

# KNOW GROW GO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
PORT CHARLOTTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## September 2015

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

### CHOOSING TO "LIVE THE LIFE" (Choices for Abundant Living)

Beginning this month in worship we will be embarking on a message series entitled: "Living the Life". It is all about living life as God intends. This daily living will be reflected in the pattern of choices that we make.

How many choices do we make in a day? Week? Month? Year? Lifetime? While many of our choices seem to have little life significance, it's important to understand that they do matter. Little ones add up to big ones. Frequent ones build into big ones.

In Deuteronomy 30:19 (AMP), God says, *"...I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live."* Every choice made is a seed sown, and those seeds lead to the harvest of our life – which adds up to life or death. If we truly want to live the life Jesus offers us we need to make wise choices.

#### 1 - Choose God.

*For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel, "Seek Me that you may live."* —Amos 5:4

God is the life-giver. We will find life in no other. But as sinful creatures, our hearts are naturally prone to wander from our Creator. Our souls were made to pursue God, know God, and walk with God—nothing else. It's only as we pursue Him that we live.

#### 2 - Choose to Worship God.

Our God is holy and is the Lord God Almighty. When I think of the power He holds, I am in awe of Him.

If we are more concerned with pleasing people than we are God, then we are worshiping something other than God. We should have our eyes focused on walking in His presence, not wondering what other people think.

A.W. Tozer wrote, "It is impossible to keep our moral practices sound and our inward attitudes right while our idea of God is erroneous or inadequate."

#### 3 - Choose to Love God.

What is the object of your affections? Power? Recognition? Hobbies? When I first fell in love with Dustin, no one doubted that I loved her; I was focused on finding ways to please her. If we choose to love God, then we are also choosing to love His people and be concerned about their eternity. Those who love God will do what He wants and be concerned about the things that concern Him.

#### 4 - Choose to Believe God.

*You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.* —John 8:44

As believers, sometimes we don't want to believe the truth. When life and Scripture collide, which one do you believe and trust? The deceiver wants us to believe the lie. Will you believe God?

#### Join us on Sundays

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

#### Wednesday Nights

**Children's Ministry:** 6-7:30pm

**Youth:** 6-8:15pm

**Choir:** 6:15 (begins Aug. 26)

**Adult Studies:** 6:30-7:30pm

#### **September 7**

Labor Day

Church Office/School Closed

#### **September 8**

Membership Class 6-8pm

#### **September 17**

Lunch & Learn

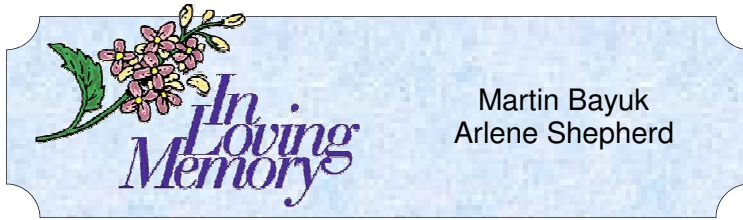
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#### **September 20**

Women's Ministry Forum

3:00pm

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The Scriptures tell us that without faith it is impossible to please God, but our nature is to move toward unbelief. Never forget that your adversary is the father of lies. He wants to destroy you, so he works to make us doubt the promises and to accuse the brethren.

**5 - Choose to Obey God.**

Obedience to God demands two main things. It demands courage to say no to self, no to appetites, no to our own desires, no to what's easy, and yes to carrying the cross. It also asks faithfulness. The endurance to God, and to that which He calls us to. Only by yielding to the cross can you obey God.

These choices are the stepping stones that lead enable us to "live the life" God intends for us. We each need to ask the Lord to show you the areas where we need help. And then choose to begin to "live the life." Keep going and never quit!

Grace, Pastor Brian

**Letters** 

The deSilva Family extends our deepest thanks and gratitude to all who participated in the Memorial Service held on May 22nd at our church. To Pastor Brian who officiated and comforted us in our loss, to David for the beautiful music and video display, to the ladies of the Chancel Choir who provided a sumptuous feast of refreshments for the Reception and to each and every one of you who attended and expressed your thoughts and remembrances of Dottie. She certainly would have been very pleased.

With our love to all and may God bless,  
Dottie and Art, David, Donna Jean, Adrian, Austin and Alexander deSilva.

I wish to thank all my church family for their phone calls, sympathy cards, and home visits at the recent passing of my husband Martin Bayuk -- I feel truly blessed.

