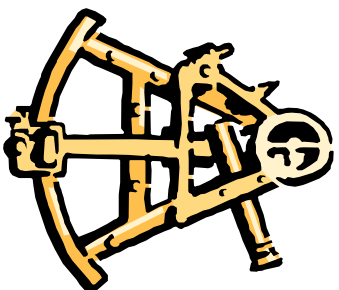


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THE NAVIGATOR

June 2019



June/July Navigator

CAPTURED BY GOD'S GREAT LOVE

My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word. (Psalm 119:81)

Dear Church Family,

We can sense the Psalmists exhaustion. He is going through a very hard time. Life is difficult and dealt him a portion he doesn't care too much for.

Maybe you can relate, we have all been there before. We might use a bit of another vocabulary to express our feelings. Possibly it sounds somewhat like this:" I am so-o-o-o tired of this - I can't take one more thing - doesn't anyone care? I need help! God where are You?"

Reading through the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament is an adventure. We can find in its pages the stories of people like you and me. People who have days of joy, days of pain and those every day days.

God is offering us help though the pages of His Word (the Bible). Are you going through a hard time? Please pick up His Word and why not start with the Book of Psalms? Before we know it we will confess together with the Writer of Psalm 119...But I have put my hope in Your Word.

Let's reflect on the following verses and pray as we begin reading the Bible.

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.
Psalm 119:18

He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
Luke 18:38

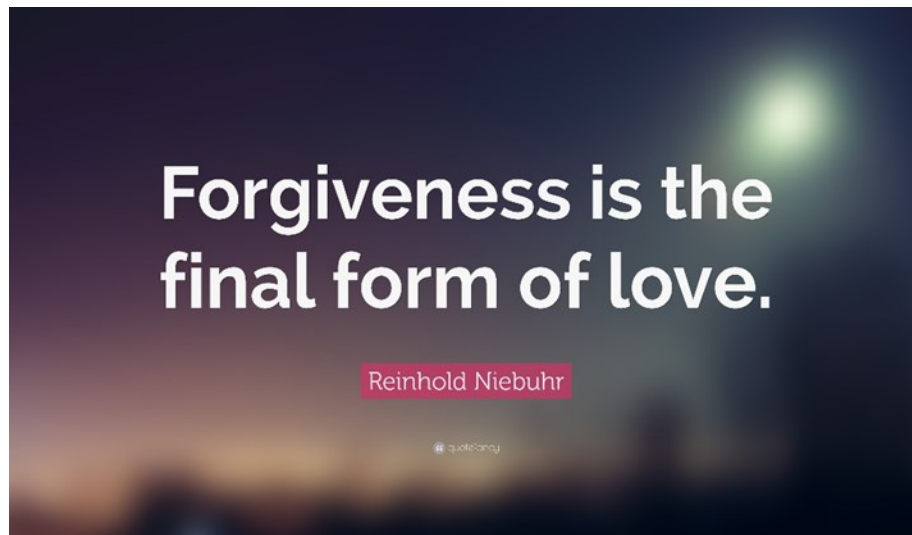
Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
James 1:22

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.
Luke 24:45

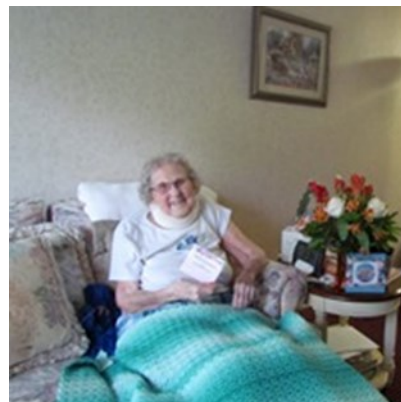
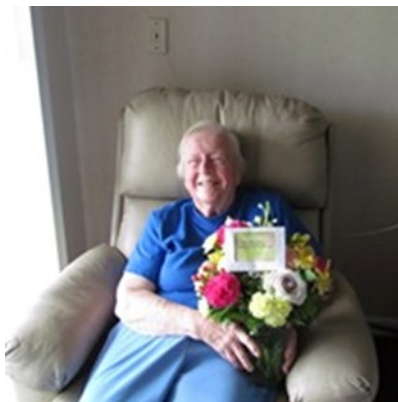


