

KNOW GROW GO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
PORT CHARLOTTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2017

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

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Simple Instructions

Lots of things come with instruction. They should be clear and basic but that isn't always the way we might interpret them. We try taking things into our own hands, convinced that we can figure it out for ourselves. This, as a practice, usually leads to further complications and frustration. How many times have we said out loud or to ourselves, "If only I had read all the instructions first or just followed the instructions?" After years in the Ministry, I have seen the same to be true in our lives and in the Church.

Jesus gave all of us simple and clear instructions. In Matthew 28:18-20, he tells us, *"All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the earth."*

Jesus was giving directions for how the Lord's Church is to function and key are the verbs, **GO, Make, Baptize, Teach, and Remember**. The Church (all denominations) is declining and struggling. Could it be that we are not following the simple instructions that Jesus gave us and relying on what we think is best for the church? The fact is that when we fall on our own understanding and fail to follow Christ's instructions we fail.

I have come to the conclusion, that if I don't follow instructions, whether it is baking a cake, maintenance on a motorcycle, or putting together a piece of furniture, it's not going to work out as pictured and I will not like the outcome. How do you think the Church experience would be any different?

God's Blessings,

Pastor Craig

Pastor Craig Moore



Join us on Sundays

Traditional Worship 8 & 11am

Contemporary 9:30am

Wednesday Nights

Children 6-8:00pm

Youth 6-8:00pm

Choir 6:15pm

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, September 16

Beth Moore Simulcast, 8:30am

Saturday, September 23

CPR Training, 10:00am

Stewardship *Dean Winston, Stewardship Chair, Generosity Team*

As Stewards we have accepted the responsibility to take care of, maintain and utilize the buildings, grounds, resources, employees, and the mission of the church, “Know, Grow, Go”, as is written in Matthew 28:18-20.

How do we do this?

We give back to God what he has generously given to us; our time, talent and treasure.

We love our neighbors as ourselves as God commands us to do.

We serve in ministries that demonstrate that love.

We serve in positions of leadership to help maintain focus on our objective.

We promote God’s message of forgiveness and salvation.

We worship together and strive to become better disciples.

We become Contagious Christians willing to share the Good News with those unknowing.

We become living examples of what God wants us to be, by being what he wants us to be.

As you can see we have an awesome responsibility, but that only stands to reason, because we have an awesome God.

I read that in Charlotte County there are over 90,000 unchurched and unaffiliated residents. Those are the people we want to reach. Those are the ones we want to invite to Wonderful Wednesdays or the Men’s Breakfast, or work with us in our ministries, or become part of our small group, or sit beside us in one of our three worship services.

Now after reading this you may think, “Wait a minute! All this sounds like Evangelism!” You would be correct. It is Evangelism. If we could bring to our church just one percent of the 90,000 unchurched we would introduce 900 people to God. That is just about twice our membership. Would we be good Stewards if we increased our membership by two hundred percent and they in turn became disciples? The answer is yes! We would be good Stewards by fulfilling all our responsibilities including our Mission\ Vision. 1+1=2

Let us strive to be the best Stewards we can be. Amen



Saturday, September 16th

LIVING PROOF
← Simulcast

COMING TO OUR CHURCH
— LIVING PROOF SIMULCAST —

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Contact the church office for details

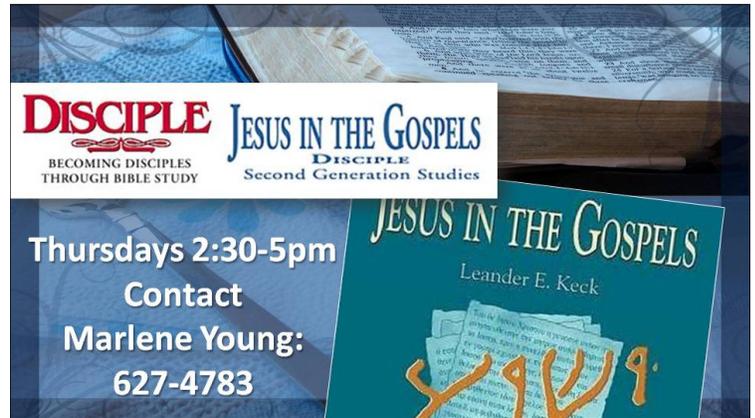
LUNCH & LEARN Thursday, Sept. 21
11:30am – 1pm

