

GENESIS



Epiphany

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Have you seen the bumper sticker that says, “Don’t give up on me, ‘cause God hasn’t finished with me yet?” I love it, because it affirms that we are a work in progress. We haven’t achieved all that we are going to achieve in this life.

That’s great – if you are reasonably young and still have some room to improve. But what happens when you are getting on in years, when most of your life is behind you? Well, in the book of Genesis there is a story about the time when God came to Abraham (who was 99) and Sarah (who was 90) and told them he wasn’t finished with them yet! Against all odds God makes promises about having a baby and being the father of a mighty nation. They may have thought they were finished – others probably did – but not God!

Too many older adults think they are finished just because they are retired. Too many younger adults wish they would get out of the way. The good news though is that God isn’t finished with us yet and God can still bring things to birth, new life, through you no matter what age you are.

This is going to be a busy year. All our ministries are more critical than ever as the economic situation continues to stagnate. In addition, we are having our Centennial Celebration in January, February and March, with the Bishop coming to share with us on March 25th. This is also the year for General Conference in Tampa and that will be exciting. We hope to continue to expand the outreach of our fellowship hall and try new things in worship.

God is doing a new thing in this church, and in each one of us. It will be exciting to see where the year takes us and how we will respond to the challenges it presents. **In all things, we need to remember that God isn’t finished with us yet.**

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. The 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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A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore.
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord.

Remember not the former things
The things of this past year.
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware.

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him.
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within.

What God has placed within our hearts
We find we’ll be able to do.
If we look for the opportunities
We’ll see the door to go through.

We mustn’t let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place.
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace.

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CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

Greeters
Ushers
Music Ministries
Attendance Tracking
Biblical Travel Ministry
Christian Education
Communion Stewards
Counters
Disaster Relief Programs
Flower Arranging Ministry
Folding & Mailing Committees
Funeral Receptions
Genesis Newsletter
Library
Lenten Soup Suppers
Men's Wed. Morning Prayer Breakfast
Online Picture Directory
Parish Nurse Ministry
Prayer Ministry
Stewardship
Audio-Video Ministry
UMW Circles
United Methodist Women
Visitation Care Group
Wednesday Night Dinners
Youth Ministry

Outreach Ministries

Annual Seminar for Elder Needs
Bus Ministry
Disaster Relief & Response Team
God's Clods (Clown Ministry)
Health Related Workshops
Hugs for Soldiers
Local Travel Ministry
Men's Monday Morning Work Group
Missionaries to Siberia, and Thailand
Nursing Home Ministries
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Holiday Prison Ministry
Shut-In Visitation
Stephen Ministry
Tuned To Revival Quartet
Thrift Shop
Vacation Bible School
Welcome Bags

Small Groups

Bereavement Group
Cancer Survivors
Current Affairs
Individual Bible Study Groups
PAWS
Saturday Sisters
Men's Serendipity
Women's Serendipity
Support Groups
Alzheimer's Support
Diabetes Support
Memory Lane Respite
Stroke Support

Discipleship Classes

Companions in Christ
Disciple I & IV

Benevolences

CROP Walk
Equipment for Handicapped
Food Pantry
Habitat for Humanity
Holiday Food Baskets
Methodist Children's Home
Salvation Army
St. Andrew's Mission
The Heifer Project
The Path

Community Outreach

AA
Al-Anon
Blood Bank
Camp-E-Nini-Hassee
Hunger & Homeless Outreach
Kiwanis Breakfast
Our Father's Table

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Happy New Year. May all that we do this coming year be done to Glorify God and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Please look for information in this months Genesis from Martha Dorrell about the up coming 8-week disciple class; class size is limited.

All of our Sunday school classes and on-going bible study groups invite you to begin a new year with them. If you have any questions about where you would fit, please give me a call or stop by. I am in my office Monday thru Thursday

In the month of January we will be asking people who are interested in the spiritual nourishment of children to get together and plan a program for the coming summer. Watch for a notice in the bulletin and on the screens. If you have questions or interest I would love to hear from you.

Kay

**COUPLE'S RETREAT
MARCH 9-11, 2012
DETAILS NEXT MONTH**



When using FUMC for small groups, meetings, etc., we ask for your help in making sure that the building is secure after you leave.

REMEMBER:

STOP! After your meeting is over, check that all lights and fans are off.

LOOK! Make sure that everyone has their belongings and has left the building before you.

LOCK & CHECK! ALL doors.



**DID YOU LOSE IT?
MAYBE WE FOUND IT!!**

Did you lose your glasses, a piece of jewelry, an umbrella, or maybe a key? Call or come by the church office to see if we found it. We have a "lost and found" basket in the main office and the receptionist on duty will be glad to look for your lost item.



Karen Kline



there to listen, consider asking one of our Stephen Leaders for a Stephen Minister.

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The New Year is always a time of reflection, renewal and change. This year may be the time to do some serious soul searching and see what characteristics or behaviors you have that could actually be hurting you. David Jeremiah suggests keeping the following list handy and reviewing it often.

- Something shameful you need to put behind you?
- Someone I need to forgive?
- Some habit I need to break?
- Some worry I need to release?
- Some addiction I need to resolve?
- Some disappointment I need to get past?
- Some grudge I need to get over?
- Some secret I need to stop hiding?
- Some wound I need to let God heal?
- Some fear I need to conquer?
- Some child I need to turn over to God?
- Some parent I need to stop blaming?
- Some cherished relationship I need to hold loosely?

