring a salad. Leah Circle will host this event.

See you there!



Dinner in Fellowship Hall

5:00-6:15pm

There is a \$7 suggested donation.

Take out meals are \$7 each.

As always children eat for free!

Kid's meals are always served.

Left over food is given to Englewood Meals on Wheels.

January 8

Chicken Primavera Casserole

Dinner Roll

Green Goddess Salad

Caramel Apple Crumb Cake

January 15

Oven Roasted Chicken

Scalloped Potatoes

Green Beans

Tossed Salad

Fruit Cobbler

January 22

Salisbury Steak

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

Chef Salad

Chocolate Decadence

January 29

Lasagna

Vegetable Succotash

Caesar Salad

Garlic Bread

Tiramisu Parfait



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

1/03 Phyllis Little **
 1/05 Carol Horner
 1/09 Daniel Desmond **
 1/11 Marion Smith
 1/16 Thelma Lloyd **
 1/20 Allen Short
 1/22 Shirley Brooks
 1/27 Charles Lindberg
 1/30 Thomas Lloyd **



January 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.

EUMC Transportation Ministry Has New Wheels



Mission accomplished with the "almost new" 2018 Dodge Grand Caravan replacing our aging 2002 Chrysler minivan!

Pictured are EUMC members arriving for Sunday services. The new van, painted white, compliments our present Ford Transit van. Both vans are identified with the same EUMC lettering including the Foundations identity.

We surpassed our goal of \$15,000 allowing enough funds to pay for the lettering!

Many, many thanks to all who generously contributed to the van upgrade fund.

Mission Notes

One Door Closes...Then Another Opens

Darrell, Kim, Megan & Carter North in Peru.

Doorway from a Spanish Colonial home in our city, Arequipa.



Sometimes open doors aren't obvious at first. Visiting an area on the outskirts of the city where entire families work making

bricks by hand, we were introduced to a family. Seeing the need for a church plant in the area we continued to visit, but doors just weren't opening, in fact, the key person we had been waiting for to return from a summer vacation decided not to return at all!

The doors seemed to be closing.

Then our teammate took a part time job teaching English in a local school all the way on the other side of town. We offered to help from time to time. We discovered that the Assistant Principal had been a pastor and was very open to our presence in the school. He understood that it was about evangelism, not just teaching English. Next the Assistant Principal offered to let us partner with the school on Saturdays for an English and music club. We are just beginning this effort now and working out some of the details of how we will test the waters for the first two months and see how it goes. **The doors are opening!**



One of our classes with 10-11 year old children at the school.

Carter working with the kids during an English travel game. Working in teams, they had to help each other complete tasks in English in order to "travel" to the next part of the game.



Megan and



Darrell connecting the travel game to the Life of Christ and Paul, travelling with a purpose to share the Gospel.

Bridging Freedom

We have received a letter from Laura Hamilton, President of Bridging Freedom reporting on the opening of the campus and the first year of service to sexually abused and traf-



ficked young girls. She praises her dedicated staff that have provided a multitude of services to young girls as they move from their very troubled pasts to their beginning successes of healing and stability.

A summary of the care provided the brave survivors in the first year of services are: counselling and therapeutic activities, medical appointments, Life Skills classes, education classes, and recreational activities. You may recall Laura's presentation to our congregation about 2 years ago. She writes that this has been possible through donations from organizations such as EUMC.

You can learn more about Bridging Freedom at www.bridgingfreedom.org

Operation Christmas Child Report



498 boxes were collected this year that will be sent to the far corners of the world.

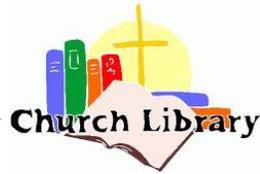
The Mission Committee "thank you" for your continued support to this program.

Nancy Prins

Mission Chairperson

Book Buzz.....

Welcome to the new year!
I hope yours is healthy and
happy!



There is nothing like a good dose of irony to put the problems of day-to-day life into proper perspective. A few examples follow.....

