



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PORT CHARLOTTE Global Methodist Church

A Message from Pastor Denvil

God is Not Finished

The season of lent begins February 22nd. Lent is a season of honest reflection and renewed hope—a time when we face what is broken and trust that God is still at work. This year, our Lenten journey is shaped by a simple but powerful truth: **God is Not Finished.**

As we near the end of the rebuilding of our sanctuary, we will hear the story of Nehemiah. In the book of Nehemiah, God's people stand amid ruins. The walls of Jerusalem are broken, the people are discouraged, and the future feels uncertain. Nehemiah feels called to lead God's people through a rebuilding process—to rebuild the walls of the city so that the people could gather in peace. His journey begins in prayer. As Nehemiah turns to God in repentance and trust, we are reminded that renewal always starts when God's people seek Him honestly and wholeheartedly. What looks like the end is often the place where God begins His next work.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Family Movie Night
February 6th | 6:30pm

Crossroads Ping Pong
February 7th | 4:00pm

Night to Shine
February 13th | 6:00pm

Scan QR Code to see monthly schedule or go to portcharlottechurch.com/calendar



FEBRUARY 2026

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Pat Winston
- 01 Christopher Bode
- 02 David Glassburn
- 04 Tom Jenkins
- 04 Brian Baker
- 07 Aaron Cody
- 08 Robin Ettinger
- 10 Joan Mackey
- 10 Erica Rayborn
- 11 Hannelore Edgington
- 15 Libby Davis
- 18 Sheila Armour
- 19 Robert Bulda
- 19 Yvette McIntosh
- 23 Ruth Herzberger
- 24 D Fletcher



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PSALM 118:24

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 John & Leta Harpst
- 14 Guy & Joyce Minto
- 14 Tom & Marcie Marshall
- 17 Brian & Tania Baker
- 22 Justin & Nicole Dunn
- 22 Barry & Jean Watson



What God has joined together, let no one separate.

MATTHEW 19:6

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DENVIL continued

God is Not Finished

As the story unfolds, we see that God's work continues through trust, perseverance, and faith in the face of opposition and weariness. But God's concern for the people of Israel was more than rebuilding the temple, or the walls, or the city of Jerusalem. The people heard God's call to rebuild, but God was not finished there. God was restoring a people who would once again live for His purposes and reflect His glory.

This Lenten theme speaks not only to Israel's story, but to our own. God cares about you as an individual with your own hurts, sins, and sorrows. God wants to heal your brokenness, forgive your sins, and make you whole. But God is not finished there. Renewal is never just for us; it is always meant to serve God's redeeming work in the world.

Lent ultimately carries us to the heart of the gospel. The greatest declaration that God is not finished comes at Easter. When the world believed death had the final word, God raised Jesus from the grave. The resurrection proclaims that sin does not win, despair does not last, and death is not the end. Because the tomb is empty, God's promises are still true, and His work of redemption continues.

As we journey through Lent toward Easter, we do so with hope and confidence—trusting that the God who was faithful in Jerusalem, faithful in Christ, and faithful throughout history is still at work today. God is not finished with His world. **God is not finished with His church. And God is not finished with you.**



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MORE ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry

I am pleased to report that Stephen Ministry Training is under way with four very enthusiastic participants enrolled. Please keep these trainees in your prayers in the next many weeks as they grow in their faith and service, acquiring skills that will best enable them to bring God's healing grace to those who are hurting and facing difficult times in life. Training will continue through March with commissioning taking place during worship services in April.

For more information about this Christ-centered ministry, please contact me at 941-661-3551. I would be happy to talk with you about it.

In His service,
Betty Hansen, Stephen Leader



If you have a burden and would like a Stephen Minister to help, call Pastor Denvil at the church office, or Dean Winston at 941-661-8825, or Betty Hansen at 941-661-3551.

KINGDOM KIDS HIGHLIGHTS

And just like that January is almost gone in 2026. The Kingdom Kids team is super excited as we continue to grow in numbers and in faith. Our kids are bringing their bibles to church habitually now, and we will concentrate and work with the kids in navigating and reading the scripture, finding it during lessons, and memorizing the books and their order. We have also begun to split the room by lower and upper elementary ages. This enables us to work closely with them on their levels since the age range of 5 to 11 is significantly different from reading levels to comprehension. With new programs and our bible buck incentives, we are continuing to help foster good habits and good solid foundations.

