



Mark Your Calendar

May 23 Pentecost Sunday—Joint worship 10:15 a.m.

May 27 CLT Meeting 6:30 p.m.

June 13 Formation team Meeting 10:45 a.m.


June 16 VPK Graduation 7:15-4:00 p.m.

June Connect2Us Discipleship Conversation Every Wednesday in June 11-12:30p

Every Wednesday—Zoom Bible Study 6 p.m.

Youth Bible Study 1st & 3rd Sundays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Open Mic Youth 4th Sundays 5:30-6:30p.m.



East Naples United Methodist Church
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NEWS, VIEWS & GOSPEL TRUTHS

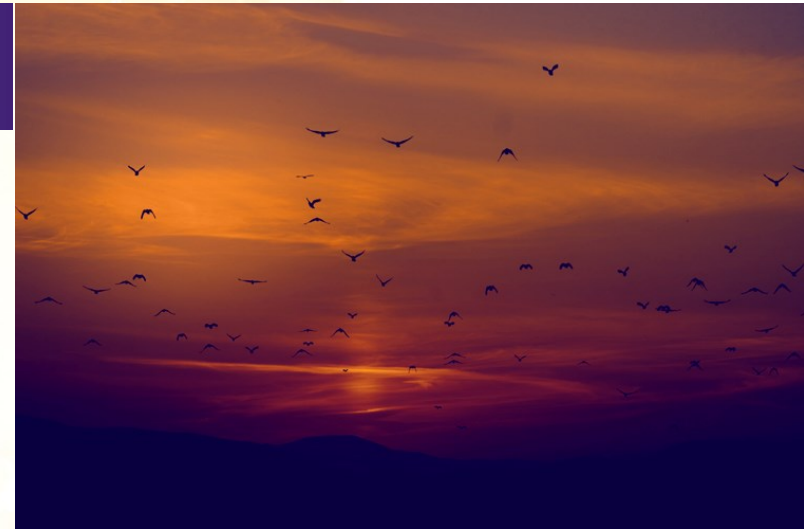
May/June 2021 Newsletter – East Naples United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen

Metamorphosis: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

We are members of a vast and ever-growing global community. According to the *Population Reference Bureau* there are over 7.8 billion people living on the planet. A quick survey indicates the following: Asia represents 59.5% of the earth's residents, Africa 17.2 percent, Europe 9.6 percent, Latin American/Caribbean's 8.5 percent, and North America 4.7 percent of the world's population. As we traverse the various cities, towns, and villages around the world, we find an array of goods and services made available for purchase. However, we soon discover that over 805 million people go to bed hungry every night, around 700 million live in extreme poverty, 1 billion children worldwide are living in poverty, and 785 million people lack adequate access to clean drinking water. This is the state of our present world.

As social actors on the world's stage residents are shaped and molded by their respective society. This process of socialization or formation is systematic; it



is the out-workings of a consciousness filtered through the various "finite provinces of meaning." Such actors are formed and shaped by the social representations that penetrate the individual, which then results in the mobility and deepening of social facts and forms becoming embedded in the culture or society at large. At bottom, the material reality of our lives is rooted inescapably, it seems, in an economic organization that is reinforced by a superstructure (i.e., religion, art, politics, philosophy, and science) that provides the rationalization for the haves and the have nots, thus global poverty.

Pastor's Pen (continued)

Given that as social actors we subordinate ourselves to the social facts and reproduce such acts, how might a church articulate a “way or style of life” that is resistant to the normative values of a society that intentionally makes for the consequences of poverty? How might a church, in its response to relate the gospel to the concrete realities of its present situation facilitate a praxis of non-compliance and participation with the current economic organization of its society? What might such a practice look like, if possible, at all?

My intent with such questions is to raise the point that within the comfortable confines of the church, we are all implicated in the present state of the world. Provided that social actors are located in a particular place, makes evident that a particular interest or perspective will be operative in a such social actor's concrete response and willingness to enter into a style of life that makes noticeable repentance or conversion. Jesus exclaimed, “... the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news” (Mk. 1:16). Does not such a response call for us to abandon (put away) that former way of life, your old self? And how might baptism (Rom. 6:3-4) challenge us to rethink the politics of the present moment?

We live in a world surrounded by billions of people who are without (Mt. 25:35-40). The task of an Easter/Pentecost people is to engage in a kind of God-talk that walks with the most vulnerable and gives voice to their suffering in order that the residents of this land, or any land, will experience a metamorphosis of conscience that is rooted in Christ's resurrection from the dead and the dynamic coming of the Holy Spirit which, consequently, brings the renewal of life, the new obedience, and the new fellowship of men and women from all corners of the globe (Acts 2:1-21).

