

# NEWS, VIEWS, AND GOSPEL TRUTHS

EAST NAPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - JUNE/JULY 2019

## Come Holy Spirit!

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)

Some had come to Jerusalem from nearby communities, others from far away places to present a first fruit offering to God in gratitude for his faithful provision and abundant harvest.

It was in this context that God chose to pour out his Holy Spirit upon his people.

From that moment on, the Holy Spirit became their source of life.

As Jesus had promised, the Holy Spirit guided and strengthened them; filled their

hearts with joy; enabled them to perform awesome miracles; and equipped them to build the church.

In the words of the late William Barclay, "the degree to which we can possess the Spirit is conditioned by the kind of people we are. It means that anyone who is trying to do the will of God will experience more and more of the wonder of the Spirit."

Come Holy Spirit and fill our weary hearts!

*Pastor Jacquie*

## Notable Dates

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 9, 2019

FATHER'S DAY

June 16, 2019

VBS

June 17 - 21, 2019

GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 23, 2019

WARREN WILLIS CAMP

July 15 - 20, 2019

# *FLAG DAY*

## *June 14, 2019*

**Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.**

[Wikipedia](#)

## Notes from the Music Department

ENUMC has been so blessed to have so many talented musicians willing to share their gifts with us during our weekly worship service.

The choir may be taking a short break, but there is still some wonderful and special music that will be provided throughout the summer months.

Talents being featured in June and July will include Clayton Brown, Beth Stephens, Ivy Peden, ENUMC VBS Kids, LaVon & Brent playing a piano duet, a handbells duet, Steve Parker, and Nancy Johnson. Please let us know how much you appreciate our gifts by coming out to support us!

Some of you may remember Jim and Jennie Heiser. Jim passed away in 2016 and his wife, Jennie a few years before that. Their daughter and son-in-law, Cindy & Rand Mathieson, recently donated an electric piano to ENUMC. The piano was one of Jim's *prized possessions*. They just knew that Jim would want ENUMC to use it in worship. We thank you, Cindy & Rand for your very thoughtful and generous gift. The piano has been placed in the chapel. It is a lovely addition to our worship space.

**Brent Nicholas**  
**Director, Music Ministries**



HEISER, Jim & Jennie  
with their dog, Tiny

*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

*John 4:14*

### **STAY HYDRATED!**

**Drink from the everlasting spring of life**

**But summer is here;**

**PLEASE ALSO DRINK PLENTY FROM  
NATURAL SOURCES!**



# Family Ministries

Along with engaging in fun games and activities, during youth nights in May, we reflected on different aspects of prayer. Prayer as an ongoing conversation with God was emphasized. Our youth were asked to put this into practice by asking God a question and allowing Him to speak to them through His word.

Congratulations to Jeni Tea, Mallory Poff, Devin Oetman, and Elizabeth Parker on graduating from high school! We are very proud of their accomplishments! On June 23rd, our graduates and scholarship recipients will be recognized during our 9:30 am Sunday service.

Several of our youth will be attending the summer camp at Warren Willis this July. We will be at the camp during week 6 (July 15-20). Camp is a very special time for our youth as they experience God in a fresh way and connect with friends. Additionally, two of our young adults, Tito Canova and Jacob Clark, will serve as camp counselors at Warren Willis this year! We are very proud of them!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our youth ministry!

**Edwin Richiez**  
**Director, Family Ministries**



**ENUMC**  
**VBS 2019**

**JUNE 17-21**  
**5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

# Bible Study Updates

## JOY BIBLE STUDY:

Beginning June 3, Joy Bible group will be studying Dennis Prager's The Rational Bible—book of Exodus. Prager is a Jew and hosts a radio talk show. He has established the non-profit Prager University online and traveled all over the world giving lectures about Judeo-Christian beliefs.

In his commentaries, he uses original Hebrew Scriptures in his interpretations and tackles such subjects and view points as: Is it ok to be angry with God?; How many Israelites really left Egypt?; Do people prefer liberty or to be taken care of?; The worst sin is committing evil in God's name; and The ninth commandment: lies cause the greatest evils.