**June 9th is
Pentecost Sunday
join us for our
10 a.m. worship
service.**

**Adult Sunday School Current Series:
(In Decker Hall every Sunday: 8:15-9:15a.m.)**



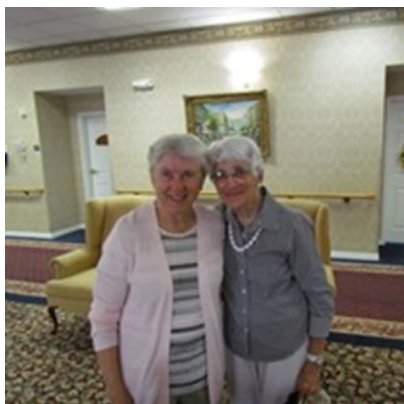
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**Visit with Aggie Bushey & Dorothy Hewes
(05-13-2019)**



**National Day of Prayer
at North Port City Hall**



**Protestant Service
at the Gardens**



UCCW at work

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

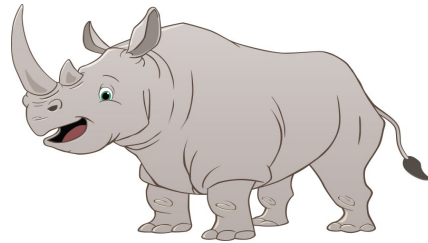
Please note: In order to give Pastor Attila plenty of time for his sermon. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with the Lord's Prayer, whatever time that may be.

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

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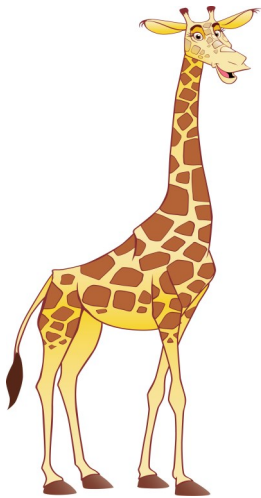
June 10-14, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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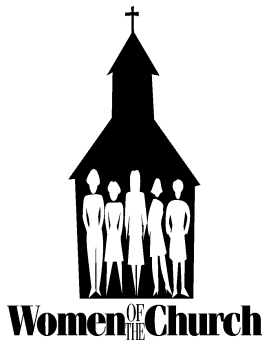
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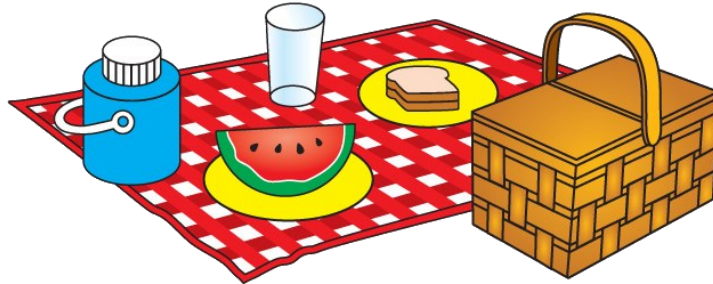
Stories Cool Crafts
Yummy Snacks Fun Games
Lively Music



Call for a Registration form!



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



 **Happy
Father's
Day!** 

Sunday, June 16th



Singles Dinner Group

**Singles are invited to meet for
dinner June 13th at
5:30 p.m. at Olde World
Restaurant.**

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



**Bus Trip to Savannah, Georgia
March 23-27, 2020**

\$75 deposit is now due.

**Flyers are available
in the church narthex.**

**It is a great price and has a great itinerary.
Check it out today and send your
deposit to Margaret Cook to hold your space.**



Monday, May 27th

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



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

Spiritual Retreat

**3rd Annual Faith Builder's Retreat
March 12-14, 2020
DaySpring Conference Center, Parrish, FL**

A list has been started in the office for those who want to be sure to go next year. Prices for 2020 will increase just slightly. \$210 for double occupancy; \$285 for single occupancy. Deposits will come later, but if it makes it easier for you to pay a little at a time throughout the year, we can set that up for you. Questions? Call the office 426-5580.

