

News, Views, & Gospel Truths

EAST NAPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2019

The Greatest Love Affair

This February as we celebrate all things love, let us not lose sight of the greatest love affair of all time—the love of a God and his people.

John 3:16 tells us, “For God so loved the world that He gave, sent, sacrificed His only son for you and me.” His giving was without condition or merit. Paul writes in the book of Romans, “While we were yet sinners, Christ Jesus (selflessly) died for us.”

That unconditional, never-ending, never-failing love is still available and free to all.

What a gift!

CALLING ALL CHILI AFICIONADOS

The Fellowship Team extends an invitation to all chili chefs to bring their game on when they, together with the Youth Ministry, host A Chili Cook-off on Sunday, February 24th at 12:30 p.m. The Fellowship Team is making this event a free-will offering with funds going to the ENUMC Youth to help with travel and activities. Please plan to support this event and learn more about the Youth Ministry’s upcoming activities (including another outreach trip to Immokalee and summer camp).

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, with this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Ephesians 6:18

On February 23-26, a special session of the General Conference will be held in St. Louis to receive and act on the report from the Way Forward Commission.

Let’s unite in prayer for all the delegates, bishops and the future of the United Methodist Church.

Pastor Jacquie

Notes From the Music Department

I hope you didn't miss Jodie & Friends! It was absolutely wonderful!!! Such a great audience! Jodie is always a delight to watch! And that woodwind quintet – wow! Such talent! Many thanks to the Concert Series supporters! For those that have given monetarily, for those who attended, and for those who pray for success as an outreach into our community – thank you!!!

For those of you on Facebook, our series has its own page. In Facebook, search for “ENUMC Concert Series” and follow and like our page.

All that is going on with the series will be posted there so you can keep up with what is going on.

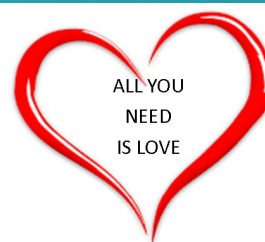
The next concert will be February 10th at 4pm – **NOTICE THE CHANGE OF TIME!!!** The concert is called “All You Need is Love!” No, it's not the Beatles – sorry! Singers Carol Ann Sanita, Frank DeSalvo (yes, that DeSalvo family), Madison Hilton, Peter Bitzel, and Andrea Madariaga, accompanied by Jodie DeSalvo, will present some of the greatest love songs from Broadway.

Please bring all your family, friends, and neighbors!! Hope to see you there!!!

Our last concert will be March 3rd at 3pm – the “Jazz Phools.” “The Jazz Phools” are a group of six Tampa Bay musicians devoted to hot jazz of the 20's & 30's, Dixieland & New Orleans jazz, and swing standards - all delivered with vintage flair. Improvisation and the interplay among the members make the music come alive with spontaneity and excitement. Join us for this Mardi Gras themed New Orleans Dixieland Jazz Band. This series is an outreach from our church into our community. It is only successful with your help!

We would like to invite anyone interested in joining the choir to come and check it out. We have fun at rehearsals (a LOT sometimes – haha). Please know you are welcome and we would love to have you join us! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7pm in the choir room. No audition! Just a love to sing is required!

Brent Nicholas
Director of Music Ministries



Sunday, February 10 | 4:00 PM
Church Sanctuary

Youth Ministry

Our youth ministry continues to engage our young people through different classes and activities

From ministering at Immokalee Church of the Nazarene in Immokalee, participating in our regular church services, and helping in a special healing service, our youth continue to live out the call to follow Jesus. We would like to thank the Poff family for their great help with our Christmas party and in helping us coordinate our trip to Immokalee!

On February 9, we will be hosting a car wash as a fundraiser for the youth. And on February 23, we will also be attending a concert in Estero with Toby Mac and other Christian artists.

If you have youth, are neighbors of youth, want to volunteer, or become more involved with our young people, we would LOVE your participation. Please contact Pastor Edwin to discuss how you can get connected or come say hello at the Christian Rock Café on Sunday nights from 6:00pm–8:00pm.

Confirmation lessons, food and fun, live music and games – you name it – we have it happening upstairs each Sunday. Thank you for your continued prayers and donations for this incredible ministry of the church.

Pastor Edwin Richiez
Director of Family Ministries, ENUMC
Phone: 239.774.4696
family@enaples.org

**Youth Ministry's
Car Wash
Feb 9, 10am-1pm**

“Follow Me” Discipleship Journey

Our Wednesday Bible study continues to help us dig deeper in our walk with Christ. The last few meetings we have explored the idea of living an integrated life; every component of our lives under the lordship of Jesus. If you would like to be challenged and encouraged in your personal Christian journey, this study is for you! We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays at 6pm at Elsey Hall.

