



The Navigator Pastor's Message



Seasons

“There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens:”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 CEB

“The day belongs to you! The night too! You established both the moon and the sun. You set all the boundaries of the earth in place. Summer and winter? You made them!”

Psalms 74:16-17 CEB

Summer comes early to Florida, at least temperature wise. Have you ever stopped to think that each of our seasons are under the purview of God’s provision and authority? God is work in every season, including the seasons of our lives which may or may not be concurrent with the weather. Our seasons include the highest of highs, the lowest of lows, and all in between. Whatever season you find yourself in, be it summer or not, know that God is WITH you. You are never alone.

One of the ways God is present with us is through his guidance. Our worship theme the next few weeks will focus on the how and why of God’s guidance. I pray we all grow in our ongoing discernment of God’s voice in our lives.

I am blessed to be your pastor





THE LESSON OF LOSS

Thank you, God, for the wonderful lesson of loss. The arms of my friends console me; the love of my family surrounds me. The goodness and kindness of my neighbors sustain me like a staff.

Though I am prostrate with grief, I am supported by a great shining column that rises up within me. I can lift up my head; I can walk upright. I can even smile.

For their sympathy is also like a lovely pool in which I see glimpses of goodness and beauty never revealed before. In it my agony is soothed, the ache of my heart becomes bearable and will, I know, one day heal.

Surely if human beings can surround and help and support each other in such times of sorrow, then your love, O God, must be even more great. I feel your promises fulfilled.

I see my dear one fresh and new and whole, free of pain and problems spared of all distress. I see that dear one lifted up into some new state so joyful and free and ongoing that excitement fills me.

I sense that blessed presence saying, "It is true! It really is. Believe this, oh believe this and don't grieve."

I am enriched by this loss. My faith is renewed. I am a better person for it.

God of our creation; God of our ongoing; thank you for this wonderful lesson of loss.

Elaine Dillard

Elaine wrote this shortly after her husband, Jim, passed away.



Hi folks,

I recently read an article about men's health. Thought I would share it with those who may not have read it. Full credit goes to the author Peter Moore.

Many men ignore their health. Come on and admit it! The following are 3 conditions that bear attention.

1) Prostate cancer. Needed are regular checkups, and PSA blood work. The gland is located just below the bladder. As men age the prostate gland can enlarge and cause symptoms of urinary weakening and increased urgency during the night. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. Especially at risk are men who have a brother or father with the disease. Diet is important. Light on red meat and dairy and heavy on fruits and veggies are not only good for prostate health but also good for your heart.

2) Depression. The pandemic, approaching retirement and other stresses of work and family life can lead to depression. Feelings get bottled up.

Some symptoms to watch for are: easy irritation, risky behavior driving, gambling, drugs, alcohol, losing friends, cutting off family members, and lack of motivation, headache, nausea and chest pain. Seek guidance from your medical providers if you are experiencing any of these.

3) Skin cancer. Outdoor play at younger ages can have dangerous consequences. Many of us were not faithful about applying sun screen. The most common place that men develop melanoma is on the lower back. Men can not see that area well. It is important to have regular skin checks. If you have relatives with melanoma or have a mine-field of moles please consider having a dermatologist check you frequently.

Submitted by:

Brenda Pineau R.N.



DITTY BAGS

“Little Bags of Hope”

Our first sale for the next yard sale season will be **August 5, and 6**. Don't forget we can no longer take nor pick up larger furniture. If I can pick it up and put it in my SUV then we will accept it. We will be accepting donations every Tuesday and Thursday when we get back from our summer break on July 5, until July 21, 2022. At this time please hold any donations until we start back up again. Any questions call Linda Beckner 352-688-3431 or 352-585-4400.... Thanks for all you do!!!!



FOOD PANTRY REPORTS FOR March/April

For the month of March we served 75 families consisting of 170 adults and 79 children. We had a total of nine volunteers who worked 76.25 hours. We purchased \$1,013.80 worth of groceries.