Remember that we are blessed in our church family to have a Stephen Ministry. If, after reflection you find you need help and would like someone to walk beside and be

If one of your goals is to lose weight and get moving, you might be interested in our new “Weight Control” group which meets every Tuesday at noon. No weigh-ins! We started with the premise that at this point in our lives we have probably tried most of the diet plans out there and realize that most do not really work.

We are incorporating spirituality by getting ready to meet the challenge of “getting moving” by “Walking to Jerusalem”. It involves plotting our journey from Homosassa to Jerusalem in time for Easter. Weekly devotionals are included, as well as a limited number of pedometers to document our progress. Each week we will add up all our miles of exercise and mark it on our map. We will also be learning something about the areas through which we will be traveling.

This is a unique way to “get moving” while having fun and fellowship. Currently we are eating a light lunch and walking during our hour time. If this sounds like a program that would work for you, please join us. We have three thousand miles+ to journey and we need your help.



WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN WE PRAY?

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed.

"How is it that there is no work going on here? I asked."

"So sad," the angel sighed. **"After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."**

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. **Just say, "Thank you, Lord."**

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world."

"If your parents are still alive and still married.... you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair."

"Ok," I said. "What now? **How can I start?**"

The Angel said, "When you read this, you've just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world."

submitted by Bob & June

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Another year has started, the time when we look at what we don't like about ourselves and determine to change. Whether it's our weight, a bad habit, or those besetting sins we hate but still do, we review our weaknesses and resolve to work on them. We don't like them, we don't like ourselves for having them—and we assume God feels the same way.

Paul writes of the time he was given a thorn in his flesh, “a messenger of Satan,” to torment him. Whoever or whatever Paul's “thorn” was, the important thing is God's response to Paul's plea for relief—“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Then Paul writes these unbelievable words: “That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

For Christ's sake, we are to be thankful for our weaknesses? When we give our imperfections to God, will he pour his power through our weaknesses, making us strong where we are weak? Is Paul showing us how weakness can be a gift of God, used by him to show his power?

A friend shared what the Lord told her about this puzzling way of the kingdom. God's word to Debbie was this: “Accept your weaknesses as a gift from Me, knowing that My Power plugs most readily into consecrated weaknesses.”

What if we began the New Year by turning all our failings over to God, asking him to consecrate them and make them places where his strength can be shown? He may change us, turning our weaknesses into strengths, or, as he did with Paul, he may leave them and use them for a display of his strength. Remember—it's consecrated weaknesses he seeks, not failings that we ignore or cover up.

Will you join me in offering God the things that we see as weaknesses, trusting him to consecrate them and use them for his glory? As we do this, it will really be a “new” year for us.

Prayer: Father, help us understand that our weaknesses are often of more value to you than our strengths. Consecrate our weaknesses. Make them a channel of your power for your glory. Amen.



At this time of the year, when we remember Jesus Christ our risen Savior, as a helpless baby--I would like to draw your attention to the love and care given to 100's of children, now and through the years, at our FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, in Enterprise, Fl. The 2011 Fall issue of THE HERALD was bursting with the great variety of educational, spiritual, and social programs that every year allow FUMCH to grow boys and girls into members of the 'Body of Christ' that you would be grateful to have as members, here at FUMC of Homosassa.

The education provided at FUMCH ranges from college prep, construction technology, cosmetology, and general education. Through regular chapel service, and mid-week services, the young people at FUMCH are given every opportunity to develop their Spiritual lives and become Baptized believers in Jesus Christ

Think of some of the children you come in contact with daily. Are they getting as much as these young ones who have either no families or families that are so dysfunctional that the child has to be removed? These young ones are part of **YOUR** ministry as you and the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church give your treasure from this earth, to become the riches of Heaven. Regular support comes from local United Methodist Churches through out all Florida. Some individual givers have chosen to give through MEMORIALS and bequests. Others who are able to give substantial funds to build new homes. This past year has seen the opening of two new homes on the FUMCH campus; the BELL HOME, and the SARAH HUNT HOME. These two new facilities will allow FUMCH to care for approximately 16-20 more children in need.

At this holiday season we celebrate our appreciation to God on

Thanksgiving Day. We rejoice in the love of God on Christmas Day. We begin our lives anew on New Year's Day.

So during this holiday season can I challenge you to give a special gift to FUMCH as part of your holiday giving? The residents there all appreciate all that is done for them, but a SPECIAL PRESENT from you would mean so much! Unsure what to give? Go to www.allchildrenfirst.org for a wish list.

As the new year begins, maybe you might include FUMCH as part of your year-end or long-term financial donation. MIKE CUMMINS is your contact for that, again the website above.

Let me close with this little story:

A man was walking down the beach when he saw a young boy reaching into the sand, finding something and gently placing it into the ocean a few feet from the waves. When asked what he was doing, the young boy said he was grabbing sand dollars and putting back in the ocean so that they could have a chance to survive. The man tried to explain to the boy that it was a fruitless effort because there were so many that the boy would never be able to rescue all of them. As the boy placed another sand dollar into the ocean he said; "BUT I SAVED THIS ONE"!

