

**MAY
WE
NEVER
FORGET**

GENESIS

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My car – before this one – was a 14 year old Saturn that had a crack in the dashboard. It split the dashboard in half and looked terrible. This is not to say that the Saturn was a bad car, it was a great car, and after all, it lasted 14 years. But the dash – for whatever reason, just cracked in half one day.

Of course I really do know why it happened. Over the all those years the sun beat in and heated up the car day after day. Finally the dash dried out and a bump or a twist was all that it took to make it crack.

Now if I had covered the windows with a sun shield or covered the dash with one of those rugs or gotten my windows heavily tinted, I probably would not have had this problem. BUT, it is a lot of trouble to put that cover up each time I leave the car and then I have to take it out and store it away every time I get back in. And it is expensive to do the two other things. Anyone can see that nothing is happening to the dash - today.

Somehow, slowly, over time, with no one day being significant, the dash dried out and came to the point that it could crack. Slowly, each day, my lack of maintenance caused the dash to crack. Nothing I did (or failed to do) in a day made it crack, but crack it did.

In our relationships we don't think about what we do today having an effect months or years down the line. We don't think that just because we don't say, "I love you" today that it really matters a whole lot. The spouse is still your spouse. They still go to work, clean house, and take care of the car. No one day when we are less than attentive, less than kind, less than gracious is enough to crack a relationship but unless we are careful and do a good job of maintenance, crack it will.

Christ has called us to love one another. That is not something you can do when you get around to it. It is not something you can do in between gossiping, self-centered attacks on others or putting someone down. It takes a full time, day by day commitment to love one another just as Jesus loved each and every one of us.

Yes, that is going to take time and effort and it could even be expensive but unless we are willing to do it EVERY day, it's gonna crack.



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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& NURSERY SUPERVISOR****Sandra Tam****YOUTH COORDINATOR****Lori DeClue****SOUND TECHNICIAN****Sharon Cooley****Ron Hesketh****NIGHT SECURITY****Michael Rodgers****CUSTODIAN****Dale Evans****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 publication.

**WELCOME BACK FROM
VACATION - FROM YOUR
GENESIS STAFF, AND
GOD’S CLODS!**





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
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
Men's Wed. Morning Prayer Breakfast
Missionaries to Haiti, Siberia, and Thailand
Nursing Home Ministries
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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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.

8/18/11



Sunday school classes are now back in session from summer break. The Serendipity group for women will meet on September 22 at 1:30 in the parlor. At that time a permanent meeting time will be established. If there are ladies who are interested in starting an evening group let me know, I would be happy to do that. Any other ideas for small study groups are welcome. Meeting together in small groups can be a blessing and bring much joy to your life. I am always open to suggestions and fresh ideas.

The youth enjoyed the summer camp at Leesburg very

much and are already looking toward raising funds to attend camp next year. They are also learning about worship service and you will be seeing more of them in and around the church in the future. Please give them a welcoming smile and some encouraging words!

Our five Wednesday night sessions with the youth and young children went very well. We ate pizza together, played games and shared God's grace and his word. Thanks so much to all the people who helped on Wednesday nights.

We always welcome help on Wednesday evenings or on Sunday for classes for the children and youth. If you have an interest in either of those activities please just let me know. Thanks for all you do.

Kay

STEPHEN MINISTER MOMENT

Love One Another As I Have Loved You.....

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just a pastor's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! **Stephen Ministry** is a ministry in which people with special training can put this training to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you—or someone you know—are going through a difficult time, contact one of our Stephen Leaders about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

Contact: Carol 382-8926, Kay, 382-4908, or Karen, 382-7263



you haven't used the food by this date, throw it out.

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FOOD EXPIRATION DATES

What do all those terms mean regarding the safety of the foods you eat?

First, you should know that food labeling is voluntary. Only baby formula and some baby foods are required to have expiration dates by federal law. The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) states that there is "no uniform or universally accepted system used for food dating in the U.S.". Currently only about 20 states require labeling. Lucky for us, Florida is one of them: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/fs/permitrg.html>.

So, where does this leave us when we are trying to make the best choices for ourselves and our families?

