

# GENESIS

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## Come To The Table

by Pastor Mark Whittaker



Do you live to eat  
or eat to live?

Either way, bread is probably an important part of your diet.

Bread has been used for centuries as the symbol of good and a metaphor for life, good living and survival.

We would be lost without bread; after all, what is an egg McMuffin without the muffin? Who eats hot dogs without the bun if they can help it – other than Adkin's dieters?

For many people, the reason they go to Olive Garden is to enjoy the bread sticks.

Bread represents a lifetime of memories, meanings and relationships. Bread is important, critical to life as we know it. For some people bread is their only survival food.

But the Bible tells us we don't live by bread alone, "but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Deut. 8:3b)

If we had only physical food – bread, meat, vegetables – we

would still be hungry and searching. There is a greater hunger, a larger need than just feeding our stomachs. There is the need to feed our souls.

In John 6, Jesus talks about being the "bread of life." He says, "If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:51b) Jesus himself is the basic, must-have item if we are to experience spiritual life. He is God's Word made flesh, the one on whom we need to feed to live life eternally.

This was a difficult teaching for the disciples and other followers of Jesus, and many turned away from him because of it.

To speak of eating someone's flesh was just as upsetting to them as it is to us. But, today as back then, people misunderstood the metaphor and miss what Jesus is trying to say.

In this passage, Jesus' "flesh" refers to spirit and truth. This is the real bread; this is

what counts if we are to know everlasting life.

The physical body of this world will pass away. Physical bread is temporary and cannot provide us with a life that is eternal.

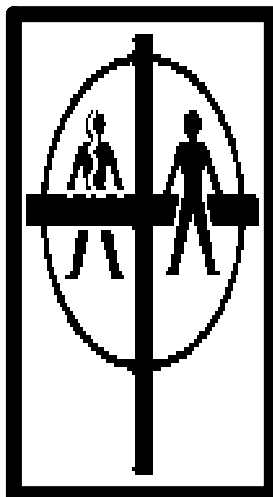
It takes the words of the Holy Spirit, words that come from the mouth of God, to give us what we need to experience everlasting life.

Without bread, one cannot physically live, and without feeding on Jesus Christ as the "bread of life," living becomes a narrow, dead-end existence with no meaning and purpose other than immediate self-gratification.

In John 6:66, Jesus watches sadly as a number of people turn and walk away because he has asked too much of them. He then turns to his disciples and asks, "Will you also go away?"

This is the question we too must answer if we are to receive eternal life.

Will we turn away and try to exist on the bread of this world or will we come to the table and feast at the banquet where Jesus offers himself as the bread of eternal life, embodying the spirit and truth which will enable us to live forever with him?



We are a  
Stephen  
Ministry  
Church

# "Everyone Becoming a Disciple of Christ"

The mission statement of the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa was adopted on January 27, 2005.

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.

Our statement fits that description.

### Within The Church

- Worship Services
- Music Ministries
- Men & Ladies Ensemble
- Children's Choir
- Handbell & Chimes Choir
- Christian Education
- Adult Sunday School
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- Youth Ministry
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- Fine Arts Program
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- Golf Outings
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- Various Bible Study Groups
- United Methodist Men
- United Methodist Women
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- Attendance Tracking

### As Outreach

- Thrift Shop
- Food Pantry
- SHARE
- Holiday Baskets
- Nursing Home Ministries
- Cancer Survivors
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- Healthy Body & Healthy Spirit
- Volunteers In Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- PAWS (Pets Are Working Saints)
- Crop Walk
- Salvation Army Kettle Ministry
- Discretionary Giving Committee
- Brownies
- Boy / Girl / Cub Scouts
- Clown Ministries
- Missions Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Children's Home
- Hospice Bereavement
- After-School Tutoring
- Angel Tree
- Stephen Ministries



**Expecting parents don't always know what to do when a new baby arrives. That is why Citrus County hosts an annual educational and entertainment Expo-style Baby Shower. Community support is key to this event. Thank You to all donors at FUMC of Homosassa for your generous contribution of almost \$400 of donations.**

**Larry Raymond, WG Baby Shower Committee  
Dee Green, FUMC Outreach Committee**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our Music Ministry for sharing their time and talents throughout Holy Week and Easter Sunday. As always, you give "above and beyond" to help make our worship experiences very special. The many hours of extra rehearsals throughout the season are greatly appreciated!! I also need to give a special thank-you to Jack Cooley and Dave Marquis for attending our Wednesday rehearsals. Without the extra time they give on Wednesdays, Sunday morning sound would not run as smoothly as it does!