For the month of April we served 68 families consisting of 155 adults and 86 children. We had a total of nine volunteers who worked 68 hours. We purchased \$1,234.32 worth of groceries.

Gratitude for Lois Stanton who is officially retiring from the food pantry. We acknowledge that she has worked at Mariner pantry since 2010. Thank you for 12 years of volunteer service in our community.

We added some new volunteers to our roles. Welcome to the team: Fran Danilison and Beverly Lewis. We would also like to welcome back Don Fowler who has recently stepped up to the pantry team after a hiatus of travel.

Every family receives one paper bag with 11 items that are purchased by the church using your monetary donations. Extra bags are made of items brought by you our church members for larger families. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our pantry.

At this time the Mariner UMW are not meeting but we want to continue to make deliveries to The Dawn Center. You can donate the following items for the shelter: Items needed:

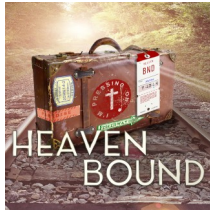
- Gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, dept. stores and big box stores (Wal-Mart, Target, Sam's Club, etc.)
- Toilet tissue • Twin size sheets • Pillows
- New/package underwear (all sizes)
- Bath towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Trash Bags - Kitchen size 13 gal
- Dishwashing Detergent
- Liquid Hand Soap (Refills)
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner and Brushes
- All-purpose household cleaning products
- Copy Paper
- Paper Towels, Kleenex
- Diapers (especially sizes 3, 4, & 5)
- Personal hygiene items (including feminine hygiene items)

Thanks for all you do! Any questions, call Linda Beckner 352-688-3431

DISCIPLESHIP

Come and grow in Christ through Mariner's Sunday Service to the Rehab Center of Evergreen Woods after Church between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm. Call RoseMarie Ash (727) 272-5012, Bill Vonada (352) 200-6337, or Virginia and Jack Walz (352)597-8869 for details. We serve a small group (so far) of ladies in a private room with lots of space. If nothing else, just come and see!

Submitted by Jack Walz



HEAVEN BOUND

An Editorial

As Memorial Day and Independence Day approach, most of us will reflect on the cost of freedom. And well we should. I love this country but in the back of my mind is always the thought that this world is not my home. Over the last several decades and especially recently we are witnessing an unsurpassed “culture of corruption” as Jesse Watters puts it.

What’s changed? What hasn’t? WOKE, black lives matter, “peaceful” demonstrations, transgender issues, divorce (though that might be declining as fewer will make that commitment), abortions, child castration and the list goes on. FOX News ran a piece about a new cartoon, Amaze, which is geared to 5 to 14 year olds. It is sexually explicit. They also showed a group of young boys, probably 6 to 15, singing allegiance to the rainbow flag singing it to the tune of our National Anthem. How far are we willing to fall in the name of “freedom”? How long will God overlook our ungodly human depravity? In Judges the statement is made, “There was no King in the land; every man did what was right in his own eyes”. Right now in America the KING seems to have been asked to leave. Our problem is far worse than the economy, climate, nuclear war, or control at our borders. It is the total disregard for our God!

So what can we do when America goes “rogue”? It’s a tough prayer but I believe the time has come to pray to God that He turn us around by whatever means it takes. That could and probably would result in America going into some form of bondage if we haven’t already.

When we look at the history of Israel, we see a recurring situation: freedom, rebellion, bondage, repentance, freedom. God loved and chose Israel above all the nations but He did not spare their idolatry or overlook the consequences of their sin. Why would He spare ours? God’s holiness cannot overlook sin or He would cease to be God. Only national repentance and a return to God will save this Country. Nothing else will do!

