

Upcoming Events

July 12th Joy Bible Study

July 13th Mission Team Meeting

July 15th CLT Meeting

July 17th CLT and Formation Team Meeting

July 18th Youth Bible Study

July 31st Back to School Bash

August 5th TLC VPK Meeting

August 5th SPRC Meeting

August 11th Church visit to the Shelter for Abused Women

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER EAST NAPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor's Pen



COMPLICITY

It was, perhaps, due to a profound sense of disillusionment, depression, and decline of Germany in the 1920s that led to the eventual rise of Adolph Hitler and a small National Socialist Workers' party (the Nazis, for short). This popular movement, the *volkisch*, one of forty such groups, maneuvered, under such a climate of collective anxiety, for power and control, and by 1933, in the face of economic uncertainty and weak opposition, Hitler was "appointed chancellor" of Germany by a class of German elites. In a swift like manner and with diabolical intentions, Hitler and his associates executed their imperial ideology with a fury. Hitler solidified his political power through acts of horrific violence and the suppression of civil rights, directing a violent campaign against "the Jews" and, like Haman, developing a plot to destroy them all (Esther 3:6).

Hitler's expansion and march to the East in pursuit of was grounded in an ideology of Aryan superiority. This explicit racial regime of terror took advantage of the ambiguous ethnic and national boundaries persisting throughout parts of central Europe. The "official state ideology" of Hitler's Germany was that of anti-Semitism; it was a doctrine that demonstrated a total devaluing and disregard for the Jewish body in particular and human life in general, as noted by Wendy Lower in her book *Hitler's Furies: German Women in The Nazi Killing Fields*. Such ideological formation, for the German, began in the developing years of a child's life with the intent to "burn the racial sense" into the intellect and heart. This racial ideology would emphasize the otherization, demonization, and inferiority of the Jewish body, racial hygiene – blood purity, a German female aesthetic – athleticism over cosmetics, a

Church Event

Connect2us

Every
Wednesday in
July



11:00am—12:30pm

Elsie Hall Large Room

Speakers

- ◇ July 14th Vickie Walker—Hyde Park UMC
- ◇ July 21st Allegra Belliard—Catholic Charities
- ◇ July 28th Rev. Clark Campbell Evans — Director of Missional Engagement

Back to School Bash

July 31st 10-12p





COMPLICITY (CONTINUED)

civilizing mission in the East, and a care for the German body and soldier. It was this ideology that "German women," and in particular, teachers, nurses, secretaries, and SS wives subscribed to and embodied by their very deeds. They were all open subscribers to this homicidal, not genocidal, violence and they performed gruesome deeds of bloodshed as expressions of allegiance and, thereby, gained social benefits of one kind or another. These made to be "normalized acts of human butchery" demonstrates how far one will go in the art of "personal choice." Lower details, in a most graphic way, the choice made by thousands upon thousands of German women who were complicit in a cycle of violence that left over six million Jews dead and millions of Slavs, gypsies, Catholics, and undesirables slaughtered on account of orders given.

Their involvement in these dastardly deeds of mass murder was coupled with that of a desire of social mobility. Due to a reversal of educational policies, under the Nazi regime, women gained opportunity and access to certain positions. They derived benefits from the very structure that meant death for so many others. Under the Nazi murder machinery, thousands of German women were able to excel and stretch the meaning of gender norms in their quest for "proximity to power." The good and the evil are intermingled in this very act of complicity on the part of German women, and such involvement comes with a price. Their actions signal to us the cost involved in the surrender of our moral compass and what can happen when there is no love in the face of difference.

By,
Pastor Dwayne

MUSIC MINISTRY Featured Singers & Musicians at ENUMC

Over the past several months, East Naples has had the pleasure to listen to a diverse group of talented musicians and singers in the Naples community. Here are a few comments from our members:

"That was inspiring"

"The service was so uplifting with the music and the message"

"I love the variety, I like to tune in just to see who will be coming"

"I like being able to read about them in the e-blast"

"If I did not come to service, I would not have had the opportunity to hear these musicians"

"Wow"

We want to thank Steve Parker, Don and Lesly Hale, Jodie DeSalvo, Luna Muni, Bruce and Dottie Inman, Ken Carper and Luis Jordan for blessing us with their music.



