

November 2021

Monthly Publication



STEPPING BACK IN TIME...

At one point 86 members of EUMC had signed up for a “Pilgrimage of a Lifetime,” and then COVID-19 hit in March of 2020. That trip was planned for March of 2021, destination: Israel. For a while during 2020 we thought that maybe the pandemic would have subsided enough to actually go in March of 2021, but that proved to NOT be the case. So we “bumped” the trip back to November of 2021 and added an extension trip to Egypt. This will be my 7th trip leading groups to the Holy Land and I must say going to Israel is like drinking from a fire hydrant! Over 30 people have stayed on the “go list” and we have recently been given the green light to fly to Israel and then on to Egypt.

I thought since so many had originally planned to go, and since so many others have never been, and might like to hear what we do on these trips, I’d share a little of what will be experienced on this trip that leaves on November 22, 2021.

First, we will board our domestic flight from Ft. Myers, Florida, to Newark, New Jersey early on Monday, November 22, to connect with our overseas flight to Tel Aviv that evening. Once we clear the COVID testing, we will be on our way

through the land that Jesus called home. First stop: A boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where we will read scriptures of Jesus’ encounters with his first disciples on the shore and on the sea. From catching fish to catching people, they followed. We will visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus’ ministry in the Galilee. We will look down upon the Sea of Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes and contemplate the Sermon on the Mount. We will visit the site of where Jesus fed 5000 people with a few fish and loaves. We will visit Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene and recall Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist at the Jordan River and remember our own baptisms. We will also visit, one of my favorites, the beautiful Valley of the Doves, a major pathway in the time of Christ where Jesus and his disciples passed on their many travels on foot from Nazareth to Galilee. And that’s just the first day!

Our second day we will visit Cana, Nazareth, Tel Megiddo & Caesarea. Each of these places have important Biblical significance. Cana of Galilee is, of course, where Jesus performed his first miracle of turning water into wine. Nazareth is Jesus’ boyhood home and we will visit this site that has been venerated for nearly 2000 years as the actual place where he grew up. Tel Megiddo is smack in the middle of the Valley of Armageddon which is a very important archaeological site in Israel. Caesarea on the Mediterranean is where Paul was imprisoned for two years before appealing to Caesar.

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Our third day takes us to Jericho where we will see the actual walls of that ancient city in ruins that Joshua by the power of God brought down. In the distance from there we will gaze upon the mountains into which Jesus walked just after his baptism where he fasted for 40 days and 40 nights and was tempted. We will visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 and we will end our third day having a group photo on the Mount of Olives where Jesus ascended into heaven.

Day number four takes us to Bethlehem and we will sing our favorite Christmas Carols at Shepherd's Field, in a cave outside of Bethlehem, and in the Grotto where tradition says the actual birth took place. Just one month before Christmas—it, no doubt, will put us in the Christmas Spirit on steroids. We will travel just 6 miles north to Jerusalem and find ourselves in the Garden of Gethsemane, on to Mount Zion and the Wailing Wall, and then to the House of the High Priest, Caiaphas, where Jesus was questioned and imprisoned the night of His betrayal. We will visit the traditional location of the Upper Room and remember the Last Supper of Jesus.

We continue in Jerusalem on day five. The actual teaching steps that Jesus taught from on the south side of Temple Mount, we will stop there. The Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross) we will walk and at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the actual Mount Calvary), we will reflect on Jesus' sacrificial Love.

We will have a leisure day or take an optional trip to Masada and the Dead Sea—a side trip on our 6th day.

We will visit Israel's museum of antiquities and the Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial and then on to the Garden Tomb where we will join in reverent silence and Holy Communion.

The next day is a day of either traveling home for some or a day of rest or further exploration

in the Old City of Jerusalem where there is much shopping and bartering to be experienced.

Those continuing on to Egypt on 11th day, travel time by bus from Jerusalem to Egypt is the main course. We will follow the Holy Family's trek along the ancient caravan route through the Sinai Desert, across the border to our hotel for dinner and rest in Cairo.

Day 12 we visit St. Catherine's Monastery, housing one of the world's oldest continually operating libraries where two very important early Biblical manuscripts were discovered, and then we will stay in a hotel on the shores of the Red Sea.

