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Monthly Publication



The “OPEN TABLE”

I love attending our new members classes where we pastors get to know our new folks in a more personal way. The life experience that is shared in those classes is amazing. The stories that you have shared with us are inspiring—example after example of God’s faithfulness—in times of joy and family growth as well in times of deep heartache.

I thank you for sharing these sacred experiences with us. As one of your pastors, it helps me know some of the issues you are dealing with—it informs my preaching and helps me know how to direct the pastoral care of the church. So, as a church, we’re blessed with many life experiences.

We are also blessed by quite a variety of church backgrounds. This brings with it a mosaic of faith expression, as well as a diversity of theological understanding.

In one of our new members meetings, I was talking to a couple with a Catholic background. They were wrestling with the United Methodist practice of the “Open Table” at Holy Communion. It was confusing to them with their Catholic background—understandably so. So, I thought I would touch on a few reasons why we celebrate the “Open Table” for all of us to ponder again.

To be honest, there’s a part of the Communion ritual that used to kind of get to me—the part of our confession that says, “...*we have failed to be an obedient church...We have not loved our neighbors, we have not heard the cry of the needy...*” and a bunch of other things we haven’t done. I used to think, those things aren’t entirely true! I’ve been a good neighbor. Just ask Pastor Bo—I haven’t bugged him any—I offered to come over and help him eat Sushi and Kimbap! And the cry of the needy—I gave at the Salvation Army Kettle over the holidays. In fact, I can think of several times when I gave of my resources to help someone in need.

The problem is when you get in this mode of self congratulations you begin to think...“I need to qualify this confession...I need to scale it back a bit—it seems a bit too harsh. I wasn’t all that bad this week!”

But then, please hear what a wise Christian man once told me, he said, “as we qualify our confession, we disqualify ourselves from Grace...we make ourselves less open to receive Grace.” As I make excuses for myself, I excuse myself from the meal. When I do that, what I am saying, in essence, is...I really don’t need Grace—I’m worthy in and of myself.

This was a real problem for the Pharisees—they had the Law down cold—they had it memorized and knew it forwards and backwards. And they lived it! That’s why it was so hard for them when Jesus came along talking,

living, and requiring grace. He threatened their self-righteousness—he was offering to meet a need they didn't think they had. Grace was virtually inaccessible to them.

So, when we humbly confess and receive Holy Communion we are opening ourselves to God's gift of Grace. God's Grace is open to all who would come and receive it. We see this reality in many of Jesus' parables as well as His encounters with people. None were turned away from Him for not being good enough. We don't have to prove ourselves. Thank God for that! Because the bar is simply too high for any of us. None would be found worthy. When Jesus initiated this sacrament, he offered it to his twelve, knowing some would deny him and others would betray him within hours, yet Jesus offered it to them all.

In fact, the only requirement to receive God's love and grace is our admission that we *don't* have a pure heart—our admission that we *don't* have it all together—our confession that we are *not* worthy by our own goodness or acts of mercy or charity toward others!

So, when we come to that part in the confession during Communion, know that it fits—own it and sincerely embrace it. In all the good we do here at Englewood—and we do a ton of good here—just know we are still so far away from God's righteousness. We are all in need of Grace—and through our confession, we open ourselves up to it.

It's a level playing field for us all—and that's why we celebrate the "Open Table."

You are Loved!

Pastor Vic



**2022 Oberammergau Passion Play
European Capitals Tour
with Vic & Debbie Willis
June 15—24, 2022
Starting at \$5,146 from Fort Myers**



ITINERARY:

June 15—Depart USA

June 16—Arrive in Munich, Germany. Enjoy a tour of historic Munich, including a stop at the Rathaus (Town Hall) to watch the Glockenspiel.

June 17—Innsbruck, Austria. The capital of Austria's Tyrol region, Innsbruck is famous as the site of two winter Olympics.

June 18—Ettal, Oberammergau, and Passion Play. Visit the beautiful Abbey of Ettal. Continue to Oberammergau to experience the Passion Play.

June 19—Regensburg—Prague. Visit Regensburg UNESCO World Heritage Site, cultural centre of Southern Germany in the Middle Ages.

