

# KNOW GROW GO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
PORT CHARLOTTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## November 2016

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

### The Real Church

Most of the time, when people talk about “The Church,” they are referring to a building, made of bricks and mortar, where they attend services on Sundays. People love their church building and consider it sacred. Sometimes, it is understood as the organizational institution or denomination, in which they belong. This idea is reinforced because the building is called **Port Charlotte United Methodist Church**. Many times much of the “church’s” financial resources are spent on maintaining and keeping up the church building or buildings.

In the New Testament, “the church,” is not understood as a building, organized denomination or institution. The Greek word, **Ekklesia**, used in the New Testament and translated in English (Church), means the universal or total body of believers whom God calls out from the world and into his eternal kingdom. It does not refer to buildings or denominations, rather it pertains to the people of God, who have been forgiven of their sins and follow Jesus. It is the Body of Christ, the people of God.

When we understand that “the Church” is God’s people, then we are able to more fully discern God’s desires, plan and mission for our lives, and how we should be living as his congregation. This may require new thinking by some. The Bible teaches us about God’s mission for his people and how we function, as the body of Christ, in the real world.

**You are the Church!** You enter into a building, to worship God, so that you may be more spiritually equipped, to do the work, as *God’s Church*, in this world. The Church is NOT bricks and mortar, it is the flesh and blood transformed by the Gospel! Let the Church be the Church!

Blessings,

*Pastor Craig Moore*

### Join us on Sundays

Traditional Worship 8 & 11am  
Contemporary 9:30am

### Wednesday Nights

#### “Wonderful Wednesdays”

Dinner 5-6:00pm  
Bible Study 5:45-6:15pm  
Children 6-7:30pm  
Youth 6-8:00pm  
Choir 6:25pm

### **Saturday, November 5**

Pancake Breakfast, 7-10:30am  
Car Wash 8am - Noon

### **Thursday, November 17**

Lunch & Learn, 11:30am - 1pm

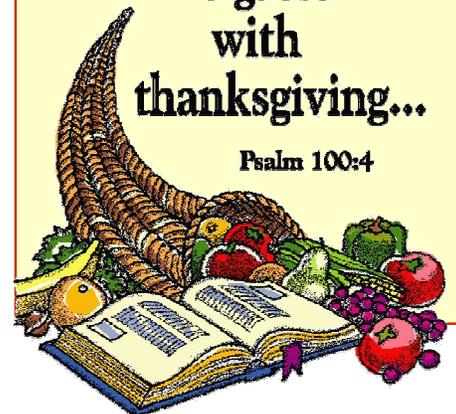
### **Tuesday, November 22**

Membership Class  
5:30-7:30pm

*The church office will be closed  
Nov. 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving.*

Enter  
his gates  
with  
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4





Flora Bunger  
Rev. Fredrick Carlsen  
Robert Heilman  
Jack Mallay



**PCUMC Children's Weekday Ministry**  
A Ministry of Port Charlotte United Methodist Church  
**Director: Paula Mann**

**Special Dates**  
Nov 4: Muffins with Mom  
Nov 8: No School  
Nov 18: Family Service Day (watch for details)  
Nov 21-25: No School Thanksgiving Break  
Nov 30: Walk in Day... Check out our Teacher Trivia Board

Note: The preschool is no longer accepting bottle caps. We invite you to look at our new bench we received from the bottle caps!



Celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one by sponsoring altar flowers. The 2017 calendar for flowers can be found at the Welcome Center, or just call the church office, 625-4356.

*Altar Flowers*



**United Methodist Women**  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Port Charlotte United Methodist Women meet at 6:30 pm the second Thursday of each month in The New Room.

**November 10th Program:**  
WORLD THANK OFFERING:  
A COMMUNITY OF THANKFUL WOMEN

**Objective:**

To reflect on the challenge from scripture to encourage each other to do more good works and to consider how United Methodist Women's World Thank Offering helps women and families.

All women over the age of 18 are invited - come and join us - bring a friend!

*The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world.*



**the**  
**PORT**  
Where Children and Youth are Anchored in Christ



This is a time of harvest and sharing, and we are asking families to help us by helping your child learn the importance of charity and service.

*"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done."  
Proverbs 19:17*



We can teach our children by asking them to do chores and raise money to buy a bar of soap or a jar of peanut butter telling them where it will be going and explain how God calls us to be charitable and share.

