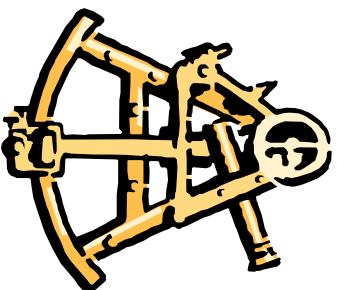


North Port Community
United Church of Christ
3450 S. Biscayne Drive
North Port, FL 34287



THE NAVIGATOR

May, 2018



May 2018

The Spirit of the LORD has told me what to say. (2 Samuel 23:2)

Dear Church Family,

On the official church calendar, 50 days after the resurrection of Christ comes Pentecost. The outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the believer and the very birth of the Church. The truth is, for us as Christians it is always Pentecost.

The words from the book of Samuel are the last words of King David. They speak of the Holy Spirit. This great King who knew that the LORD was his shepherd knew the LORD as his guide. As a King he had accomplished many great things and yet this is what his last words are about.

**The Spirit of the LORD has told me what to say.
(2 Samuel 23:2)**

Here we see the Holy Spirit already in the Old Testament but in the New Testament all believers have the Holy Spirit living within them. We need the Holy Spirit to show us the way. Think of the Apostle Paul and the guidance he received on his missionary journey.

It is recorded for us in Acts 16:6:

Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time.

It is an exciting fact that as Christians we receive guidance in such a practical and concrete way, if we just ask. We need, as individuals and as the Church, this leading of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis; so we walk through life with open eyes, a receptive heart and rise up for action where action is needed.

Let's give thanks as Pentecost approaches that the Holy Spirit is the Comforter and great Helper, so we would notice and see and act when others need our help. The world needs the Church and the believer to be alert.

***But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name (in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf), He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.
(John 14:26)***



**Please pray for our upcoming
NPCUCC Church Retreat!
May 3-5 at DaySpring**



**A few photos selected for you to enjoy.
Faith Builder Trip to Wauchula on April 6th**





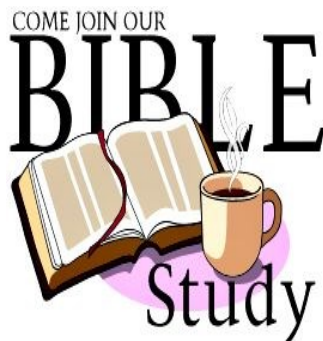
Together in Mission:
Pastor *Attila Szemesi*/NPCUCC

**Pastor Attila is in the office
Monday — Thursday
To schedule an appointment, Call the office—426-5580**

**Email:
npcuccpastor@frontier.com
Please Visit our Website: www.npcucc.org**



**The Church Office
will be closed on
Monday, May 28
in observance of Memorial Day**



In Home Bible Studies....

**May 17th
6:00 p.m. at the Miller's
Call Nancy Case for
more information.
423-5618**

Singles Dinner Group



Singles are invited to meet for dinner at the Olde World Restaurant on May 10 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Louise Hall at 941-423-2213 for reservations or info.

Care Team is looking for a few volunteers

Our Care Team Ministry is looking for a few volunteers to help assist with visiting some of our folks who are in Nursing Care facilities or are homebound. If you'd be interested in helping out, see DJ Covert for more information.



May 28, 2018



Weekly Prayer List Update

As our new church year starts fresh on May 1st, so will our Weekly Prayer List in our Sunday bulletin. It has been decided that this list should be refreshed annually.

If you are on the prayer list and wish to remain on the list or if you have placed someone on the prayer and you want them to remain on the list, please call the church office to let us know.

On May 1, all those on our current list will be removed and a new list created.

Jingle Bell Pens

The Jingle Bell committee is selling NPCUCC pens to raise money to purchase a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary. Pens are \$5 each and can be purchased in Fellowship Hall following Sunday services or you can leave a message for the Committee by calling the church office at 426-5580.





**Join us at
Shipwrecked VBS**



**June 18-22, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**North Port Community UCC
3450 S. Biscayne Drive
North Port, FL 34287
941-426-5580
Email: northportucc@juno.com**

Ages 5-completion of grade 5



**Stories
Cool Crafts
Yummy Snacks
Fun Games
Lively Music**

Space is limited. Registration Closes When Full.