Dorothy Bayuk

**Making a Difference**



In partnership with Charlotte Harbor Trinity United Methodist Church we provided the following during our July 2015 Food Ministries:

**July 1, 2015**

Free Lunches: 101  
Food Pantry: Provided food to 102 Households, which gave food to 131 Adults, 56 Children / 77 Seniors for a total of 264 people.

**July 8, 2015**

Free Lunches: 131  
Food Pantry: Provided food to 95 Households, which gave food to 127 Adults, 44 Children / 64 Seniors for a total of 235 people.

**July 15, 2015**

Free Lunches: 110  
Food Pantry: Provided food to 104 Households, which gave food to 108 Adults, 37 Children / 66 Seniors for a total of 211 people.

**July 22, 2015**

Free Lunches: 141  
Food Pantry: Provided food to 102 Households, which gave food to 126 Adults, 50 Children / 79 Seniors for a total of 255 people.

**July 29, 2015**

Free Lunches: 117  
Food Pantry: Provided food to 81 Households, which gave food to 109 Adults, 52 Children / 50 Seniors for a total of 211 people.

**Totals for July 2015**

**Free Lunches: 600**

**Food Pantry:** Provided food to 484 Households, which included:  
Adults: 601 Children: 239 Seniors: 336  
for a total of 1176 people.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank decided not to make us a site for the Senior Food Box Program. We are so thankful to Linda Bailey and Linda Norris (from Edgewater UMC) for calling everyone that signed up on our list and signing them up at Edgewater.

**Extravagant Generosity**

(as of July 31, 2015)

Income: \$452,765.79 Expenses: \$462,198.23  
Utilities: 3 Housing: 6 Gas Vouchers: 45

## Trustees Renovation Update

Permits have been approved for continuing work on the renovation. The new floor was poured and the chancel formed with a curved front edge. Framing has been completed for the decorative wall at the back of the platform. Behind this wall will be storage and a new restroom. More electrical work will begin shortly and lighting systems are being evaluated. A hearing loop will be installed in the floor throughout the sanctuary to assist those with hearing aids and provide sound amplification. We are pleased to report that the renovation project is on time and on budget for the current scope of work.



## Stephen Ministry *Dean Winston*

This past June, six Stephen Ministers were commissioned by the congregation to serve the congregation and the community. Those six are representative of the love this congregation has for its neighbors. The commitment necessary for this ministry did not deter them. They were willing to make the personal sacrifice in time and energy to demonstrate their love for others inside and outside our church. This was an important step in revitalizing this ministry and I couldn't be more proud.



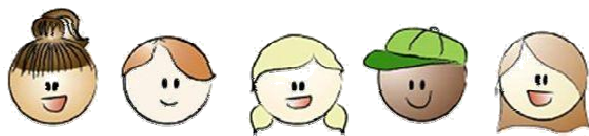
The plan to revitalize Stephen Ministry has reached another goal, but there is still work to do. A thriving Stephen Ministry must have the following components:

- ◆ A congregation that supports this important ministry ... We do!
- ◆ A pastor and staff that support this important ministry ... We do!
- ◆ Members of the congregation who are willing to become Stephen Ministers ... We do!
- ◆ Stephen Ministers who are willing to attend Peer Supervision and continuing education ... We do!
- ◆ Members of the congregation and the community who understand how the ministry works and are willing to let a Stephen Minister meet with them once a week for about an hour until GOD'S healing grace cures whatever heartache they have ... We do!
- ◆ Leadership that believes in the value of this ministry, for both the care-receivers and the Stephen Ministers ... We do!

So now we have Stephen Ministers that have been trained and commissioned to serve those of you who are experiencing heartache. All you need to do is contact Pastor Brian or any of the Stephen Ministers with blue nametags or put your name on a Stephen Minister brochure, located in the back of the seats in the sanctuary and drop it in the offering plate. You will then be contacted by a leader who will answer any questions you may have. This is a confidential ministry. Men work with men and women work with women.

Two of the six new Stephen Ministers already have care-receivers. We need more members of the congregation that are willing to become Stephen Ministers. We have to have at least six applicants before we can have a class. Please look within your heart and pray about it. What a wonderful way to demonstrate your love for your neighbor as GOD directs us to do.

Remember our slogan, "We care, GOD cures." Thank you all for your commitment to this important ministry.



PCUMC Children's Weekday Ministry

## Weekday Ministry *Paula Mann*

After-school students celebrate their birthdays on the last Friday of the month. If you would like to provide special birthday treats, please sign up.



*Our preschoolers enjoying a Nature Hunt in New Beginnings Park*



If anyone has any magazines they'd like to recycle, the preschool would love to have them! Thanks!

