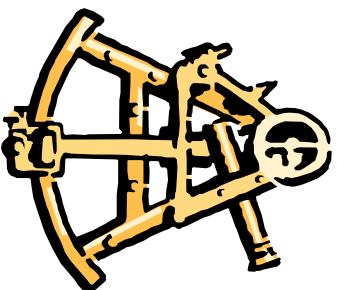


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United Church of Christ  
3450 S. Biscayne Drive  
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# **THE NAVIGATOR**

August/September 2018



**Pastor Attila will be on vacation this summer. He will be back in the Pulpit on August 12th.**

**If a Pastoral Care Emergency should arise, please notify the church office at 426-5580. Pastor Ralph Burton will be leading our worship services and assisting us with pastoral care emergencies while Pastor Attila is out of the office.**



**The Church Office  
will be closed on  
Monday, September 3  
In celebration of  
Labor Day!**



**Haiti Mission Trip 2018: November 11-17.**  
**For details and to sign up please call the church office:**  
**941-426-5580**



**We will build a new home for a family in need. Join us and let's make a difference in the name of Christ.**

**Check out the Be Like Brit website For more information: [Belikebrit.org](http://Belikebrit.org)**

**Trip to Israel in 2019:**  
**September 20-30<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Attend our informational meeting on September 9th at 12:30 p.m. and sign up! Meeting follows pot luck lunch.**



**On this trip to Israel we will have the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized.**



**It's our 3rd Annual  
PUMPKIN PATCH!**

**The Pumpkins are coming  
on October 12th!**

**Soon it will be time to volunteer!**

**Help unload the Pumpkins on  
Friday, October 12th at 4:00 p.m.**

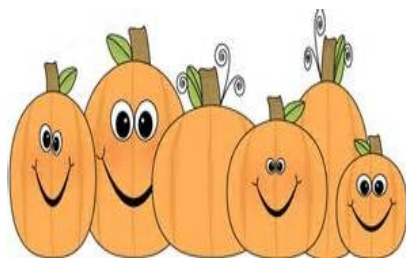
**Once the Pumpkins are  
unloaded, we'll have a cookout  
for all who helped.**



**Proceeds will go to our General Fund.**



**Sales start on Saturday, October 13  
and will be open every day through October 31.  
The sign up chart will be in the Narthex in September.**



**Daily Shifts:**

**11:00—1:00**

**1:00—3:00**

**3:00—5:00**

**5:00—7:00**

**We need two persons to work each shift.**

**We will need lots of help. If everyone does their part, it  
shouldn't be a burden for anyone, so please volunteer.**

**Questions??? See Patti or Terry in the church office.**

## **Singles Dinner Group**

**No Dinner in August.....**



**Singles are invited to meet for dinner September 13 at 5:30 p.m. Check the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to find out the location or call Louise Hall at 941-423-2213 for location, reservations or info.**

**Average monthly attendance:**

**May 2017— 111**

**May 2018— 121**

**June 2017—108**

**June 2018—110**

**Sunday School  
Kick Off  
September 9th**

**Rally  
SUNDAY**



**Join us for Pot Luck lunches  
August 12  
September 9**

**Bring a dish to share  
and enjoy good food and fellowship.**





## **Hurricane Policy**

**It's Hurricane Season, so REMEMBER: Our church policy for closing the church in the event of a storm is—**

**Anytime hurricane conditions are predicted for a Sunday morning, including the possibility of winds high enough to prevent emergency workers from being on the roads, services will be canceled. So.... If on Saturday night, hurricane conditions are being predicted for North Port, you may know that Sunday services are canceled—even if conditions are improved on Sunday morning.**

**“When possible” our calling committees will make phone calls, but please do not rely solely on a phone call. Bottom line: Be Safe!**



**Need a place to go during a Hurricane?  
Do You have a Plan?**

**-hurricane- Be sure to fill out an application for “Sarasota County People With Special Needs”. Copies are available in the church office.**

**The time to make a plan for where to go in the event of a hurricane is NOW, not when one is just a few days away. This will give you and your family peace of mind knowing that you have a plan should the need arise.**



## **Shipwrecked VBS June 18-22, 2018**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way to make our 2018 VBS another successful year. Your generosity is always appreciated.

**We enjoyed the company of 46 children and 8 teens during our exciting week here. Campers and adults alike learned that when we're lonely, worried, struggling, do wrong, or feel powerless—JESUS RESCUES!**

**During the week we had the help of about 40 adult volunteers—an awesome and amazing group of caring people who served our campers in many different ways.**

**Our VBS Mission Project "Be Like Brit" raised over \$600 from the coins the campers brought in each day. They learned many things about Haiti and the "Be Like Brit" organization.**

**On Friday evening we served over 180 for dinner and everyone enjoyed the wonderful program the children put on for their families and friends.**

**Another year well done! Many thanks to all.**

**Miss Ally and Miss Patti**

Faith is making yesterday a stepping stone.



