

# SUMMER 2009 EDITION



**Do you know the story of The Disciple Wall Hangings in our new Fellowship Center? See Page 4.**

## WANTED: BRIGHT LIGHTS

This summer - long after you read this newsletter - we will be celebrating our nation's birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be a day of excitement and hopefully fireworks (although with the current economic conditions you can't be sure). There are very few things in this world that lift the spirit and fill the heart like the spray of fire across the sky in all different shades and shapes. Then every once in a while come the loud bangs that shake your teeth. The firework displays get even the most apathetic or passive person's juices flowing. People sit with their eyes gazing heavenward, oohing and aahing, just enjoying the magic and wonder of it all.

Fireworks are exciting because they are extraordinary, because they punctuate life with color and dazzle and "so fireworks are an apt image of what the spiritual life would be. Not some vague, colorless thing but a vibrant, sky-bending kind of experience to startle and surprise long after other people's lives have settled down and turned off." (from John Killinger's book, *365 Simple Gifts from God*)

God did not intend that our lives should be humdrum and dry - that we should just exist and not live. He sent his Son that we might have an abundant life, a full measure, mounded up, shaken together and running over. God

wants us to have a life that is complete and joyous.

One way we avoid the tedium of repetition is to stop worrying about minors and begin dealing with majors - to be about the things that really need to be done, to let the nit's be picked by people who don't know the love and grace of Jesus Christ, to be about the more important work of sharing God's love and grace to all of his people. We are called to be "on fire" for Jesus and to work toward the good for God's children, the very ones for whom Jesus died.

Jesus said of himself, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12) Then he said of those who would follow him, "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14)

God wants our lives to illuminate the world with the name of Jesus, to bring a rush of adrenalin and a surge of joy to people whose lives are ordinary. He wants us to be his bright lights that can stir even the apathetic or the passive to respond. We can only do this if we ourselves are experiencing this kind of light-receiving connection to God.

Together let's make a commitment to get on with God's business of bringing light, letting the clamors of the world take care of themselves.



*Pastor Mark*

**Serving Members and Friends of The First United Methodist Church of Homosassa**  
**~ Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors ~**  
**We Are A Stephen Ministry Church**

# E.B.A.D.O.C

## "Everyone Becoming a Disciple of Christ"

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



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 Men's Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast  
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 Missionaries to Thailand  
 Missionaries to Haiti

Small Groups  
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 Current Affairs  
 Individual Bible Study Groups  
 (Men, Women, and Couples)  
 Fibromyalgia Support Group  
 Saturday Sisters  
 Contemporary Issues  
 Bereavement Group  
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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.

Discipleship Classes  
 Disciple I  
 Disciple IV  
 Companions in Christ

Benevolences  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 St. Andrews Mission  
 (Feeding the hungry)  
 The Heifer Project  
 S.H.A.R.E. (Economical food for the church and community)  
 Food Pantry  
 Holiday Food Baskets  
 Toys for Children (at Christmas)  
 Salvation Army  
 The Path (Help for local homeless)  
 Methodist Children's Home  
 C.R.O.P. Walk  
 Equipment for Handicapped (Wheel chairs, walkers, etc.)

Community Outreach  
 (Use of our facilities)  
 AA  
 AI-Anon  
 After-school Tutoring  
 Girl Scouts  
 Hospice  
 GED Tutoring  
 Kiwanis Breakfast  
 Isaiah's Place  
 FCAT Tutoring

# Wise Discipleship

## Living as a Disciple in the Mundane



"It was a great weekend. But now it's back to Monday morning...."

"We had a marvelous vacation, but now it's back to the daily grind."

"Such an uplifting, inspirational retreat. To bad we have to come back down to the mundane."

Most of us have said something like the above, sharing a "mountain-top experience," a great get-away, and our reluctance to return to the drab routine of our everyday existence. In the world we see an ever-increasing thirst for the beyond-ordinary thrill, the super trophies of success, the challenges of a riskier risk. If these can't be experienced personally, they can be shared by watching others achieve in the high-excitement arenas of moves, television or the internet. But as disciples of Christ, what are we called to seek?

Jesus spent much time teaching the disciples to live as he lived - an extra-ordinary person among ordinary people and everyday situations. Jesus would deal with their sin nature on the cross, provide a way for forgiveness of their sins and fill them with the Holy Spirit. Then they could live as a light in the darkest of situations, among the meanest of circumstances.

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him to a high mountain. As he was transfigured before them, they saw his glory and were amazed to see Elijah and Moses talking with him. Peter suggested, "It is \_\_\_\_\_ for us to be here. Let us put up three \_\_\_\_\_ - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Then they heard a voice say, "This is my \_\_\_\_\_ whom I love. \_\_\_\_\_ to him!"

Suddenly, all was normal again, and Jesus led them back down the mountain straight into a large, arguing crowd. A man had brought his possessed son, and the disciples who had not gone up on the mountain couldn't cast the spirit out. Jesus said, "O \_\_\_\_\_ generation, how long shall I \_\_\_\_\_ with you? How long shall I put up with your? Bring the boy to me?" (from Mark 9:2-29)

Back from a mountain-top experience right into the ugliness of an arguing, unbelieving crowd, Jesus showed his disciples what their lives as his disciples were to be like. Following Jesus would be no constant mountain-top high. Momentary revelations would be followed by days and weeks of serving common people in the everyday arenas of life. They would be led by the Holy Spirit into the drudgery of the mundane, and there they would serve as their Master had served - as extra-ordinary men in the ordinary scenes of life.

Jesus and his disciples were meeting for his last Passover meal. All the arrangements had been made, and the men gathered eagerly around the table. But no one had thought to seek a servant to do the customary washing of dusty, tired feet when the group arrived.

John writes, "Jesus knew that the \_\_\_\_\_ had put all things under his power, and that he had come from \_\_\_\_\_ and was returning to him." So he got up from the meal, took off his outer garments, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash his disciples' feet.

Then he told them, "Now that I, your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, have washed your feet, you also should \_\_\_\_\_ one another's feet. I have set you an \_\_\_\_\_ that you should do as I have done for you...no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him."

The foot washing had a practical, necessary purpose - to cleanse and refresh tired, dusty feet. It was a dirty job for a servant, differing greatly from the symbolic foot washing we do today and call it "a humbling spiritual experience." For the disciples, they saw their Lord become their servant. As for Jesus, because he knew where he had come from and where he was going, the washing of the disciples' road-dusty feet could not take away from the dignity of his person. *He knew who he was.* (from John 13:1-17)

### THINK ABOUT IT:

- ◆ When we taste God's glory in some spiritual experience, the purpose is to prepare us for service among ordinary people, in the mundane situations of life.
- ◆ When we're always seeking spiritual thrills, we miss the touch of God's grace in the commonplace.
- ◆ We so often look for "big things" to do for God, for success in a Christian ministry. Where is Jesus going to find the "foot washers" in our grubby, sordid, weary world? Jesus told his disciples, after washing their feet, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (Jn. 13:17)
- ◆ When we know who we are in Christ, understand where we came from and where we are going, no task God calls us to do will diminish our person or lessen our dignity. Drudgery in the mundane becomes a place of high calling in the Lord's service.