CBS news, on The Early Show April 16th, had an interview with nutritionist Tanya Zuckerbrot, author of "The F-Factor Diet". View her interview Food expiration dates: Guidelines or deadlines? at: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7362958n>. She explains that the three most common dates seen on products are Sell-By, Use-By or Best if Used-By and Expiration dates. Sell-By dates refer to the last day a retailer can offer a product for sale. Generally foods are safe to eat for 10 days after this date if stored properly. Use-By date refers to the last day a product will be at its peak freshness. After the date the food will still be edible but it will start to deteriorate. Expiration date means if

Various government agencies, including the FDA, (Federal Drug Administration) U.S.D.A., and U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention are working to improve the safety of the foods we eat. The Food Safety and Modernization Act was passed in January, 2011 and as a result the FDA is focusing more on prevention then responding to food contamination outbreaks.

If you want to read more about this act visit: <http://www.fda/food/foodsafety/fsma/default.htm>. If you really want to be up to date on FDA recalls there is a new website for this as well: <http://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls/default.htm>.

Of course you should practice safe food handling practices at home as well. Refrigerated foods should be kept at 40 degrees F and not out of the refrigerator longer than two hours. In Florida it is a good idea to carry insulated bags or coolers with you when you shop to store perishable foods until you get home. Do other errands first and go home after shopping. Canned goods should be stored in an area that is low humidity and consistently cool. Frozen food lasts longer if the freezer is not opened frequently. Of course food preparation areas must be kept clean.

A golden rule as well; if it looks funny, smells funny or tastes funny, it is! Throw it out. If someone in your household is immune-compromised be sure to adhere to use-by dates. It is not worth the risk.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.

TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS**Tuesday, September 20****Singing River Tour**

on the beautiful Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers, Dunnellon.
Lunch on your own at The Blue Gator on the Withlacoochee River.

Depart church: 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$20.00

Wednesday, November 2**Show Palace Dinner Theatre, Hudson**

“Meet Me in St. Louis”

Depart church: 10:45 a.m. Cost: \$46.00

Tuesday, December 6**VIP Arabian Nights and Lunch, Orlando**

Visit with the actors and horses with a tour prior to the dinner show.

Depart church: 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$65.00 Money due: November 1.

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE
CHURCH AND GIVE TO ANN MORRISON 382-2923**

HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY!!

DOROTHY & ROLAND ABERLE

AUGUST 6, 1949 ~ 62 YEARS ~

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

This list of kingdom ways can be overwhelming as we read what is expected of us. But remember—believers are empowered by the Holy Spirit to practice kingdom attitudes.

First, the joy part—this does not mean we are to always feel happy. This joy comes from focusing on whose we are and why we choose to follow him. It's not based on circumstances but on relationship. Hebrews 12:2 says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Jesus lived the "now" of his life, even on the cross, focused on his Father and the joy of their relationship. That focus led Jesus to joyful obedience; it will also lead us to joy.

"Praying continually" increases the "joy" part. By talking with our Father about all things, we experience the wonder of belonging to him. Even when not "talking" with him, our hearts remain open to the promptings of his Holy Spirit, and we realize increasing joy in the relationship. The key? Practice

talking to God throughout the day wherever you are about whatever is going on in your life.

Give thanks in *all* circumstances? Even when things are bad, and I have no reason or desire to give thanks? Pastor Dial, guest pastor in July, told about a woman who had so many hard things in her life that she was filled with grief. Her minister advised: "Thank God every day—*especially* when you can't find reason to do so." As the woman struggled to practice this, she discovered her grief lifted when she made daily thanksgiving a part of her life. She experienced how giving thanks in all things brings the sense of God's presence in the most terrible of circumstances.

These attitudes of the kingdom are to be practiced by those who belong to Jesus Christ—"this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." If you have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, his Holy Spirit within will enable you to follow kingdom ways.

So let's practice. Practicing joy, continual prayer and the giving of thanks will change our lives. These ways of the kingdom can become a natural part of our daily walk—if we are willing to practice!

**Father, teach us to walk the pathway of joy, prayer and thanksgiving.
In Jesus' Name, Amen**

MEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Leesburg, FL Life Enrichment Center

OCTOBER 7-9, 2011

CONTACT: JIM STONEMAN 422-0169

**COST: \$149.00 PER PERSON
(including Program, room, and meals)**

Leadership Team October 7-9, 2011



Ed Diaz is a co-founder of Walk Thru The Bible Ministries and has taught that seminar extensively over the last 30 years. He is Division Director of Search Ministries, which provides training for Christians in Life-style Evangelism. Ed co-authored "The Winning Run", a man's devotional book with a baseball theme. He also serves as Spring Training Chapel Coordinator for the Detroit Tigers. Currently much of his week is spent dealing with executives in small groups or individual Bible study.



