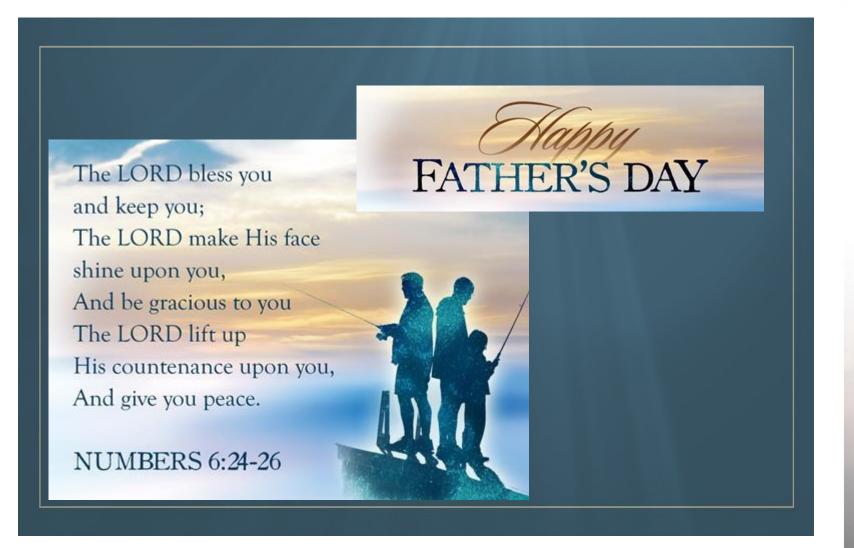


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Dear Friends.

In last month's newsletter I wrote of how times at ENUMC were changing. Linda and Howard Matthews, our director of music and our facilities manager, were retiring and moving to Tennessee; office manager Dawn Huerta was stepping down to spend more time with family; and Bill Maitland, our longtime soundboard operator and electrical wiz, was going to "retire." We've had a time for celebrating faithful service and saying fond (though sad) farewells.

Over time, members of ENUMC will learn more about and become more familiar with the people who are filling these positions. For the time being, let me give you some names to start placing with the faces you'll be seeing around the church. Our new director of music is Brent Nicholas; our facilities manager is Mike Gonalakis; Mary Beth Farrelly is the new office manager; and our soundboard is to be manned by Carlos Quintana and Michael Berg. I also want to welcome Kris Chisholm (Dossinger) back to working with us at ENUMC as the director of our children's program. We are glad to add all these folks to the ENUMC family and look forward to working with them in service to God through the church. Our thanks to Linda Bryden and our Staff Parish Relations Committee for their diligent work in filling these important positions.

An area where we will need to be doing some work at the church is communications. As mentioned in the first paragraph, the times are changing. Communications today is not just an ad in the newspaper. A communications team could make our advertising, church newsletter, social media, phone messaging, and other areas of communication more effective. If you have an interest in this area, please contact me at (239-774-4696).

Yours in Christ, Pastor Jim

"New Beginnings"

As we have witnessed the end of 'season' here in SWFL and the many changes it brings (including a considerable decrease in church attendance), I am reminded that there is a time and a season for everything. This year, it would seem that ENUMC has moved quickly into a season of transition, as we have begun new programs such as the Strong Tower Contemporary Saturday Night Service, the expansion of the Justin's Place Bible Study ministries to include a weekly wom-



en's study (our "New Beginnings Ministry"), the quickly growing Spanish church, the Truth & Grace Counseling Ministry, and also, as we have sadly said farewell to beloved staff members and welcomed many new folks into our ministry fold. Transitions are normal and can be difficult, but they can also usher in seasons of new beginnings, full of hope and great expectation.

The inevitability of transitions can often leave us with a certain degree of powerlessness as we are forced to accept change, but our *perspective* on the transition is the key to how well we adapt and thrive in our new situation. As we move into this season of transition and change, I want to encourage you to remember the Apostle Paul's encouragement to the church at Philippi who were also in transition as their beloved leader sat imprisoned in Rome, their unity was being challenged, and change was inevitable. He exhorted them; "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

As we move into this season of change, let's rejoice in the blessings of the past and pray for the Lord's anointing to be upon the 'new beginnings'. Please be in prayer for our new staff and ministries, and look forward to the future at ENUMC with a perspective of great expectation; hope and faith that the Lord will bless and provide as he always has.

In His Peace, Dana MacMillan, MA, M.Div. Associate Pastor



Contemporary Worship News



SECOND SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

After encountering unexpected "canoe race enthusiasts" at the scheduled fellowship dinner venue, we walked over the water (actually under the bridge) to enjoy a great time of fellowship and food at the Riverwalk. Join us every 2nd Saturday of the month for a fellowship dinner following the Saturday night service.