What difference can you make? Linda Marie Grend, B.A.M.A, FUMCH Alum, presently a candidate for Mayor of the City of Orlando, FL, at age 8 in 1973 became a resident at FUMCH, she says the greatest gift FUMCH gave her was to "...grow and know her savior Jesus Christ."

You were a part of that! PRAISE GOD!!!

Don Bates, Coordinator
FUMCH Missions Committee

What if there isn't "anymore"?

One day a woman's husband died, and on that clear, cold morning, in the warmth of their bedroom, the wife was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't "anymore".

No more hugs, no more special moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat, no more "just one minute." Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away, never to return before we can say "good-bye", or say "I love you."

So while we have it, it's best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken, and heal it when it's sick. This is true for marriage....and old cars... and children with bad report cards, and dogs with bad hips, and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep -- like a best friend who moved away or a sister-in-law after divorce. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what.

Life is important, like people we know who are special.. And so, we keep them close! Suppose one morning you never wake up, do all your friends know you love them?

Let every one of your friends know you love them. Even if you think they don't love you back. And just in case I'm gone tomorrow;

I LOVE YA!!!

**Live today because
tomorrow is not promised.**

"JOIN A CIRCLE" 9

With the beginning of a new year, the FUMC United Methodist Women would like to invite you to join a UMW Circle.

All Circles meet at the church except for Ruth, which meets at members' homes.

The present list of Circles and their new leaders are below; please feel free to call any of them to inquire about joining so that you too can share and help with the Lord's work.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Marilyn Siegel 382-3774

Alice Carnahan 628-9298

FAITH HOPE CIRCLE

Nancy Pearo 382-1034

Sharon Rapp 503-6424

HELPING HAND CIRCLE

Donna Ludwig 382-2420

RUTH CIRCLE

Joan West 382-1380

Sharon Haskell 382-3727

SALTY CIRCLE (evening mtg.)

Lori DeClue 287-1818



10 DVD SELECTIONS GROWING IN CHURCH LIBRARY!

Following are some of the latest DVDs that have been added to our Library:

1. **“Mrs. Miracle”** starring Doris Roberts, taken from a story written by #1 New York Times best-selling author, Debbie Macomber. This is a delightful family film about forgiveness, redemption, and, of course, miracles. Overwhelmed widower Seth Webster is searching for a housekeeper to help him with his rambunctious six-year-old twin sons. Mrs. Merkle – whom the boys call “Mrs. Miracle” – mysteriously appears and quickly becomes an irreplaceable nanny, chef, friend – and matchmaker. A whimsical holiday story filled with good tidings and great joy. 88 minutes

2. **“Call Me Mrs. Miracle”** Doris Roberts reprises her role as Mrs. Miracle and brings hope for the holidays. Posing as an unassuming toy department clerk, she sets out to ensure that this Christmas is memorable and meaningful for all at a struggling family-owned department store in New York City. With broken dreams to mend and promises to keep, Mrs. Miracle has her work cut out for her, but she won’t give up until she delivers a merry, meaningful Christmas for all! 88 minutes

3. *A Double Feature* that is approximately 3 hours total. First is **“The Most Wonderful Time of the Year”** starring Henry Winkler. Disenchanted single mom Jennifer Cullen is a Scroogette when it comes to anything Christmas and is influencing her six-year-old son, Brian. But when

her Uncle Ralph visits and brings a fellow passenger from his flight named Morgan Derby, Jennifer’s dubious heart awakens to the possibility that perhaps Christmas really does hold miracles. 86 minutes

The second feature is **“Moonlight Mistletoe”** starring Tom Arnold and Candace Cameron-Bure. Nick is the owner of a year-round Christmas theme park. After three years, his estranged daughter Holly returns home to find the spirit of Christmas in Santaville has dwindled, taking the family business with it. What starts out as an attempt to bail out her dad ends up rekindling Holly’s belief in Christmas all over again. The snowflakes will fly in this holiday film the whole family will enjoy. 87 minutes

4. From the Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis comes **“The Voyage of the Dawn Treader”**, the third installment of the fantasy-adventure series. When Lucy and Edmund Pevensie, along with their cousin Eustace, are swallowed into a painting and transported back to Narnia, they join King Caspian and a noble mouse named Reepicheep aboard the magnificent ship “The Dawn Treader”. The courageous voyagers travel to mysterious islands, confront mystical creatures, and reunite with the Great Lion Aslan on a mission that will determine the fate of Narnia itself! 85 minutes

5. **“The Christmas Choir”** starring Jason Gedrick, Marianne Farley and Rhea Perlman as Sister Agatha. Based on a true story, this is an inspiring account of how one man can make a

remarkable difference simply by giving of himself. Workaholic accountant Peter Andrews has overlooked Christmas, friends and even his finance for too long. As a result, his life begins to fall apart. But a chance encounter with a homeless man named Bob changes everything and inspires Peter to start a choir at a local homeless shelter. With the help of the unconventional Sister Agatha and his newfound friends at the shelter, Peter learns that Christmas is not a season but a state of mind, and that everyone deserves a second chance at life and love. 85 minutes