June 20—Prague, Czech Republic. Tour Prague, and see why it is considered one of Europe's most spectacular cities.

June 21—Dresden & Leipzig, Germany. Tour of the city of Dresden and visit the Frauenkirche ("Church of Our Lady").

June 22 & 23—Berlin, Germany. Driving tour of Berlin to see such sites as the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag.

June 24—Return to USA

Sign up today....for this wonderful trip!

A WORD FROM PASTOR BO



People fail. No one succeeds in life without falling at some point in their life. We can fail on exams or promotions, business, and even relationships. All will seem well and destined; yet, we can still fail. All people desire to befriend everyone around them and make no enemies; yet, interpersonal relationships are difficult to maintain. We hurt others, and, at the same time, we get hurt by others. We often despair when our relations with others fail. Failure, regardless of form, is a lot that we frail humans must endure. No one is free from failure.

Anyone can fail; the important thing is not to end up in our lives in failure.

No matter how sinful and defeated in failure we are, God will forgive us and help us if we return to Him. When we call to God, with the determination that we will not let our lives end as failures, God will unfailingly answer our call.

However, we cannot let our only life end in failure. We have to make it succeed, no matter what it takes. When we return to God, we can turn our failures into success. It is because God helps us. God teaches us the method, the secret of true success.

Let me share the story of Reverend Charles Spurgeon (English Preacher, 1834-1892). A group of pastors from the States visited England to listen to Reverend Spurgeon's sermon. They visited City Temple Church presided by Reverend Joseph Parker, a renowned orator one Sunday morning. Just as they have heard, Reverend Parker was an eloquent and graceful one, delivered in front of about 2,000 people. Upon leaving the church, the pastors could not help but remark, "Joseph Parker is a wonderful preacher!"

That night, visiting pastors heard that Charles Spurgeon would be delivering his sermon at the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church and decided to attend that service. The building at this church was much bigger than the City Temple Church, and the size of the congregation was about twice its size. The pastors soon forgot about the great building, the congregation's size, the preacher's voice, his gesture, and his eloquence. They soon forgot about comparing Reverend Spurgeon to Reverend Parker, whom they heard that morning. They had only one thing to say after Spurgeon's sermon, that it was "*Jesus Christ is a wonderful Savior!*" And just as they have heard, Reverend Spurgeon's voice and the sermon was out of this world.

It is true. There is no more tremendous success in life. True success is understanding that *Jesus is our Great Savior*. True success is discovering that we are sinners and found the embrace of Jesus Christ to ask for His forgiveness and live the rest of our lives in obedience to His will and wishes.

Have you experienced bitter failures? Do you despair that you are at the dead-end of your life? Return to God! Call to God! God will help you! The same loving God who helped the people in the Bible will help you today.

His love never fails. There is no failure in Jesus Christ. Believe it! True faith will lead us to beautiful and genuine success. We cannot fail this way! We cannot continue to fall into the swamp of failure because of our desires! Return to Jesus. He will take responsibility for us all.

Blessings,

Pastor Bo

LOVE Never Fails! (1 Corinthians 13:8a)



Ms. Amy's Adventures

February is the month we like to focus on love and friendships. We are so very grateful for all the love and friends we have all made along the way. We will be celebrating with lots of projects surrounded by love, pink, red and hearts galore.

Last month our VPK celebrated our 100th day of school! We had a hat parade and made a 100th day snack. This is such a wonderful event for the VPK. End of the year is coming right behind.

Speaking of love, our children are loving Jesus and Pizza night. I love to hear about all the amazing things they do and friendships they have made. We are so grateful this is offered to our children.

Want to volunteer? Give us a call! 941-681-3169

Thank you all for the prayers and continued support. We love you all.

Love,

Amy, Heather

and our Amazing Team

Music & Fine Arts Scholarships

The Williamson Music and Fine Arts Fund has monies available for scholarships in the areas of drama, music, all areas of art and dance. Scholarships may be applied to private lessons, camps in the area of concentration, college expenses, etc.



For further information, contact chairperson Pam Heady at pam.HEADY@gmail.com or Director of Music Fonda Davies at fondadavies6@gmail.com.