Bob Laidlaw feels a connection to the third career Moses, whose burning bush experience drew him reluctantly into God's call. He has always admired Moses, who only needed one burning bush. Bob claims to have driven God to pyromania. At age 48 the wrestling with God ceased. Bob and his wife Traci sold a business and moved to Kentucky to attend Asbury Theological Seminary. At age 52, he completed his seminary degree and received his first appointment in Sopchoppy and Ochlockonee Bay, Florida. After 5 wonderful years sharing ministry with the saints of Wakulla County, Bob and Traci now serve Christ with the people of First United Methodist Church in Madison, Florida.



Ross Kimura (Music) A native of Hawaii, Ross has lived in New York City, where he studied at Julliard School of Music. He has a masters in piano and opera orchestrations and has played at the Paris, London, and Milan Conservatories. Ross can bring Life to Traditional Hymns in a way that would make Charles and John Wesley and Cokesbury want to sing along.

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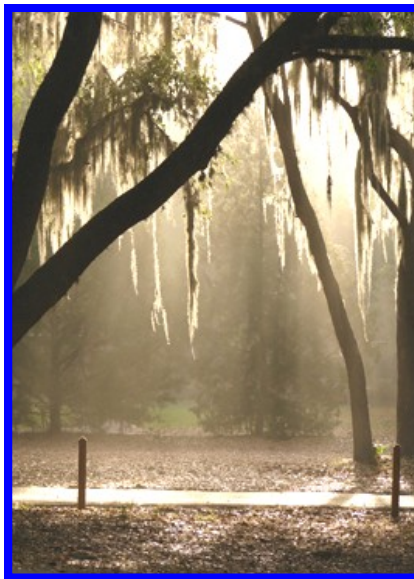
Saturday Afternoon Free-Time Options

A variety of enrichment discussion groups will be conducted.

Equipment available for pick-up sports activities; volleyball - football - soccer - horseshoes - canoeing, or college football on the 7 foot Big Screen in the Gold Room .

Lodging Rooms at The Life Enrichment Retreat Center

Lodging rooms are comfortable, air conditioned rooms in four similar buildings. Each of 197 rooms has a desk, dresser, two beds and a private bath. A few rooms have king beds. Many of the rooms have a beautiful lake view. Some features include internet access in over 50% of the rooms, and a short walking distance to meeting and dining facilities. Rooms provide a comfortable place to relax after a day of activities.



The Disaster Planning, Preparation and Response Committee has been working to update and refine a plan to address common natural and unnatural disaster situations that we may face. Our goal is to protect church property and care for our people and our community **before, during, and after** a disaster. In order to be prepared before a disaster occurs we are currently addressing:

- Protection of the physical church buildings and parsonage;
- Protection of electronic equipment, sound and projection equipment, computers and office equipment;
- Protection of church documents and data;
- Necessary routine maintenance to mitigate damage;
- Communication with members and friends;
- Distribution of general disaster preparation information; and
- Assistance to vulnerable members and those needing additional assistance.

One tool that we are utilizing to gather much of the information needed to adequately plan for our churches' needs is the Hurricane/Disaster Information questionnaire which was mailed to all members and friends of the church on record.

We urge everyone to complete and return the form even if you have submitted one of these forms in the past. As you might imagine with a congregation our size recorded information is constantly in a state of flux. So in order to be as current as possible we are reinitiating the questionnaire at this time. Please also consider any way that you can share in

helping in any of the volunteer capacities listed on the form.

We are currently in the "hurricane season" which is a primary potential disaster threat to our area. We urge everyone to consider what you would do in the event that a hurricane or other disaster is imminent.

—Do you have a personal family preparedness plan?

—Do you live within an evacuation zone or reside in a mobile home, manufactured home, or RV?

—Do you know where you will go if a mandatory evacuation is ordered?

—Have you informed a family member or friend outside of the evacuation zone of your plan?

—Do you have a re-entry pass which will be required to return to your home after the danger has passed?

—Do you have any special needs such as mobility, handicap, or medical condition, and if so, are you aware of the county Volunteer Special Needs Program?

Planning in advance for possible impacts will go a long way toward keeping our church and church family safe when a tropical storm, hurricane or other severe weather affects our area. Remain informed of possible threats throughout the season, and put your plan into action when the time comes.

There is a lot of valuable information available on the Citrus County Sheriff's website at: www.sheriffcitrus.org Click on EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT at the top and select the desired category.