6. **“Amish Grace”** starring Kimberly Williams-Paisley leads a talented cast in the highest-rated original film ever to appear on the Lifetime Movie Network. When a tragedy takes the lives of five Amish schoolgirls in Pennsylvania, Ida, the mother of one of the girls, faces a profound test of faith. As she begins to feel like an outsider within her own community, Ida must decide whether or not to stay with the Amish – and her beloved husband. Delicately crafted and featuring poignant performances, and based on a powerful true story, this film is a moving testament to the power of forgiveness. 89 minutes

7. *Another Double Feature* – first is **“A Time to Remember”** starring Doris Roberts and Dana Delaney. Two estranged daughters return to the family home on Thanksgiving to find their relationship with their mother even more difficult than before. As strong-willed Maggie busily prepared for a perfect family celebration, her recently-diagnosed Alzheimer’s condition becomes more apparent. Daughters

Valetta and Brit, with the help of Aunt Billy, come to terms with the disease and move toward a stronger bond as they renew family ties and reflect on their past. This is a triumphant story of family, hope and love amidst the devastation of illness. 88 minutes

The Second Feature is **“One Special Night”** starring James Garner and Julie Andrews. Two of the world’s most beloved stars bring their own special brand of magic to this sparkling holiday romance. They portray two stranded travelers who take refuge in a small cabin during a stormy winter night. Despite their many differences, or perhaps because of them, the two strangers find themselves undeniably drawn to one another. 90 minutes.

8. **“The Shunning”** by Beverly Lewis and starring Danielle Panabaker is a heartfelt story of love and family. Katie Lapp has always struggled with the rules that define her sheltered Amish community, but when a wealthy outsider begins asking questions about her family, Katie begins to wonder about her origins. What connection does this woman have to her life – and how will the unraveling secrets challenge Katie’s faith? This is a powerful, personal journey of discovery. 82 minutes



**HAPPY READING
IN THE NEW YEAR!
From the Library Staff;
Barbara Jackson, Helen Lefave,
Ann Ice, and Pat Barton**



From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

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| 1. Good | Righteousness |
| 2. Death | Children |
| 3. Go | Life |
| 4. Evil | Come |
| 5. Adults | Bad |

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are _____, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of _____." John 8:12, NIV
(2)
(3)

"I have _____ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV

"For what do _____ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"
2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as _____ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV
(5)

**JANUARY 2012
ANNIVERSARIES**

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Lisa & Rusty Stocker
~ 9 years ~

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Danielle & Robert Christensen
~ 10 years ~

Erin & Thomas Kimble
~ 12 years ~

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Gail & Walter Rudolph
~ 9 years ~

13

Norma & Duane Geiger
~ 61 years ~

15

Karen & Neil Kline
~ 40 years ~

Lois & Jack Schoch
~ 63 years ~

17

Gloria & Zane Megos
~ 43 years ~

21

Marion & Michael Rodgers
~ 6 years ~

31

Gerry & James Graham
~ 14 years ~.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS
AND PRAYERS
(as of 12/6/2011)**

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AVANTE

Annie Preston

BRENTWOOD

Joyce Minnicks
Margurite Seely

CYPRESS COVE

George Cole
Clay Spencer

DIAMOND RIDGE

Betty Duncan

LIFE CARE

Marge Frasier
Jack Schoch
Lois Schoch

SUGARMILL MANOR

Marge Dillon
Shirley Hart
Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Ruth Eaton
Fran Graham
Joanna Miller
Joan & Jack Ness
Abbye Jean & Bill Richner

WOODLAND TERRACE

Shirley Weber



"To My Church Family"

By the Grace of God, and your prayers, I have been relieved of the internal bleeding threatening me for seven years. The staff at Shands was efficient and kind, and corrected my problem in 26 minutes! Thank you again and again for your cards, calls, and especially your prayers.

In His Love, Carolyn Roth

Sunday 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY
COMMUNION SUNDAY
9:30 Traditional Worship

Monday 2

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Comm.
9:00 PED
9:30 Visitation Comm.
11:00 Exercise Class
1:00 Diabetes Support
1:00 Memory Lane Respite
4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 3

9:00 WW PREP
10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 UMW Exec. Meeting
12:00 Weight Watchers
1:30 Stephen Ministers
3:00 Serendipity
3:00 Stephen Ministers
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 4

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
2:00 Spiritual Heart Bible
3:00 Benson Bible
5:15 Music
5:30 WW DINNER
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir

Thursday 5

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
1:30 Serendipity Women
2:00 Green Team
7:00 Creative Worship
8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 6

GENESIS DEADLINE
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:00 Wise Bible
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 7

8:00 Saturday Sisters
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:30 Bereavement
10:30 God's Clods

Sunday 8

DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY
8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 9

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:00 Un-decorate
9:30 Visitation Committee
10:00 Bazaar Committee
10:00 UMW Exec. Comm.
11:00 Exercise Class
1:00 Alzheimer Support
1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 10

9:30 Faith Hope Circle
9:30 Helping Hands Circle
10:00 Staff Meeting
12:00 Weight Watchers
1:00 Dorcas Circle
2:00 Stewardship
3:00 Serendipity
4:00 Worship
4:30 Kitchen Committee
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Salty Circle
7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 11

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
1:00 Shawl Ministry
2:00 100th Anniv. Comm.
2:00 Spiritual Heart Bible
3:00 Benson Bible
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir

Thursday 12

9:00 Backpackers (off site)
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:15 Ruth Circle
3:00 PEC
5:00 Comp. Christ Bible
8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 13

