



# NEWS, VIEWS, & GOSPEL TRUTHS

## EAST NAPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2019

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (I Thessalonians 5:16-18).**

In 1863 President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a federal holiday. A day set apart every year to offer praise and to give thanks to God for his abundant blessings. It is a tremendous blessing to live in a country that still acknowledges the importance of thanksgiving.

For believers in Christ, thanksgiving should be a daily practice, an attitude of the heart. A disposition of continual thankfulness that comes from an unshakable confidence in God's wisdom, power, goodness and faithfulness, no matter what our circumstances may be.

We are always going to be tempted to grumble and or complain when things don't go the way we expected. However, we've been empowered by the Holy Spirit to overcome temptations. Let's not wait until November to thank God for all of his blessings. Let's thank him daily.

What characterizes our lives? An attitude of gratitude or a habit of grumbling?

Pastor Jacquie

## Why go to Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor.

It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing . . . God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible; Believes the incredible; and Receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

Unknown. Contributed by Beryl Melucci

# 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, e.g., Jubilate handbell group, and the Chancel Choir. We'd like to welcome new choir members Audrey Smith & Doug Gibbons, and Dan & Pat Denbo. Please welcome them.

Our ENUMC Concert Series kicked off another wonderful season! The first concert was the "Young Artists Recital." Several outstanding and accomplished young musicians performed along with their teachers. 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 the Dan Miller/Randy Sandke Quintet on November 10, 2019, at 3:00 pm. Join trumpeters Dan Miller and Randy Sandke as they celebrate the genius and music of George Gershwin. The music that Gershwin composed for the Broadway stage and the Hollywood screen became an integral part of the Great American Songbook and was loved by musicians, singers, and audiences alike. The program will include such favorites as *Embraceable You*, *Oh Lady Be Good*, *I Got Rhythm*, *Summertime*, *S'Wonderful*, *Our Love Is Here To Stay*, *Love Walked In*, *Strike Up The Band*, *Soon*, *The Man I Love*, *But Not For Me*, and *They Can't Take That Away from Me*.

Dan Miller built his reputation touring and recording with Harry Connick Jr., Wynton Marsalis, Maynard Ferguson, Woody Herman, and Tom Jones. Randy Sandke is one of the world's greatest jazz trumpeters and has recorded with many of the legends of this music including Benny Goodman, Mel Torme, Rosemary Clooney, Michael Brecker, and Dick Hyman. For this concert, they bring together a tremendous group of musicians for an afternoon of hard-swinging, acoustic jazz music including pianist Roy Gerson, bassist Don Mopsick, and the great master drummer, Marty Morell (member of the Bill Evans Trio for six years 1968 -1974).

Please join us for our 2019 Christmas Concert and Cantata - "Joy Has Dawned" by Lloyd Larson on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm. Choirs from six churches are coming together to present special Christmas music and cantata with a 17-piece orchestra. Tickets are not required, but a freewill offering will be taken to support the church community choir.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm and goes on through March. We hope you will put the dates on your calendar and make every possible effort to bring someone with you to every concert! It's going to be an exciting season!

Brent Nicholas  
Director of Music Ministries

## LEARNING CENTER HAPPINESS

Our school year is off to a fabulous start! We have 71 children enrolled, 9 teachers, plus the director. We are just about full to capacity—praise the Lord!

The Learning Center serves children ages 1 to 5. We offer FREE VPK for children who have turned 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our hours are from 7:30 am-5:30 pm. 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.

The children go to music and chapel each week and some participate in a soccer program called Mighty Kicks. As always, we thank you for your prayers, support, and referrals.

God Bless,  
Michele Micieli, TLC Board, and Staff







## ***HOW DO YOU HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED?***

- Attend a Veterans Day event
- Ask a Veteran about their time in the military, and really listen to the answer
- Ask an aging Veteran to share with you the song that most takes them back
- Visit a homebound Veteran in their home, talk with them, and thank them for their service
- Take a Veteran out to dinner
- Take dinner in to a Veteran
- Write and send a letter to someone who's currently serving in the military
- Ask a neighbor about their deployment
- Thank a Veteran co-worker for their service

## **SIDE BY SIDE**

by Jennifer L. Best, SPC US Army currently serving in the Republic of South Korea.

