

KNOW GROW GO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
PORT CHARLOTTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



June/July 2015

Sunday Worship: 8am - 9:30am - 11am

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"Floored By Our Church's Efforts"

A little over a week ago, men and women from our church family spent an entire week pulling up carpet and scraping up flue from the floor in our Fellowship Hall. The old carpet had been laid down years ago. All the efforts in our Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary Facility Renovations are directed towards that singular purpose of preparing ourselves for the ongoing task of making disciples. The Fellowship Hall carpet is only taken up to receive the new flooring that members of our church family had already generously donated funds to purchase. Some of the workers were here for a day, while others served every day that week. Some worked part of the day, and others worked well into the evening. That carpet has served us so well. It had withstood countless services of worship, evenings of fellowship, community outreaches, and celebrations. It had supported us while we welcomed some people, and while we said goodbyes to others. At one point one of our volunteers mentioned some of the past events that our church had accomplished while this carpet was in service. There was a bit of melancholy in their voice. But then another volunteered voiced this thought: "We are here to make disciples, not to make memories." I thought that was profound. Whatever memories we make, they have to be made while we are fulfilling Jesus' vision of making disciples.

When King David felt God's call on his life to prepare the people of Israel to build God's temple, he laid the groundwork well long before they began to build. He made sure his son Solomon had everything he needed to build the temple—an abundance of gold, silver, bronze, iron, timber, stone, and skilled craftsmen (vv.14-15).

King David is said to have spoken these words about the work that he was doing for God.

"The house to be built for the Lord should be of great magnificence and fame and splendor in the sight of all the nations." (1 Chronicles 22:5)

David wanted a place of "great magnificence" for the Lord. Whatever we do, our audience of One deserves our very best.

O worship the King,
All glorious above,
And gratefully sing
His power and His love. —Grant

Keep going and never quit!

Grace,
Pastor Brian

Join us on Sundays

Traditional Worship at 8 & 11
Contemporary 9:30am

Wednesday Nights

Children's Ministry: 6-7:30pm
Youth: 6-8:15pm
Adult Studies: 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, June 3

Preschool Graduation
6pm, Fellowship Hall

July 3

Church Office Closed

July 6-10

Vacation Bible School
9am - Noon

Tuesday, July 7

Membership Class 6-8pm

Thursday, July 16

Lunch & Learn
11:30am - 1pm, Fellowship Hall





Bob Croft
Dorothy Snethcamp

A Note from Paul Kisner

It has been many years since I graduated high school. It was during that time that I grew fond of Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Those two verses have meant a great deal to me as I began sensing God's call on my life. It was in college that I looked to those verses as God called me into youth ministry. A few years back, I went back to those verses as I sensed God calling me in a new direction. The key to calling is trust. Do I trust God with my life? Am I willing to allow God to lead me in a new direction?

Proverbs 3:5-6 also reminds us to not rely on our own insight. It never made sense for God to call a reserved nineteen-year-old into youth ministry, but he did. It didn't make sense for me to go back to school fifteen years after graduating college to become a pastor, but that's what God called me to do. That's why we must trust God. If we rely on our own insight, we will end up missing what God has in store for us. Even though I have grown to love Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, the time has come to follow God once again to something different.

Dawn and I are both anxious and excited as we prepare to begin a new chapter. We are anxious because we have no idea what to expect, but we are excited over the possibility of this new calling. As I move to become the pastor of Hope United Methodist Church in Cape Coral, I can only trust in God because he has been faithful to me throughout my life. I know this experience will be a blessing because God will be with me. I also trust that God will be with PCUMC and the youth of this church as he guides our church.

Praise God for his faithfulness,
Paul Kisner

Extravagant Generosity

(January 1, 2015 thru April 30, 2015)

Total Income: \$316,348.39 Total Expenses: \$290,801.55
Apportionments are 30% paid
Communion Fund Help:
Utilities: 25 Gas Vouchers: 41 Rent: 8 Other Misc: 6

Welcome New Members!

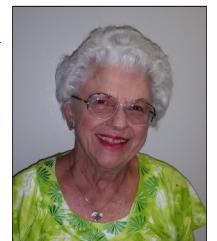
Barbara Ann Bagiardi

Barb attends our 11:00 Worship Service and is originally from Detroit, Michigan. She has two children and four grandchildren. She has already become active in GriefShare and Widows Might. She decided to become a member of our church because of the wonderful people, and she has made many new friends. She likes "everything" about our church. Her special interests are loving people, games, loving kids, she is a "jack of all trades" and "a master of none." She spent 10 years involved with the Girl Scouts and was a Boy Scout Den Mother.



