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The Simple Complexity of Easter

Do you remember sitting in my geometry class in high school? I remember when we were working on a section of "proofs." The formulas for how to arrive at the correct answer seemed so complex to me. I remember thinking, "How am I ever going to figure this out!?" Then a friend gave me a hint on remembering the formula. Once I was able to keep the formula in my head, then the steps for arriving at the answer were the same each time.

God said in His word, "*Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,²³ but we preach Christ was crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.*" (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

Friends, the Easter story is complex when we look at what Jesus did; but it is incredibly simple when we recognize what our part in the Easter story is. When you tell people that what they need to do is speak with their mouth that Jesus is who He said He was, and believe in their heart that He rose from the dead, they will be saved. They may well look at you as if you have lost your mind.

That is why we try to find many different ways to share this simple truth about what has been done for them. The simple truth of what Jesus did is why Port Charlotte United Methodist Church spends so much time coming up with ways to share itself with the world. The simple truth is why we bring candy to share, why we cook meals to give away, why we bring food to pass out, why we cook breakfast for strangers, and why we believe that a dollar given can add up to a life changed.

It all sounds very complex until we are willing to show the world in the simplest possible way what God did at Easter, and how much we believe it.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Keep going and never quit!

Grace,

Pastor Brian

P.S. To the right are some dates for you to choose from to share the simple Easter truth with a world that thinks it is too complex.

UMW Luncheon

Tuesday, April 5
11:30am

Fred Moyer Concert

Wednesday, April 13
7:00pm

Easter Fest / Picnic

Saturday, April 16
10am—1:30pm

Lenten Lunch/Study

Mon, Tues and Wed
April 18, 19, 20
11:30am Fellowship Hall

Seder to Supper

Thursday, April 21
6pm in Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Service

April 22—7pm

Angel Food Ministry

April 23 10am - 12pm

Easter Sunday

April 24

Sunrise Service 6:45am
New Beginnings Park
(Breakfast before and after
the sunrise service)

8:00am / 11:00am

6:00pm Church@6

Sunset Celebration
New Beginnings Park



Lala Deaton, March 8, 2011
 Bob Good, March 21, 2011
 Jerry Anderson, March 22, 2011
 Donna Tillman, March 24, 2011
 Margaret Poole, March 27, 2011

Scholarship Opportunity

3M Sunday School Class Announces Annual Scholarship

The 3M Sunday School class will again award a scholarship to a qualifying high school senior or continuing college student. This scholarship is funded strictly by class members. The recipient is selected through the application process and, if needed, a short interview either in person or by phone. Applications must be received by the 3M Sunday School class scholarship committee by Sunday, April 24, 2011. Applications are available in the church office and on the ministry board.

Contact Rose Yienger (625-2642) for more information.

Extravagant Generosity

Year to Date Income (thru 2/28/11): \$160,651.47

Year to Date Expenses (thru 2/28/11): \$140,879.23

Community Outreach: Utility assistance—2
 Mortgage—1



Blood Drive

The Health Ministry wants to thank everyone who donated blood Sunday 3/13 and also those who went to the Blood Center to donate. Your generosity in giving is much appreciated!

Letters

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

We would like to express our deep appreciation to all the churches that gave to the ministry of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in 2010. The goal of giving in 2010 was \$12.00 per member. This represented the minimum level of support we were asking each United Methodist in the Florida Annual Conference to give to the Children's Home.

The foundation of all we do is the love of Jesus Christ made real through His Church. Thank you for making a real and lasting impact on the lives of the children, youth and families that turn to us for help in time of need. We can rejoice with St. Paul when he writes to the Philippians, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Together we can accomplish great things for all of God's children.

Steven Hartsfield
Director of Church Relations
Florida United Methodist Children's Home



Note: In 2010 our congregation contributed \$6,4591.59

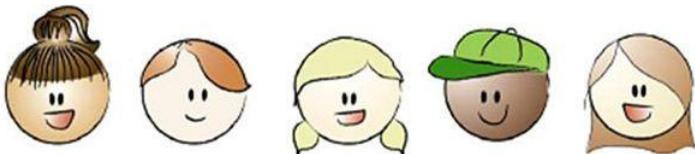
Sunshine Ministry

"Jesus said to Peter - FEED MY SHEEP."
 John 21:17

People need food for their physical needs. They also need compassion for their spiritual needs.