Be prepared and stay safe!

by Bob MacKenzie, Chairman

SEPTEMBER 2011 ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Wanda & Russell Chapman ~ 65 years
Wendy & Ernest Miles ~ 22 years
Judy & Lyle Lee ~ 55 years
- 3 Willy & Hendrik Pouderoyn ~ 58 years
- 4 Arlene & Donald Stohrer ~ 63 years
- 6 Gini & Harold Slusher ~ 69 years
- 7 Joan & L.M. Downs ~ 47 years
- 8 Linda & Ray Ritter ~ 49 years
- 10 Eleanor & Chuck Hoeffler ~ 62 years
- 12 Shirley & Len Cromer ~ 59 years
- 15 Lois & Bernhard Diedrich ~ 55 years
Molly & Charles McCreery ~ 60 years
Carolyn & Bruce Stull ~ 21 years
- 17 Barbara & Bill Gilbert ~ 46 years
Bess & Don Hoes ~ 55 years
- 18 Dolores & Joe Henry ~ 63 years
- 21 Faye & David Honderich ~ 50 years
- 25 Joyce & Jim Wicker ~ 6 years
- 27 Rebekah & Stephen Csont ~ 7 years.



HARVEST ONE NEWS

JoMarie Goocher called to say that HarvestOne has gone out of business and that she is looking into another food sharing program that will serve our needs. Please watch for more information on this at a later date.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of 8/18/2011)

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AVANTE

Annie Preston

BRENTWOOD

Evelyn Bash
Joyce Minnicks

CYPRESS COVE

George Cole
Clay Spencer

DIAMOND RIDGE

Betty Duncan
Margurite Seely

HUNT RESIDENCE

Bill Marquis

SUGARMILL

MANOR

Shirley Hart
Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER

SPRINGS

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

WOODLAND TERRACE

Shirley Weber.



Thursday 1

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 2:00 Green Team
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 Creative Worship
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 2**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible

Saturday 3

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

Sunday 4**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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

Monday 5**LABOR DAY****OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**"Never give the
 devil a ride; he
 will want to take
 over the
 driving!"**

Tuesday 6

10:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 UMW Exec. Meeting
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 7

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

Thursday 8

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Backpackers (offsite)
 9:15 Ruth Circle
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 9

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible

Saturday 10

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

Sunday 11**DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship
12:00 Choir Potluck

Monday 12

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Alzheimer Support
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 13

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

Wednesday 14

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.
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir

Thursday 15

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 3:00 Missions
 3:30 Trustees
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 Creative Worship
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 16**COUNCIL REPORTS DUE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible

Saturday 17

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

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**Sunday 18**  
**PANTRY SUNDAY**  
**UMW SUNDAY**

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

**Monday 19**

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

**Tuesday 20**

**9:00 Bus Trip**  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
1:30 Stephen Ministers  
2:00 Finance Comm.  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
3:00 Stephen Ministers  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
7:00 Serendipity

**Wednesday 21**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 LaMountain Bible  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
3:00 Benson Bible  
3:00 Staff/Parish Relations  
5:15 Music  
6:00 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir

**Thursday 22**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
9:00 Fold/Mail  
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal  
7:00 COUNCIL (music)  
8:00 AA  
8:00 Al-Anon

**Friday 23**

9:00 Our Father's Table  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
10:00 Wise Bible

**Saturday 24**

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

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Sunday 25

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

Monday 26

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 Tracking Comm.
9:30 Visitation Comm.
10:30 Stroke Support
11:00 Exercise Class
1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 27

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

Wednesday 28

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
1:00 Shawl Ministry
3:00 Benson Bible
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir

Thursday 29

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
1:30 Serendipity Women
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
5:00 Kiwanis
8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 30

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:00 Wise Bible.

* **CHURCH FLOWERS** *
* **If you've noticed a** *
* **change in our flowers,** *
* **it's because we have a** *
* **new supplier, "Rich** *
* **Designs" formerly the** *
* **Copper Kettle.** *
* **We hope you enjoy** *
* **their arrangements.** *

**He who loses
money, loses
much; he who loses
a friend, loses
much more; he
who loses faith,
loses all."**
Eleanor Roosevelt

SEPTEMBER 2011 BIRTHDAYS

1

Lois Mackey

2

Marie Chapman
Raymond Clemens
Jennifer Hallal

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Edward Calkins

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Sandy Catania
Gene Lantz
Carolyn Marvel

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Rebecca Austin

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Barbara Jackson

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Melinda Bassler
Jo Ann Prociuous
Cheryl Smith
Angie Snodgrass