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:00 Wise Bible
2:00 Cancer Support
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 14

8:00 Serendipity Pancakes
8:00 Saturday Sisters
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 15

HUMAN RELATIONS
PANTRY SUNDAY
MISSION SUNDAY
8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 16

M.L. KING DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite
 4:00 Stephen Ministers
 7:00 **SMW ANNUAL MTG.**

Tuesday 17

9:00 WW PREP.
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 12:00 Weight Watchers
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 2:00 Finance Comm.
 3:00 Serendipity
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 18

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:30 New Member Class
 2:00 Spiritual Heart Bible
 3:00 Benson Bible
 3:00 Staff/Parish Relations
 5:15 Music
5:30 WW DINNER
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir

Thursday 19

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 1:30 Serendipity Women
 3:00 Missions Comm.
 3:30 Trustees
 5:00 Comp. Christ Bible
 7:00 Creative Worship
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 20

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 21

8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 22

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 23

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 24

10:00 Staff Meeting
 12:00 Weight Watchers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 4:30 Kitchen Comm.
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 25

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 2:00 100th Anniv. Comm.
 2:00 Spiritual Heart Bible
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir

Thursday 26

9:00 Fold/Mail
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 5:00 Comp. Christ Bible
 7:00 COUNCIL
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 27

9:00 Our Father's Table
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 28

8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store).
 10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 29

CHRILDENS' HOME SUNDAY

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship
2:00 Friends of Chaz.

Monday 30

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Election Set-Up
8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 31

ELECTION IN FH

9:00 WW PREP.
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 12:00 Weight Watchers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity.

JANUARY 2012 BIRTHDAYS

1 April Collins John Collins Barbara Hartley Joyce Stone	12 Joyce Leaming Ed Messenger	21 Betty Blockus Colleen DeClue
2 John Cooley Marian Sandlas	13 Louis Garthaus Hilda Seagren Iris Whittaker	22 Agnes Brickmeier Jane Hamilton
3 Carol Eriksson Gloria Marquis James Stoneman	14 Annie Carl Evelyn Knight Mary Severance	23 Beatrice Davis Bruce Stull Beverly Wagner
6 Barbara Bellcase	16 Stan DeClue Marilyn Grime David Marquis Elwin Mosier	24 Elly Case Randy Weber
7 Dot Reed James Roberts		25 L. Archer Walker
8 Sue Kuntz Amy Roberts	17 Ann Ice Thomas Kimble Harold Swinson	27 Don LeFave William Waters
10 Robert Miller	19 Robert Grafton Glen Gunderson	28 Stephen Csont Phyllis Konitshek
11 Edith Ament Carolee Gettings Mary Kay Messenger Bill Morrison	20 Pat Archer Paul Patton Jr.	29 Lois Pohlman
		30 Kathy Betsko Len Cromer
		31 Earl Speicher.

UMW BAZAAR RESULTS

As the year comes to a close, it is time to make the final report on the bazaar. **GROSS INCOME: \$4,140.00 NET: \$3,179.00.** As Chairperson, I was very pleased with these results and we have to give a special Thank You to Andy Frederick for the wonderful book sale which was certainly an asset. The Christmas Room was another big asset. There were many compliments on our luncheon and also the dinner. Thanks to Serendipity Men, it was a good job! We are looking forward to next year. Many thanks to all the workers, and God Bless each one.

Pat Blake

TWO HORSES
Author Unknown

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing....

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.

Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell. Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are

not perfect or because we have problems or challenges.

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He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way.

Good friends are like that... You may not always see them, but you know they are always there. Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours, and remember. Be kinder than necessary. Everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly.....

**FOR WE WALK BY FAITH
AND NOT BY SIGHT**



2012
BLOODMOBILE SCHEDULE

February 26
April 29
June 14 (Health Fair) 9-12
July 15
September 16
November 11
January 13, 2013

Dear praying friends,

Well, another year has almost passed and Christmas 2011 is upon us. We don't know about you, but time seems to be ramping up to warp speed for us lately! It's a privilege to represent our Lord here in Thailand as we once again consider the importance of *Imanu'el, God With Us (Isaiah 7:14)*. May you have a blessed celebration of the Savior's birth.

PRAISES

✝ Cool Shade of Life Church (CSLC) celebrated its **5th anniversary** in November. We have been privileged to serve at the church all that time and were excited to take part in the anniversary celebration on Sunday the 20th (see "5th year" photo, which shows Joe with Pastor *Ogaat* on the right and Assistant Pastor *Dtum*). You can see the video that the church made to celebrate the anniversary at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXQOVGHIRCQ>. (Joe speaks in the 3rd minute – after Pastor *Ogaat* pulled him out of our small garden sweaty and panting to make a surprise video clip ☺.)

✝ Caleb and Jamie are having a **really good school year** in 8th and 6th grades at Grace International School here in *Chiang Mai*. Caleb* is a guitarist in one of the middle school chapel bands, while Jamie is preparing for his team's conference soccer tournament next week, with Jamie as number 20*. They also are doing well academically and enjoying their friends, new and old.

