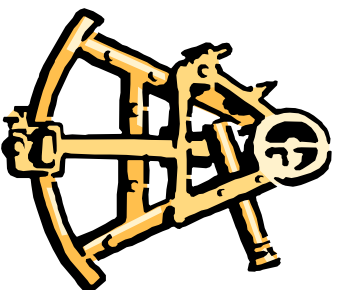


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THE NAVIGATOR

September, 2017





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**And the Gospel...shall be preached
in all the world for a witness unto
all nations. (Matthew 24:14)**

Dear Church Family,

**There is a great hymn of the faith called:” We’ve A Story
To Tell To The Nations”; it is not just any story but the
salvation story. Here is how the message of that great
hymns goes...**

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 569

Text: H. Ernest Nichol, 1862-1928 (CWH attrib to Colin Sterne)

Music: H. Ernest Nichol, 1862-1928

**1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.**

Refrain:

**For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.**

**2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.**

(Refrain)

**3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.**

(Refrain)

**4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.**

(Refrain)

Indeed GOD sent his Son JESUS to save us. The great work of Salvation is finished and God placed his seal of approval on it by raising HIS SON JESUS CHRIST from the dead. This truth has impact on our daily living.

German Lutheran pastor **Dietrich Bonhoeffer* said the following about the Mission of the Church: “The Church is the Church only when it exists for others. The Church must share in the secular problem of ordinary human life, not dominating but helping and serving.” (* These words were written by him while in prison in 1944.)

Deo Volente (God Willing) I will join the Florida Conference of the UCC together with nine other pastors on a FACT FINDING MISSION to Haiti.



Please pray for our team, we will visit orphanages and local clinics. We are meeting on the 18th and leave on the 19th very early, we return on the 21st of September. Please find inserted in this newsletter a wish list of items needed to support the Mission in Haiti. Deadline to turn in these items is the 17th of September.

It is my goal to write regular updates and post photos of the trip on our Church Facebook page while in Haiti. THANK YOU for your prayerful SUPPORT! More updates to follow.

**Recent visit with Ruth Adams, Izak Kolodny and Cassie
on 08-16-2017**



**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.npccucc.org**



Medical Items

Children's Pepto-Bismol chewable Children's Tylenol (Chewable and Liquid)
Children's Chewable Multivitamins with IRON (Flintstones complete or similar) No gummies please!!!
Children's Decongestant PepcidTums assorted fruit Children's Cough Medicine
Propel & Gatorade Packets (Powder) NEILMED Sinus Rinse Premixed Packets
Instant First-Aid Ice Packs Gloves - S, M, L, XL (Non-Latex)

Food and Kitchen Items

Cake mixes Icing Spam Brownie Mix Goya Adobo Spices, Garlic, Onion
Individual Snack Packets for School Lunches (Cookies, Crackers, Fruit Snacks, etc.)
Juice Boxes for School Lunches (Capri Sun, Minute Maid, etc.)
Mayonnaise Ketchup Olive Oil (in plastic containers) Nutella Hershey's Spread
Paper Plates Napkins Plastic Silverware Spaghetti Sauce (Plastic Jars please!)

Health & Beauty

Hair Products for Girls: Argon Oil, Olive Oil Body Cream/Lotion (Cocoa Butter)
Hair Clipper Kits for the boys (Conair, Wahl) - We shave all 33 boys heads weekly!
Hair Brushes for Ethnic Hair Shampoo Toothpaste
Hand Sanitizer Hand Soap Underwear for Girls Boys Belts (Color: Black)

Tools and Supplies

Extension cords 25' or more HP Printer Ink - 61 & 61XL (black and color)
MagLife Flashlights (Model: ML300L) Circular saw blades
45 Gallon Trash Bags



Welcome to our new Office Assistant

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Terry Hong to the church office as our new Office Assistant. Terry will be assisting our office manager, Patti, in the day to day operations of our church. She will be working Monday through Thursday from 9:00 until noon.