By
Pastor Dwayne

Honoring Our Mothers and Our Fathers

God's Masterpiece

~Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a flower,
The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea.

The beauty of the twilight hour,
The soul of a starry night,
The laughter of a rippling brook,
The grace of a bird in flight.

Then God fashioned from these things,
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through,
He called it simply - Mother.



My Father's Voice in Prayer

By May Hastings Nottage

In the silence that falls on my spirit
When the clamor of life loudest seems,
Comes a voice that floats in tremulous notes
Far over my sea of dreams.

I remember the dim old vestry,
And my father kneeling there;
And the old hymns thrill with the memory
still

Of my father's voice in prayer.

I can see the glance of approval
As my part in the hymn I took;

I remember the grace of my mother's face
And the tenderness of her look;

And I knew that a gracious memory
Cast its light on that face so fair,

As her cheek flushed faint—O mother, my
saint!—

At my father's voice in prayer.

'Neath the stress of that marvelous pleading
All childish dissensions died;

Each rebellious will sank conquered and still
In a passion of love and pride.

Ah, the years have held dear voices,

And melodies tender and rare;

But tenderest seems the voice of my
dreams—

My father's voice in prayer.

*“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come,
they were all with one accord in one place. And
suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of
a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole
house where they were sitting. Then there
appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and
one sat upon each of them. And they were all
filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with
other tongues,
as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

(Acts 2:2-4)

Happy Birthday



McConnell Karl	3-May	Tappen Aggie	3-Jun
Roberts Ron	3-May	Legra Sr. Sr. Josue	9-Jun
Hill David	4-May	Wilson Henry N.	10-Jun
Thererias Carose	4-May	Collins June	13-Jun
Weldon Edward (Ed)	5-May	Luark Kathy	13-Jun
Juste Jaelle	6-May	Nicholas Kim	13-Jun
Pisani Dianne	7-May	Smith Judy	14-Jun
Cunningham Ruth A.	8-May	DeJarnette Lori	14-Jun
Hargie Michael (Mike)	11-May	Barrineau Jean	14-Jun
Moxam Lizmadai D. (Lizzy)	14-May	Olson Dexter	14-Jun
Pyle Janice M. (Jan)	14-May	Garofano Hazel (Hazel)	15-Jun
Vaughn Jr. John W.	15-May	Tea Jeniferlyn E. (Jenilyn)	15-Jun
Hofstra Jane	22-May	Daudert Nicole C. (Nikki)	16-Jun
McGraw Phyllis	23-May	Palmer Mark	19-Jun
Connors Lisa	27-May	Whitten Walter (Walt)	20-Jun
Eberle Ann V.	27-May	Wickelgren Joyce	21-Jun
Hill Carol	27-May	Wilson Cathy	23-Jun
Denson Andre	28-May	Brown Rae A. (Rae)	25-Jun
Lindberg Jeanette (Jeanette)	29-May		
Thompson Beth E.	30-May	Clemmensen Charlotte J.	27-Jun
Chisholm Shawn	31-May	Knapp Bette	28-Jun
		Ramirez Betsy	28-Jun
		Milliren Elizabeth (Beth)	30-Jun

Learning Center News

On behalf of The Learning Center children, families and teachers, we want to thank all those who helped to make it possible for us to plant all new bushes around the playground. We appreciate all of your prayers and support.



Family Ministries

As a church, we continue to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28). On Easter Sunday we re-launched our Spanish-speaking worship service and we had over 50 worshippers in attendance. We have a great worship team and also very talented brothers and sisters who bring glory to God by singing and sharing their gifts. Those who attend are responding very positively and several have joined our church as members. To God be all the glory!

Our Encounter Youth ministry continues to be a vital ministry to our young people. We are now meeting on the first, third, and fourth Sundays of each month, with fourth Sundays designated for our Open Mic sessions. Open Mic sessions have been designed to be an open space for our young people to share some of the issues they face. So far we have discussed the topics of "bullying" and "how to talk with people from other faiths or no faith." It is our goal that our young people be nurtured in their Christian faith and equipped to live out their convictions.