In July 2008, California didn't have enough money to pay all state employees. So Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger laid off 10,000 workers. A week later, state controller John Chiang discovered that the money-saving expenditures could not be applied to state payroll records. The system was written in an old computer language called COBOL. And the only state employees who knew how to use it were the ones who had just been fired. OOPS!

A 77-year-old man went to visit the graves of his parents in the St. Gregoire Cemetery in Buckingham, Quebec, in 2008. For some reason, he decided to rearrange some ornamental rocks around one of the tombstones. Bad idea: The rocks were holding the tombstone in place, and as the man was digging around in the dirt, the tombstone fell, struck him on the head and killed him.

Some of you might remember this one. A few years ago, a semi-truck overturned at the intersection of Highways 6 and 59 in Texas. Its cargo: sticky-sweet molasses. More than 5,000 gallons of the sugary stuff leaked onto the road, causing road closures and traffic delays into the nearby city of Sugar Land. Sweet Irony.

Did you know: A salamander can launch its tongue with a force 450 times that of a Corvette going from 0-60 mph....(This one's for you, Bill D.)

Take care of each other. Smile each day to a stranger while you are out and about. And visit the library for some mental refreshment!

Pam Heady,

Your church librarian

Memorial Gifts

Family Promise

In Memory of: Ruth Revis
Given by: Douglas & Roxanne Pareti

Mini Van

In Memory of: Wayne Kennedy
Given by: Betty Kennedy & Family

EUMC Youth

In Memory of: Scott Himes
Given by: Carolyn Oates
Ruth Oberlin
Clyde & Hazel Kizer

Non-designated

In Memory of: Deceased Members
Given By: United Methodist Women

Foundations Preschool

In Honor of: Fran Altman
Given by: Betty Behnke

Memorial Corner

11/23 *Mary Lou Bogart*

12/03 *Roy Taylor*

12/04 *Don Griffin*



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

Intercessory Prayer

HOPE

Hope launches a positive outlook. Have you ever hoped for something? How about a new car, a physical healing, or maybe a personal prayer answered?

Imagination is how we meditate on things we see; whether those things are physical or spiritual: read II Corinthians 4:18 *“because we look not to things that are seen but to things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”*

You see. The Spiritual Realm existed before God made this physical world.

Read II Corinthians 5:7 *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”* 1 John 5:4 *“Your faith is like a bridge between the physical world and the spiritual world.”*

Come pray with our group every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Doan Chapel.

Hebrews 11:1 *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* See Ephesians 4:22, 23, and 24. *“...put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on a new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”* Hope is a positive imagination! That’s when your faith kicks in. Come pray with us!

Prayer, In His Presence, Prayer Group

Patty Miller

Leadership Training Sunday, February 23 12:30-3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

If you lead a ministry, group or class, you are invited to a special day of training to equip, encourage and help you grow. Lunch will be included. Please RSVP in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, by calling the church office or emailing joyce@englewoodumc.net.

BIG...BUILDING IN GOD

BIG is a newly developed mission project that uses those with construction skills and helpers to assist others in serving God. The very first project is the construction of a Chapel at the Riverside Camp and Retreat Center in LaBelle, Florida (just east of Fort Meyers). Riverside is a place for nurturing Christian Faith, Discipleship and leadership. This takes place through a Summer Camp program as well as Family Camping and a meeting place for all aspects of positive fellowship.

Many families and youth from this Church have spent time there. The week of March 16th through the 22nd we are in need of volunteers to spend a week, a day or part of the week to finish building a small Chapel for those who stay at this Methodist Camp. The end of the week the Youth Group from our Church will be there to help complete this most important project.

If you are considering serving in this type of service, please see our table in the Fellowship Hall after each church service in January and February.



APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT at EUMC is looking for volunteers for 2020 October mission to Jonesville, Virginia. ASP mission is a mission project in southwestern Virginia that focuses on making homes Warmer Safer and Drier for those in need in that area with limited resources. If you would like to learn more, please visit us in the Fellowship Hall between services. Both men and women are needed and you do not have to have building skills. A willingness to follow instructions and a desire to serve is all that is required.