### September Prayer:

The Lord is good to me  
and so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need,  
The sun and the rain and the apple seed  
The Lord is good to me. Amen.

### September Bible Verse:

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

### Special Events:

- 9/2 9:15am Parent meeting ... "Bicycle Safety and Stranger Danger"
- 9/11: 6pm "Flashback to the 50's" party in the Port
- 9/14: Clap Tap & Jingle BEGINS
- 9/18 - 9/19: Teachers at a conference  
(there will be NO after-school care on the 18th)

## Health Ministry *Jane Flanders*

Sign-up sheets are now available at the Welcome Center for our Thursday, September 17th Lunch and Learn. We are happy to present Ms. Barbara Carley who will offer important information and updates on Arthritis. Complimentary lunch offered at 11:30am. Bring your friends and neighbors!

Blood pressure elevated? Try using the DASH diet to lower your numbers. Limit your sodium intake to 1500 grams. You should eat six to eight servings of grains a day such as whole grain breads like wheat bread, whole grain cereals, brown rice and pasta. Fruits: Eat four to six servings a day including fresh, a half cup of frozen or canned fruit, or a half cup of fruit juice. Fats and oils: Two to three servings a day such as 1 tablespoon of low-fat mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon of margarine, 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil or 2 tablespoons of salad dressing. Vegetables: Four to five servings a day which includes 1 cup of leafy green vegetables, 1/2 cup of cut up raw or cooked vegetables or 1/2 cup of vegetable juice. Dairy: Two to three servings a day of low-fat dairy products which includes a cup of skim or low-fat milk, yogurt or 1 and 1/2 ounces of cheese. Lean Meats, Poultry and Fish: No more than six servings a day. One serving is an ounce of meat, poultry or fish cooked. One egg is considered a serving. Nuts, Seeds, Dry Beans: Just four to five servings per week. What is a serving? One third cup of nuts, 2 tablespoons of peanut butter and 1/2 cup of dry beans. Remember, if you ever need your blood pressure checked, find one of the nurses at church and simply ask! Jane Trammell, parish nurse, also checks blood pressures the first Sunday of the month at 9:00AM.

There is a dangerous drug surging in Florida! It is called FLAKKA and has been reported in other parts of the country. It is a white or pink, foul-smelling crystal that can be eaten, snorted, injected, or vaporized in an e-cigarette or similar device. When the drug is vaporized, it is sent into the bloodstream very quickly and this can cause an overdose. The drug FLAKKA can cause hyperstimulation, paranoia and hallucinations which may lead to self-injury and violent aggression. FLAKKA has been linked to deaths by suicide as well as heart attack. Kidney damage or kidney failure can occur. Please make your families aware of this dangerous drug called FLAKKA.

Remember to check the bulletin board near the New Room as there are several interesting health articles posted.

# Lunch &

# Learn

Free!

- COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH PROVIDED -

Thursday, September 17  
11:30am - 1:00pm

"Arthritis"  
with Barbara Carley

# the PORT

Where Children and Youth  
are Anchored in Christ



ACOLYTES

Acolyte Training will be held  
Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
following 11am service.  
All 3rd graders and older are invited!



Our PCUMC Youth enjoying a Stone Crabs game!

## Frequently Heard Questions *Jonathan Carlsen*

**Question:** I heard that the Greek word for *baptize* means, “to immerse.” If this is so, why do we baptize by sprinkling or pouring also?

**Answer:** The Greek word can mean *to immerse* or *submerge* or be used figuratively as in *immersing oneself in a subject*. My grandfather’s teacher, Augustus Waldo Drury, says it’s translated *wash* in Mark 7:3 (*Baptism*, Dayton, OH: United Brethren Publishing House, 1902, p. 38). In his *United Methodist Profile* (Nashville: Graded Press, 1968), UM historian Walter N. Vernon cites New Testament baptisms “in which immersion is most unlikely, if not impossible”: the baptisms on Pentecost, and of Paul, Cornelius, the Philippian jailer and their households (p. 33; see Acts 2:1, 9:8, 10:47-48, and 16:33).

Moreover, an early book of church order called *The Didache* or *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, written and circulated no later than 160 A.D., says that baptism by pouring instead of immersion is both permissible and practiced (ch. 7, vv. 1-4).

**Question:** In February, you identified pronouncements by the General Conference, our “established standards of doctrine,” and our Sunday School literature as examples of “official United Methodist teaching.” In June/July, you told how the Bible can be understood as official teaching. What about the Social Principles?

