



2023



UNITED CHURCH
of Marco Island



Disseler Disco Dance

In January we closed down Disseler Hall with a "Back to the Future" 70's dance party.





February is Habitat Month

United Church of Marco Island is one of four founding churches that support Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. We continue this tradition year after year, raising awareness about affordable housing in our area and fundraising in support of Habitat.





In a friendly competition, 1,728 pounds of nonperishable food items were collected for Our Daily Bread Food Pantry. While the actual game had a different ending, on Super Food Bowl Sunday, the Philadelphia Eagles outweighed Team Kansas City Chiefs.





In March, we donned our yellow hard hats, celebrated the completion of our capital campaign and broke ground on the Disseler Hall remodel. Construction began soon after and has been carefully managed by Surety Construction and Our Disseler Steering Committee, chaired by Tim Smith.





In the spring, we proudly accepted the 2023 Spirit of Marco Island Award from the Noontime Rotary Club of Marco Island. It was a special evening made possible by all who support The Bargain Basket and United Church of Marco Island.





The Bargain Basket Thrift Store was also honored with the WRAP Award during the Collier County Commissioners Meeting on Earth Day, April 11th. Bill Johenning and Samantha Arago were present to accept the award on behalf of the Bargain Basket.

The Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP) award, is given to an organization for contributing to the greater good of Collier County by advocating the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" message, thereby helping to prolong the usable life of the Collier County Landfill.





Never a shortage of fun to be had at the Bargain Basket Thrift Store!





Bargain Basket Staff and Volunteers work hard and share many smiles while serving our local community in need in many ways!

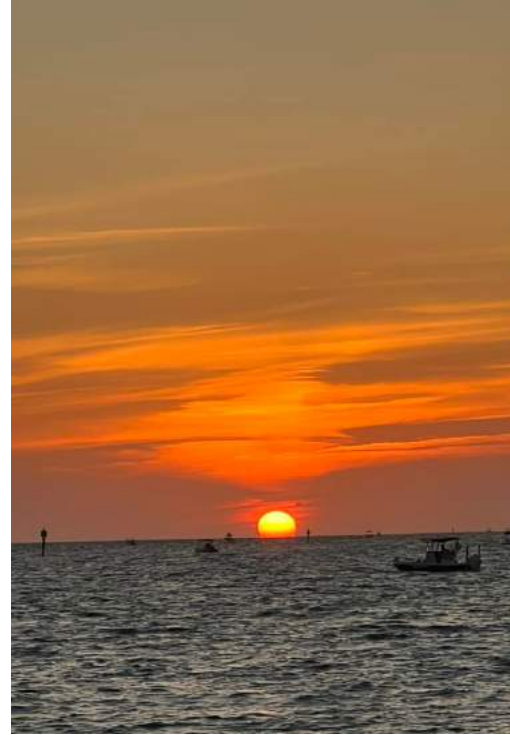


Annual Blessing of the Pets
Featured in Coastal Breeze News



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Which is why the Bargain Basket Committee really felt it was important to give them a night to enjoy with a sunset cruise on the Marco Island Princess.



Women's Fellowship

The UCFI Women's Fellowship and the Ladies Who Lunch group enjoyed numerous gatherings as well as some fun and informative presentations.





Music

Our music ministry, directed by Chris Moore and accompanied by Barbara Wischmeier



The newest members of the UCMI Family were welcomed in the place where the vision for United Church of Marco Island (UCMI) first began - The Marco Island Yacht Club. In 2023, UCMI celebrated having 500 members.