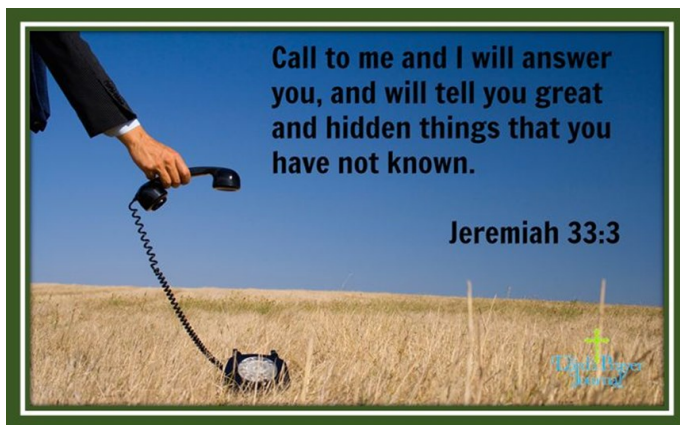
Terry and her husband, Paul have been attending NPCUCC for quite some time. She is a blessing and an answer to prayer. Please stop in and say Welcome!



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



All women are invited to join together for breakfast on Wednesday, September 6. 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.

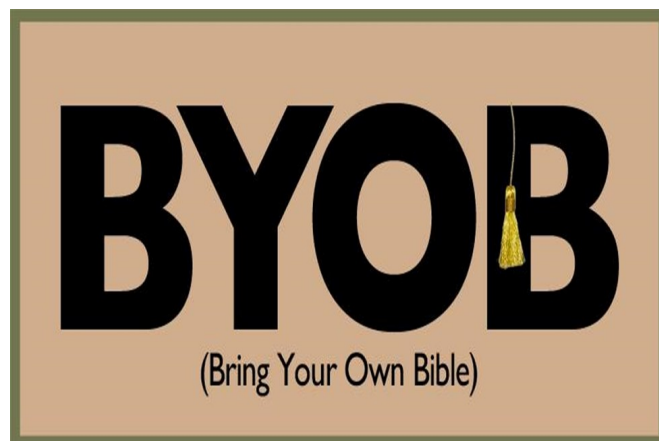
Jeremiah 33:3

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

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

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

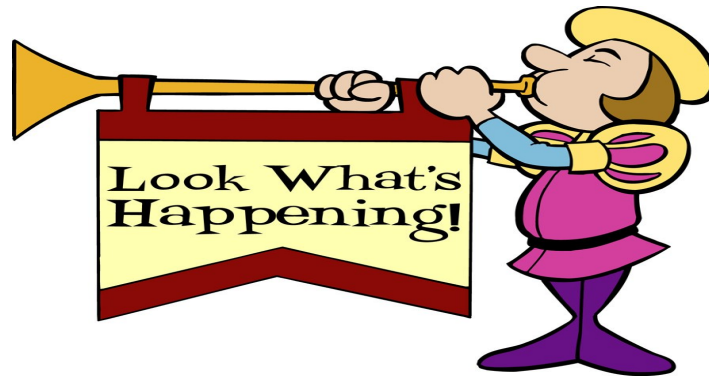
**Bible Study
Every Tuesday
11:00 a.m.
Bring a lunch
If you wish.**



*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!

September 4	Labor Day—Office Closed
September 10	Rally Day Sunday —Sunday School begins Adults and Children
September 16	Prime Rib Dinner & Concert
September 18—21	Pastor Attila Haiti Mission Trip
October 7	Pumpkin's Arrive
October 7—31	Pumpkin Patch Open Daily
October 22	Celebrate Reformation
October 28	Golf Outing with Venice & St. Andrews UCC churches
November 4	Dinner & Lemon Bay Players
November 19	Thanksgiving Pot Luck



In the Mail Bag....

We have received a note from Meagan Gann that she and Christiaan have safely arrived in Idaho. Their new address is listed below:

**Meagan Gann
2432 E. Thomas Hill Drive
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815**

Why not drop her a card, I'm sure she'd love to hear from you!

Correction:

**The info for Louise Hall was incorrectly printed
in the new green church phone directory.**

Her house phone is 941-423-2213

Her cell phone is 941-468-3985

Her email is louise321elbert@gmail.com



**The church
office will be
closed on
Monday,
September 4th**





The church Drama Team, "The Message Players " of the North Port Community United Church of Christ are presenting *"The Lion, Witch, and The Wardrobe"* on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

This full stage production of C.S. Lewis's endearing fable is the first staged drama being offered by the church in a continuing effort to bring live theater and the Dramatic Word to our church family and the lives of those in the community.

Open auditions for the play will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Decker Hall and on Sunday, December 10th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. also in Decker Hall.

Rehearsals will begin the week of January 8, 2018. Every effort will be made to accommodate cast members school schedules.

Following the production of *"The Lion, Witch Wardrobe"* the Message Players will be working on the rights to perform a Dramatization of the life of C.S. Lewis. Dates for this production will be announced at a later date.