Christian Education News

from Elaine Thomas



GRADUATES

East Naples UMC is so proud of our graduates! We have a bumper crop this year!
We have three students graduating from high school. Maggie Moxam graduated from Lorenzo Walker Technical High School. She is the daughter of Isabel and Howard Moxam.
Rachael Pence graduated from Seacrest Country Day School. Her grandmother is Norma Pence. We also have Ryan Shepard who graduated from Gulf Coast High School. He is

the son of Angela and Scot Shepard.

This year we have three students graduating from college. **Nicole Berg** graduated from Florida Southwestern State College with a degree in education. Her grandparents are William and Gloria Rennie and her immediate family includes husband Michael and children, Dalton, Zach, and Marilyn. **Mayelyn Garcia** graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a degree in nursing. Her mother is Mariano Garcia. **Megan Olson** graduated from the University of North Florida with a degree in Public Health and a minor in Education. Her father is Cliff Olson. In addition, we have two students receiving advanced degrees. **Christine Sanders** graduated from Florida State University with a Juris Doctorate degree. Her mother is Janet Washburn. **Megan Beddow** graduated from Indiana University with dual degrees, Master of Public Affairs with a concentration in nonprofit management and Master of Arts in Caribbean and Latin American Studies. Her mother is Pat Price.

We give thanks for each of you and what you have achieved! We are excited for how God will use you in the future. Graduates, do not forget East Naples UMC and if we can ever be of help, we are here for you!

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee has worked very hard this year to recognize the efforts of our applicants. We are pleased to announce the following scholarship recipients. **Tristan Ahlquist** is a rising Senior at University of Florida. He is the son of Sandy and Jeff Ahlquist. **Zuri Moxam** is a rising Sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University. She is the daughter of Isabel and Howard Moxam. Zuri's sister, **Maggie Moxam**, is a freshman at Florida Southwestern State College and also a scholarship recipient. **Rachael Pence** is a freshman at Stetson University. She is the granddaughter of Norma Pence.

Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients and blessings on your next year in college. Thanks to all who contribute to this fund so that we can continue to offer scholarships and keep our students connected to their home church.



Hello.

My name is Megan Olson and I grew up going to this church. My grandma and grandpa were very active members at ENUMC and because of them, I met a lot of amazing, interesting people who helped me become the woman I am today. So, I want to thank these people: Linda Matthews, Nita Leftwich, Danielle Poff, Mr. and Mrs. Ahlquist, Mr. and Mrs. Perez, Kristin Dossinger-Chisholm, and all the Ushers. You were there for me through every lighting of the candles, to trying to find my dad in the aisles because I didn't want to go to kid's group last minute, to helping me learn to sing and letting me watch my hero (my grandma) practice singing with the choir, to all around just supporting me in everything and loving me. Thank you so much! I will never be able to express my gratitude and appreciation.

And thank you to everyone that sits here today because if it wasn't for you, this church wouldn't be here. Thank you again and sorry I couldn't attend today. I hope to see you all very soon.

- Megan Olson

~ WELCOME BRENT ~



Brent Nicholas will be serving ENUMC as the Director of Music. He received his undergraduate degree in Music Education from West Virginia Institute of Technology where he studied piano with Olive Meyers and conducting and voice with Guy Owen Baker. He received his Masters in Music degree in Music Department Choral Conducting from West Virginia University studying with

Dr. Kathleen Shannon. While at WVU, he also served as the Assistant Director of Choirs. Brent has taught choral music at the middle school, high school, and college levels. He recently retired from Morgantown High School in Morgantown, WV where he was the Director of Choirs and taught guitar and music theory and directed the Freshmen Choir, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir and "Images" - the award-winning competition show choir. Brent brings a wide variety of expertise and experience from serving churches since the age of 14. He has worked as an accompanist, organist, praise team leader, and has directed children, youth, hand bell, orchestras and adult choirs.



After moving to Naples, FL in 2014, Brent sang with the Voices of Naples and

became active with the Naples Players, appearing in musical productions and working behind the scenes. Most recently you might have seen him in the roles of Clive, the Butler in Something's Afoot and Igor in Young Frankenstein. Brent is married to Kim, who is a retired special education teacher, and they have two children - Courtney, a chemist with Mylan Pharmaceutical and JJ, a V2/Production Utility for Fox Sports. They have one grandson, Aidan, who turns 3 in August and is absolutely the best grandchild ever! Brent is excited to continue the wonderful music ministry program here at ENUMC.



