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"What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

And You have crowned him with glory and honor."

~ Psalm 8:4-5

Who Are We?

Psalm 8:4-5 says: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them in the image of God and crowned them with glory and honor.

Isn't that incredible? God loves us so much that the creator of the universe has made us a little lower than angels, and designed us to be inhabitants of heaven. In fact, he has made us a to be like himself, crowning us with glory and honor!

Is this the way the world sees you? Do your neighbors see you as crowned with glory and honor? How about to the advertiser trying to get you to buy his product?

There is a commercial on TV showing two men playing golf. The one asks something like, "Let me see if I got this right--you want me to invest in imported ice." His companion explains that it is the next logical step; people already buy imported water. The first man is very skeptical and finally asks, "Why can't people just freeze their imported water." The salesman, with great disgust, replies, "Yea, right!" The man doing the sales job doesn't

care about his client; all he wants to do is get someone to invest in his questionable scheme.

What is a human? Plato said that we were "A featherless biped." According to Aristotle, we are just a "rational animal." Anthropologists think of people as tool-making animals. To the world, the human being is a machine put here to satisfy the craving for more, to be used and used up and discarded.

But God's sees so much more! God sees each human being as someone he has created, someone valuable enough to save even though that salvation cost the life of his only Son. God sees each person as a recipient of his love and grace, one to whom God offers his salvation. (John 3:17)

Yes, we fail and fall short of what God has in mind for us. Yes, we can be cruel and sometimes dangerous to each other, the world and even to ourselves. We are part of a spectrum that spans from sinners to saints, from prophets to prodigals, from creatures with fleshly appetites to spiritual beings hungering for righteousness.

But whatever we are in the eyes of the world, God wants us to be his children, and, as his children, there "...is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:39b) We are made in the image of God for a reason—as we live in his salvation of grace and love, we live out

that salvation, showing the world what it means to be a child of God. We can know we are crowned with his glory and honor.

Know that you are the crowning achievement of God's plan!



Mark

E.B.A.D.O.C

"Everyone Becoming a Disciple of Christ"

The purpose of an organization's mission statement is to give it direction, focus, and motivation. It clearly states why an organization exists and what it intends to accomplish in the future. This mission statement of the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa was adopted on January 27, 2005. All of us need to memorize the mission statement and do all that we can to make it a reality in our lives.

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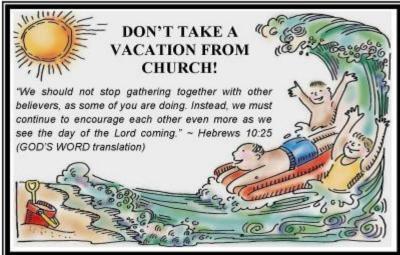
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World & State Travel Groups

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Bereavement Group Cancer Survivor

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Individual Bible Study Groups

(Men, Women, and Couples) Fibromyalgia Support Group

P.A.W.S.

Saturday Sisters

Serendipity

The Purpose of Genesis is to:

NOTIFY its readers of what has happened, what is happening, and what is scheduled to happen.

EDIFY believers by printing material that encourages and strengthens their Christian walk.

GLORIFY God by being one of His instruments of communication at FUMCH and wherever else He may choose to spread the Word through this publica-

Discipleship Classes

Companions in Christ

Disciple I

Disciple IV

Benevolences

C.R.O.P. Walk

Equipment for Handicapped

(Wheel chairs, walkers, etc.)

Food Pantry

Habitat for Humanity

Holiday Food Baskets

Methodist Children's Home

Salvation Army

S.H.A.R.E. (Economical food for the church and community)

St. Andrews Mission

(Feeding the hungry)

The Heifer Project

The Path (Help for local homeless)

Toys for Children (at Christmas)

Community Outreach (Use of our facilities)

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Al-Anon

After-school Tutoring

FCAT Tutoring

GED Tutoring

Girl Scouts

Hospice

Isaiah's Place

Kiwanis Breakfast

Our Father's Table

Mise Discipleship

by Jan Wise

The Disciple Looks at the Fruit of the Spirit

A new Christian asked his teacher, "What do I have to do to get the fruits of the Spirit? Is it just that I have to try harder to be better or what? Is there some special formula that I should know?"

The teacher smiled at the sincerity of the student's question. "First a technicality - we speak of the fruit of the Spirit, not 'fruits.' If you looked at a buffet table full of fruit, would you say, 'Look at all the fruits,' or would you say, 'Look at all the fruit'?"

"Now, as to how you get the fruit of the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells you that when you received Christ, you immediately became a 'new ______,' that the 'old has gone, the new has come.' The Holy Spirit came to dwell within you in that very moment, bringing all the characteristics of Christ's personality into you. Part of what the Holy Spirit brought was the fruit of the Spirit—those attributes of Christ-likeness listed in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

"So, you have the fruit of the Spirit within you right now. You have possessed the "seed" of each kind of fruit ever since you accepted Christ. Now it only needs to ripen into maturity."

A disciple, one who has left all self-ambition and personal plans to follow Christ, has already received the fruit of the Spirit when he accepted Jesus. But it doesn't take long to realize that having within us the fruit of the Spirit and living out what the Holy Spirit has put in are two different things.

The Book of Philippians addresses the work of developing the fruit of the Spirit that is within each "new creation." Paul writes, "...being ______ of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on the _____ until the day of Christ Jesus." (1:6) The same God who planted the fruit of the Spirit within us at the beginning of our salvation experience will continue to develop it to maturity.

`Then Paul tells us our part in the process—"continue to ____ out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is ____ who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." (2:12b-13) We are to obey God as he works to bring maturity to the fruit of the Spirit, Christ's character in us.

Jesus spoke of our need to practice, to exercise in the growth of his fruit in us. He said, "...everyone who _____ these words of mine and puts them into ____ is like a wise man who built his house on the

rock." (Matthew 7:24) The wise man is then prepared to stand in the rains and winds of life - to stand with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control as people and circumstances try to move the disciple to worldly reactions - hate, anger, impatience and harshness, etc.