Our “Follow Me” discipleship journey has been designed to help us continue to grow in our Christian walk. If you would like to talk about how you can engage in this process and take the next step in your faith, please contact Pastor Edwin.

“Follow me” Four Steps:

Connect with God in a deeper way, with your Christian faith and with your church

Discover your God-given spiritual gifts and your place in God's plan to reach the world

Engage the church and the community by participating in activities and ministries that help make other disciples of Jesus

Flourish as you continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus through involvement in our Bible studies, small groups, and ministry inside and outside of the church

TIME FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY



The Florida United Methodist Foundation is now accepting applications from United Methodist high school seniors for the 2019 Sinclair scholarships, and we need your help to spread the word.

Applicants must be full and active members of a Florida United Methodist church, have a record of church and community service, and have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher or academic performance that indicates ability to succeed in college. They must also be planning to attend a Florida or United Methodist college or university for the first time this fall.

Scholarship awards range from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and are renewable for up to three additional years for students who remain in good standing. The deadline to apply is March 15.

A scholarship application and instructions about other required documents are available on the foundation's website. More information is available by contacting Nadara Brock at nbrock@fumf.org or 866-363-9673, ext. 7113.

The Future of Our Denomination

The United Methodist Church's leadership has asked for prayers for the general conference and its delegates as they prepare for the upcoming Called Conference scheduled for 2/23-26. This extraordinary event has been convened to discuss the three plans for a way to move the denomination past its decades-long struggle with LGBTQ issues. The delegations for the General Conference 2016 and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference 2016 were elected at Annual Conference 2015. The Florida Annual Conference elected clergy and lay delegates are listed below; for a full list of delegates, visit the page <https://www.flumc.org/general-conference-florida-delegation-2019-special-session>.

CLERGY

DELEGATES



Rev. Alex A. Shanks; Asst. to the Bishop—Lakeland



Rev. Dr. Rinaldo D. (Rini) Hernandez; SW District Superintendent—Sarasota



Rev. Dionne C. Hammond; Pastor, First—Melbourne



Rev. David A. Dodge; Retired Clergy—St. Augustine



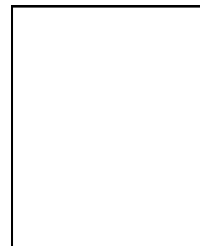
Rev. Dr. Cynthia D. Weems; South East District Super.—Coral Gables



Rev. Jacqueline P. Leveron; Pastor, East Naples UMC—Naples



Rev. Dr. Sharon G. Austin; Dir. of Connectional Ministries—Lakeland



TBC



Rev. Dr. Geraldine Williams McClellan; Retired Clergy—Gainesville

LAY DELEGATES



Molly R. McEntire; First—Lakeland



Derrick Scott, III; Campus Ministry Director; Cross-Road—Jacksonville



Alice M. Williams; President, Williams Consulting, St. Luke's—Orlando



Milton E. (Mickey) Wilson; Retired; First—Lakeland



William R. (Russ) Graves; Retired; First—Melbourne



Jeremy K. Hearn; Worship Leader; First—Lakeland



Rachael P. Sumner; Preschool Director; First—Titusville



Carlene R. Fogle-Miller; Student Memorial—Fernandina Beach



Janet B. Earls; Director of Congregational Vitality; First—Lakeland

Saying Goodbye

Over the next few weeks, a few very beloved friends will be saying goodbye to ENUMC. This is a bittersweet moment as we are all happy that our friends have moved or will be moving to new locations where their best interests will be served and new memories will be made. However, we will miss them—their smiles, wisdom, friendship, and the simple beauty of their souls. Those brought to our attention are: Phyllis McGraw, Gwen Schoonover and Oral Elhard, and Dell Jenkins.

Here are some thoughtful words shared from the heart:

Of Dell Jenkins (Member since 1984):

We will miss Dell as she leaves Naples for her new home in Fort Myers. Dell has been a faithful servant and witness for the Lord at ENUMC for many years. Her gifts were many—singing, knitting, and more than anything else, what I recall is her poetry. Each day she composed praises to her Lord and would share them with countless friends or strangers. Beautiful and uplifting, they won't be forgotten nor will you Dell. Pat Poorman.