**JOURNEY
OF
*Faith***



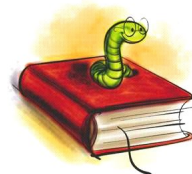
Friday, June 14th

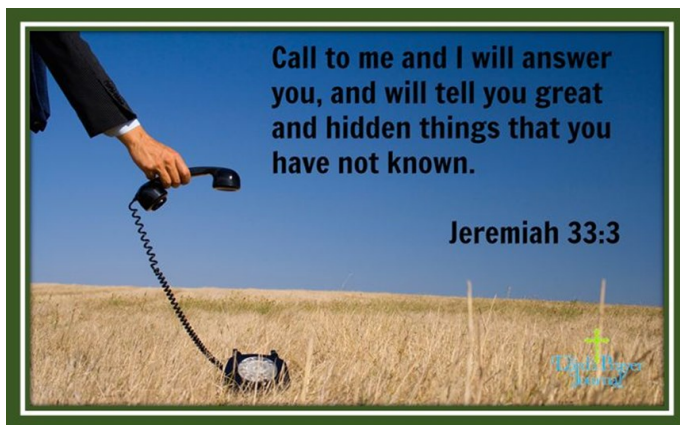


Added to the library shelves are some very interesting books. “***Choosing Forgiveness: Your Journey to Freedom***” by Nancy Leigh Demos. The author wants you to get your life back. Whether you need to forgive or be forgiven, you will find spiritual strength in this book. Forgiveness is the current topic for adult Sunday school.

The next book is “***Jesus Among Secular Gods: The Countercultural Claims in Christ***” by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale. The rise of secular gods presents the most serious challenge to the absolute claims of Christ. Chapters include atheism, scientism, pluralism, humanism, etc. This book faces head on today’s most urgent challenges to Christian faith.

Also, “***Raising Men: from Fathers to Sons—Life Lessons from Navy Seal Training***” by Eric Davis. The author, a former U.S. Navy Seal uses a blend of discipline, leadership, adventure, and grace in connecting with your sons.





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

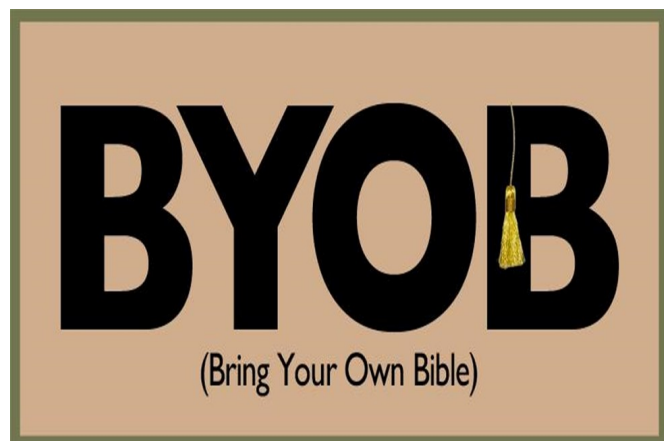
Jeremiah 33:3

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

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

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

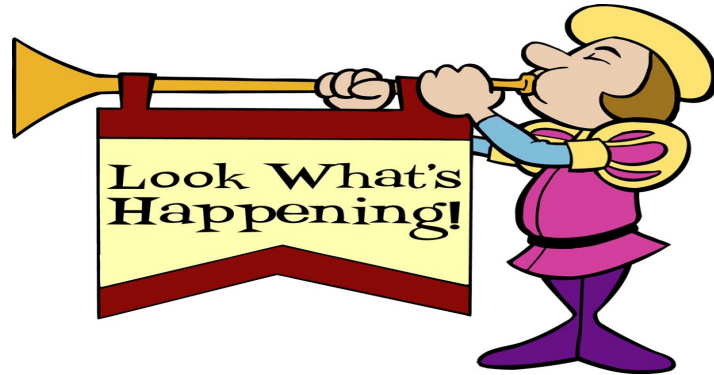
**Bible Study
Every Tuesday
11:00 a.m.**



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

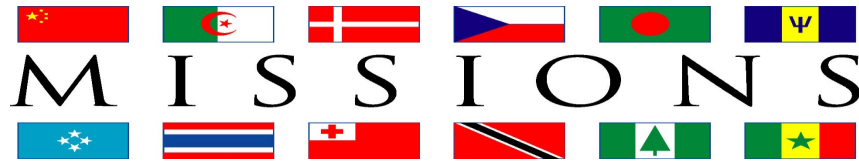


**Join us on Wednesday morning for
Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.**



UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

May 27	Church office closed, Memorial Day
June 9	Pentecost Sunday—wear red
June 10-14	Vacation Bible School
July 4	Church Office Closed
July 14	Church pot luck
August 18	Church pot luck
September 8	Rally Day
September 13	Dinner and Entertainment
September 20-October 4	Israel Trip
October 12th	Pumpkins Arrive!!!
October 13—31	Pumpkin Patch is Open



Bags for Beds

The new program called “Bags for Beds” will meet on Thursday, June 6 then will be taking a break for summer.