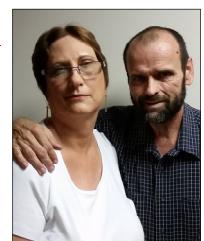
Roselyn Warren

Roselyn attends the 11:00 Worship Service and is originally from Ohio but spent her retirement years in Wisconsin. She has two children, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is interested in our choir and some smaller groups and will serve where needed. She decided to become a member of our church because the service reminds her of the one she grew up experiencing at her United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, Ohio and she loved that church. The best thing about our church is the great music and great sermons. Her special interests are music, reading, fellowship with Christians, tennis, sailing, hiking, canoeing, biking and her dog Taco (a Westie).



Carol & Antonio Leonard

Carol attends our 11:00 Worship Service and is originally from Fayetteville, NC. She has been attending our GriefShare meetings on Wednesday afternoons. She has decided to become a member of our church because of the worship service and many of the other programs offered. Her interests and hobbies are reading, collecting angel figures and she loves all animals. She has four cats and the world's best husband!



Tony attends the 11:00 Worship Service and is originally from West Warwick, RI. His reason for becoming a member of our church is because he supports his wife.



**Please welcome these new members
to our church family! Our next
Membership Class will be
held Tuesday, July 7th 6-8pm.**

Non-Profit Fall Extravaganza *Nancy Bosserdet*

Port Charlotte United Methodist Church (PCUMC) is sponsoring a Non-Profit Fall Extravaganza on October 24, 2015 from 9 am to 5 pm at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. All Charlotte County non-profit organizations are encouraged to participate in order to promote community awareness about their services. This event is also an opportunity for non-profit organizations to make some money by securing vendors to join in the event or by selling items. Non-profit organizations will not pay a fee for their space but the vendors they secure will purchase space, and the purchase price (\$50) will be split equally between the non-profit organization securing the vendor and PCUMC.

Admittance will be \$1.00 per car; each car will receive a ticket for a free gift at the PCUMC space. There will be food for purchase, entertainment, and a carnival setting for children that will include various activities and games provided by volunteers.

Many people in Charlotte County do not know where or from whom they can seek help for their particular situations. PCUMC believes that this event will provide valuable information from the non-profit organizations for those who need help and, at the same time, enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun.



More about Stephen Ministry *Dean Winston*

I thought it might be helpful to understand how Stephen Ministers are trained and why. The course consists of twenty weeks of classes that last two and a half hours each, for a total of fifty hours. They are provided with two manuals about 350 pages each and three books, CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING - A WAY OF LIFE, SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE and WHEN AND HOW TO USE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES. The Stephen Ministry program is a Christ-based, caring ministry. We always begin with prayer, followed by a lecture, with role playing incorporated in the training. Everyone is involved in the process. At the end of each class, we have a prayer and a benediction. The following is a list of important tools they are given:



They learn what it takes to be a Christian Caregiver. They learn about feelings and how to interpret them. They learn the art of active and reflective listening. They learn about interpreting body language. They learn how valuable process rather than results orientation is. They learn how to be lovingly assertive. They learn how to maintain boundaries in a caring relationship. They learn about crisis theory and practice. They learn about confidentiality and how important it is in Stephen Ministry. They learn how to minister to those experiencing grief. They learn that telecare is the next best thing to being there. They learn what resources are available locally for a whole host of issues. They learn of limits when dealing with depression and when professionals are required. They learn how to bring a caring relationship to a close. They learn how important peer supervision (peer encouragement) is. They learn how to make that first caring visit.

These Stephen Minister Trainees are then commissioned by the congregation to go and minister to those who are suffering. They commit to two years, attending Peer Supervision and Continuing Education twice a month. When they are assigned a care receiver, they meet with them once a week for about an hour. By being Christ-Centered, listening, encouraging, praying, being non-judgmental, compassionate and patient, and while maintaining confidentiality, they demonstrate GOD'S LOVE and help their care-receiver accept GOD'S HEALING GRACE.

As you can see, this ministry involves a great deal of dedication and commitment. Thankfully we have people in our church who want to help their neighbor with their struggles, with their pain, with their heartache by doing as GOD directs us to do... love our neighbor as ourselves.

*If you are hurting for any number of reasons, and would like a Stephen Minister,
call Pastor Brian at 941-626-4356.*

Health Ministry *Jane Flanders*

Hopefully everyone is drinking their water! It is HOT right now and dehydration can do a number on your body and system. Don't like plain "ole water?" Add a drop or two of natural "Stevia." Still don't enjoy your water? Add some fruit, any kind. Make drinking water part of your day!

