

# KNOW GROW GO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
PORT CHARLOTTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## August 2016

Sunday Worship: 8am - 9:30am - 11am    [www.pcumc.info](http://www.pcumc.info)    941-625-4356 ph / 941-625-0144 fax



Greetings!

I am writing today to let everyone at PCUMC know how pleased and honored I am to be your pastor. I have had a wonderful experience here in my first few weeks. This congregation is filled with loving and friendly people and I look forward to getting to know as many of you as I can. Thank you for wearing your name tags, which really helps me to learn your names more quickly.

The Kingdom of God and the advancement of the Lord's Church is our collective goal. As your pastor, my hope and prayer is that I may be an instrument in your spiritual growth and in your walk with Christ. My promise to you is to faithfully preach and teach the word of God, to the best of my ability.

God's word is designed to shape and mold his people into becoming the people he desires them to be. Sometimes, it will challenge you and occasionally, it may step on your toes, but its intention is to enlighten and inform. My prayer is that, who we are as a Church and what we do as a community of believers is a reflection of what Jesus had in mind.

As your spiritual leader, I am available for you, whatever your needs may be, whether you are in the hospital, need a listening ear, or someone to pray with you. I am here to serve God's people and ultimately God.

Blessings, Pastor Craig Moore

### Join us on Sundays

**Traditional Worship** at 8 & 11  
**Contemporary** 9:30am

**Sunday, August 7**  
Preschool Open House  
4:00pm

**Wednesday, August 10**  
First day of school

**Tuesday, August 16**  
Membership Class  
5:30 - 7:30pm



The Landscape Committee is in the process of forming small groups of people for weeding and grooming the church grounds. Each group will be assigned a small section of the church grounds as their responsibility. If you and your friends would like to participate, or if you would like to participate and make new friends please call Marianne Volkmann at (941) 423-9671 or the church office 625-4356.



**In Loving Memory**

Thelma Quinn  
Gary Ward



**GRIEF SHARE**

Our next GriefShare session will begin on Wednesday, August 24  
Contact Doris Hixson (941) 235-3556

**YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY**



**THANK YOU!**

Our Boy Scout troop extends their thanks to the congregation for the can donations. The cans totaled 337 pounds / \$168.50.  
*Thank you for your continued support of the Boy Scouts!*

www.EO.travel/mytrip Tour = FL17 Date = 010917 Code = A ID = 53317

**January 9-20, 2017**

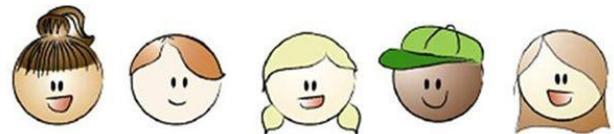


**EO** Educational Opportunities Tours

Join Dr. John (Art) deSilva on a fun cruise on the Celebrity Equinox from Ft. Lauderdale to Grand Cayman, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Cozumel, Mexico. Brochures are available in our lobby or call Art deSilva for more information (941) 423-7696

**Extravagant Generosity**

Y-T-D 6/30/16  
Total Income \$421,379.41  
Total Expense \$392,059.45  
Utilities: 7 Rent: 3



**PCUMC Children's Weekday Ministry**

During the 2016-2017 school year, our Children's Weekday Ministry will touch the lives of many children and families in Charlotte County.  
Thank you for your support of this meaningful ministry!

**Back-to-School Wish List:**

- beads
- bells
- buttons
- clothes pins
- coffee filters
- construction paper (9x12)
- cotton balls
- Crayola watercolor paint
- Dress-up Items
- Elmer's glue & glue sticks
- felt
- glitter
- glitter glue
- google eyes
- large ink pads (all colors)
- lunch bags (brown, white)
- marbles
- old computer paper
- paint brushes
- pipe cleaners
- Play-doh
- pom-poms
- popsicle sticks, large
- sequins
- shells
- sidewalk chalk
- stickers
- straws
- Styrofoam balls (all sizes)
- white card stock
- white copy paper

Bring your purchased items to the CWM cart in the lobby. Thank you! School Begins:

**Wednesday, August 10**





## Letters

May 24, 2016

We arrived at Port au Prince International Airport at 8:15 in the morning. We had been looking forward to this trip for some time – this being a preparatory trip before leading an upcoming team of 12 to Haiti in December of this year. We always try, if at all possible, to visit any missionary or organization that we will be working with for the first time before bringing a team. We do everything from verifying accommodations, meal preparations, and land transportation, to scheduling the week's ministry needs for the group. This would simply be the routine for my wife and I, having brought teams to Haiti since 1995.