Prager's overriding theme is the goodness of God and that God demands we be good—the only belief that will enable us to make a good world. Furthermore, the Torah (first 5 books of the Bible) is the greatest source of goodness and wisdom to ever be written and imparted; but in this modern age people have increasingly replaced Bible-based homes and schools with homes and schools that are devoid of any Biblical-based codes for living. As a result, we are less wise and morally confused and are led to support evil ideologies and regimes.

Throughout his book, Prager uses reason to support his beliefs, yet is not hesitant to say he doesn't have an answer to some questions.

We hope you will consider attending Joy Bible study to give us a try. We meet on Mondays at 10:00 am in Elsey Hall. Just bring your Bible and an open mind. Questions? Call Pat Poorman, 239-877-4839.

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## SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY:

The book of Hebrews gives ample encouragement to believers, but there are five solemn warnings we must heed. There is the danger of neglect (Hebrews 2:1-4), the danger of unbelief (Hebrews 3:7-4:13), the danger of spiritual immaturity (Hebrews 5:11-6:20), the danger of failing to endure (Hebrews 10:26-39), and the inherent danger of refusing God (Hebrews 12:25-29). The book of Hebrews manifests and draws our attention to our Lord Jesus Christ—the Author and Finisher of our great salvation (Hebrews 12:2). Join us Sunday mornings for this line by line study.

# Connecting Christ to People Through Love

A few weeks ago, a gentleman (I will hereinafter refer to as John) came into the office carrying a small bouquet of hand-picked flowers. He'd come to the office the day before in search of a razor. Zuri, the office assistant, searched but did not find one; he came back with the bouquet to thank her for her efforts.

In trying to convince me to take the bouquet for myself, he launched into a litany of flattery and wanted to know where I was from. It felt like a scene from the story Rumpelstiltskin. "Are you from Haiti?" "No." "Guatemala?" "No." "Jamaica?" "No." "So where are you from then?" "I belong to the kingdom of heaven," I said. He laughed a deep raspy laugh. "What is your name?" Without hesitation, I replied, "Child of God!"

"Okay, Child of God, you see that picture on the wall, the one depicting the Road to Emmaus, I have been there." He pointed to a picture hanging on the wall in the hallway of the office. It amazed me that something about the picture had caught not just his natural attention, but more importantly, I believe it caught his spiritual attention.

He shared his story of how he got caught up in a life of booze and drugs and spoke with regret about not fighting harder for the things of the spirit. He said he has moments when he tries to speak the truth about Jesus to his friends and they dismiss him as just being "high." While he was telling his story, he would pause and refer to me by the name I gave him, i.e., *Child of God*.

I have been seriously referring to myself as *Child of God* for almost two decades now (there is a story behind it), and when I do, I do not do so out of arrogance or jest, I do it because it is the one connection I have made that serves me well.

I am connected to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. John 8:36 says, "**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**" I rest assured every day in that knowledge and in that liberty.

One of the aspects I have most enjoyed on this job, is the blessing of meeting some genuinely beautiful (in spirit) people and having the good pleasure to listen to their stories. From the volunteers who serve, to members who come in and out of the office, and then, there's been a few like John who walked through the front door. I think of these moments as "Ministry" moments. It is not a part of my job description, but working for an organization built around people, I think it is one of those unspecified duties that we all should engage in.

**ENUMC's mission, *Connecting Christ to People in Love*, has to be more than words on paper—it needs to be lived out on a regular basis every time we, for lack of a better word, connect with each other.**

Who are the people Christ connected to, and how did he connect with them? If we go through the New Testament, we will read one account after another of Jesus communing, fellowshiping, and taking the time to "shoot the breeze" (if you will) with the most unlikely of people. And in doing so, he was able to draw out the good that would otherwise remain dormant in them.

I am sure I did not have the effect Jesus would have had if John was to have encountered Him directly. However, as an ambassador of Christ, I did my best to let John know that I did not have a monopoly on the name or idea that I was a Child of God. I also reassured him that it was never too late to invite Jesus into his life as **Jesus is standing, waiting with open arms to accept anyone who boldly confesses Him as their personal Lord and Savior.**

Please join me in praying for John and all those like him who are in an abyss of one addiction or another. **Did you know that there are addictions beyond drugs and alcohol? Out of a deep need to connect with SOMETHING, more and more people are getting hooked on all sorts of thrills to get them through the hours of the day when they are awake.**

But how do we first connect to these people (who are desperately seeking SOMETHING)—how do we reach them? And please don't think they only reside across the street in rehab. No, they are in every class of accommodation, in every zip code, and from all ethnicities.

