

News, Views, & Gospel Truths

EAST NAPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MARCH 2019

A Season of Preparation

That I may know him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10)

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We, believers in Jesus Christ, are called to participate not just in the resurrection of Christ but in his suffering and death, too.

It is through his suffering, death and resurrection that we are delivered from sin and death and born into a new life.

The season of Lent affords us a time to meditate on the suffering of our

Savior. A time set apart to fast, to pray, and be reshaped by the power of his amazing grace.

I invite you to be intentional during this season. Take daily walks with Jesus and prepare your heart for the coming of Easter.

Pastor Jacquie

ENUMC Spring Scholarships

The deadline for submission of ENUMC **Scholarship Applications** is Wednesday, March 20th. Copies of the application can be obtained in the church office, downloaded from the church's website, or by emailing Lisa Connors, the new Chair of the Scholarship Committee at billandlisaconnors@gmail.com. Lisa can also be reached at 239-354-0455.

The scholarship is to financially assist those Christian students who have been active at ENUMC and who are furthering their education at post-secondary schools. All necessary information is detailed within the application form.

The application must be completed in its entirety and submitted by **12:00pm on MARCH 20, 2019**.

Lenten/ Easter Calendar

Ash Wednesday

March 6

Passion/Palm Sunday

April 14

Holy Thursday

April 18

Good Friday

April 19

Holy Saturday

April 20

Easter Sunday

April 21

Notes from the Music Department

Be an ambassador of our church and bring someone to the next concert!

If you missed “All You Need Is Love,” then well, you really missed it! It was absolutely wonderful! Such a great audience! Many thanks to the Concert Series supporters! For those that have given monetarily, for those that attended, and for those that pray for success as an outreach into our community – thank you!!!

The last concert of this year’s series will be March 3rd at 3pm – the “Jazz Phoools.”

“The Jazz Phoools” 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.

Please remember to be an

ambassador of our church and bring someone to the concert. It is only successful with your help! Please bring all your family, friends and neighbors!!! Hope to see you there!!!

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 here so you can keep up with what is going on.

*Brent Nicholas
Director of Music Ministries*



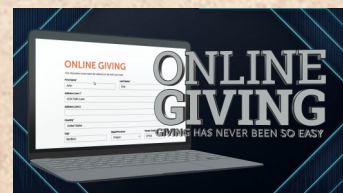
THE JAZZ PHOOLS
SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD
3:00 PM
FINAL CONCERT IN
THE SERIES
DON'T MISS IT!



The Mission Committee of East Naples UMC is introducing a new way to support outreach projects in our community and the world. Buy and enjoy a package of fairly traded coffee or chocolate grown by small farmer communities and brought to us by Equal Exchange. Watch for sales to start soon.

Why purchase coffee from Equal Exchange?

Equal Exchange purchases coffee, tea, cocoa beans, and other crops from forty communities in twenty countries. They pay a stable, above-market price; they purchase in advance of harvest (when farmers need the money); and collaborate over the long term, in the sustainable development and empowerment of their partner communities. Equal Exchange partners with UMCOR. A percentage of each pound of coffee sold supports the work of UMCOR too.



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OFFICE.

We'd Be Happy To Help!

Learning Center Happenings😊



The Learning Center has already started enrollment for the 2019/2020 school year. The school offers FREE VPK Program for children who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Space for FREE VPK is limited. The Learning Center Preschool is open year round and serves children in our community from ages 1-4. Each week at The Learning Center, children are taught a new Bible lesson and verse, weekly themes, colors, shapes, letters, math, science, and character development; they also participate in music class, chapel, and much more. During the week we have readers from the church family come and read to the children for about 20 minutes. If you are interested in reading to the children, please call the preschool office to see what days are available. Do you

know a family member, friend, or business associate looking for high quality child care? The Learning Center Preschool is an ideal facility. Please have them give us a call at 239-775-0745 to set up a tour. As always, we thank you for your prayers, support, and referrals.

*Michele Micieli
Director
The Learning Center Preschool
239-775-0745 | tlc@enaples.org*

UMC General Conference Update

Dear Members and Friends of ENUMC:

Having just returned from the UMC General Conference, February 23-26, 2019, I am still raw with and from the emotions that were expressed over this four-day event.

As you know, the conference was convened to vote on the issue of removing the restrictions on same sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ persons within the Church.

It was a heart-wrenching experience. Representatives for both sides of the argument poured their hearts out in support of their beliefs. As we listened, debated, searched our hearts, and prayed, our brokenness and pain were exposed.

It is evident that the United Methodist Church is still clearly a denomination that is loved and faithfully served by millions.

The concluding vote was made on Tuesday, February 26th. The Body voted for the adoption of the “Traditional Plan” which maintains the current language in the Book of Discipline. While this decision is consistent with the United Methodist Church’s historic stance on human sexuality, it in no way changes our belief in the fundamental tenets of Christian love and compassion. We are all created in the image of Christ and have the same sacred worth.



We know that many of our progressive brothers and sisters in the faith are hurting and we see you. We love you.

