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East Naples United Methodist Church—December 2017

Upcoming Events

- Dec 9 Churchwide Christmas Party
- Dec 10 Cantata Concert
- Dec 12 Christmas Parade (Downtown Naples)
- Dec 24 7pm Candlelight Service
- Dec 25 Church Office Closed
- Dec 26 Church Office Closed
- Dec 31 Festival of Lessons & Carols Service at 9am
This will be the **ONLY** service on this date

A Message from Pastor Jacquie

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"
(2 Corinthians 9:15)

In the fullness of time God sent us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. He came to bring us salvation; an all-encompassing gift including hope, peace, joy, love, etc. We cannot purchase any of these gifts. All we have to do is receive them. These gifts are free. This is the reason why we share gifts with others at Christmas time. We give because God gave first.

The sermon series this Advent season is titled, "He Came Bearing Gifts". Come join us and together let's open the precious gifts Jesus brought us!

December 3rd- The Gift of Hope

December 10- The Gift of Peace

December 17- The Gift of Joy

December 24- The Gift of Love

Pastor Jacquie





May God richly bless you this Christmas season and throughout the New Year! Thank you for your continued support of the Mission and Outreach programs at ENUMC. Your donations and efforts impact our community, our nation and our world. ~ Your Mission Committee

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you for helping to make this project a great success. Your efforts will not only bring smiles to the faces of children around the world but also bring lesson about Jesus.



Mission Moments

December Mission of the Month Christmas Families

We have partnered with Shadowlawn Elementary School, our neighborhood school, to identify families in need of some extra help and Christmas love this year. We are also reaching out to other community families. There are **three ways** that you can help our church reach out to these families.



1. There are ornament tags with the child's name and gift ideas on the tree in the narthex. You may take an ornament and shop for the child. There are lots of good sales this time of year!
2. You may purchase gift cards to Walmart, Publix or other stores so that the families may purchase food for the holidays or extra items that they may need.

If you don't enjoy shopping, you may donate money to the Mission Team – Christmas Families Fund and we will shop for the families.

You may wrap the gifts or leave that to us. Please return the gifts to East Naples UMC by Sunday, December 10th. We will deliver the gifts to the Guidance Counselor at Shadowlawn Elementary on Tuesday, December 12th.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11
At the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, this verse from Jeremiah serves as the foundational promise that guides the work we do. The children and youth in our care come to us in the midst of chaos, struggling to navigate the broken pieces of their lives. Your 5th Sunday Offering helps provide Florida's most vulnerable children and youth a safe place to call home and the tools they need to turn those broken pieces into a beautiful mosaic that reflects the treasured person God has created. Last year we served over 700 children and families through your support. But we continue to have children who urgently need our care. With your help, we can work to give them a hope and a future. Please support this important United Methodist ministry with your gifts this 5th Sunday. **Visit www.fumch.org for more information.**

Bargain Nook News

We can't believe how fast this year has gone by. Christmas sales at the nook are in full swing. We are in need of any kind of Christmas items you aren't using this year.

Our inventory is very low this year so please remember us when you are decorating your home. We have been so blessed this year and are hoping to finish out the year with busy holiday shoppers.

We still have those three wedding gowns. Thanks to all our volunteers and God Bless our Church family.

Thanks
Carol

Social Committee

We just completed our first year of seven BPDT shows. What a success. Most were sold out. Thank You. Next season is the Broadway Palm 25th season. ENUMC has 5 shows booked.

Show name, date, and price are listed below.

1. GROOVIN, Oct. 5, 2017; \$50/ticket
2. CHRISTMAS STORY, Dec. 14, 2017; \$65/ticket
3. CHICAGO, JAN. 18, 2018; \$65/ticket
4. MAMMA MIA, Feb. 22, 2018; \$65/ticket
5. MY FAIR LADY, Apr. 19, 2018; \$65/ticket

Price includes RT transportation from ENUMC, dinner, show, and gratuity.

All shows are Thursday's, with 4:30 PM departure.

Please call the ENUMC office, 239-774-4696; or Rhonda Sleezer at 630-272-7512 to make reservations.

Experiencing Loss

Have you lost your job, some physical capabilities, a relationship, material things, a loved one?

Welcome to this group which will meet beginning January 8, 2018 at 2:00pm in the Chapel. Join us!

Electronic Giving

We all know that tithing is done during weekly worship service, but did you know that you can also tithe/donate through our website at www.enaples.org/online-giving? You may find this tool very useful when traveling; sick or unable to attend service but still want to faithfully contribute.

New Bible
Study Series
starts January 7th

What if there was a book that foretold the future? There is a book that can, it's the Bible-God's Holy Word. The book of Daniel tells the future of all world kingdoms, God's people, Israel and the man called Anti-Christ. Daniel reveals world events preceding the return of Christ. We will spend 12 weeks looking into the future as revealed by God to the prophet Daniel. Join us starting January 7, 2018.