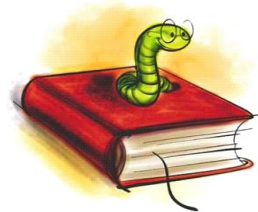


From the Library

Two donations to the Youth shelf are “*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*” by Roald Dahl and “*Hatchet*” by Gary Paulsen. Thank you to all who donate books for our church library.

Sharon and Alden Miller have donated many books dealing with developing food and agricultural problems around the world. One book is “*The Good Garden: How One Family went from Hunger to Having Enough*” by Katie Smith Milway. Maria Luz and her family are poor struggling farmers. Her father leaves to find work so Maria is left to garden. A new teacher comes to town that teaches her how to garden. This is a simple story about a big issue: food insecurity. It is an introduction for children to be aware of this global issue.

“*One Hen*”, also by Katie Smith Milway involves Kojo, who earns money by gathering firewood. He is given a small loan and he buys hens to sell their eggs. With the profits he buys more hens and goes to school. As he earns more, he lends money so others can leave poverty behind. This is a persuasive story of how reaching out to help someone with a small loan can have a big impact. Change can happen, one person at a time.



Sold here!

**Stop in the church
office during the week.
Great for gifts!**



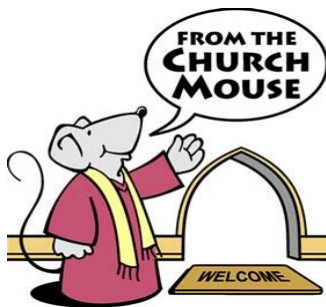


**The church office
will be closed on
Fridays for the summer.**

**Wednesday,
August 30 & Sept.27
Grief Support Group
at 10:00 a.m.**



And it's been hot!



From the Church Mouse.....

It's been a bit quiet around here during August. Think it's too hot for folks to be out and about doing things or else they are out traveling around to many places. Heard there's a new lady in the office these days, might want to stop in and say hi. Pip and I heard that she's not afraid of mice, so think we'll pop in to meet her some day. Dinners coming up soon and that always means yummy food for us to nibble. Keep cool and see you soon.

Ye Olde Church Mouse & Pip



DINNER AND CONCERT

September 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$20

Prime Rib Dinner & Concert:

Classical Vocal Soloist Alicia Bauer, singing beautiful songs in English & German. Accompanied by Charles Wolf.

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

Office Phone Number: 941-426-5580

Reservation Deadline is September 11, 2017

***Come join us for good food and
a beautiful concert!
Everyone is welcome!***

Alicia Bauer, Mezzo-soprano

I completed my general education in Glatz, Schlesien and West Germany. It is not possible to equate the music education from Silesia and West Germany during the War years.

I was fortunate to have a music sponsorship after I immigrated to the U.S.A. in 1955 to Colorado Springs, Colorado, I studied voice that same year with Professor Irene Margolinski, a former Opera Soprano from Berlin, Germany. After Prof. Margolinski died in 1980, I transferred to my mentor, Josephine von Rittershausen Whaley, Operatic Soprano formerly from Munich, Germany.



I retained my musical tutoring from both instructors from 1955 to 1986.

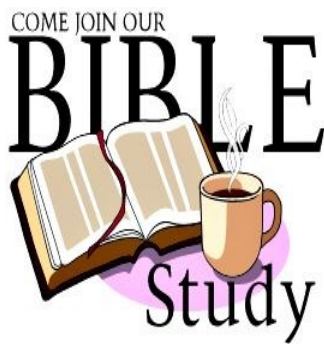
During these years I performed in Denver, Colorado, and Colorado Springs, at the Fine Arts Center on Dale Street, and for the American Music Society and the Colorado Springs Music Club. I have always sung solo, piano accompanied. Residing in Colorado Springs and Breckenridge, Co. I gave many solo benefit concerts.

When we moved to Prescott, Arizona. I continued Operatic and Golden Oldies performances locally and in the Arizona Opera House .

All my formal musical education was in the Classics; Schubert, Schumann, Wolf, Brahms, R. Strauss, Lehar, Puccini, Johann Strauss and American composers.

In 2011, we moved to Venice, Florida.

Alicia F. Bauer



In Home Bible Studies....

The September Evening Bible Study will be hosted by Bob and Nancy Case on Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Questions?? See Nancy Case

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



Sunday, September 10th will be our Rally Day Sunday Kick Off of our Sunday School classes for the coming year.