I was not quite sure how to close this article, I considered many angles but wanted to be sure I left the reader with the right call to action and so I prayed. Here is the response, (that only the Holy Spirit could have delivered) from 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV):

## *Paul's Use of His Freedom*

<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

# MISSION OF THE MONTH - JUNE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

In many churches this is called the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is the fund that is used to help those in need, inside and outside our congregation.

Over the years, we have helped get bills paid when funds came up short for the month; we have assisted people in getting

bus tickets to get back home; we have provided gift cards for the purchase of needed items.

We have helped people in a number of ways, but we can only help when we have the funds

We use discretion and make every effort to use the funds wisely.

If you would like to contribute so that our church can continue to help people in need, make your check to "ENUMC" and designate it for "The Good Samaritan Fund." Your generosity is appreciated.



# MISSION OF THE MONTH - JULY BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH

The event will take place on Saturday, August 3. We hope to fill over 100 backpacks with school supplies to be distributed to those who need help getting ready for the school year. We will be collecting backpacks and school supplies during the month of July to help with this event.

Please look for more information about exactly what supplies are needed and watch for the **BACK TO SCHOOL SALES** that begin in early July.



## THANK YOU!

To all who support the Mission Outreach ministries of ENUMC.

**Festival of Hope** was a huge success and has led to many opportunities for new outreach in our community.

**Project H.I.M. – Missionary Support** was a wonderful success again. Thank you for supporting those who work in the Mission Field.

**New Beginnings** - We just ordered **150 Bibles** for the Chaplain at the Collier County Jail. If you want to help pay for future Bibles, please designate "**New Beginnings.**" **Cuba** is having real food shortage problems at this time. We have almost \$1000 to be sent to our Sister Church **Canamazo Methodist** in June. We would love to send additional money to help the Methodist Church of Cuba to provide adequate and nutritional food for their Youth Summer Camp in July. If you would like to help supply food for camp, please mark your donation "**Cuba Food.**"

**Sunlight Home** gave a wonderful taped presentation and it was great to see some of the mothers and children they help at our service on Mother's Day. If you picked up a baby bottle you may fill it with loose change and return it to ENUMC or you may write a check and return it with the baby bottle.

# A Legacy of Fatherhood

We reached out to a few good men who we thought were awesome fathers in the ENUMC family, a handful of them agreed to share their hearts by completing the following sentences:

- *To me, being a father means....*
- *As a father, my greatest joy [came] or [comes] when...*
- *Dear new dad, here is a wee bit of wisdom I'd like to share with you...*
- *To my children, I'd like to say...*



A Father's Legacy - Three Generations of McElroys Worship at and serve ENUMC

- *To me, being a father means being a caring and loving parent to my children; to serve as a positive role model for them; and to help raise them to be good Christians.*
- *As a father, my greatest joys come when my two daughters share sisterly time, when they laugh out loud and for real, and when they perform music and dance and play sports at their best.*
- *Dear new dad, here is a wee bit of wisdom I'd like to share with you: A father's presence in his child's life (especially for his daughter) is immeasurable. Make the commitment to be active in their lives, attend their functions (morning, noon, and night), read to and with them, tuck them into bed, help them with homework, take them to church, and enjoy quality time with them.*
- *To my children, I'd like to say: I am so proud to be your father. Both of you excel at everything you do. God has blessed you with many talents and you continually share them with your family, schools, and church. I know you will succeed and I can't wait to be a part of the next chapters in your lives. Always remember to put God first and everything else will be fine. I thank you for being strong Christian young women and not bending to the norms of society. And, when you put together your next duet, just remember your old man is a pretty good percussionist too and we could easily make a trio - Just Say'n ;)*

**Michael Poff, Member, CLT**

# Happy Father's Day

*Celebrating all ENUMC Fathers—  
Your Children and Grand-Children  
Are Fortunate to Have You!*