Our next Lunch and Learn will take place in July on Thursday the 16th. Janet Shannon, Outreach Coordinator, will tell us about services in Charlotte County such as the Senior Friendship Centers and services available through OCEAN. Complimentary lunch offered - please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan on attending.

September 17th's Lunch & Learn will feature Barbara Carley with her updates and information on Arthritis. Complimentary lunch provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Do you get nervous when you or a loved one becomes confused or forgetful? Your next thought is "Do I have Alzheimer's?" Time to evaluate the medications you are taking. Side effects of both prescription and nonprescription medications can interfere with mental states. If the medication regimen is complex, it is more difficult to figure out the problem with the mental status. The doctor will rule out every problem that can be reversed starting with an evaluation of the potential side effects of each drug you are taking. Some drugs that can cause confused mental status are:

- ◆ Anticholinergic medications that are used for an overactive bladder, incontinence, diarrhea, and muscle cramps.
- ◆ Antidepressants
- ◆ Anxiety medications.
- ◆ Some asthma medications that work to dilate your lungs.
- ◆ Antihistamines and other allergy medications.
- ◆ Antiseizure medications.
- ◆ Analgesics - which include NSAIDS (Ibuprofen).
- ◆ Sleep medications and sedatives.
- ◆ Some heart medications such as beta blockers.
- ◆ Fluoroquinolone antibiotics (Cipro, Levaquin, Avelox, Floxacin, Levofloxacin, Moxifloxacin)
- ◆ Some antimalarial medications.



Start by reviewing your medication list with your doctor. Always keep a list of your medications in your wallet or pocketbook and be sure every Dr. you visit has a copy of this list. If you are a "snowbird" and see doctors in your summer home, please be sure your doctors in your "winter" home know if there are any changes in your medications.

Are you going through a difficult time?



We have free, confidential care available.

To learn how you or a friend, neighbor, coworker or relative can receive care, contact Pastor Brian (941) 625-4356.

Need your blood pressure checked?

It can be checked anytime you feel the need. Check with the nurses in the "Fish Bowl."



Port Charlotte United Methodist Church
Children's Weekday Ministry

NOW ENROLLING!

Preschool **FREE VPK** After School
(941) 625-4356 PCUMCschool@gmail.com



You're Invited to
VPK Graduation!
Wednesday, June 3rd
6pm in Fellowship Hall

Frequently Heard Questions *Jonathan Carlsen*

Question: On May 24 we celebrated Pentecost. But it heard the date called Aldersgate Sunday and Heritage Sunday. Which is it?

Answer: All three, plus one more event of significance. Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter, marks the birthday of the universal church, described in Acts 2. Aldersgate Sunday marks the time of John Wesley's born-again experience (May 24, 1738). It's seen as the beginning of the Wesleyan Revival, what some call *Methodism*. In 1976 and 2004, at the request of the UM General Commission Archives and History, our General Conference renamed Aldersgate Sunday as Heritage Sunday. From 1981 to 2004, Heritage Sunday was observed in April, the anniversary of the 1968 UMC union. But for UMs of Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) background, Pentecost also marks the birthday of the EUB tradition. On Pentecost evening, 1767, United Brethren co-founders Philip Otterbein and Martin Boehm (rhymes with *same*) met for the first time and discovered that they were "brothers in faith" — *brethren*!

Question: In February, you identified three kinds of "official United Methodist teaching": pronouncements by the General Conference, our "established standards of doctrine," and our Sunday School literature. Isn't the Bible official United Methodist teaching?

Answer: Our members disagree on this. Some say, *Yes, absolutely!* Others, *No!* I say both *Yes, but—* and *No, but—*. I say *no* in that the Bible's authority predates, is independent of, and surpasses any official UMC approval. But our "established standards of doctrine" repeatedly assert its authority. The Methodist Articles of Religion (arts. v and vi) and the EUB Confession of Faith (art. iv) declare its authority. Wesley's *Sermons* say of the Bible in the preface, "Here is knowledge enough for me." At John 10:35, where Jesus says, "Scripture cannot be broken," his *New Testament Notes* say that this means "nothing which is written therein can be censured or rejected." That's *official* enough for me!

Question: At Darcy Wright's memorial, we sang, "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done." The folder said Frances J. van Alstyne wrote it. I thought and our hymnal says it was Fanny Crosby. Are we wrong?