# DIRECTOR

## of Music Ministry



Our handbell choir will be performing in May, and then will take a summer break until after Labor Day. We will be accepting new members for this group the beginning of September.

Our "Youth Singers" will be taking their summer break until August, and then will be resuming after school begins.

Our youth and adult Sacred Dance groups will be performing in June for Pentecost, and then will be breaking for the summer as well. They will resume rehearsals in the

fall. Look for more updated information in the fall Sunday bulletins.

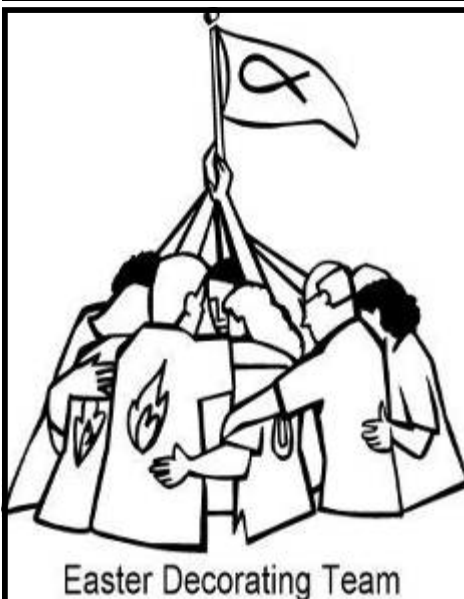
This is the time of year that we accept new members in our chancel choir. We will be singing through the first week of July. Then, we will have a 3-week summer break and begin again the last Sunday of July. We take new members until November when we begin rehearsing music for the Christmas season.

It has been a wonderful church season for all of our music ministry groups. Special thanks to our Sacred Dance volunteer leaders: Holli Benthusen and Myrna Evans, and our volunteer "Youth Singers" leader, Marge Dilling. We are so blessed to have you leading these groups.

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin at 7:00 p.m in the choir loft on Wednesdays. Leave a message at the church office for Mary Kay if you would like to be contacted in advance.

Looking forward to more exciting musical opportunities in the fall !!

Musically,  
Mary Kay Messenger  
(Director of Music Ministries)



Easter Decorating Team

The decorating committee co-chairs would like to thank everyone who came Saturday, (the day before Easter), to help decorate our church, and create our "Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

Special thanks to Barry and Jimmi Reichard for decorating the church for Palm Sunday, and the beautiful cross and table baskets for Easter Sunday.

Thanks also for Ida Luenser's special talent for decorating the altar shelves.

We had the wonderful help of 16 committee members as well as a "phantom vacuumer" who usually spends his time "hidden" in the sound room.

We have a special and talented committee to work with.

We are so blessed!!

**Thank You!**

From your co-chairs:  
Mary Kay, Ed, Holli and Dave.



**Hurricane Information**  
**By Pastor Mark &**  
**Bob MacKenzie,**  
Disaster Committee Chairman

With Hurricane season upon us, the Disaster Response Team of the church held a Hurricane Preparedness meeting to help the members of the church get the information they needed in order to be ready for whatever might happen this year.

Mr. Frank Roberts, the Emergency Management Coordinator from the Sheriff's Office, spoke for over an hour sharing some of the reality of the 2004 and 2005 hurricane season and the lessons learned in the county's response to what happened in other areas.

Mr. Roberts also emphasized the need to have at least a week's worth of food and water if you intend to stay with your house during a storm.

*You should not count on the government to come to your rescue right away.*

**Other issues discussed:**

- The need for flood insurance if you are in a flood zone.
- The importance of safety when dealing with generators - both for you and for those who are working on your lines.
- The "Code Red" program that calls everyone in the affected area with warnings or advisories.