Sunshine Ministers do just that. There are elderly church members confined at home or in assisted care facilities who need not only food and care for their physical needs, but they also need compassion for their spiritual needs. Our short regular visits to these deserving persons help in many ways to bring 'Sunshine' into their day.

We meet the second Wednesday from 9-10am in the Conference Room. Won't you prayerfully consider joining with us to help in some way to bring some 'Sunshine' to these most deserving members of God's church family? You will be amazed at what joy you bring into your own life.



PCUMC Children's Weekday Ministry

Our "Buggy for Books" program started in March and will finish up April 29. We have had several readers, but we are looking for more volunteer readers. Call Ericka at 625-4356 for more details and to sign up! What a great opportunity to come see our little people.

Precious things they say...

Every week the children are encouraged to come up with words that start with the letter of the week. During Kk week some of the children in Ms. Kim's class were "reading" the list aloud. Every time Brody read, "kite, kangaroo, kitchen, kiss, God, kick, Kim". The word Brody was reading incorrect was "king". How cute is that?

Last week when it was time to celebrate Ms. Jennifer's birthday, some of the kids asked if she was going to bring in cupcakes. She said "No, I think I'll bring in ice cream sandwiches". Halayna, looking kind of puzzled, said "I don't think ice cream on bread sounds very good, Ms. Jennifer!"

Can you see why we all love our jobs?!

Praising God,
Ericka
Love ❤️ Play ❤️ Learn

Youth Events



**Wednesday,
April 13**

**Youth Mini Golf and
Ci Ci's Pizza**

**6-8:30pm
Cost: \$10**

**Contact Paul Kisner
at 625-4356 for more
information**

Children's Ministry

April Events and Dates to Remember:

Saturday, April 16 - Easter Fest!

10am - 1:30pm

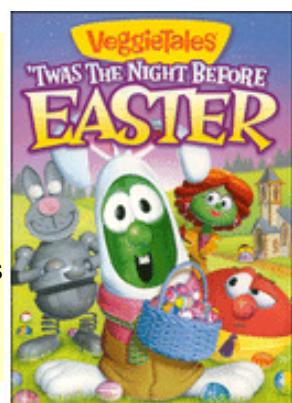
Bring your Easter basket - the Egg Hunt will start at 10am! Stay for all the fun activities planned: Bounce house, pony rides, face painting, music, dunk tank and our annual All-Church Picnic. This will be a huge outreach to the community. See you there!

Sunday, April 17

Easter Children's Church - 11:15am
at the Port

Good Friday April 22 - 6:30pm

While parents attend the Good Friday Service we will meet in Fellowship Hall to make "Empty Tomb" cookies and then watch "Twas the Night Before Easter."



Sunday Nights at the Port Kids' Worship - 6pm:

"All Around Easter"

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| April 3 | Look who's Coming |
| April 10 | Quiet Time in the Garden |
| April 17 | Light in the Dark |
| April 24 | All Things New |

Family Ministry

Baseball Night!

April 9 - 6:15pm
Stone Crabs Game
Charlotte Sports Park



The Family Ministry will be going to the April 9th Stone Crabs baseball game. We will meet in the grassy seating area behind first base at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7 the day of the game.

See you there!

United Methodist Women's Luncheon

Tuesday, April 5th at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Our program will feature Lynda Freas with her collection of dolls. She has brought a special gift; therefore, we will be having a door prize! Contributions of \$1.00 or more will be given to our Florida Children's Home, and to the United Methodist Women's Fund, 50% each.

Following the presentation of dolls, the drawing will take place, plus the announcements. Then we're going to have a parade of hats with music and prizes of gold, silver and bronze to be given. There are three categories: Elegant, Unique, Humorous

Come and bring a friend and one of your favorite dishes. Dessert will be provided (strawberry and lemon filled cupcakes). If any questions, call Evelyn at 624-4067.



Wear your favorite HAT!

Naomi Circle

Hello Everyone!

The month of March was filled with one unexpected blessing after another! We started out the month with another great class, with Jill teaching part 2 of "Bad Girls of the Bible." Her lesson held us all in suspense and we were so enthralled we wished we had 3 hours instead of 2! Each lesson is on a different woman, so please join us for the next one.

Our craft projects were a lot of fun, and we can't wait until April 5th (the UMW Luncheon) to share them. We met at Clemon's Fruit and Vegetable Market for our cooking class and we want to give a great big "shout out" and "praise" to them for hosting us, letting us fire questions left and right, and for the yummy (new to most of us) fruit they let us sample. On March 24th for our community service, we will be acting as hospitality angels and helpers for Habitat for Humanity. We will also be bringing lunches for each of the workers too! We will have the pleasure of "D" Fletcher teaching another crocheting class on the 31st, so bring your needles and yarn and we will work on our prayer shawls and lap blankets.

