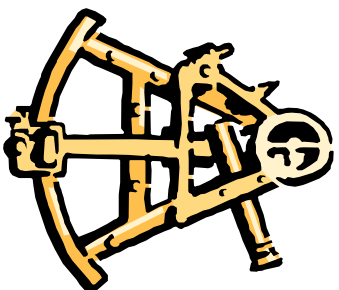


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# THE NAVIGATOR

## July 2019



## July Navigator

**Take a good look at God's wonders—they'll take your breath away. He converted sea to dry land; travelers crossed the river on foot. Now isn't that cause for a song? (Psalm 66:5-6/The Message)**

**Dear Church Family,**

**How are you today? It is our prayer that all is going well for you.**

**Years ago, I heard a story about a little boy who was on a walk with his father. The father was walking ahead of his son and the son followed one foot print after another in his father's steps. The father had left his mark in the snow and eventually turned asking his son: "What are you doing? I am following in your footsteps" replied the little boy.**

**Well, it is only an illustration but it brings home the truth that God is going ahead of you and me; preparing the way on the journey of life.**

**How did the Psalmist put it again?**

**“He converted sea to dry land; travelers crossed the river on foot. Now isn’t that cause for a song?”**

**It shows once again that where we would have to throw in the towel, give up, or simply come to a halt, there, God can bring a turn of events. Now we don’t cross a river on foot but in a boat or use a bridge to get across. When we reach our limits and are out of options, when we come to the end of our rope; He is only beginning.**

**Did you know we have two Faith Builder Trips coming up? First to Israel & Egypt in September and October 2019.**



**For Info Call: 941-426-5580**

**After that to Savannah in 2020, see details below:**

**Join the NPCUCC on a Faith Builder Trip to Savannah, Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island and Beaufort, SC. Diamond Tours Inc. with [Margaret Cook](#) as our Tour Guide. We will be tracing back the steps of the Wesley Brother's (John and Charles) and their impact on Christianity here in the USA.**

**This is a follow up to our 2018 Reformation Series on the life and times of John Wesley founder of the Methodist movement. One of the highlights will be a visit to the Moore Methodist Museum on St. Simons Island including a lecture by an expert on the Wesley's. Don't miss this amazing trip. For details and to sign-up call Margaret Cook (231) 679-0598.**

**5 Days 4 Nights per Person, Double Occupancy  
(Mon-Fri) March 23-27, 2020  
\$579.00\*     \$ 75 Due upon Signing.**

**\* Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$179 for single occupancy. Final Payment Due: 1/16/2020**

**Departure:                      North Port Community UCC  
3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port, FL @ 8 am**





**Please enjoy the following selected images of Events and Ministries  
of the NPCUCC:**

**2019 VBS**



**Monthly Protestant Services (with Communion)  
at *The Gardens* of North Port (06-17-2019)**



**Visit with the German Congregation in Coral Gables  
(Miami) 05-19-2019 (Coral Gables UCC)**



**I would like to thank ALL of you for your continued support of our Ministries here at the NPCUCC. We could not do it without you.**

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

**Please note: In order to give Pastor Attila plenty of time for his sermon. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with the Lord's Prayer, whatever time that may be.**



## **Thank you 2019 VBS Staff**

**Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! Without the many volunteers who have donated a lot of time and energy, *ROAR VBS* would not have been possible. Many, Many thanks to all!**

Allison Dougherty & Patti Bourque

Co-Directors

Allison Dougherty, Logan Alder, Hannah Alder

Opening & Closing Programs

Sally Rutledge, Ingrid Massaro

Creative Crafts

Boo Vance, Sharon Miller,  
Hannah Alder, Charles Wolf

Wild Bible Adventures

Mike Bourque, DJ Musgrove, Cathy Skyles

Stampede Sports

Logan Alder, Cindy Minich

Imagination Station, Missions, Kid Vid

Angela Stolting, Carolyn Perkins  
Jean Grim  
Kristin Padalik  
Larry Swanson

Kids Snacks  
Adult Snacks  
Souvenir Photos  
Action Photos

Logan Alder, Athena Walsh, Hannah Padalik  
Hannah Alder, Mikayla DeLuca, Ryan DeLuca,  
DJ Musgrove, Jessica Musgrove, Annalisa Williamson,  
Greg Williamson, Landon Livingston

Youth Leaders

Anne Smith, Lisa Williamson, Jennifer Musgrove  
Hannah Padalik, Mikayla DeLuca, Theresa MacKnight  
Lorraine Wuolo, Paul Hong  
Donna Swanson, Sandy McKean, Athena Wash  
Terry Hong, Teri McDowell