**Answer:** The Social Principles are official teaching in that the General Conference issued them. But they’re not binding the way the Bible and our established standards are binding. Teaching against the standards is a chargeable offense (*The Book of Discipline*, 2012, ¶¶ 2702.1(e) and 2702.3(d)) and expressly forbidden. Teaching against the Bible contradicts those standards that assert its authority. The Social Principles, the *Discipline* says, are the General Conference’s prayerful, thoughtful effort to address contemporary issues; they’re not church law (p. 103, preface to *The Social Principles*).

**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 3)

**Answer:** This is a continuation from Part 1 (June/July) and Part 2 (August). In Part 2, I told how some people think, if a Bible version is called an “interpretation,” then it’s slanted or inaccurate. Others think “paraphrase” means the translator/interpreter/paraphraser has added to the text, omitted something, or changed the meaning. Kenneth Taylor’s *The Living Bible Paraphrased* sometimes does that (e.g., at Gen. 6:1-4 and Amos 1:1-2). But Eugene H. Glassman’s *The Translation Debate: What Makes a Bible Translation Good?* (InterVarsity, 1981), cited in Part 1, says professional linguists define *paraphrase* as *saying the same thing in different words*. Many also say the word means *rephrasing within the same language*, not going from one language to another. If any meaning-change occurs, it’s neither a translation nor a paraphrase (pp. 26-27). Taylor’s *Living Bible* reworks the *American Standard Version* and is a paraphrase in some places, while faltering in others. We’ll say more on this in Part 4.

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

## United Methodist Women 2016 Reading Program Books *Sandy Segur*

These books are available in the United Methodist Women section of our library. Just sign them out in the Log Book and return them, please, as I have committed to read all of them throughout this coming year! JOIN ME!!!



Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am is the United Methodist Women meeting at our sister church, Trinity-Charlotte Harbor UMC. If interested in car-pooling, give me a call at 941-249-8726.

### Education for Mission:

*Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land*, Ruth Everhart

*Coffee, Tea, and Holy Water*, Amanda Hudson

*Unbound – The Transformative Power of Your Mission Trips*, Jann Treadwell

*Uprising – A New Age is Dawning for Every Mother's Daughter*, Sally Armstrong

*Hope Runs – An American Tourist, a Kenyan Boy, a Journey of Redemption*, Clair Diaz-Ortiz & Samuel Ikuu Gachagua

### Leadership Development:

*The Andrew Paradigm – How to Be a Lead Follower of Jesus*, Michael J. Coyner

*The Weight of Mercy – A Novice Pastor on the City Streets*, Deb Richardson-Moore

*Lean In – Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*, Sheryl Sandberg

### Nurturing for Community:

*Dreamers – An Immigrant Generation's Fight for Their American Dream*, Eileen Truax

*I Love Growing Older but I'll Never Grow Old*, J. Ellsworth Kalas

*Miss Brenda and the Loveladies, - One Woman's Brush with Prison*, Brenda Spahn & Irene Zutell

### Social Action:

*Just Mercy - A Story of Justice and Redemption*, Bryan Stevenson

*Rewilding Our Hearts – Building Pathways of Compassion and Coexistence*, Mark Bekoff

*We Shall Not Be Moved*, Jan Ellen Nickell

### Spiritual Growth:

*Cured But Not Healed*, Kimberley Clemons-Jones

*Key United Methodist Beliefs*, William J. Abraham & David F. Watson

*My Life and Lesser Catastrophes – A Memoir*, Christina Schofield

*Things Your Mother Never Told You – A Woman's Guide to Sexuality*, Kim Gaines

*Tilly – A Story of Hope and Resilience*, Monique Gray Smith

*On God's Side – What Religion Forgets & Politics Hasn't Learned About Serving the Common Good*, Jim Wallis

## Fall Extravaganza Update *Nancy Bosserdet*

We have collected many e-mail addresses and have sent out our vendor contracts and the guidelines for merchandise to be displayed or sold. If you know of any organization, company, or individual that might be interested in joining us on October 24, 2015 for our event, continue to get their e-mail address and give to myself or Ellen Even. If they have not been sent information, we will do so. Some of our participants at this point are the Animal Welfare League, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Bon Worth store, Disabled American Veterans, Sunny Days Ice Cream, Dean's South of the Border, and Hurricane Charley's. There will be entertainment during the day on the outdoor stage including high school bands, local dance teams and gymnasts, and our own Praise Band. We have a pony that may be touched and fed as well as ridden. You will need to come just to see a polish chicken – whatever that is.

We need many volunteers to be cashiers, cotton candy makers, popcorn poppers, sellers of water, pop, and whatever else. Just get your name to me and please let me know how you would like to help. We will need anyone and everyone to participate to make this a glorious day for our community!





