KNOW GROW GO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
PORT CHARLOTTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

"A Great Time Glorifying and Honoring!"

If you are looking at the pictures below, you will see that we had a great time at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner last Wednesday evening! We weren't able to round up all those who serve, but we were able to gather over 100 of our best servants and convince them to come and be served.
The staff of PCUMC are always thrilled to serve alongside so many committed lay people, and Wednesday night we were thrilled to be able to serve them. Those red serving shirts fit staff and lay people alike.

Some of them were less than comfortable signing up. Over and over we heard:
"You don't have to do that." "It's not about me."
"That's not why I serve." "There are others who do so much more."
"You shouldn't make a fuss." "I serve for God, not for recognition."

I want to share with you two reasons why appreciating one another is so important as we labor together as the body of Christ. This framework of thinking was one that I read in an article Bishop Will Willimon wrote.

I. God gets the glory (He is worthy).

For people of faith, "glorifying" means to feel, think and act in ways that reflect God's greatness. To point in human ways to the character, attributes and nature of God's perfection. Glorifying God as the ultimate, absolute, all-pervasive reason for being everything we are, and doing everything we do.

The whole of creation points to the glory of God. God's light can shine through the ways that we humbly serve. As truly as the light of the sun is meant to bring light to the world, the good works of God's children are meant to be the light that shines on the path towards Him.

The best affirmations we can offer to people are God-centered.

II. People receive honor (We are a reflection).

The best of who we are as people, our most commendable attributes, were given to us. All things are from God, through God, and to God. Romans 11:35-36 tells us, *"'Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?' For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."* So when Paul offers thanks, he offers it to God for what is being done and for who is doing it. God gets the glory, but we offer people honor.

One of the ideas that I often put forth in church is, "We always count people, because people always count." The sense of value and worth that we find isn't in what we do, or even in how we do it, but in the one for whom we do it. Thanking someone for serving is a way of acknowledging that they are operating in their giftedness to make a kingdom difference. Make sure you thank those that you see putting on their servant's shirt all around the ministries of PCUMC!
What they do seems worthy of at least a dinner. Maybe even dinner and a movie!

Keep going and never quit! Grace, Pastor Brian

Join us on Sundays
Traditional Worship at 8 & 11
Contemporary 9:30am

Wednesday Nights
Dinner: 5-6:30pm
Children's Ministry: 6-7:30pm
Youth: 6-8:15pm
Adult Studies: 6:30 - 7:30pm
Choir: 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 10/17
Membership Classes
5pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 19
Family Dinner & a Movie
6-8pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 24
Bloodmobile
4-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Santi DePaul
Mary Moulin

Letters

I wish to thank all the parents whose children (ages 3 thru 7) I have taught in my Sunday school since 1989. I am grateful I could assist you over the past 25 years to "Train up a child in the way they should go: and when they are old, they will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

David and I are taking a two-month respite with family the months of September and October. Starting in July, two ladies began teaching the children with the new quarterly curriculum. The children and parents enjoy their style of teaching; so upon our return to PCUMC, I will no longer be teaching a Sunday school class of children.

Again, THANK YOU for allowing me to help so many children learn and grow in Christ.

Barbara Pennington

PCUMC Children's Weekday Ministry

A Ministry of Port Charlotte United Methodist Church

Paula Mann, Director

September Verse:
"Serve the Lord with all your heart."
1 Samuel 12:20

Sept. 1: Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
Sept. 18: 5:30 CWM Board Meeting
Sept 29: Walk-in day

Children's Ministry *Barbara Hald*

Summer went so fast! I want to thank everyone who helped with VBS, Camp, & Family Fun Nights. I hope this school year brings new adventures and joy.

We can't wait to start our new program on Wednesday nights High Point – "Good Anger Bad Anger" Also, we will start our Christmas program practice soon.

Dinner and a Movie will be on the third Friday of the month, September 19,th 6 to 8 pm. The movie will be "Rio 2."

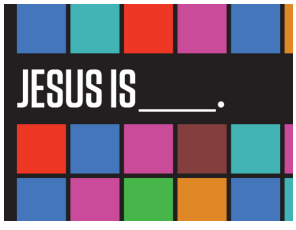
Flags and Puppets will start on Sunday, September 14th at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall. Children 3rd grade or older are welcome to join us.

Make sure you check our new Port information Board for future information!