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PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE IN ASSISTED LIVING & HOMEBOUND

Vitality Evergreen

Barbara Cornwell

JoAnne Gangel

Priscilla Sears

Lois Stanton

Spring Hill Rehab

Gloria Averill

Doug Jumisco

The Residence

Bob Beckner

Ann Hartung

And Our Homebound

Phyllis Chiswell

Jane Davis

Joan Nichols

Mary Ellen Stoy

Millicent Van Fossen

In Our Father’s House

Memorials Given in memory of:

Grace Francis by Lisa J. Francis

Johnnie Sue Dillinger by Jim Bailey, Michael Bennett, James & Nancy Davis, Michael Drake

The Oaks

Freddie (Mary) Worley

Private Home

Elaine Hill

Evergreen Woods

Shirley Vonada

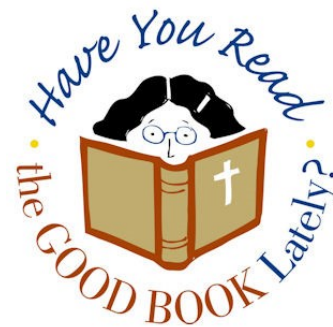
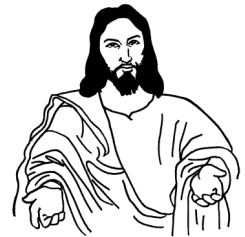
Serenity House

Elaine Toberman

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The Grande

Jim Dillinger



Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday Bible Study is doing Final Words From the Cross by Adam Hamilton. We will finish this in June 9. We will then take a summer vacation and start up in October. Thanks to all who have participated.

HEAVEN BOUND *continued from page 4*

Bonhoeffer: "From the human point of view, everything looks hopeless but Jesus sees through different eyes and because of Jesus we can look at freedom through different eyes. This world is not our home."

William Barclay: "We can endure anything as long as we have something to look forward to...A life characterized by futility is going nowhere. A Christ-filled life has purpose, hope, obedience, love, responsibility, and service...A man's devotion to a principle can be measured by his willingness to suffer for it."

We have hope because we also have the eternal promise that God has prepared a better place for us. This world is not our home. II Corinthians 5:1, "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Philippians 3:20-21, "but our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body..."

I have gathered several prayers from the Bible. I would ask anyone who has read this article join me in offering these prayers daily to God through July 4th.

Pardon our sin according to the greatness of Your steadfast love. – O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to You, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. But God has not forsaken us and has extended His steadfast love to us. Anything You do as far as punishment is less than we deserve. – Lord be attentive to our prayers and grant us mercy. You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. – Hear from heaven, and when You hear, forgive. – We are powerless. *Continued next column:*

We do not know what to do but our eyes are on You. – O Lord, there is none like You to help between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord, our God for we rely on You and we ask in your name let not man prevail against You. – Deliver us, O God of our salvation and save us from among the nations that we may give you thanks and glorify You. – Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Amen!

Submitted by Judy McPherson

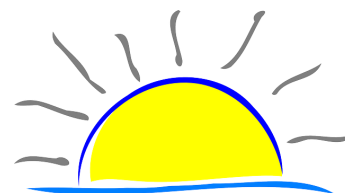


For all of our Emmaus alumni and anyone interested in going on the Walk in the future, I am pleased to announce that the Walks are returning to Warren Willis United Methodist Camp in Fruitland Park (Leesburg). If you are interested in the October Walk or would like information please speak to Pastor Sam or Barbara, Bill or Becky Vonada, Steve Kolesar, Jack or Virginia Walz, or myself, to name a few. Your life will be blessed and changed forever!

DeColores,

RoseMarie Ash

"Weeping May Last through the night, but joy comes with the morning." Psalms 30:5





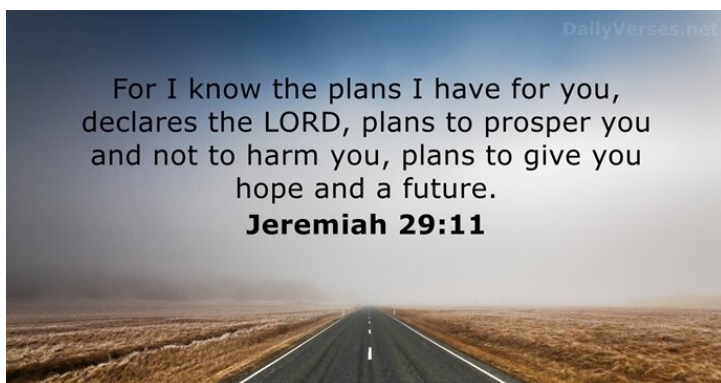
Many of our members are planning trips this summer so it was decided to take a break and restart the adult Sunday School classes on Sunday September 11th. The subject we will be studying has not yet been decided. If you are thinking of joining us and have a topic you would like us to study please let me know. The time of class will remain the same: 8:45 to 9:45. Looking forward to seeing you there!