**"DRUDGERY IS ONE OF THE FINEST TOUCHSTONES OF CHARACTER THERE IS." (O. Chambers)**

## THE 12 DISCIPLE WALL TAPESTRIES

The walls of the fellowship hall have been enlivened and the pilgrimage given sparkle by the fabric hangings. The warm tones and the flexibility in design are a contrast to the rather austere strength of stone and glass.

Each of the twelve columns along the way normally carry a long 9'x1' apostle hanging. All were donated by Dr. Max & Rita Rittgers and constructed by Mr. & Mrs. Norwood (Clara) Speary from the originals at First United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida.

Below are the descriptions of each hanging:

- ◆ ANDREW: X-shaped cross on which he died; basket of five loaves and two fishes Jesus used to feed the multitude; and a gold Creek cross indicating Andrew's bringing Greeks to Jesus.
- ◆ BARTHOLOMEW: Tradition said that he died by being skinned alive, thus the flaying knives; fig leaves of the tree he was sitting under reading Scripture; the scroll, when Jesus called him; and the fish of the breakfast Jesus cooked on the beach.
- ◆ MATTHEW: Roman tax collector (SPOR) by Jesus; three money bags; his money on the counting table; lion of Judah, signifying Ethiopia, to which he traveled with the Gospel.
- ◆ PETER: Christ said that Peter was the rock on which the church would be founded (bottom) and He was giving him the keys of the Kingdom (top); Peter holds the inverted cross on which, according to tradition, he died, feeling he was not worthy to die in the same position as his Master.
- ◆ JAMES: The staff, his many missionary pilgrim journeys and the scallop shell - a sign of his sailor's vocation; and the nickname "Son of Thunder" was given to James by Jesus when James suggested that a bolt of lightning be hurled upon a village which refused entrance to Jesus.
- ◆ JAMES THE MINOR: According the tradition, first Apostle martyred; thrown from the pinnacle of the Temple and sawed in half, thus the saw and the martyr's palm; and the anchor cross (church emblem) shows his part in the church's formation.
- ◆ JOHN: "The Beloved Disciple," thus the red heart; credited as the author of the Book of Revelation, which speaks of the Hand of God holding seven stars, representing seven letters written to seven churches; and the serpent and cup suggest the legendary attempt to kill John with a poisoned chalice.
- ◆ JUDE: Holds bunches of grapes, for he was a vine dresser when Jesus called him; the ship as the church which Jude carried to many sites as a missionary; and the dove represents the promise of Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles.
- ◆ PHILIP: Apostle-missionary carrying staff cross with tripart ends indicting the trinity; he died, according to some traditions, on a tau cross (bottom); was a fisherman by trade.
- ◆ SIMON: Another fisherman, and teacher (book); holds the broken sword of his change from militant zealot believing in violent force to a Christian embracing the way of love; and according to tradition, took the Gospel to India, as suggested by towers (bottom.)
- ◆ THOMAS: The "Doubter"; five red drops of blood in the white (Trinity) triangle signifying the wounds of Christ; the Thomistic Church of South India dates it's existence from his efforts there, where he built a church with his own hands, noted by the rafter he clutches; and is said to have died of a spear wound.
- ◆ JUDAS: The black of night when Judas planned the betrayal in the Garden with the "High" Priest; hanging himself; red is the blood of Christ; and coins, the money for betrayal.

We, the family and members of the Homosassa FUMC, say THANK YOU to the Rittgers and Spearys for these gorgeous and unique wall hangings. They certainly brighten the walls and will make us more aware of our Bible as time goes on.



**Walking on the Path**

Patience Nave

*"Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ."* Galatians 6:2

As I walked one morning this week, I noticed a huge red ant colony. I know they are mean little creatures, but I was intrigued by the size of the great concave circle they were constructing around the hole, so I moved close to see them better. I must have stood there for ten minutes, and it was fascinating.

The hole in the middle was not very large, but big enough for at least two or three ants to go and come at the same time. An ant would go into the hole, come out carrying a grain of sand, carefully take it way out to the edge of the circle, put it down, and hurry back to the hole, passing others along the way who were also carrying grains of sand. This went on without interruption the entire time I watched. Down to the hole, back with the grain of sand.

Then I noticed something out of the ordinary. An ant came out struggling with a huge piece - at least huge for him - of sand. Over and over he balanced it and then dropped it. Suddenly one ant on his way back to the hole "noticed" the dilemma of his fellow ant and went to his aid. Together they picked up the "boulder" and moved it to the rim of the circle, deposited their load, and quickly returned to their original pattern of going and coming.

These little red beasts of burden began to preach to me. How often do I see someone going about some mundane task, even as I am going about my own mundane tasks, and not notice that they struggle under the weight of the load? I ignore their plight because I'm busy.

We may not need to carry loads of sand, but we can encourage one another by our words, our smiles, our approval of jobs well done, our assistance when we recognize another who is struggling under any load too great for him/her to carry. Paul's admonition above falls right in the middle of his reminder that all of us struggle, but we should not be so focused on our own work that we overlook the needs of others.

**Prayer:** *Father, remind us as we go about the business of new ministries in our wonderful new facility, to bear another's burdens by both words and actions, no matter how busy we are with our own work. Amen.*

**The Labyrinth**

I walked the labyrinth today  
And silently I made a start  
Upon the twisting path ahead  
Inviting my uncertain heart.

I felt God there along the path  
A living presence like the sun.  
The brightness and surrounding warmth  
Embraced me as we walked along.

A step ahead, or three, or four  
Our paces differed as we went.  
And then a longer, straighter path  
Pulled me far away from Him.

The loneliness then chilled my heart  
The darkness and the cold crept in  
Before the winding path returned me  
To His presence once again.

'Twas calm when I was close to Him  
And fear when other paths I chose  
A voice within kept urging me,  
"Just follow God, where'er He goes."

So prayerfully I journeyed on  
'Til at the center I found rest.  
At peace within the Father's love,  
Ever comforted and blest.

Anonymous  
Good Friday, 2009

**Good Friday Observance  
Prayer Labyrinth**

The Good Friday Observance using the prayer labyrinth and Biblical journey had more than 100 participants. Some of these participants were from the community. The response from those who participated was overwhelming and we wish to thank all the Bible studies, Sunday school classes and others who worked on this project.

