



Merry Christmas

From

East Naples United Methodist Church

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“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned” (Isaiah 9:2).

The prophet Isaiah spoke forth this prophecy to a people whose world was constantly desecrated by foreign invasions. A world, dimmed by moral decay, sin, corruption and lack of hope. A world in total darkness. It is to this world that Jesus, the Light of the world was birthed.

He came and attested, “I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).

Now, you and I are bearers of the true light and we are called to share the light of Christ with others. This Christmas make it a priority to invite others to come out of their darkness and into the wonderful light of Christ.

Have a blessed Christmas,
Pastor Jacquie

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Notes from the Music Department

ENUMC has been blessed to have so many talented musicians willing to share their musical gifts with us through special music, Jubilate handbell group, and in the Chancel Choir. We'd like to welcome new choir members Judi Patton & Connie Cappelli. Please say hi and welcome them!

Our ENUMC Concert Series presented another wonderful concert last month! The Dan Miller/Randy Sandke Quintet was absolutely fabulous! Trumpeters Dan Miller and Randy Sandke played the music of George Gershwin. Thanks to all of our donors who make this concert series possible. We could not do it without your financial support.



Our next concert is December 8, 2019, at 3:00 pm – ***The Mistletones!*** What do you get when you cross the modern a cappella style of "Pentatonix" with traditional Christmas carolers? You get – ***The Mistletones!*** Exciting, high-octane arrangements of your favorite Christmas Carols with tight vocal harmonies and amazing vocal percussion! The Mistletones feature some of the finest and most experienced vocalists in the country!

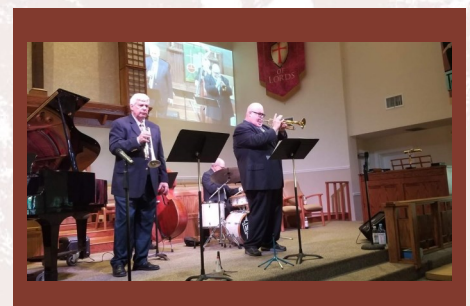
They have traveled the world and worked with some of the biggest names in the business: David Foster, Mannheim Steamroller, Janelle Monae, Loren Allred, Jackie Evancho, and many more! You will absolutely love their modern interpretations of classic Christmas carols as they blend a contemporary top-40 groove with the spirit of a family holiday sing-along. They are truly one of a kind! Don't miss this one!

Please remember why we have this series – as an outreach into our community to try and bring people into our church. All our concerts are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm through March. We hope you will put all the dates on your calendar and make every possible effort to bring someone with you to every concert possible!

“A Chancel Christmas 2019” will be held on December 1, 2019, at 3:00 pm. Choirs from the Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Mayflower Congre-

gational United Church of Christ, Naples First United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Unity Church of Naples, and East Naples United Methodist Church, will come together and present Lloyd Larson's Christmas Cantata – “Joy Has Dawned.” They will be accompanied by an 18-member orchestra under the direction of Brent Nicholas. The first half of the concert will be special Christmas music from all the participating churches. Please don't miss this wonderful Christmas Concert!

Brent Nicholas
Director of Music Ministries



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Adult Seekers - Next Series: Undeniable Signs of the Last Days

Did you ever wonder if you were living during a time that would change history forever? The Bible speaks of signs that would point to the return of Jesus. What are those signs and are they appearing on planet earth today? The Bible indicates that some of those signs would be that Israel would become a nation again, the world would focus on Jerusalem, and the Jewish Temple will be rebuilt. This study will encourage you in the prophetic study of God's Word. Join us starting Sunday, January 5, 2020.



THANK YOU CRAFTY LADIES

ENUMC expresses its great appreciation to the Crafty Ladies who for over thirty years served the Lord and His church with tireless devotion.

This group, at one time numbering about 35 ladies and part of the United Methodist Women, met on Thursdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, worked on projects that earned thousands of dollars given to ministries of our church and beyond. From scrubbies to decorations, costumes for pageants and dinners, lap robes for veterans, Christmas bazaars, items for Learning Center children, helping them shop for their families at Christmas-time, and much more, this group has been a vital part of our church family.

It is with sadness and deep gratitude, that we say goodbye. Over the last few years, the group has dwindled to just a few until there was no one left to take the lead.

If you come upon a crafty lady, thank them. They'd love it!

*Article submitted by Pat Poorman,
Photo submitted by Kris Clemmensen*



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BARGAIN NOOK



As we close out 2019, I wish to thank our volunteers, donors, and shoppers for another successful year in the shop. We truly appreciate the opportunity to help the community and represent our church family to many in the East Naples area. Stop by this month to pick up some lovely holiday decorations or unique gifts for friends, family, teachers, and grandkids. We promise that you'll be greeted with a smile and that you'll find that special something for that special someone.