Blessings this Thanksgiving season,

Barbara Hald



The Salty Service committee is asking each member to bring canned goods or Thanksgiving items for Trinity Church for Thanksgiving for their food pantry. Please bring on **Sunday, November 13th** to allow for timely distribution. *Thank you*



Remember to return your filled boxes by Sunday, **November 6**

## Did You Know? *Sid White*

The PCUMC Men's Breakfast will begin November 5th, at 7:00 am until 10:30 am and will continue each month on the first Saturday of the month through April, 2017. The menu will consist of scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage links, coffee, tea, orange juice, and, of course, all the pancakes you can eat. The price is \$5.00. Children under 5 and those over 90 eat free.

Boy Scout Troop #37 will carry trays when needed; Jim Hepler, Jim Bennett, J.C. Bihl, and Mike Sniecinski will be cooking. PJ Fisher will serve orange juice and provide coffee cups; Tom Marshall, our treasurer will collect money at the door where people will be greeted by Ken Vida and Dean Winston; Kay Ash will hand out trays; Clay Conway and Jim Stedge will be part of the cleanup crew; Jonathan Carlsen will set up tables, Sid and Dottie White will prepare the tables with condiments and syrup; and Carol and Rick McCullough will prepare the sausage. While all this is going, on Jane Trammell and Jane Flanders will be testing blood pressure at no charge.



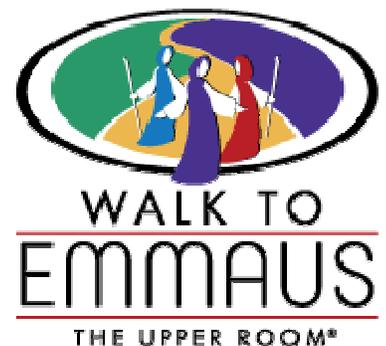
The profit from the Men's breakfast is given to the following: Boy Scout Troop #37, Children's Ministries, CWM, Christmas Dinner, Altar Flowers, Radio Broadcast of Sunday's service, PCUMC Youth Program and Summer Camp.

As you can see, many benefit from the profit of the Men's Breakfast. I urge everyone in our church to ask their neighbor to come with them to enjoy this delicious bargain. Remember,  $1+1=2$ .

## Walk to Emmaus *Paul Smith*

Walk to EMMAUS, a journey with Christ. The mens' and womens' walk for the fall of 2016 was completed at the end of October. It was a three day journey for the men and a three day journey for the women, separately. The journey of the pilgrims begins with prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After accepting the invitation and filling out an application, the Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider the applicant and, in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

This is truly a life changing experience in which afterwards the pilgrims are known as a Fourth-Dayer where they are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. Details of what to expect are never given so as not to dilute the awesome experience. There will be a walk at the end of March 2017 for men and the beginning of April 2017 for women. We are fortunate to have 67 members of our congregation who have gone on the Emmaus Walk. For more details, call Paul Smith 941-764-8895.





## More About Stephen Ministry *Dean Winston*

In Acts 6:1-6 we learn that the number of disciples was increasing and that the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So, the twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn that responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." The first to be chosen was Stephen.



Stephen, Acts goes on to say, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. Opposition arose from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen, Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria, as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. They began to argue with Stephen, but they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke. Then, they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

They brought him before the Sanhedrin to defend himself against these false accusations. As we read in Acts 7, Stephen lays out a complete history from God's message to Abraham calling, "them stiff-necked people," "always resisting the Holy Spirit", "they even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One." "And now you have betrayed and murdered him - you have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it."

Stephen's rebuttal against his accuser so incensed the members of the Sanhedrin they immediately had him taken out and stoned to death. Stephen was the first deacon and became the first Christian martyr.

It is quite fitting that Stephen Ministry is named after a man who was full of God's Grace and Holy Spirit. Stephen Ministry is a Chris-based ministry that takes those of faith with caring hearts, loving their neighbor with a passion to serve, and educates them how best to help those suffering with grief, illness, job loss, and a multitude of other burdens. It teaches them how to help their care receiver accept God's healing grace, while all the while being under the over- arching principle of confidentiality.



**If you are suffering and would like a Stephen Minister  
please call Pastor Craig at 625-4356.**

For those wanting to become a Stephen Minister, please call Dean Winston at 941-661-8825.

## Frequently Heard Questions *Jonathan Carlsen*

**Question:** The *United Methodist Hymnal* identifies the author of the Thanksgiving hymn, “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (#694), as Henry Alford. Who was he?

**Answer:** Jane Stuart Smith and Betty Carlson, in *Great Christian Hymn Writers* (Crossway Books, 1997) called Anglican priest Henry Alford (1810-1871) “a multi-talented man — a musician, painter, wood carver, preacher, teacher, scholar, and poet” (p. 25). The descendant of a long line of Anglican priests, he was one of the most respected and influential Greek scholars of the mid-19th century. His four-volume New Testament commentary, *The Greek New Testament* “is still in use today” (E. Michael Rusten and Sharon Rusten, *The One Year Christian History*, Tyndale House, 2003, p. 24). His 1869 revision of the *King James Version* inspired his fellow British scholars to produce the *English Revised Version* which led to the *ASV*, *RSV*, *NASB*, *TLB*, *NRSV*, *NLT*, and *ESV*. Jane Smith and Betty Carlson further report that he “... seemed to have a perpetual spirit of gratitude. At the end of the day, whether good or bad, and after every meal he would stand up and give thanks to God for blessing him so richly.”