Learning Center Happenings



Michele Micieli, Director

The Learning Center Preschool

239-775-0745

The children had their annual Thanksgiving Lunch Program on Tuesday, November 21 and as always they did a fabulous job. Thank you Gabe for helping to make that day a huge success.

Please remember to invite your friends and family members to the Church wide Christmas event on Saturday, December 9th from 4pm-6pm, this is a great time to come together for some Fun, Food and Fellowship something entire family.

For the First time EVER The Learning Center teachers, children and families will be walking in the Annual City of Naples Christmas Parade Tuesday, December 12th at 6pm. If you would like to walk and sing Jingle Bells with us please call the preschool office at 239-775-0745 or church office 239-774-4696. We hope that you will all come out to join us or watch and support the Church and Preschool.

As always The Learning Center children will participate in the Crafty Ladies Christmas Shop.

Each week at The Learning Center the children are taught a new Bible lesson and verse, weekly themes, their colors, shapes, letters, math, science, character development and much more.

During the week we have weekly readers from the church family come in and read to the children for about 20 minutes, if you are interested in reading to the children please call the preschool office to see what days are available.

Did you know that if you refer a family member, friend or business associate to The Learning Center Preschool and they enroll you will receive a Gift from us as our way of saying Thank you!

As always we thank you for your prayers, support and referrals.



Finance Committee

Greetings Members & Friends of ENUMC! Merry Christmas. Hard to believe we have actually survived 2017. It has been a long and exciting year here in Naples, and all around the country. But as you are addressing your Christmas cards, and finishing up your shopping lists, please prayerfully consider your end-of-year giving to East Naples United Methodist church.

Financially, our income is far behind our expenses for the year. As of the end of October, we are behind by **\$68,334**, and if we project that out for the final 2 months, by year end, we are going be in the red by **\$82,000**. **With your help, we can make up this deficit!**

Add to that, the large unbudgeted expenses that we have to pay this year. As you know, Hurricane Irma caused significant damage to our buildings. Roof damage alone is going to coast us over \$20,000, and add to that the repairs in Fellowship Hall and the offices. These costs are going to be quite high. And before you ask, our insurance deductible is extremely high, so we will have to pay for these repairs on our own. If you wish to help with these expenses, your tax deductible donations can be made out to the church, and designate it for Building Repair.

As you look around the sanctuary, you will see our wonderful new stain glass windows. Thanks to some hard working church elves, they were protected from Irma and came through without a scratch. Good thing too, because we still owe over \$30,000. While the roof is our primary concern, if you would like to help pay for some of these windows, please contact the church office about donating. You can even get your name placed on a window if desired (and with an appropriate donation). We also are selling Bricks to help cover the cost of the windows, and the remodeling we did this year to Elsey Hall.

As I had mentioned, all of your gives are Tax deductible. Also consider gifts other than cash. Donations of stocks can be a huge benefit to both you and the church. This could help you avoid some capital gains if you have held the stock for a long time, and you can deduct the full value of the stake. Please give me a call about donating stocks, real estate, or any other tangible items.

Please have a safe and wonderful New Year.

Paul Clemmensen 239-331-4889



EAST NAPLES UMC

join us for a

CHRISTMAS

party

DATE: SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH

TIME: 4:00-6:00

PLACE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHO: EVERYONE!! CHILDREN AND ADULTS

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

FOOD
GAMES
CRAFTS
CAROLING
FELLOWSHIP
AND FUN!

'tis the season...
TO ROCK
UGLY
SWEATERS

UGLY
SWEATER
CONTEST



Contact

Kris Chisholm for
more information

239-774-4696

Volunteers needed!

Notes from the Music Department

If you didn't receive an ENUMC Concert Series letter in the mail, please see Brent!!! Our first concert, Celebrating the Music of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, was a HUGE SUCCESS!!! It was a full house! We had to open the overflow in the chapel! Thanks for everyone that came out. A few people commented that jazz wasn't really their thing, but they came out to support our concert series and were so glad that they came! All the musicians were great – especially 11 year old jazz prodigy Brandon Goldberg. If you missed this one, I'm so sorry you for! Haha The next concert on the series will be Jodie DeSalvo on January 14th at 3pm. Join Jodie and guest musicians from the Naples Philharmonic for some of the best chamber music ever written! Jodie never ceases to give an amazing performance and a very entertaining afternoon of music! Be sure to come early! This one is always "almost standing room only"! Last year we sat people in the choir loft!

There will be a concert on December 10th at 3pm featuring choirs of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Unity of Naples, and ENUMC. Each church will be doing something special and the 2nd half of the concert will be a combined choir performing the Christmas Cantata – "How Should a King Come" by Jay Rouse and Randy Vader. There will be a love offering taken to help offset costs of this "community church choir" concert. Be sure to put December 10th on your calendar!

