

### BREAD MINISTRY - DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteer drivers are needed February 26 to pick up bread from 776 Publix at 7am and deliver to the Homeless Coalition. If you are available, please contact Chris Burr (941) 764-1866.

### LUNCH & LEARN

**Thursday, February 26 from 11:30AM to 1:00PM**

Dr. Mark Asperilla will do a very informative presentation on "Infectious Diseases." We are all interested in diseases such as Ebola, Malaria and the ever-present Influenza. Come for a complimentary lunch, socialization and lots of interesting facts. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

### VOLUNTEER PAINTERS NEEDED

**Friday, February 27th at 10am / Saturday, February 28th at 9am**

Volunteers are needed to paint the stage in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

### LIFE TOGETHER GROUP - NEW STUDY TO BEGIN

**"Have a New Kid By Friday" by Dr. Kevin Leman**

Begins Wednesday, March 4th -- meeting from 6:30-7:30pm in the Conference Room. All are invited!

### 3M POTLUCK

**Friday, March 13 at 5:30pm**

All Sunday School classes and the congregation are invited to hear attorney Pine Price speak on "Community/Police Relations, Court Procedures, Criminal Procedure, DUI" and he will answer questions from the audience. Come and learn. Bring a dish to pass.

### WILLS & MEMORIALS YEARLY UPDATE

**Thursday, March 12 1-3pm in the New Room**

Attorney Guy Emerich will present the yearly update on Wills, Trusts and Taxes. He will answer any questions.

### ALZHEIMER'S MOBILE TESTING UNIT

**Tuesday, March 24 10am - 3pm in the church parking lot**

Linda Howard, program specialist from the Alzheimer's Association, will offer free memory testing in the Mobile Unit from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Please see Jane Trammell, parish nurse, if you would like an appointment. Testing only takes 15 minutes.

### 2015 YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Now is the time to register for Warren Willis United Methodist Camp.

The church will be providing transportation for Week 6: July 13-18 Please take a registration packet located on the slat wall outside the Port (children's wing) in the lobby for more information including registration deadline, required deposit and scholarship policy.

### BUS TRIP - PASSION PLAY "The Story of Jesus"

**Saturday, March 28th at 7:30pm Tickets: \$25**

Plans are underway for the annual trip to Wauchula for the Passion Play. "The Story of Jesus" will be the play this year. We have chosen Saturday, March 28, 2015 to make the trip. We will leave the church at 5:30pm so there will be time to grab a bite to eat before the play begins at 7:30pm. Contact Nancy Bossardet in the office to secure your spot: 625-4356.

# EVENTS THIS WEEK

### TODAY, SUNDAY 2/22

9:30 AM Children's Sunday School/Children's Wing

9:30 AM Adult Study Options (current study topic):

Andy Stanley Video Study, Conference Room

Old Testament Law, Lounge

Timothy, New Room

"Out of the Ordinary" by Roper, Choir Room

Acts of Worship, Port

Acts of Worship, Purple Room

10:45 AM Connect 45/New Room

11:15 AM Kids' Worship/Port

1:30 - 4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training/New Room

2:00 PM Worship at Sterling House

3:00 PM Worship at Vick Street Manor

### MONDAY 2/23

8:00 AM Bible Study/Conference Room

9:00 AM Exercise Class/Fellowship Hall

9:30 - 10:15 AM Clap, Tap & Jingle/Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Worship at Courtyard Assisted Living

10:00 AM Worship at Lexington Manor

5:30 PM Worship Committee/Conference Room

7:00 PM Staff Parish Committee/Conference Room

7:00 PM Salty Service/New Room

### TUESDAY 2/24

9:30 AM Women's Study/New Room

9:30 AM Worship at Sandhill Gardens

11:00 AM Directory Activity Page Planning/Conference Room

1:30 PM Women's Bible Study/Conference Room

5:30 - 7:00 PM Worship Team/Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study/New Room

### WEDNESDAY 2/25

8:00 AM Emmaus Men/Chick-fil-A

9:00 - 10:00 AM Exercise/Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM Wesley Bells/Choir

1:00 - 3:00 PM GriefShare/New Room

5:00 - 6:30 PM WNO Dinner/Fellowship Hall (Roasted Chicken)

6:00 PM Children's Ministry/Port

6:00 - 8:15 PM UMY/Youth Room

6:15 PM Choir/Sanctuary

6:30 PM Life Together Group/Conference Room

6:30 PM Pastor's Study/New Room

7:30 PM Direction & Hope Bible Study/Conference Room

### THURSDAY 2/26

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch & Learn/Fellowship Hall

3:00 - 4:30 PM Church History Class/New Room

3:00 PM Alzheimer's Support Group/Conference Room

6:00 - 7:30 PM GEMS/Port

7:00 - 8:00 PM Bible Study/Lounge

### FRIDAY 2/27

8:30 AM Bulletin Team/New Room

9:00 - 10:00 AM Exercise/Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM Stage Painting/Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY 2/28

9:00 AM Stage Painting/Fellowship Hall

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday 8:30am - Noon

**WELCOME**  
*to worship*

**FIRST Sunday OF LENT**

**February 22, 2015**

**Port Charlotte**  
**United Methodist Church**  
KNOW Christ. GROW to love Christ. GO to serve Christ.

**Pastor Brian James**

**FIVE PCUMC PROMISES FOR 2015:**  
*Worship* Christ More Passionately.  
Through intentional *discipleship*, grow to look more like Christ.  
*Serve* Christ more faithfully.  
Practice *hospitality* more radically.  
Express *generosity* more extravagantly.

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**THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION**

"Are you capable of giving your life for someone? Then, do it for Christ."  
Pope John Paul II

**8:00 & 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

"Dem Bones" Wesley Bells

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, lift up your hearts to the Lord!