Jesus also spoke of fruit as being one of the ways

to identify those who falsely claim to speak for God. He
said, "By their you will recognize them. Do people
pick grapes from thorn- bushes, or figs from thistles?
Likewise every tree bears good fruit, but a
tree bears bad fruit. A good tree bear bad fruit,
and a bad tree bear good fruit." (Matthew 7:15
-18)
Do we as disciples exhibit good fruit that will iden-
tify us as belonging to Christ? Remember he said, "A new
I give you: one another. As I have
you, so you must one another. By this
all men will know that you are my, if you love
one another." (John 13:34-35)
Finally, Jesus explains the "secret" of bearing
good, abundant fruit: "I am the; you are the
branches a man remains in me and I in him, he will
much fruit; apart from me you can do"
Then he goes on to say, " you in me and my
words in you, ask you wish, and it will
be given you. This is to my glory, that you
bear fruit, showing yourselves to be my
" (John 15:5, 7-8) By soaking in God's Word
and obeying what we read, we can live out of the resulting
"much" fruit of the Spirit in our lives, showing the world
that we are Christ's disciples and bringing glory to the
Father.

THINK ABOUT IT—As God works in developing the fruit of the Spirit, he offers opportunities to practice

- If someone shoves ahead of you or cuts you off, praying for that one and asking God to bless is a way to encourage the fruit of the Spirit (love, kindness, goodness, self-control) in you to ripen.
- If a person you regard as unlovable comes to sit by you at a church dinner, God has given you the opportunity to extend kindness, goodness and his love a chance to ripen his fruit in you.
- If the hangers in your closet get entangled as you try to remove one from the rack, you have an opportunity to practice patience, gentleness, self-control where no one sees you - but God!

WHEN YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT, YOU CAN EXPECT FRUIT-PICKERS WILL SEEK TO TASTE OF GOD THROUGH YOU.

Bonfirmation Bunday, April 25, 2010



Alexander Weber Mentor, Roger Kirby



Alicia Argote Mentor, Myrna Evans



Amber Slack, Mentor, Anna Cooley



Caroline Dixon Mentor, Peggy Benson



Dominique Platt, Mentor, Neretta Brobst



Jerry Crawford Mentor, Ernie Dorrell



Kayla Micali Mentor, Theresa McCracken



Michael Conner Mentor, Joe Crawley



Sandra DeClue Mentor, Marsha Bader



ALWAYS ON DUTY Florida Methodist Children's Home "Where Children Come First"

It is amazing to think that since the Children's Home began, it has been in continuous operation, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They have never closed, never ceased operation, never been off duty. For 100 years they have been reaching out in Christian compassion to all those who have turned to them for help in a time of great need. From the first two children that were brought to the new Orphanage in 1908, to a child that may come into their care in 2010, they have been a haven of peace and merciful blessing to all who have entered the Home.

The Children's Home was born out of the concern of the United Methodist Churches in Florida, which saw a need and responded with the love of Jesus Christ. For all these years you have been the foundation of this ministry. In 1908, the Florida Annual Conference officially designated fifth Sundays as "Orphanage Sundays" and encouraged contributions to support the work of this new endeavor. Every year since, the Florida Conference has designated Fifth Sundays to support the Children's Home.

When people visit the Children's Home for the first time they are invariably impressed by the size and scope of the campus and ministry. They are reminded that what they see took over 100 years to create. It has taken the gifts, talents and prayers of so many who have provided for the Children's Home day after day, year after year, decade after decade.

As long as children and families have special needs that the Children's Home can reach through its unique role, the staff at the Home will be on duty 24 hours a day. Thank you for giving, loving, working and praying for this 100-year-old ministry. We can all celebrate with great joy more than a century of caring for God's children.

YOUR FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING IS NEEDED!

May 30 & August 29

CLICK HERE OR COPY AND PASTE:

http://www.fumch.org/donation.asp

To make an online donation!



June 17, 2010 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

First United Methodist Church 8831 W. Bradshaw Street Homosassa, Florida 352-628-4083 www.1umc.org

Here we go for our second Health Fair! This is not your normal Health Fair. The goal of this Health Fair is to educate, inform and answer a variety of questions, such as:

- •Do I need special shoes now that I am a diabetic?
- •I am ready to go to an Assisted Living Facility. How do I choose?
- •I've lost my job. Where can I go for medical care?
- •My family wants me to move "up North." Who will help me pack and move?
- •If I am told I need to go to a Rehabilitation Facility, who will help me with my choices?
- •I have extra time, where can I go to volunteer?
- •I love to dance. Where can I go?
- •I know I have needs, but I am not ready to give up my independence. Who can help me?
- Butterfly Garden? We have a Butterfly Garden in Homosassa? Yes, we do! Come and learn more.

If these are some of the questions you might have, "Come on down" and find out the answers!

Food & Drinks Available!
Free Door Prizes!
Free Gifts & Promotional Items!
Interesting Cars to View!

Over 50 local business & health organizations will be available to provide health screenings and valuable information about services available in your community.

Serendipity Happenings

Through Serendipity, the Holy Spirit is doing wonderful things.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in..." Matthew 25:35

Summer is almost upon us. From an unseasonably cold winter to the quick change to hot, humid, spring days and warm nights, our discomfort often prompts complaints. "It's too cold...it's too hot." We need rain and have had some but will expected June rains cause us to say, "too much"?

As our Serendipity Men's Group reacts to the needs of those hungry and homeless around us, we recognize how petty our complaints may sound to those who have no roof over their heads or food enough to sustain their barest nutritional requirements.

On the second Saturday of each month we serve a pancake and sausage breakfast to all that come. Each month a few more hungry and needy join us. Each month attendance grows a little. At the May breakfast the number attending grew by approximately 20 people, a significant increase. Some people were unknown to us. Praise the Lord! We hope that perhaps they were people from the community who are beginning to hear or see what FUMC is and how we care about the problems that are being experienced by some of the less fortunate.

It is obvious that as more people come to the pancake breakfast, Serendipity can afford more supplies, more food, and more shelter for those who are in need. From all of us in the Serendipity Men's Group, thank you to those within our church congregations and their friends who support this worthy cause. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 12, for the next breakfast. Begin your day with a fine meal and the knowledge that your presence helps "to give someone hungry something to eat."