In the days, weeks, and months ahead, we will continue to welcome to East Naples UMC all people. We will continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people. And, we will continue on our mission of “connecting Christ to people through love” here in Naples, Florida and beyond.

Thank you so much for the prayers before and during the conference—they were truly felt and appreciated. Let us, however, persist in prayer. Pray for our own church, its members, leadership, staff, and the lives of those in our community that we hope to connect to Christ. Pray for unity in the Body of Christ, for peace, wisdom, forgiveness, love, and understanding.

Finally, please know that I am available to answer any questions you may have or if you just need clarity on what the decision means for the denomination. In the meantime, may the peace of Christ be yours now, today, and always.

Pastor Jacquie

Congregational Care

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Pat Poorman and Kathie Lewis as the new leaders of the Congregational Care team. Pat, Kathie, and the rest of the team will assist Pastors Jacquie and Edwin as they reach out to those members with special medical, physical, emotional, or spiritual needs. A full list of the members currently serving on this committee is provided.

In the meantime, if anyone is in need of orthopedic equipment, ENUMC may be able to provide for you or family member. In the last few weeks a wheel chair and walker were made available to a member of our church family. We have canes, crutches, potty seats which may be used for as long as needed and of course, at no cost.

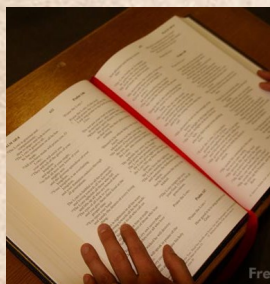


Pat Poorman & Kathie Lewis

We may not have what you need and storage space is limited, but it doesn't hurt to ask. Questions? Call Duane or Pat Poorman at 239-877-4839 or the church office. And thanks to those who have donated such aids.

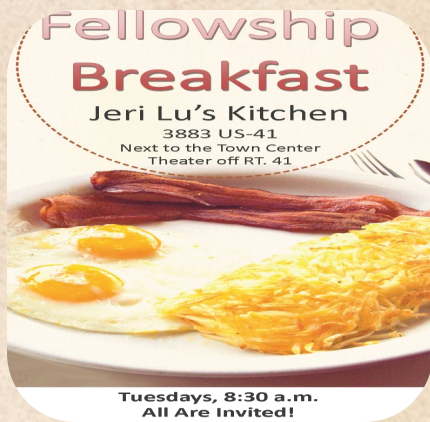
Other members of the Congregational Care Team are:

Rev's. George & Gretchen Fischer	Jackie Robinson
Rev. Dan & Judy Klement	Beth Milliren
Corwin & Nan Biddle	Carol McElroy
Marelys Delashment	Sue Dossinger



"Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord."

Leviticus 19:32



ENUMC Key Control



If you have keys to the church;

- ⇒ Please stop by the office sometime before March 15 to re-register as a key holder in the new key log.
- ⇒ And have not used them in the last 3 months, please consider handing them in.
- ⇒ And are the leader of a weekly event here at the church, please ensure all doors to the rooms and buildings used are locked at the end of your session.

News from Dana & Cletus Reeves



Cletus is now residing in an assisted living facility in Springfield, Missouri; he is very happy there! He would be happy to hear from his ENUMC friends. His new address:

Cletus Reeves
The Manor
1707 W. Elfindale St.
#203 Cardinal Lane
Springfield, MO 65807

Dana and Cletus are dearly missed!
We wish them both all the very best.

Youth Ministry



We thank God for a great February. In anticipation of our confirmation service and most importantly, in an effort to help our youth live out their call as disciples of Jesus, our youth engaged in an 80-question Spiritual Gifts Inventory. This inventory revealed potential areas of gifting for those who took the inventory and hopefully, it will encourage them to further explore their place of service in the Body of Christ and in the world! The youth will be confirmed during the 9:00 am worship service on March 24.

During the month of February, some of our youth attended a great Christian concert with Toby Mac and other Christian artists in Estero. The concert was great!



Thank you to all who came out to support our car wash and the chili cook-off! A big thanks to our Fellowship Team for hosting the chili cook-off to benefit our youth ministry. Your support and contributions help us continue to minister to our youth. As we look forward to the Warren Willis Summer camp and other activities, everyone's prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.



Some of the couples of our church enjoyed a time of fellowship in February. We met at Starbucks for coffee and dessert, and had a great time learning more about each other and our families. We look forward to future similar events and to growing together in the Lord.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our ministries!

*Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Edwin Richiez
Director of Family Ministries*

Happy Birthday,

To all our faithful members and friends born during the month of March. We love and appreciate you! We would like to celebrate you on Sunday, March 10 when the Fellowship Team will serve refreshments in the Gazebo after the 9:00 am service.

All are invited!