Most people are already on the system but some people who have the no-call program will need to call the Sheriff's Office at 726-4488 and ask to be placed on the Code Red system so that they will be called when there is an emergency.

The committee also passed out our "Hurricane Information Sheet" that requests information from all of our members concerning whether or not they are in an evacuation zone, and if they want a place, or have a place, to go if there is a mandatory evacuation called in their area.

If you haven't already, please fill out the following form and drop it off at the church office, or in Sunday's offering plate.

It was a sobering meeting and one that enabled people to get a better grasp on what they need to do to get ready.

A bulletin board of information is in the office so you can see the material and check which class of hurricane will flood your home. Please come and check it out.

Do you live within the evacuation area: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, have you already made arrangements for housing? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If your answer to the above is NO, do you desire help through the church? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

In an emergency, would you be willing to offer help in any of the following areas?

1. Provide transportation to a safe area. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Assist in clean up work. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone Relay. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. If your home is outside the evacuation area, can you provide lodging? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 No \_\_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children \_\_\_\_\_  
 Can they bring pets? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please specify (pet) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Making Connections***

**What makes for a great worship service?**

**Inspiring special music? Good sermons? Hymns that you can sing? Pomp and Circumstance? "Be still and know that I am God?"**

**All of these are important to many people. They are critical, especially to those who understand the reference to 'pomp and circumstance' and 'be still.'**

**The older members would connect immediately with "Pomp and Circumstance" and long-time Christians would know what I am talking about when I write "Be still..."**

**But what about the rest of the world? What about those who don't know that the song so many people hear when they graduate is called "Pomp and Circumstance" and that it brings up images of marching in order and correct behavior.**

**What about those who do not know the Bible and so would not understand the reference to "Be still..." Besides, who wants to be still? Shouldn't we sing and celebrate God's love?**

**How do we get worship to speak to people who have never learned the language of worship?**

**How can we learn to speak their language so that they can learn to speak God's language – the language of love?**

**In our creative worship workshop at the end of April we talked about ways to make connections between our worship and our world, ways that we can help people to experience worship as something more than a play you watch for an hour on Sunday morning.**

**Worship should help us to connect with God so that we can hear and see and feel and touch and even taste and know that He is good.**

**It can be worship that does not destroy the mood and feeling, but enhances them.**

**We are working to put together a team of people who are interested in helping all of us – in the church and out – to get connected to God and one another through worship.**

**We would like to invite you to join us and contribute your creative juices and talents of music or drama or pageantry or technical skill with audio or video to put together the worship services each week.**

**This will enable us to touch people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

**If you are interested in sharing yourself with the Lord and the Church in this way or would like more information, contact Steve Skelly or Mark Whittaker.**

***From Pastor Mark's Desk***

**FUMC has recently purchased a 22 passenger bus.**

**We need drivers with CDL, Class C, permits.**

**If you have one and are interested in this ministry, or desire to qualify/acquire this license, see Lyn Romano, Church Administrator, or Bob Bunting.**

**The cost of the license will be reimbursed by the church.**





More than 20 people have signed up for our 15-day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal to San Diego from April 22-May 9, 2007—a total of 17 days.

Many more have expressed interest, but have not yet registered. FUMCH members and friends have had first opportunity but, after June 15, registration will be opened to anyone in Citrus County. So don't be disappointed. Pick up a flyer at the church office. And call Dick Evans (563-5833) if you have questions about the trip.

We will sail on Holland America's ms Volendam and visit ports-of-call in Colombia, Costa Rica, and Mexico (including Acapulco) before disembarking in San Diego and enjoying a two-day extension there. Then we'll fly back to Tampa.

Prices include motor coach transportation from FUMCH to Ft. Lauderdale and from Tampa back to Homosassa, the 15-day full transit cruise, the two-day post tour in San Diego, baggage handling and current applicable taxes.

The following prices are based on double occupancy; single available at extra cost: Inside cabins-\$2843.13. Outside cabins-\$3,363.13 to \$3,603.13. Veranda cabins-\$4,743.13. Deposits of \$850 (Holland America) and \$100 (San Diego extension) are due at the time of registration.

### ***Perpetuate Your Annual Gift to the Church***

Many of us give generously to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ through First UMC Homosassa. And we assume our giving will continue as long as we live.