Men and friends of FUMC:

We are a growing, viable, working men's group. Come join us in learning more of God's word through the Serendipity Bible and how better to relate to contemporary living. We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 until 4:30. Call Jim Potts at 382-1842 for further information.

We contemplate starting a second Serendipity group ... beginning this fall ... in the evenings. If interested, you may email Jim: jpotts003@tampabay.rr.com.

SERENDIPITY'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All You Can Eat ~ \$4.00

SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH 8:00 - 10:00 AM

HELP US, HELP THEM

The items needed most during these warm months for our Homeless Ministry are:

~INSECT SPRAY, ~BATTERIES (ALL SIZES), ~TOOTHPASTE, ~DEODORANT, ~TOILET TISSUE, ~WASHCLOTHS, ~HAND TOWELS, ~WHITE SOX, ~1 GALLON JUGS WATER.

ITEMS NEED FOR CASA (Citrus Shelter Abuse Associates) and HAVEN FOR WOMEN AND WOMEN WITH CHILDREN: ~BABY FOOD, ~DIAPERS, ~AND, UNOPENED COSMETICS FOR THE MOTHERS.

THE COLUMBARIUM AT FUMCH

With the passing of time, both pre-need and atneed Columbarium niche purchases have continued.

Columbarium packets and information are available from Theresa Weber, Church Administrator, in the church office.

The Columbarium's National Colors flag/stand is placed for the inurnment of a veteran, with the family's wishes. Military Honors can be rendered but rifle volleys are not fired on church grounds.

The Columbarium and surrounding Memory Garden are cleaned weekly, in the knowledge that family members do visit and rest there in prayer, reflection, and meditation.

I would be pleased to try to answer any questions you may have day or evening.

John Gibbs, Chairman, 628-0688

PICTURE BY JEAN BECK



<u>SUMMER IS THE TIME TO RELAX WITH A GOOD BOOK</u> such as the following that can be found in the Church Library:

- # The Choice by Nicholas Sparks, a story of love found and lost and the decision we hope we'll never have to make. Travis Parker is a man who has everything good job, loyal friends, even a waterfront home in a small-town in North Carolina. He holds the vague conviction that a serious relationship with a woman would only cramp his style. Then Gabby Holland moved in next door. Despite his attempts to be neighborly, the attractive redhead seems to have a grudge against him, and the presence of her long-time boyfriend doesn't help. Travis' persistent efforts to ingratiate himself with his new neighbor lead them both to the doorstep of a journey neither could have foreseen. Scanning the eventful years of young love, marriage and family, we are ultimately confronted with the most heart-wrenching question of all-how far should you go to keep the hope of love alive?
- * <u>Tillie. a Mennonite Maid</u> by Helen R. Martin is a reprint of the classic 1904 edition and, in large print, it's an easy book to read.
- * Savina, A Story of the Amish, by Helen R. Martin, is a reprint of the classic 1906 edition, with large print, and written in the dialect of the poor Amish and Pennsyslvania Dutch people.
- * An Album of Memories: Personal Histories from the Greatest Generation, by Tom Brokaw. This book is in large print, and history comes alive in people's own words through stories, reflections and memorabilia of World War II and photographs that commemorate certain events. It preserves a people's rich historical heritage and the legacy of a nation's heroism in war and its courage in peace, starting with the Depression and Pearl Harbor, moving on through the war years in Europe, in the Pacific and at home.
- * Chasing the Wind, by Patricia H. Rushford. These are stories from Hope Haven Hospital. The people in this hospital provide health-care support the way it is meant to be top-notch, kind, loving and complemented by friendship and God's fellowship. These amazing nurses live, love, pray and hope as they face life and death challenges and stand in wonderment at the healing power of God's grace. The book has easy-to-read print.
- * Approval Addiction: Overcoming Your Need to Please Everyone, a non-fiction book by Joyce Meyer. Many people have an unhealthy need for approval and are unable to feel good about themselves without it. These "approval addicts" spend their time in a constant struggle with low self-esteem and emotional turmoil which leads to major problems in their relationships with others. The author provides a path to release from this overwhelming need and provides a supportive voice. Her abiding message is that God provides all the affirmation anyone needs and through Him one can attain freedom.
- # God's Little Devotional Book for Men, an Honor Book. This is an inspirational combination of quotes and Scriptures and has proven to be a popular way to communicate. These powerful devotionals are certain to re-energize your determination and ambition. Basic, realistic and profound, this book will cause you to challenge and conquer anything that stands in your way of becoming the man God created you to be.
- *Good and Loathing*, by Betsy Lerner − Never before has the intimate relationship between mood swings and food swings been so honestly chronicled. The author writes about her life from a bright but chubby girl to junior high, at which time she had precisely divided the world of food into "the dietetic and the forbidden". Then on to Overeaters Anonymous, yo-yo dieting and depressive episodes. After landing at New York Psychiatric Institute, a young doctor helps her take her first step toward selfhood and unraveling the dual legacy of compulsion and depression. This book is unflinchingly honest and deeply moving.
- *♦* Sommerfeld Trilogy, by Kim Vogel Sawyer. These are three bestselling Mennonite novels in one volume. First is Bygones, followed by Beginnings and Blessings. Love comes home to simplistic roots. Amid a quiet Kansas Mennonite community, three

women seek a place to belong. Marie Koeppler returns to her hometown to accept an inheritance gift but wonders if she can really go back to the faith of her youth and a love that has never let her go. Beth Quinn recently learned that her mother was raised Mennonite, but which lifestyle will she choose when two men from different worlds pursue her? Trina Muller wants to be a good Mennonite wife as well as a trained veterinarian but can these two opposing dreams fit together?

<u>Unspoken</u>, by Angela Hunt, is a novel about sacrifice and the unspoken connections that bring us together. Glee Granger has been working with a gorilla, Sema, for the past eight years and has centered her life around Sema – living and playing together, eating and "talking" together. Though Sema isn't the first gorilla to use sign language, Glee has pushed their interaction to breakthrough levels. Sema belongs to the zoo, and they want her back. Glee's only option for continuing her work is to join the zoo staff. The new arrangement is fine, until the unthinkable happens--an event that overturns everything Glee thought she knew about humans and animals, the seen and the unseen ...and the unspoken. In this intriguing book, Glee taught a gorilla to talk. Now can Glee learn to listen?