Women have fought  
Women have died  
Women have served  
and served with pride

From the revolutionary war  
and yet still today  
Women stand side by side  
with men in uniform and say

That they will support and defend  
the constitution of the United States  
Proudly, in the air on land and sea  
They continue to fight for our freedom  
wherever that may be

Their dedication to duty  
reflected, their selfless service was so true  
from private to general  
these women did and still do

So be thankful for these women  
past and serving still today  
be thankful that they gave so much  
and include them when you pray.

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## **FAMILY MINISTRIES**

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving will be in a few short weeks! Regardless of our circumstances, I dare say that we can always find something to thank God for. Even a quick inventory of the blessings we have, our salvation and relationship with God being the most important, will reveal that indeed, God has been good to us. As we approach this special time, may we remember to "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV).

I would like to express my appreciation to those who have served in our armed forces. Having had the honor of serving four years of active duty in the US Army, I appreciate the sacrifices our veterans have made. Freedom is not free and the freedom we enjoy in this great nation has been fought for by our veterans. Happy Veterans Day!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Edwin

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Welcome!

The Children's ministry is centered on the Word of God and a desire to see kids get to know Jesus Christ. Our wish is to connect your child with the love of God by worshipping Him by reading the bible, singing songs, memorizing scripture and learning how to apply God's principles to everyday life. Children are invited to join us for Children's Church and Kingdom Quest Kids on Sundays and Wednesdays to discover God's love for them and learn how to know Him personally. We're so glad you're here!



## Kingdom Quest Kids Sunday School:

10:35am - 11:35am

### Large Group:

(Preschool-5th grade) Large group begins with worship and introducing the Bible lesson for the day.

### Small Group:

After Large Group, students are divided into age level groups (Pre-K-2nd grade, and 3-5 grade) where they dig deeper in the Bible lesson, work on scripture memorization and learn how to apply God's principles in their life.

**Nursery:** 9:00-12:00 : (Kids 4 and under)  
Located in Elsey Hall.

## Children's Church:

Children's Church meets during the 9:30 am service and is for children in preschool through fifth grade. All children sit in the Sanctuary with their parents and come up to the front for a special Children's Sermon during the service.

Following the Children's Sermon, the children are escorted upstairs to the second floor of the Education Building. During Children's Church, children learn stories from the Bible, sing, and create craft projects. This is a worship service that is all their own.

Please pick up your child on the second floor of the Education Building at the end of the worship service.

## Kingdom Quest Kids: Wednesday night

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

The Kingdom Quest Kids meet upstairs in the Education Building for a time of worship, Bible story, games and crafts.

**Squires-** PK (age 4)-2nd grade

**Knights-** 3-5 Grade

**Check [enaples.org](http://enaples.org) for current curriculum**

Kristin Chisholm Director of Children's Ministries  
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JOIN US FOR  
A **FREE** FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

# FROZEN

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 at 6:00 PM**  
**EAST NAPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Bring An Outdoor Chair or Blanket: Drinks and Popcorn Will Be Provided.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### OUTDOOR MOVIE

(Frozen)

Saturday, November 9



### NEXT CURRICULUM THEME:

Disciple Me

Starts November 13

### CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Sunday, December 15

# MISSIONS

**November Mission of the Month – A Day of Thanksgiving Saturday, November 23 from 10:00-Noon** - The event will include: prayer station, picnic lunch, bounce house and games, face painting, and the distribution of food bags to those with extra needs during the holiday season.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex if you are able to help with this community outreach event in any of these areas. If you are unable to volunteer, please pray for this event. You may also purchase some food from the list, fill a food bag on the Publix shopping day, or donate so that others can shop for you.

# Publix.

Shopping Day: Sunday, November 10



Following worship service, please pick up your shopping bag and food list as you exit the church. Drive to the PUBLIX at Kings Lake on Davis Blvd. Shop and fill your bag and place it on the ENUMC Bus to be taken back to church. The bags will be distributed at the Day of Thanksgiving Event. Please wear your nametag or church T-shirt and join us for this shopping adventure.

### Food List - Day of Thanksgiving Food Bags

<u>Foods:</u>	<u>Size</u>
Peanut Butter	16oz.
Jelly	18oz.
3 cans of vegetables	14-16oz.
Canned or dried bag of black beans	1 lb.
Box of macaroni & cheese	7.25oz.
Bag of rice	2 lb.
Goya canned ham or DAK canned ham	1 lb.
2 Canned soups (Progresso, Goya & Iberia brands)	19oz.
Boxed mashed potatoes	13oz.
Pouch or jar of gravy	
2 boxes Stove Top stuffing	6oz.
Canned sweet potatoes (not candied)	2-15oz . or 1-29oz.
Canned Chicken Breast	12oz.
Cranberry sauce	14oz.



### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:**

Thank you to all who have returned filled shoeboxes so far!  
Please return your box to ENUMC by Sunday, Nov. 17.



**Naples Walk to End Alzheimer's is on Saturday, November 16 at North Collier Regional Park off Livingston Rd. Our team is ENUMC ALZ Health Walk. Kris Clemmensen is the team captain.** Registration forms and donation forms are in the Narthex and church office. You may join our team by filling out the registration form and returning it to church or going online to [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). There is no registration fee but we will be raising funds from family, friends, co-workers and our congregation to support this wonderful cause. I know many in our congregation including our family have been touched by this disease. On the day of the event, registration begins at 8:00 am and the opening ceremony begins at 9:00 am. It is a 2-mile paved course. Those raising \$100 will receive an Alzheimer's Walk T-shirt. **Thank you for your participation, prayers, and donations!**





*Happy Thanksgiving*

*Happy Birthday*

*May God Bless and Keep You,  
and May Your Joy Be Full.*

Helseth, LaRae	11/6	Cameron, Emily	11/14	Berg, Dalton	11/22
Forshier, Rhonda	11/7	Chronister, Tyler	11/16	Leishear, Sam	11/23
Momberg, Darlene	11/7	Lehman, Grace	11/16	Nulton, Nancy	11/23
Rose, Marian	11/7	Stephens, Beth	11/16	Lewis, Pat	11/24
Gonzalez, Armando	11/8	Viera, Tracy	11/17	Knapp, Bob	11/25
Tea, Jay	11/9	Cortright, Charlie	11/18	Smith, Ches	11/29
Clemmensen, Paul	11/13	Rabe, Rebecca (FL)	11/18	Williams, Jaime	11/29
Van Deventer, Diane	11/13	Walters, Rosie	11/21	Donaldson, Jan	11/30
				Gonzalez, Carmen	11/30

## *Calendar of Special Events*

### **CHURCH SPRUCE-UP DAY**

**Saturday, November 2, 9:00 am**

### **OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT (FROZEN)**

**Saturday, November 9, 6:00 pm**

### **PUBLIX SHOPPING DAY**

**Sunday, November 10, 10:45 am**

### **CONCERT SERIES: MUSIC OF GERSHWIN**

**Sunday, November 10, 3:00 pm**

### **WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S (NCRP)**

**Saturday, November 16, 8:00 am**

### **TLC'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

**Friday, November 22, 11:00 am**

### **DAY OF THANKSGIVING**

**Saturday, November 23, 10:00 am**

### **CHURCH DECORATING DAY**

**Saturday, November 30, 9:00 am**



***ENUMC FAMILY, SPREAD  
THE WORD AND COME  
SUPPORT YOUR  
CHURCH'S EVENTS.***



## **YOUNG ADULT SPOTLIGHT**

### **Maggie Moxam**

Hello everyone! I'm Maggie and I would like to share with you all some of my recent experiences as a nursing student at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU).

I'm currently in my third semester of nursing school, working toward my BSc. Nursing degree. God has been very gracious unto me and has helped me through all the stressful moments and provided me with various opportunities.

I really loved my clinical experience at the hospital over the summer. I got to see many cool things and learned a lot. This experience made me consider working in an emergency room or becoming a traveling nurse after graduation, to gain as much experience as possible, and before specializing in pediatrics.

This semester my favorite clinical experience has been going to a long-term care facility in which most of the residents suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's disease. It has been a blessing to see how these residents light up when we sing hymns together and pray. I never thought I would have so much fun painting and dancing to 60's/70's music with the residents.

My current clinical site isn't as happy. Although I'm assigned to Hospice Care, I feel it is a blessing to be able to console the families of the patients and help them through the grieving process.

Throughout each semester, I have truly been able to see God's working hand not only in my life but also in the lives of my patients and I'm very thankful for that. I'm also thankful for the new friends I've made as a member of the Nurses Christian Fellowship. They've really made my experience at FGCU more joyful.

May God bless you all greatly.

Warm regards,  
Maggie Moxam



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

<i>Day &amp; Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
<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	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
<b>Monday</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Joy Bible Study	Elsely Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Growing Christians Bible Study	Elsely Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>		
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
<b>Thursday</b>		
7:30 p.m.	Estudio Biblico	Elsely Hall