✝ One month after Pastor *Ogaat* took relief supplies to some flooding victims in central Thailand, CSLC Assistant Pastor *Dtum* and three others went to northeast Thailand (also known as *Isaan*) to **distribute blankets, scarves, socks and other items** to 12

families in his family's former village for the upcoming cold season. Check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TrZuF0aKko> for a video of the trip on Nov. 14-16. (The young lady shown beginning in the 6th minute was taken to church for years by Pastor *Dtum*'s mother, who also made the trip and got to see her again all grown up!)

✝ Our family took a **weekend trip** to the neighboring province of *Maehongson* last month to see wild sunflowers in bloom. It was stunning to



drive over a hill and see nothing but yellow mountains up ahead! The flowers actually were introduced to Thailand from Central America. You know it's an amazing sight when 13- and 11-year-old boys are impressed by flowers!

✝ This month's **cultural photo** is "box." We couldn't resist showing you this present that Jamie got for his birthday. The directions in Thai make perfect sense – the English, not so much ☺. *Cavafully?!?*



English, not so much ☺. *Cavafully?!?*

PRAYERS

✝ Please pray for wisdom and safety for Joe as he will accompany two

other men to **visit our team partner**, Pastor Dapoe, in nearby Mae Jaem for three days this weekend. Joe, Ric and Mike are seeking to help the one Christian village there to reach out to almost a dozen surrounding villages that have no churches or Christians. Pray for the lessons on sharing our faith to be well received and implemented so that thousands of villagers can come to know Jesus!

✝ Elaine will be leading the **CSLC women's group** in several Christmas activities this month, including a visit to a nursing home and caroling. Please pray for her to have the stamina to lead these events and for God to be glorified through them.

✝ Elaine had **cataract surgery** on her left eye last month. The results have been amazing, with her seeing colors and other things that she hasn't been able to see for many years. Please pray for continued full healing as there has been no infection or other issue. Pray also for the surgery on her right eye on Dec. 27 to go just as smoothly so that she can be done with medical issues for a nice, long time. (Also, please pray for our insurance company to pay for the replacement lenses, as they are balking despite the obvious medical need.)

✝ Our **one-time finances** continue to be a major need. As mentioned last month, we are now owed approximately \$7,000 in ministry (business) reimbursements and aren't receiving enough in regular support to cover those costs. Please pray that we would receive the needed one-time gifts in order to be fully reimbursed. (If you would like to help, please send a check to PIONEERS, 10123 William Carey Drive, Orlando, FL 32832 USA. Attach a note saying it is a one-time gift for Joe & Elaine Henry (account #110798) but don't write anything in the

memo line of the check. Or, you can use that same info to give via the PIONEERS Web site at <https://ww4.pioneers.org/tabid/215/Default.aspx?view=givinginfo&id=-2&name=MISSIONARY>.)

✝ We are working with another family to host the **annual Christmas party** for PIONEERS members in Chiang Mai on the 17th. Please pray for all the preparations to come together well and for the approximately 110 people in attendance to have a blessed time.

✝ Instead of holding a regular church service on Christmas Day, CSLC will be having an **outreach celebration** at Pastor Ogaat's house in our village in the late afternoon. Please pray for many curious non-believers to attend in order to hear the Gospel for (likely) the first time and for their hearts to be open to the life-changing message. Pray also for Elaine as she directs a Christmas program with the teens and children.

*Until all have heard,
Joe, Elaine, Brittany, Justin,
Caleb & Jamie*

DID YOU KNOW ...
... that the traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig? Or that Oregon is the US state that has the most land devoted to Christmas trees as a crop? Or that the first state to recognize the Christmas holiday was Alabama in 1836? Or that the average US household mails 28 Christmas cards each year? Or that a wreath is a sign of life/eternal life? Pointless facts, but interesting nonetheless! (Here are some additional noteworthy tidbits for others who like holiday trivia: http://www.thehistoryofchristmas.com/ch/in_america.htm and <http://www.todayifoundout.com/index.php/2010/12/10-interesting-facts-about-christmas/>.)

The holidays are over. Are you Stressed? Lonely? Sad? Discouraged?

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6.2 says, 'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.' God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, *don't suffer alone*. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time.

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Kay 382-4909, Karen, 382-7263, or Carol, 382-8926. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring care and support into your life.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED!

TO A BABY BOY SHOWER!

FOR MOMMY: DIXIE LAY

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

TIME/PLACE: 1:00 P.M. - FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Come join us in fun and
games, and refreshments!**

**RSVP: by February 6th
To: Sandra Tam 503-7850
(you may leave a message)**





DO YOU KNOW A DESERVING RECIPIENT? FUMCH offers advanced educational scholarships as follows:

HUEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND: \$1,000.00 annually is available primarily to residents of Homosassa and Chassahowitzka from Lecanto High School who are, or will be in full-time pursuit of undergraduate educational degrees, although other applicants will also be considered. Interested students should contact the guidance office at Lecanto High School for further information and applications.

MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Awards are available annually for graduate-level and advanced undergraduate-level United Methodists pursuing careers as pastors, church music directors, and church education directors. Applicants must be under sponsorship by churches in the Gulf Central District of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and must complete the application process every year, **no later than April 1st**. Interested students should contact the church office for further information and applications.

Members and friends of our church who would like to fund bequests for other scholarship funds or to supplement the funds cited above should contact any member of the Permanent Endowment Committee at their earliest convenience for further information. Such bequests can often lead to personal income and estate tax advantages in the form of charitable gift annuity, or charitable remainder annuity trust, or charitable lead trust among others.