*Myrna Evans and Marilyn Watson*

**PRAYER CORNER**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ✚ Our pastor and staff.
- ✚ All of us to seek to become better disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ✚ Committee members as they seek to know God's will for this, His church.
- ✚ All of those who travel during the summer.
- ✚ Vacation Bible school and all those involved (adults and children).
- ✚ All those ministries which are in the works and will begin in the fall.



### Florida United Methodist Children's Home Education Success

The Children's Home puts tremendous effort into ensuring that each resident has an opportunity to excel in school. The Worrell Memorial Education Center provides numerous resources including a library, computers, resource materials, tutoring rooms and more to help enhance what each boy and girl receives in school every day. The education department and all staff encourage and support each resident to experience academic success. Look at what they accomplished during the last grading period.

- 11 made the Honor Roll
- 19 residents increased their G.P.A.
- 28 received all Good Conduct Marks on their report card.

**REMEMBER FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING MAY 31, 2009**

**Thanks for your contribution!**

#### CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you know a married couple in our church who might be interested in exploring the unique opportunity of serving as houseparents at the Children's Home? They are always looking for couples to feel called to be in ministry together and make a real and lasting impact in the lives of children and youth. If you have questions, or would like more information, please e-mail the Director of Human Resources at [jobs@fumch.org](mailto:jobs@fumch.org). The following is part of the official job posting for the position.

**"This position is for a married couple only.** The primary role of the Residential Child Care Specialists/Houseparents (RCCS) is to oversee the day to day care and supervision of the children assigned to their cottage. The residential Child Care Specialists/Houseparents are responsible for monitoring all the aspects of daily cottage life and is, in essence, the primary caring person for the child/youth during his/her stay at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. The Houseparents will be a couple bound in the traditional legal relationship of marriage. They are looking for couples with moral character who are strongly committed to making a significant contribution to young people."

Marsha Bader

### A Predictable Future in Uncertain Times

Brad and Louise were tired of all the wild swings in the stock market and decided to do something about it. They wanted to create predictability in an unpredictable world. While they could never completely erase the ups and downs of the market, they did find a way of making it more tolerable by funding a charitable remainder annuity trust.

They decided to fund the trust after they discovered all it could do for them. They funded it by transferring some stock they had held for awhile. They did this without paying capital gains taxes and even received an income tax deduction for part of the amount. In return, they established the trust so it would pay them a fixed amount for as long as either lived. With careful planning, they could expect a lifetime of steady payments.

Since funding the trust, Brad and Louise still watch the market, but now they have added some stability to their lives. While the funds in their trust may go up and down, their payments from it will not. They also know that after a lifetime of payments to them, any funds remaining in the trust will go directly to support their [church]. That brought them even more comfort than the payments.

What about you? Could you use some stability in an up and down world? Consider a charitable remainder annuity trust like Brad and Louise. You can choose a funding amount and payment rate that's right for you.

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If you would like information on how to enjoy the benefits of a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, please call Rev. Richard Evans (563-5833).

Through the Florida United Methodist Foundation (and Rev. John Peterson), we can help you establish a CRAT that will provide income to you for life and will give you the satisfaction of providing a financial gift to your church after your death.

**IN THE BEGINNING...**

It started with an idea: "Let's have a Health Fair". Well, we are having a Mind, Body, Soul Fair on June 19th from 9am to 1pm. The goal is to educate, inform, have fun and answer a variety of questions, such as:

- Do I need special shoes now that I am a diabetic?
- What alternatives do I have to frozen dinners since I am alone now?
- I'm ready to go to an Assisted Living Facility but they cost so much, and there are so many. How do I choose?
- My family "up North" may need to move me back north or to an Assisted Living. Is there someone to help me pack?
- I need to make End of Life choices. What are my options?
- I have some free time and want to volunteer. Where?
- Where can I go for an eye screening, hearing screening, Blood Pressure check?
- I want to do something that will make me smile.

If these are questions you might be asking yourself, "come on down" to the Health Fair, and let us help you find the answers to these and other questions you might have.

Karen Kline

**MIND/BODY/SOUL HEALTH FAIR GUIDELINES:**

WHERE: First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa, 34448

WHEN: Friday, June 19, 2009 – Show time: 9a.m. to 1p.m.

SET-UP TIME: 8 A.M. TO 9 A.M.

GENERAL INFO: There is no entry fee. A table (6 foot round) and 2 chairs will be provided. You will need to provide your own tablecloth or cover. Please bring at least one or all of the following; a door prize, snacks, finger food, and/or beverages. These items will not be collected together on a single table, but kept at your own table. If you bring a door prize, please bring your own tickets for people to fill out. You will be responsible for contacting the winner. The concept is to try to have more people spend more time at your booth, whether to fill out an entry form or nibble on a snack or finger food. Door prizes offer a chance for the winner to come to your business to pick up their prize and see where you are located.

IMPORTANT: Please do not break down your display or leave early. We would like to have a representative at each table at all times throughout the event. Please no table sharing, except for the ones that have been already confirmed. Please properly label your items that are either free or door prizes. You will be responsible for your items and display at your designated table. Also, please let us know if you will need an electrical outlet as there are a limited number. You may want to bring an extension cord, just in case.

CONFIRMATION: Please confirm that you received this message, either through email or phone. Also, we will need to double check who will need an electrical outlet. If we haven't received a business card or an ad yet, please send one to the church address listed above, marked "c/o: Karen Kline." We are attempting to present a power-point presentation and would like to include all of the businesses associated with the fair.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION! We feel that we will have a great time, make some new contacts, and have some name recognition out in the community. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Reservations must be confirmed by May 31, 2009. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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## Cruise Through the Bible!

by Rev. Richard Evans

Yes, that is exactly what you will do on the 12-day cruise tour departing from FUMCH on November 11, 2009 (2 days travel & 10 days on tour). In ten days you will visit Greece, Egypt, Israel, and Turkey with a luxury cruise ship as your home. After one night at a hotel in Athens, you will only unpack one more time—in your cabin aboard the mv Cristal.

I have traveled with Educational Opportunities Tours of Lakeland, FL, many times since 1986 and, in my opinion, they do Bible Lands Tours as well as any and better than most. EOT has chartered a 1200 passenger ship to offer a fabulous cruise through the lands of the Bible which will feature key sites pertinent to both the Old and New Testaments.

Here are some details:

Nov. 11—Fly from Tampa to NYC and on to Athens, Greece.

Nov. 12—Tour Athens, including the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Mars Hill, and more.

Nov. 13—Tour Corinth before boarding the cruise ship.

Nov. 14—A day at sea, enjoying the ship's amenities.

Nov. 15—Tour Cairo, the Egypt Museum, and the Pyramids of Giza.

Nov. 16—Tour Jerusalem, including the Upper Room, the House of Caiaphas, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Pool of Bethesda, the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Western Wall, and more.

Nov. 17—Tour Bethlehem, including the Shepherds' Field, the Church of the Nativity, and more.