This visit to Haiti would be a little different however. This visit would be a reunion with a dear friend with whom we had served in Haiti some 18 years prior. This would be the renewal of an old friendship, and the beginning of our new work partnering with GCMO.

We had last seen Pastor Yvon and Claudie in 1998. My wife and I spent thirty days in Haiti that year, often traveling with Pastor Yvon preaching and teaching in various locations; such as, Grand Goave, Vieux Caye, Loregale, Carrefour, Leogane, and Fonfrede. We worked so well together and we quickly learned of Pastor Yvon's sincere love for God's work, and his passion for taking the Gospel to the Haitian people. One of our fondest memories of our work with Pastor Yvon and Claudie was an overnight visit to Les Cayes, where we visited a nearby church in Fonfrede (Christville). The little church was made of sticks and palm fronds, but the people so gracious and humble. We preached well into the night, until the wind and rain drove us away. My sermon that night was, "Five Things we can learn in the Midst of a Storm."

That morning was typical Haiti in the airport; bustling with business. We were through customs in a snap and soon we were approached by many Haitians eager to help us find transportation, or just carry our bags. One gentleman (Richard) spoke excellent English, and when asked if he knew Pastor Yvon. He said, "of course, everyone knows Pastor Yvon" - Hard to imagine in a city of three million souls. But Richard soon had Pastor Yvon on the phone, and in no time Pastor Yvon was waving to us through the crowd. Time stood still for a brief moment, embracing our dear friend after all these years.

The next four days we were blessed by once again being by Pastor Yvon's side, and seeing the work that God has done through this ministry. We visited locations from Codes des Arcadins to Les Cayes, preaching in Delmas, Carrefour, and Cambry. And we once again visited Christville, where now a beautiful church stands alongside a school where four hundred children attend. God is good – all the time.

Now it's time to look forward, and with information in hand we return to prepare a new group - to experience the life-changing power of our God. Perhaps these short-term missionaries of today will become our full-time missionaries of tomorrow.

God has so richly blessed us with opportunities to serve Him, whether in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, or here in the states. Whatever time God allows us, we will choose to serve Him. We look forward to working with an old friend, and with a new partner in GCMO.

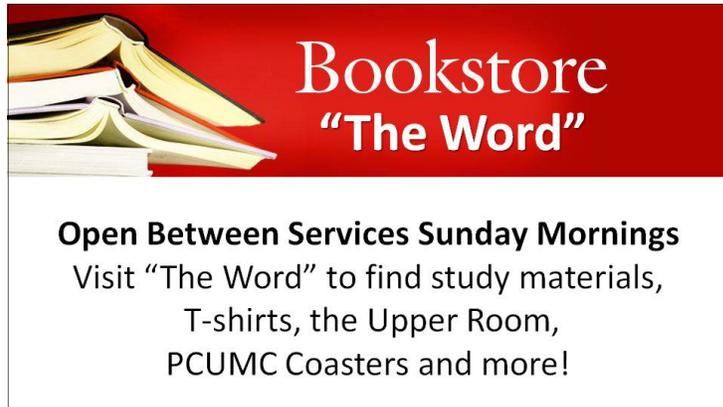
In His service, Glenn & Sherry




**HAITI MISSION TRIP**

**NOW COLLECTING:**

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Band-aids
- Men's Neckties



**Bookstore**  
**"The Word"**

**Open Between Services Sunday Mornings**  
Visit "The Word" to find study materials,  
T-shirts, the Upper Room,  
PCUMC Coasters and more!

## Health Ministry *Jane Flanders*

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### Lunch & Learn

There is no Lunch and Learn in August but we hope you will sign up for the September 15th Lunch and Learn. Amanda Neel, BSN, RN, CPHQ from Fawcett Hospital will offer a presentation on "Stroke Awareness." It is sure to be a very informative presentation so don't miss it!

### Haiti Mission Trip

Many thanks to all who so graciously donated empty medicine bottles to the Haiti Mission trip in December. Your response was overwhelming and Sherry and Glenn White have a full duffel bag to take with them. Now, they have a request for toothpaste (any size), toothbrushes, Band-Aids (any size) and men's neckties. The men in Haiti would love to wear a tie to church on Sunday so men...clean out your closet and donate to a worthy cause. Thank you all so much for every donation as we know it is from your hearts.