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Carroll Lunceford
Barbara Toole

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Henry Heesemann
Brittany Hornsby
Ruth Oblinger

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Lisa Stocker

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Rilie Csont
Brandon Martin
Jaime Merson

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Sarah Hodges
Alma Kadel
Dustin Will

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Sandra Garner
Wayne Haynes
Ed Loper
Molly McCreery

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Kim Bennett
Ruth Healy

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Lucien Kimble
Bill Lent
Dick Otto

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Nelva Clemens
Julius Kertesz
Edna Schneider

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Patricia Cram
Joan Veronesi

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Carol MacKenzie
Donald Stohrer

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Helen Schwebes

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Harold Layman
Joyce Smith

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Ralph Pohlman
Walter Rudolph
Carrie Staton
Virginia Tompkins

*Happy
Birthday!*

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Marie Archambault
L. M. Downs
Dorothy Peterson
Jill Wickliffe
Mark Whittaker

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Jim Archer
Lorraine Tollefson
Kathy Yuhasz

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Kay Bast
Sharon Berch
Lori DeClue
Annie Preston
Marge Swinson

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Charlene Murray
Shirley Shrader

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Burnie McGee

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Christine Akkasian
Pat Hoar
Gretta Marshall
Helen McCallister
Jim Wickliffe

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Robert Allen
Evelyn MacDonald

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Harvey Comfort
Sharon Deutsch
Mary Hand
John Travers Jr.

UMW SEPTEMBER
UNIT MEETING

Saturday, September 17

9:30 Fellowship & refreshments
Program to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Hostesses: Salty & Dorcas Circles

**Program presented by:
Tom and Ingrid Jones
of Clearwater**



They have been working in a mission called "Ingrid's Villages, Inc.(IVI). IVI is an outreach ministry of St. Paul United Methodist Church that builds homes for families in the Dominican Republic who have children enrolled in Christian Schools.

They are accredited and approved from the General Board of Global Missions in the United Methodist Church. More information is available at

www.ingridsvillages.org

RSVP by: 9/12/11
Contact Nancy Pearo 382-1034
for information or reservations.

IN MEMORIAM

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JULIE ASBURY

Went to the Lord 5/19/2011



EVE WALSH

Went to the Lord 5/20/2011



SUZANNE H. MORR

Went to the Lord 6/6/2011



SHIRLEY WARDRIP

Went to the Lord 7/5/2011



RUTH WILLIS

Went to the Lord 4/6/2011



VIRGINIA RESE

Went to the Lord 7/18/2011



HANK MANGLES

Went to the Lord 8/4/11



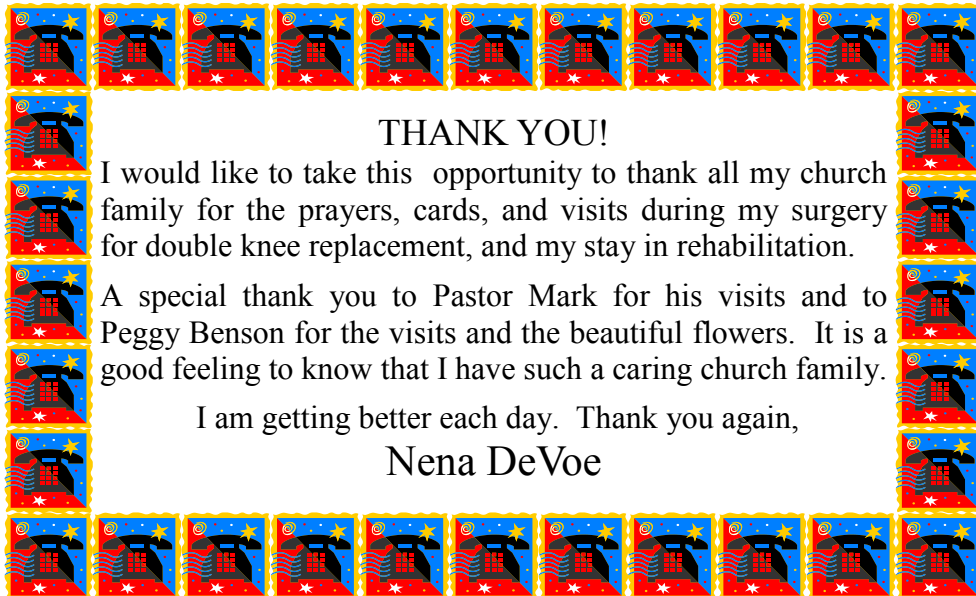
Wonderful Wednesdays

Our first Wonderful Wednesday for the season is scheduled to kickoff on **OCTOBER 5!** Have you been to the grocery store lately? The cooking teams have been too! Due to increases in food costs, our cost for Wonderful Wednesday Dinners will be \$6 each. Also, last year we came close to running out of food on numerous dinners. We must be able to get a more accurate headcount in time to purchase and prepare these meals. This season we will continue to have two options to sign up and make a reservation. As in the past, the menu and the program will be announced at our three services the Sunday before the dinner.