On Day 13 through 16, we will embark on a Nile cruise, viewing many ancient sites including the Valley of the Kings and Queens, Edfu & Kom Ombo and Aswan.

We will then fly back to Cairo to take in the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities, the Treasures of King Tut, the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx. In old Cairo, we will visit the Abu Serga Church built over the traditional site of the House where the Holy Family lived during their stay in Egypt.

We will return to the USA on Day 18.

As you can see, we will take in a LOT of sites and experiences. A once-in-a-lifetime trip! A true "Stepping Back in Time" experience for all involved. Please pray for the safety and health of our 33 pilgrims.

You are Loved!

Pastor Vic



THANKS – GIVING * GIVING – THANKS.....A WORD FROM PASTOR BO

Autumn means *the passing of the year* and is appropriately called the season of Thanksgiving. The season of Thanksgiving allows us to reflect on all we are thankful for and express our gratitude to God and the people around us. We also get to share our warmest love with our neighbors, friends, families, and beyond. Giving thanks is such a precious thing as it truly enriches our lives. Because a thankful spirit is a happy and beautiful spirit. Moreso, a thankful spirit is a fragrant spirit – a grateful heart filled with the permeating sweet aroma of Christ. According to the Apostle Paul, *thankfulness is a fruit of the Spirit* (Eph. 5:18-20).

“Sniff, sniff!” Do you smell that beautiful scent of fragrant fruits all around you? No, no, no, I did not mean the smell of spiced pumpkins! Indeed, with the proper perspective, anyone can give thanks. Giving thanks, however, *is* to speak of what we have received. It seems a straightforward thing to do, but oddly, it is rarely expressed.

Unexpectedly, only a small number of people express their gratitude regularly. Nevertheless, when we express our appreciation for what we have received, God is impressed, and people are impressed as well. Like the biblical character, Job, a thanks-giving man, is known to God and people as blameless, upright, fearing God, and shunned from evil.

The core of thankfulness consists in the heart of thanks and its outward expression. A thankful heart by itself is not enough, and the heart must express itself. Do you remember Jesus healed ten lepers in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 17? Do you also recall that only one of them came back and gave thanks to Jesus? He was an outcasted lowly Samaritan. Where were the nine lepers, who were Israelites, and now healed and restored...

Thanks-giving pleases the one who receives, as well as it blesses the one who gives thanks. Thanksgiving is a blessed tool that creates miracles. Let us express thankfulness in this season of Thanksgiving. Let us glorify God through our acts of giving thanks. Let us fill this small world of ours with the fragrance of Christ by having expressive thankful hearts. Let us acknowledge and bless God for the outpouring of His blessings that permeated throughout the year.

Yes, Giving Thanks in all circumstances is not easy. Let me share a wonderful heartfelt prayer of “Giving–Thanks” as I close. Someone wrote a prayer while in the hospital admitted with a severe case of heart-related issues.

*LORD, I thank you for the times that you make me sick,
So I can realize and be reminded that we really are frail.
I thank you for my loneliness so I can get closer to you, oh LORD.
I also thank you for the mistakes I make so I cannot be too proud.
I thank you for making my children not too perfect,
So that I can learn to be a better parent
And to have the opportunity to teach them right from wrong.
I thank you for my brothers and sisters
Who may at times give me a hard time, for this had made me a better person.
I thank you for the times when I had difficulties in getting food
So that I realize what the hungry feel in other parts of the world.
I thank you for the problems we have in the world with people and with governments,
So that I can better see and appreciate your presence in the world, LORD.
Thank you for the hard times that I encounter in my life; to appreciate your love and protection.
LORD, I thank you for the opportunity to say thank you to you. Amen!*

I am thankful for all who served the Lord faithfully and cared for us with heartfelt love.

THANK YOU ALL! Godspeed, Pastor Bo



**Ms. Amy's
Adventures**

November is a month when we like to focus on being thankful. It is the month of Thanksgiving, Christmas planning begins and the weather seems to cool down enough so that we can really enjoy the outdoors. I just want to take this time not only to thank all of you reading this but my wonderful staff. These girls truly are amazing. This is a great school because of all the hard work they put in everyday. Also, want to thank all of our donors and the outstanding support we receive from the church.