Our DVD library is growing. We have all seven DVDs in Janette Oke's heartwarming series of *Love Comes Softly*. They follow the lives of Missie and her husband who, after a treacherous journey West, established a homestead and began to raise a family. In the 5th Chapter, *Love's Unending Legacy*, Missie, after he husband's death, adopts Belinda from the orphan train. Belinda is a feisty teenager, but there is pending romance for Missie with the local sheriff. Chapter 6, *Love's Unfolding Dream*, tells of Belinda's determination to become a doctor and how a wealthy dowager just might help make Belinda's dreams come true. Next is *Love Takes Wing*. Belinda is now a doctor in a small Missouri town where an unknown plague is spreading fear and resentment among the townspeople. With the help of the town's handsome young blacksmith, she learns that if she can rely on faith and love, then everything else may just fall into place.

We also have Safe Harbor. This is a true story of a wealthy couple who "pay it forward" by helping troubled teens change their life around. The boys stay with them on their boat and learn discipline and confidence by the challenging life at sea. The DVD stars Treat Williams and Nancy Travis

Touching Wild Horses stars Jane Seymour. Twelve-year-old Mark is sent to live with his aunt on a remote island, isolated from the world except for a park ranger and a herd of wild horses, which they are forbidden to touch. The story unfolds when the mother of a wild colt is killed.

The Inheritance is based on a novel by Louisa May Alcott. In 18th century New England, beautiful orphan Edith lives as a paid companion to the wealthy Hamilton family's daughter. When Edith falls in love with an eligible bachelor visiting to court a Hamilton cousin, she struggles to make sense of her position within the Hamilton household and society, her loyalty to her patrons and her love for a young man she'll never marry.

The Ultimate Gift stars Abigail Breslin, Brian Dennehy and James Garner. Upon his grandfather's death, a young man of privilege is given twelve tasks that his grandfather calls "gifts" to challenge him to grow as a man. The story line is "life is how you live it – not how you spend it."

The Church Library will be open all summer, so please feel free to drop by and borrow a book. Just remember to sign and date the card in the back of the book and leave it in the basket on the desk. When returning books, please leave them on the library desk.

Have a happy Summer! Your Library Staff Helen Lefave and Barbara Jackson

Christian Education and Ministries

Patience Nave

As things wind down for our year and we prepare for a little quieter atmosphere for the summer, I realize that I won't have much time to waste. And that's good. The Lord says we should "redeem the time," not waste it. So I'm doing the redeeming by planning things for this fall. In September, we'll "hit the ground running."

- ♦ We really celebrated on April 25, as nine of our young people completed the Confirmation Class and joined the church. They are absolutely wonderful! I confess that planning and completing the course required a huge amount of time, but when we had our last meeting and all committed their lives to Jesus Christ, we knew every ounce of expended energy was well spent. Thank you for praying for them so faithfully. I loved having you ask about them by name. Though you did not know them as Neretta and I did, you knew the one for whom you were praying, and your prayers played a huge part in the success of our class and in its final conclusion.
- ♦ Neretta Brobst has "gone traveling." She has been wonderful to work with, and the youth love her. But now Crystal Wiseman is our Youth Coordinator, and she and I will work closely to "grow our program," but, more importantly, to nurture the youth we have.
- ♦ The VBS program this year is spectacular! Ron Witham has worked endless hours creating the most amazing set for the week. Kim Bennett and her crew have planned well, begged supplies from merchants, painted sets, created healthy recipes for an Egyptian theme, and recruited a lot of people to care for the many we expect. Every home where we have given food this year and that has a child of VBS age received a personal invitation for their child/children to join us (thanks to the wonderful help of Mary Lee and Allen Milliken). Pray that at least some of them will come. They need more than just full tummies from the food we give away. We long for the opportunity to feed the children spiritually.
- ♦ We have been asked to begin in August to fill back packs with food for children at Homosassa Elementary School, about 50 children who would otherwise not have food on the weekend. Hernando UMC does this for Hernando Elementary. We need two teams to do the work without undue burden on anyone. I have one team, and I'll have the other by August.
- ♦ The Citrus County School System has asked us to pilot a program to work with students who have been expelled, helping them with their studies so they won't be behind when they are allowed to return to school. Joe Crawley and I will meet in June or July with the county director of the program to finalize the plans. I'll be calling some of you who have taught or mentored children before. This is not only going to be an important program academically, but I think it's a wonderful opportunity for us to minister to these troubled youth.
- We enjoyed the benefits of a good **Fine Arts Committee** for many years, and we are once again going to have that Committee functioning. Several people have agreed to serve, and initial meeting will probably have occurred by the time you read this. So, watch for announcements of exciting things to come! We hope to have at least four concerts a year. Won't that be wonderful?
- ♦ I'm working on the **Advent devotional** for 2010. I'll appreciate your prayers, that I can recognize guidance when I get it. I have been praying about a theme, and I now have that. The research is beginning, and my goal for completion is September
- **The Haiti Team** has set October 15-23 to return to Petite Goave/Carrenage. We met after I returned from Haiti and made plans, some of which have already been changed.
- ♦ I should report a failure this year. I tried this spring to begin **showing films in our great media facility**. The nights planned for adults were VERY modestly attended. The mornings for the children did a little better but certainly not great. I'm thinking about trying "matinees for grownups." A number of people have come to tell me movies they think we might enjoy. I'll try again, but I need your ideas.
- ♦ I don't want to stop without saying thank you to our faithful editor, Judith Huffer, for her many hours of work in getting *Genesis* into your hands. We'll miss her!

We have a vibrant, healthy outreach as well as our own internal ministry. We need to thank God daily for this incredible church. I often stop to thank him that I get to do what I am doing!

Parish Nurse Notes

Thank you all for welcoming me to the church family. Those who have stopped in the Parish Nurse Office have noticed a number of changes. I call those changes "nesting," "settlingin," defining my space. Most Monday and Tuesday mornings you will find me at the church. If you have questions or concerns at others times you can email me at parishnurse@1umc.org or notify the church office and they will contact me.