Coffee and Donuts:

Want to thank everyone who volunteered this past season to serve refreshments between the 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock service. We will not serve during the summer months starting June 5th. Hope to see you all in the season starting October.

Many thanks to Jeff and Sandi Ahlquist, Elaine Thomas and Barbara Kimler, Glenn and Diann Gault, Sandi Beaver and Barbara Loewel, Jerry and Donna Nailor, Charlie and Pat Cortright, and Tom and Carol McElroy

We also want to recognize and thank Kathy Luark and Kathy Baginski for all their help keeping our kitchen pantry stocked and organized. These ladies are always willing to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed! Kathy Baginski also leads our Tuesday Morning Bible Study which will continue throughout the summer as they study passages in Romans. They meet at 10AM and all are welcome!!!





Isn't he PRECIOUS!!!

Congratulations to Derek & Stacy Clemmensen on the birth of their son, Graeme Reid, who was born on April 21st. weighing 9 lbs., 7 oz., 21 inches. Big sister, Charlotte "Charlie", thinks he is awesome as do his grandparents, Paul & Kris Clemmensen!



For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14



Thank you—

A smile, a hug, a laugh-out-loud, a story, a prayer, a word of encouragement, another hug, a scripture, a homemade treat, a good book, a crocheted angel, a Communion angel, a note of thanks, a loss, another hug, a wink, a surprise, a family memory, another laugh-out-loud, another hug, a song, a favorite verse, a word of wisdom, another prayer, another

All these small moments add up to a time of joy being with you. Thank you for welcoming me into your hearts. You will enjoy getting to know your new Office Manager, Mary Beth, as I have enjoyed getting to know each of you!

Have a wonderful summer, and I fully intend to pop in from time to time to say *hello...and for another hug!* ~ *Dawn*



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BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is not on our list, please call the church office at 239-774-4696 so that we can update our information! We want to celebrate your special day with you!



Christine Hoyt	6/2
Roger Holmes	6/3
Donald Layser	6/3
Aggie Tappen	6/3
Houston Thompson	6/4
Anne Brennan	6/
Lillian Dehm	6/
Rosie Hall	6/
Carolyn Ivins	6/
Roberta Hammond	6/6
Connie Landis	6/8
Josue Legra Sr.	6/9
Pauline Stanley	6/9
Cletus Reeves	6/10
Ruth Thiel	6/1 ⁻
June Collins	6/13
Kathy Luark	6/13
Jean Barrineau	6/14
Lori De Jarnette	6/14
Judy Smith	6/14
Dan Donaldson	6/1
Hazel Garofano	6/1
Jack Mellon	6/1
Jeniferlyn Tea	6/1
Nicole Daudert	6/16
Maxine Schaefer	6/16
Carol Crislip	6/17
Jeane Thomas	6/17
Paul Smith	6/18
George Chaney	6/20
Walter Whitten	6/20
Joyce Wickelgren	6/2
Cathy Wilson	6/23
Rae Brown	6/2
Velma Ressler	6/2
Jeannie Means	6/26
Charlotte Clemmensen	6/2
Carol Peter	6/27
Bette Knapp	6/28
Elizabeth Milliren	6/30

"Next Chapter Youth Ministry" News

The school year has flown by, and summer is just around the corner. **Next Chapter** is looking forward to a fun and exciting summer! If you have not already signed up for summer camp, please do so as soon as possible. We are scheduled to go Week 6. Just a reminder that youth are responsible for the cost of camp. There is scholarship information available on the camp's website. If you have any questions please contact Derek. Youth@enaples.org



This summer the youth will finish their study on the book of James and begin getting ready to help with Vacation Bible School! Can't wait to see everyone Sunday evenings at 5:30!

-Derek Clemmensen, Youth Director



Vacation Bible School
I've Got Talent:
Showcasing my work for Jesus
August 1-5

When: August 1-5 from **5:30pm-8pm**. A light dinner will be provided as we try a new spin

on Vacation Bible School this year.

Who: Children Pre-School- 5th grade, youth 6th-12th grade and Adults! We want to

celebrate VBS with the whole family. We are inviting **Children, Youth and Adults** to come join us in the evenings to learn about God's plan for your life. We will have different rotations for each age level all revolving around our theme of I've Got Talent:

Showcasing my work for Jesus.

What is it all about?: The God of the universe made us, loves us, and gave each of us special talents to use for HIS service and glory! "We are God's handiwork (work of art) created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10, NIV)

In *I've Got Talent*, students will learn how famous Bible characters used their Godgiven skills for Him- AND they too can accomplish great things in their careers and life! Students will uncover their personal talents and will learn about contemporary jobs that depend on those talents for success.