Little Paws Meerkats  
Mack's Messengers  
Savanna's Superstars  
Hooper's Helpers  
Zion's Lions

Kristin Padalik, Doris Santella  
Sharon Miller  
Barbara Mervine, Dave Sanford, John McKean  
Izak Kolodny, Alden Miller, Jeanie & Larry Doll

Registration  
Daily newsletter  
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Security, Daily Set up Crew

Mike Bourque

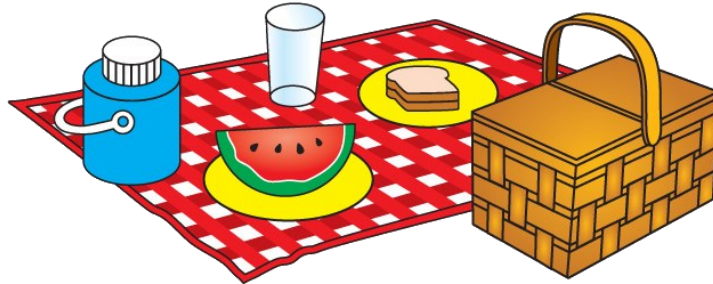
The Creative Mind

**An Awesome Decorating Crew—too numerous to mention individually—but, you know who you are—you came through and did a spectacular job—Thank You!!!!!!  
And of course, we thank our congregation for their donations and support!**





**UCCW are on break until the  
Fall—Enjoy your summer!**



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

**Email:  
[npcuccpastor@frontier.com](mailto:npcuccpastor@frontier.com)  
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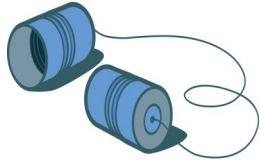
### **Singles Dinner Group**



**Singles are invited to meet for  
dinner July 11th at  
5:30 p.m. at TGI Fridays  
In Port Charlotte**

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





Spread the Word

## AMAZON SMILE

**Did you know that when you order through Amazon Smile you have an opportunity to choose a charity organization and Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your purchase to that organization? Well, it's true and North Port Community UCC is all registered and ready to receive funds. So, help spread the word and tell all your friends and neighbors to choose NPCUCC as their organization of choice. We will keep you posted as funds start to come in how this new venture is going.**



**Thursday, July 4th**



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



**All women are invited to join together for breakfast on Wednesday, July 3rd at Perkins at 8:30 a.m. Check the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall for more details.**

# Spiritual Retreat

**North Port Community UCC  
3rd Annual Faith Builder's Retreat  
March 12-14, 2020  
Day Spring Conference Center, Parrish, FL  
"A Sacred Place set Apart..."**

**Sign up now to be part of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Faith Builder's Retreat.**

**The price for the retreat includes accommodations for 2 nights lodging and six meals – Dinner on Thursday, 3 meals on Friday and 2 meals on Saturday.**

**Double Occupancy - \$210 per person  
Single Occupancy - \$285 per person  
(does not guarantee private bath)**

**This year we will have more rooms which have bathrooms included. Other rooms will require about 4 persons to share hall bathrooms.**

**Deposit of \$60 is due September 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Final payment is due January 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Checks should be made payable to "NPCUCC Retreat".**

**If it is easier for you to pay a little at a time throughout the year, we can set that up for you in the church office. Questions? Call the office 426-5580.**



The church library has both the CD and the book on Max Lucado's "***Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World***". While anxiety is a part of life, it doesn't have to dominate your life. With God as your helper and his promises at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow. This book was the topic at a recent adult Sunday school class.

An interesting older novel, "***I, Saul***", by Jerry B. Jenkins with James S. MacDonald is new to our shelf. A young seminary professor tries to save priceless parchments from antiquities thieves and discovers a connection to Saul of Tarsus. A fun read for those who attend Pastor's Tuesday Bible study.

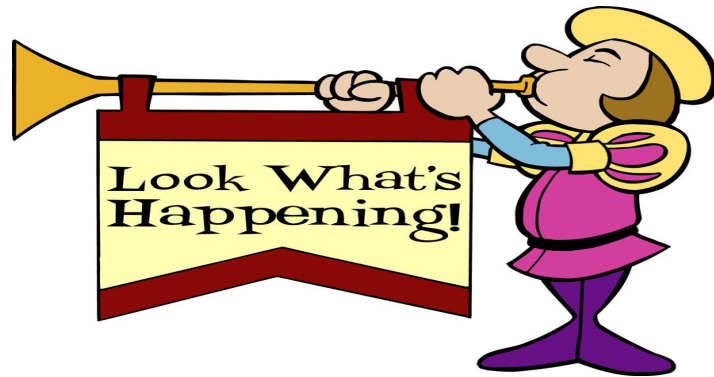
Also a must read for all parents, grandparents, guardians, etc. is "***Boundaries With Kids: How Healthy Choices Grow Healthy Children***" by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. This book recommends skills needed to live a full life with meaningful relationships. We also have "***Boundaries: When to say Yes, and How to say No***" by the same authors.