Adult Sunday school classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and go to 9:15 a.m. in Decker Hall. Coffee and....will be provided. The time will be reviewed on our first day. Pastor Attila will be conducting these classes. A workbook will be needed. The cost will be between \$7 and \$10. Please call the church office to sign up.

Sunday school classes for children ages 4 and up will begin on that day too. Following the children's message, they will go over to Decker Hall. A new fun curriculum is on hand and it is sure to be a great year! Ice cream sundaes for the children will follow during coffee hour. See you there!

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.”**

**Average monthly
attendance:**

**July 2016: 85
July 2017: 101**

Lay Readers:

Sept. 3	Betty Van Tassell
Sept. 10	Lynn Sanford
Sept. 17	Cindy Minich
Sept. 24	Neville Miles

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

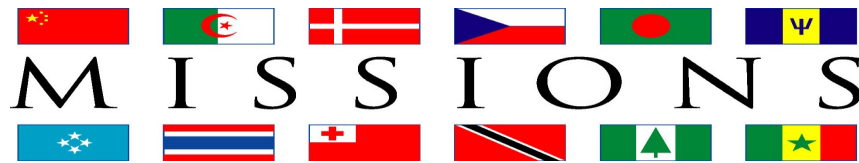


**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
NPCUCC Bus Trip to
Holy Land in Orlando and Cocoa Beach**

Tuesday, February 27—Thursday, March 1, 2018

**Plans have been made for motor coach transportation to
the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, the Morse
Museum, Tiffany Chapel, Gatorland, and the Cocoa
Beach Pier.**

**Cost is \$275 per person—lodging and 4 meals are
included. Flyers with detailed information are available
through the church office or in the narthex of the church.
Call or stop by the office to sign up now.**



On Sunday, September 10, join us as we hear about the work that Catholic Charites is doing in our community.

Now....for an update on Meg Robel who was our ECHO Intern last year.

Meg's Next Step

As you remember, last year we sponsored the ECHO Intern Program and Meg was our face to ECHO. Here are excerpts from the most recent communication from Meg...

"Thank you so much for your prayers and support this past year during my internship at ECHO! I am so grateful for the things that I was able to learn during my time there, both academically and spiritually, and I am super excited to put this new training into practice!

Moving forward now that my internship is complete, I will be returning to the same villages in Cambodia where I was so blessed to have the opportunity to serve during the summer of 2014. While there I will get to participate in medical clinics for the villages and people I came to love so dearly ... At the end of the week we will host a conference for medical students where I hope to present on the correlation between agriculture and malnutrition ...

In order to take part in this mission from October 5th-16th, Mission to the World requires that I build a support team. Before I leave in October I need to raise about \$3,000 to cover travel and ministry and medical equipment

expenses. Most importantly I would like to ask you to join me in prayer, that Christ would be at the center of this work...

Thank you to the many of you who have so faithfully and generously supported me ... I look forward to seeing how God will continue to be at work in Cambodia and am thankful for you taking the time to consider joining my support team!"

Blessings, Meghan



NPCUCC has sent \$300 to Meg from our Missionary Support Fund. If you would like to do more on a personal level, please contact the church office for information on how to do this. In the meantime, let's all keep Meg in our prayers.



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.

September Birthdays:

Sept. 7	Mary Ann Anderson
Sept. 15	Mia-Rose Dougherty
Sept. 16	Dorothy Hewes
Sept. 17	David Nickerson
Sept. 20	Grace Padalik
Sept. 21	Pastor Attila Szemesi
Sept. 22	Colleen Cederholm
Sept. 24	Karen Knudsen
Sept. 25	M. R. Clapper
Sept. 30	Ruth Adams
Sept. 30	Joan Peters



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 during September:

We have no anniversaries being celebrated this month!



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.

September:

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Sept. 3	Barb Mervine
Sept. 10	Marilyn Miller
Sept. 17	Allison Dougherty
	Dave DeRonde
Sept. 24	Becky Rooney



Thank you to:
North Port Natural Florist
Your "Green" Florist
13632 Tamiami Trail
North Port, FL 34287
426-1197

For providing us with our flowers every Sunday.

Mark your Calendar

Golf Outing with
Venice UCC and
St. Andrews UCC

Saturday
October 28th

See Mike Bourque
To sign up
Or call the church office!





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<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZOJIYvzmRjXqkRjYki-Gpw>

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday-Thursday

Closed on Friday

Patti Bourque, Office Manager