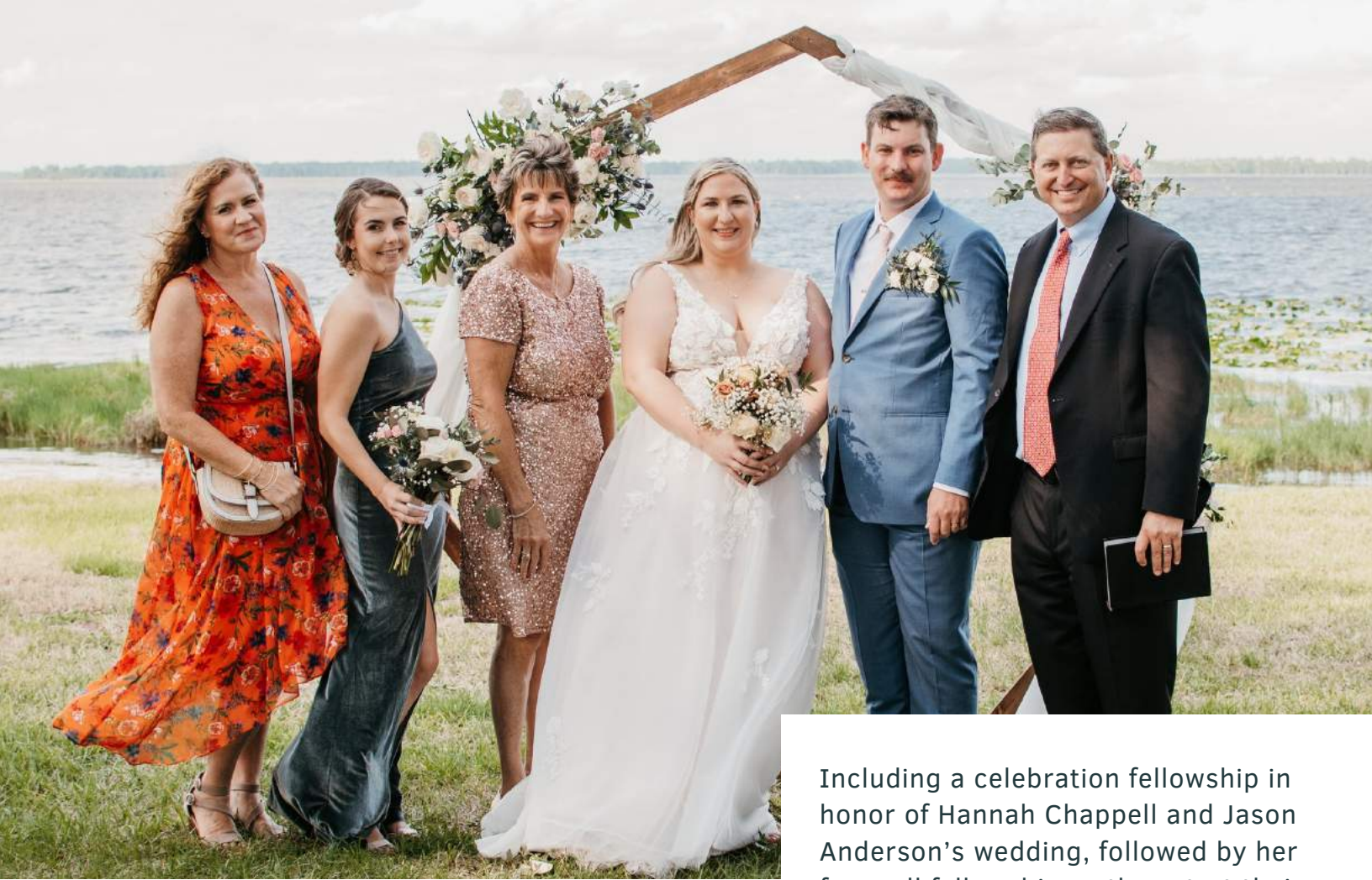
Judy Daye and Barbara Canton presented a patriotic feast in celebration of Independence Day!





Many thanks to our Social Events Committee, chaired by Jenn Reed, for all of the wonderful fellowship events throughout the year!





Including a celebration fellowship in honor of Hannah Chappell and Jason Anderson's wedding, followed by her farewell fellowship as they start their new life as Mr. and Mrs. in a new home state.





All the Best

In July, we joined together at Hideaway for a farewell celebration in honor of the Williams family. Delivering his last sermon on July 9th, Pastor Mark Williams said, "From my perspective as departing minister, the only thing more gratifying than what United Church has accomplished over the last nine years is who we became together."







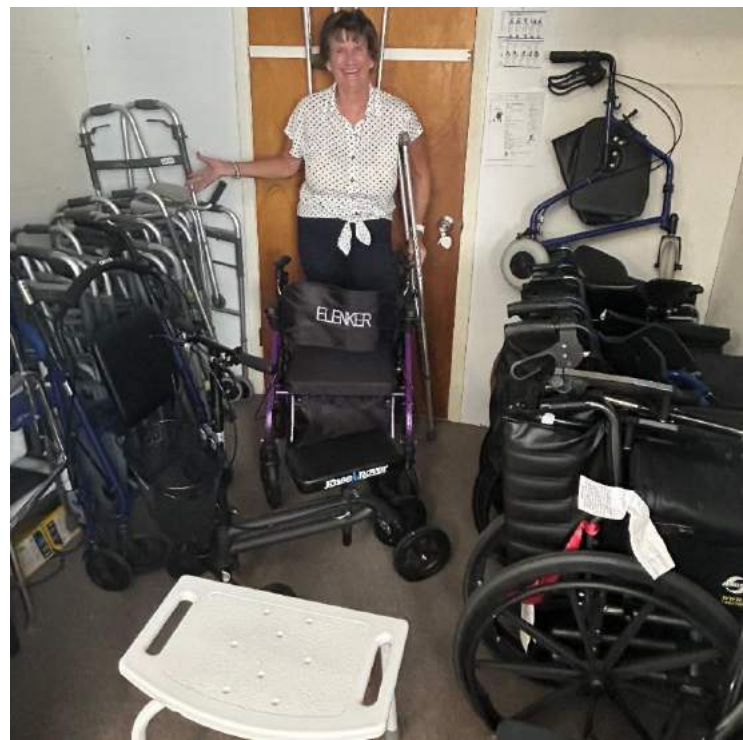
Welcome Rev. Jim McKenzie

The United Church of Marco Island Search Committee selected Rev. Jim McKenzie to serve as our Interim Minister throughout the search for a settled senior minister. Pastor Jim quickly connected with the staff and congregation!