Martin Bencsik
pinesandbox@sbcglobal.net
Margie Kennedy
mkenn01@hotmail.com



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

Kids choir starts January 5th!

Sunday afternoons: *Englewood Musical Kids*, free choir, will meet weekly beginning Sunday, January 5th from 10:30-11 pm in Doan Chapel. Shirley Kmetz will be leading, with Shannon Lake and Nate Bellmore assisting. Children 1st through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Please pre-register your child by emailing or by calling Suzie Asa through the church office.

Child Protection Training

Do you like children and love Jesus?

Children's Ministry Volunteers are currently being recruited for Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Good News Club (Monday &/or Tuesday afternoons), Thursday evenings for Celebrate Recovery and numerous special events throughout the year.

Child Protection Training will be held Sunday, January 12th in room 300 at 12:30pm.

Room 300 is located in the upstairs of our education building.

RSVP through the office, 474-5588, suzie@englewoodumc.net or just show up!

For information about our dynamic children's programming contact Suzie Asa through the church office:

941-474-5588 ext. 257

suzie@englewoodumc.net or susanasa93@gmail.com

Senior Advocacy Ministry (S.A.M.)

A series of talks from the Alzheimer's Association has been scheduled in January:

January 8, Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

January 15, Ten 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.

Presented by: Lisa Fink, RN, CDP.

Senior Fitness Class

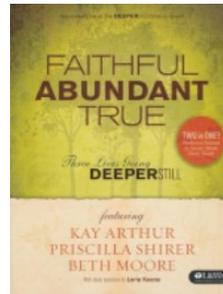


Beginning on January 7th, the fitness class will be held every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall 2. Exercises to keep you balanced and moving!

No sign up or fee required.

Sponsored by: Freedom Rehab Aquatic Therapy

Women's Monday Bible Study



Faithful, Abundant, True

Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer & Beth Moore

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

January 27-March 9

Workbooks \$14, scholarship available.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or by calling the church office 474-5588.

Made to Crave: Satisfying Your Deepest Desire with God, Not Food

by Lysa TerKeurst

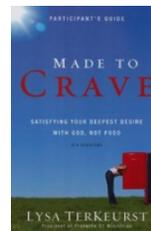
Two Day Event for Women

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

(lunch incl.) & Saturday, February 8, 12:30-4:00 p.m.

\$15 includes workbook and lunch on February 1, 2020

Registration begins January 5, 2020 in Fellowship Hall



Facilitated by: Carole Storch

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

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

Speakers: Jennifer Speers & Sarah Baldrige



Tickets \$35.00

Tickets can be purchased Sundays in Fellowship Hall, in the church office or 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
 - Becoming a Woman of Prayer

All women are welcome! Invite a friend!

The EUMC 12th Annual MUSIC MINISTRY CONCERT SERIES
presents

Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass



*Classical & Spiritual
through Jazz
&
Patriotic
Music*



*An
Innovative
Experience
for
All Ages!*

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 ~ 6:30 p.m.

\$10 Ticket sales start December 1 ~ Children/Students Free with Paying Adult
At www.inglewoodumc.net, in the Church Office weekdays & Fellowship Hall Sundays,
from Choir Members, or at the Door

Information 474-5588

See www.kingsbrass.org

Arrange Nursery Care (Age 3/under only) with Suzie (Ext. 257) by January 1

Re-Creation USA ~ Missions Concert

JANUARY 29 ~ WEDNESDAY, 6:30 P.M.



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www.Re-CreationUSA.org

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(sales start December 1)
from Online, the Office,
Sundays Fellowship Hall,
or Missions Committee
Members

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Information:

Online
www.inglewoodumc.net
or 474-5588

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Children's Ministries
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And His Kingdom
More real through our
Caring, worship, study
Fellowship & outreach.*

*To this end, as a
Servant Church,
We offer ourselves
And our facilities
For the Christian growth
Of all persons.*

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