Topic: “Understanding Parkinson’s Disease”

Extravagant Generosity

Month end 7/31/17

Total Income: \$440848.18
 Total Expenses: \$442480.32



September Birthdays

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| 01 J. C. Spann | 17 Jill Mandrick |
| 01 Wanda Roberts | 19 Bernice Schwartz |
| 01 Sophia Bailey | 20 Joanie Marshall |
| 02 Steve Cox | 21 Arthur Rochester |
| 02 Tyler Dampier | 21 Anneliese Ackerman |
| 03 Marcie Marshall | 21 Lloyd Brown |
| 03 Marie Bailey | 21 Eugene Edgington |
| 06 Betty Ruth Mason | 21 Judy Ammon |
| 06 Jeff West | 21 Nina Schwartz |
| 07 Loretta Graney | 23 Art deSilva |
| 07 William West | 23 Amanda Cates-Wegert |
| 08 Alice Heidenis | 24 Carmen Stephenson |
| 10 Calvin Tschetter | 25 Pat Boyd |
| 10 Gladys Hilbert | 25 Marjorie Clark |
| 11 Lisa Flanagan | 25 Leonard Alsene |
| 12 Billie Deaton | 26 Kenneth Vida |
| 12 Marlene Marecek | 28 John Bittner |
| 12 Sandy Segur | 28 Joe Sikora |
| 13 Les Reiselt | 29 Kathy Baten |
| 13 Leslie Griner | 29 Bruce Foster |
| 14 Tom Segur | 30 Whitney Cates |
| 14 David Cox, Sr. | 30 Philip Shondell |
| 14 Tony Leonard | |
| 14 Glenn Payne | |
| 16 Myra King | |
| 16 John Kelly | |
| 17 Rindi Welton | |



September Anniversaries

- 04 Robert and Christine Burr
- 04 Arthur and Mildred Rochester
- 07 William and Penny Bryan
- 07 Guy and Annette Emerich
- 10 Herb and Ruth Grommeck
- 11 Rick and Carol McCullough
- 12 Elbert and Sharon Chinn
- 15 Kenneth and Lorraine Vida
- 17 Paul and Odie Coker
- 18 Bernie and Anneliese Ackerman
- 20 Joe and Diane Geiss
- 27 Lyman and Rindi Welton

More About Stephen Ministry *Dean Winston*

A few weeks ago June Richards went home to be with the Lord. She was one of the saints that this church has been blessed with. She was the epitome of the idea of servanthood with humility. She was also a Stephen Ministry Leader. She was involved in Stephen Ministry both as a Stephen Minister as well as a Stephen Ministry Leader teaching others and serving her care receivers for over 20 years. She was only required to serve her commission for two years, but because she believed so strongly in the ministry she continued to serve and was caring for a care receiver when she died. She will be missed in this ministry and in the many other ministries she was involved in. As I said earlier, we would all do well to emulate her unselfish faith.

Our church is a Stephen Ministry Church. That means we have invested in the program and its required documents and training manuals, and in the training of Stephen Ministry leaders to lead and perpetuate this ministry. Members of our church that are compassionate, caring, loving, willing, faithful servants are needed to continue to make Stephen Ministry a valuable asset of the church. The Stephen Minister acts as a funnel, helping to direct God's Healing Grace to their care receiver without regard to how long that may take. For this reason it is necessary to constantly grow this ministry to accommodate the needs of the congregation and community.

It is not easy to be a Stephen Minister. The training alone requires a big commitment. The training is 50 hours over a 20 week period. Then the newly trained Stephen Ministers are commissioned by the congregation to serve for a period not less than 2 years. They are also required to attend twice monthly meetings for Peer Supervision or Continuing Education whether or not they have a care receiver. The curious thing about this commitment is once a Stephen Minister is commissioned they find it so rewarding they serve well beyond their required term. Many, like June, serve for the rest of their lives.