Plans are in the works for the Second Annual Mind Body & Soul Health Fair Scheduled for Thursday June 17th from 9 AM-12 PM in our Fellowship Hall. For those of you who attended last year you will see some familiar faces, and lots of new ones. The Health Fair is a joint effort between Baycare and our Parish Nurse Office. Our committee has been working hard to bring you new and interesting vendors to provide new and updated information for meeting your physical and spiritual health needs. So put this event on your calendar.

Research, study and planning are going into getting our Diabetes and Fibromyalgia support groups up and running again. At this point I am looking at Fall but would like to get them started sooner. Watch the church bulletin for updates.

For those of you traveling this summer, be your own heath advocate. Compile a medical file to carry with you. Include names and phone numbers for your Florida doctors, copies of recent laboratory and other medical tests, including a recent EKG. Being prepared can save valuable time and may save your life.

~ Karen Kline

Sail Away With Us This Fall Rev. Richard Evans

Join some of your church friends from September 19-27 as we fly to Quebec and enjoy a relaxing and scenic river cruise on the St. Lawrence River. Unpack just once on board the Canadian Empress—a 66-passenger ship with comfortable staterooms, delicious meals and all the amenities.

The fall foliage should be brilliant, and the included shore excursions will be interesting for those who choose to take them--or you may simply stay on board the ship. You will see Quebec City, Montreal, and many small towns on the way to Kingston, ON. You will marvel as we pass through the enormous locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway and glide through the famous Thousand Islands.

The per person price of \$3,425 (dbl.occ) includes airfare (direct flights), ground transportation in Florida and Canada, the cruise, hotels in Quebec City and Toronto before and after the cruise, most meals, all taxes & fees, and comprehensive travel insurance.

If you are interested, call me (563-5833) immediately with your questions. To register, call Jess Mackey (382-7708). The deadline is rapidly approaching! I hope to welcome you to our travel group for another delightful journey.

It's Your Retirement. Make the Most of it!

Consider getting the most out of your retirement income by establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) naming First United Methodist Church of Homosassa as beneficiary. You'll have the satisfaction of supporting your church, plus:

- a fixed income throughout your lifetime,
- an attractive payout rate,
- an immediate charitable income tax deduction,
- favorable tax treatment of payments (in some cases, tax-free income).

Here's how it works. In exchange for your gift of cash or securities, the Florida United Methodist Foundation will pay you a fixed annual sum for your lifetime. The payments are based upon the size of your gift, your age, and whether you designate one or two annuitants.

Example: a person who is 80 years old can create a CGA with \$20,000 and receive a 7.1% payout rate for the rest of her/his life - paid quarterly for an annual total of \$1,420. Over \$1,000 of that amount may be tax-free, along with an income tax deduction of over \$10,000.

For more information on Charitable Gift Annuities and other types of planned and deferred gifts to the church, call the church office (628-4083) or speak to a member of the Permanent Endowment Committee.

EBADOC ACADEMY

Summer Schedule

The next EBADOC Academy Rotation Unit:

The Prophets: "He said what?" June 6th to August 8th, 2010

Join us each Sunday as we learn about the prophets of the Old Testament. Scheduled activities to help us learn: EBADOC Launch Pad, Testament Tales, our Cornerstone Theatre with DVD and popcorn, Potter's Place - Arts & Crafts, First Fruits Kitchen (see the following about our Bake Sales), EBADOC.org – computer Bible Champions Game, music at Hallelujah Haven, Stargazer Science Lab with the "mad scientist," Discipleship Drama with Mrs. Laurie, and Glory Games – Prophets Jeopardy. Don't miss out! Countdown for class starts at 9:25 a.m. every Sunday in Room 112. Bring a friend and join us!

Mark your calendars! As part of their next rotation unit activities, the EBADOC children/youth will be saving their pennies during the month of June and having bake sales in Room 111 of the education wing as follows:

~~ "Pennies for Profits" (Prophets) BAKE SALES ~~
Funds raised will benefit the
Homeless in Homosassa Ministry.

(Jerry & Jan Tanner)

- June 27th Bake Sale by Grades 1-5
- <u>July 4th</u> Bake Sale by our Youth (6th Grade and Up) Stop by and purchase some yummy muffins, baked by our own kids for a great ministry!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To the anonymous and generous donor of the "Piggy Bank" to the EBADOC Academy children/youth, for them to open and use the money toward the Haiti mission fund. The children/youth "discovered" coin treasures in the amount of \$108.10. They had a wonderful time getting the coins to come out and then counting the grand total while enjoying their snack after class. Pictures will be posted on the EBADOC bulletin board.



COUNCIL MEETING REPORT FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW President Helen Lefave and Vice President Lori DeClue attended a **District meeting** at Curlew United Methodist Church **in Palm Harbor** on Saturday, April 10. The members attending were Unit Presidents and Social Action Coordinators. Our Unit has no designated Social Action Coordinators. Our Unit has no designated Social Action Coordinator so Lori assumed that responsibility for us. The speaker talked on the subject of "Human Trafficking" and brought to light the facts of human slavery in today's world in the form of forced servitude and sexual exploitation and abuse. This criminal industry is more prevalent in the United States than expected. The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church, 2008, joins in the abolition of sex trafficking. An informational program will be planned for 2011 as a Social Action project.

Beth Moore, one of the best known women in the evangelical Christian market, author of many best-selling books and a dynamic teacher, will be speaking at Northcliffe Baptist Church in Spring Hill on Saturday, April 24. The event is a live Simulcast and her subject will be "So Long, Insecurity." Helen Lefave and Lori DeClue will attend this event. All women are invited.

Plans have begun for our annual fundraiser, the **Holiday Bazaar**, which will be held on Saturday, November 6. Chairman Pat Blake has held two planning sessions with representatives from each of the five Circles. There will be intermittent craft workshops.

Our Homosassa Unit of United Methodist Women is comprised of five Circles, and each Circle has its own outreach projects. Faith Hope Circle donated 10 Bags of Hope to the homeless in March. Helping Hand Circle bakes birthday cakes each month for the girls who live at Camp E-Nini-Hassee plus taking up a collection for Brittany Henry to spend as she wishes. Dorcas Circle donated items to the Tanners for the homeless. SALTY Circle works with Simons Cottage, an adult residence at the Key Training Center, and Ruth Circle has one member who sews clothes throughout the year for children at Homosassa Elementary School.