Last month was Community Helper month, we had a visit from the Fire Department and a Dog Groomer. The children LOVED this. These are also wonderful parents of our school. Thank you all once again for your loving support to the school, we are truly blessed. We want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

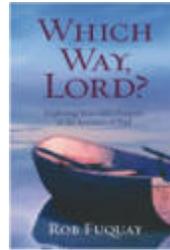
*Love, Amy, Heather and
our Amazing Team*



Pastor's Wednesday Night Bible Study

“Which Way, LORD? Exploring Your Life’s Purpose in the Journeys of Paul”

by Rob Fuquay



Wednesdays, January 5-February 9
6:30 in Doan Chapel
led by Pastor Vic

A study to help you understand God’s desire for your life by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul. It is recommended you purchase the book and read the first chapter before the first class on January 5. The book is available from Amazon.com and christianbook.com. Books will also be available for purchase for \$10 in Fellowship Hall after services on Sundays beginning November 14th

Advent Devotional

“All The Good—A Wesleyan Way of Christmas”

Softcover book \$10

Daily Devotions for December 1—31

Available beginning Sunday,
November 21st
in Fellowship Hall between
Sunday Services or in the church office.



Advent Study

“The Christian New Year” by J.D. Walt

28 day devotional \$14
Digital version \$12.95

Mondays, 10:00am in person,
beginning November 29th
led by
Pastor Jerry & Carol Van Dyken

OR

Wednesdays, 6:30pm in person, beginning
December 1st
led by Gary & Vicki Doss



At Home

Janet Albrecht
 Jenny Chastain
 Joe Croce
 Phyllis Eastlund
 Shirley Grayson
 Lori Ierardi
 Howard & Nan Jackson
 Deborah Larsen
 Betty Madison
 Geri Meneely
 Roger & Barb Molendyke
 Jackie Morton
 Ruth Runyon
 Wanda Staneszewski
 David & Val Stevens
 Mary Thompson
 Bob & Lorraine Turner
 Helen Williams
 Gina Willis

At Nursing Home or Assisted Living

Joan Bentson—*Tuscan Gardens on Venetia Bay*
 Alice Buck—*Gardens of Venice*
 Margaret Cypher—*Life Care in Punta Gorda*
 Ruth Davidson—*Bay Breeze*
 Maude Drinks—*Grand Villa*
 Sandra Dussault—*Heritage Oaks*
 Doris Finn—*Grand Villa*
 Marjorie Fitzgerald—*Family Affair*
 Dorothy Hill—*Liana Memory Care*
 Charles Lindberg—*Heritage Oaks*
 Sam & Thelma Lloyd—*Heritage Oaks*
 Audrey MacEhiney-Rogers—*Towers of Venice*
 Carolyn McCallum—*Grand Villa*
 Loraine Melnichok—*Grand Villa*
 Jim Roch—*Brookdale—Venice*
 Jeanne Sawyer—*Inglenook*
 Doris Scott—*Heritage Oaks*
 Marilyn Smith—*Summerfield—Bradenton*
 Adele Stewart—*Heritage Oaks*
 Audrey Volz—*Drury Lane*
 Janet Wilson—*Heritage Oaks*
 Millie Wischnowsky—*Heritage Oaks*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Do you live alone? In need of company? Would you like someone to visit, enjoy your company and pray with you? Congregational Care Ministers are on hand to visit with you on a monthly basis, sharing their ministry through prayer and communion.

Please call Pastor Don at 941-474-5588, ext. 252
 to request a CCM minister.



FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Moment in Worship

We are so excited to announce that Children's Moments will be returning to the Contemporary service in November. Children will be invited forward before the sermon to hear a topic related message before heading to Sunday school. We are encouraging ALL students and families to start worship together. Check in stations will be in Fellowship Hall and near the nursery. Leaders will bring students to Sunday school after the Children's moment.

Children will return to worship for the closing songs. Parents can pick them up in the back of Fellowship Hall after worship. We are excited to start our new schedule! Sunday school will still be full of great activities and fun! All children are welcome! Haven't been here in a while, that's ok! We would love to see you again!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! November 20, 2021 7pm



Everyone is welcome to come to Movie Night. We will be showing the Disney Pixar movie LUCA. So excited to spend an evening of fun with our WHOLE church family. It is a very cute movie set in Italy. People of all ages will enjoy!