I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to our Wednesday night Bible study which takes place from 6 to 7pm via Zoom. Each week we engage in an application-oriented study of the Book of John. After reading a passage from the Bible, we have discussion questions related to the Bible text and how it applies to our lives. This is a great opportunity for connecting and seeing each other. The invitation to join this Zoom meeting is shared each Wednesday in our Mid-week blast. I look forward to seeing you this Wednesday.

Pastor Edwin

Director of Family Ministries



May 14, 2021

Today it was announced that I will begin to serve as bishop of two annual conferences, Florida and Western North Carolina, as of September 1, 2021. This was the recommendation of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy, the SEJ College of Bishops, and the Council of Bishops.

I will begin my tenth year in Florida this fall. I have been blessed by you and sense there is important ministry before us: supporting vital local churches, dismantling racism, clergy health and resilience, and proclaiming the message of the continuing United Methodist Church as our way of sharing the grace of Jesus Christ with the people of our communities and beyond.

I will begin serving the Western North Carolina Conference. This is my home conference, one that supported and confirmed my calling to the work of a bishop. At the same time, I have been away from the conference for nine years, and so I will enter into a time of deep and active listening to and sharing with leaders across the conference in the fall.

To serve both annual conferences, Florida and Western North Carolina, will require a model of shared leadership, flexibility and residence in both areas. I thank Jennifer Davis, Kim Ingram, Molly McEntire and Alex Shanks, who serve on the SEJ Committee on Episcopacy. I thank you all for your faith in me and for our partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:5). I will give myself wholly to this work, and I ask for your prayers; indeed, I depend on them. I am excited about the future and claim the promise: "God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

Note: A list of answers to a few frequently asked questions will be forthcoming.

The Peace of the Lord,
+Ken Carter
Resident Bishop, Florida Conference
The United Methodist Church

Bargain Nook

"Season" has come and gone. The Covid virus made many changes in everything this year, including the Nook. As always, sales in the store pick up during the first three months of the year and we all stay very busy. We had fewer donations and fewer customers since we re-opened last year, however, we are happy to report that it was a good season for us. Our regular customers continue to support our little shop and keep our sales up all year. Since the shop is run by all volunteers and all items are donated, the overhead costs are minimal.

We are planning our "Christmas in July" sale again. Many of our customers look forward to this each summer. Please check to see if you have any holiday items to donate. Thanks!

If you have never been in the Nook, please stop by and check us out on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-1:00. There are many different items for sale.....we have a ½ price ladies clothes rack and a variety of glassware available. New purses/bags come in every week and our boutique items are the best priced in town! All shoppers wear masks and sanitize their hands as they come in and all of our volunteers have been vaccinated.

The Nook is a Happy Place. Come see us!

Carol



The Florida Conference OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 14, 2021

Dear Clergy and Laity of the Florida Conference:

We continue to pray for those impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

Yesterday the CDC issued new guidance regarding masks for those who have been fully vaccinated. In response, we believe it is appropriate for local churches to follow this guidance and make mask wearing optional for those who have been fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated is defined as being two weeks after the last dose of the vaccine. **This decision should be made by your team of shared leadership.** It is very appropriate for some churches to continue to require masks for everyone knowing that some persons are not able to be vaccinated. We do encourage continuing to maintain social distance of six feet in between different households. CDC guidance also indicates that fully vaccinated persons can sing in a choral group. We encourage persons to be vaccinated and respect the fact that some cannot be vaccinated because they are immune compromised. Making masks optional requires trust. Churches should consider providing caution zones where people who want to wear masks can do so.

If you have any questions please contact your District Superintendent or reach the Episcopal Office at ashanks@flumc.org.

The Peace of the Lord,
Bishop Carter and the Appointive Cabinet

Welcome New Members

Carol & Charles Huber

*David & Aurora Olson and their son,
Dexter*

Barbara Vinson

*Estrella Gonzalez and her daughter,
Estrella Gonzalez*

Gilberto & Iliana Gonzalez

Ernesto & Yolanda Gonzalez

*Maria Gonzalez and her daughter,
Nicole Rives Gonzalez*

Missions

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**Thank
You**

APRIL 14 DRIVE THRU DINNER

- ❖ 21 families served in our New Horizons middle school & high school programs
- ❖ A total of 90 meals

**Thank
You**



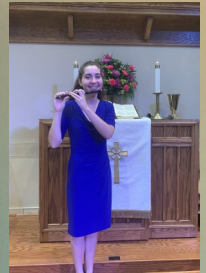
Young Adults – Where are they now?