### Free School Lunch

Don't forget Moms and Dads - Fifteen of the Charlotte County public schools will be offering free breakfast and free lunch at their schools for the 2016-2017 year. The schools involved are: Sallie Jones Elementary, Peace River Elementary, Charlotte Harbor Center, Baker Head Start Center, East Elementary, Neil Armstrong Elementary, Port Charlotte Middle, Meadow Park Elementary, The Academy, Liberty Elementary, Murdock Middle, Myakka River Elementary, Vineland Elementary, Deep Creek Elementary and Kingsway Elementary.

### Computer Tips

When using your computer and you receive a message or a pop-up asking for personal or financial information, do not reply or click on any links in this message. If you think you have become a victim of a scam please report it to the Charlotte County Sheriff's office or file a complaint at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and the FTC's Identity Theft Website at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft). Please be vigilant and careful with any suspicious phone calls and emails. Also, be aware of health fraud scams which can be found on TV "infomercials", radio, and in magazines or newspapers. Be smart, be aware and be careful.

### Looking for work?

Be sure your resume is up to date by contacting Career Source at 941-235-5550 or attending the Job-Link mobile unit the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9:30am to 2:00pm at the Punta Gorda Veteran's Village, 1250 Taylor St. Goodwill operates this Job-Link unit and will assist you in job searching (not just Goodwill), resumes, interview tips and career matching. There is also help available with applications for food stamps, Medicaid and temporary cash assistance. There is no charge for Job-Link or benefit assistance.

### Avoid Elder Abuse / Exploitation

DCF (Department of Children and Families) has tips for preventing elder abuse and exploitation:

- Never pay cash for home repairs, never pay for work that is not completed or inspected and be leery of door-to-door offers such as free estimates, home inspections or "special deals."
- Always use direct deposit when possible. If you do not understand something please do not sign the papers.
- Do not give your credit card number or personal identification of any type over the telephone.
- Check your bank statements regularly.
- Do not carry multiple credit cards.
- Do not let your mail collect in the mailbox and shred all papers with any personal information.
- Need to report abuse, neglect or exploitation? Call 1-800-92-ABUSE (962-2873) Calls are confidential.

### Have questions regarding Medicare?

Contact the SHINE office at 1-866-413-5337. SHINE is a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and operated locally through the Area Agency on Aging for SWFL. There are specially trained volunteers who will answer questions about health care options and the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) program. There are many designated SHINE counseling sites to attend.

## More About Stephen Ministry *Dean Winston*



During our Peer Supervision meeting recently I shared with the class my vision of our Stephen Ministry. I think that we should have enough trained Stephen Ministers to care for the needs of the congregation and the community as well. What better way to show love for our neighbor than to help them with their burdens and encouraging them to accept GOD'S Healing Grace, as is commanded in Matthew 22:39 NIV.

A Stephen Minister was assigned to a care receiver who was grieving over the loss of her husband when she had to have a hip replacement and was in rehab when her Stephen Minister went to see her and check on her progress. There was another woman in the room with her so the Stephen Minister made a short visit realizing there wasn't enough privacy, and let her know their regular visits would resume when she was released. The other woman in the room, I'll call Mary, was curious as to the care receiver's visitor. The care receiver explained that that was her Stephen Minister and went on to explain what Stephen Ministry was about. Mary asked, "How do I get one of those?" The care receiver asked Mary why she needed one and learned that Mary was estranged from her two daughters and she hadn't seen them in years. They both lived in New Jersey and would not answer letters to them or accept her calls. The care receiver notified me of the request. I assigned Laura to Mary as her Stephen Minister.

Laura made a preliminary visit with Mary. Mary was to be released within the week so Laura scheduled a visit with her in her home to begin their Stephen Minister, care receiver relationship. Over the course of several months Laura encouraged Mary to contact her daughters and invite them to her 80th birthday and try to reconcile with them. Her daughters finally agreed and came down for the week of Mary's birthday. That Sunday all three women visited our church. They were Catholics but had been away from the church for years. They just wanted to see the church that had sent Laura to their family and let us know how grateful they were. Laura was released a few weeks later as Mary's Stephen Minister. Mary and her daughters had resolved their differences.

Two years later Mary passed. Her daughters notified Laura that they would like her to speak at Mary's memorial service. Laura was honored to do so. The rest of the family welcomed her and thanked her for encouraging the reconciliation. The two years they had gotten to spend with their mother they felt were invaluable.