We want to give a great big THANK YOU to the United Methodist Men for giving an unexpected blessing to our Circle. Due to their generosity, we will now have T-Shirts identifying us as members of PCUMC and the UMW and there are enough T-Shirts for ALL the women of UMW!! (Please check with your Circle Leader if you haven't placed your order yet). If all goes according to plan, we will be able to distribute them at the UMW Luncheon (April 5th), so make sure you come...don't forget to bring a covered dish!

Love and God's Blessings, Leslie

Naomi Circle - April Schedule:

April 5th—UMW Luncheon

11:30 am - 1pm, Fellowship Hall

All women of the UMW are invited to lunch; please bring a covered dish (dessert will be provided). We have been asked to bring a doll (there will be a wonderful speaker on dolls) and don't forget to wear a hat! Door prizes will be given, and we will have a delightful "Parade of Hats" and prizes awarded.

April 7th—Christianity

10am - Noon, Conference Room

Teacher: Jill Mandrick (661-3489)

Subject: Bad Girls of the Bible (part 3), How God uses them for good

April 14th—Crafts

10am- Noon, Fellowship Hall Stage

Teacher: Leslie (764-0322)

Subject: We will be making craft items to be used by the Children's Ministry and Church Picnic and Easter Fest on April 16th.

April 21st—Cooking

10am - Noon, PCUMC Kitchen

Teacher: Miss Avis (623-0508)

Subject: Caribbean Cooking, she will teach us to make a fantastic (but mild) curry that will be sure to delight our taste buds. Nothing needed except a good appetite!

April 28th—Community Service

9:30am - Noon, PCUMC Front Foyer (inside)

Host: Ann Marie (613-0919)

We will be going to Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans Nursing Home (21281 Grayton Terrace, PC 33954), and be their hospitality angles. We will visit and spend time with our veterans. We will meet 30 minutes early at PCUMC and car-pool to the site.



April Birthdays

01	Paul Ward	17	Onie Fuller
01	Jerry Swanson	17	Betty Rankin
02	Frederick Paulsen	17	Tracy Barbarena
02	Joann Gress	18	Carl Schleich
02	Jillian Scott	19	Veronica Vieux
04	Louise Patchen	20	Andy Anderson
04	John Minehan	21	Charlton Christman
04	Caleb Cox	21	Jim McGuire
05	Viris Brown	22	Nicholas Coccato
06	Darcy Wright	23	Mary Huggins
07	Delma Giles	23	Weltha Carr
08	Gary White	24	David Stout
09	Helen Ross	24	Carrie Weller
10	Linda Layman	24	Jessica Dunda
11	Warren McCormick	26	Calvin Gress
11	Linda Lawson	26	Charlene Ball
12	LaVonne Goodell	26	Cynthia Friend
13	Maxine Giles	27	Hilda Ramer
13	Marilyn Morrison	27	Eva Welch
14	Ralph Brabon	28	Sid Scott
14	Shannon Roberts	29	Esther Schaumleffel
15	Barbara Pennington	29	Ruth Miller
15	Guy Emerich	29	Marilyn Siebenburgen
16	Mildred Askew	30	Marilyn Thompson

April Anniversaries

Irwin and Jan Schinkel	04/02/1966
David Sr. and Mary Cox	04/04/1970
Warren and Nancy McCormick	04/09/1994
Robert and Anna Stevens	04/12/1946
Phil and Judy Western	04/14/1969
Cecil and Violet Ward	04/14/1971
Don and Flora Bunker	04/15/1945
Leo and Inez Jones	04/21/1965
Samuel and Jackie Carter	04/24/1977



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MINISTRIES

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Orders for April may be placed until April 17th
Distribution Day is April 23 from 10am - 12pm

Wednesday, April 13 - 7pm
FREE Concert featuring
Frederick Moyer

Invite a friend to WNT,
and stay for this free concert!





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15th of the prior month. Submissions are
preferred via email. All articles are subject
to editing for space and/or content.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC
and
Easter FEST!

Egg Hunt begins at 10am!

Saturday
April 16
10am - 1:30pm

A cartoon rabbit holds a yellow egg. A girl in a yellow hoodie plays with colorful balloons. A row of decorated Easter eggs is at the bottom.