**Question:** Why do we celebrate Veterans Day, veterans, and military service when the Bible says, *Do not kill*?

**Answer:** Full disclosure: I’m a veteran. When the *Common English Bible* says, “Do not kill,” (Ex. 20:13), it contradicts every major modern English version except the *New American Bible*, *Jerusalem Bible*, and *New Jerusalem Bible*. For the others (plus John Wesley and Bishop Coke), the word is *murder*, not *kill*. When John the Baptist, Jesus, and the apostles met soldiers (Lk. 3:14, Mt. 8:5-13, Lk. 7:1-10:, and Acts 10:24-48, they never told them, “Quit the army!” Though the Roman soldier’s military oath with its idolatrous references to Caesar was offensive, the early church welcomed soldiers.

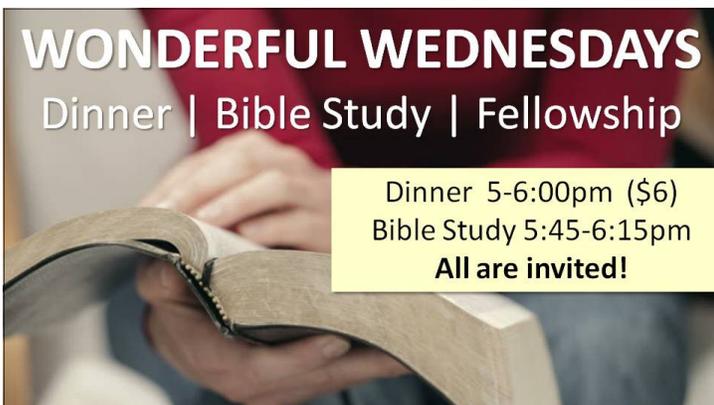
During the American Revolution, Virginia drafted Methodist Jesse Lee into the militia. He wouldn’t touch a rifle, but he drove a wagon for the troops and preached from it each night, becoming one of our first (unofficial) military chaplains and the first conscientious objector performing alternative service.

In 1991, while serving in Operation Desert Storm, I met UM Bishop Emerson Coker. That same year, he wrote, “I do not, therefore, look on those who serve in the military as misguided. They are fulfilling a calling and a mission” (*Social Issues: A Bishop’s Perspective*, Discipleship Resources, 1991, p. 106).

**Question:** On different Christian Web sites, I’ve seen the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), being announced as falling on November 6, November 13, and November 20. Which is it?

**Answer:** For us, it’s November 13. Different churches will observe the day on each of those dates. The World Evangelical Fellowship, now called the World Evangelical Alliance, first observed the IDOP on the second Sunday of November (Nov. 10, 1996). They designated the third Sunday as an alternative date. In 2013, Open Doors USA moved it to the first Sunday, which fit well with All Saints Sunday, because many of their U.S. constituents complained that the second Sunday conflicted with their Veterans Day observances. From 2013 to 2015, we held it on the third Sunday and focused on All Saints and Veterans Day on the other Sundays. But this year, we’re holding it on the second Sunday.

Do you have a question about the Bible or United Methodist belief, organization, or practice? E-mail them to me at [theexhorter\\_fla@yahoo.com](mailto:theexhorter_fla@yahoo.com) or leave them with Katherine Warden at the church office and I’ll try to answer as many as I can. — JAC



**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS**  
Dinner | Bible Study | Fellowship

Dinner 5-6:00pm (\$6)  
Bible Study 5:45-6:15pm  
**All are invited!**



**LUNCH & LEARN** Thursday, Nov. 17  
11:30am – 1pm

**Topic: “Medicare, Medicaid and Supplemental Insurance”**

## Health Ministry *Jane Flanders*

Our next "Lunch and Learn" will be quite helpful for those contemplating changing insurances, adding a supplemental insurance or a Medicare Advantage program. Join us on Thursday, November 17th at 11:30am as Rick Heavenly presents a program on insurances and the changes occurring in 2017. Yes, there is still plenty of time for you to make changes. A complimentary lunch will be served. Please be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center.