- *To me, being a father means being there 24/7 for your kids – supporting them, listening to them, gently guiding them, and making sure they always know that they are loved unconditionally – no matter what!*
- *As a father, my greatest joy came when I heard them say “Dad” the first time!*
- *Dear new dad, here is a wee bit of wisdom I'd like to share with you: Savor every little moment and make as many memories as you can – they sure grow up fast! Oh yeah, and don't ever forget to tell them that you love them – as much as possible!*
- *To my children, I'd like to say: I'm so proud of you! Love you!!! XOXO*

**Brent Nicholas, Director, Music Ministry**

- *To me, being a father means making sure my children had guidance from their mother and me to face their futures with knowledge, compassion, faith, and love.*
- *As a father, my greatest joy came when my son and daughter were both school leaders and brilliant with their intellect.*
- *Dear new dad, here is a wee bit of wisdom I'd like to share with you: Not everything your children will do can ever equal what you do for them.*
- *To my children, I'd like to say: I'm so very proud of you both; you make me look good, better than I deserve.*

**Tom McElroy, Facilitator, CLT**

- *To me, being a father means leading, providing, and protecting; teaching my son to follow God's ways; and being an example to him.*
- *As a father, my greatest joy comes when my son chooses to do the right thing.*
- *Dear new dad, here is a wee bit of wisdom I'd like to share with you: Your child will learn more from your example than from your words. Make time for your child and be interested in what he or she is interested in. Provide correction, yes, but also find opportunities to praise your child when he or she does the right thing.*
- *To my son I'd like to say: I love you very much!*

**Edwin Richiez, Director, Family Ministries**



# June Birthdays

Christine	Hoyt	6/2
Donald	Layser	6/3
Aggie	Tappen	6/3
Jacque	Leveron	6/4
Houston	Thompson	6/4
Rosie	Hall	6/5
Carolyn	Ivins	6/5
Roberta	Hammond	6/6
Connie	Landis	6/8
Josue	Legra Sr.	6/9
Pauline	Stanley	6/9
Henry	Wilson	6/10
Ruth	Thiel	6/11
June	Collins	6/13
Kathy	Luark	6/13
Kim	Nicholas	6/13
Jean	Barrineau	6/14
Lori	DeJarnette	6/14
Judy	Smith	6/14
Hazel	Garofano	6/15
Jenilyn	Tea	6/15
Nikki	Daudert	6/16
Carol	Crislip	6/17
George	Chaney	6/20
Walt	Whitten	6/20
Joyce	Wickelgren	6/21
Ken	Greenleaf	6/23
Cathy	Wilson	6/23
Rae	Brown	6/25
Jeannie	Means	6/26
Charleigh	Clemmensen	6/27
Carol	Peter	6/27
Bette	Knapp	6/28
Betsy	Ramirez	6/28
Beth	Milliren	6/30

**A Blessed  
and  
Happy Birthday  
to You All!**



# July Birthdays

Dudley	Chism	7/2
Bill	Connors	7/2
Angela	Conyers	7/2
Sid	Sorenson	7/2
Kay	Stone	7/2
Dianne	Worthy	7/2
Rachel	Gutierrez	7/3
Kelly	Clark	7/5
Marylou	Fadden	7/5
Dee	Osgood	7/5
Sarah	Strickler	7/5
Joseph	Cameron	7/6
Marie	Dowling	7/7
Ibis	Hodgson	7/7
Bob	Smith	7/7
Nan	Biddle	7/9
Joyce	Mendelson	7/9
Marilyn	Nelson	7/11
Brian	Zech	7/11
Madeline	Chaney	7/13
Stephen	Holt	7/13
John	Lawson	7/14
Jamie	Spector	7/15
Lois	Teeple	7/15
Alex	Daudert	7/16
Rea	Atwell	7/17
Shirley	Romano	7/17
Donna	Nailor	7/18
Sandi	Beaver	7/19
Hayden	Brantley	7/21
Cynthia	Speers	7/21
Jim	Thomas	7/21
Stan	Lindberg	7/23
Helen	Merchant	7/23
Angela	Shepard	7/23
Mary	Smith	7/23
Bill	White	7/24
Arthur	MacDonald	7/25
Jessica	Cameron	7/26
Tashema	Denson	7/27
Jerry	Nailor	7/27
Anthony	Hodgson	7/28
Walt	Wilson	7/28
Robert	Cadenhead	7/29
Parrish	Clark	7/30
Jeff	Pence	7/30
Ervin	Juste	7/31
Corwin	Shields	7/31



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL  
GRADUATES  
IN THE  
ENUMC FAMILY!