Answer: No. The writer was born Frances ("Fanny") Jane Crosby in 1820. In 1858, she married Alexander van Alstyne, Jr.. The folder took the words from the Jamaican Methodist hymnal, *Voices in Praise*, part of the British Methodist hymn tradition. Carlton Young, our hymnal's editor, reports, "British hymnologists inexplicably distinguish the poet [Crosby] by her married name." — *Companion to "The United Methodist Hymnal"* (Abingdon, 1993), p. 736.

Question: In Sunday School recently, we were asked to check the introductory pages of our Bibles to see whether they were a "translation" or an "interpretation." It was very confusing. What's going on? (Part 1)

Answer: I was there and was confused, too. I thought the person who asked was saying, *Translation bad, interpretation good*. Others heard the opposite. Some issues were clarified the next Sunday. Part of the difficulty is how we define the words, but other issues add to the confusion. Eugene H. Glassman gives useful guidance in *The Translation Debate: What Makes a Bible Translation Good?* (InterVarsity, 1981), particularly, ch. 2, "Translate, Interpret, Paraphrase." We'll say more about this in Part 2.

Student Ministry

Summer Schedule *Barbara Hald*

As you may already know, our Youth Director Paul Kisner is moving on to serve his first church as Pastor. We thank Paul for his service and wish him much success as we know he will do amazing things through God and for God's kingdom.

G.E.M.S. Girls' Club runs through the summer. Girls age 4 through high school are welcome to join on Thursday nights. Talk to Miss Elizabeth for more details.

PBnJ's: Children K-5th grades will be taking a brief break for the month of June, but will be back in July for Family Fun Nights.

Our Youth program will run through the summer. We will have lots of new faces, as we have a lot of new volunteers on board to help with our youth.

Wednesday, June 24th 6-8pm - VBS work party!

Children and youth are invited to help get ready for Vacation Bible School.

July 6 – 10 Vacation Bible School 9am till noon

Please help by donating snacks for the VBS children. A donation board will be in the lobby on the Sunday of June 14th.

Youth Ministry *Paul Kisner*

Congratulations Graduates!



Alex DePaul (Charlotte High School)

Mackenzie Mueller (Charlotte High School)

Savannah Welton (Port Charlotte High School)

PCUMC Graduation Sunday is June 21

End of School Lock-in

June 5-6, 8pm - 7:30am

Cost: \$5

See Paul for more info

Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

June 22-30, 2015

Please pray for our 9-member mission team.

Annual Messy Game Night

June 10, 6pm - 8:15pm

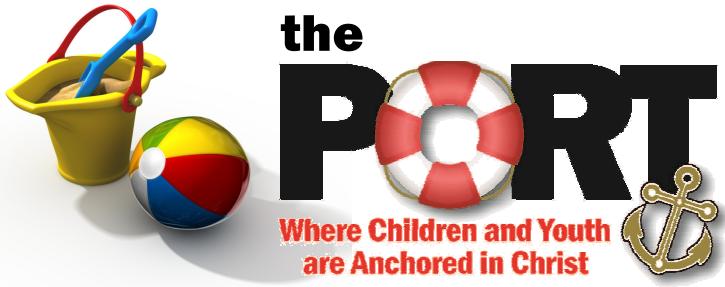
Come and kick off the summer by getting messy!

Summer Camp 2015

July 13-18, 2015

Campers leave on Monday, July 13 at 10am.

Please pray for our campers!



Wednesday Family Fun Nights in July

Family members welcome to come share in the fun, but not necessary for child participation.

July 1 Drama Night: Families will reenact Bible stories with costumes and skit or puppets.

(Youth: Family Cook Out)

July 8 No Program / VBS week

July 15 Water Games / Wear a suit and bring a towel.

July 22 Minute to Win It Games

July 29 Bible Trivia

*Every night in July we meet we will be talking about some of the Bible stories that will be a part of our Bible Trivia games. So the families that come and listen will be ready to win Bible trivia!

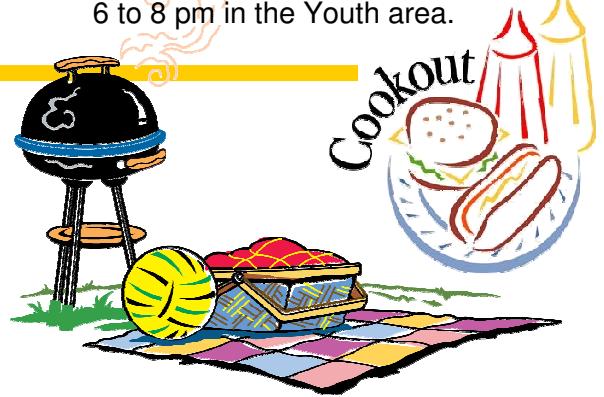
August 5th

Back-to-school night fun with indoor games.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Wednesday Night - July 1st Youth & Family Cook Out

All youth of our church and their families are invited to a picnic. Meet new volunteers and hear from some of the youth who went on the mission trip. This is a very important event, so if you have a 6th grader - 18 year old, please join us from 6 to 8 pm in the Youth area.