Option One: We ask that you sign the pew pad and indicate in the reservations section (Special Events) "WW", and show the number of people you are making a reservation for.

Option Two: You may make a reservation via phone by the DEADLINE OF MONDAY NOON! To do this, call 382-7193 by Noon Monday. This number is **not the church office.** You must call this number by Noon on Monday. You MUST have a reservation to attend the dinner!!!

We appreciate you following these two options as we continue to do our best to hold down costs and still provide a complete meal with great programs.



LOOK AT YOUR HANDS!

(author unknown)

Grandpa, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat, I wondered if he was OK. Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK.

He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine. Thank you for asking," he said in a clear strong voice. "Have you ever looked at your hands," he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story:

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled, and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots.

They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home.

And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandpa's hands and led him home.

When my hands are hurt or sore I think of Grandpa. I know he has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.

Dear praying friends,

We want to again express our deepest thanks for your prayers over the past year concerning Elaine's health. Through four hospitalizations, multiple serious illnesses, untold medical tests and even a broken back, your prayers have been a comfort and encouragement to us. We are grateful to our friends in the body of Christ for standing alongside us during this difficult time in our family's life.

PRAISES

✚.....**Elaine's health** has seemed to turn a positive corner after 11 months of intense struggles. As mentioned in a couple extra mailings last month, it was confirmed that Elaine has a spinal compression fracture. The good news is that she is recovering slowly from that while feeling better overall than she has in quite a long time because the spinal infection is gone and a host of other issues are better. Praise God for how He used the doctors to bring healing! Please continue to pray for full recovery from the fracture, which could eventually require surgery as it is painful and causing a nerve to be pinched at times.

✚.....Our friend **Pastor Ogaat at Cool Shade of Life Church recently graduated** from Bangkok Bible

Seminary's correspondence program with a bachelor's degree in religious studies (see "graduation" photo). Praise God for this opportunity that he had to expand his Bible knowledge while staying in his context at the church.



✚.....The **parliamentary election in Thailand** went fairly smoothly, with the "red-shirt" party that lost power multiple times since 2006 via a coup and various legal and political

maneuvers winning handily. Many Thais were encouraged by their involvement in this show of democracy. However, there is still a strong undercurrent of dissatisfaction, again from the elites and others opposed to the red-shirt faction. Please continue to pray for justice and peace to reign here.

✚.....This month's **cultural photo** is "GIS." Caleb and Jamie begin another school year at Grace International School here in Chiang Mai



on August 15. While the appeal of a lawsuit that says the school must abandon part of its current facility drags on, the school will begin its 13th year while making plans to build a school-friendly campus at a site that has been purchased. The school still needs to finish raising US\$2.5 million for prep work on the site and then another US \$7 million for construction. Please pray for Caleb (8th grade) and Jamie (6th grade) to grow (not just physically) this school year; for the nine PIONEERS units serving at GIS to have a fruitful and encouraging year; and for school officials to have wisdom on how best to raise the needed funds for the new school location.

PRAYERS

✚.....Because of Elaine's broken back, she was not able to travel with **Brittany and Justin** back to the U.S. and Joe had to stay to care for her. However, the two of them did very well

getting to Columbia, S.C., on their own over the weekend and are now safely tucked away (literally – as they sleep off jet lag!) in a hotel for a week. Please pray for them to get Justin's freshman errands done well this week (bank account, clothes, room items, etc.). Pray also for Justin's MK retreat (Aug. 8-16) and CIU orientation (Aug. 16-22) to go well; for Brittany to settle into leadership roles well beginning Aug. 13; and for both of them as they begin classes on Aug. 23. Please also pray for the four of us who remain in Thailand to adjust to a new, smaller family reality.

✚.....Another side-effect of Elaine not being able to travel was that our PIONEERS International Foundation lawyer could do our **visa extensions** on time (just prior to the August 5 expiration date) rather than hoping it could be done early. So, we will now go to Thai immigration on Tuesday to extend our foundation visas through May 2012 as scheduled. Please pray for this process to go smoothly so that we can put all these costly and stressful visa renewals and extensions behind us for awhile.