## TLC VPK 2019 GRADUATION

On Thursday, May 23rd, twenty-eight treasures graduated from TLC's VPK program. The graduates were cheered on by well-wishing family members, ENUMC's staff, TLC board members, and the dedicated staff of TLC. Congratulations to Michele Micieli and TLC staff for another job well done.

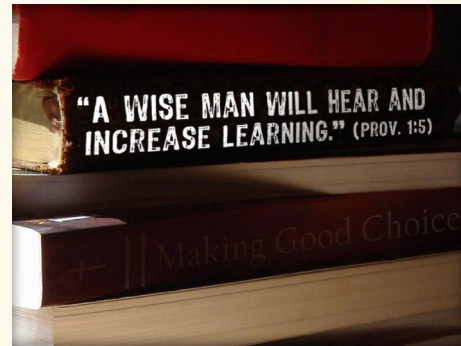


# Scholarship Committee News

The Spring 2019 Scholarship application process is now complete. A record number of ELEVEN applications were received by the committee this year. Applications were ranked and "blindly" scored by the committee using a 100 point system. The funds available to distribute this year were allocated to the students based on the points that they received. Checks will be mailed to the various colleges and universities in late July/early August.

Just over \$10,000 was given out this year to the scholarship recipients. This year's recipients are:

- ◆ Tristan Ahlquist
- ◆ Lincy Antoine
- ◆ Damian (Tito) Canova
- ◆ Lizzy Moxam
- ◆ Maggie Moxam
- ◆ Zuri Moxam
- ◆ Devin Oetman
- ◆ Elizabeth Parker
- ◆ Mallory Poff
- ◆ Pastor Orlando Ramirez
- ◆ Jeni Tea



Scholarship recipients will be recognized during worship service on Sunday, June 23rd. Congratulations to all students! Thank you to the members of the congregation who have made donations to the Scholarship Fund. Donations are greatly appreciated at any time throughout the year. Thank you!

*Lisa Connors,  
Chair, Scholarship Committee*

# Bargain Nook News

I am so happy we were able to get all our bargain nook volunteers together before Summer started. Many will be taking vacations, and fortunately, only one person left to go back north for the summer.

The photo to the right was taken during our volunteer appreciation lunch which took place on Thursday, May 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to the Nook's volunteers, Pastors Jacquie and Edwin were also in attendance.