**Summer Pot Luck**

**Sunday, July 14th  
Following worship**

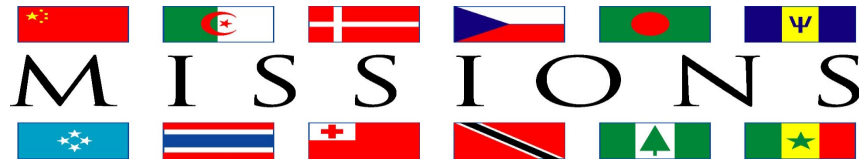
**Bring a dish to share**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!**

<b>July 4</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Church pot luck</b>
<b>August 18</b>	<b>Church pot luck</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Rally Day</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Dinner and Entertainment</b>
<b>September 20-October 2</b>	<b>Israel Trip</b>
<b>October 12th</b>	<b>Pumpkins Arrive!!!</b>
<b>October 13—31</b>	<b>Pumpkin Patch is Open</b>





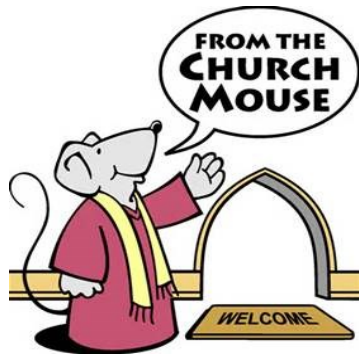
**Every summer we participate in the Undy Sunday and Back to School programs run by local organizations. Although we have not received any information yet about either of these programs, I am sure by the end of July we will be promoting them in your Sunday church bulletin.**

**So when you are out shopping start looking for bargains on children's underwear and socks for the Undy Sunday program.**

**Also requested every summer are the routine back to school items that every student needs. Routine items such as markers, glue sticks, glue, zip lock bags (I have it on good authority that the teachers really appreciate the "slide" bags best). Also needed are spiral notebooks, tissues, No. 2 pencils (pre-sharpened are best), crayons, and the list goes on, but you get the idea.**

**Thanks for considering to participate in this mission opportunity.**

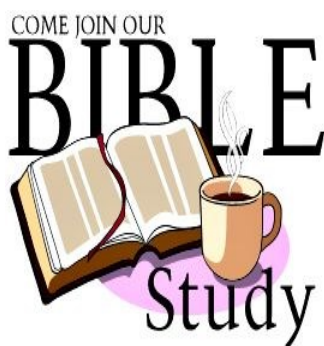
**Want to do a little more? We have three teachers in our congregation, why not ask them if there is something special they might need or want for their classrooms? Don't know who they are? Call the church office.**



## **From the Church Mouse.....**

**What a wild and crazy time Pip and I had at ROAR VBS this year. Pip really wants to thank the young girl and her grandma for making him a new outfit for the week. He felt right at home. I hope you saw him smiling for the camera in the group picture. He's the one saying Cheese! We really loved the pizza party on the last night. Cheese is one of our favorite foods and you had LOTS of cheese on those pizza's. We were concerned at first that all the Roaring lions would be too much for us little mice, but they became our friends as the week went on. We even got special necklaces—they are so cool! Thanks to the lady who made them for us! We were sorry to see the jeep go away, but hear we might get to ride on a train next year. Sounds interesting. It's hot this summer so keep cool. Until next month.....**

**Ye Olde Church Mouse  
and Pip**



## **In Home Bible Studies....**

**There will be no Home Bible Study in July. Watch for more information on a date and place for the August study.**

## July Birthdays:

July 1	John McKean
July 8	Keyona Skyles
July 9	Louzan Edwards
July 9	Alton Hagar
July 9	Ingrid Massaro
July 11	Ruth Ables
July 14	Cynthia Hayward
July 15	Jenny Hagar
July 18	Bob Brown
July 22	Jim Bonsky
July 29	Bob Holsinger
July 31	Nadyne Tallman



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

**John and Sandy McKean**

**July 14**



# July

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

July 7      Barb Mervine  
July 14     ????? How about you ?????  
July 21     Donna and Larry Swanson  
July 28     Donna and Larry Swanson



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“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:**

**May 2018—121**

**May 2019—121**

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



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



# FOURTH *of* JULY

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**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am**

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

**Closed on Friday**

**Patti Bourque, Office Manager**

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