Lincy Antoine



“Hello ENUMC family! I just turned 22 and am wrapping up my undergraduate degree at University of Central Florida in Orlando. This spring I joined the Alpha Xi chapter of Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority Incorporated. Additionally, I am thrilled to say that I was accepted into the Masters of Social Work Program at UCF to further my education and career goals. Even during the pandemic, I was very blessed to have been afforded an internship this past semester. Thank you for your continued support and love. Although I have been and will be busy, I hope to visit Naples sometime soon to see you all. No matter the distance, you all hold a special place in my heart. God bless you ♡.”

Elizabeth Parker



Elizabeth attended Florida Southern College in her freshman year. In Fall 2020, she was awarded a paid internship with Wilson Creative Group (marketing/advertising) and in January 2021, she was hired there as Social Media Coordinator. Elizabeth is excited to be making an impact in the Naples community while continuing her studies and her new career this next Fall term. She is a member of the Naples Concert Band and Bonita Springs Concert Band and is so grateful to play flute and piccolo in His name for Sunday worship services.

Jenilyn Tea



“This past school year has been crazy for me. I am a psychology and criminology double major at Florida Southern College. I moved to Lakeland permanently following a decision made by my school due to COVID-19. I was also inducted into the Florida Southern College chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society. This upcoming year is going to be an exciting one as I get to take more specialized courses pertaining to my majors, as well as my position at the First UMC in Lakeland opening back up very soon! Thank you for your love and support and I miss everyone so much!”

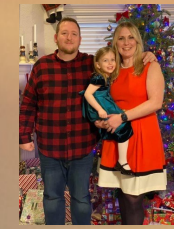
Mallory Poff



“Hi everyone! College and COVID-19 have been crazy, but I’ve had a very successful school year. I’m finishing up my sophomore year at Elon University in Elon, NC, studying engineering with an environmental concentration. I was a drum major for the Fire of the Carolinas Marching Band all this year and will continue with this role next year. I recently received the Lumen Prize, which is a research grant given to 15 sophomores pursuing research over the next two years at Elon. It is the most distinguished honor for conducting research at Elon. I am pursuing an environmental engineering/consulting internship this summer. I look forward to seeing you all when I come home in May. Thank you for all the prayers and continued support!”

Young Adults – Where are they now?

Jessica Crown Chronister



Tyler, Jessica, and Lily Chronister moved to Pea Ridge, Arkansas for Tyler’s job in cyber security at Walmart. Jessica is a stay-at-home mom to Lily who is now 3 and a half years old. Due to Covid, Tyler works from home, so the Chronisters are even closer and better than ever. Lily talks a mile a minute and causes constant laughter in the house. She’s a soccer whiz, loves her pups, and loves to play with the other kids in the neighborhood.

Megan Beddow



Congratulations to Megan Beddow, a former youth of ENUMC and Class of 2006 graduate of Lely High School. Megan married Deon Peters at Warren Willis United Methodist Camp on Saturday, April 17, 2021. They met at camp and decided that was the perfect location to make their commitment together. The couple lives in Broward County, Florida. Megan is the daughter of Pat Price. Congratulations, Megan and Deon. God bless you both!

Tristan Ahlquist



“On May 22nd I’ll be graduating from the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture with a Masters of Architecture First Professional degree. This summer I intend to focus on my personal work before jumping into the field and becoming a registered architect in Austin. I’ve stayed active in my triathlon interest and have completed my second half Ironman at the start of April - 1.2m swimming / 56m biking / 13.2m running. I’m so very grateful to my church for providing the love and support that allows me to follow my dreams with confidence!”

Marylyn Berg



“For anyone who does not know me, my name is Marylyn Berg. I am just about done with my first year of college as a freshman in Orlando, Florida, at Valencia College. I have to say, it has been very difficult for me this past year. All of my classes have been online, so we basically teach ourselves. Let me tell you that is the hardest thing I have ever done. I have not made many friends because of COVID. I try hard to get out into a church over here but again because of COVID it has been really hard.

On a positive note, Jacob Clark (my boyfriend who also attended ENUMC) and I have Universal Studios passes, so we go just about every weekend. Orlando is so nice because everything is “right here!” I work for this awesome restaurant called Cheddars as a server.

My second year is coming up fast and I hope I can go back on campus. I appreciate my boyfriend, Jacob, and my parents helping me through this as none of this would have been possible otherwise. And thank you ENUMC for the prayers and concerns about how I am doing. I cannot wait to get back to church and come visit you all. I miss you all!”