Of Phyllis McGraw (Member since 1988):

The most touching memory of Phyllis for me as she leaves Naples is that for the nearly 20 years I knew her and her husband Dwight, they were present at funerals and memorial services. Even if they did not know the family they were there offering love and support. Phyllis was always interested in and cared about her congregation, was a prayer warrior, and lovingly sent cards and letters to those who needed an encouraging word. Humbly she walks with the Lord. Pat Poorman

I had a great relationship with Phyllis and Dwight over the last 30 years. Together we did great things and served on numerous committees. Phyllis's service to ENUMC contributed to its growth. Her selfless service was tremendous and her work is immeasurable. A very dedicated and faithful servant. John Jordan

Phyllis is a beautiful Christian and dear lady who was very active in the affairs of ENUMC. I always enjoyed working alongside her as she was very knowledgeable. Her husband Dwight was a gentleman. June Collins



**KEEPING YOU ALWAYS
IN OUR HEARTS, WE
WISH YOU WELL.**

Share Your News With Us!

Is there something special going on in your life—a new grand/great-grand baby, a milestone anniversary or birthday, a job promotion, or your son/daughter's college acceptance?

Perhaps the news is not so good and you are ill or have become physically challenged in some way.

Please share your news with us—WE CARE—and so does the rest of your church family. Let us celebrate with you or be there for you in your time of need.

Call or email the church office: 239-774-4696;
officemgr@enaples.org.

Oral Elhard and Gwen Schoonover (Members since 2016):

Father and daughter duo Gwen Schoonover and Oral Elhard have been attending ENUMC since 2016 and will be relocating soon.

Gwen has been faithfully serving as a counter, while Oral is a regular attendee of the Growing Christians Bible Study group.

Did you know that Oral is an extraordinary painter? His daughter Gwen proudly shared a sample of his work (as shown below).



 Congratulations to Fran and Sandy Beaumont who will this month, celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Love Is...

If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such ¹as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

²And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths *and* mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody).

³Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned *or in order that I may glory*, but have not love (God's love in me), I gain nothing.

⁴Love endures long *and* is patient and kind; love never is envious *nor* boils over with jealousy, is not boastful *or* vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

⁵It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) *and* does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights *or* its own way, *for* it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

⁶It does not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but rejoices when right *and* truth prevail.

⁷Love bears up under anything *and* everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

⁸Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled *and* pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed *and* cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

1 Corinthians 13: 1-8 AMPC



**Breaking the Silence on
Cuba**
Panel Discussion—Feb. 16
11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Please consider joining a group from ENUMC who plan on attending this wonderful event at Christ United Methodist Church in Venice, FL. FREE BBQ lunch will be served. This event is sponsored by the Southwest District Mission Program, Inc. For more information contact Kris Clemmensen at kriscllem@comcast.net or 239-331-4889 or go to www.ChristforCuba.com The speakers include:

- Jorge Fernandez - Executive Director and Co-Founder of Americans for Humanitarians.
- Dan Christopherson – President, Southwest District Mission Program, Inc.
- Allen Speer - CEO of Agape Flights
- Pastor Edelis LaCosta - Cuban Pastor, escaped Cuba on a boat.
- Ginny Derrough - Moderator and translator.

Mission of the Month – Cañamazo Methodist Church in Cuba

With your help this past year we have been able to complete many of our projects at Cañamazo. We sent money to buy bikes for pastors who needed them. We have purchased and sent a new drum set for the church. We have been able to supply Galcom Audio Bibles and support the feeding program, pastor's salary and cell phone/internet minutes for the pastor.



Long term projects will include transportation and parsonage upgrades. Thank you so much for your continued support of our sister church and the growing Methodist Church in Cuba. Please help us continue supporting our sister church.

When Pastor Reynerio and I "speak" on Facebook Messenger and when we receive letters from Cañamazo, they continue to ask about how they can be in prayer for East Naples UMC. For more information check out www.christforcuba.com

