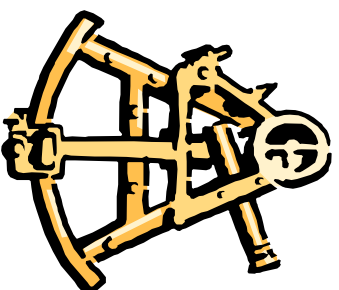


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United Church of Christ
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THE NAVIGATOR

February, 2020



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MORE COLOR PLEASE!

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. (Philippians 4:12)

Dear Church Family,

The Apostle Paul made this statement and anyone who can say this and really mean it knows about the presence of God Almighty in their life. This sentence testifies about the difference it makes of living our life with our without God. This one factor will change everything for us.

I was recently reminded of a song that I heard a choir sing in Germany many years ago.

This is how it goes (*translation mine):

Life should be more than work, sleep and eating. That is clear to everyone; but it is true for many. They live their lives on the same track every day and a 14-day vacation will not change anything-perfect on the outside but shallow on the inside. It is better not to make any waves...but stay grey in grey, grey in grey.

Chorus:

Color comes into your life, color comes into your life where the Master Painter paints (Jesus).

***Which one of us wants to be known everywhere?
(Emphasis negative)***

It is better to just stay in the masses and when we take a final account, everything stays plus minus so the profit which counts so much is missing in the end. Perfect types, nothing missed, and nothing gained. Place an accent in life, otherwise everything remains grey in grey. I have met people who have much profile because Jesus has changed their shallowness because where He paints in your life there He creates a colorful picture. There is laughter, there is hope and there is comfort in suffering. Our questions and doubts can step back for here and now. We know it is God who makes you a person.

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(Christian Loer 1986)

An important fact to keep in mind as we face life with all of its different aspects, because Jesus is the Master Painter we can declare together with the Apostle Paul:

“I have learned the secret of being happy any time and in everything that happens.” (Philippians 4:12)

Upcoming events here at the NPCUCC please keep our ministries in prayer.



**5th Annual Grief Seminar
Saturday, February 1st
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**



**Next Family Movie
NOT RATED
Saturday, February 15th
3:00 p.m.**



Annual Meeting of the German Congregations in Florida.

**The NPCUCC is hosting this event
for the 3rd year in a row.**

Tuesday, February 25th

10:30 am. – 2:30 p.m.

Please enjoy the following selected images:



**Together in Mission:
*Pastor Attila Szemesi/NPCUCC***

Remember: Check out color photos on our

“In the News” board in the Narthex.

**Pastor Attila is in the office
Monday — Thursday
To schedule an appointment,
Call the office—426-5580**

**Email:
npcuccpastor@frontier.com
Please Visit our Website:
www.npcucc.org**

**Faith Builder Event
“Shepherd King”
The Story of the Bible
By Power and Light Productions of Wauchula**

The deadline to sign up is February 2nd.

**We would like to attend this event again this year in
their new indoor location at the South Florida State
College Performing Arts Center in Avon Park. The
date is Saturday, April 25th at 1:00 p.m.**

**Depending on the amount of interest, tickets will be
approximately \$30 plus an additional fee for
Transportation. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.**

NPCUCC 5th Annual Grief Seminar

Saturday February 1st



WHEN ANOTHER MORNING DAWNS

Psalm 143:8
*Let me hear Your loving kindness in the mornings;
For I trust in You; Teach me the way in which
I should walk; For to You I lift up my soul.*

**NORTH PORT COMMUNITY UCC
5TH ANNUAL GRIEF SEMINAR**

Saturday, February 1st, 2020
3450 S. Biscayne Drive • 941-426-5580

Time: 8:30-2:30p.m.

Registration begins at 8:30a.m.
Breakfast and lunch served.
Bring a framed photo of your
loved one and light a candle
in their memory.

**THE EVENT IS
FREE**
a free will offering will be
accepted to cover
expenses for food

Kays Ponger & Usefson
funeral homes & cremation services

Dignity
LIFE WELL CELEBRATED

LEMON BAY
FUNERAL HOME
GULF PINES
MEMORIAL PARK

Register now!

Please invite Family and Friends to this free event.



**Ash Wednesday Service
February 26th
7:00 p.m.**

**Lenten Simple Suppers & Study
5:00 Supper—6:00 Study
March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1**



CHALK TALK QUESTIONS.....

Have you been answering our questions???

Once a month we have a question that we would like your opinion. There are two tables—one in the Narthex and another one in Fellowship Hall with a large sheet of paper. We ask you to put your thoughts on the large paper. The question is available for the last two weeks of each month. We look forward to your thoughts on each question.



**Start your day with
Breakfast, Friends
And good conversation!**

All women are invited to join together for breakfast on Wednesday, February 5th at Olde World Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. Check the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall for more details.