RoseMarie Ash

727-272-5012

ALTAR PRAYER GROUP

Each Wednesday at 12:30 pm a group of us meet with Pastor Sam. We pray around the altar hence, "Altar Prayer." Altar prayer is a form of Intercessory prayer. Intercession for others is the hallmark of prayer. We can all pray for people when we are with them or when we are not but intercession goes deeper. If you place a prayer request in the box in the Narthex you can be sure we will be praying for your intention. But, better yet, come join us on Wednesday's. Any questions don't hesitate to call the church office at (352) 596-0080, or me, Lois Stanton (352) 835-3443.



BACKPACKS-SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Mariner United Methodist will be preparing Back Packs with school supplies again this year. We appreciate the support the entire church has given this project in the past. This year we would prefer monetary donations. We will order the supplies in bulk without going into the Walmart store. Any questions, please call Linda Beckner 688-3431. Thank you!

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

On May 24 the Crafters gave a farewell luncheon for Barbara and Patricia Hartley because they will soon be moving back to Ohio. They will be sorely missed.

We want to say thank you to Doris Miller for her gift of her sewing machine and sewing table to our Craft Group. They were greatly appreciated since our machines were both inoperative.

Also the group requests all knitters and people who crochet, there is a need for prayer shawls and lap robes. You can bring your finished product to the church or the group on Tuesday's.

We welcome anyone interested in joining our group. You can find us in Van Dyken Hall every Tuesday except for the month of December. We gather between the hours of 9:30-10:00 am. We have lunch together at noon so bring a sandwich and we provide the coffee, tea, dessert and lots of talking. Please come join us for fellowship.

Submitted by Edna Huff



Spotlight is on...George Alwang

The navigator is starting this column to feature a member who may not always be in the front but is quietly in the back donating their time to service that enhances the congregation and our community. At this time we are digging into the tall drink of water that is called George Alwang. George works in the food pantry with his wife Brigitte. He loads the bags out near the door and carries them into the cars of the food pantry recipients. He also helps out with the Craft Group. Whenever the group has an event, because of his tall height, he also has the job of hanging the decorations and signs when the group does their "Souper" Bowl event.

George first came to Mariner with his wife fifteen years ago. At that time John Hay was our Pastor and the couple remarked that the people in the church were very friendly. The reason they chose Mariner United Methodist Church was because George's boyhood friend Ron Ruge attended with his wife Bonnie. Ron grew up just a few blocks from George in Ridgemont Hill, New York.

He met Brigitte on a blind date that was set up by his brother. His brother was dating an English woman and she brought along her roommate to accompany George. Brigitte says the first date didn't go well; apparently, George's father was at the fundraiser dance they attended and he visited with Brigitte the whole evening. George barely spoke to her. Yet, George was sharp enough to make a second date with Brigitte where they went ice skating and it was that second date that he made a positive impression with her.

As a young couple, they travelled throughout Europe and the western states in a VW camper along with Brigitte's mother, and their nine month old son.

George made a living in his younger years as a carpenter. He built models for architects and planning commissions. He was forced to leave that trade because of health issues. He then studied to be a refrigeration, air conditioner mechanic but his secret desire was to be an architect.

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His hobby is building model airplanes and flying them. He is a sharp bowler and has played on a league at different times in his life. His average is 183. He has a very analytical mind working puzzles and figures with ease.