We would like to invite anyone interested in joining the choir to come and check it out. We have fun at rehearsal (a LOT sometimes – haha). Please know you are welcome and we would love to have you join us!

Brent Nicholas ~ Director of Music

We now offer a Modern Worship Service at 11:15 am. We have some great musicians leading our worship service. Michelle Falco on vocals, Tony Falco on piano, Gabe Cintron playing guitar, Luis Jordan on drum set, and Brent Nicholas on bass guitar. If you like a modern style of worship, we hope you will join us for great music and the word!

<i>Birthdays</i>	
12/13	Armenteros, Javier Andres
12/7	Camp, Charma
12/1	Collier, Gage E
12/10	Cortright, Pat
12/3	DesOrmeau, Carole Ann Ann
12/2	Fox, Bette
12/6	Gonzalez, Nicolas
12/3	Graham, Maxine
12/12	Hilton, Peggy
12/4	Huber, Charles
12/9	Ivins, Tim
12/9	Krivda, Clark
12/14	Lightner, Carrie
12/3	Mills, Ann
12/12	Olmstead, Victoria Mae
12/11	Orozco, Brenda
12/12	Orris, Les
12/3	Perez, Armando Jose, Jr.
12/11	Richardson, Bobby Jeffrey
12/2	Salogub, Kim Ann
12/16	Simera, Hadassah
12/15	Smith, Verna
12/1	Snyder, Rick
12/1	Stone, Dick Lee
12/12	Tea, Anna Elizabeth
12/8	Tolj, Vi
12/8	Watson, Richard B

Youth Group

"Tis the season to be busy! It's been such an amazing year. We've seen so much come to pass through out 2017. When I think back to all the bring a friend services and events we've done I can't help but be grateful that God has allowed for all of these amazing things this year. We started the year heading to sunrise florida for a concert, runs raised for Camp, went to Camp, learned how to play instruments, practiced a dozen songs, led Worship, and so much more.

My prayer for 2018 is that it is just as eventful. I pray that we hit mile markers left and right. God is in this youth Ministry and it is evident in what has already come to pass. As the kids mature into there positions I know they will allow God to use them. I have said it from the beginning these youth are leaders. Help them to continue to grow. Rally around them this year coming and you won't be disappointed in what they produce.

Merry Christmas and happy new year from next chapter Youth Ministry. We love you and appreciate everything you've done to help and all of the encouragement. Don't forget to ask how you can help us further.

Gabriel Cintron ~ Youth director

The Mother Frances de Sales Auxiliary to the Homeless is excited to announce that *Mallory Poff*, a youth at East Naples United Methodist Church, is one of 31 Rose Girls who was presented at the Rose Ball on Sat, Nov 25th at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. The two-year program focuses on the Auxiliary's mission of "working for the happiness of others." Each girl must complete a designated number of service hours, formation programs and events throughout the two years. Mallory volunteered at a variety of places in Naples including Meals of Hope. Congratulations, Mallory!



Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who came out to **Outdoor Movie Night on Saturday Nov 18th!** It was an amazing success! Thank you to all the volunteers!

Important Dates for Children:

Saturday Dec 9th 4:00-6:00: **Church wide Christmas party-** Come join us for food, crafts, games, singing and more! (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday Dec 24th- Christmas Eve Morning- we will still have 2 services (9:00 and 11:15) as well as Sunday school

Dec 24th **Christmas Eve Service:** 7:00pm. (This is the only evening service that is occurring on Christmas Eve) Children who are participating in the service are asked to be at church at 6:00 to practice and to get into costumes.

Church wide Christmas Party: Everyone is invited to celebrate the season on Saturday Dec 9th from 4:00-6:00pm. Come join us for food (appetizers and desserts), crafts, games, Christmas Carols, cookie decorating, an ugly sweater contest and more. Volunteers needed to help set up, bring appetizers or desserts, and help with the crafts and games. Please call Kris Chisholm if you are able to help. 239-774-4696.

SERVENT LEADERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

During the 2 services we run children's church and in between Sunday School. I am looking for more volunteers to help in all areas of children's ministry. You can make a weekly commitment, biweekly or even once a month- anything and everything is appreciated!

Please contact Kris Chisholm at 774-4696 if you are interested in helping out. (You will need to fill out background check paperwork in order to work with the children)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>DECEMBER</div>					<div>1</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">6pm Hispanic Mission Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall6:30pm Scout Committee Meeting - Elsey Hall</div>	<div>2</div> <div>MEN'S WORK DAY CANCELLED<ul style="list-style-type: none">10am Cantata Practice - Sanctuary3pm Snowfest at Golden Gate Park—TLC Event</div>
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