**1969-2019**

**Half a century of memories! Please share some of yours with us as we prepare to celebrate our church's anniversary. We've come this far by faith: a thankful people serving a faithful God for fifty years. Remind us of times, events, people that have helped shape NPCUCC.**

**Memory items may be mailed to or left at the church office (Fiftieth Committee, 3450 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port, FL 34287). The recollections (emails or videos) may be sent to [northportucc@juno.com](mailto:northportucc@juno.com). Send one or send several (as you think of them).**



**The following members and friends will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in August.**

<b>August 1</b>	<b>Tony and Boo Vance</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Nick and Anne Bonsky</b>
<b>August 10</b>	<b>Ed and Patti Boger</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Don and Jean Grim</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Marvin and Jill Kelly</b>

**Has a month passed and you did not see your name? Let us know, we'll be happy to add you to the list. Call the church office and let Patti know.**





**The Charlotte Stone Crabs are offering  
COMMUNITY FREE SUNDAY HOME GAMES this  
season. There is NO CHARGE for parking OR for  
SEATS! This will go on for all SUNDAY home games  
this season. It is sponsored by North Port's own  
KING PLASTICS CORPORATION.**

**The Free Sunday Games are listed below.  
Games start at 12:35 p.m.**

**August 12**

**August 19**

**September 2**

**Start your day with  
Breakfast, Friends  
And good conversation!**



**All women are invited to join together for breakfast  
on Wednesday, August 1 and September 5. Check  
the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall for more  
details.**



Three books have been purchased by funds given to the church library by UCC Women. These books all concern Haiti and come from the Reading for Renewal list supplied by the Florida State women.

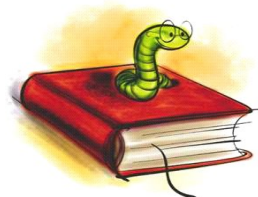
***“Heartache and Hope in Haiti: The Britney Gengel Story”*** by Len and Cherylann Gengel is of special interest to the children in VBS as they supported the “Be Like Brit” organization. The book is written by Britney’s parents in honor of their daughter who was killed in the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. The book explains their endeavors in building an orphanage to make their daughter’s dream come true.

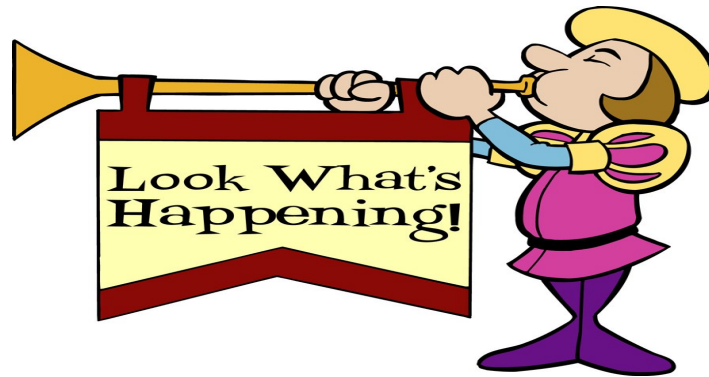
With so much interest in Haiti, the book ***“Did you Know? Over One Hundred Facts about Haiti and her Children”*** by Marjorie Charlot will give you an approachable and informative introduction to Haiti.

The third book is ***“A Sky the Color of Chaos”*** by M. J. Fievre. This book is the story of M.J.’s perilous childhood during the rise and fall of Haiti’s President-Priest. This is a vivid account of the perils of growing up in Haiti.

Please note that the ***“Left Behind”*** series has been placed in the far left shelf hoping that many will read this series. Book One is ***Left Behind: A Novel of Earth’s Last Days.***”

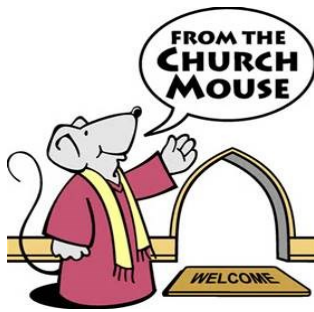
Please excuse the confusion in the shelving as the committee is shifting and weeding.  
**Happy Reading!**





## **UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!**

<b>July 15 thru August 26</b>	<b>Undy Sunday and Fill-A-Flatbed Mission Project</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Pastor Attila returns</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>Rally Day Sunday Official start of Sunday School</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>Pot Luck lunch following worship</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>Video Chat meeting for Israel Trip Sign up for trip at the meeting</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Pumpkins Arrive</b>
<b>October 13—31</b>	<b>Pumpkin Patch is Open</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Deadline to sign up for Israel Trip</b>
<b>November 11-17</b>	<b>Haiti Mission Trip</b>