Pastor's Vic's Wednesday Night Bible Study "Bringing Biblical Truth to a Broken Culture"

By Ray Vander Laan
March 9-April 6
6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Registration begins Sunday, February 13 in Fellowship Hall between services or through church website.



"This free 5-part video series looks to the 1st Century and the apostle Paul for guidance on how 21st Century believers can shine the light of Christ to those around them."

Bible Basics

Wednesdays, February 16-March 9
5:00-6:00pm ~ Room 100



This is a four week course on learning how to look up scripture, use the features of a study Bible, the differences between translations and simply getting more familiar with the Holy Bible. If you have not been shown how to read and use the Bible and you want to know, this is your class! There is no cost. A good study Bible is needed and will be provided if you don't have one. Sign up in Fellowship Hall between Sunday services, by calling the church office 941-474-5588 or at:

englewoodumc.net under Discipleship tab.

The EUMC office will be closed
February 21, 2022 in honor of
Presidents' Day





At Home

Janet Albrecht
 Jody Brokaw
 Jenny Chastain
 Joe Croce
 Phyllis Eastlund
 Shirley Grayson
 Lori Ierardi
 Howard & Nan Jackson
 Deborah Larsen
 Betty Madison
 Geri Meneely
 Roger & Barb Molendyke
 Jackie Morton
 Joseph O'Reilly
 Ruth Runyon
 Wanda Staneszewski
 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*
 Sonny Gourley—*Towers of Venice*
 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*
 Doris Scott—*Heritage Oaks*
 Marilyn Smith—*Summerfield—Bradenton*
 Adele Stewart—*Heritage Oaks*
 Audrey Volz—*Grand Villa*
 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.



The Journey

Have you begun your journey? Are you seeking? No one knows what the year will bring, so don't be in it alone. Take Jesus with you. If you aren't sure of His involvement with you, this is the perfect time to find out. Get a fresh start. 2021 is gone, so leave it be. Turn to God. Wake up your mind to see only Jesus as you wait for His return to earth.



Last month I asked if you received Christ as your Savior.... have you? Perhaps Billy Graham's invitational prayer will help:

Dear Lord Jesus I know I am a sinner and I ask for forgiveness. You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior, in Your Name, Amen."

God loves you. He became a man who lived perfectly. He died on the cross; he shed his blood, to cover your sins. By asking Him to be your Savior and Lord, you have begun your journey. You will learn to walk with Him and serve Him. How? Read your Bible, all the instructions are there. Jesus is looking for you. Get into a Bible Study group. Jesus knows your journey; He set it up for you and is ready to accompany you. Don't wait, be prepared. See 1Thessalonians 1:9b-10. "They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead-Jesus who rescues us from the coming wrath." If you need help in getting started in reading the Bible, speak to one of our Pastors for guidance.

I share with you a poem I had written very soon after I became saved, many years ago.

What God Has Done with Me

I was just a child in my mother's eyes but look what God has done with me.

I am flesh and bone and features that are mine alone but look what God has done with me.

I am embraced by God's abundant love, chosen to carry out His plan. I can teach, and lead, and discern, because of what God has done with me.

I can not do this on my own for obstacles get in the way. I would be content with just one day, except for what God has done with me.

His work, His love, His plan shines through, because of what God has done with me.

Barbara Terardi

Prayer, In His Presence



Are you interested in making a family or individual's life better? Come join us in repairing homes in the Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee area the week of April 3rd. (Yes some of you snowbirds can do this on your way north this spring!). You do not have to have skills (but they are helpful), just a willingness to follow directions in making homes warmer, safer, drier. Come visit us in the back of the Fellowship hall the first Sunday of each month if you would like information.