*God's blessings to all of you,
Carol*

MESSAGE FROM A YOUNG ADULT



Hi there!

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Mallory Poff and I am a first-year student at Elon University in North Carolina. I have made a very smooth transition into college and being so far away from home. I have met some amazing people and am having the opportunity to take unique and interesting classes. I am currently on track to major in engineering, and possibly minor in math and physics (we will see how that plays out). Outside of my classes, I am a member of the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble. I really enjoy getting to play different types of music throughout the week, and it has helped me find friends and an outlet outside of my STEM classes.

In addition, I have become a part of the FCA group and Ukrik-Wesley group on campus. They both meet once a week and are helping me continue my faith in college. I love having these opportunities to be surrounded by fellow college Christians and getting to learn more about God in ways we relate to as young adults. I have also found a small Methodist Church that I regularly attend on Sunday mornings. I miss my ENUMC church family so much while I am off at school, but I am thriving here at Elon and am so glad I made this place my home for the next four years.

Thank you for all your prayers, support, letters, care packages, (and other goodies), and I cannot wait to see y'all the next time I am home visiting.

With love,
Mallory Poff ☺



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1, 3:00 pm

Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 7, 11:00 am

Encounter Youth Ministry Car Wash

Saturday, December 7, 2:30 pm

Ladies Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 8, 3:00 pm

Concert Series: The Mistletones

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 pm

Naples (TLC) Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 15, 10:35 am

Churchwide Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 15, 6:00 pm

Youth & Parent Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 pm

Kingdom Quest Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22, 2:30 pm

Youth Trip to Immokalee

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 pm

Family Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 pm

Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN

ANNUAL YOUTH HOLIDAY TRIP TO



Youth are invited to join us for fun and fellowship as the youth ministry travels to Immokalee for our annual partnership with Immokalee Church of the Nazarene (ICN), on Sunday, December 22nd. We will sing carols, listen to Rev. Jean Paul, meet members of the ICN church, help serve punch and cookies, and watch the children open gifts. We hope you can join us.

On the way back to Naples, we will stop for dinner. Please sign up on the sheets in the Christian Rock Café and plan to bring along two dozen cookies to share. Church congregation: If you would like to donate some home-baked or store-bought cookies, please bring them to church on Sunday, December 22nd and we will plate them to take with us to Immokalee.

Meet at the church at 2:30 pm. We will depart at 3:00 pm and return by 8:15 pm.

THANKS in advance!



Merry Christmas

FAMILY MINISTRIES

The most wonderful time of the year has come! This month we celebrate the coming of the One and Only Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ! He came to set us free from the power and penalty of sin and to bring us into a relationship with God. We celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world and we also celebrate His coming into each of our lives.

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”- Matthew 1:21, NIV

Good things are happening in our youth ministry. Our youth ministry recently changed its name to Encounter Youth. We would like to welcome Josue Legra who has joined our staff as the Youth Worship Leader. Josue plays several musical instruments and is experienced in leading praise and worship; he will be a great asset to our youth band.

Encounter Youth will host a fundraiser car wash on December 7, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; we would love to see you there. Our group will also be going to Immokalee for our annual event in collaboration with Immokalee Church of the Nazarene on December 22.

May you and your family enjoy a joyful and peaceful Christmas Season.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Edwin



Josue Legra

ENUMC - 2019 Year in Review



All You need is Love Concert



Choir - Easter Sunday



Head Usher, Stephen Holt



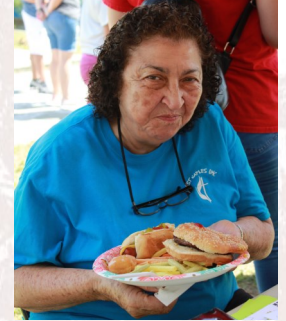
Festival of Hope (FOH) 4.6.19



Kris Clemmensen at FOH



Duane Poorman at FOH



Udene Torres at FOH



Pastors Jacquie & Edwin at FOH



Atty Gonzalez & Luis Jordan at FOH



Howard Moxam at FOH



Tom McElroy at FOH



Palm Sunday



Confirmation



The Last Supper



VPK Graduation



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Michele Micieli, Dir. TLC



Couples Night Out



Pastor Edwin & Youth at Hits Deep Tour Concert



Pastor Edwin & Wife, Veronica, and the "Moxam Girls"



