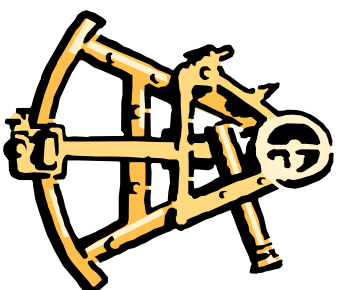


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# THE NAVIGATOR

## November 2018

*From the  
Pastor*



**November 2018**

**Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. *(1 Thessalonians 5:13-15)***

**Dear Church Family,**

**The Bible has been our focus throughout the month of October as we remembered the heroes of the Reformation. The Bible was (is) inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is the Word of God and it was written for the betterment of our very lives.**

**The passage above is no exception in this vast treasure of life-giving words. It sheds light on our path and helps us to live according to God's laws and so have a full and meaningful life.**

**The current study in our \*Adult Sunday School Class (\*Every Sunday morning in Decker Hall from 8:15-9:15am) is "25 Ways to win With People" (How To Make Others Feel Like A Million Bucks) – a great title! In the book we can read the following quote by Les Giblin: "You can't make the other fellow feel important in your presence if you secretly feel that he is a nobody." Thessalonians makes the same point except it uses different words. It is words like live in peace with each other...encourage the timid...help the weak...be patient with everyone. One has to make room in their heart for God's Agape love to**

**accomplish this and indeed what we think about others shows up in how we treat them and how we talk to them. Yes, we cannot make the other feel like a million bucks when we secretly think that they are not worth a penny. What have we been thinking about others? Let's make a strong effort to live by the words from Thessalonians. God knows best and when our thoughts lead us astray in regards to our brothers and sisters let's put the brakes on and lead those thoughts captive like the Bible tells us to. I don't know about you, but reading the quote by Les Giblin and reading the Bible helps me once again to rethink and do it God's way.**

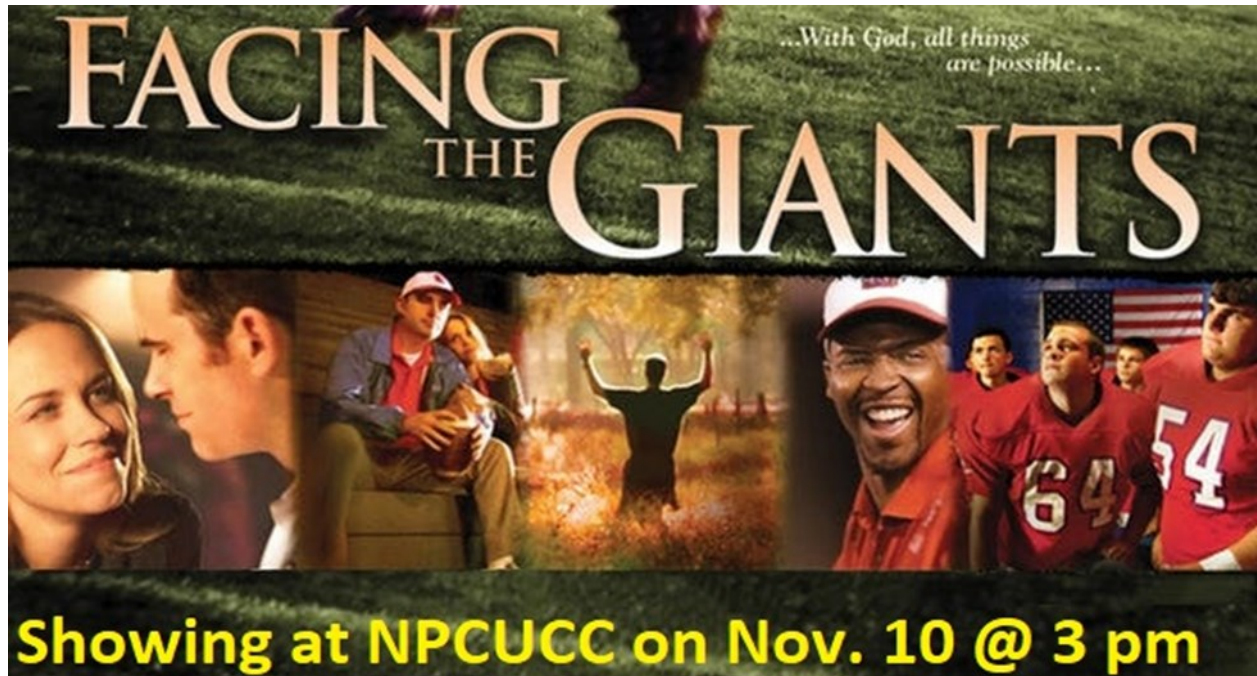
**The wonderful thing is that God wants to help us. We don't need to do it on our own. Actually we can't!**

**Deadline for The Israel Trip is November 4<sup>th</sup>. Join us on this Amazing Trip, coming up in 2019. Visit us on Facebook and see videos and more details about the Israel Trip.**