June Birthdays

- 01 Doris Adams
- 01 Don Keirnan
- 01 June Richards
- 02 Marisue Bittner
- 03 Marlene Young
- 04 Paul Smith
- 04 Robert Butler
- 04 Robert Chrzanowski
- 05 Warren Heidenis
- 06 Ellen Even
- 07 Matt Leskanic
- 08 Samuel Carter
- 08 Renee Petro
- 08 Jordan Mikus
- 08 Tyler McNamara
- 09 Marjorie Armant
- 10 Frank Hansen
- 11 Evangeline Van Tries
- 11 Harold Wilder
- 11 Lauryn Royer
- 12 John Lee
- 12 Jo Lucky
- 12 Sylvanie Skepple
- 12 Paul Chapdelaine
- 14 Barbara Deaton
- 14 James LoTempio
- 15 Dick Gwinn
- 16 Laurie Leskanic
- 17 Lea Crawford
- 17 Alex Kucewicz
- 18 Doris Barney



June Anniversaries

- 01 Joseph and Beverly Gomez
- 05 J C and Leone Bihl
- 05 James and Tammy Eugenius
- 06 Earl and Elaine Parker
- 12 Larry and Lynn Littlefield
- 13 Harold and Barbara Wilder
- 13 Calvin and Lois Tschetter
- 20 Timothy and Patti Smith
- 21 Frank and Betty Hansen
- 25 Paul and Sharon Bencivengo
- 28 Gerald and Darlene Brown
- 29 Jeff and Susan West

July Birthdays

- 01 Sydney Minott
- 01 Eulalee Jackson
- 02 Belle Tribby
- 02 Lois Hagen
- 02 June Albert
- 02 Beverly Caporossi
- 03 Nova Pascal
- 04 Zachery McNally
- 04 Joey Dunn
- 04 Austin deSilva
- 05 Alvin Williams
- 05 Doris Forsythe
- 05 Dana Sweet
- 06 Grace Chicken
- 06 Jane Flanders
- 08 Nikki Foster
- 09 Violet Ward
- 09 Norma Campbell
- 09 Ann Van Hoose
- 10 Kay Ash
- 10 James Stedge
- 10 Donna Jean deSilva
- 11 Bill Bishop
- 13 Margaret Spann
- 13 Robert Bossardet
- 14 Sharon Kavanaugh
- 14 Marjorie Mills
- 15 Dorothy Hoffman
- 15 Marjorie Anderson
- 16 Al Tillman
- 17 Betty Decker
- 17 Gary Johnston
- 17 Donna Dobson
- 17 Lily Weller

July Anniversaries

- 03 Stephen and Jean Pearl
- 10 Gary and Betty Ruth Mason
- 10 Julie and Sid Scott
- 11 H.L. and Mary Clemons
- 11 Loren and Ruthann Allen
- 17 Ron and Donna Dobson
- 20 Robert and Nancy Bossardet
- 22 Robert and Barbara Gruennert
- 25 Jim and Sharon Kavanaugh
- 27 Gary and Pat McNamara



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Shoes for Peace



"For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared."

Ephesians 6:15 NLT

We are requesting donations of "flips and sandals" for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic on June 23, 2015. Sizes for ages 2-10. A box is located near the Welcome Center.

"Having your feet fitted with readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace"

These will be distributed during the mission trip as "peace shoes" from all of us at PCUMC.



Sunshine Ministry

"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up." Proverbs 12:25.

God has blessed us with a variety of spiritual gifts which are given for us to use in service to God and for the benefit of others. Where do you fit in with your spiritual gifts? Enhance the Sunshine Ministry by using your spiritual gift in visiting the homebound or those confined to care facilities. Let them know they are not forgotten and are an important part of the church family. Each homebound is visited once a month by a visit, a phone call, a note or card. There is no planned program when you visit once a month. Your presence tells them that you care. If you can spare a few minutes once a month, please speak to either Pastor Brian or Jane Flanders to hear about this important ministry. Please consider serving as a Sunshine Minister.