Richard E. Stanard
Chairman, Permanent Endowment Committee



***THESE SENTENCES (WITH ALL THE BLOOPERS)
ACTUALLY APPEARED IN CHURCH BULLETINS OR WERE
ANNOUNCED IN CHURCH SERVICES:***

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

submitted by Carol MacKenzie

God is Good....All the time!

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There is no better time to remember this than at the beginning of a new year! God renews us each day and we are blessed beyond measure that he loves us so much. As we start the new year, let us remember to keep God in our foremost thoughts and prayers and remember to praise Him for all that he does in our lives. Sometimes we do not always understand why things happen as they do and often times we are told “no” or “not now” to repeated prayers for things we request. It takes faith, trust, and patience to wait on God but if we do, good things do happen. And good things are happening here at First United Methodist Church of Homosassa.

The Staff Parish Relations committee will be adding a new employee to our already great staff. Carol Eriksson will be joining the staff as the Administrative Assistant. She has been an afternoon receptionist for some time now and due to my current workload, she will be assisting me by reducing some of my responsibilities. Carol has a very extensive customer service background, is very comfortable on the computer, and is already familiar with our church and the congregation because she is a member. She will be stationed at the desk in the office area Monday through Friday 12:30pm-4:30pm. Be sure to stop in and meet Carol if you do not already know her.

The desk in the office has often been used as an “extra” desk for those needing to use a computer or to jot a quick note. I ask that those of you needing to use a computer or a temporary place to work to please use the extra desk & computer in room 207 in the future. The only exception to that is Mondays, when SHINE will be occupying that room. We will open the door to room 207 daily, please feel free to use the computer under the “Guest” log in. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask the receptionist for assistance.

Welcome again to Carol, and remember....God is Good!....All the time!
Theresa

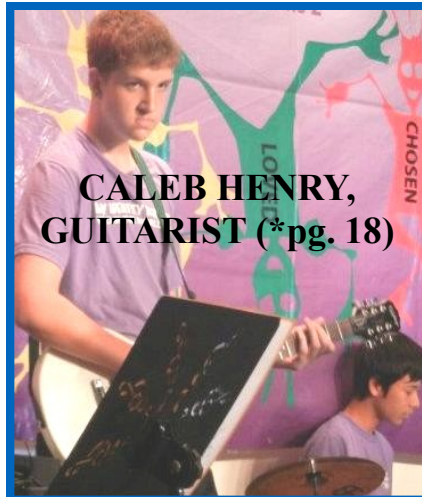
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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**CALEB HENRY,
GUITARIST (*pg. 18)**

24 NEWS FROM KEVIN & LAURA

January 2012.... Sometimes it seems it was just yesterday we were getting started in our work here in Siberia...the fact is that this month marks the beginning of our 16th year here, minus a few home assignments. We won't write about the many amazing things we've seen and been a part of these last 16 years...you'll just have to wait for the book that everyone tells us we should write ☺! This year, 2012, is already shaping up to being another busy but exciting year.

How about working with the youth?? Being the oldest couple in the fellowship, we were surprised to be asked such a question. We guessed it was a 'shoe in' when we told the folks we had been doing something with youth since 1987. So in December of last year, we started a study with the youth. You may be familiar with the story found in Luke 24: 13-53; the "Stranger on the Road to Emmaus". This wonderful story has been put into a book/study and is a great method of retelling the foundational message of the bible. Please keep this time in prayer as we have made some changes in our youth group over the last few months. We had some girls attending the group, however it seemed like we were always chasing them and reminding them when the group was and where we would meet; it appeared in the beginning that they were interested but then their interest started waning. There was uncertainty as to whether the group would even continue to exist so we decided to open up our group to those 12 years and up. We have been blessed with a GREAT group of youth that truly want to study

and learn the word. We will continue to keep you updated on all that we are doing throughout the year. One thing you can lift up for us, we want to take the kids to summer camp out on Lake Baikal. For many, this will be their first trip to see such a wonderful place. We are looking for sponsors for our kids to cover 50% of the cost of the camp (approximately \$100 each.) Please let us know if you are interested in helping out some of our youth experience an amazing Christian camp next summer by emailing us at klwooster1@gmail.com.



We've not only been blessed to work with youth...but have also worked with parents who want to raise their children in a Godly manner. A good friend shared the course with us when our boys were quite small; we've been able to share these ideas over the course of 18 or so years with many families. We were excited to learn this course has been not only translated into the Russian language but has also been adapted to the Russian culture. It has been put together by a fellowship in western Russia. We are currently going through this course with a few from our fellowship. This is a pretty big commitment of time for those we are

working with (17 weeks total), but we know the results will be worth the effort. It has always been amazing to see the growth not only with the children but how the parents grow as they better understand how to be “Godly” parents. Please lift this course up as we work with these families to better understand the importance of raising children God’s way.

Do I drink with my “friends” or not? That is the question that “Sam” was facing not long ago. He had just gotten paid so he had money; this was not good because he also knew that if he started to drink he might not be able to stop. We realize you often read such stories in our updates. It’s a huge reality here, one we won’t be able to avoid! The sad truth is that alcohol has a hold on many people and we continue to pray for breakthroughs in the community. Our friend “Sam” made the decision to drink, but this time not for nearly as long as he had been known to in the past. After a solid day of drinking, he got really sick and could not keep anything down, not even water. We continue to work with this family in hopes that he can FINALLY get some freedom from this addiction.