In Faith we Serve

Your Appalachia Service Coordinators

Marty Bencsik email:
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Memorial & Honor Gifts

Non-Designated Giving

In Memory Of: Janes Sides

Given By: Sam Sewell & Bev Manbeck
Disciple One Class
Kay Mullins

In Memory Of: Bill Raker

Given By: Darren & Beth Stockhouse
Joseph & Karen Luce

In Memory Of: Jeanne Sawyer

Given By: Phyllis Andre

In Memory Of: Steve & Alice Fekete

Given By: Merrill & Shelley Burns

In Memory Of: Jeanne Vaughn

Given By: Merrill & Shelley Burns

In Honor Of: Bill Johnson

Given By: Sherri Koski

In Honor Of: Grace Drescher

Given By: Caroline Judd

Williamson Music Fund

In Memory Of: Laura Williamson

Given By: Shirley Bauer

Garden of Memories

In Memory Of: Fran Altman

Given By: Shirley Bauer

In Memory Of: Richard & Harriet E Sweeney

Given By: Kathleen H. Dawson

EUMC

In Memory Of: Fran Altman

Given By: Richard & Dolores Wyer

Permanent Endowment

In Memory Of: Art & Fran Altman

Given By: Family of Art & Fran Altman

Memorial Corner

12/12 Jan Campbell

12/29 Howard Jackson



*Our thoughts and prayers
are with their family and friends.*



Senior Exercise Class

Mondays, 2:00pm

Approximately 1 hour Session

40 minute exercise & devotion

Low impact Tai Chi & chair exercises

February 7-March 29

FH 1 & 2

**Registration not necessary
but appreciated.**

**Call the church office to sign up
941-474-5588**

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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Divorce Care** One more person, preferably a male, to help facilitate this 13-week class for those struggling with divorce or separation. The course is usually offered twice a year.
- **Sunday Attendance** To take attendance at the 9:30 service.
- **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.
- **Congregational Care Ministry** more people are needed for visitation to Assisted Living, Nursing Homes and homebound congregants.

If you are interested in one of these ministries, please contact:

Joyce Doyle in the church office.,

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

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

2/19 Doris Finn **

2/19 Russ Tichacek

2/20 Richard Stegmeyer

2/21 Jane Griffin

2/22 Ray Pomeroy **



February 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 Annette 941/882-4543 ~ Watch Publications for Updates

DROP-OFF DONATIONS until Feb. 11
NOT ACCEPTING FURNITURE or LARGE ITEM!
(Sorry, no storage space for them currently.)

VOLUNTEER Sign Up Please!
By Feb. 7
Call Annette 941/882-4543

Children's Ministry

Sunday School 9:30am every Sunday

Sign children in at the Check In station each morning. Check In takes place at the Event sign up tables at the back of Fellowship Hall. Children start worship with parents in Fellowship Hall. The children's moment is after the opening song. Children are called to the stage to hear the message, then dismissed to go to the Education Wing for Sunday School. Children return to fellowship hall at 10:40 AM for pickup. Our pickup place is behind the youth tables. Parents must sign children out with leader before child is dismissed.

Currently the Preschool classes are discussing the *Fruits of the Spirit*. This is a great, fun way to introduce young ones to the characteristics of Jesus and how we all can have those same traits. Using fruit is an innovative way to help the children make connections to the characteristics and an easy way to remember them.

The rest of our Sunday School classes are working off The Gospel Project curriculum. Teachers are setting their own pace through the stories. Make sure to ask your students what lesson they discussed and something they learned. Teachers are taking a slower pace, so they can expand on the stories in new, creative ways. Have any of us really spent time thinking and discussing what it was like to live on the Ark, or the feelings Daniel experienced while in the lion's den? We are encouraging the children to dive deeper into what they already know to discover exciting new things! This is a sensational time in Sunday School!

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars

March 2nd ASH WEDNESDAY "Sunday School"

– During the regular Ash Wednesday service, children are welcome to come to the Education wing. We will have dinner and learn about what Ash Wednesday is, why we celebrate, how ashes are made, and a fun activity to take home to use during the entire Lent season.

March 5th: Family Fishing Event: Saturday, March 5, 2022, starting at 3pm (see Family Ministry section for more information) Rain date TBD.

April – Sunday School Easter party date TBD soon

April 16th – Community Easter Egg Hunt

FAMILY MINISTRY

Several opportunities are in the works for families to get together for fellowship and faith-based activities. Lives are so busy that most parents at church see each other in passing and cannot connect with each other. Sometimes we have time to chat after worship, but not always. Family ministry is working on not only connecting families to the entire congregation, but to one another. Here are some events coming up and in the works! Make sure to mark your calendars! You do not want to miss one event!