New to the shelves is “*A life beyond Amazing: 9 Decisions that will Transform Your Life Today*” by David Jeremiah. The author urges us to move past the discouraging headlines, the adversity in our personal lives, the limits of our day, and to reach out and grasp a life beyond our dreams. Through Scripture he helps us discover how to thrive during the journey and experience a life of blessings beyond our comprehension.

Another addition is “*Get the Junk Out of Your Trunk: Let Go of the Past to Live Your Best Life*” by Duane Vander Klok. Your heart is like a trunk—a suitcase you carry with you throughout your life. And without a doubt, nothing can hinder your spiritual growth as much as letting a little unforgiveness into your trunk. The author shows you how to recognize unforgiveness in your life, and he reveals how Scripture can help you clean out your trunk.

From the fiction shelf is “*Fatherless*” by Dr. James Dobson and Kurt Bruner. The authors have written a book that imagines a future in which present-day trends come to sinister fruition. Thanks to Mary Jane Schaeferle for this book.



Singles Dinner Group

**Next Gathering will be
5:30 p.m. on February 13th at
Beef O Brady's restaurant in
North Port.**

**Check the bulletin board in
Fellowship Hall to sign up.**

2019 Giving Statements

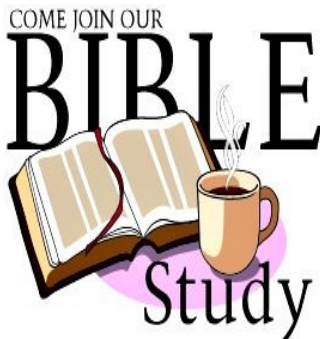
Giving Statements for 2019 are available for you to pick up in the narthex. They will not be mailed, so if you would like your copy for Income Tax purposes, please pick it up.

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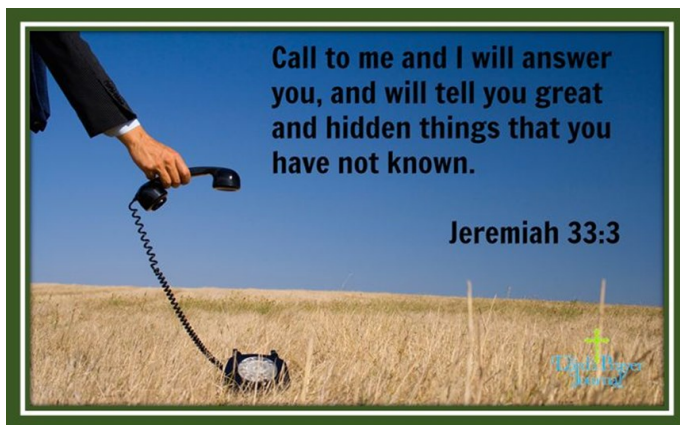
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In Home Bible Studies....

Home Bible Study will be Thursday, February 13th, but no location has been announced as of yet. Watch your Sunday bulletin for more information.



Call to me and I will answer
you, and will tell you great
and hidden things that you
have not known.

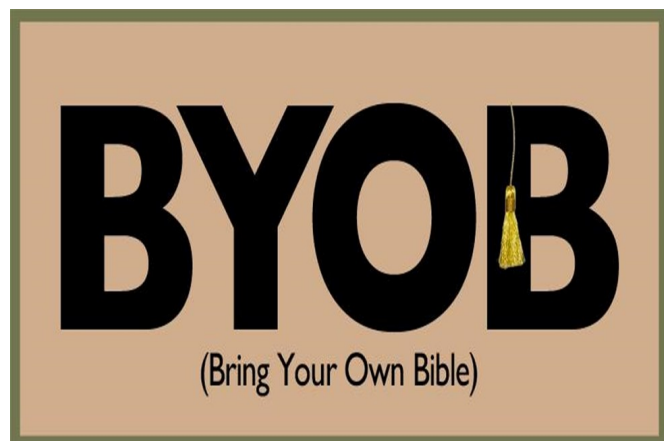
Jeremiah 33:3

**Prayer Line:
941-426-5580**

**(If you get the answering
machine, please call back)**

(*This is not a counseling line but a prayer line).

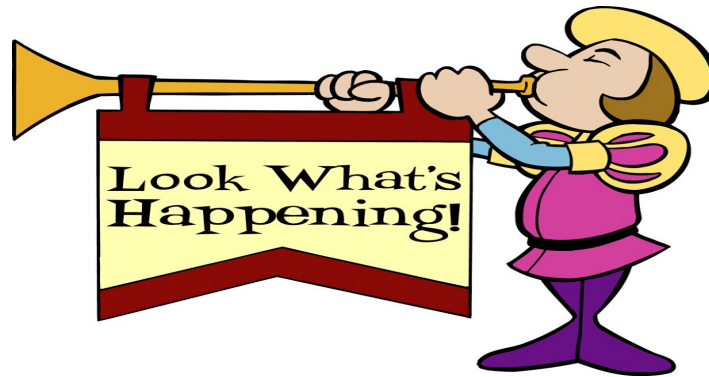
**Bible Study
Every Tuesday
11:00 a.m.**



*No Matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are always welcome here!*



**Join us on Wednesday morning for
Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.**



UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

February 1	Grief Seminar
February 2	Deadline to Sign up for “Shepherd King”
February 15	Movie—”Something to Sing About”
February 17	President’s Day —Church office closed
February 20	UCCW Fashion Show
February 25	German Annual Meeting
February 26	Ash Wednesday Service
March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1	Simple Supper & Lenten Study
March 12-14	Church Retreat
March 20, 21	Rummage Sale
March 23-27	Savannah Trip



From the Church Mouse.....