Kids can bring a cardboard box to decorate as their very own car! We will have some boxes but encourage kids to bring their own. Lots of materials for them to be creative!

Our IGNITE Youth will be selling popcorn and bottled water. All proceeds help cover the travel costs of our Mission Trip 2022!

Mark your calendars now! Set this evening aside for some fun! Everybody needs fun with their church family!

Hope to see you all for movie night!



Parents in Faith!

Family Ministry has begun preparation for Parent Night. A time and space for us to come together as parents and share. We watch our social media feed full of "perfect families" with fabulous family outings and events, wondering how people keep it all together like that! I have days when I thank God for getting through the last five minutes. Coming together weekly or bi-weekly to share and build one another up is so important. Our children are growing in their faith and asking the hard questions and we worry we won't have the right answer. Sometimes our own faith is shaken, and we have no words to help our kids. I am here to tell you IT IS ALL OK!



This time of year, our days and nights are so full of anticipation of the holidays. Yet it is the holidays that cause us to stress even more. Let's get together and have a night to let it all out and truly prepare our minds and hearts for the holy celebrations. Watch your emails for more information in the next week or so!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here are some volunteer opportunities for you in Family Ministry:

- ◆ Sunday School substitute teacher (occasional coverage)
- ◆ Sunday School teacher aide (4-week commitment)
- ◆ Jesus and Pizza teacher/helper (4-week commitment)
- ◆ Youth Helpers (weekly commitment)
- ◆ Overnight retreats (one weekend commitment)

See you in the Spirit filled Space!

Beth Ann Smolinski,
Director of Family Ministries

Memorial Gifts

Non-Designated

In Memory of: Karen Dunn
Given by: Catherine "Grace" Drescher

In Memory of: Bob Schamber
Given by: Edwin & Sandra Swanson

In Memory of: Claude Lanham
Given by: Mary Lanham

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of: Harry Baltzer
Given by: Den & Anita Wall

Garden of Memories

In Memory of: Howard Frame
Given by: Ruby Frame

Helping Hand

In Memory of: Rod Bentson
Given by: Robert & Virginia Wilcox
Robert & Patricia Garfield
Arnold Mooney
American Association of Orthodontist
NSTA—Curt Macysn

Williamson Music Fund

In Memory of: Laura Williamson
Given by: Carolyn Woodside

Kairos Prison Ministry

In Memory of: Dick Ziegler
Given by: William & Maureen Adrian

Thanksgiving Dinner - Please Share the Bounty!

Helping Hand needs:

- Boxes of instant potatoes**
- Boxes of dressing/stuffing**
- Cans of corn or green beans**
- Packets of turkey gravy**
- Cans of chicken/turkey broth**

Please bring any of the above items to church on Sunday, November 7th, to the service you attend. EUMC Youth & Girl Scouts will be collecting at each entrance.



Memorial Corner

- 9/17 Laura Williamson*
- 10/04 Robert Soloway*
- 10/08 Shirley Keuker*
- 10/12 Earl Schworm*
- 10/14 Fran Altman*

Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.



Comparative Financial Operations/Performance For the 9 month period ending SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	2021	2020
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,138,775	\$1,373,592
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$-1,093,601</u>	<u>\$- 1,095,516</u>
Tithes & Offerings		
Less Expenditures	\$ 45,174	\$278,076

Serving Opportunities

We are asking you to prayerfully consider helping in one of these ministries.