**PEOPLE: To You, O Lord, we lift up our hearts! In You we trust!  
Do not let us be put to shame.**

Leader: Our God is full of compassionate love. He brings sinners back to His way, and teaches the humble the way they should go.

**PEOPLE: Show us the right path, O Lord; point out the way for us to follow. Lead us by Your truth, and teach us, for You are the God who saves. We put our hope in You!**

**OPENING HYMN\*\***

"O Love, How Deep" (vss.1-5) #267

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11 AM)**

"Your Grace is Enough"

Children's Weekday Ministry

All children in grades K - 5th grade are invited to attend **Kids' Worship** at the Port, following the Children's Moment.

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

The Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer

**ANTHEM**

"Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake" (R. Farrant)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Mark 1:9-15

**SERIES: ALL ALONG THE WAY**

**MESSAGE**

"The Starting Line" Pastor Brian

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"Affirmation of Faith for Lent"  
(see opposite page)

**GLORIA PATRI**

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**OFFERINGS TO GOD**

O God, who multiplied the bread beside the sea, transform these gifts from possibilities into ministries that bless multitudes. In generous giving we seek to be your hands, your body, your church. Amen.

Offertory

"What Wondrous Love Is This?" (Arr. Raney) Al Rozier

Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

**CLOSING HYMN\*\***

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #269

**SENDING FORTH\*\***

**POSTLUDE\*\***

"Amazing Grace" (Arr. Raney) Al Rozier

**9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAISE**

"Open the Eyes of My Heart," "Let it Rise"

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Mark 1:9-15

**MESSAGE:** "The Starting Line" Pastor Brian

**OFFERING**

**MORNING PRAYER**

"Stronger"

**CLOSING PRAISE**

"Happy Day"

**SENDING FORTH**

**LENTEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God,  
creator of all that is and shall be,  
redeemer of all that is less than it could be,  
sustainer of our living, our loving, our being.

We believe in the bread of life:  
broken and shared it opens our eyes to the presence of Christ  
and strengthens us for the journey.

We believe in the pain suffered by Christ:  
all our hurts, torments and betrayals  
magnified in the purity of love,  
and embraced that we might be free.

We believe in the cross of Christ,  
drenched in hatred and cruelty,  
yet overflowing with God's unquenchable love.

We believe in the gospel,  
good news offered to us in Jesus,  
despised by the world  
but leading us in the way of life.

We believe in light shining from darkness  
in mercy vanquishing bitterness,  
in life bursting free where death reigned.

**SERIES: ALL ALONG THE WAY**  
**MESSAGE: "The Starting Line"**

I. Starting Line - \_\_\_\_\_

II. Starting Line - \_\_\_\_\_

III. Starting Line - \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Sunday: ALONG THE WAY - "Keeping God In Mind"**

**HELPFUL INFORMATION**

**Accessible Seating:** The front pews in the sanctuary are available for worshipers with disabilities or those requiring such accommodation and their families.

**Large Print/Audio:** Large print hymnals and hearing enhancement devices are available from an usher.

**Transportation to Sunday Service:** Call the Church Office at 625-4356 (by noon on Friday) for information and reservations.

**Nursery:** A professionally staffed Nursery (with pagers) for newborns to 4-year-olds is open from 8AM-12:15 PM in the children's area.

**The Sound of Joy Room** for parents and young children is available, if needed, at the northeast corner of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

**Children's Activity Bags** are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

**Bulletin:** Request forms for submission are located in our office or on the church website under Archives: Forms. Requests are due 2 weeks in advance, and are subject to approval and space availability.

**Our Sunshine Ministry** visits those living in nursing homes, rehab or who are homebound. If you are aware of someone in need, please call the church office.



**Prayer Chain:** To add a name or receive the prayer chain emails, call the church office 625-4356, or use the prayer card in the pew.

**Stephen Ministry:** Are you going through a difficult time? We have free confidential care available. Contact Pastor Brian, 625-4356.

**Membership:** Classes are held the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6-8pm. Contact Pastor Earl Parker, at (352) 848-7865 for more information/registration.

**Today's 8am and 11am altar flowers** are presented by "D" Fletcher in honor of friends. Special flowers are presented by Darcy Wright in memory of Sidney Wright.

**Today's 8:00 AM worship service, broadcast on WVIJ-FM (91.7),** is sponsored by LedgerPlus Accounting, Payroll & Tax Service, PC, Phone: 255-1158.

**Pray for Our Missionaries**

**Dominican Republic:** Connie DiLeo, **Nepal:** Daniel Sweet  
**Palestine:** Alex & Brenda Awad, **Zambia:** Delbert R. & Sandy R. Groves  
**At home:** Neighbor to Neighbor Mission Project

**We count people because people count!**

Passionate Worship attendance 2/15/15: 551

8:00 AM: 127 9:30 AM: 108 11:00 AM: 289

Offsite Worship Attendance (2/8-2/14): 27

Salty Service Participants (2/8-2/14): 50

Intentional Discipling (2/8-2/14): 318

Hospital/Homebound Visits (2/8-2/14): 18

**Extravagant Generosity - Week Ending 2/14/15:**

Tithes/Offerings: CWM Recoveries: TOTALS:

Actual Weekly:	\$12,906	\$8,388	\$21,294
Budget Weekly:	\$11,379	\$4,226	\$15,605
Year-to-date Actual:	\$73,828	\$27,390	\$101,218
Year-to-date Budget:	\$68,274	\$25,356	\$93,630

For a full accounting of the church's finances, contact Nancy Bosserdet, Financial Secretary.

God doesn't measure the number of years we spend living this life, but the legacy that is left behind from the living we do in our years. Prayerfully consider making PCUMC a part of your legacy.