Nov. 18—Travel to the Galilee and visit the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, and many other sites around the lake that were important in Jesus' ministry.

Nov. 19—A day at sea.

Nov. 20—Tour the Isle of Rhodes, where St. Paul stopped on one of his missionary journeys.

Nov. 21—Tour the city of Ephesus, in Turkey, where Paul spent 3 years of his ministry.

Nov. 22—Disembark in Pireas (the port for Athens) and return home to the USA.

Pastor Mark Whittaker has traveled to most of these places and is looking forward (along with Iris) to leading this cruise-tour. More than 20 have signed up and he is hoping for a group of at least 25. Call me (Richard Evans) or Pastor Whittaker if you have questions.

This journey of a lifetime includes round-trip airfare, deluxe motor coaches, all shore excursions, local guides, entrance-fees, daily meals when aboard ship, Christian entertainment, and Biblical lectures. Brochures (with details and pricing) are available in the church office. A deposit of \$1,000 will hold your place with the balance due in early August.

## Education and Ministries

Patience Nave

How quickly Spring has gone and our able editor prepares the last *Genesis* edition before she takes a rest for the summer.

Before I begin to talk about the areas of my responsibilities, I want to say a word of thanks on behalf of all of us for the work that Judith Huffer does in keeping all of us aware of the many things going on in our church.

We have so many people involved in ministering to both our own congregation and to people in the community, and Judith helps "the right hand know what the left hand is doing." Thanks, Judith. May God bless you and give you a very successful surgery and a quiet and much deserved rest for the next couple of months. ***Come back dancing!***

Resorting to my usual "bullets," let me tell you some new things that you may see or hear about this summer.

- A new class for those from 18 to 30 taught on Sunday morning by Wayne and Crissy Brown. The class will meet in Room 209, right across from my office.
- The Mom's Morning Out on Saturday morning, beginning June 20, for all children from Kindergarten through fifth grade. We will offer a good film and light lunch, as we entertain and enjoy the children while Moms run errands. We will regularly post the film to be shown and other particulars about the morning's activities in the Sunday bulletin.
- Kim Hamrick and I will let you know about covered dish suppers during the summer, featuring some good programs as well as food for our fellowship.

As soon as VBS is over, you'll be hearing about films to be shown in the new Media Room for those over 18. This will be a "grown-up time" so that those who have children can have a night out. We'll have a nursery if needed. Admission will have to be by reservation, since the Media Room has limited seating.

I'm also working on some other ministries, but they are still in planning stage, so I probably should wait a little before announcing them.

Judith and *Genesis* will not be around for the summer, but the rest of us will. Come by for a visit.



**AFTERNOON AT THE THEATRE**  
 Sunday, August 2

Now offering an opportunity to see  
 "The Wizard of Oz"  
 at the Ice House Theatre in Mt.Dora.

After this wonderful stage show, we will enjoy a  
 delicious BUFFET DINNER at a local restaurant.

Matinee Show time is at 2:00 PM.  
 We will leave the church at 12:00 noon.  
 Price is \$40.00.

This price will include :  
 SHOW, BUFFET DINNER & GRATUITY,  
 & TRANSPORTATION.

Please call early to make your reservation.  
 Bill Brobst 621-3736

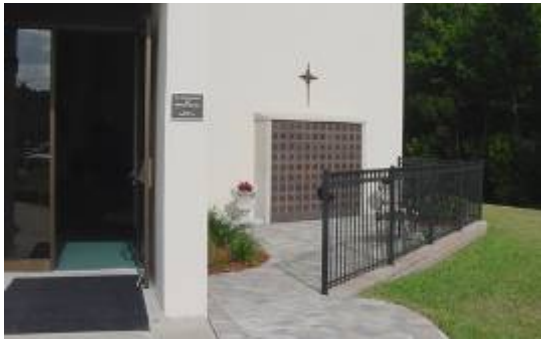
*Passionate Spirituality*

**PRAYER IS...**

We will be delving into this topic more deeply in the fall. In the meantime, it would be a great thing to **pray** about, **study**, **meditate**, spend some time in **silence** and **solitude** and then we'll explore "Prayer is..." in the fall.

In the meantime if I can help you with exploring any of the spiritual disciplines, please feel free to contact me. It's something I'm passionate about!

*Marilyn Watson*



*Columbarium and Memorial Garden...*

Located next to our beautiful Worship Center, and visible through the north window in the right rear section of the Worship Center, the columbarium and garden create a peaceful setting for some of God's faithful who "dwell in the house of the Lord forever." The fenced area has two benches available to anyone for times of prayer and meditation.

Please see Church Administrator, Theresa Weber, in the church office for information, details, and an available packet.

John Gibbs

OUR NEW  
YOUTH GROUP



...met for the first time on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Thus far it's a small but dedicated band, and they have many interesting and fun ideas for future activities.

Each meeting consists of three segments:

- ✓ A "business" discussion, during which we make decisions about the group and its activities.
- ✓ A lesson, which can be Bible-based, a contemporary issue, or other relevant topic.
- ✓ And game time, during which snacks and beverages are also available. So far, the kids have been enjoying playing table tennis, air hockey, and a variety of Wii games (most of those move way too fast for my eyes!)

Most of the Youth Group members will be assisting at Vacation Bible School as "Camp Counselors," during the week of June 8-12.

On Saturday, June 27, they will also be helping out with the Car Wash for Carrenage," to raise money for Haiti.

Also we're hoping to attend a weekend retreat at the Warren Willis Youth Camp in Leesburg in November.

We will continue to meet during the summer, with a few breaks for vacation time. There will be a few outings, using the church bus, and some special programs; we intend to put our wonderful new facility to good use.

Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Youth Center. (We will NOT meet on June 17 or July 15.) Students between the ages of 11 and 17 are welcome to join us. Come and be part of the fun.

Noretta Brobst

*COMPANIONS in Christ*

**A Small Group Experience in Spiritual Formation!**

This is a 28-week course that revolves around individual reading, journal keeping, and 30-minute daily exercises designed to move you from hard knowledge to personal experience.

The group will meet weekly beginning in the fall. Watch bulletin boards, screens, and bulletins for more information or contact Marilyn Watson or the church office.

**Also coming soon a 9-week Companions In Christ group for those who've completed the 28 week Companions In Christ.**

Contact Marilyn Watson for more information.

**WANTED: Used or non-working COMPUTERS!**

If you have a computer you no longer use, or one you have discarded as non-functional, please contact us. We are looking for computers to refurbish or recycle.

Any personal data on your machine will be destroyed. If your computer is able to be "resurrected," it will be given to the Thrift Shop to sell, helping them raise money for local and global missions.

Bring your computer to the church or, if you have questions, call Tom Wise, 382-5799.

**Thank You For Your Contributions...**

We wish to make you aware that we have been receiving food for our pantry, January through September, from members of the CITRUS COUNTY CRUISERS CAR CLUB.