The Thrift Shop has become our pride and joy. Since moving to its expanded quarters, it has become a thriving ministry. We have been able to give \$500 to the Key Center, and we're listed as a Partner in their newsletter. Salvation Army received \$500 to be used for cold weather shelter, hot meals and a warm place to sleep. We donated \$500 each to HPH Hospice, Isaiah's Place, United Methodist Children's Home, Cornerstone Ministries (where SHARE warehouse is located plus a daycare where some babies have been born addicted to crack cocaine); the Henry Family and the Woosters.

Our Unit planned and served a **Confirmation Luncheon** at noon on Sunday, April 25. Nine students joined the Church that day, and their mentors and family attended the luncheon with them. We were proud to be a part of this celebration.

Submitted by Helen Lefave, President of FUMCH United Methodist Women Phone (352) 628-1380 or e-mail: hhunter@tampabay.rr.com

ATTENTION: PARTICIPANTS IN THE UMW READING PROGRAM!

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE MAILED OUT BY JULY 1.

I need a record of the books you have read this year for the United Methodist Women Reading Program. Remember you have to read one book in each category for Plan I (that's four books - one for Education for Mission, one for Spiritual Growth, one for Social Action and one for Nurturing for Community).

Of course, if you read more, you will advance to Plans II, III and IV.

Please leave these forms in the basket on the library desk before JUNE 1, 2010.

If anyone needs more information, please call me at 382-2705. Thank you for supporting the UMW Reading Program. United Methodist Women are among the best-read people in the world.

Barbara Jackson, Chairman of Program Resources

UMW NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Requesting nominating suggestions for the following positions on the Executive Committee Board for the year 2011.

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:(At present, Jackie LaMountain has served for 7 years, and would like to hand this position over to another.)
Publicity Chairperson:

Social Action Coordinator:
 (This position was vacant in 2010, and the Exec. Committee performed the duties.)

Other positions available: Secretary of Program Resources; Committee on Nominations; Spiritual Growth Coordinator; Membership, Outreach & Nurture Coordinator; Social Action Coordinator; Education & Interpretation Coordinator.

There are only six Executive Board Meetings a year!
Prayerfully consider accepting a position and enlarging
your mission to service within the Homosassa
United Methodist Women's Unit.



Individuals are to bring their own picnic lunch.

Water and Ice Tea will be provided by The Unit.
The Ruth Circle will hostess
and will provide desserts.

Program by: Patience Nave "Call To Prayer and Self-Denial"

Please tell your Circle Chairman if you are going to attend, so we can plan the appropriate setup. Call or email Betty McGraw with your attendance counts.

IN CASE OF RAIN,
THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN
THE CHURCH'S FELLOWSHIP HALL.

DITTY BAGSI

Merriam-Webster's definition of a "ditty bag" (circa: 1860): "a bag used especially by sailors to hold small articles (as needles and thread)." The ditty bags that the Methodist women assemble are "little bags of love-in-action."

John Wesley often preached about works of piety and mercy as inseparable. Charity is a gift, but social action helps change systems that keep people oppressed and dispossessed. As United Methodist Women, we believe that these are inseparable. Early each spring, members of the United Methodist Women begin stitching together thousands of drawstring bags. Over the following months, collections of small personal items and/or money to purchase them are taken in churches and UMW circles. After that, they are packed into drawstring bags for the homeless men, women, and children of the Gulf Central District.

Citrus County

Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA)

The Path of Citrus County

The Sanctuary, Homosassa

≈ DUE OCTOBER 23, 2010 ≈

Walking on the Path

Patience Nave

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

As many of you know, I recently went to Haiti on a kind of exploratory trip. I have been now many times, and I know my way around pretty well; however, the Port au Prince Air Port is something of a challenge. As soon as one reaches the baggage claim area, dozens and dozens of people approach, aggressively vying for the right to get the luggage and supply a ride to the traveler's destination. The question is, "Which one do I trust."

Usually Pastor Montreuil Milord travels with me, and I am safe. This time, I was on my own! I prayed and asked others to pray that there would be someone there whom I would sense I could trust. I was carrying a lot of money. The right person was important.

Unsure of myself but sure of God, I went to Haiti without knowing how I would handle many situations. The airport was just the first. On the morning of my departure, Montreuil called to say he'd asked someone to meet me! On arriving, I entered the dreaded spot and quickly recognized a face, a handsome young Haitian man who had helped me before. This time he was in full uniform. He is the Chief of Police! I was safe.

I know this seems a small thing. I wasn't exactly afraid, but I was unsure. As he approached, "Miss Patience, come," sounded really good! I relaxed!

And that's how the whole trip went. Moving a little hesitantly but sure that I was doing what God wanted me to do, I went about the days there. I learned where the needs lay, what work we can do when we go, how we can accomplish it, and where we can stay. And beside all that, we fed a lot of people and made promises of more to come. "According to his riches" usually means more than I can imagine to ask for!

Prayer: Father, thank you for being so faithful to your promises. Help us to learn to trust you to do that always and also to learn to handle the promises we make with the same kind of care. Amen.

ATTENTION:

Savers Of Box Tops For Education And Campbell's Label Icons

Thank you to all who are saving "Box Tops for Education with Campbell Products" labels that have the Campbell Soup Kid wearing his mortarboard hat; and thank you for depositing them in the Campbell receptacle that is on the top shelf of the mailbox cubbies located by the Church Office.

We don't need the whole label anymore. There are samples on the receptacle that show what we're collecting. Your continued support with this United Methodist Women project of Social Action is appreciated. I recently brought a substantial amount of box tops and icons to Homosassa Elementary School. They were happy to receive our contribution. In this way we help the school to earn free equipment.

Helen Lefave, President United Methodist Women (352)628-1380

Dear praying friends,

Wow, what a month! We've been from one end of Thailand to the other and from one end of the emotional scale to the other as the Lord brought many encouraging and surprising things to pass in just a few weeks. Thanks so much for your prayers as we walk through the ramifications of all that occurred in April.