FEBRUARY 19th: Country Breakfast. *Let's eat together!* Join us February 19th from 9:30-11AM. We will eat together then offer activities and crafts for the children to enjoy. Parents are welcome to sit back, enjoy their coffee, or endless pancakes and converse with one another. There is no rush to leave! Stay and catch up with your fellow EUMC and Foundations families!

March 2nd ASH WEDNESDAY – Service in the sanctuary. Parents are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary. Children will be upstairs learning and parents can enjoy a soul filling worship service in the sanctuary. Time will be announced soon.

BIG FAMILY EVENT!!!!

Family Fishing Outing/Cook Out MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

MARCH 5, 2022 3PM

ALL are welcome to join us at the Englewood Rotary Club's Pavilion and Park on the Myakka River on Saturday, March 5th starting at 3pm. We are teaming up with the FISHING MINISTRY and the Englewood Rotary Club to offer a fun day of fishing, crafts, activities, food, and possibly music. The facility has a large pavilion with picnic tables, bathrooms, and access to fishing from the shoreline.

Our cookout will include hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, and chips. We ask all families to bring their own drinks and a dessert to share.

The link for this event will be available the first week of February. Stay tuned for more details on that.

There is **NO COST** for this family event! The entire congregations is invited to come!

Everyone will have a great time!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!

We are looking for volunteers for many of our events. These are one day activities that could really use help! Our fishing event, Easter party and Egg hunt would never be possible without many volunteers. If you love children and want to help with just ONE of these events, we would love to have you! These events are a **one-time commitment!**

GOOD NEWS CLUB!

Good News Club starts at Myakka School February 1st! Would you like to help teach community children about the love Jesus has for them? How great would it be to witness a child give his/her life to Christ? Good News Club is a ministry program that brings the gospel of Jesus into the public schools. If evangelism is your spiritual gift, Good News Club needs you! Contact Deb for more information!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

Planning has begun for VBS! Have you helped in the past and would like to help again, contact us! Have you never helped and want to try it? Contact us! Do you want to work on set up only? Contact us. Would you like to help design, create, and paint props? Contact us! Deb and I are taking all help in all categories! It is never too early to start planning the event that brings Jesus into the heart of children in many ways!

Deb, Director of Children's Ministry: deb@englewoodumc.net

Beth Ann, Director of Family Ministry: Bethann@englewoodumc.net



Englewood UMC Youth

The word is like a fire in my heart, I can't hold it in. Jeremiah 20:9

This message goes out to all youth grades 6 –12.....

Do you know how much God loves you? His love for us is larger than anything we can imagine! That is why I want you to come share in youth group with us on Sundays from 3-5pm. We will talk with friends, play games, eat food, and share God's love with others. But you already know that, right? So, this month, I challenge you to bring a new friend or 3.... let's share the love of Christ with ALL the youth of our area!

Since you are reading this, I present you with another challenge...see me on any Sunday in February and read or recite John 3:16 to me, and you will receive a reward. This is for 6-12th graders only...sorry parents and grandparents, your reward will come in the blessings your children find through God's great love for them.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and siblings that get them to and from youth activities! You are setting them up for a lifetime of knowing they are so loved by God, EUMC, friends and family. And God's greatest desire for us is to LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

Join us this month in collecting canned food items and donations for Helping Hand Food Pantry on February 13th. Also, come to our OVERNIGHT YOUTH LOCK-IN from February 18th-19th. We will end our overnight fun with FAMILY BREAKFAST at 9am in Fellowship Hall. Contact me if you have any questions, or if you just need a friend to talk to.

IN GOD'S LOVE,

Chrissey Church

Book Buzz

Why do lobsters and shrimp turn pinkish red when you cook them? Haven't you often wondered about that? Today's column will be about hints and fun tips about cooking.



When you watch cooking shows, you often hear "Don't forget the salt"! To season the white of a hard-boiled egg, add salt to the boiling water. It penetrates the shell, imparting flavor to an otherwise tasteless bite.

To get the froth in a bubbling pot of jam to subside, add a small bit of melted butter. It will disperse the foam.