Lowell Momberg	3/1	Lazaro Armenteros	3/16
Virginia Nagy	3/1	Brenda Hawkins	3/16
Nora Weibling	3/1	Shirley Bernhardt	3/17
Nicole Berg	3/3	Mayelyn Garcia	3/17
Hank Lehman	3/5	Elsie Hawkins	3/17
Jack Moore	3/5	Oliva DeSavigny	3/18
Harriet Bush	3/6	Nancy Moore	3/18
Chris Hatwell	3/6	Andres Torres	3/18
Lowell Hone	3/6	Jim Manley	3/19
Joyce Snell	3/6	Earl Shields	3/19
Dan Klement	3/7	Scott Tatem	3/19
Terri Wood	3/7	Sandy Beaumont	3/20
Daryl Digirolamo	3/8	Amanda Hallenbeck	3/20
Fran Lewis	3/8	Dottie Krimski	3/20
Mary Beth Rabe	3/8	Lois Haney	3/22
Becky Estes	3/9	Christopher Proenza	3/22
Lois Ruffner	3/9	Ernie Garofano	3/23
Herb McMasters	3/10	Betty Hunter	3/23
Kathy Sullivan	3/10	Warren Searfoss	3/23
Hulene Clark	3/11	Shirley Swan	3/24
Keith Kenzie	3/13	Kyle Zech	3/25
Barbara Young	3/13	Richard Estes	3/29
Linda Crown	3/14	Tommi Thomason	3/30
Cynthia Greenleaf	3/14	David Heasley	3/31
Betty Miller	3/15	Doug Nelson	3/31
Richard Wilson	3/15		



Missions

March Mission of the Month



Vision - Honoring God by empowering the undernourished with sustainable hunger solutions.

Mission - Following Jesus by reducing hunger and improving lives worldwide through partnerships that equip people with agricultural resources and skills.

ECHO's primary functions are providing agricultural information to overseas workers, distributing seeds for promising food plants, and offering training opportunities at the Florida farm. ECHO has been working to spread knowledge of hunger solutions for over 35 years. ECHO co-founder, Dr. Martin Price, believes God was led him to find a way to use science to help the very poor and to be involved with the "great commission."

There are three ways we can help: Pray that ECHO can continue their work to reduce hunger in our world; support ECHO financially; and spread the word about ECHO's work to those you know. Check out ECHO at www.echonet.org or find ECHO International on Facebook. It is a fascinating organization right in our own backyard – located in North Ft. Myers.



ECHO Global Food and Farm Festival – Saturday, March 16, 9:00am to 3:00pm at the ECHO Global Farm one mile east of I-75, Exit 143 Bayshore/Pine Island Rd. Explore the 55 acre Global Farm learning about food and culture in a new way. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up and pay in the Narthex or the Church Office. The cost is \$5 per person. Children 8 and under are FREE. The ENUMC Bus holds 14 people!

Operation Christmas Child Report – Your donations contributed to the collection of over 30,000 shoeboxes in the SW Florida district. This year, a total of 10.6 million were collected globally. Our shoeboxes were sent to Mali, a country in West Africa with a population of 17.9 million. 48% of Mali's population is 14 years old or younger.



Kris Clemmensen
Missions Director
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Dress A Girl Events – There was an event on February 2. We continue to make T-shirt dresses for young girls to send to Haiti and other countries. We just delivered 71 dresses that will be going to Haiti in the next few weeks. Come join us with this fun and rewarding project! Our next events are March 16 & April 28.



Florida United Methodist Children's Home - 5th Sunday

The Children's Home counts on the churches in the Florida Conference for a portion of their support. They budget \$1 per month or \$12 per year for each Florida United Methodist church member. Can you help? The Florida United Methodist Children's Home has been serving abused, neglected, and troubled children for more than 100 years. The main campus is located in Enterprise, Florida and an additional campus, the Madison Youth Ranch is in Pinetta, Florida. For more information go to www.funch.org

April – Missionary Support PROJECT H.I.M. (Helpers In Mission) Look for calendars and more information before the end of March.



FESTIVAL OF HOPE, SATURDAY, APRIL 6 | 11:00AM - 1:00PM PALM LAKE MOBILE HOMES

Please join us for this community Outreach Event. We will deliver bags of food; serve a meal; provide activities; and offer praise, worship, and prayer.



Children's Ministry

**Come Celebrate
Easter
With Us!**

Volunteers are needed to help with the event.

Interested?

Contact Kris Chisholm to sign up.



**ROAR! VBS - Coming
June 17-21,
5:30pm-8:00pm**

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up and work at VBS. Registration applications for VBS will be available soon on the church website and the church office. If you are available to help with this amazing event, please contact Kris Chisholm.

*Kris Chisholm
Director of Children's Ministries
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CHURCH FACILITIES FOR RENT



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-ELSEY HALL
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Weekly Worship Service and Bible Study Schedule

SPECIAL LENTEN EVENTS

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 pm

Weekly Lenten Class

Facilitated by

Pastors Jacquie and Edwin

Thursdays, (Begins)

March 14 @ 2:30pm

Elsey Hall

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	Elsey Hall
3:00 p.m.	Conexion Church Contemporary Service	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	Elsey Hall
Tuesday		
10:00 a.m.	Growing Christians Bible Study	Elsey Hall
Wednesday		
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study	Elsey Hall
6:00 p.m.	Kingdom Quest Kids	Youth Building
7:30 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry Bible Study	Elsey Hall
Thursday		
7:30 p.m.	Conexion Church Bible Study	Elsey Hall