**I'm sure glad I have my scarf these days.
All those snowy birds brought down
suitcases full of cold weather with them.**

**Maybe they will take back suitcases full of hot weather
back north when they return. It is so good to see all our
friends from up north. We missed them while they were
away. We're glad they are back. The Christmas trees and
all the pretty lights have gone away. It's sad to see them
get put away, but we will love them even more when they
come back again. We hear that the Tea Party is coming
back soon. Pip and I will have to get out our black ties so
we can help with the food. Mrs. Mouse will have to buy a
pretty new hat. Lots of good times ahead of us.**

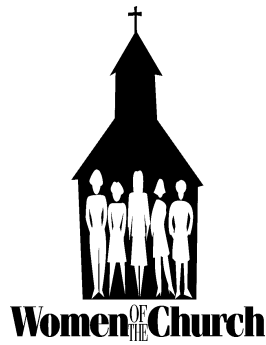
Ye Olde Church Mouse and Pip



**Large enough to serve you;
small enough to know you.**

**HAVE YOU MADE A WILL?
DID YOU REMEMBER
YOUR CHURCH?**





UCC WOMEN

**Set up for Fashion Show
& Tea February 19th**

**Fashion Show & Tea
February 20**



Our Women's Fellowship group is having a fund raiser lunch and fashion show again this season.

Hooray, we are sold out!

There is also a Bag Raffle and a Silent Auction table as well as 50/50 tickets that may be purchased when you attend the event.

Donations of items or gift cards would help to meet our agenda. Items can be left in the narthex on a specified table no later than Sunday Feb. 16. Please leave your name with your donation so we can acknowledge your donation.



If you are able and wish to approach a business that you know....Please take an information sheet with you from the Events Poster at coffee hour.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. In February they will meet on the 11th and the 25th in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Bags for Beds

The Bags for Beds project will meet on the second and 4th Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in Decker Hall. In February the dates will be the 13th and 27th. All are welcome.



The church office will be closed on the following days in February.

February 17

President's Day



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Remember the 2nd Sunday is our Collection of Food for those who are hungry.

February Birthdays:

Feb. 5	Sharon Reisen
Feb. 8	Emily Louke
Feb. 8	Bob Wessel
Feb. 9	Margaret Cook
Feb. 12	Don Grim
Feb. 16	Joyce Long
Feb. 19	Agnes Bushey
Feb. 19	Leslie Penny
Feb. 21	Lou Sorrentino
Feb. 24	Marie Doran
Feb. 25	Barbara Mervine
Feb. 27	Marge Bates
Feb. 28	Lois Harris
Feb. 28	Teri McDowell
Feb. 28	Sally Rutledge
Feb. 28	Tony Vance



The following members and friends will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in February.

Feb. 6	Louzan and Delores Edwards
Feb. 9	Dave and Lynn Sanford
Feb. 14	Larry and Sue Luther

February

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Feb. 2	Susan West
Feb. 9	Dave & Lynn Sanford
Feb. 16	John & Sandy McKean
Feb. 23	Ed and Patti Boger



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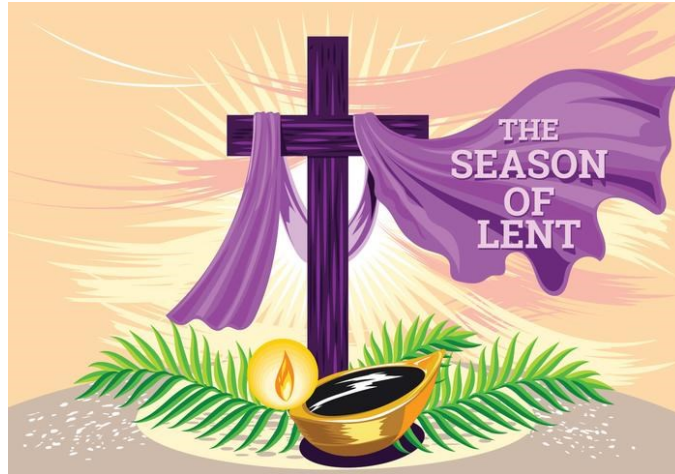
For providing us with our flowers every Sunday.

Our NPCUCC Vision:
"NPCUCC is a welcoming congregation that celebrates the diversity of our members but focuses on what we as Christians have in common in order to nurture growth and healing."



Average monthly attendance:

December 2018 — 158
December 2019 — 160



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday

Closed on Friday

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