To eliminate the clear film that sometimes appears on a cup of black tea, add lemon juice. The acidity of the lemon disperses the calcium carbonate; adding milk will increase the amount of film.

Red wine owes its color to vegetable pigments called anthocyanin. Over time, these pigments react with the tannins in the wine, mellowing them and improving the taste of the wine. As the wine continues to age, the reaction makes the red of the anthocyanin disappear and the dark tannins become visible. This explains why red wines darken as they age.

The best temperature for storing chocolate is around 57 degrees F, which is the approximate temperature of a wine cellar. This will preserve the aroma and appearance and keep it from getting that undesirable white film. Just allow it to come up to room temperature before eating.

The receptor on your tongue that senses spicy food is both a chemical and thermal sensor, which is why eating spicy dishes makes the mouth feel as though it is on FIRE!

The next time you have a particularly tough cut of meat, try tenderizing it with pineapple juice. The especially powerful enzymes found in pineapple break down proteins in meat, resulting in an absolutely tender roast.

Use a copper pan for making jam. The copper ions reinforce the pectin gels, which firms the preserves.

Oh, to answer the first question....Shrimp and lobster are sea creatures. They contain a red-colored molecule called astaxanthin, which does not appear in other living animals. When this seafood is cooked, the heat breaks up the bonds shielding the astaxanthin and the pinkish red color appears.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all!

Pam Heady.

Your church librarian

**Englewood UMM
Country Breakfast
7:30-11:00am
In Fellowship Hall**

**OJ & Bottomless Coffee/Tea
Egg & Sausage Or
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Or
Quiche & Fresh Fruit
OR
Pancakes**



**February 5th & 19th
March 5th & 19th
and
April 2nd**

\$6—Children under 12



There are 7,139 languages spoken today. That number is constantly in flux, because we're learning more and more about the world's languages every day. And beyond that, the languages themselves are in flux. They're living and dynamic, spoken by communities whose lives are shaped by our rapidly changing world. This is a fragile time: Roughly 40% of languages are now endangered, often with less than 1,000 speakers remaining. Meanwhile, just 23 languages account for more than half the world's population.

There has been an active, ongoing research project going on since 1951 cataloging all the languages of the world. Hundreds of linguists and researchers around the world go into rapid action when a new language is discovered which no one has ever heard about. Meeting every year they determine if a new language has been discovered to be a separate language, or when a supposed dialect is discovered to be a separate language, or vice versa. At their recent meeting, researchers estimated that there will be several dozen languages added to the current count of 7139. The exact number is still unknown because there are still many undiscovered languages, mostly spoken in remote regions.

When we invited Dave Eberhard, the current editor of the reference work Ethnologue Languages of the World, to speak at a Mission Conference here at EUMC, he asked us to provide someone who spoke a language he DIDN'T speak! Dave and his wife Julie had served many years in Brazil, Thailand and Malaysia. What to do? Then we remembered our missionary friend Kevin Wooster who, with his wife Laura, had spent many years in Mongolia and was fluent in the language. It was fascinating to see how Dave was able to use a plain stick and leaves which had

fallen from a tree just outside the Lampp Building, to elicit enough words from Kevin to be able to form a sentence describing the stick: color, length, strength, texture, all the while using chart paper to record the responses. Then he was able to use the sentences to show the structure of the unknown language.

The missionaries, linguists and researchers who strive to find and learn these unknown languages, are then able to, with years of study and much work, transcribe Scripture into the unknown language and bring "God's talk" to people in remote and isolated parts of the world. We members of EUMC are so blessed to have the Word in several different formats, and a beautiful sanctuary in which to worship and praise God for our blessings.

Nancy Prins.