If you know any of these participants be sure to say "thanks" for supporting one of our most helpful missions. We look forward to working with this active and involved club in the future.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

I would like to thank ALL the blood donors here at our church. I do not get an accounting for those of you who go directly to the Blood Bank to give blood in the name of the church, but I do have the information for those using the on-campus Blood Mobile:

2007 - 19 donors, 2008 - 36 donors, 2009 - 37 donors

Let's keep up the good work starting November 2009 and continuing January & March 2010.

Thank you again, Barbara Jackson

**2009 CROP HUNGER WALK**

The annual crop-walk was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Crystal River on Sunday, March 1.

C.R.O.P. means "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty." And **RESPOND WE DID!**

There were six Citrus County churches involved. Our FUMC had 19 walkers entered and raised more dollars than any of the others. The total donations amounted to \$7,100.00, and our contribution was \$1,876.00.

I want to thank all of our walkers for this tremendous effort. It was a job well done!! We also want to thank all of our donors; your generosity made it a very successful event.

Jim Stoneman

**A SINCERE THANK YOU**

As Youth Coordinator, I would like to express my gratitude to all the wonderful guys on the Monday Morning Work Crew, and a few others, for all they did to get the new Youth Center ready for use. From locating items in storage and moving them for us, to attaching things to the walls, installing shelves, wiring the electronics, and even building a bookcase, their work was done in a timely fashion, they were always cheerful and accommodating, and they always cleaned up!

So, Bud, Jim, Ron, Dave, Wes, Wayne, Bob, and, of course Dale; the kids and I truly appreciate all you've done for us. My deepest apologies to anyone whose name I may not have included.

May God bless every one of you,  
Noretta Brobst

**MANY THANKS**

Dear Church Friends:

My sincere thanks to each of you for your prayers, lovely cards, visits, food, and calls. Mark - your call was greatly appreciated and all of them uplifted me.

A special thanks to Helen Lefave and Jeanette and John Cole for taking over for me on the mailing and communion committees, and all the faithful workers.

I am looking forward to being back in church soon.

Josie Reel

**THANK YOU** to everyone for their kindness to me and the prayers for Louis and Dean during their illnesses and deaths.

Pat Burns

**WORLD'S GREATEST BABY SHOWER**

The Citrus County Health Department and the Kiwanis Club of Citrus County thank the church membership for their generous donations of crib blankets and other baby articles for the May 7, 2009, baby shower.

Thanks again,  
Dee Green & Larry Raymond

**Featured Speakers**

John is a challenging, inspirational speaker with the unique God-given ability to communicate great truths in a simple understandable manner. He has been bringing that truth throughout America for 30 years, uplifting and encouraging his listeners to do and be all that is possible through God for His Glory.



John Riley

Don will be just back from a trip to Israel and will be loaded with inspiration and information for an expanded session, sharing with us a unique insight into our Jewish roots. He pursued his interest in Judaism, studying for six years under Orthodox Rabbi. He now serves as Director of Chaplain Services for Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs, FL, and attends Community UMC in Casselberry.



Don Taylor

Roger has been a favorite with the men at Leesburg over the years. He retired from the Florida Conference in 2007 after 35 years of ministry. He served St. Mark's Church in St. Pete. And Oak Grove in Tampa before his final two years at First UMC, Coral Springs. After retirement he accepted a position teaching Fine Arts and Humanities at St. Petersburg College, teaching World Religion, Philosophy, Old and New Testament.



Roger Watts

<b>FRIDAY:</b>	
3:00 PM	Registration
6:00 - 6:45	Dinner
7:15	General Session
9:30	Praise Time
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	
7:00 - 7:30 AM	Devotions
7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast
8:45	General Session
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30	Enrichments
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Free Time
2:00	Special
3:00 - 5:00	Enrichments
5:15	Dinner
7:00	General Session
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:45	Worship

**Saturday Afternoon Free-Time Options**  
 Equipment available for Pick-up Sports' activities: volleyball, football, soccer, horseshoes, swimming, canoeing...  
 Or enjoy concerts, hymn sings and discussion groups.

**FOOTBALL FANS!**  
 Those of us who would enjoy watching college football during our free time on Saturday afternoon will have the opportunity to watch a game on the 6-foot Big Screen in the Gold Room.  
 Hope to see you at the game!

**Calling All Men For a special Walk**

**"Walking With Jesus"**



Chuck Englehardt

Chuck received his MDiv Degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, and is in his 15th year as Senior Pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Chuck's personal goal each Sunday is that the worship time would be the most refreshing hour of the week, and he desires that we will be challenges to live our Christian faith in every aspect of our lives at home, work, and in the community.

**2009 MEN'S RETREAT  
 OCTOBER 9-11**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations - Life Enrichment Center

Check amount - \$140.00 per person

Make checks payable to United Methodist Men. Attach check, put form and check in envelope, and deliver to Jim Stoneman or the church office. If you have questions contact Jim Stoneman, 352-422-0169, Men's Retreat Coordinator.

Note: Please enter your room mate selection \_\_\_\_\_.

All efforts will be made to accommodate you.

FUMC - HOMOSASSA, FL



## Dear Praying Friends,

Wow, only one month to go until we head back to the States for the summer! The trip is coming up quickly and will go even faster once we're there, so please pray for us to have wisdom in all we do and say over the next few months and to represent the Lord well. (*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."* – *Philippians 1:27*)

### Praises

The four days we spent at the **Siam Baptist Group church camp** were a tremendous blessing both personally and professionally. Personally, everyone enjoyed the chance to be in a cool, quiet setting in order to worship the Lord and fellowship with 250 of our Thai brothers and sisters, dozens of whom were moved to either receive salvation or deepen their walk with the Lord. Professionally, Joe was able to present the work of our new team during a 15-minute, "prime-time" slot before the main nightly sermon (he was only expecting a brief opportunity during an informal leaders' meeting), after which the response was very encouraging. Praise God for this chance to see His church in Thailand grow.



Camp Setting



Joe's Class



Camp's Group Picture

At the church camp, Cool Shade of Life Church's newest member, **Dtaw, prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior and Lord.** Praise God! She is a distant relative of another church member and came to Chiang Mai with her son after her husband abandoned the family. She has been devastated but received peace and new life at the camp, where 15 other Thais were led to the Lord as well.

(In the "CSLC group" photo, Dtaw is second from the right in the middle row (brown shirt), and her son, Go-go, is second from the right in the bottom row. Overall, 24 members of our church attended the camp – not including our dog, Fluffy, the camp mascot.)



CSLC Group

We are very grateful to have received **several generous financial gifts** in the past month, which have allowed our mission financial account to exit deficit territory and have a small surplus! While our support pledges have fallen to 77% of our monthly budget, we are thankful that God is using other ways to continue to provide for us and keep our account in the black.

