

KNOW GROW GO

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“KNOWING, GROWING, GOING – Three Vital Words for PCUMC”

They're not the biggest words either in print or in speech. They are so commonly used and so often seen that they could almost escape our notice. That may be true in much of the world, but here at Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, we believe that those three words have the power to transform our lives and the lives of others. The purpose, mission, and vision of our church are captured in those three words. These words represent real and deep relationships that exist with God and with other people.



KNOWING

All that we have and all that we are at PCUMC is dedicated to helping people come to KNOW God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. The facilities we have and the ongoing stewardship of them, the tithes and offerings we share and generous joy as we bring them, and the relationships that we nurture as we gather are all directed towards “making more and better disciples for the transformation of the world.”



GROWING

Every Sunday School Class, Study Offering, or Fellowship Opportunity offered by our church is an opportunity for people to GROW in their knowledge and understanding of who God is and what He offers to us.



GOING

Each time we GO to serve Christ through our ongoing missionary support, ministry partnerships in our area, or seasonal generosity projects we are GOING into the world to share the life-changing love of Jesus Christ.

As we gather in worship during the first several weeks of 2012, we will be talking about the power of these three words in our lives and in our world. I am looking forward to this blessed new year! Keep going and never quit!

Grace,

Pastor Brian

Join us for dinner every Wednesday Night!

WNT Dinner 5-6pm
Fellowship Hall
Followed by Children/Youth
at the Port & Adult Bible Studies

January 2

Church offices closed

January 7

Pancake Breakfast
Fellowship Hall
7-11am

January 16

Martin Luther King Day
Church offices & CWM
will be closed

January 20

Family Dinner & a Movie
“Facing the Giants” 6pm
Fellowship Hall

January 22

Youth Confirmation
Classes Begin 9:30am

January 27/28

Craft Fair
Fellowship Hall
9am—3pm

In Loving Memory

Anna Stevens 12-9-2011
 Ethel Walbridge 12-13-2011
 Florence Bishop 12-18-2011



Fun at the
 "Breakfast
 with Santa"
 on Dec 3rd!

Sunshine Ministry

"A time to gain and a time to lose."
 Ecclesiastes 3:6

A time to gain a new experience - visit a shut-in and have the joy of seeing a face light up.

We would love to have you consider Sunshine Ministry. We meet the 2nd Wednesday each month in the Conference Room from 9-10am.

Pray about it and give it a try!

WE REALLY NEED YOU!!!

Extravagant Generosity

(Through 11-30-11)
 Y-T-D Income \$788817.13
 Y-T-D Expenses \$796636.96
 FPL Assistance - 1
 Other Assistance - 1



January Birthdays

02 Davis, Arthur H	20 James, Lanie
02 DePaul, Franklin	21 Edmiston, Glenn
03 Wint, Jacqueline	21 Nevins, Don
04 Parkinson, Thomas Jr.	24 Brown, Darlene
06 Schinkel, Jan	25 Seyfried, John
07 Corcoran, Marion	25 Seyfried, Shirley
07 Trammell, Jane R.	25 Campbell, Cassita
07 Lyons, Delphena	27 Lageveen, Arthur
08 Kasper, Gwendolyn	27 Bailey, Eileen
09 Yanni, David	28 Hall, Ruth
09 Yanni, Jeffrey	28 Steiff, Beverly
11 Gandt, Esther	28 Hepler, Jim
13 Carter, Yvonne	28 Western, Phil
14 Walsingham, Marian	28 Kisner, Dawn
14 Surrette, Ann	29 Burkholder, Roy
14 Pearl, Stephen	29 Ringham, Jean
14 Brown, Lori	29 Titus, Fred
16 Coker, Paul	29 Bertling, Alan
17 Smith, Barbara	29 Hastings, Avis
17 Bode, Doug	31 Bayuk, Martin
18 Walton, Delbert	31 Young, G.Walford
18 Vuic, Nancy	31 Hurl, Sandi
19 Hetrick, Jimmie	31 Isley, Herbert

January Anniversaries

01/17/1988 Burelle and Bettie Curtis
 01/18/2001 Mary Louise Young and Delbert Walton
 01/19/1957 Burke and Pat Robinette
 01/19/1963 Thomas and Karen Wenck
 01/19/1985 Henry and Betty Rankin
 01/30/ Rodney and Yvonne Carter
 01/31/1949 Donald and Beverly Steiff
 01/31/1981 Jim and Barb Hepler

Children's Weekday Ministry

Ericka Brown



PCUMC Children's Weekday Ministry

Patty Royer is one of our morning aides at the preschool.