## Frequently Heard Questions *Jonathan Carlsen*

**Question:** Why should we witness verbally? Shouldn't our lives provide a stronger witness than our words?

**Answer:** Students of church life call this approach "presence evangelism." It seems to fit with Jesus' words, "... let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Mt. 5:16 ESV). But it has two drawbacks: (1) it is un-Biblical; and (2) it often doesn't work. We are Jesus' witnesses (Acts 1:8), and the word *witness* almost screams, *Speak!*

In 1741, John Wesley, at the urging of friendly critics, tried to witness without speaking during a two-day journey to Leicester, England. He found that the experience made him indifferent and complacent about lost souls. Moreover, he reports about those he met: "That I had much respect shown me wherever I came; every one behaving to me, as to a civil, good-natured gentleman." — Wesley, *Journal*, June 8, 1741, in *The Works of John Wesley*, ed. Thomas Jackson, 1:312-313 at 313.

People are often even more Biblically indifferent and ignorant today than in Wesley's time. They don't automatically see our kind acts as the results of our faith. So we need a verbal witness to explain and complete our witness of conduct. In 1995, Dad and I attended the Good News gathering in Cincinnati. On Sunday, the last speaker, William Hines, preached, ending with, "*In God's grace, actions speak louder than words, but actions, accompanied by words, speak loudest of all!*"

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**Question:** In the last issue, when discussing 1 John 5:7-8, you said the Greek scholar Erasmus included the Trinitarian witness in his *Greek New Testament* after being shown a Greek manuscript containing the words. You called the manuscript “a newly prepared forgery.” Why did you call it that?

**Answer:** The *Thorndike-Barnhart Comprehensive Desk Dictionary* (1955 ed.) defines *forgery* as “something made or written falsely to deceive.” In February 1995, I recounted this incident in the *Chicago Evangelical News Bulletin*, citing Norman Geisler and William Nix’s *A General Introduction to the Bible* (Moody Press, 1968), p. 483. About the manuscript Erasmus was shown, I wrote, “Geisler and Nix don’t say the ink was still wet, but it was so recent that one could imagine that it was prepared especially for the occasion.” Actually, the two tell exactly who penned it, and he prepared it just for the occasion. Since those words appeared in no previous Greek manuscript, this manuscript was a *forgery*.

**Question:** If the Trinitarian witness in 1 John 5:7-8 isn’t genuine Scripture, why did Wesley believe it was?

**Answer:** Maybe because it was such a great proof-text. Wesley’s sermon, “On the Trinity,” based on these verses, lists three reasons: (1) it appears in most copies and in the most authoritative; (2) it was much quoted from John’s time to that of Constantine; and (3) the emperor who followed Constantine was an Arian (a Trinity-denier) who removed the text from as many copies as he could. Wesley doesn’t specify what he means by “most copies” or “most authoritative.” NRSV chief editor Bruce Metzger says it wasn’t quoted in early church documents nor in the Trinity debates beginning in Constantine’s reign.

## Did You Know? *Dean Winston, Generosity Chair*

For the last 14 years, members of the congregation who are members of the Bread Ministry, have gotten up early five days a week to drive to the Publix Store at the corner of 776 and Gasparilla Road, to pick up 20 loaves of bread, plus pies, cakes, and pastries that Publix donates, and have delivered those items to the Homeless Coalition. Between 10 and 14 people are involved, depending on the season.

Last Christmas, about a hundred volunteers from our congregation, over a period of 4 days, prepared, served, and delivered 900 dinners at no cost to those who came to Fellowship Hall and to the shut-ins of the community, regardless of church affiliation.

WNO has for the second year in a row finished its season in the black, thanks to the management skills of Jim Eugenius and the 30 or so volunteers that Judy Brown coordinates to help prepare, serve and cleanup for about 150 dinners each week.

Since the end of the school year, 14 members of the congregation meet in the kitchen and assemble 325 sandwiches every Tuesday so that those children who would receive free lunches during the school year won’t go hungry during summer vacation. They will do this for ten weeks making 3250 sandwiches available to the Homeless Coalition, Trinity Church and The Boys and Girls Clubs of Charlotte County.