Volunteers for Children's Ministry:

We are looking for adult volunteers for our Sunday morning Sunday School at 9:30 am and Children's Church at 11 to stay in compliance with our CHILD PROTECTION POLICY which requires two adults in each classroom. For Children's Church, we are putting a rotation together so volunteers would only need to work one Sunday a month! For Sunday School, we would like to have classroom helpers who can volunteer every week. Please contact Kris Chisholm or Elaine Thomas if you can serve in this area of ministry.



I've got good news and not-so-good news

It's hard to believe we are over 1/3 of the way through 2016. The official season is over and we miss our snowbird friends that have returned north. But, I am very grateful to our yearlong residents that are loyally attending every Sunday. As it said that the beginning, we have good news and not-so-good news. The good news is we are still on track for the year, based on both income and spending. Income for the first 4 months is 38% of what we needed to meet budget. We could not have done that without the faithful giving of all our attendees, both seasonal and our faithful year round members. Spending is also keeping up with budget, with through April, we are at 33% of budget.

And while income and expenses are on track with our budget, we do not have a balanced budget, so we have a large difference to make up over the year. So the not-so-good news is following the current trend, we will not be able to meet our expected expenses for the year. During the lean summer months, we may have to tap into our savings, which is not something we want to do. We can only do this for so long until we no longer have our savings.

Please, prayerfully consider your weekly or monthly giving to our church. Do you think you can give \$5 or \$10 per week more? Look closely at your wallet? Can you eat one less meal out a week, and put that back into the offering plate? Rent one less movie, skip a shopping trip to the mall.

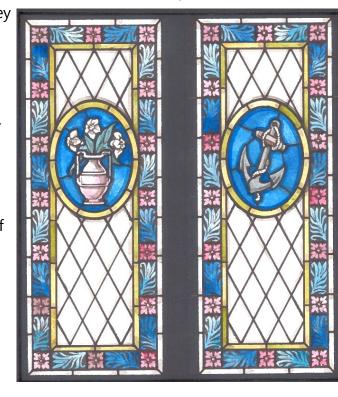
One more thing...

As you know, the trustees are have a Buy a Brick fundraiser. There are 3 major issues that we are trying to correct, and with everyone's help, we can accomplish them without having to spend any or reserves. The Trustees have had to do a major repair to the roof over Fellowship hall. It had some

serious damage due to some winter storms. Also, Elsey Hall needs some major repairs including windows, doors, and flooring. And finally, the windows in the Chapel area of the sanctuary are very close to falling apart due to years of the Florida sun and winds. Please prayerfully consider donating to the brick fund.

As for the windows in the sanctuary, they have been picked out and ordered. It will take some time for them to be made and installed. Each window will be different. Pictured to the right are samples of just 2 of the windows. The rest will look very similar, with the center of each being different.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Clemmensen Finance Chairperson, East Naples U.M.C.







WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!!

Bargain Nook Luncheon pictured above—some of our volunteers saying goodbye to two of our faithful volunteers. Anne Brennan and Barbara Kimler are moving back up north. They will be missed!

Pictured are: Sandi Beaver, Jim Bitting, Bob Poff, Donna Nailor, Danielle Poff, Vicki Stefl, Bian Spieth, Yvonne Diegel, Sharon Barber, Anne Brennan, and Carol McElroy. Not attending were Maxine Kilburg, Marie Dowling, Joan Lewis, Emily Seager, Linda Burwinkel, and Barbara Kimler.

> God bless our volunteers, Carol McElroy



Next month we will have our "Christmas in July Sale". Please drop off your Christmas themed donations in June so that we can price them to sell next month. And don't forget to come in and shop to see our wonderful merchandise!

Other items we could use to sell are men's slacks (sizes 30 to 36), jewelry and linens. THANKS for all of your donations!

Please welcome our new Bargain Nook volunteers: Ruth LaRue and Linda Burwinkel. If you have time to give, come in

and see me to learn about this wonderful outreach to the Naples community. If you are busy during the week and can't volunteer in the store, we have another need. I'm looking for someone to help with special items that we receive. If you have talents in online shopping with eBay and/or Craigslist, please contact me to occasionally help with items that will be sold better online.

Blessings, Carol 239.860.0833



The Mission Emphasis for June is Missionary Support both locally [C] and globally. We hope that you will help us support missionaries in **V**D our area and around the world. Please pray for donate to those \overline{CORNER} who are serving as God's hands and feet in our world. These in-Project, Rachel Micke in South Africa and

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Storm Racing Ministry (Dick & Kay Stone).