Praises:



The PIONEERS Mainland Southeast Asia (MSEA) area retreat that we attended in early April was restful. ("Retreat" photo includes five Henrys scattered around, though mostly at the top). The first night, the MSEA Area Leader (AL) announced that he has taken

a new job in the U.S. and will be resigning as of June 1. In addition, it has been decided that the growing MSEA area will be split into two areas, which means two new ALs to oversee a total of around 20 teams. Joe has been asked to be one of those two new ALs (for the new Thailand/Myanmar area). This would mean adding this important position to our ministry "plate," which includes leadership of The HOME Team and doing ministry with the *Garmolgomuts* (see first prayer item) and the Cool Shade of Life Church. The PI Regional Leader will shepherd the leadership selection process; please pray for God's will to be done and for wisdom in choosing the new ALs.

The We had a very encouraging time at the five-day Siam Baptist Group church camp last month. Our church-planting team was given strong words of support and encouragement by Thai church leaders. In ad-



dition, two more Thai leaders asked for help in opening new churches. However, we felt that we had to ask them to wait as we try to recruit missionaries to fill our existing three partnerships. These need help before we add more partnerships.

⊕ God was very generous financially in April. First, we received the funds we needed for five of us to attend 16 days of camps and retreats – not a cheap undertaking, even in Thailand! Then, the Lord showed us how to come up with the money we needed to rebuild Joe's car engine, which died in late March. We even received a kind, anonymous gift during the retreats that was a great encouragement to us. Praise God for His never -ending provision!

Prayers:

The began our new ministry partnership with the owners of 10 bilingual schools when we recently started regularly attending the Bible studies they hold at two of their Chiang Mai schools. We are in awe of how the Lord is working at these schools as dozens of people have received the Lord and been bap-



tized. Please pray for wisdom as we plan to help *Chogait* and *Amporn Garmolgomut* open churches in five cities. These churches will help disciple the new believers and share the Gospel in their communities.

♣ As mentioned above, The HOME Team had the opportunity to consider **two more church-planting partnerships** with Thai leaders. However, we still need missionaries for three of our five existing works. Please pray for the Lord to provide godly teammates in abundance as He also provides opportunities to open new churches in abundance!

[♣] To put it bluntly, **Thailand society is in chaos**. As most of you know, 27 people have died recently during violent outbursts in what has been a years-long political/social struggle. We won't get into the particulars as that is too complicated for this small space. Instead, we simply ask for your prayers for the country that nobody else will be killed and that a peaceful, equitable and long-lasting solution can be worked out soon. Most importantly, pray that more Thais would find the true Source of peace!

[⊕] Praise God that **Brittany received her Thailand tourist visa** without any problems and without any restrictions on extending her stay to the full 90 days that are planned. **Please pray** for her and her luggage as she flies with a friend from South Carolina to Atlanta to LA to Taiwan to Chiang Mai on Sunday, May 16, to Tuesday, May 18.



[⊕] Please pray for Elaine as **she finishes her five-year run as 2**nd **grade teacher** at Grace International School (GIS). As of today, there are 20 class days left. Pray for her to finish well and for her emotions as she steps away from

what has been her main ministry for years. (This photo was taken the day elementary students dressed as their favorite book characters. For costume purposes only. Elaine ended up as a fairy godmother!)

Until all have heard, Joe, Elaine, Brittany, Justin, Caleb & Jamie Cool Shade of Life Church in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Visit our Web Site:

http://www.ourchurch.com/member/h/HenryThailand/

Genesis Summer 2010 Update from the Wooster's

Dear Faithful Friends...another summer is upon us and we are amazed at where the time has gone. We pray your summer is filled with opportunities to share His love and Word and you are blessed abundantly.

The Big Move...It's official, we've bought an apartment in the village. Located in the center, it's the perfect place because everyone comes to the "center" for one reason or another at some point during the week. To our surprise, we



found there are actually seven three-story apartment buildings in this "village." Ours just happens to be the cleanest and best-kept building. We also came to realize that, with a population of around 7500, this would be considered a town and not a village in the States. How-



ever, here it's still called such most likely because it's so far from the "big city." We are getting settled and making plans to begin some remodeling before the summer months. There is running **cold** water, so we need a water heater for starters. The windows aren't terrible but still allow quite a lot of cold air in during the winter...we're still deciding on this.

The bathroom needs some work and all the ceilings will need to be re-plastered. All in all, we're very pleased and of course excited to be making this move. This will allow us to work full time in this area and be a part of the community as well. We've already met three of our neighbors...we're the youngest in our stairwell and Kevin is the only man; our neighbors are all teachers, most of whom are retired. It's the first time in many years since a neighbor has actually come to our door and welcomed us to the neighborhood! We hope God will give us opportunities to share His love with these wonderful ladies.



New project with the local building for people in wheel-chairs... (This is hard to translate into English.) In the city there is a relatively new facility where people live that are confined to wheelchairs. The

building was being finished when the financial crisis hit the world pretty hard. There are several rooms in this building that were supposed to be finished with heating, flooring, lights etc. so that they could be used as multipurpose rooms. We were approached not long ago about helping them finish one of these rooms. We decided as a team to do this project and should be starting within the next 2 weeks. We hope to be done by the middle of June. The room we are doing will be used for artists, wood-working, and various other handicraft projects. We will keep you updated on the progress via email updates. We would love to do another room in

this building--one where someone could fix wheelchairs for the residents of the building. In order to do another room, we would need approximately \$2400. Please remember this need.

Rehab center......what can we say? We wish we could say that the rate of recovery from drugs and alcohol here is 100%. We would love to report that it is 50%, we would love to tell you that it is 25%...but the fact is it is around 9%. That may not sound like a lot but if a center has 200 people come through...that translates to 18 changed lives...is it worth the cost???? YES! What price can be put on a soul being saved from the ravaging effects of a life addiction to drugs/alcohol? Kevin is still making a trip once a week to encourage and teach the men at the rehab center near town. We also are helping support the work with donations of food several times a month. They have recently moved into another facility that they are eager to purchase. They have successfully raised some funds for the purchase of this building but are still in need of funds for the purchases as well as the ongoing remodeling....please lift this need

(A side note: This is the center where the gentleman from the village was staying. He was there for over fourth months when his family came and told him it was time to leave. He has returned to his old life; we continue to lift him to the only one who can change lives. Remember him and the other men at this facility often.)