- **Wednesday Night Dinners** We need a small leadership team to plan and prepare the weekly dinners.
- **Reset Team** Needed to reset tables & chairs between dinners & Sunday worship & again for dinners.
- **Contemporary Worship Team** Help is needed in all facets of Sunday contemporary worship: coffee bar, tech, musicians and singers. Contact Rich Church at 941-544-5411.
- **Women's Monday evening Bible study leaders** Two or three ladies to facilitate the short term studies held throughout the year.
- **Good News Team** A minimum of 10-12 people are needed to be able to offer Good News Club in the elementary schools, beginning January 2022. A commitment of 3-4 hours, once a week for 13 weeks.
- **Short term Adult Bible Study or Christian course facilitators**
- **Family Promise** One or two people to lead and organize Family Promise at EUMC. Families staying on site will resume 2022.
- **Friends Class** One or two people to restart the Friends Class which is an 11:00 Sunday school class for adults with special needs. Curriculum is provided.
- **Senior Exercise Class** A qualified leader to hold weekly exercise classes for senior men and women.
- **Disaster Response Team** A dedicated leader is needed to take teams to help people recovering from natural disasters in the state. This team works in conjunction with UMCOR and will need to take their training.
- **New Member Team** A few people are needed to attend the New Member classes to greet and help new members learn more about EUMC.
- **Divorce Care** Two qualified people are needed to facilitate this 13-week class for those struggling with divorce or separation. The course is usually offered twice a year.
- **Sunday Welcome Team coordinator** Someone to schedule the greeters/ushers (Welcome Team) for each service on Sundays.
- **Sunday Hospitality Table in Fellowship Hall** 2-3 people are needed to aid in registering for events or studies, distributing books, selling tickets, answering questions, etc. after the service of their choice.

If you are interested in one of these ministries, please contact Joyce Doyle in the church office.

joyce@englewoodumc.net 941-474-5588 ext. 261



**** 90 (or over) Years Young!**

- 11/01 Georgia Mitchel
- 11/03 Bill Miller Jr. **
- 11/08 Betty Fulton **
- 11/25 Charlie Hicks
- 11/27 Harriet Gray **
- 11/30 Bill Brookstra



NOVEMBER Super Senior Birthdays

Super Senior Birthday Registration

Name _____

Birth Date ____/____/____
 Month Day Year

Are you a Super Senior of four score years or more? We have the names and birth dates of many of our 80 (or more) years old, but we want to recognize ALL of these honored members. Please register your birthday if you haven't done so already. Just call the church office or send in the registration form.

The Super Senior birthdays are listed each month in the Messenger. Help them celebrate their super birthday by congratulating them on their special day.

THE HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

FELLOWSHIP HALL ~ FULL INSIDE & OUT!

Thursday, Feb. 24 ~ 3 - 6 pm
EARLY BIRD SALE!

\$5 for *Shop Early Admission*
~ Special 1 day Only ~

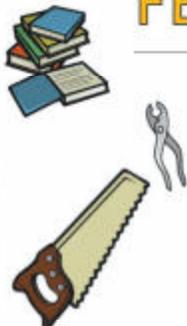
REGULAR SALE ~ FREE ENTRY:

Friday, Feb. 25 ~ 9 am - 3 pm
Saturday, Feb. 26 ~ 9 am - Noon

Information ~ Call Paul 941/451-4611 ~ Watch Publications for Updates

DROP-OFF DONATIONS
NOT ACCEPTING FURNITURE or LARGE ITEM!
(Sorry, no storage space for them currently.)

VOLUNTEER Sign Up Please!
By Feb. 7
Call Annette 303/915-2690





NOVEMBER 20th

EUMW

Creative Workshop

Christmas Bazaar

8:00am — 1:00pm

In Fellowship Hall



Collection Sunday will be on November 4th. Bring your filled box to the church service that you attend. All boxes must be returned by that date for the 2021 shipment to reach the far corners of the world.

This project is sponsored by the EUMC Mission Committee.

If you have any questions contact:
Jan Christopherson
 941-474-5588 ext. 106

Englewood

United Methodist Men

Country Breakfast

November 13th & 27th 7:30 -11:00am

OJ & Bottomless Coffee/Tea Egg & Sausage

or

Biscuits & Sausage Gravy or Quiche & Fresh Fruit

&

Pancakes



\$6 - Children under 12 eat for FREE!



I Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Things don't always go the way we plan or hope for (i.e. Global Pandemic), but we are asked to give thanks always. Being thankful may be easier in the light and easier times of life. Let's focus this month on giving thanks through thick or thin, for God has given us life, grace and victory in Jesus!

I am feeling particularly thankful for a growing youth group and an awesome team to work with here at EUMC. Through the love of Christ, we are blessed with a dozen or more youth participating in Sunday worship once a month, attend fun youth meetings and outings weekly and go on the Serve Retreat at Warren Willis Camp this month!