Kris Clemmensen



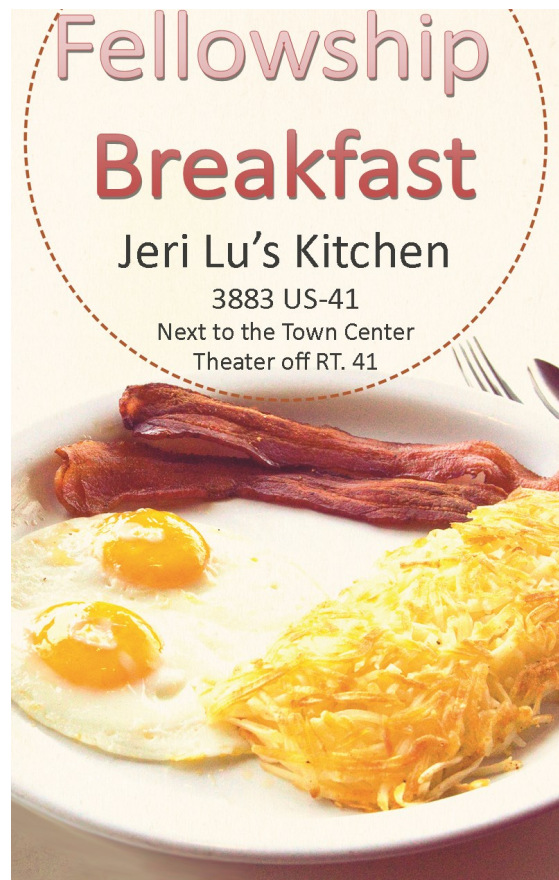
Join the ladies as they continue to make T-shirt dresses for young girls to send to Haiti and other countries. This is a fun and rewarding project.

Upcoming Events: February 2, March 16, and April 27



SALE! SALE! SALE!
Ladies Golfing Attire
Tops and Bottoms \$3 Each

WANTED
Jewelry or Gently Used
Linens
We Truly Appreciate Your
Support!



Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.
All Are Invited!

Scout Pack 2002



The youth, parents, and leaders of Cub Scout Pack 2002 would like to thank East Naples UMC for allowing them to have their Car Wash Fund Raiser on January 12th. It was a huge success, with lots of cars/trucks being washed, some very wet boys, and great weather. Thanks to everyone that came and got their cars washed.

Some important upcoming events for the scouts:

- February 3rd – Scout Sunday, Scouts will be assisting with both services.
- February 3rd (10am to noon) – Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Scouts, please join us.
- February 16th @ 6PM – Annual Pack Blue & Gold Banquet, where the scouts and parents meet for an award ceremony and to celebrate the Birthday of Scouting.
- April 13th (10am till 3pm) – Annual Pinewood Derby Race, where the scouts race wooden cars that they have made.



Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support of Scouting here at our church and in the community.

SCOUT SUNDAY AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Happy Birthday !

Beatriz Legra	2/2	LaVon Mattson	2/9	Richard Mills	2/23
Trisha Denson	2/3	Gregory Speers	2/10	James Bitting	2/23
Byrnadine Lawson	2/3	Harriet Bender	2/12	Dorothea Bunker	2/23
Megan Olson	2/2	Michele Micieli	2/12	Robert Simmons	2/23
Gwendolyn Poppins	2/3	Max Thurston	2/14	Doris Luther	2/24
Maggie Moxam	2/4	Betty Reagan	2/16	Carol Anderson	2/24
Carol Golly	2/5	Corey Anderson	2/18	Mary Lou Grimes	2/24
Chris Jarosz	2/6	Patricia Price	2/21	Edwin Williams	2/24
JoAnne Nebus	2/6	Kathy Baginski	2/22	Adam Crown	2/25
Norman Smilek	2/6	Cindy Laco	2/22	Armando Fernandez	2/25
Richard Jordan	2/7	William Rennie	2/22	Jennie Perez	2/26
Carolyn Searfoss	2/8	Rina Watler	2/22	Mike Harrison	2/26
Denise Matson	2/8	Sylvia Smith	2/22	Olga Blanco	2/27
Michael Hatwell	2/9	Jo Yates	2/22	Nita Leftwich	2/27
				Harold Kreager	2/28

**Birthday
Sunday 2/10**
Join us in the Gazebo
after the 9:00 a.m.
service for cake and
refreshments. All are
invited.



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Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, February 3

9:00 /10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Scout Sunday/Pancake Breakfast
Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 9

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Car Wash
Church Compound

Sunday, February 10

4:00 p.m.

"All You Need Is Love"
Music Concert
Church Sanctuary

Sunday, February 24

12:30 p.m.

Chili Cook-off
Fellowship Hall

Weekly Worship Service and Bible Study Schedule

Day & Time	Event	Location
Sunday		
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.	Worship Services	Sanctuary
10:05 a.m.	Children/Youth Sunday School	Youth Building
10:05 a.m.	Adult Seekers Bible Study	Eley Hall
3:00 p.m.	Conexion Church	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Christian Rock Café
Monday		
10:00 a.m.	Joy Bible Study	Eley Hall
Tuesday		
10:00 a.m.	Growing Christians Bible Study	Eley Hall
Wednesday		
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study	Eley Hall
6:00 p.m.	Kingdom Quest Kids	Youth Building
7:30 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry Bible Study	Eley Hall
Thursday		
7:30 p.m.	Conexion Church Bible Study	Eley Hall