As you know, we have three services each Sunday. We also broadcast one of those services on WVIJ-FM (91.7) and make our weekly messages available on our website and Facebook. What you may not know, is that Terry Hixson and Cal Tschetter (in Terry’s absence) have services at Sandhill Retirement Home on Tuesday mornings. At the Brookdale ALS Port Charlotte, D Fletcher, Nancy Bossardet, Sue Edmiston and June Richards alternate giving services there. Jonathan Carlson gives services at Royal Palm and Vick Street Manor.

These are only a few of the many ministries that are quietly serving the congregation and the community here at Port Charlotte United Methodist Church. In the Newsletters to follow more will be highlighted. It is important to remember that none of these ministries would have been possible without the time, treasure and talent of the members of the congregation. All of our ministries are to glorify God as we engage in the Mission of making disciples of all nations.



## United Methodist Women *Sandy Segur*



**All women age 18 and older are invited.**

**Meetings will be the Second Thursday each month at 6:30 pm in the New Room. Our first assembly is September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**PURPOSE:** The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

### What is United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women like you grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. United Methodist Women is celebrated as the women's ministry of The United Methodist Church.

### What does United Methodist Women do?

Our members nurture one another in community and support U.S. and international projects and partners improving the lives of women, children and youth with their prayers, volunteer and advocacy efforts, and financial gifts.

### Why should I join United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a community of women committed to mission. As a member you can take advantage of many opportunities, including the following: \*Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats. \*Hands-on mission in local communities. \*Mission education experiences. \*Leadership development and training opportunities. \*Supporting work with women, children and youth. \*Partnership with women in mission in the country and around the world. \*Advocacy for social justice issues, including those pertaining to the environment, domestic violence, immigration and the many other concerns that impact the lives of women, children and youth. \*Engagement in racial justice issues.

### How does United Methodist Women support and grow its work?

Our members elect a representative board of directors that sets policy for the organization and determines the places we can make the most impact. Staff and members work to carry out the organization's goals and expectations. Members commit through their financial giving to support the transformation of lives around the world.

### Who can join United Methodist Women?

Any woman who commits herself to the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women and to engage in mission, study, personal growth and social action can join. You don't have to be United Methodist or meet an age requirement to be a member.

### We are faith, hope and love in action.

**FAITH** - Thousands of women participate in our reading programs and educational opportunities annually to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

**HOPE** - Our national mission institutions empower women, care for children, educate and equip youth, care for the neglected, advocate for social justice issues, create economic opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods.

**LOVE** - Our members give out of their love for the world and provide financial support for national mission institutions, higher education scholarships for international students, and 121 programs taking place in 110 countries.

**ACTION** - United Methodist Women members' voices are heard around the world as they call for justice on issues such as immigration, human trafficking, domestic violence, health care and the environment.



## Student Ministries *Barbara Hald*

My first summer as Youth Leader has been a blast. We have helped with yard maintenance around the church with our work day. The Youth also served with VBS and being a part of our 9:30 contemporary band. Graduation Sunday was a nice tribute to our Class of 2016 Youth.

*Graduation Sunday*



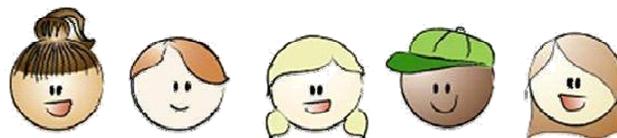
We have also been busy putting together our own band and in preparation for that we have also been painting and moving some things around to make room as our Youth Group is growing. Praise God! Some children have moved up from our Children's ministry into our Youth and We took 25 Children and Youth to Warren Willis United Methodist Camp. Everyone had such a great time and I would like to thank Mr. Mike who took off work to come to camp with us. It was a week that changes lives, it changed mine. Tom's Laser Tag came one Wednesday night and we had a blast playing and developing our team working skills.

We look forward to Youth Week in the end of July -- Beach day, Messy Games, Game night and an End of Summer Water Slide Bash for all ages. Every night we have food, a scripture lesson and Fun!

To be honest August and September are not planned yet. I want to finish what we started the Youth band is meeting to figure out times and dates for practice and the finishing of Youth room project. But I can tell you this it will be fun and it will all be for the glory of God.

Come Join us we are also growing our Youth Volunteers as well and we need you!

In His Love, Barbara Hald



## PCUMC Children's Weekday Ministry

A Ministry of Port Charlotte United Methodist Church

**Director: Paula Mann**

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We have had kids coming all summer to Camp Adventure! What an exciting time of making new friends, learning about Jesus and some important people in the Bible and working on some fun projects. We've also enjoyed some water day activities in an attempt to keep cool.