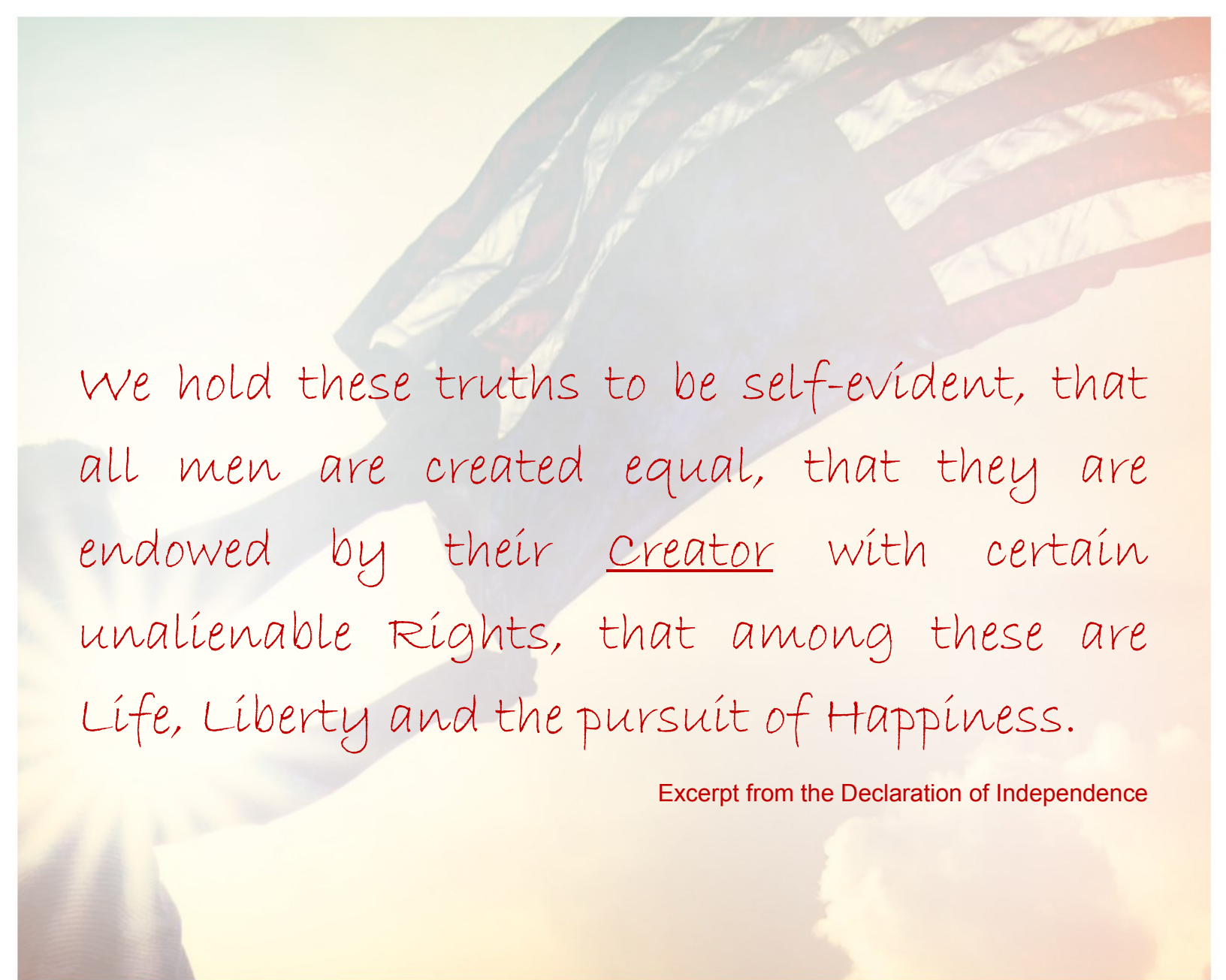
If you haven't been to the bargain nook lately, please stop by and see us. Business is still going well, but as always, we are in need of jewelry, linens, and kitchen items.

Thank you to all our volunteers and to you folks who continue to bring us your donations. Your support helps us keep this ministry alive.

**Carol McElroy**  
**Bargain Nook**



From left to right: Carol Griffin, Sandi Beaver, Barbara Loewel, Jim Bitting, Emily Seager, Tom McElroy, Ellen Snow, Danielle Poff, Maxine Kilburg, Donna Nailor, Kris Clemmensen, Carolyn Evans, Bill Evans, Joan Lewis, Shirley Davis, Ken Greenleaf, Cyndie Greenleaf, Carol McElroy and Sharon Braum. Not pictured is Tracy Dickson.



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Excerpt from the Declaration of Independence

Happy July 4th ENUMC  
Whatever you do to celebrate this  
holiday, enjoy, and be safe!



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## Summer Events!

### Vacation Bible School

June 17 - 21, 2019

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

ENUMC Campus

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### Warren Willis Camp

July 15 - 20, 2019

Leesburg, Florida

Children & Youth

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### Back 2 School Bash

August 3, 2019

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

ENUMC Campus

### Weekly Worship Service and Bible Study Schedule

Day & Time	Event	Location
<b>Sunday</b>		
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	Eley 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
<b>Monday</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Joy Bible Study	Eley Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Growing Christians Bible Study	Eley Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study	Eley Hall
6:00 p.m.	Kingdom Quest Kids	Youth Building
7:30 p.m.	Estudio Biblico	Eley Hall
<b>Thursday</b>		
7:30 p.m.	Estudio Biblico	Eley Hall