Happy Birthday



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| Chism Dudley | 2-Jul | Ahlquist Tristan (Tristan) | 2-Aug |
| Connors William (Bill) | 2-Jul | Carter Janice | 3-Aug |
| Sorenson Sedonia (Sid) | 2-Jul | Chisholm Kristin (Kris) | 3-Aug |
| Stone Julia Kay (Kay) | 2-Jul | McConnell Barbara | 3-Aug |
| Osgood Darlette N. (Dee) | 5-Jul | Welch Cleveland | 3-Aug |
| Cameron Joseph C. | 6-Jul | Spieth Richard J. | 4-Aug |
| Biddle Nan (Nan) | 9-Jul | Denson Errol | 6-Aug |
| Craig Aaliyah | 9-Jul | Wilson Janice (Janice) | 6-Aug |
| Holt Stephen | 13-Jul | Beebe Teresa L. (Terry) | 7-Aug |
| Daudert Alexandra J. (Alex) | 16-Jul | Williams Linda | 7-Aug |
| Atwell A. R. (Rea) | 17-Jul | Brown Beth W. | 8-Aug |
| Nailor Donna | 18-Jul | Huber Carol B. | 8-Aug |
| Beaver Sandra (Sandi) | 19-Jul | Yeager K. P. (Paul) | 8-Aug |
| Lindberg Stanley (Stan) | 23-Jul | Hardy Marian C. | 9-Aug |
| Shepard Angela | 23-Jul | Kreager Ruby | 9-Aug |
| Smith Mary B. | 23-Jul | Clemmensen Derek A. | 13-Aug |
| White William (Bill) | 24-Jul | Wilson Nancy R. | 13-Aug |
| MacDonald Arthur B. | 25-Jul | Roberts Sharon | 14-Aug |
| Cameron Jessica | 26-Jul | Tolj Jr. Henry D. (Don) | 14-Aug |
| Denson Tashema | 27-Jul | Brandon Shelby J. | 15-Aug |
| Nailor Jerry | 27-Jul | Napier David | 15-Aug |
| Juste Ervin | 31-Jul | Clemmensen Stacy L. (Stacy) | 16-Aug |
| Shields Corwin R. | 31-Jul | Forshier Terry | 16-Aug |
| | | Jordan John | 16-Aug |
| | | Beaumont Francis (Fran) | 18-Aug |
| | | Gonzalez Olga | 18-Aug |
| | | Bryden Marlinda P. (Linda) | 19-Aug |
| | | Cameron Joseph D. (Jody) | 19-Aug |
| | | Kenzie Dianne | 20-Aug |
| | | Craig Kimberly | 22-Aug |
| | | Helseth Richard | 22-Aug |
| | | Richards JoAnn | 22-Aug |
| | | Rohr Herb | 23-Aug |
| | | Bush Charlie | 24-Aug |
| | | Napier Judith (Judi) | 24-Aug |
| | | Nicholas Brent | 24-Aug |
| | | Pautvein Janice (Jan) | 24-Aug |
| | | Simpson Phyllis | 26-Aug |
| | | Hemelt William (Bill) | 28-Aug |

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Update on Covid 19 Guidance from the Florida Conference and CDC

On May 14th, the Florida Conference issued new guidance from the CDC regarding masks for those who have been fully vaccinated. The Conference feels it is appropriate for local churches to follow those guidelines and make mask wearing optional. They also feel it appropriate for continuing to maintain social distancing of six feet in between different households.

Making mask optional requires trust. Since we cannot really maintain separation as we enter and leave worship, we ask that you still **wear a mask as you come in and leave** the sanctuary. Removal of your mask as you sit is ok, as long as you are fully vaccinated.

The CDC also informs us that a small percentage of people fully vaccinated against Covid 19 will still develop Covid 19 illness if they are exposed to the virus that causes it. That means while people who have been vaccinated are much less likely to get sick, it still may happen. No vaccine prevents illness 100 per cent of the time. Some fully vaccinated people who are fully vaccinated against Covid 19 will still get sick and some may be hospitalized or die from Covid-19.

No longer will we be taking temperatures at the door as in the past. The understanding is if you do feel sick and may be having a temperature you will use your own judgment and not come to church.

We trust you will understand that this country is not out of the woods yet but coming to church is far safer than going to the store. Thank you for your understanding that we, as the leaders of your church, are trying to make sure that you are safe when you come to worship.

If you have questions or concerns please see me.

Tom McElroy-Facilitator of the CLT

Family Ministries

Summer is a time where many people take vacations or breaks from their normal, day to day activities. It is a time when some activities are paused for a season of rest. However, while we might find ourselves resting from certain activities and ourselves tired by the burdens that commitments, it is possible to still find

life can bring. And sometimes we need to remind ourselves that God calls us to walk in a posture of rest as we allow Him to be God in our lives. He calls us to rest as we trust that He is very present with us. He calls us to rest as we bring our cares to Him and trust that indeed He hears our prayers and is working on our behalf, even if we do not understand

how. As God's children, He has given us many promises that bring us hope, faith, strength, and rest. Below are just a few Scriptures that I believe can help us walk in God's rest. May we find healing and

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

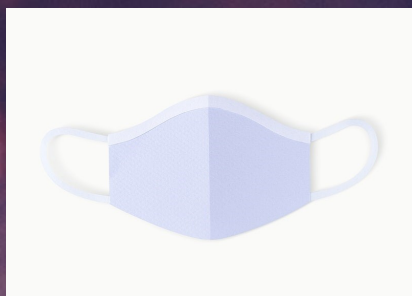
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:10 (NIV).

"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken" - Psalm 55:22 (NIV).

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" - John 14:27 (NIV).