November will be a busy month for youth....

November 7th is "Youth Serve Sunday", Quarterly Food Drive, and our first outing with the Fishing Ministry! November 12-14th youth will be at Warren Willis Camp for the "Serve Retreat". Please pray for our kiddos and leaders as we travel north to camp and get to know each other better. We go with open hearts and the hopes of these young people finding connection with our one true God.

Blessings and THANKS BE TO GOD!

Chrissy Church

EIRINN ABU & Pedro Alfonso



Englewood UNITED METHODIST "CONCERT"

Sunday November 21st
2:00 PM

1716 700 E Dearborn St. Englewood Florida 941-474-5588

"The Sound of Music"



Pat Cameron is organizing a fun trip to see a production of "The Sound of Music" at Broadway Palm in Fort Myers on November 12th.

She is hosting a bus load from both the Edgewater Clubhouse and EUMC and invites you to join her.

The cost is \$78 per person and includes lunch, show and round trip bus transportation. The bus will depart from EUMC at 9am and will return at 5:30pm. If you are interested, please call Pat at 417-230-1008. Spots will fill up soon!

Book Buzz

As I look out the window by my computer desk, I see a very hot 90's plus day with dragonflies flying over the silent pond. I usually write this column a few months ahead of time. So here goes . . .

Today I am thinking about Thanksgiving and all the good foods we eat with friends and family. Perhaps you will have turkey or steak with shrimp or a yummy ham with pineapple and maraschino cherries baked on top.

Thanksgivings were quite different in some ways back in the 1920's here in Englewood area. Wild hogs played an important role in the lives of our early pioneers. Razorback hogs are descendants of the boars the conquistadors brought to this area from Spain. The boars adapted easily here and over the many decades, they crossbred with domestic pigs. They ran wild in sizable numbers locally and were known as piney woods rooters!

Of course, a Thanksgiving meal of quail, doves, wild turkeys, turtles, squirrels, rabbits and deer were hunted by the early settlers to add some protein to their mostly seafood diet. But wild hog was the most valuable game. Hogs offered fresh meat, bacon, sausage, and hams that could be smoked and stored. Most of the ladies would render the lard used in cooking.

As late as the 1940's local men would go out in the woods south of McCall, catch wild hogs, put their brand on them, turn them loose and then claim them and their offspring as their property. The brands consisted of different marks cut into the pigs' ears. These brands were registered at the courthouse in Punta Gorda.

A year or so ago, we had wild pigs on our church property. Maybe we should have had our maintenance guys put the EUMC brand on their ears. We could have celebrated Thanksgiving with a hog roast at the Sportsman Pavilion!

With those thoughts in mind, I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving! Enjoy the day's bounty!

Pam Heady,

Your church librarian

Grief Share Surviving the Holidays



Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our minds hold the memories. Our heart keeps the love.

Christmas is a time of remembrance and those who have lost a loved one have the journey to walk through the Holidays in the newness of today.

Grief Share will hold a get together to walk you through "Surviving the Holidays."

You are invited to join us on November 15th at 2pm in Room 102 for the class.

Pastor Don



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Some years ago, my dear friend Ollie Watts gave me a book of hymns called *Then Sings My Soul*, as a parting gift when she moved to Ft. Myers. The book holds 150 of the world's greatest hymns and their stories. It also tells the circumstances that inspired their writing. The author Robert J. Morgan's goal was to help people reacquaint themselves with these hymns, and to keep them as a vital and meaningful part of today's church service.

One of my favorite hymns is *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. I enjoy the music, but really treasure the lyrics. My favorite way to pray sometimes is to say the words of this hymn; and read them aloud, in the form of poetry, a prayer. I share with you, the first verse of the hymn.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Music and lyrics by Joseph Scriven

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins
and griefs to bear!*

*What a privilege to carry, Everything to God
in prayer!*

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain
we bear.*

*All because we do not carry, everything to
God in prayer.*

The author is telling us to go to God in prayer, for everything. I guess you might say this song is my inspiration to pray. It assures me that prayer is a privilege. It gives me permission to tell God about my sins, and my grief. It tells me I will miss out on the peace God wants to give me if I don't pray.