At the present we are committed to working with them one night a week, but if the opportunity is there we are open to meeting more often. Please lift up this man and his family; the enemy most certainly does not want to let him go and is fighting hard to keep him under the bondage of alcoholism. We know that he can overcome this, with HIS help.

We’re aware that this month is very busy time at FUMCH and you are being asked to give to help support work like ours in another country. You may be wondering as you read this, is it worth it? You may be wondering WHY? You may be thinking that the economy is bad now and it’s just not a good time. This side of heaven you may never see the fruit of your “Labor of Love” as you sacrificially give to help the “WORD” go out. But take it from us, your partnerships with us and with others are having amazing results; people’s lives are being changed. We read in Matthew 28 verses 16-20...this is commonly referred to as the “Great Commission” **you** are living examples of a fellowship that is committed to see the “Great Commission” go out; not only in FL, but around the world. THANK YOU for reading the verse in Romans chapter 10:15 seriously and sending people out with the “GOOD NEWS”!

That is just some of what is going on here, you can always check out our blog at <http://klwooster.blogspot.com/> for the latest. We’re always posting pictures here, ok not always but at least once a month.

Together in Siberia,
Kevin & Laura

I AM THERE!

Do you need Me? I am there.

You cannot see Me, yet I am the light you see by. You cannot hear Me, yet I speak through your voice. You cannot feel Me, yet I am the power at work in your hands.

I am at work, though you do not understand My ways. I am at work, though you do not understand My works.

I am not strange visions. I am not mysteries. Only in absolute stillness, beyond self, can you know Me as I AM, and then but as a feeling and a faith. Yet I am here. Yet I hear. Yet I answer.

When you need Me, I am there. Even if you deny Me, I am there. Even when you feel most alone, I am there. Even in your fears, I am there. Even in your pain, I am there. I am there when you pray and when you do not pray.

I am in you, and you are in Me. Only in your mind can you feel separate from Me, for only in your mind are the mists of "yours" and "mine". Yet only with your mind can you know Me and experience Me.

Empty your heart of empty fears. When you get yourself out of the way, I am there. You can of yourself do nothing, but I can do all. And I AM in all.

Though you may not see the good, good is there, for I am there. I am there because I have to be, because I AM.

Only in Me does the world have meaning; only out of Me does the world take form; only because of ME does the world go forward.

I am the law on which the movement of the stars and the growth of living cells are founded. I am the love that is the law's fulfilling. I am assurance. I am peace. I am oneness. I am the law that you can live by. I am the love that you can cling to. I am your assurance. I am your peace. I am ONE with you. I am.

Though you fail to find ME, I do not fail you. Though your faith in Me is unsure, My faith in you never wavers, because I know you, because I love you.

Beloved, I AM here!

James Dillet Freeman

This poem received a lot of attention in 1971 when it was taken to the moon by astronaut James B. Irwin on Apollo 15.

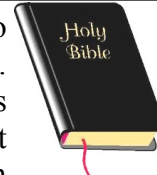
Irwin's mother gave it to him before the flight and he actually left a copy of the poem on the moon.

The author, James Dillet Freeman, is poet laureate of the Unity School of Christianity at Unity Village. He wrote the poem in 1947.

~ NEW BIBLE STUDY ~
“INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT”

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Reading and studying all of the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation is a primary goal of the Disciple Study Series. Invitation to the Old Testament is the second in a new series of the short-term studies (8 weeks.) The Bible is an account of God’s effort to reveal Himself to mankind down through the ages. We will study the “story of God” and God’s calling of the people Israel through the many voices of the Biblical text.



Class will begin **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, AT 1 P.M. IN ROOM 106.** Contact Kay Bast (628-4083) or Martha Dorrell, the study leader (628-5125), to enroll.

*A poignant reflection from the late evangelist
Dwight L. Moody from “FOCUS ON THE FAMILY”*

This visionary minded preacher knew well how to meet a person at their point of need. *“No matter how low down you are; no matter what your disposition has been; you may be low in your thoughts, words, and actions; you may be selfish; your heart may be overflowing with corruption and wickedness; yet Jesus will have compassion upon you. He will speak comforting words to you; not treat you coldly or spurn you, as perhaps those of earth would, but will speak tender words, and words of love and affection and kindness. Just come at once. He is a faithful friend -- a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”*

submitted by: Peggy Benson

“ON THE LIGHTER SIDE”



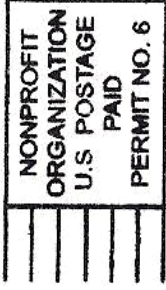
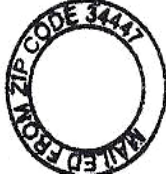
The math teach noticed that little Johnny wasn’t paying attention in class. She called on him and asked, “Johnny! What is 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?” Johnny quickly replied: **“CBS, NBC, HO and the Cartoon Network.”**

The propeller is just a big fan in the front of the plane to keep the pilot cool. WANT PROOF? Make it stop, then watch the pilot break out into a sweat!



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Start the New Year with
Prayer