Faith In Action







SUCCESSFUL

CRAFT BAZAAR





Happy Thanksgiving!
Celebrated at Mango's





Happy 70th Birthday Pastor Jim!

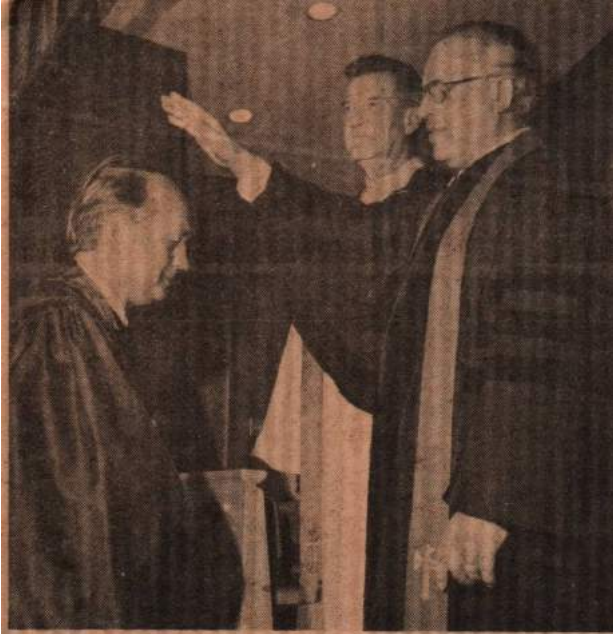


Christmas Events







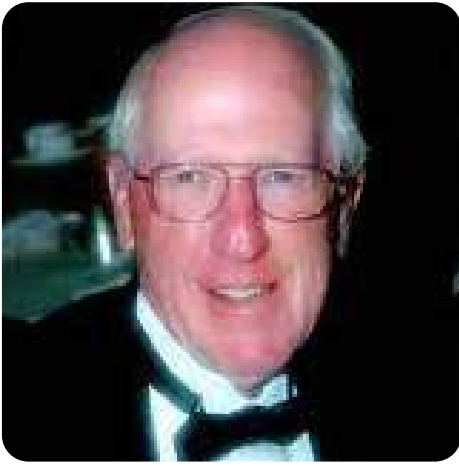


NEW MINISTER of the United Church of Marco Island, the Rev. Richard T. Disseler (left) was installed Sunday in a special ceremony at the church

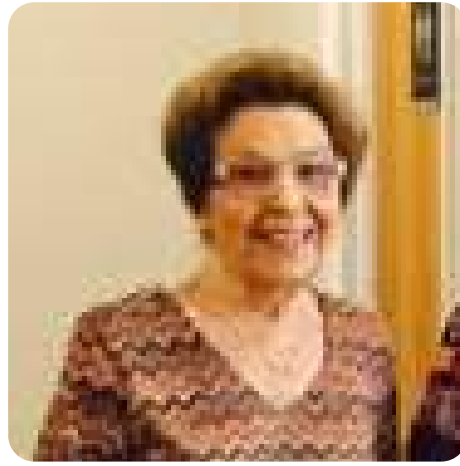


In Loving Memory – Rev. Dr. Richard T. Disseler

The Rev. Dr. Richard (Dick) Thomas Disseler, Sr. passed away on Sunday, June 11th, 2023. We fondly remember Rev. Disseler with our fellowship hall in his namesake. In 1975 Dick was called to be only the second pastor of the United Church (UCC) of Marco Island, Florida. It was there that Dick's ministry really flourished and took hold. Dick was involved in many community events over the years along with his ministry duties. This church was also very involved in building homes for Habitat for Humanity in Immokalee, almost an hour away and only the second of its kind for this organization at the time. While the memorial service took place in TN, a group of congregants who worshipped with Rev. Disseler, gathered in our own sanctuary to watch the live stream of the service in July.



Charles "Ned" Montgomery



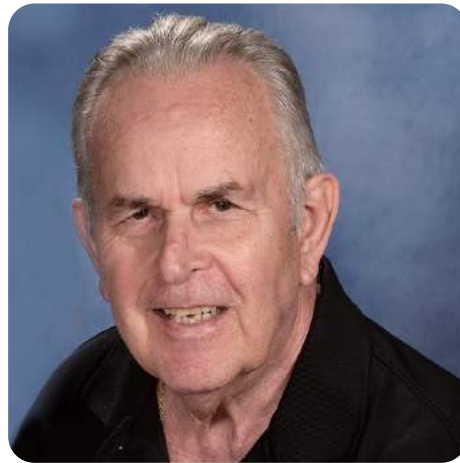
Lois Esther Moore



Arthur "Fred" Elsasser



Lois Kenyon



Robert Turner

In Loving Memory

Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

John 14:1-3