March 2019 marks our 50th anniversary. We hope to share our history in displays and presentations during the celebration. Your personal recollections will give us ideas and add greatly to the occasion. If you would be willing to write or record something about an event or person, we would be grateful.

Memory items may be mailed to or left at the office (Fiftieth Committee, 3450 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port, FL 34287).

The recollections (emails or videos) may be sent to northportucc@juno.com. Send one or send several (as you think of them). Thank you for sharing and helping to honor your church during this special time.





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.

**April 22
May 6
May 20
May 27
June 10**

**July 1
August 12
August 19
September 2**

On the Calendar:



Women OF the Church

Soup and Sandwich fundraiser May 9 & 10

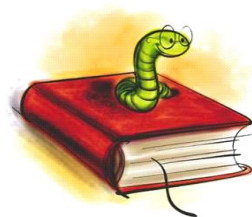
Last meeting of the season May 16th at 10:00. Bring a sandwich to share and join us. All are welcome.



New to the shelf is ***“Holyistic: Attitudes: God’s Prescription for your Good Health”*** by Harold Paul Adolph, M.D. with Dave Bourne. According to the author-doctor, a direct relationship exists between our spiritual health and our physical health. He examines how attitudes such as hatred, guilt, fear and discontent can wreak havoc on a person’s body. This is a book by a veteran missionary physician who tells you how to lay hold of God’s healing power and add quality years to your life.

Two books by Carlene A. Walker have been donated by Mary Ann Anderson. ***“Prepper Survival Guide for Women”*** volumes one and two outline preparedness for many situations and the supplies needed to survive. The suggestions are informative, timely and written with a sense of humor.

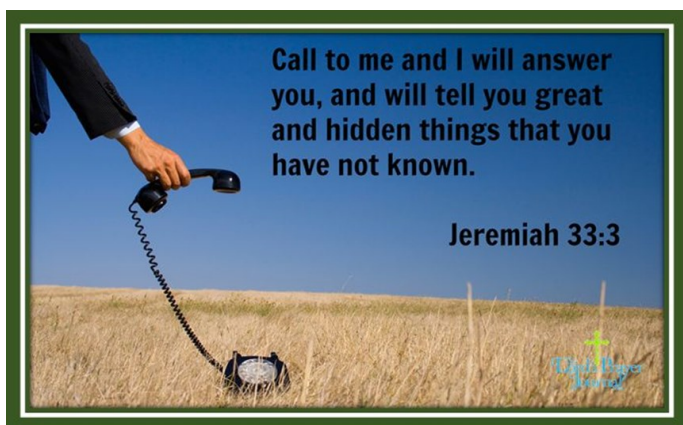
For those who missed viewing ***“The Ride”*** at our recent movie night, it is now available to borrow.



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



All women are invited to join together for breakfast on Wednesday, May 2. Check the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall for more details.



Call to me and I will answer
you, and will tell you great
and hidden things that you
have not known.

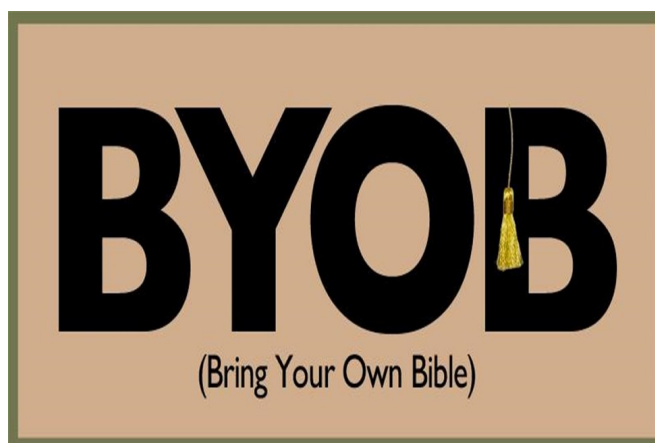
Jeremiah 33:3

**Prayer Line:
941-426-5580**

**(If you get the answering
machine, please call back)**

(*This is not a counseling line but a prayer line).