She has worn many hats in both the Children's Ministry and Children's Weekday Ministry for several years now. Patty and her husband Ron have two grown daughters and seven beautiful grandchildren.

Nancy Ristic became a morning aide this year because her grandson Josh was in our Preschool (and now he's in our after-school) and she just fell in love with us. Nancy and her husband John moved to Port Charlotte full time this past year. They have four grown children and just one precious grandson.



This ministry is very blessed by both of them.

Praising God,

Ericka

Love ♥ Play ♥ Learn

Children's Ministry

Barbara Hald

Hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas. We are so thankful to everyone who helped and everyone who showed up to support the children for the Christmas program.

We will continue with our Movie Night once a month. This month, our movie is "Facing the Giants" with Nachos, Hamburgers, and "Football Foods."

Family Dinner and a Movie

Friday, January 20

6-8pm in Fellowship Hall



This inspiring story about a losing high school football coach with a new game plan will have your whole town talking about trusting God for the impossible! After six consecutive losing seasons and fear surrounding his life, coach Grant Taylor turns to God in desperation. Taylor and his Shiloh Christian Eagles soon discover how faith plays out on the field and off! Rated PG.



We are still in need of volunteers! For more information contact Barbara Hald 625-4356.

YOUTH ICE SKATING



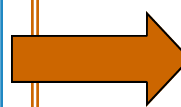
Friday, January 6

from 8 – 11:30 pm

Cost: \$5

Meet at the church at 8 pm, we will return by 11:30 pm. Please wear warm clothes!

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Youth Confirmation Class to Begin January 22

Who: Youth in 6th grade or higher
Time: Sundays at 9:30am, Youth Room
Duration: January 22—May 13 (13 sessions with a few breaks)

Orientation Meeting: January 15, Register by January 16

Confirmation is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to mature in their faith and to make a personal decision to commit to following Christ and to become professing members of Port Charlotte United Methodist Church.



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Frequently Heard Questions *Jonathan Carlsen*

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As a preacher's kid, as a Bible collector since my college days, as a would-be seminary librarian and former seminary student, and as a former conference archivist and religious journalist, I often hear various questions about the Bible and what it teaches, and about United Methodist beliefs, organization, and practice. In this column, I'll try to answer some of these questions.

Question: Who founded The United Methodist Church?

Answer: Technically, the founders were the assembled delegates at the 1968 Uniting Conference which united The Methodist Church with The Evangelical United Brethren Church in Dallas, Texas.

Follow-up question: Then why do many people say that John Wesley was the founder?

Answer: John Wesley (1703-1791), a priest in the Church of England, founded a reform or renewal movement within the Church of England called Methodism or "the Wesleyan Revival." Sometimes his brother, Charles Wesley (1707-1788), is named as co-founder. But after the American Revolution, the Church of England in the former Thirteen Colonies dissolved. (The Church of England would later be reconstituted as the independent Episcopal Church.) In 1784, with Wesley's blessing, his preachers in America organized the Methodist Episcopal Church, which became the ancestor of The Methodist Church. Because in 1968 Methodists outnumbered Evangelical United Brethren 14 to 1, many United Methodists think of John Wesley as the founder, forgetting about both Francis Asbury, Thomas Coke, and the other organizing preachers in 1784, as well as the 1968 organizers.

Question: Where do preachers get the Scriptures they preach on?

Answer: The short, not very helpful answer is, from the Bible. Some preachers get their Scriptures as they study and pray about their particular churches' immediate and long-term needs. Others pick them up by reading or listening to the sermons of other preachers. Some consult various sermon help books and websites. Often United Methodist preachers use a resource called *The Lectionary*. This is not a United Methodist invention. The early church compiled lectionaries, continuing the older synagogue practice of designating specific passages to be read at each Sabbath (or Sunday) gathering. Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, and others have compiled their separate lectionaries. In the late twentieth century, an interfaith committee assembled a *Common Lectionary* which was later revised as *The Revised Common Lectionary*. This is "*The Lectionary*" used by many UMC preachers.

Do you have a question about the Bible or United Methodist belief, organization, or practice? E-mail them to me at theexhorter_fl@yahoo.com or leave them with Katherine Arthington at the church office and I'll try to answer as many as I can. — JAC