We are in need of more Stephen Minister for our congregation and community. If you want a rewarding ministry that has a proven record of bringing peace to so many, and if you have a servant's heart that is full of compassion and love for your neighbor, all you have to do is call the Pastor Craig at the office or Dean Winston at 941-661-8825 and I will give you an application and we will have a class in Jan., 2018 if we have at least 6 candidates.

If you have any questions please give me a call or talk to any of the Stephen Minister wearing the blue name tags. They will be glad to tell you how this ministry has blessed them in so many ways in their lives.



Here is a poem written by the youngest, and ONLY, sibling of Edrel Coleman who is 98 (almost if not already 99). She is at Signature Health Care in room 322B. She was a very active member of PCUMC and an active Christian no matter where she worshiped. Her husband was an Army Chaplain.

"A Smile"

When we give our smile away to others
each day,
it brings glory to God in many ways.
It lifts the spirit of men,
and we can hear Jesus saying amen!
Our smile costs us very little in a way,
but it can make other people's day.
It uses only a very few muscles
to share a smile on our face,
while using many more
when using a frown to take its place.
Jesus blesses us with our smile,
to help lift the spirit of others along the
way,
So let's please Jesus,
by sharing it with others every day.

*Written by
Pansy Kelly Wicker
2016*

Student Ministries *Barbara Hald*

Student ministry is excited to be back in the swing of a new school year!

Youth Ministries will be going to Rock the Universe on September 9 & 10. Pray for safe travels.



Youth Group meets every Sunday at 9:30am in the youth room for Sunday school, grades 6 and up. Come and join the fun!

If your 6th grader (or older) has not gone through Confirmation, please contact Ms. Barb and I will give you further details.

Youth Group meets every Wednesday night from 6:00 to 8:00pm. We have a lesson, an interactive game, small groups, snacks and free time for basketball, 9- square and more. Come and join in the fun and make some new friends. Look forward to seeing you there!

In His Love,

Barbara Hald
Student Ministry Director

Children's Ministries *Marie Bailey*

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: K-5TH
6:00-8:00pm

What's In That Box?

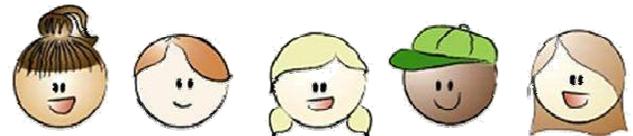
September 6th

GIANT CLUE GAME

September 13th

Dress Rehearsal For Church- Wide "Who's - Who"

September 20th



PCUMC Children's Weekday Ministry

A Ministry of Port Charlotte United Methodist Church



Chick-fil-A Fundraiser

We are selling Chick-fil-A calendars for 2018. These are great calendars for you and your family – and you get **FREE** Chick-fil-A food/drink items throughout the whole year. Wonderful for your family/friends and don't forget, fantastic Christmas presents.

Each calendar sells for \$8.00. Please ask everyone you know if they would like a calendar. Just fill in the attached form and put your checks/money in the attached envelope.

All checks should be made payable to PCUMC. Orders and money is due by September 29, 2017. Thanks.

Pack a Hygiene Kit!



Deadline for dropping off assembled Hygiene Kits to the church will be **September 13, 2017**



THIS YEAR'S THEME:
CAPTIVATED
THE *Wonder*
OF CHRIST ON
THE WINDING ROAD

LIVING
PROOF
simulcast

with Beth Moore
SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
TICKETS:
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to the collection cart
across from the
New Room

We Recycle!

- Glasses
- Ink Cartridges
- Box tops for Education
- Cell phones
- Soda can pull tabs

Frequently Heard Questions *Jonathan Carlsen*

Question: Who are these liberals you mentioned in May? (Part 3)

Answer: In Part 1 (June-July), I described four historical political movements in the U.S. that have called themselves *Liberal*. Part 2 (August) told how William Hordern named four groups of “theological liberals” that emerged a century ago to try to make Christianity acceptable to skeptics, largely by affirming their skepticism but did not name them. Now we’re going to.