**Family Movie Event here at NPCUCC  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m.**

**Join us for our next Family Movie. With concession stand!  
Invite family, friends and neighbors! See the trailer on our  
Facebook page.**



**See below a few selected images from this past month!  
Florida Conference Annual Meeting held at the Naples UCC  
11-13 of October.**

**Rev. John Vertigan  
Conference Minister  
(UCC Florida  
Conference)**







**Rick Carson**  
**Chief Editor of Celebrate Florida**



**Worship at the Florida Conference**  
**Annual Meeting (Naples UCC)**



**Visit with Bob and Nancy  
Case (We miss them!)**

**Cindy and Karen -  
Pumpkin Patch Fun at the  
NPCUCC**



**Blessings to you and yours this  
THANKSGIVING SEASON:  
Pastor *Attila Szemesi*/NPCUCC**

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

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[npcuccpastor@frontier.com](mailto:npcuccpastor@frontier.com)  
Please Visit our Website:  
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## **Singles Dinner Group**



**Singles are invited to meet for dinner November 8th at 5:30 p.m. at Beef 'O' Brady's at the corner of Price and Sumter in North Port. Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Call Mary Ann Dunlap 423-9890 for more info.**

**Average monthly attendance:**

**September 2017—98  
September 2018—114**



**Join us for a  
Thanksgiving Pot Luck lunch  
November 18th**

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall to let us know how many will be coming and what you will bring.**



## **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)**

**If you are over 70 1/2 and have an investment plan, you are required to withdraw a percentage, determined by the IRS, every year by December 31st. If you take this as income it is a taxable event to you.**

**A great way to avoid taxes, and to fulfill your church pledge, is to donate this, or a portion of it, to North Port Community United Church of Christ. This can be simply done by contacting your broker.**

**Please consider this as you prepare for the end of the year.**

**Regards,  
Douglas Minich  
Board of Trustees, Chair**



**Saturday, November 4th!  
Remember to "Fall Back"  
One hour**





Have you ever wondered about the history of Christianity? The church library has many books on this and many other subjects. “*A Global History of Christians*” by Paul R. Spickard and Kevin M. Craig is such a book. The authors have written a multicultural balance of ideas that have influenced the Christian church throughout the ages.

Another book of interest is the “*History of Prayer in America: One Nation Under God*” by James P. Moore, Jr. This book shows that without prayer, the political, cultural, social, and even economic and military history of the United States would be vastly different from what it is today.

New to the shelf is “*Ghost Boy: The miraculous Escape of a misdiagnosed Boy Trapped Inside His own Body*” by Martin Pistorius; a story of the author's struggle to live a normal life.

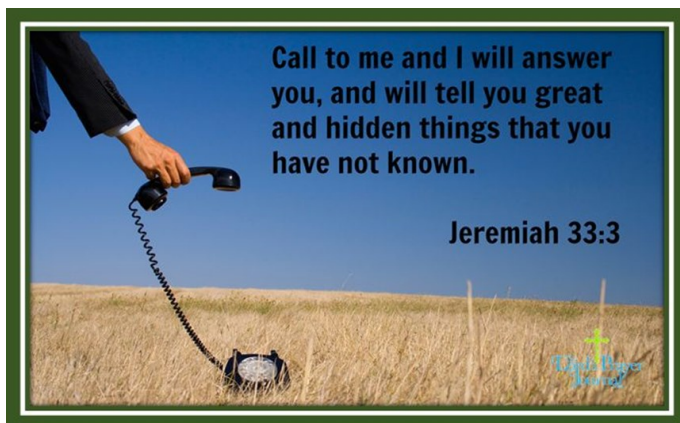
Check out your church library!



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



**All women are invited to join together for breakfast on Wednesday, November 7th at Olde World Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. 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.

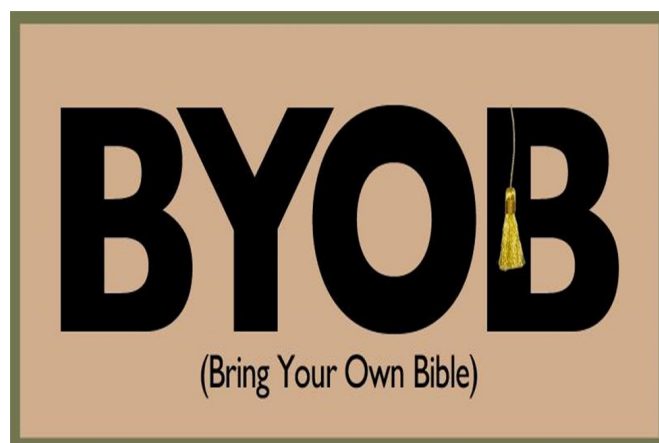
Jeremiah 33:3

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

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

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

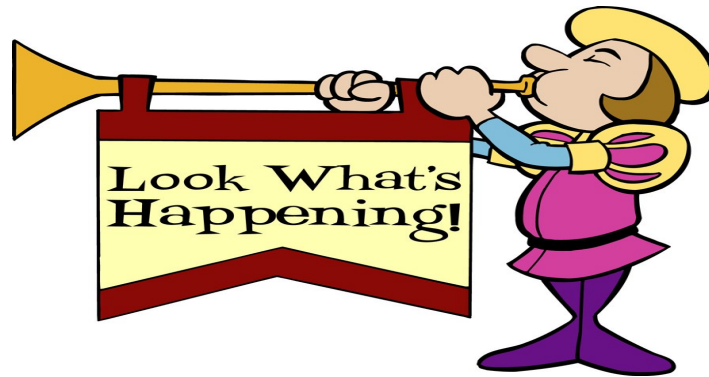
**Bible Study  
Every Tuesday  
11:00 a.m.  
Bring a lunch  
If you wish.**