Scholarship Recipients



2019 Graduates & Scholarship Committee Chair, Lisa Connors



Pastor Edwin & Youth Having Fun



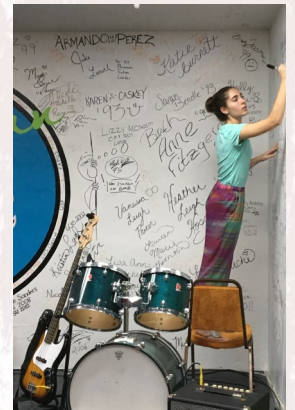
Jenni Tea Signing Graduates Wall in Christian Rock Café



Devin Oetman Signing Graduates Wall in Christian Rock Café



Mallory Poff Signing Graduates Wall in Christian Rock Café



Elizabeth Parker Signing Graduates Wall in Christian Rock Café



Joseph & Jessica Cameron - VBS



Youth Workers - VBS



Youth Workers & Participants - VBS



Pastor Edwin - Playing Pharaoh



**Linda Bryden & Crew,
VBS**



**Kris Chisolm Leading Kids
in Worship - VBS**



**Back-to-School Bash
Registration Crew**



**New Member Reception -
Hispanic Ministry**



Hispanic Heritage Sunday



Hispanic Heritage Brunch



**Fellowship Hall
Damage**



**Bargain Nook - Volunteer
Appreciation Lunch**



**Danielle Poff
Preparing Care
Packages**



**Carol McElroy & Lisa
Connors Helping
with Care Packages**



Church Clean-up Crew



**Office Musketeers - Brent
Nicholas, Dan Burns, &
Pastor Edwin**



**Pastor Jacquie & New
DS, Rev. Dan Jackson**



Charge Conference 10.20.19



**ENUMC's Team - Naples Walk for
Alzheimer's**

***Well Done,
ENUMC!
Connecting Christ to People Through Love!***

LEARNING CENTER HAPPENINGS ☺



The Learning Center teachers, children, and Church family are excited to announce that we will be participating again in the Annual City of Naples Christmas Parade Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. This year's parade theme is "A Naples Vintage Christmas." If you would like to walk, hand out candy canes and treats, and sing Christmas Carols with us, please call the preschool office at 239-775-0745 or church office 239-774-4696—the more the merrier. We hope that you will all be able to come out to join us or watch and support the church and preschool.



Please invite your friends and family members to the Churchwide Christmas event on Sunday, December 15th, during the church service. The Learning Center and church children will be singing followed by a Christmas Party Celebration in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to come together for some fun, food and fellowship. There will be something for the entire family. The Learning Center has 74 children enrolled with only two spaces available in our VPK program, all other classes have a waitlist. Each week the children are taught a new Bible lesson and verse, weekly themes, their colors, shapes, letters, math, science, character development and much more. As always we thank you for your prayers, support, and referrals.

Michele Micieli
Director

UPDATE ON CUB SCOUT PACK 2002



The Cub Scouts of our own Pack 2002 are having some rough times, but we are still doing well, and staying very active. Membership is down this year, to around 15 scouts. This is due to many issues with the primary being that the school authorities no longer will allow them (scouts) to recruit in their own school. Fortunately, they still can meet at Calusa Elementary every week, but it is difficult to keep membership up if you cannot get the word out to the younger children in the school. They are also having some financial issues especially since the National Scouting Organization raised the dues from \$37 to \$61 per child. If a family has 2 or more youth, there is no discount for multiple children in each family. These national dues all go to the BSA organization; none of this money stays with the pack or even the local Council.

Scouting is a wonderful program, teaching values that are not typically taught in schools, but with the increased dues, as well as what it costs to run the program at the pack level (badges, pins, awards, supplies for activities, camping trips, etc.), it is becoming quite an expense. Even the leaders are each paying \$37 just to be involved in Scouting.

But it is not all doom and gloom. The Pack has been extremely active, and has been helping with many of the church outreach programs. They filled Christmas Shoe Boxes (at least 18 of them); they helped with the Hope and Healing Night in the community; and they attended our VBS and the Family Movie Night. They are very loyal to us as their sponsor.

So I have a favor to ask of you, the congregation of East Naples UMC. If you were a Scout, a Scout Leader, had a child that was involved in Scouting, or even knew a Scout, please prayerfully consider helping out our Pack financially. They are a great group of children, and the leaders are some of the best I have worked with. On behalf of Pack 2002, thank you for your help and sponsorship.

Best Regards,

DECEMBER'S MISSION OF THE MONTH



Community Christmas Families

The Mission department has partnered with Shadowlawn Elementary School, our New Horizons kids program, The Learning Center, our church family, and the extended community, to identify

families in need of some extra help and Christmas love this year.