### Prayers

As a result of Joe's introduction of *The HOME (Help Open Multiplying Ekklesia) Team* to the Siam Baptist Group church camp, two church leaders have asked that we visit their small churches in order to more fully consider and pray about **possible ministry partnerships.** This month, Joe and Elaine will visit one church about two hours away by car, while Joe will visit another, more distant location by himself. Praise God for these tremendous opportunities.

With a month to go before our June 4 **departure to the U.S.**, there are still small details that have to be handled. Please pray for the wisdom and stamina to do everything necessary as we prepare to visit with family, supporters and six churches and as Brittany closes this chapter of her life before entering Columbia International University in August. She will graduate from Grace International School on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

As many of you probably saw on television, **Thailand's political problems** spilled into violence last month as anti-government protestors shut down an Asian summit and caused chaos in the streets of Bangkok for several days. To put it simply, many social experts say the root cause is the social upheaval caused by globalization, which the country currently is unable to handle. While the elites desire a return to the days of their inferiors' quiet submission, the previously silent majority now wants its voice to be heard in the political arena and elsewhere. Please pray for the country and its leaders to peacefully cope with these modern-day challenges.

**Until all have heard,**

**Joe, Elaine, Brittany, Justin, Caleb & Jamie**



## News From Siberia

**Meeting the neighbors...**One would think after living in a neighborhood or community you would soon meet and get to know the folks around you or at least invited for tea...one would think.

You may also think that since everybody knows there are foreigners "in town" that people would be "stopping by" to meet "them" or even borrow money (it's often one of the most frequent things we get asked for)...one would think.

You would also believe that after being in the area for quite some time, knowing that some folks from the village have had their lives changed in such dramatic ways, there would be an interest as to why there was such a change...one would think.

BUT...this is not the case! We continually lift this area, this village specifically, to the One who changes lives...and still we wait.

It has been a humbling year...we often think there should be huge numbers of people racing to hear The Truth and live free of fear; but our Father allows us "free will," and so we choose. There is still time although we feel a sense of urgency to share as often as possible and wait on Him.

**Village Life...**We have shared what it's like to live in a village but thought we should share a more personal story of a wonderful lady from the fellowship there.

We'll call her G...she is about 60 years old, has three grown children and 5 or more grandchildren. G works three part-time jobs to put food on her table. Her husband is an invalid and can't work at all. She also has a 40 yr. old son who drinks constantly and lazes around the house all day...he also doesn't work. Along with work, G must also do the "daily" things we take for granted. (There's no running water.) She gets water from the well, heats & cooks on a wood stove. (She must get the wood.) In the summer, there is a huge garden...which helps feed her family...she will spend most waking hours working in the garden for the next 3-4 months. We're certain there's no retirement fund, no extra "fun" money for something special...BUT...you will never hear her complain. She loves the Lord and pulls ALL her strength from the One who gives freely and lovingly. She has been such an incredible encouragement to us...again, it's quite humbling.



**Summer in Siberia...**summer is an exciting time here.

The days are much longer (about 18 hrs. of daylight) so everything gets done during this time. Repairs, remodeling, and, of course, gardens.

Gardens are life here...without them, many would starve during the long winter months. The village is always busy with something. Many folks have cows, pigs, chickens, goats, horses, even a few with turkeys...perhaps many of you can relate to the amount of work needed in making a living this way.

We're also growing a garden and have been spreading manure the last couple of weekends. (A great way to get to meet new people.)

We'll be building two porches this summer and working on our small apartment. We have to figure out why our floor was cold enough to freeze water in a bucket this past winter. We'll also be repairing the fence around the fellowship property and building a new gate...presently, there isn't one and the neighbor's cows like to "wander" around the property.

There will also be the two projects we've mentioned in the past - Windows of Warmth & the Workshop. Work will continue with windows for the needy and at least the floor for the woodshop. We're certain there will be lots more added to the "plate" as the months progress...there's never a loss of work.

**Please pray...**

- A woman from the village had been seeking help to stop drinking; she has since returned to that way of life...we pray she will change her mind and return.
- More orders for the ladies making items from wool.
- Fellow workers will return this June...for unity and a good working relationship.
- Projects and home groups to go well.
- New relationships.
- Wisdom .
- Always keeping our focus on Him first.

**Have a wonderfully blessed summer!**

**Kevin & Laura Wooster**

**August Birthdays**

1 Dorothy Alberle Helen Dresback Tom Smith Barbara Stoneman	2 Carole Deyo-Fahl Dan Hurley	3 Ann Eckman Marge Frazier Jim Green	4 Sheldon LaMountain	5 June Olendorf	6 Walter Dilling Wilbourn Fowler Jeannine Love Sharon Miller Joyce Monigold	7 Michael Rodgers Jr. Ruth Samuda	9 Faye Honderich Shirley Hunter	10 Bernhard Diedrich	11 Howard Watson	12 Albert Carlson Sr. Priscilla Frederick	13 Joan Clantfield Carroll Phillips Sandi Workman	14 Venia Blankenbecker Joyce Hesketh Barbara Kuhl Donald Wither		
15 Wanda Chapman Terry Cornelius	16 Arthur Stuckey Elizabeth Vaughn	17 Jeanette Cole Lois Schnoch Robert Schwabes Karl Smith	18 Mert Davis Sharon Palmer	21 Roger Johnson Phyllis Nevins William Stocker	22 Barbara Neurohr Verna Strout	23 Krissey Brown Katherine Cornelius	24 Mildred Beechman Robert Learning	25 Joanna Miller	26 Shirley Hart	27 Kari Amundson	28 Lorraine Angus Ardea Sheafter	29 Helen Hansen Virginia Pazian Judy Roberts	30 Shirley Allen Deborah Hargis Clara Speary	31 Shirley Holland

When two people pledge to love and care for each other in marriage, they create a spirit unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any spoken or written words. Marriage is a promise, a potential, made in the hearts of two people who love, which takes a lifetime to fulfill.

**August Anniversaries**

2 Barbara & Larry Sunderland	6 Sandi & Rick Workman	6 Dorothy & Roland Aberle	7 Mary Kay & Ed Messenger	7 Jean & Tom Kirschner	11 Shirley & Allan Hunter	11 Holl & David Berthussen	12 Mary & Robert Severance	14 Vicky & Jeffrey Post	17 Nancy & Arden Sheafter	18 Andy & Carl Andrews	18 Abbye Jean & Bill Richner
21 Pat & William Schuessler	22 Pat & Harold Layman	24 Sandra & John Dewart	27 Lois & Ralph Pohlman	27 Judy & James Roberts	28 Ellen & Robert Schwabes	29 Carol & Bob Mackenzie	29 Carolyn & Roland Custer	30 Pat & Dick Kern	31 Janet & Fred Small	31 Sue & Jim Price	31 Ruth & Phillip Rittgers



This price will include SHOW, BUFFET DINNER, & GRATUITY, & TRANSPORTATION.  
There might still be time to make your reservation.  
Call Bill Brobst 621-3736

Bill has the church bus all gassed up and ready to go!  
I hope you got your reservations in early...  
**AFTERNOON AT THE THEATRE ~ Sunday, August 2**  
"The Wizard of Oz" at the Ice House Theatre in Mt. Dora.  
After the show we will enjoy a delicious BUFFET DINNER at a local restaurant.  
Matinee Show time is at 2:00 PM. We will leave the church at 12:00 noon.  
Price is \$40.00.