✚.....Not one, not two, but **three PIONEERS families will be returning to Chiang Mai** from home assignment in Australia this month. Please pray for the Smalls, the Tilley's, and the Collinses to re-adjust well to life here and for them to have wisdom as they pick back up their important ministries with a rural village, university students and CP training.

✚.....We are so grateful to God and our family in Christ for the remarkable generosity that has been shown to us in the past year. Despite huge medical bills, doubled college costs, constant visa/lawyer fees, increased ministry expenses, and a pathetically weak U.S. dollar, **the Lord**

has provided for our needs.

Praise God! Please pray for a few remaining needs that we have to be met. More importantly, pray for U.S. missionaries worldwide as we are all getting hammered by our country's extended economic woes. The Thai baht, for instance, began strengthening in January 2006 and has yet to stop almost six years later. The dollar's decline in Thailand has cost our family 25% of our budget here, and that story is duplicated in just about every nation in the world.

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

DID YOU KNOW..... that our "area" of ministry for PIONEERS (over which Joe serves as Area Leader) includes nine adults and nine children who focus on Myanmar (Burma); seven adults and six children who serve in the Bangkok area; two adults and three children who serve in southern Thailand; and 51 adults and 41 children who serve in northern Thailand? Or, to sum it up, that's 69 adults and 59 children on 14 PIONEERS teams/groups in these two countries! And that doesn't include several more units (families, couples or singles) who are in the pipeline to join our area in the next year.

The ministries range from direct church planting to English teaching to training to coffee farms to slum outreach to school/university staff to counseling to a residential program for at-risk teen girls. That makes for some unique opportunities to reach these countries with the Gospel!

Please pray that all 128 PIONEERS members in Thailand and Myanmar would glorify God with their lives and ministries and that He would work in and through us to do things beyond what we could ask or imagine! Pray also for those folks considering joining teams in our area to have wisdom in their important decisions.

Your Church Library has a variety of books, and the ones listed in Genesis are on the display shelves to the left of the library door.

The DVD selections are expanding. They are found to the right of the library door as you enter. Some of the titles are as follow:

“I LOVE LUCY” - Here’s the wild and wacky series that changed TV forever by the end of the initial season, the very first program seen in more than 10 million homes. Season 1 consists of 7 discs and Season 2 has 5 discs.

“C. S. LEWIS THROUGH THE SHADOWLANDS” - Relive the journey of Lewis during the days prior to and after the cancer-related death of his wife Joy. This is the original award-winning TV drama co-produced by the BBC and Gateway Films.

“THE MIRACLE WORKER” – Patty Duke stars as the deaf, blind and mute Helen Keller who awakens to an awareness of language under her teacher’s (Anne Bancroft) determined guidance.

“CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN” – The 1950 version is based on the true story of Frank and Lillian Gilbreth and their adventures raising 12 children at the turn-of-the-century. Starring Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy

“YOURS, MINE AND OURS” – a widowed mother of eight (Lucille Ball) marries a widower with ten children (Henry Fonda), creating an understandably chaotic household brimming with comic situations.

“WHERE ANGELS GO, TROUBLE FOLLOWS” - In this sequel to “The Trouble With Angels”, Stella Stevens stars as a modern nun who convinces the Reverend Mother to take the girls on an unforgettable bus trip to a California peace rally.

“HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY” is a classic story of one family’s dreams, struggles and triumphs. A 60-year-old man reminisces about the disintegration of his closely-knit family.

NEW BOOKS – If you like Christian romance novels, you’ll love bestselling author Deanne Gist’s “*Maid to Match*”. When Tillie arrives at the amazing Biltmore Estate in Ashville, North Carolina, she has no idea that she’ll soon have to choose between her greatest dream and her deepest love. Tillie is dazzled by the Vanderbilts’ riches – and by Mack Danvers, a handsome mountain man turned footman. When Tillie is enlisted to help tame Mack’s rugged behavior by tutoring him in society’s refined ways, the sparks threaten Tillie’s efforts to be chosen as Edith Vanderbilt’s personal maid. But the stakes rise even higher when Mack and Tillie become entangled in a cover-up at the town orphanage that

could cost them their jobs – and their hearts.