He starts with the *humanists*, “on the left wing” of the movement. The publishers of the 1933 *Humanist Manifesto*, they issued a second manifesto in 1973 and a third one, *A Secular Humanist Declaration*, in 1980. All three define their signers as atheists, but several held posts of influence among Protestants.

Hordern next identifies a multi-branch group following “The Empirical Philosophy of Religion.” They rejected “subjectivism” and tried to base all assertions on scientifically-tested truths. Another Empiricist group followed a philosophy called “Personalism.” He cites E. S. Brightman as a leader. Early 20th century Methodist philosopher Borden Parker Bowne’s philosophy was also called “Personalism.” Hordern doesn’t say whether this was the same Personalism or two philosophies with the same name. Some Methodists tried Bowne for heresy, but the 1908 General Conference set aside his conviction.

Hordern names a third group based on Leroy Waterman’s *The Religion of Jesus* (New York: Harper & Bros., 1952), who seek to rescue Jesus’ true teaching from layers of supposed early church distortions.

But the majority of these liberals, Hordern says, are “Evangelical Liberals,” a diverse group at odds with both the humanists on the right and traditional Christians on the right. — William Hordern, *A Layman’s Guide to Protestant Theology* (New York: Macmillan, 1957), pp. 91-98. Actually, we can draw no distinct line between Evangelical Liberals and traditional Christians (aka evangelicals).

Hordern wrote this 60 years ago. He has much more to teach us, but much has also happened since, particularly among United Methodists. For this part of the story, we now have *The Rise of Theological Liberalism and the Decline of American Methodism*, by James V. Heidinger II (Franklin, TN: Seedbed Publishing, 2017). Heidinger, former editor, publisher, and president of *Good News*, did his Doctor of Ministry research on the story of liberalism, its opponents, and their struggles in early 20th century American Methodism. Here he brings the story up to date and examines its importance.

Question: In Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9, we read about Jesus being anointed at a dinner hosted by Simon the leper in Bethany. Under the Old Testament leprosy restrictions, how could he have owned a house in town, much less entertained dinner-guests?

Answer: American Methodist Bishop Thomas Coke gives us two theories of how this could be in his *Commentary*: (1) “he was once a leper, and had been cured by Jesus, or else” (2) a famous ancestor, a former leper, bequeathed the label to his descendants as their family name (Coke, *Commentary*, notes on Mt. 26:6-7). 17th century commentator Matthew Poole earlier affirmed Theory 1.

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 with Katherine Warden at the church office and I’ll try to answer as many as I can. — JAC