Starting the New Year with winter themed fun and penguins!!! It's a New Year=New You Growing in Jesus! Ms. Marsha even got into the theme and make up these adorable penguin cupcakes. (See below)



KINGDOM KIDS CONTINUED

Starting our missions this year was a priority so on the first week in January we began reading a true missions story and listening how one person can be used by God to do big things, if we allow Him to work in and through us. (Pic below of preschool class) A lesson we all can learn from. Along with that our new series HEY GOD! Teaches all about the Bible Hero giant Moses and how God uses us even if we mess up, or not the strongest, or not the most popular - we just have to be obedient. We will continue in this series for 6 weeks total so far so well received by all the kids.

As part of our New Year = New You. We will quarterly host a family night to bring us all together and enjoy fellowship fun. This quarter, February 6 we will host our first Fun Family Nights as we enjoy Family Movie Night with all the popcorn and drinks you want. All are encouraged to come out and enjoy this free night of fun for all members of the church family. We will be watching the movie King of Kings. I am excited as this movie touched so many with just an amazing message of the salvation story tying in the story of a Charles Dickens classic.

Finally, we have added 2 new teachers onto our rotation, 1 for our Wednesday Night Kids and 1 for our Sunday Kingdom Kids. We are so excited to welcome them onto the team and can't wait to see how God will bless and use them here. If you are interested in working with the children, please see Ms Carol or contact her @ carol@portcharlottechurch.com. Our team rotations are once monthly we are always looking for additional hands/talents. We are kingdom builders, building up one child at a time for His Kingdom. Come be a part of what God is doing!



UPLIFT

You Are Not Alone

Loneliness is one of the great challenges of getting older. God will never abandon you, and He will work tirelessly to help you grow in the image of the Lord. His work is never done as long as you are on earth. Our conference superintendent, Jay Therrell, reminded us, "if you're not dead, you're not done." Let's remember God's promise from Ruth 4:15. "He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age". Philippians 1:6 reminds us of God's plans, stating, "For I am sure of this very thing, that the one who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." You are never alone. God is with you. If you ever feel alone, reach out to one of your Uplift friends.

POTLUCK at next Uplift Luncheon on February 20, 2026, 11:30 AM. Want to save money on your prescriptions? Suzanne VanDrus from Discount Med Direct will help us learn more about medications and insurance. Our meal will be POTLUCK!



NIGHT TO SHINE



Night to Shine is almost here, and we're excited to welcome our guests for an unforgettable evening of celebration and joy. To make this night possible, we rely on a strong team of volunteers, and all volunteers are required to attend one training session—either February 5 or February 7. If you've already signed up to serve, please make sure to attend one of these mandatory trainings so you're fully prepared to help create a safe, welcoming, and joy-filled experience for every guest.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Join us on Sunday, February 8 at 12:15 PM for our annual State of the Church gathering. We'll celebrate what God has done over the past year and look ahead to the vision and opportunities ahead for our church family. Everyone is invited to stay after service and be part of this important moment in our shared ministry.

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Sunday, February 8
at 12:15 PM



PING PONG TOURNAMENT

We're excited to announce that PCGM will be hosting a Ping Pong Tournament on Saturday, February 7th, at 4 pm at the Crossroads Hope Academy Nix Campus!

This fun-filled evening is also the same night as our monthly dinner, and we need your help to make it all happen. Whether you're interested in some friendly competition with the boys or would like to lend a hand in the kitchen, there's a place for you to join in and make a difference.

If you're available to help cook, play, or both, we'd love to hear from you! Please call or email Charity Lewis at 309-214-5472 or charitylewis8523@gmail.com to sign up or get more details. Let's make this a memorable evening for everyone!

Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you there!

FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

Honoring the Past, Building for Generations to Come.

The countdown to completion is underway. We do not have an exact date yet, but paint is on the walls. The new audio, visual, and lighting equipment will be installed next. At the same time, the exterior is receiving some much needed new paint. New chairs have been ordered for the sanctuary, but they will not be in for the grand opening. Prior to the first service in the newly opened sanctuary, we will have a week of prayer as part of our dedicating the space to the Lord.

MISSION UPDATE

February 15 is Missions Celebration Sunday. We will have all of our local mission partners and mission friends here to share a little bit about their ministries and how to partner with them. Local partners that will be present include: Habitat for Humanity, Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Charlotte County and North Port, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Helping Our Returning Neighbors, and Crossroads Hope Academy. We will also hear from international mission partners from Cuba, Belize, East Angola, and our new partner in South Africa. It will be a great celebration of what God is doing and how we can join in His work!

PRAYING FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

We invite you to join us in prayer for the members of our church family who are actively serving our country. Thank you for your service!

Audrey Harvick - Marines

Julienne Williams - Coast Guard

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