**PRAYER WARRIORS**

Prayer Requests From the Woman's Retreat at Leesburg: All are asking us to pray to God for each request:

- Praise for an answer to some financial problems.
- Heal Libby of Shingles. Bless her son's marriage.
- Relieve Karen of her addiction to gambling. The mother is that wants prayer for her son's return to church & to find a job.
- Hilary Ann & Sister Michelle needs prayer since their father just passed away in CA.
- Please pray for the woman who says "I pray this time my life has Jesus in it for real!"
- Prayer for Stacey K who is graduating from college & needs God's love & guidance.
- Prayer for healing of Edwin's shoulder.
- Prayer for refreshing of this woman's spirit.
- Prayer for Frank to know Christ.
- Prayer for patience & understanding.
- Please pray for son Kevin who has made choices to not complete his senior year successfully.
- Please pray that the best thing will work out in this lady's life.
- Please pray for the lady to find comfort in the loss of an awesome husband, and someone to come & share her spiritual life with.
- 3 requests for prayer for our country, USA, & the negative news surrounding us to go away.
- Please pray for the salvation of sons Steve & Mike.
- Please pray that the ex-daughter-in-law will realize this couples need to see their grandson in the not too distant future & let them be in their lives. That old wounds will heal and the hurt for everyone that everyone feels will go away.
- Please pray for this woman's husband to recover fully from cancer surgery & for him to have

as much passion for her as he does for his church & God.

- Please pray for Todd who has anger management issues & for the legal problem he faces to be satisfied.
- Please pray for peace in the world & our lives.
- Please pray for Nancy's son who is being deployed this week to Iraq & for her husband David who is ill.
- Please pray for the 85 yr. old woman who has been the companion of the 80 yr. old man & would like for him to propose marriage. They have so much in common & they are meant for ea. other.
- From Kim: Please pray for Tom and Nancy P. Their conditions (both of them) are extremely critical at this point and they need some Divine Intervention due to several conditions beyond their control. Thank you so much.
- Trinity UMC: Sue would like for us to pray for Janet (not the one we know), who is in the hospital with a mystery illness & she has no insurance. Please pray the 17 blood tests they performed will give up a clue.
- Jean C collapsed during service yesterday, pray that shell heal.
- Bradenton, FL: from June W: her son Robert is in the hospital where he is disoriented & BP is low. It could be just medication. Please pray he'll respond.
- The Alpha & Omega Cafe is a newer restaurant catering to Christians where anyone can take the milk & talk about God & belief & eat & enjoy ea. other's company. They cater to those w/ computers, etc. Please pray that it becomes wildly successful & can take the bigger space a few doors down. The food is excellent.
- Tampa area: from Phyllis' friend Lisa who's husband's sister Bea has cancer & just recently had a stroke. She hasn't lost her sense of humor, but she's failing. Please pray for the family, & Bea as they accept God's will.

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								SATURDAY 8	8:00 Sat. Sisters 9:00 Mom's Day Out 10:00 SHARE Sign-Up 10:30 Bereavement
								FRIDAY 7	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Newsletter Articles
								FRIDAY 14	<b>GENESIS DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER</b> 10:00 Wise Bible
								THURSDAY 6	10:00 Wise Summer Study 1:00 Fibromyalgia 4:00 Hospice 4:00 Video Rehearsal 7:00 Creative Worship 8:00 AA 8:00 Al-Anon
								THURSDAY 13	10:00 Wise Summer Study 4:00 Hospice 4:00 Video Rehearsal 8:00 AA 8:00 Al-Anon
								WEDNESDAY 5	7:00 Men's Prayer Group 10:00 Siegel Bible 10:00 Lamountain Bible 10:00 SHARE Sign-Up 2:00 Wise Summer Study 5:15 Music 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Choir
								WEDNESDAY 12	7:00 Men's Prayer Group 10:00 Siegel Bible 10:00 Lamountain Bible 1:00 Shawl Ministry 2:00 Wise Summer Study 5:15 Music 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Choir
								TUESDAY 4	10:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 Stephen Ministries 3:00 Serendipity Bible 3:00 Stephen Ministries
								TUESDAY 11	10:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 Stewardship 3:00 Serendipity Bible 7:00 Sally Circle
								MONDAY 3	8:00 Work Crew 8:30 Tracking Comm. 9:30 Visitation Comm. 11:00 Exercise 6:30 Stephen Ministries
								MONDAY 10	8:00 Work Crew 8:30 Tracking Comm. 9:30 Visitation Comm. 11:00 Exercise
								SUNDAY 2	COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Traditional Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 Prayer Meeting
								SUNDAY 9	DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Traditional Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 Prayer Meeting
								MONDAY 17	8:00 Work Crew 8:30 Tracking Comm. 9:30 Visitation Comm. 11:00 Exercise
								TUESDAY 18	10:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 Stephen Ministries 2:00 Finance Comm. 3:00 Serendipity Bible 3:00 Stephen Ministries
								WEDNESDAY 19	7:00 Men's Prayer Group 10:00 Siegel Bible 10:00 Lamountain Bible 11:00 Diabetes Support 2:00 Wise Summer Study 3:30 Staff/Parrish Comm. 5:15 Music 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Choir
								THURSDAY 20	9:00 Fold/Mail Genesis 10:00 Wise Summer Study 1:00 Fibromyalgia 3:00 Missions 3:30 Trustees 4:00 Hospice 4:00 Video Rehearsal 7:00 Creative Worship 8:00 AA & 8:00 Al-Anon
								FRIDAY 21	10:00 Wise Bible
								SATURDAY 22	8:00 Sat. Sisters 9:00 Mom's Day Out 9:30 SHARE Delivery 10:30 Bereavement
								FRIDAY 28	10:00 Wise Bible
								SATURDAY 29	8:00 Sat. Sisters 9:00 Mom's Day Out 10:30 Bereavement
								WEDNESDAY 26	7:00 Men's Prayer Group 10:00 Siegel Bible 10:00 Lamountain Bible 1:00 Shawl Ministry 2:00 Wise Summer Study 5:15 Music 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Choir
								THURSDAY 27	10:00 Wise Summer Study 4:00 Hospice 4:00 Video Rehearsal 8:00 AA 8:00 Al-Anon
								MONDAY 24	8:00 Work Crew 8:30 Tracking Comm. 9:30 Visitation Comm. 11:00 Exercise
								TUESDAY 25	10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Serendipity Bible
								SUNDAY 23	NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Traditional Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 Prayer Meeting
								MONDAY 31	8:00 Work Crew 8:30 Tracking Comm. 9:30 Visitation Comm. 11:00 Exercise
								SUNDAY 30	CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:30 Traditional Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 Prayer Meeting