There are **three ways** that you can help our church reach out to these families.

1. There are ornament tags with the child's name and gift ideas on the tree in the Narthex. You may take an ornament and shop for the child. There are lots of good sales this time of year!
2. You may purchase gift cards to Walmart, Publix, or other stores so that the families may purchase food or extra items that they may need for the holidays.
3. If you don't enjoy shopping, you may donate money to the Mission Team – Christmas Families Fund, and we will shop for the families.

You may wrap the gifts or leave that to us. Please return the gifts to East Naples UMC by December 8th or 15th. PLEASE CHECK THE TAG YOU TAKE. The gifts for New Horizons are needed for their Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12th. The gifts for other families will be distributed on December 17th.

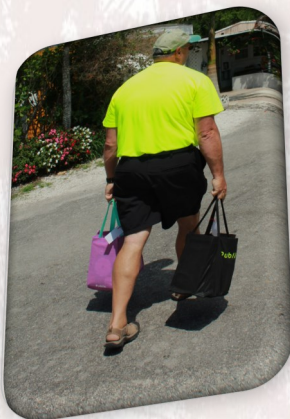


Thanks for helping to make this project a great success again. Families from our Cub Scout Pack and members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Barron Collier High School packed shoeboxes with support and encouragement from our church. Thanks to their FCA president Peter, for continuing this project. A parent from our Learning Center thought this was such a wonderful project she went online and ordered 100 OCC shoeboxes for her church! Our efforts will not only bring smiles to the faces of children around the world but also bring lessons about Jesus.



Fifth Sunday Offerings: Our last Fifth Sunday of 2019 is December 29. Please help us fulfill our commitment to support the Children's Home. They count on the Florida United Methodist Church members to contribute \$1 per month or \$12 per year. Please help us reach our goal and help the Children's Home in their important work with at-risk children and families in Florida.

Day of Thanksgiving Community Event – November Mission of the Month



We had a wonderful turn out for our Publix Shopping Day on Sunday, November 10. Many people also brought in food at other times. Our goal was to have at least 50 complete holiday food bags and \$10 Walmart gift cards for each family as well. What a blessing to

be able to help neighbors in our community. The event on Saturday, November 23, included a free picnic lunch, games, bounce house, face painting, a prayer station, and the distribution of the holiday food bags. Thank you so much for helping to support this community outreach event at East Naples UMC.

Kris Clemmensen
Mission Coordinator



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stone, Dick	12/1	Simera, Hadassah	12/16
Akins, Dianne	12/2	Comings, Liz	12/17
Davis, Shirley	12/2	Delashmet, Marelys	12/20
Fox, Bette	12/2	Lewis, Joan	12/21
Huber, Chuck	12/4	Miller, Nancy	12/21
Gonzalez, Nicolas	12/6	Tibbs, Jean	12/21
Camp, Charma	12/7	Vaughn, Patsy	12/21
Tolj, Vi	12/8	Ramirez, Orlando	12/24
Cortright, Pat	12/10	Jenkins, Judy	12/26
Orris, Les	12/12	Moxam, Zuri	12/26
Tea, Anna	12/12	Poff, Michael	12/27
Armenteros, Javier	12/13	Reeves, Dana	12/27
Lightner, Carrie	12/14	Poff, Victoria	12/29
Palmer, Mary Ann	12/14	Rabe Jr., Marvin	12/29
Smith, Verna	12/15	Legra Jr., Josue	12/30

*You Are Precious
and Divine
Creations of the
Lord, and
We Love You.
Best Wishes!*



*May the joy and peace of Christ be
the most precious gift you
receive this season.*

*Open your hearts and invite the
King of Kings to abide there.*



Merry Christmas



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Weekly Worship Service and Bible Study
Come Join Us, We Look Forward to
Welcoming You!

**Upcoming
 Special Events**

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<i>Day & Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Sunday		
9:30 a.m.	Worship Services	Sanctuary
10:35 a.m.	Children/Youth Sunday School	Youth Building
10:35 a.m.	Adult Seekers Bible Study	Elsely Hall
3:00 p.m.	Servicio en Español	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Servicio en Español	Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Christian Rock Café
Monday		
10:00 a.m.	Joy Bible Study	Elsely Hall
Tuesday		
10:00 a.m.	Growing Christians Bible Study	Elsely Hall
Wednesday		
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study	Elsely Hall
6:00 p.m.	Kingdom Quest Kids	Youth Building
7:30 p.m.	Estudio Biblico	Elsely Hall
Thursday		
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