“*Whisper on the Wind*” by Maureen Lang, a riveting novel of dangerous romance and war-time intrigue to bring to life a too-often forgotten time. Brussels, 1916, World War I is at its height. Edward Kirkland’s underground newspaper is the only thing offering the occupied city hope and real news of the war. The paper may be a small whisper among the shouts of the German army but Edward will do anything to keep it in print – even risk his life. Meanwhile, Isa Lassone, a Belgian-American socialite whose parents whisked her to safety at the start of the war, sneaks back into the country to rescue Edward, the man she has loved from afar, and his mother, but Edward refuses to go, and Isa is drawn into his secret double life and into his heart.

“*Courting Morrow Little*” by Laura Frantz - Morrow Little, haunted by the memory of the day her family was torn apart by raiding Shawnee warriors, struggles to find her way to true love. But will she betray the memory of her lost loved ones in the process?

“*Beyond This Moment*” by Tamera Alexander. Will Molly Whitcomb lose James and her renewed faith in God? She makes a choice that goes against everything she stands for, but it’s the only choice that offers her a chance to regain a fraction of all she’s lost.

“*Somewhere to Belong*”, Book 1 by Judith Miller – Johanna is forced to make a difficult choice between the man she loves and a new life among the plain people of Amana.

“*Lydia’s Charm*” by Wanda E. Brunstetter, a novel that takes you to Amish Country as Lydia King attempts to make Charm, Ohio feel like home after losing her husband. Widowed and jobless, Lydia returns home with her son to be close to her mother and help with her grandfather. Menno Troyer is also recently widowed and the father of four energetic boys. Levi Stutzman is the only one in his family not handicapped by dwarfism and has dedicated his life caring for them. Suddenly a gift appears on Lydia’s doorstep. Is it from the widowed father of four boys, or is it from the man who has rejected romance to be his family’s caregiver? When life hands Lydia another challenge, will the gifts from her secret admirer prompt her to pursue an impossible love?

Besides books of fiction, we have a large collection of non-fiction, biographies, devotions and biblical subjects. We use the Dewey Decimal System. You can look up the subject in the file next to the typewriter to get the Dewey Decimal Number. The non-fiction books are found on the left side of the library.

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CHILDREN - QUICK REPLIES

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are!

NEW ADDRESS NOTICE

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If you will be changing your residency AT ANY TIME and wish to continue getting church mail, please let the office know when you will be relocating and what the new address will be (including snowbirds.)

This saves us quite a bit of postage as we not only pay to mail items to you, but we pay for them if they are returned to us as well.

If, for any reason, you wish to discontinue getting our mailings, please notify us and we will remove you name from our mailing list.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE!!!

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."

SO, I bought her a bathroom scale. And then

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

9/5/2011
LABOR DAY

9/11/2011
PATRIOT DAY

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WILLIAM H. TAFT
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HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, West Virginia, has been recognized nationally by the United States Senate – in particular by Senators Jennings Randolph; and Robert Byrd – and by President Jimmy Carter, as the founder of National Grandparents Day. McQuade made it her goal to educate the youth in the community about the important contributions seniors have made throughout history. She also urged the youth to "adopt" a grandparent, not just for one day a year, but rather for a lifetime.

In 1973, Senator Jennings Randolph (D-WV) introduced a resolution to the Senate to make Grandparents Day a national holiday. West Virginia's Governor Arch Moore had proclaimed an annual Grandparents Day for the state, at the urging of Marian McQuade. When Senator Randolph's resolution in the U.S. Senate died in committee, Marian McQuade organized supporters and began contacting governors, senators, and congressmen in all fifty states. She urged each state to proclaim their own Grandparents Day. Within three years, she had received Grandparents Day proclamations from forty-three states. She sent

copies of the proclamations to Senator Randolph.

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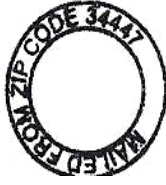
In February, 1977, Senator Randolph, with the concurrence of many other senators, introduced a Joint Resolution to the Senate requesting the President to "issue annually a proclamation designating the **first Sunday of September after Labor Day** of each year as 'National Grandparents Day'." Congress passed the legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day and, on August 3, 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation. The statute cites the day's purpose as: "...to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer".

Some people claim the origin of the holiday resides with the efforts^l of Hermine Beckett Hanna of North Syracuse, New York, recognizing seniors and their importance as early as 1961. On February 21, 1990, New York Congressman James T. Walsh recognized the efforts of Hermine Beckett Hanna in front of the U.S. House of Representatives, thanking her "for her important role in the establishment of Grandparents Day".

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