<b>August 2009</b>						
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**July Anniversaries**

- Krissy & Wayne Brown  
~ 11 years ~  
4
- Carolyn & Joe Crawley  
~ 39 years ~  
6
- Dorothy & Jack Graham  
~ 42 years ~  
8
- Lisa & Bob Specht  
~ 15 years ~  
10
- Mary Lee & Allen Millikin  
~ 50 years ~  
11
- Kim & Allen Bennett  
~ 18 years ~  
13
- Lucille & Delmar Meewes  
~ 56 years ~  
14
- Jenni & Todd Workman  
~ 19 years ~  
15
- Sharon & Rodney Palmer  
~ 28 years ~  
20
- Pamela & Paul Patton  
~ 25 years ~  
22
- Jeanne & Dene Balmer  
~ 9 years ~  
26
- Maureen & William Guthrie  
~ 50 years ~  
27
- Patricia & Mark Cram  
~ 50 years ~  
28
- Carroll & John Luncerford  
~ 52 years ~  
28
- Doris & Julius Keresz  
~ 53 years ~  
31
- Nancy & Karl Amundson  
~ 27 years ~  
31
- Janet & Howard Watson  
~ 44 years ~  
31

**CHOIRS' SUMMER VACATION**  
No Rehearsals During July

**July Birthdays**

- Judith Busby  
Henry Sandas III  
2
- Lois Diedrich  
Dick Kern  
3
- Andy Andrews  
Mel Gordy  
Julian Harry  
Edwin Jenks  
Janet Maganoll  
4
- Juanita Sobolak  
Ann Sandstrom  
8
- Elizabeth Olson  
9
- Allen Millikin  
Bev Mulder  
10
- Dorothy Collister  
11
- Marion Hamilton  
Helen Labeau  
Andrew Merson  
12
- Eileen Brown  
14
- Norwood Speary  
15
- Heidi Hiltrom  
17
- Don Smedeker  
Todd Workman  
18
- Sue Price  
Marie Vainio  
19
- Joe Crawley  
Joan Spencer  
20
- Jackie LaMountain  
21
- Derek Benthusen  
Lee Kner  
David Lambert  
Florence Sled  
Joye Winder  
23
- Dee Otto  
Nancy Pearo  
Ruby Raymond  
24
- Ryan Selby  
Barbara Sunderland  
25
- Louise Miller  
26
- Jesse Knight  
Vernon Tidswell  
28
- Doris Feldmann  
29
- Marjorie Heybeck  
Fran Hughes  
Lavoy Patton  
Nancy Sheaffer  
30
- Marylou Fisher  
Frances Graham  
Edie Mingalone  
Ozzie Schmitt

Hello, All! I've moved again (96<sup>th</sup>)  
Maybe I'll hit 100. Not in age but in  
times moving. God Bless you all  
and I miss you just awful. Love,  
Elizabeth Vaughn  
1849 Salvadore Street  
Deland, FL, 32720

Please inform my church family  
of my new address:  
Alma Rogers  
77 Crescent Beach Rd.  
Glen Cove, NY 11542  
1-516-723-9869

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services (Summer, 2007 Release).

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

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.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled  
d u e t o c o n f l i c t .

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.

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

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.

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

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.


Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan: Last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."



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<p>May the sun of many days and years shine upon you; May the love you have for one another grow and hold you close; May the good true light within you guide you on your way together; May your dreams come true, and when they do not, may new dreams arise.</p> <p><u>June Anniversaries</u></p> <p>1 Marie &amp; Ron Witham 2 ~ 13 years ~ 3 Juanita &amp; Stan Sobolak 4 ~ 27 years ~ 5 Marie &amp; Ted Archambault 6 ~ 59 years ~ 7 Bunny &amp; Charles Wade 8 ~ 60 years ~ 9 Joyce &amp; Ronald Hesketh 10 ~ 49 years ~ 11 Syble &amp; William Little 12 ~ 61 years ~ 13 Virginia &amp; Henry Mangels 14 ~ 26 years ~ 15 Jane &amp; Jimmy Hamilton 16 ~ 12 years ~ 17 Bev &amp; Jack Mulder 18 ~ 51 years ~ 19 Phyllis &amp; Charles Peters 20 ~ 23 years ~ 21 Andrea &amp; David Pirke 22 ~ 46 years ~ 23 Sue &amp; Thomas Cloyd 24 ~ 64 years ~ 25 Lou &amp; Elwin Mosier 26 ~ 51 years ~ 27 Joyce &amp; William Smith 28 ~ 57 years ~</p>	<p>9 Pat &amp; Merlyn Hoar 10 ~ 53 years ~ 11 Shelby &amp; Julian Weingarten 12 ~ 51 years ~ 13 Clara &amp; Norwood Speary 14 ~ 64 years ~ 15 Annie &amp; Art Carl 16 ~ 58 years ~ 17 Mildred &amp; Robert Mott 18 ~ 53 years ~ 19 Gloria &amp; David Marquis 20 ~ 14 years ~ 21 Marian &amp; Henry Sandlas 22 ~ 59 years ~ 23 Emily &amp; Robert Russell 24 ~ 43 years ~ 25 Mary Ellen &amp; Frank Wais 26 ~ 49 years ~ 27 Elizabeth &amp; Don Winner 28 ~ 49 years ~ 29 Norma &amp; John Cole 30 ~ 60 years ~ 31 Rusy &amp; Gene Harry 32 ~ 43 years ~ 33 Marilyn &amp; Leon Wells 34 ~ 45 years ~ 35 JoAnn &amp; John Guthrie 36 ~ 50 years ~ 37 Barbara &amp; Richard Hartley 38 ~ 60 years ~</p>
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United Methodist Women

June 2009

No Executive Board Meeting.

Tuesday, June 16

Unit Meeting

10 AM

Program presented by Membership Outreach & Nurture – Helen Dresback.  
Program Topic: To Be Announced  
Hostesses: Ruth Circle.






Father's Day, Sunday, June 21 Falls on Pantry Sunday.

Perhaps, instead of another tie, you gift Dad by a donation in his name to the FUMCH Food Pantry. ...Just a thought...



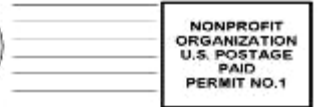
It's Finally Here!

Monday June 8th to Friday June 12th. 830 AM to Noon

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