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



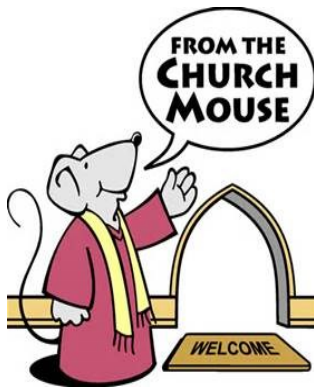
**Join us on Wednesday morning for  
Morning Prayer  
7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.**



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

<b>October 13—31</b>	<b>Pumpkin Patch is Open Daily 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>October 28</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Deadline to sign up for Israel Trip</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Movie</b>
<b>November 15-17</b>	<b>Rummage Sale</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Pot Luck</b>
<b>December 9</b>	<b>Choir Cantata</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Breakfast with Santa</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m.</b>





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

**The big orange things have arrived! They look so nice and colorful. Pip and I have been outside in the patch every day. Have you seen us? We try to sneak into everyone's picture without being noticed. It is good to see friends from previous years coming back to say hi and pick out their "perfect" pumpkin. Many plan to be back for the breakfast with the man in the red suit. The new big tree has arrived. Can't wait to see it all decorated. It is nice to see so many of our snowy birds coming back. They tell us that it was hot in the summer just like here. Sometimes it gets confusing with pumpkins, turkeys and Christmas trees all at the same time. Time for Pip and I to sell some pumpkins. Happy Thanksgiving to all.**

## **Ye Olde Church Mouse & Pip**



*Prayer Shawl Ministry*



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**Attention knitters  
and those who crochet!**

**Prayer Shawls are now back meeting again on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.**



## 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.**



**The Church Office  
Will be closed  
Thursday, November 22  
For Thanksgiving Day**



## 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.**

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





## **Operation Christmas Child**

**We hope you are working on your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring them in no later than November 11th. Many thanks for your participation in this project.**



## **Community Outreach at work**

**Thank you to all who helped with our Pumpkin Patch by unloading our pumpkins and/or working at the pumpkin patch during the past two weeks. It's been a great opportunity to connect with members of our North Port Community. Your help has been appreciated.**



# Save the Date Breakfast with Santa

**December 15, 2018  
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**



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**Breakfast:  
\$5 for adults; Children 5-12 \$3.00  
Children under 5 free**

**Bring your camera and have  
your picture taken with Santa!**

***Free crafts for children***



*Our German Ministry  
At work in Sarasota!*



**Deutscher  
Gottesdienst  
Sonntag, den 11. November  
um 14 Uhr  
in der Faith Lutheran  
Church**

**7750 Beneva Road  
Sarasota, FL  
Telefon: 924-4664**

**Jeder ist herzlich willkommen.  
Anschließend gemütliche Kaffeestunde.**

**1 Block nördlich von der Westfield Mall  
Eingang vom Parkplatz**

## November Birthdays:

<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>Bob Case</b>
<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>Delores Edwards</b>
<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Mina Sundeen</b>
<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>Madeleine Bonsky</b>
<b>Nov. 14</b>	<b>Mike Bourque</b>
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>Lynn Sanford</b>
<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>Neville Miles</b>
<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>Kathy Stysick</b>
<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>Sharon Miller</b>
<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>Wilma Hobbs</b>

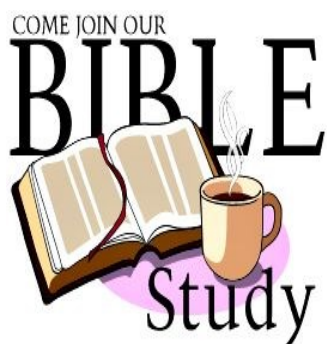


**Has a month passed and you did not see your name? Let us know, we'll be happy to add you to the list. Call the church office and let Patti know.**



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

<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>Harold and Jeanne Perry</b>
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Howard and Grace Johnson</b>
<b>Nov. 28</b>	<b>Doug and Cindy Minich</b>



**In Home Bible Studies....**

**November 15th  
6:00 p.m. at the Mithoefer's  
Call Delores Edwards  
for more information.  
876-3376**



# NOVEMBER

## ALTAR FLOWERS:

Nov. 4	John and Sandy McKean
Nov. 11	Barbara Mervine
Nov. 18	Bill and Lorraine Wuolo
Nov. 25	Doug and Cindy Minich



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**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."



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



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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**