Did you know that in Florida there are 29 personal care and Home Health aides per 1,000 adults? That is shocking and disappointing news. If you need any of the services provided by the state, there is a waiting list. Families tend to be the "caretakers" while waiting for these services for their loved ones as, unfortunately, they often become ill with health or mental problems. There were 59,000 people in Florida in July on a waiting list for services such as respite, Meals on Wheels and community-based services. The waiting list continues to grow. Something needs to be done as people are dying while waiting to get on these lists for services. This information was provided by AARP in their October issue of the AARP Bulletin. To learn more go to [aarp.org/balance](http://aarp.org/balance).

"Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" is offered by Senior Friendship Centers in Lee, Sarasota and DeSoto counties. This program is currently not available in Charlotte County but if you know a grandparent in the other counties, please pass on this valuable information. This program assists in the cost of daycare, after school programs, summer camps and/or sitter services. Please call Eric Flusche at 239-236-8687 to make a referral or inquire about qualifications.

Did you know that if you are age 90 or older Dial-A-Ride will take you where you want to go for FREE? Simply call Dial-A-Ride at 941-575-4000 to make your appointment.

Need your cholesterol and blood sugar checked...for FREE? Winn Dixie on King's Highway in Port Charlotte offers this testing every three months. The next date that is available at Winn Dixie is Tuesday, November 8th from 1:00PM until 6:00PM. Please remember to fast from the night before to get an accurate blood count. Parkinson's Support Group meets the fourth Friday of every month at the PGI Civic Association. Contact Kelly Gaylord at 941-637- 6418 for further information.

Did you know that in 2013, manufacturers were asked to provide information to the FDA that antibacterial products could pose health risks after long-term use? This includes the antibacterial soap you use to wash your hands. Guess what? The manufacturers could not prove that 19 antibacterial ingredients were safe to use over a long period of time. The FDA banned the sale of these chemicals in hand washes and soaps. There is a time limit of one year for the manufacturers to take these ingredients out of their products. Nothing concrete has been decided about hand sanitizers and wipes. The best way to wash your hands to avoid becoming ill and spreading germs according to the CDC is: Wet hands with water and soap. Rub hands together to lather the soap. Scrub your hands for 20 seconds. Rinse your hands well. Dry with a clean, dry towel or air dry.

If you need or would like your blood pressure checked, please see the nurses in the Fish Bowl every Sunday from 9:00am-9:30am, during Wonderful Wednesdays starting at 4:00pm and during the Men's Breakfasts the first Saturday of the month starting at 7:00am.

We have walkers and wheelchairs available for you to borrow, but please see Jane Trammel, Parish Nurse, before taking one of these items.

***A happy and blessed Thanksgiving  
to you and your families!***





January 9-20,  
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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

## November Birthdays

1 Marilyn Buckingham	14 Linda Force
1 Sharon Chinn	14 Virginia Halter
1 Carol Leonard	15 Erin Hall
1 Lynn Littlefield	15 Olive Weaver
1 Fred Wagner	16 Gary Graham
2 Jennifer Kramer	17 Josephine Keating
2 Russell McManamy	18 Lauren Cain
3 Rosemarie Arnoldt	18 Mary Franklin
3 Mary Sue Clemons	18 Marianne Volkmann
3 Jessica McNally	19 Sue Harris
5 Federica Caruso	21 Frances Alverson
5 Edrel Coleman	21 Nancy Conheeny
5 Kenneth Roberson	21 Lois Tschetter
6 Mary Lou Peck	22 Emilie Badali
8 Paul Kisner	22 Emily Cox
8 Roselyn Warren	23 Beth Cocco
8 Bill Weller	24 Barry Anglin
8 Brett Yanni	24 Allan Stocker
9 Ethan Hall	25 Joan Sniecinski
10 Ella Brown	26 Joanne Criscuolo
10 Grace Leathers	26 Arthur Marquez
10 Gary McCullough	27 Phyllis Cox
11 Joseph Gomez	27 Glenn White
12 Art Grimes	28 Karen Shaw
12 Clarice Hald	29 Kim Crews
12 Esmelda Williams	29 Kay Price
13 Pat Johnston	29 Cherie Thomas
14 Jo Ann Carter	30 Esther Keirnan

## THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE November 8 - December 12



The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program provides new clothing or toys for children of needy families in Charlotte County. Participating is so rewarding, and the process is easy:

1. Visit our Angel Tree in the lobby.
2. Choose an Angel tag from the book.
3. Sign your name and take an Angel Ornament from the tree as our gift to you.
4. Bring the purchased and un-wrapped gifts back to the tree by December 12th.



## November Anniversaries

- 03 Frederick and Harriet Paulsen
- 05 Jake and Sandy Mensik
- 09 Tom and Gina Brancheau
- 23 Tom and Judy Brown
- 27 Arthur and Donna Lagaveen