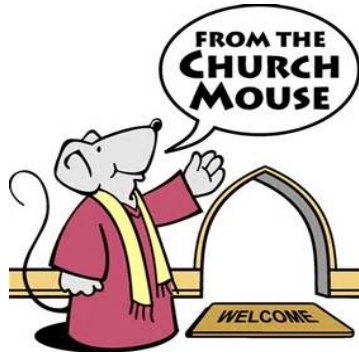
Recently you were asked to please save your plastic shopping bags for this group. They have plenty for now and do not need any more. When they begin meeting and need more, they will ask, but for now, please don’t bring any more to the church. Many thanks!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH



**On Sunday, June 9th—
Pentecost Sunday—we will
receive the annual UCC
Strengthen the Church
offering.**

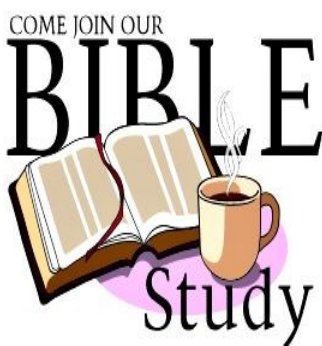
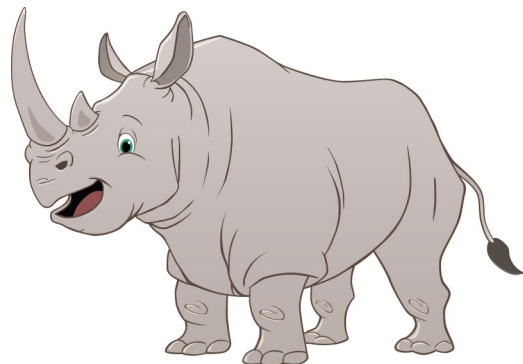
This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. An envelope will be provided in your June 9th bulletin. We thank you in advance for your generous support.



From the Church Mouse.....

Our little mouse family sure enjoyed those yummy ribs the other day. Smelled them cooking outside and came in to check them out. Good food and good music a great day for a mouse and his family. Those drums that Pip and I were hearing last month are getting louder in the back room. Somebody's been practicing a lot. Heard some singing back there too, that lady was sure happy with the new song she learned. Lots of talk about lions and rhinos and giraffe's oh my! Getting our Safari hats ready for a fun week here on the Savannah. We'll be looking for you there!

**Ye Olde Church Mouse
and Pip**



In Home Bible Studies....

The June Home Bible Study date and location are yet to be determined. Please watch your Sunday bulletin for further information or call Delores Edwards at 876-3376.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl group will be taking a break for the summer. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for when we will be starting back up again in the fall. Enjoy your summer.



Dine to Donate!

Please continue to take your vouchers to Perkins each time you dine there.

Perkins will collect the vouchers and quarterly send us a check donating 10% of the subtotal of everyone's bills. A win/win for everyone.



FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Remember the 2nd Sunday is our Collection of Food for those who are hungry. Donations alternate with one month going to Face of Hope and the next month to New Hope Church.

June Birthdays:

June 2	Barbara Chamberlain
June 3	Marilee Taylor
June 5	Sandy McKean
June 11	Christine Bermel
June 15	Gloria Robinson
June 17	Paul Hong
June 19	Norma Beach
June 21	Rona Hunnisett
June 21	Jan Lytle
June 23	Nick Bonsky
June 25	Theresa MacKnight
June 25	June Valentino
June 26	Cindy Collins
June 29	Barbara Miles
June 20	Betty Van Tassell



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

June 6	Shane and Allison Dougherty
June 9	Larry and Donna Swanson
June 12	Paul and Terry Hong
June 14	Mike and Patti Bourque
June 19	Clint and Betty Van Tassell
June 25	Lou Sorrentino & Cynthia Hayward
June 26	Bob and Marian Holsinger

June

ALTAR FLOWERS:

June 2	Marilyn Miller
June 9	Terry & Paul Hong
	Larry & Donna Swanson
June 16	Clint & Betty Van Tassell
June 23	John & Sandy McKean
June 30	????????



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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:**

April 2018—161
April 2019—165

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



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



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

Closed on Friday

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