Youth Ministry

Paul Kisner, Youth Director

Join us on Wednesday Nights as we discover who Jesus is:



Sept 3: Scandalous Grace
Sept 10: Friend of Sinners
Sept 17: With You Always
Sept 24: Alive Together

Frequently Heard Questions

Jonathan Carlsen

Question: Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible, runs 176 verses. But the *New International Version*, the *English Standard Version*, and other translations divide it into eight-verse groups and precede each group with the words, *Aleph*, *Beth*, *Gimel*, etc. What are these words and why are they here?

> ***Answer:*** The words are the names of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet listed in the Hebrew alphabetical order. Psalm 119 in Hebrew has the first word of each verse in each eight-verse group begin with the same letter: verses 1-8 all begin with *Aleph*; verses 9-16, with *Beth*, etc. This Hebrew poetry pattern is called an *acrostic*. Psalms 25, 34, 37, 111, 112, and 145 also follow an acrostic pattern without the eight-verse groups. As far as I know, only one Bible translator has dared to try to reproduce this pattern in English. He is Ronald A. Knox (1888-1957), a Roman Catholic monsignor, classics scholar, mystery novelist, and formerly an Anglican priest. In Knox's *The Holy Bible: A Translation from the Latin Vulgate* (New York: Sheed and Ward, 1950), he starts verses 1-8 with words starting with *A*; 9-16, starting with *B*, etc. Since our alphabet has 26 letters, he omits *Q*, *X*, *Y*, and *Z*.

Question: The August 3 worship bulletin included a quotation attributed to Hudson Taylor, who is identified as the founder of the Salvation Army. I thought General William Booth founded the Salvation Army. Am I wrong?

> ***Answer:*** You are correct. British Methodist minister William Booth (1829-1912) founded the Salvation Army and was called "General." I wondered if James Hudson Taylor (1832-1905) was Booth's deputy, founding the Salvation Army in the U.S. He wasn't. He founded the interdenominational China Inland Mission (now called OMF International or the Overseas Missionary Fellowship). But this raises two more questions: *Who authored the quote — Booth or Taylor?* and *How did the mistake come about?* I checked with the office staff. Taylor was the author. The quote came from www.christianquotes.org, but they didn't misidentify Taylor as the Salvation Army founder. That happened here. The one responsible has confessed, but rather than embarrass anyone, let's just say, in the words of Dennis the Menace in a 1960s comic book, "Somebody goofed."

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 or leave them

September Birthdays

01 J.C. Spann
01 Shirley George
01 Wanda Roberts
01 Sophia Bailey
02 Steve Cox
02 Jessica Mathias
03 Hazel Guyler
03 Marcie Marshall
03 Marie Bailey
04 John Seyfried
06 Betty Ruth Mason
06 Jeff West
06 Kaysen Williams
07 Loretta Graney
07 William West
08 Alice Heidenis
10 Calvin Tschetter
12 Billie Deaton
12 Marlene Marecek
12 Sandy Segur
13 George Mann
13 Les Reiselt
13 Lydia Rose Rich
14 Tom Segur
14 David Cox
15 Donna Schipp
16 Myra King
16 John Kelly
17 Jill Mandrick
19 Bernice Schwartz
20 Joanie Marshall
21 Arthur Rochester
21 Lloyd Brown
21 Eugene Edgington
21 Judy Ammon
21 Nina Schwartz
21 Tyler Dampier
23 Art deSilva
23 Barbara McManamy
23 Jerry Albert
24 Carmen Stephenson
24 Bettylou Miller
25 Dorothy Snethkamp
25 Pat Boyd
25 Marjorie Clark
25 Leonard Alsene
28 John Bittner
28 John Connell
29 Bruce Foster
29 Martin Wilson
30 Whitney Cates

September Anniversaries

03 Don and Pat Butler
04 Robert and Christine Burr
04 Arthur & Mildred Rochester
06 Cynthia and Gary Friend
07 William and Penny Bryan
07 Guy and Annette Emerich
11 Rick and Carol McCullough
12 Elbert and Sharon Chinn
17 Paul and Odie Coker
17 John and Evelyn Robertson

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Secret Sisters' Tea

September 27th, 1-3pm
Fellowship Hall

The Secret Sisters of PCUMC will be having a "Tea" to benefit our GEMS Girls' Club (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior). The Secret Sisters will be serving finger sandwiches, pastries and tea. There will be entertainment and surprises. Ladies, please plan to come and bring your friends! Tickets are $12 and will be on sale in the lobby after September 1st.

Companionship / Care Services Available
For more information, please call
Marilyn Thompson (941) 769-3625

FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"None ever stand so tall as when they stoop to help a child"

A gift in honor of Reverend Brian James has been made by Mrs. Hazel M. Guyler.