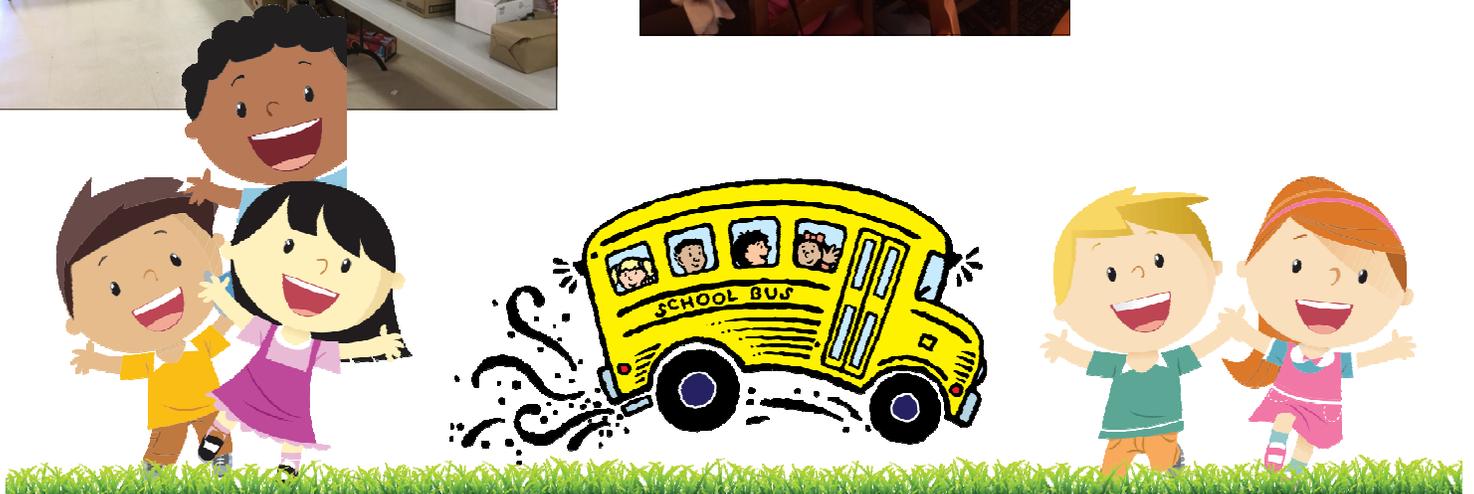


Children's Summer Lunch Program

Throughout the summer, a group of dedicated volunteers prepared and packed lunches for children in Charlotte County on Tuesday mornings. What a blessing they have been to our community!



The summer lunch ministry volunteers celebrating the last day at Olive Garden.



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Simulcast

with *Beth Moore*
Worship with *Travis Cottrell*

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

ARE YOU
WILLING TO
STEP OUT &
TRUST HIM?

JOIN US!



CAPTIVATED

THE
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OF CHRIST ON
THE WINDING ROAD

Registration: 8:30am
Simulcast: 9:30am-4:15pm
Hot Lunch Provided
TICKETS:
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Early Bird Pricing: \$18
(ends August 25)
General Admission: \$20
(ends September 8)
Last Minute: \$25
(September 9 - 16)



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Fall Extravaganza *Nancy Bosserdet, Fall Extravaganza Chair*



Save the Date!
October 28, 2017
10am - 5pm



"The Mote Mobile Exhibit"

Fall is surely upon us as the children are back in school, football season is just around the corner, and our Third Annual Fall Extravaganza is coming up quickly.

We are loaded this year with large things to keep our visitors interested – we hope! The Big Red Bus will be with us again as well as a fire truck. New this year will be "The Mote Mobile Exhibit" from Mote Aquarium in Sarasota and an interactive trailer from Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

Our thrust at the moment is to secure for-profit vendors as we do have to pay the bills and for folks to start thinking how they could be of service on Saturday, October 28, 2017. We have also added an ad book to provide a vehicle for vendors to advertise if they so choose. The ad book will also include information about our church as well as the map of the fairgrounds and where things of interest will be located.

I am asking each of you to prayerfully consider how you would like to help our event be as successful as possible. We need each and every individual to participate on that Saturday. We need the hands and feet of Jesus on that property that day – we need as many of our folks walking about and developing relationships to increase the kingdom of God as we can possibly get.

Please read the provided information regarding "The Mote Mobile Exhibit" as I am hoping that you will become as excited as I am about adding them to our event.

And again I am praying for blessings for all of you!



The Mote Mobile Exhibit is a traveling truck and trailer that features a 1000 gallon saltwater aquarium and a portable 100 gallon touch tank. The exhibit also includes 4 interactive table displays.

Time for Turtles It's that time of year again; sea turtle time. It's time to conduct your own reptilian research by examining the biology of local sea turtle species through our collection of bio-facts. Learn about the turtle's nesting season and Mote Marine Laboratory's research and how you can help turtles too.

Tales of Snails... and other shells This table explores the wonderful and unique world of Floridian and Caribbean shells. Become a shellsational marine biologist as you learn about the beautiful and delicate shells you find on the beach and learn about the fascinating animals that live within the calcium carbonate walls.

No bones about it! Did you know that 97 % of animals do not have true bones? Learn about these spineless critters and discover what it means to lack true bones. At this station we discuss crustaceans, corals, echinoderms, and even meet a giant ocean isopod.

Diary of a Shark. Mote Marine Laboratory started by studying sharks and we still research them today. Learn about what the research scientists are doing and touch real shark skin and teeth.