Last month Ms. Rachel came from Drug Free Charlotte County and taught us about Body safety.



It was a kid friendly way of learning the "rules" to keep us safe. We are looking forward to her coming back to visit. We also had the Ice Cream Truck come as a cool and yummy surprise to beat the summer heat!

The teachers are also getting ready for the new school year and I love hearing how exciting they are as they share ideas about their classrooms and how excited they are to meet the families that will be joining us this upcoming year!



*Off to Camp!*



*Laser Tag Fun*



GEMS Girls Club will be running through the second week of December this year, so there's still time if you are interested in joining.

We welcome girls in Pre-K up to 12th grade.

If you are interested in joining, come on any Thursday night at 6:00 pm and you can fill out the paperwork while your child enjoys meeting with her group. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Ziegelbauer at 941-625-4356.

## August Birthdays

01 Jean M. Williams	08 Stephanie Sennholz
01 Mary Cox	09 Daphene Novak
01 Kyle Cox	10 Leah Setser
02 Thelma Lachapelle	11 Emma Kvatum
03 Marci Middaugh	11 Gay Graham
04 Phyllis Tolman	11 Jason Hughes
04 Sue Edmiston	12 Elizabeth Jones
04 Jordan Foster	12 Dorothy Mann
05 Nelda Hildebrand	12 Alyssa Walton
05 Libby Weller	16 Stella Best
05 Riley Schwartz	17 Carol S. McCullough
06 Bettie Curtis	18 Betty Pyott
06 H.L. Clemmons	18 Matthew Hoffner
06 Wendy McCarthy	19 Kelsey James
07 Laura Slike	20 Fanny DeMallie
07 Cindy Waterbury	20 Robert Burr
08 Thomas Wenck	20 Deidra Setser
08 David Mulinix	21 Cecil Ward

## August Anniversaries

04 David and Donna Jean deSilva	16 Roger and Marjorie Anderson
08 Don and Florence Nevins	16 Bart and Hope McFarlane
08 Durvent and Delphena Lyons	24 Gerald and Karen Shaw
09 Bob and Sue Statton	29 Allan and Mary Lou Stocker
14 Arthur and Ruth Miller	29 Samir and Renee Petro

## Vacation Bible School



The Children's Ministry would like to thank all our volunteers who so selflessly gave of their time on Sundays to make such an amazing VBS come together this year. The children had so much fun and it couldn't have happened without all of your work and dedication.

Many Blessings, Ms. Elizabeth

*Vacation Bible School*



21 Inez Jones	25 Dorothy Adams
21 Florence Nevins	25 Chris Bowers
21 Jacob Kern	26 Bob Statton
21 Joseph Scott	26 Leo Jones
21 John Do	26 Mary Meyer
22 Christina Harvick	26 Elijah James
23 Clyde Sell	26 Vaughn Phillips
23 Pat Douglas	27 Deidre Parkinson
23 Barbara Hepler	27 Jacob Hoffner
23 Candice Chardon	28 Beverly Gomez
Zampella	28 Alexander DePaul
24 Jack Bennett	29 Mary Lou Stocker
24 Asta Terwilliger	29 Sydney Hays
24 Gail Gonzalez	31 Dottie White
24 Kathie Abbott	31 Susan West
24 Jo JonCekuta-Bolyard	31 Amanda Kucewicz
25 JacknMallay	31 Barbara Pascale
25 Edna Lather	





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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## Children's Summer Lunch Program

**Apples, Chips, and God's love... oh my!**

Thanks to a loyal group of Port Charlotte United Methodist volunteers, the Children's Summer Lunch Program was a great success again this year! Fifteen to twenty hard working and dedicated women and men showed up every Tuesday morning to organize the items, slice the meat and cheese, make the sandwiches, pack the lunches, count the water bottles, and make sure the food and drinks ended up in the hands of needy children during the summer vacation. Volunteers delivered these lunches to the Homeless Coalition, the Boy's and Girl's Club, and Trinity United Methodist Church. It really was a heartwarming sight to see all these caring people come together every week to pack bag lunches for needy children, and to have fellowship with each other. During the summer, we packed approximately 3500 sandwiches, apples, bags of chips, mayonnaise packets, breakfast bars, candy, a napkin and a bottle of water. Along with this nutrition, we packed the love and grace of God for all children.