When you see George stop and say "hi." It could be on a Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday. Just look around and you may see that tall drink of water serving Mariner behind the scenes.

By Claudia Smith



In the last edition of the Children's Home newsletter, we were reminded that the first Thursday of May is designated as National Day of Prayer. In recognition of that the month of May was made the official Children's Home Month of Prayer. But, since May is over, I am suggesting we use the following guide and daily prayers and verses anytime, keeping our Children's Home in constant prayer.

If you were kind enough to make a donation on the Fifth Sunday of May, Thank You.

And don't forget: Elisabeth Gaad, Chief Development Officer, will be visiting us on Sunday, June 26th! She will surely have a good presentation.

Blessings,

RoseMarie Ash



Florida United Methodist Children's Home Month of Prayer

Sunday

Please be in prayer for our **children**, for their healing, and that they may experience the love and support of a family.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." – Isaiah 41:10

Monday

Pray for our **staff, including foster parents, house parents, and independent living teams**, that they would be filled with strength and peace as they show the unconditional love of Christ to our children every day.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." – Ephesians 3:16-19

Tuesday

Pray for our **leadership & administrative teams**, for wisdom, strength, and creativity as they lead our staff in ministry.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." – Colossians 3:12-14

Wednesday

Pray for our **Board of Trustees**, as we express gratitude for their service and ask for wisdom as they guide us in our future planning.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." – Micah 6:8

Thursday

Pray for our **therapists**, who walk the road of healing with our youth each day.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." – Psalm 34:18

Friday

Pray for our **education team**, who work to equip our youth the tools they need to be successful in school and later in their careers.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye on you." – Psalm 32:8

Saturday

Pray for our **spiritual life team** as they guide youth to notice and experience the love of God in their lives.

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." – 1 John 4:12



Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

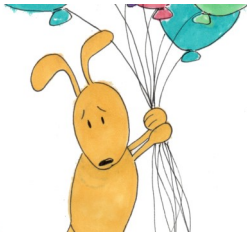
Match the question with the answer on the right.

Questions

- ___ Who was the father of Abraham?
- ___ Whose father was so pleased to see him that he killed a fatted calf?
- ___ Who was the earthly father of Yeshua?
- ___ Which father asked Yeshua to help his daughter who was dying?
- ___ Who stole her father's household gods?
- ___ What nationality was Timothy's father?
- ___ Who was the father of John the Baptist (Immerser)?
- ___ Who was the father of Solomon?
- ___ Whose father was prepared to sacrifice him on an altar?
- ___ Which commandment says to honor your father and mother?

Answers

1. Fifth
2. Isaac
3. Greek
4. Terah
5. David
6. Rachel
7. Zechariah
8. Jairus
9. Joseph
10. Prodigal son



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JUNE

- 06/03 Jay & Karen Nelson
- 06/06 Mark & Patty Pennington
- 06/09 Doug & Georgia Clark
Patrick & Lynn McCulloch
- 06/13 Bob & Leslie O'Connell
- 06/19 James & Sherry Hawkins
- 06/21 Gil & Betty Fennell

JULY

- 07/08 John & Carol Ross
- 07/10 Dennis & Sally McCarthy
- 07/14 Bruce & Carol Doscher



JUNE

- 06/02 Jack Walz
- 06/05 Sharon Abe
Carol Ross
- 06/06 John Terborg
- 06/09 Robert Myers
- 06/19 Judy Coleman
Nicholas Danchise
- 06/23 Anne Owens
- 06/27 LaVerne Fawcett
- 06/29 Ana Albrecht

JULY

- 07/01 Judith Kilcoyne
- 07/05 Patricia Smith
- 07/07 Kathy Myers
- 07/09 Carolyn Malcolm
- 07/10 Anna Webster
- 07/11 Cary Eichel
- 07/15 Lilly Mae Bandstra
- 07/17 Tonya Marie Diaz
- 07/19 Brenda Pearsall
- 07/21 Sam Maihack
Lynn McCulloch
- 07/29 Alice Helm
- 07/30 Dave Slauter