We look forward to hearing from Rachel on June 12. An introduction from Rachel is below:

"My name is Rachel Micke, and I am a first-time missionary to South Africa. I currently work as a pediatric speech-language pathologist for NCH in Naples, but about 9 years ago God began a work in me that set me on a different career path. I felt called to missions on my first mission trip to Bangkok, Thailand in 2008 and God has now opened the doors for me to step into ministry in South Africa.

I will be in country for 2 years this term and working as part of a team to plant churches across the country of South Africa. We will also be partnering with a Bible college and a local church in Cape Town.

I'm very excited about this journey and can't wait to see all the incredible plans God has for the people of South Africa begin to unfold! I'm also really looking forward to meeting with all of you at East Naples Methodist Church and sharing a little more of my heart in missions." -Rachel Micke



Canamazo Methodist Church CUBA - We have collected \$1429 the Water Filtration System at our sister church. A \$900 down payment has been sent for the Water Filtration System. The total cost of the system is \$1800. We need an additional \$371 before the end of June. Please help us provide clean "Living Water" to the families of the rural Canamazo area.

July Mission of the Month – Grace Place for Children and Families

HEIFFER PROJECT

What is a penny worth? Not much, you say? Well, recently I noticed our Pennies for Heiffers can was getting a little full so I turned the money into the Offering Counters. That change that you drop into the can every week was valued at \$150.00!!! \$150.00 will buy a llama or an alpaca. It will buy a goat, a sheep or a pig with money left



over! On a smaller scale, it will buy 2 rabbits or 7 flocks of ducks, chicks, or geese. Or, maybe it will be used to buy a lot of honeybees! It just proves - good things do come in small packages. Keep your head to the ground in search of those stray pennies out there, so that we can continue to make a positive difference in our world.



IT'S YOUR CHANCE!!!

June 21st will be our next opportunity to help with the Meals-of-Hope

Mobile Food Pantry Truck!

Join us at the YMCA located at the corner of Airport-Pulling Rd and Pine Ridge. We will meet at 4:30pm (or you can come later) in the front of the YMCA. Please come by way of the main entrance on Pine Ridge Road (not Airport). We will set out food from the truck and distribute it to the community from 5-7pm.

Call Carol Griffin if you will be there 630-853-3625

With the truck out front, there has been a lot of activity—the word is getting out!

Our next date is August 16th!



Dress-A-Girl Event Saturday, June 25th from 9-12 in Elsey Hall

Our group will gather this month to assemble T-shirt dresses for little girls around the world.

All are welcome! No sewing experience required. We always appreciate donations of girl-sized T-shirts in all colors and cloth in 1 to 1.5 yard lengths!

Questions? Call Joan Hemelt at 774-4696

Thank you ALL from the bottom of our hearts for the party on May 15th, the entertainment, the roast, and for the love offering. You all will be missed after we move to Tennessee. We will talk about you and remind each other what a



wonderful church family we have here in Naples.

You have chosen wisely in hiring Brent as the new Director of Music. I wish him well and know that the music department is in good---no, great hands. Be patient with him, as he has a lot of names to learn and remember.

Thank you for 22 years on my behalf and 11 years for Howard, for your friendships and the love and support. This is a wonderful church and your new staff needs the same treatment.



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!!!

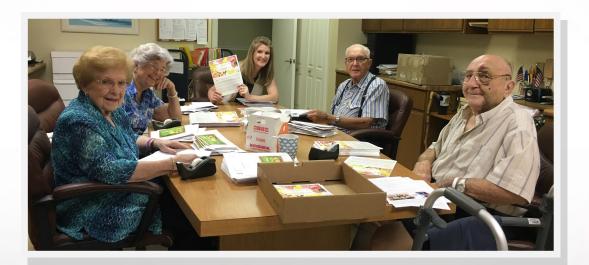
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WHAT A CREW!!! - Yes, it's the NEWSLETTER CREW!

Have you ever wondered how our East Naples UMC "News, Views & Gospel Truths" gets ready for delivery to your door? Well, it's thanks to our wonderful Newsletter Crew who meet at the church each month to organize stacks and stacks of articles into an assembled newsletter!

Pictured above are June Collins, Jo Yates, Dawn Huerta, Oral Elhard, and Cletus Reeves.

We also want to thank Joan Hemelt, Dana Reeves, Jack Yates, John & Barb Young along with our office volunteers and folks who drop by and pitch in help to make this publication possible!

We salute you! We are always looking for extra hands to help out (oh, and most importantly, coffee and donuts are served while we work!). Call the church office if would like to join our Crew!