Chair Mission Committee

***Alternative Christmas Gifts
2021 Giving Report***

<i>Cuba.....</i>	<i>\$2,140</i>
<i>Kayongo's Hope.....</i>	<i>\$880</i>
<i>Whitock—Kenya.....</i>	<i>\$1,040</i>
<i>Galcom.....</i>	<i>\$140</i>
<i>Heifer International:</i>	
<i>Goats.....</i>	<i>\$970</i>
<i>Pigs.....</i>	<i>\$370</i>
<i>Bees.....</i>	<i>\$690</i>
<i>Chicks.....</i>	<i>\$1,180</i>
<i>Heifers.....</i>	<i>\$2,050</i>
<i>Total Giving.....</i>	<i>\$9,460</i>

***The Mission Committee
"thanks you"
for your continued support to this
yearly program.***

Dear EUMC Congregation:

I continue to be amazed and grateful for your ongoing generosity toward EUMC and it's ministries, even in the trying times that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought on. Please review the year end financial operations report below... we are blessed!

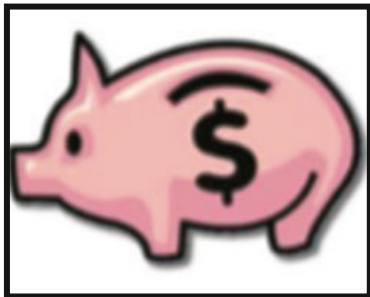
Additionally, I want to report that the special offering we received to provide UMCOR relief to tornado victims totaled \$19,282 and your Christmas offering totaled \$15,412 (to be split between Helping Hand and Habitat for Humanity local chapters). These gifts will go a long way toward relieving food insecurity and the affordable housing crisis in our community.

Thank you for being such a giving church!

Gratefully,

Beth Harrison,

Business Administrator



Comparative Financial Operations/Performance For the 12 month period ending December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,528,014	\$1,734,517
Cash Expenditures	\$1,492,823	\$1,450,463
Tithes & Offerings		
Less Expenditures \$	35,191	\$ 284,054

FEBRUARY EUMW UNIT MEETING

EUMW is having a birthday!

Come celebrate with us!



Thursday, February 3, 2022
11:00am
Fellowship Hall
Dorcas Circle, Hostess

Our special program will be the Community Reader's Theatre.

Come and enjoy!!!

All women are invited to attend.

Please bring your favorite casserole, salad, or dessert to share.

Word In Song Bible Study with Pastor Don

Tuesdays, February 1—March 8 6:30pm

A 7-week Bible study using hymns and songs. You will learn about the history of the song's composure and it's relation to scripture. If you enjoy singing, or making a joyful noise to the Lord, you will enjoy this class.

Sign-up online, by calling the church office, or on Sundays in Fellowship Hall between services.

www:englewoodumc.net under Discipleship



Guide Team Corner

We will be using this forum to keep you abreast of actions that the EUMC Guide Team takes on behalf of the church. At its December and January meetings, the Guide Team discussed and/or acted on the following:

- ◆ A reception for our retiring Director of Music Ministries, Fonda Davies, will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 following the 11am worship service.
- ◆ Discussed the search and interview processes for both the Director of Music Ministries and Church Receptionist positions on staff.
- ◆ A meeting of the Guide Team with the United Methodist Church, District Superintendent Tom Shafer is being planned to provide input and discuss the appointment process for our new Senior Pastor to be effective in July 2022.
- ◆ Discussed ongoing supply chain issues that are continuing to delay the installation of the fire hydrant required by Sarasota County for both the new rummage sale storage facility and the Englewood Helping Hand buildings. Also, there are additional delays in receiving the garage doors for the rummage sale building.
- ◆ Reviewed the current Covid-19 positive testing rates in our community and decided to delay the approval of any outside groups requesting usage of EUMC facilities at this time.
- ◆ It is exciting to see that the Foundations Pre-school is doing well. It is at capacity and continues to provide an outreach to our community.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Beth Harrison

Business Administrator



College Scholarship Applications

Englewood United Methodist Men's Fellowship scholarship applications are available in the church office or by going on the church website. The form is located under: Ministries. To be eligible, an applicant must be a high school senior or a college student who previously received this scholarship and will be continuing their education toward a Bachelor Degree.

Completed applications must be received in the church office by **March 1st** to be considered.

Gene Graham

Scholarship Committee

Men's Fellowship

The Englewood United Methodist Women provides scholarships to high school students for college. This is a one time scholarship. Forms must be received in the church office by **March 31st** to be considered.

Hazel Weekley

Scholarship Committee

United Methodist Women

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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.*

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Adopted 1978 Revised 1989