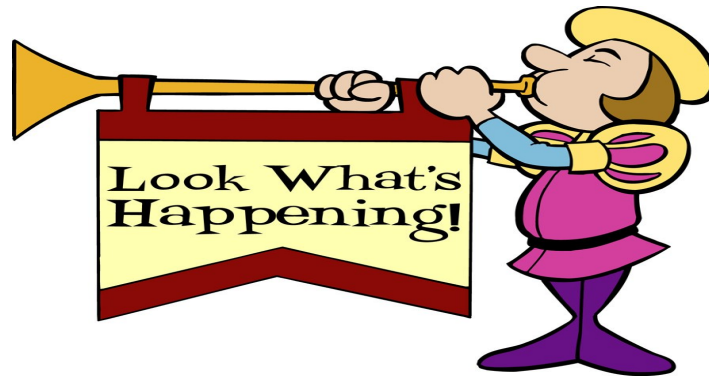
**Bible Study
Every Tuesday
11:00 a.m.
Bring a lunch
If you wish.**



*No Matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are always welcome here!*

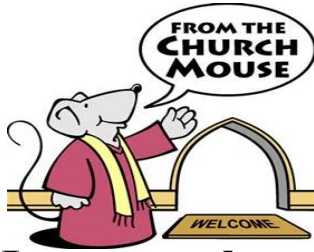


**Join us on Wednesday morning for
Morning Prayer
7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.**



UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

April 29	Congregational meeting
May 3-5	Church retreat
May 13	Mother's Day
May 20	Pentecost
May 26	German Service
May 28	Memorial Day—Office Closed
May 31	Imagination Station Workshop
May 31	Bible Story Workshop
June 4	VBS Staff Orientation
June 9	Youth Leaders Orientation
June 10	Start Decorating for VBS
June 11	Tour Guides Meeting
June 12	VBS Music Workshop
June 18-22	Vacation Bible School
June 22	VBS Dinner and Program



From the Church Mouse.....

It's still busy around the big building, but not as busy as it had been. Pip and I went on the trip to see The Story of Jesus. We got locked in the van when then stopped for dinner, but scurried out at Wauchula. A great show with lots of our friends.

Lots of our snowy bird friends have been saying goodbye and we're sad to see them go. Hurry back to us soon.

We hear talk that it's getting time for our favorite time of the year—VBS! Hear we're going on a ship this year, but the ship will have some problems, but Jesus will be there to rescue us all. Can't wait. Better find my sailor hat!

Ye Olde Church Mouse & Pip



*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**Attention knitters
and those who crochet!**

Join us for prayer, knitting and fellowship. Tuesday, May 8 and 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Nancy Case 423-5618.



**Food
Collection**

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.



Dine to Donate!

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

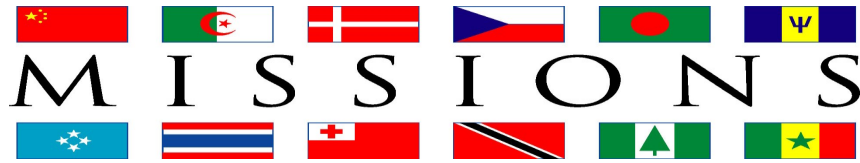
Perkins will collect the vouchers and quarterly send us a check donating 10% of the subtotal of everyone's bills. A win/win for everyone. We appreciate your support of this program.

**Average monthly
attendance:**

**March 2017— 172
March 2018— 184**



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



Mission Focus for May Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.



ECHO Intern Update

Thank you to the UCC Women other individuals and donations as a whole for helping us to meet and exceed our goal for the year. We are able to send \$982.97 to ECHO for this program.

May Birthdays:

May 1	Becky Rooney
May 4	Andrea St. Onge
May 7	Jean Grim
May 12	Larry May
May 12	Merle Ramsey
May 13	Ed Boger
May 16	Shane Dougherty
May 17	Lindsay Louke
May 27	Jill Kelly
May 29	Donna Swanson
May 31	Larry Luther



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 following members and friends will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in April.

May 5	Wes and Marge Bates
May 16	Tom and Darlene Phillips
May 22	Dick and Norma Beach
May 22	Randy and Margaret Cook
May 25	Gene and Mary Maples
May 26	Alden and Sharon Miller

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ALTAR FLOWERS:

May 6	Dave and Lynn Sanford
May 13	Merle Ramsey; Barbara Gordon
May 20	Louzan and Delores Edwards
May 27	Larry and Donna Swanson



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

**Our NPCUCC Vision:
"NPCUCC is a welcoming
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."**



**Pentecost Sunday
May 20th
Wear Red!**



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday

Closed on Friday

Patti Bourque, Office Manager

Terry Hong, Office Assistant