This hymn has been around since 1855. You have heard or sung it many times. Have you listened to what the words say? Did you hear the message? May I encourage you to find a copy of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. Read the entire hymn in poetic form, maybe even as a prayer. I guarantee you will be blessed.

Ollie Watts and I worked together teaching Stephen Ministry at EUMC. Ollie was a woman of deep faith. We were what some may refer to as "kindred spirits." I still miss her friendship, and her love for Jesus. Shortly before she moved, I wrote a poem about her, that was my parting gift. Ollie had a beautiful butterfly garden. It was her place of prayer and meditation. One could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit there.

Barbara Terardi, Prayer, In His Presence

WELCOME BACK, WINTER FRIENDS!

All ladies are invited to join us for our
November 4th, UMW Unit Meeting
10:00am-12noon in Fellowship Hall



Hostess: Dorcas Circle
Speaker: Beth Ann Smolinski,
Director Of Family Ministries a
EUMC

Please remember to bring your
World Thank Offering

If you have been vaccinated, masks are optional. If you have not been vaccinated, we ask you to wear a mask to protect yourself and others.

Flowers

Would you like to purchase a Sunday altar flower arrangement in honor or in memory of a loved one? The cost is \$40 per week.



Please call Teresa Meisner in the church office (941-474-5588 ext. 105) to place your dedication on the upcoming church calendar. Thank you!



The office will be closed on
Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.

Volunteers Needed for our 30th Annual Christmas Dinner



Englewood United Methodist Church will host a takeout and delivery Christmas Dinner this year. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, there will be no sit-down dining available in Fellowship Hall for the dinner.

We need volunteers to prepare food for the dinner on December 24th and 25th. We need additional volunteers on the 25th to assemble the meals, assist with take-out preparations and make deliveries to those who are homebound in our community. All volunteers will follow safety procedures, wear masks and observe social distancing.

Please call Grace Talada at 941-474-2385

AFTER NOVEMBER 8th

if you are willing to volunteer for this year's Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Poinsettia Plants

We will be decorating our Sanctuary with Poinsettia plants for Sunday, December 19th & Christmas Eve services at 4:00pm Pastor Bo, 6:00pm Beth Ann, 8:00pm & 10:00pm Pastor Vic.



If you would like to order a plant "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special, please fill out the form below. Please put the form in the collection plate or bring the form to the office. Make check payable to EUMC, \$10 per plant.

The deadline to order is December 1st

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ I will take my plant(s) AFTER the 10:00pm Christmas Eve church service or pick up on Christmas Day outside the west entrance to the Sanctuary between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

_____ I will leave my plant(s) for the homebound.

Alternative Christmas Gifts 2021

Sponsored by: EUMC Mission Committee

	Quantity	Amount
EUMC's support to Cuba Church		
Sunday Food Program \$30	_____	_____
Pastor's Salary 1 month \$30	_____	_____
Kayongo's Hope (Ryan—Uganda)		
Support a Child \$30 1 month	_____	_____
Kenya Mission— Dave & Sue Whitlock		
Support to Youth Program \$30	_____	_____
Galcom International		
Recorded Bible \$35	_____	_____
Heifer International:		
Goat \$120	_____	_____
Share of Goat \$ 10	_____	_____
Pig \$120	_____	_____
Share of Pig \$ 10	_____	_____
Hive of Honeybees \$ 30	_____	_____
Flock of Chickens \$ 20	_____	_____
Heifer \$500	_____	_____
Share of Heifer \$ 50	_____	_____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

**Bring this form to Fellowship Hall after the church service you attend OR
return to the EUMC office 8:30-4:30 Monday–Thursday.**

**The first Sunday to order will be November 21st
The last day to order will be December 21st
Make check payable to: EUMC and put Alternative Christmas Gifts
on the memo line.**

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Of Jesus Christ,
The Englewood United
Methodist Church
Shall strive to make God
And His Kingdom
More real through our
Caring, worship, study
Fellowship & outreach.
To this end, as a
Servant Church,
We offer ourselves
And our facilities
For the Christian growth
Of all persons.*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Adopted 1978 Revised 1989