## **From the Church Mouse.....**

**Did you see Pip and me at Shipwrecked VBS? We were there! Climbed all the way up to the top of the sail, but found out there was an Iguana named Guac**

**hanging out up there. He thought we might make a tasty snack, so we scurried back down the mast and hid among the coconut trees. It was good to see our friends return and have some fun with us. Our favorite song had us sliding and gliding, swooping and soaring, but most importantly remembering “Don’t Worry ‘bout a Thing!” (Not even Iguanas??) A good lesson for us all. Now that the ship has sailed away, things have gotten a bit more quiet around the big room and folks are going away trying to find cooler places. Pip and I will just stay here and keep an eye on the place and enjoy the quiet days until things get busy and crazy again. Enjoy the rest of your summer.**



**Ye Olde Church Mouse & Pip**

*Prayer Shawl  
Ministry*



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**Attention knitters  
and those who crochet!**

**Prayer Shawls will resume meeting on August 14th at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.**



## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

**Remember the 2nd Sunday is our Collection of Food for those who are hungry. We alternate months, going to Salvation Army and Face of Hope.**



**Join us!  
November 11-17, 2018**

**We are limited to just 8 persons. Call the office to sign up. Cost is \$1,650 per person and includes your expenses and supplies to build a house.**

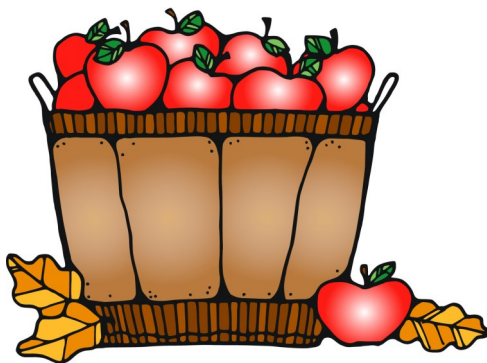


## Dine to Donate!

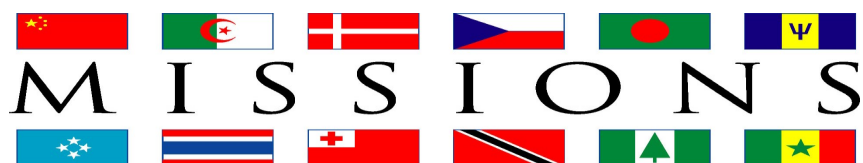
**Please continue to take your vouchers to Perkins each time you dine there.**

**Perkins will collect the vouchers and quarterly send us a check donating 10% of the subtotal of everyone's bills.**

**A win/win for everyone. Last month we received \$49.96! We appreciate your support of this program.**



**Large enough to serve you;  
small enough to know you.**



## **Undy Sunday Fill-A-Flatbed**

**Every summer we collect underwear, socks and back to school supplies for our local school children. We will be collecting these items now through the last Sunday in August. Watch carefully for sales in the stores and pick up some items when you have a chance. There will be a container in the narthex for you to put them. These items will be distributed to the schools in North Port for children who need them. We thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**Norma Beach**



## **A Brief Update on ECHO**

**This year our ECHO mission is two-fold. We are supporting the Seed Bank ministry in Chiang Mai, Thailand. AND, we are building a support fund for young people who need our help in their plans to become missionaries. In the next *Navigator* I will go into more detail. Thank you for all you can do to support ECHO - ending worldwide hunger!**

**Sharon Miller, for The Missions Committee**



## August Birthdays:

August 1	Bob Case
August 6	Marvin Kelly
August 6	Kristin Padalik
August 9	Anne Bonsky
August 10	Corinne Kiefer
August 10	Darlene Phillips
August 11	Tim Davis
August 14	Brent Campos
August 21	Larry Swanson
August 25	Terry Hong
August 27	Kelly Winton
August 28	Doug Minich
August 31	Alyda Carpenter



## September Birthdays:



September 7	Mary Ann Anderson
September 16	Dorothy Hewes
September 16	Ray Hunt
September 17	David Nickerson
September 20	Grace Padalik
September 21	Pastor Attila
September 24	Karen Knudsen
September 25	M.R. Clapper
September 30	Joan Peters

# **AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

<b>August 5</b>	<b>Tony and Boo Vance</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Don and Jean Grim</b>
<b>August 19</b>	<b>Larry and Donna Swanson</b>
<b>August 26</b>	<b>Barbara Mervine</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Becky Rooney</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>Marilyn Miller</b>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>Marvin and Jill Kelly</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>Becky Rooney</b>
<b>September 30</b>	<b>Joan Peters</b>



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congregation that  
celebrates the diversity of  
our members but focuses  
on what we as Christians  
have in common in order  
to nurture growth and  
healing."**



**HAVE YOU MADE A WILL?  
DID YOU REMEMBER  
YOUR CHURCH?**



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