HANDS-ONLY™ CPR



Call 9-1-1



Push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of Stayin' Alive by the Bee Gees

Date: September 23, 2017

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Speaker: Jennifer McManus EMT-P
EMS Coordinator Bayfront Health Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda

United Methodist Church of Port Charlotte
21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

This presentation is designed for informational purposes only.
It is not a certified class.

Help save a life with Hands-Only CPR

Over 800,000 people die in the US every year from a heart attack and on average, 50% of these patients displayed, but ignored, the warning signs. Early heart attack care (or EHAC) education asks you learn the signs and symptoms of a heart attack so you can become an active bystander to save a life - even if it's yours.

Hands-Only CPR is a method of CPR that was recommended by the American Heart Association (AHA) in 2010. It is intended for bystanders untrained in CPR or for situations when the rescuer is unable or unwilling to provide mouth-to-mouth ventilations. Hands-Only CPR is 10 times more likely to save someone in cardiac arrest than not doing anything.





Health Ministry *Jane Flanders*

We invite you to join us for our September 21st Lunch and Learn at 11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Carisa Campanella, Care Advisor South Sarasota and Charlotte Counties Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's, will present a most informing program on "Understanding Parkinson's Disease." A complimentary lunch is provided and we ask that you kindly sign up at the Welcome Center.

Caregiver Support Group: Wednesdays at 1:00PM in the Conference Room of our church. This is an open group for caregivers of any type. Come join us! Contact Jane Trammell for more information: 941 743-7336.

Travelling and have your medications with you? Tip of the day: Make sure you have the prescription with you for any medication that requires a prescription. If you do not have the written prescription from your Dr., remove the label from the bottle and photocopy the label. This is a MUST!

Forgetting to take your supplements each day? If you have a smartphone set a daily alarm or download an app that can assist you. Don't place your supplement bottles in a cabinet where you cannot see them. Out of sight, out of mind. Also, placing your bottles in your warm bathroom could cause the supplement to lose its potency. Place bottles in easy to see places. Do you take your supplements with breakfast? Place the bottle near your coffee maker. Take a supplement before retiring at night? Place the bottle on your nightstand. Use a pill organizer. Ask a friend or relative to call you each night to ask if you remembered to take your supplements. Some supplements are better taken with a snack or a meal. Pair your supplements and take daily at the same time with food. Please keep bottles out of the reach of children and pets! Be sure bottles are tightly sealed.

Are your muscles, bones and joints aching due to inflammation? Three foods that can help with inflammation are: sweet cherries, salmon, black and green tea. Also, remember the Corey Girdwood, Chiropractor, suggests we take for inflammation? Turmeric. It is an herb.

Are you hydrating? Hydration is a basic need for cellular health. Drink eight (8) ounces of water a day as a start but it is recommended that we, living in Florida, drink at least half your weight in water daily. With your cells being hydrated, you will feel more energetic. Sweat when exercising? Great...this means your body is doing a good job of maintaining the proper temperature. If you increase your intake of water, you may lose weight! Your memory may improve! If you are not drinking enough water your skin can begin to wrinkle and shrink. Have a cold and runny nose? Drink water to loosen the mucous and keep your throat moist. Refrigerate your water. It tastes better. Tired of plain water? Add fruits to your water. Purchasing a diffuser is inexpensive, fun to use and gives a new taste to your water. Be careful of tonic water as it contains much sodium and added sugar. Eat fruits and veggies that have a high water content such as watermelon, cucumbers, tomatoes, grapes and cherries. Herbal teas and sports drinks are okay if they don't have a lot of caffeine and sugar. Happy hydrating!

Next Bloodmobile: Wednesday, October 18 from 4:00PM - 7:00PM. Look for the "Big Red Bus" in the church parking lot. You can donate every 56 days.

Need support for a mental health issue? On the 2nd Tuesday of each month a support group is held from 7:00PM - 8:30PM at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church at 1532 Forest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. For other mental health issues please call 239-337-9024 or email the organization at: info@namilee.org. You are not alone!

Blood pressures taken every Sunday in the Fish Bowl from 9:00AM - 9:30AM. The Fish Bowl is located across from the AED machine (automated external defibrillator).