Our GEMS Club (Girls' Everywhere Meeting the Savior) is needing donations of small health and beauty items (nail polish, lotions, soaps, hair clips/ties, makeup, shampoo/conditioner, etc.) for their Birthday Bash on September 24th.

There is a donation bin in the lobby under the information table for Children's Ministry.  
Thank you!



**Clothing Donation Drive  
August 23-September 20**

Looking for: (men's) shirts, pants, shorts, belts and shoes. By helping those who need a second chance, we are giving back from what God has most generously given to us.

Donated items may be dropped off in the lobby.

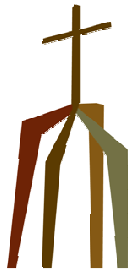
**September Birthdays**

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 01 J. C. Spann      | 08 Alice Heidenis   | 17 Rindi Welton       | 23 Jerry Albert      |
| 01 Shirley George   | 10 Calvin Tschetter | 17 Jill Mandrick      | 24 Carmen Stephenson |
| 01 Wanda Roberts    | 10 Gladys Hilbert   | 17 Jonathon Hyndman   | 24 Bettylou Miller   |
| 01 Sophia Bailey    | 12 Billie Deaton    | 19 Marjorie Fuller    | 25 Pat Boyd          |
| 02 Steve Cox        | 12 Marlene Marecek  | 19 Bernice Schwartz   | 25 Marjorie Clark    |
| 02 Jessica Mathias  | 12 Sandy Segur      | 20 Joanie Marshall    | 25 Leonard Alsene    |
| 03 Hazel Guyler     | 13 Les Reiselt      | 21 Arthur Rochester   | 26 Kenneth Vida      |
| 03 Marcie Marshall  | 13 Leslie Griner    | 21 Anneliese Ackerman | 28 John Bittner      |
| 03 Marie Bailey     | 13 Lydia Rose Rich  | 21 Lloyd Brown        | 29 Bruce Foster      |
| 04 John Seyfried    | 14 Tom Segur        | 21 Eugene Edgington   | 29 Martin Wilson     |
| 04 Jesse Roguska    | 14 David Cox        | 21 Judy Ammon         | 30 Whitney Cates     |
| 06 Betty Ruth Mason | 14 Tony Leonard     | 21 Nina Schwartz      |                      |
| 06 Jeff West        | 14 Glenn Payne      | 21 Tyler Dampier      |                      |
| 06 Kaysen Williams  | 15 Donna Schipp     | 22 Christina Jack     |                      |
| 07 Loretta Graney   | 16 Myra King        | 23 Art deSilva        |                      |
| 07 William West     | 16 John Kelly       | 23 Barbara McManamy   |                      |

**September Anniversaries**

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 03 Don and Pat Butler           | 17 Paul and Odie Coker           |
| 04 Robert and Christine Burr    | 17 John and Evelyn Robertson     |
| 04 Arthur and Mildred Rochester | 18 Bernie and Anneliese Ackerman |
| 06 Cynthia and Gary Friend      | 20 Joe and Diane Geiss           |
| 07 William and Penny Bryan      | 22 Laurie and Brian Leskanic     |
| 07 Guy and Annette Emerich      | 27 Lyman and Rindi Welton        |
| 11 Rick and Carol McCullough    |                                  |
| 12 Elbert and Sharon Chinn      |                                  |
| 15 Kenneth and Lorraine Vida    |                                  |





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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY FORUM

Sunday, September 20th at 3pm

We will be having presentations from leaders of all the current programs at our church and then an open discussion on ideas for future programs. We would like to have women bring with them programs that they have attended at other churches in the past and ideas on future programs you feel would benefit our women's ministry. Snacks will be served. Please RSVP to Pat Douglas by phone/text (410) 739-2449 or email [sixpence2942@gmail.com](mailto:sixpence2942@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to seeing you and hearing your suggestions!



## Sunshine Ministry

We welcome our newest member Carol J. McCullough. Carol joined our church in July and was very active in her former church as a Sunshine Member. We are blessed to have her. Other members of the Sunshine Ministry are: Rosemarie Arnoldt, Veronica Vieux, Veronica Campbell, Albert Hassell, Fred Wagner, Peg Parto, Joan Mackey, Carmen Stephenson, Sylvia Brooks and Jane Flanders. We thank Mary Lou Peck for keeping our Sunshine Ministry sheets updated. Each member of the Sunshine Ministry either visit or send a card to the homebound once a month. If you are interested in becoming a Sunshine Ministry member, please contact Pastor Brian or Jane Flanders.

"To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12.