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Edwin

Please continue to be safe



Choosing Safer Activities

| | Unvaccinated People | Your Activity | Fully Vaccinated People |
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| Safest | | Walk, run, roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household | |
| | | Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends | |
| | | Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people | |
| Less Safe | | Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households | |
| | | Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event | |
| Less Safe | | Visit a barber or hair salon | |
| | | Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum | |
| | | Ride public transport with limited occupancy | |
| | | Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households | |
| | | Go to an indoor movie theater | |
| Least Safe | | Attend a full-capacity worship service | |
| | | Sing in an indoor chorus | |
| | | Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar | |
| | | Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class | |

Get a COVID-19 vaccine

- Prevention measures not needed
- Take prevention measures: fully vaccinated people: wear a mask. Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.
- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

Youth—Where Are They Now...

Jacob Clark

My name is Jacob I have always dreamt of being a firefighter. I have also always been connected to church. I met a lot of the youth from East Naples UMC at Warren Willis summer camp where I became best of friends with a number of them. I am even blessed to be in a relationship with Marylyn Berg who I also met at camp. I lived in Tallahassee and moved to Ft. Myers in

2018 to attend Florida Southwestern College (FSW) for my fire science degree. I attended the fire academy through FSW. I can say this church and many of the members have had a huge impact on my life that will always be everlasting. I am blessed to have the support system I have and can gratefully thank



MISSION MOMENTS BY KRIS CLEMMENSEN

July – Back 2 School Bash July 31 10am- Noon at East Naples UMC



During July we will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for children in our neighborhood, congregation, The Learning Center and New Horizons program. As soon as we have school supply lists we will get them to you at church and in the mid-week blast. We plan to collect supplies for 150 children and youth. In the past, our list has included: Backpacks, 1" binder with clear pocket, Composition notebooks, Plastic folders with pockets & prongs, Loose-leaf paper wide or college rule, One subject spiral notebooks wide or college-ruled, 24 ct. crayons 12 ct. colored pencils, 10 ct. washable markers, 24 ct. #2 pencils, Pink erasers, 4 oz. Elmer's glue, Glue-sticks, and Fiskar brand scissors. As the back-to-school sales startup, you can begin stocking up on some of the suggested items. Cash contributions are always welcome and we can do the shopping for you! Please pray for the event. Pray for the students, teachers, and school staff as they prepare for the new school year. Please pray for the health both physical and mental of all as they start a new school year with the memories of COVID-19 and the 2020-21 school year. We hope to be able to have the backpack/supply give away, face painting, snacks, games, and bounce house but we will know closer to the event exactly how we can provide a safe and fun event.

June – Summer Shoes & Books at Palm Lake Mobile Home Park



Saturday, June 12th we delivered books and shoes to the children and youth of Palm Lake Mobile Home Park. They were so excited and appreciative of these gifts. The shoes were provided through the Kicks for Kids Shoe program from The Rotary Club of Naples Bay. Wayne Dahlstrom who is their past president was able to join us as we distributed the shoes. We were able to include a new pair of socks with each pair of shoes. The books were provided by donations and cash contributions from our congregation. Each book had a bilingual label stating that it was a gift from our church. Now the children can run, play and read this summer! Two youth came to pick up shoes who had not come to the earlier sign-up day but we were able to get their names, shoe sizes, and phone numbers. Their shoes were delivered a week later. In total, we provided 43 pairs of shoes and socks and 82 books. Thank you for your prayers and support of this outreach.

MISSION MOMENTS (CONTINUED)

June – Volunteering at Harry Chapin Food Bank On June 16 a wonderful group from East Naples UMC delivered 66 pounds of food to Harry Chapin Food Bank. We were part of a group that helped bag 3500 pounds of small potatoes to be distributed to our hungry neighbors. Our crew included Pastor Edwin Richiez, Mary Ann Palmer, Tyler Delashmet, Madi Delashmet, Amber Williams, Lucy Spieth, and Kris Clemmensen. We were tired and a little sore but many are interested in doing this again. If you think this might be something you would be interested in please contact the church office at 239-774-4696.

Next Mission Team Meeting July 13 at 4:00 pm in Elsey Hall – If you have a heart for mission and outreach and would like to join our team, please email Kris Clemmensen at kriscllem@comcast.net.

August – Packaged Back to School Dinner for the staff and families of our New Horizons Program.

We plan on providing packaged meals to be sent home with the staff and youth during the first or second week of school. School begins August 10th.

URGENT NEED – Replacement Filter and UV light for the Water Purification System at Cañamazo Methodist Church, our Cuban sister church. When communicating with Pastor Reynerio last week he mentioned that they need a new filter and UV light for the water purification system. The cost of these replacement items is \$450. You may help by donating toward the purchase of these items. You may pray that the cargo that arrived in Havana in January is released by the Cuban Government so the items including a couple of dozen filters and UV lights can be delivered where needed in Cuba. You may also pray for our brothers and sisters in Cuba as they deal with economic chaos, shortages of food, health supplies, and so many other items and COVID-19.

BARGAIN NOOK NEWS

The store was thoroughly dusted and cleaned last month. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the effort and to Luis who shampooed the carpets. We are now ready for our CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE. Come see all the great bargains to stock up on your Christmas decorations. Or, clean out your closets and garages and bring us items to sell. Tis the season!!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Carol