Financial Crisis that rocked the world not long ago is still lingering here as well. Inflation is still running about 12% a year and we have lost around \$700 from our monthly support in the past year and a half. We recently heard from our organization that our account is in the minus by \$1600. We have been forced to cut our monthly income. We see this as a distraction from our work and another way that could lead to discouragement. That is **NOT** going to happen because we know He is more than faithful to provide for us now just as he has in the past.

We would appreciate you lifting the following needs over the summer months as you go about your everyday tasks. Thank you, dear friends, for your continued faithfulness in this area. We feel so blessed to have you as partners in such important work. Until we write in the fall.....



Joyfully, Kevin & Laura Wooster

PLEASE remember these requests:

- The men and women of the rehab centers to be free of their addictions
- Opportunities to speak openly with the

folks in the village

- Ability to complete several projects over the summer months
- Settling into our new home and building relationships with neighbors
- Monthly finances
- Wisdom in the everyday decision.
- The fellowship to continue to grow in their understanding and walk with Him

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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Shirley & Allan Hunter 17 years ~

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FUMCH Genesis Editor Cyrynda Walker!

The Final Swan Song...

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She made us all look good. were polished and made concise under her skillful revisions correct English grammar. All submitted journalistic efforts really knows how to "turn a phrase" of Kingdom Wisdom and being constant by my side on this journalistic adventure. Jan I thank my colleague and copy-editor, Jan Wise, fo

numerous requests. needed for my publishing. You never said, "No" to any of my you for keeping me supplied with the materials that were To our Church Administrator, Theresa Weber, thank

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guru angels. Software, hardware...whatever I needed...you never left me wanting. A huge "Bless You" to all of the FUMCH computer-

graphics on each page. He quietly suggested that I "might use more 'white space'." four years ago when I was going crazy using illustrative through Genesis. The only time he expressed an opinion was ing me total free-hand for my representation of our church, I pray that our new editor, Cyrynda Walker, will have Last, but not least, I must thank Pastor Mark for giv-

Your Sister in Christ

bottom of my heart for all your prayers and support during

this editorial ministry

as meaningful and fulfilling a journalistic adventure as it has

been for me. To my church family, I thank you all from the

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Krissy & Wayne Brown

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Jackie LaMountain

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Janet & Howard Watson ~ 45 years ~

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Donna Ludwig Love in Christ

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TEN IDEAS FOR EVERYDAY OUTREACH

No elaborate planning necessary

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the manager over and explain how much you

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the gift of your attention. 10. When you're talking with someone, give them

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THANK YOU!

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mother's recent passing. made phone calls during my you who sent cards and I want to thank all of

pared and served the at the reception after thank all the ladies who prefor being there for our family ing my mother's service and Reverend Whittaker for do-A special thanks Also, I would like to reception after

Thank you all very much Carole Weinberger

WEDNESDAY 9:30 AN

TUESDAY 5:30 PM

NEW AT FUMCH!

THANK YOU

my stay in the hospital. prayers, and cards during phone church family for all their I would like to thank my calls, visits,

one and all caring. encouragement and vis-Pastor Mark, Martha and have a church who is so Peggy, for their words of A special thanks I'm truly blessed to God Bless You

Irene Stone and family

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 25
NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Monday 26

10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Serendipity Bible 5:30 Weight Watchers

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7:00 Mens Prayer Group Wednesday 28

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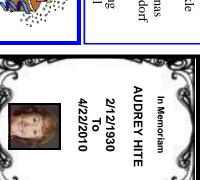
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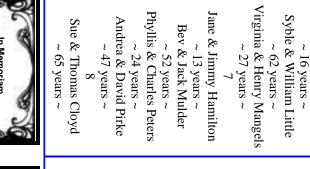
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6:30 Youth Group

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Bob Bunting	Patience Nave
30	17
Harvey Oltendorf	Stan Zawacki
Allene Misunas	Irene Stone
29	John Lawrey
Andrea Pirkle	Marleigh Gordon
William Brobst	Charles Blair
Marguerite Betzer Inne Rish	Althea Stuckey
28	15
Jynetha Montgomery	Phyllis Peters
Diane Gibbs	Linda Gordy
27	Wayne Brown
Jeffrey Post	14
Lee Bast	William Parks
26	13
Cranie Koellhoffer	Jim Love
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Joe Ann & Robert Gidlow

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Barbara & Dave Shores

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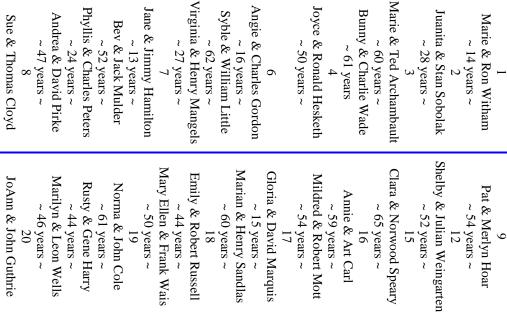
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Charlene & William Murray

~ 22 years ~

~ 44 years ~



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Beverly & Edward Calkins

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Myrna & Richard Evans

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Marcia & Richard Bader

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June & Harvey Oltendorf

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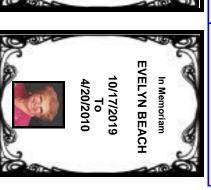
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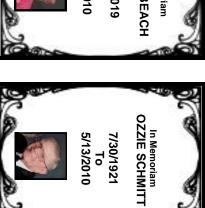
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PERSONS RESIDING IN LONG-TERM CARE AS OF: 5/6/2010 **And Prayers**

In Our Thoughts

Barbara & Richard Hartley

~ 61 years ~

CR HEALTH & REHAB Annie Preston

Ozzie Schmitt

Robert Smith

Mary "Betty" Duncan DIAMOND RIDGE Catherine Piper Jean Buzby

HUNT RESIDENCE Bill Marquis

SUGARMILL MANOR Grace Payne Shirley Hart

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS Ruth & Bill Willis Marguerite Betzer Frank Graham Ruth Eaton





















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