But have you ever considered perpetuating your annual gift beyond your lifetime? You can do that very simply through a bequest.

By naming the church as a beneficiary in your *will*, for a specific amount to be invested in the Permanent Endowment Fund, you can arrange to generate enough annual income to equal or exceed the amount of your present gift.

A 5% annual return would ensure that your annual gift to the church will continue—forever!

For example, if you give \$2,500 a year to the church, a bequest of \$50,000 will fund your annual gift forever. If you give \$1,000 annually, a \$20,000 bequest will guarantee your annual gift forever. Simply multiply the amount of your annual gift by 20 (or more). Then consider a bequest of that amount in your *will*.

By naming the church in your *will* you can continue your support of our ministry and mission in future generations as FUMCH continues its goal of "everyone becoming a disciple of Christ."

## The Columbarium at FUMCH

Our new Columbarium has been ordered and is now under construction at the Eickhof factory in Crookston MN. We expect delivery and installation in early September. The attractive wall unit with a polished granite front will contain 108 niches and space for up to 216 urns containing the remains of church members and their families. The Columbarium will be our modern counterpart to the ancient church burial ground.

Meanwhile the Committee is finalizing plans for a beautifully landscaped and fenced Memorial Garden surrounding the Columbarium. The garden will be a peaceful place, shaded from the afternoon sun, where family members and friends may sit to meditate, pray, and remember those whom they have lost.

Nearly thirty niches were purchased at \$1,000 each during the pre-construction phase. The price increased to \$1,200 on June 1 due to increases in our costs. \$500 of that amount may be deducted as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. The price is quite reasonable compared to other columbariums and cemeteries. And the price includes one or two urns, brass nameplates, opening and closing, and perpetual care of the Columbarium and garden. For more information and application forms, contact Lyn Romano at the church office.

### THE STEWARDSHIP SPIRIT

By: Sallyann Moore,  
Stewardship Chairman

Have you ever wondered how your stewardship dollars work for the Lord?

About 58 cents of every dollar the church received in 2005 supported the personnel who serve our church and bought the supplies needed for their tasks.

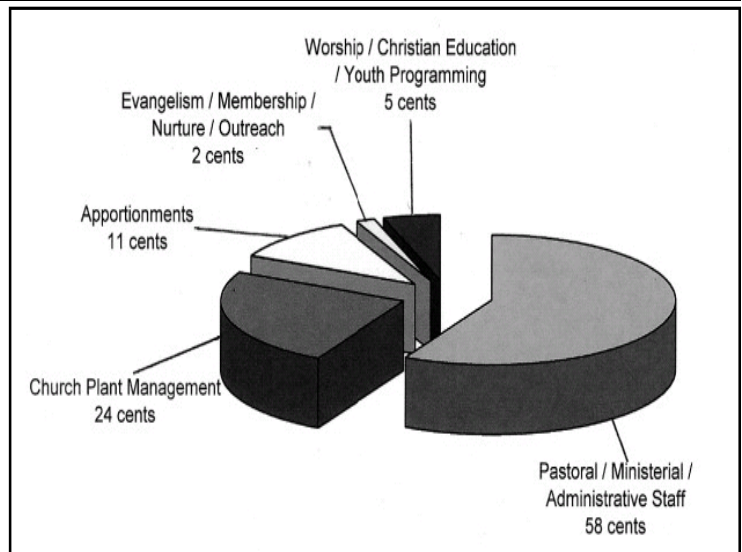
Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:27, " ... you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

Your stewardship enables the men and women who minister to us to fulfill their roles in the body of Christ. In turn, they guide, encourage, and challenge us on our discipleship journey.

Another 24 cents covered the cost of operating church facilities. Your stewardship equips us with a place to encounter Jesus as we gather and, equally as important, a place where seekers may find Him.

Eleven cents went to conference apportionments, helping to start new churches, fund ministerial education, and finance numerous benevolences worldwide.

An additional 2 cents went toward our own evangelism, membership, nurture, and outreach efforts.



### How Your Stewardship Dollar Works for The Lord

Your stewardship expresses our commitment to "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love." (Romans 13:10)

The remaining 5 cents funded worship, Christian education, and youth programming.

"Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things," Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:7.

Your stewardship expands our opportunities to open ourselves to God and His word for us.

Taken together, your stewardship enables, equips, expresses, and expands our work for the Lord.



# Holistic Small Groups Ministry



**We now have 9 Holistic Small Groups!**  
**There's a place just for you in our Holistic Small Group Ministry.**  
**Groups meet at their own pace, on their own schedule,**  
**to support, study, discuss, minister, pray and share.**  
**Check out one of our current groups or start your own!**

**Steve Skelley, Small Groups Ministry Director**  
**Phone 628-4083 or Email [StevenSkelley@yahoo.com](mailto:StevenSkelley@yahoo.com)**

**From Pastor Steve's Desk**

**Prayer Groups:**

**Women's Prayer:**

Meets Thursday mornings at 11 am  
At the church with Lyn Romano  
This class is breaking for the Summer.  
Call 628-4083 more information.

**Men's Prayer:**

Meets at 7 am on Wednesdays  
At the church. Call Clarence Kohler at  
628-3282 for more information.

**Discussion Groups:**

**Current Affairs:**

Meets on Monday afternoons at 3 pm  
with Bill Ackerman  
Room 203 — Conference Room  
382-2274

**Support Groups:**

**Cancer Survivors:**

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at  
1 pm at the church.  
Anna Cooley and Earl Cadaret  
382-4132 or 382-1923

**The Bible's Way to Weight Loss:**  
**First Place**

Meets on Wednesday morning at 10 am  
with Diane Gibbs and Donna Ludwick  
Room 106 at the church.

This group will finish their current study  
on June 21st, and will take summer sabbatical.  
A new class will start on September 6th.  
628-0688

**Bible Studies:**

**Women's Bible Study:**

Wednesday, 10 am with Marilyn Siegel  
At her home, 57 Linder Drive.  
382-3774

**Sugarmill Woods Area Bible Study**

Meets on Wednesdays at 3 pm  
with Bill and Barbara Gilbert at their home.  
Call 382-4304 for more information.

**Christian Community Bible Study**

Tuesday, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Room 114  
with Elizabeth Smith and Jan Wise  
382-0699

**Steve Skelley Devotions Now On Local Website**



**Our Small Groups, Praise, and Youth Ministries Director Steve Skelley now has a monthly devotional available at the Sugarmill Woods website: [www.MySMW.com](http://www.MySMW.com)**

**Steve's weekly inspirational column is also available at [www.NaplesSunTimes.com](http://www.NaplesSunTimes.com) in the Faith Forum section.**





# FATHER'S DAY!

**Sunday, June 18**  
**FATHER'S DAY.**

Our youth are invited to hand out a special gift after each Sunday service to every male who attends.

We have some very talented youth in the church. I have asked them if they'd like to record some songs on CD as a fundraiser. Watch for a Youth Christmas CD this Christmas!

## We Need Your Empty Ink Cartridge Donations!

The First UMC Youth Ministry thanks everyone who brought in their used printer ink cartridges. We have filled six boxes so far and earned over \$400.

This money is set aside in Youth Missions to pay the monthly fee for our two Children's International "adopted children" and to help fund projects for our own youth.

Keep those used printer ink cartridges coming and help us minister around the world!

## DAY TRIP!

**Saturday, June 24**  
**YOUTH & FAMILY TRIP**  
The Holy Land Experience/  
Orlando

Walk through a recreation of the times when Jesus walked among us; see characters in Bible-time costumes and more.

## Meet Youth Ministry's Adopted Child!



This is Adriana Sanchez Ponce. She is three years old and lives in Ecuador.

She is one of two children that the youth ministry supports every month through Children International ministries.

(Your empty ink cartridge donations help pay for Adriana's support.)

Children International provides Adriana with food, medicine, education and ministry.

The youth ministry recently received a letter from Adriana's mother saying thank you and mentioning that Adriana's favorite things are cats, apples and water-melons!



Pastor Steve leads our middle and high school youth in Bible studies that focus on issues teens face.

All 11-19 yr. olds are welcome.

We meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Youth Room.

Every teen also receives his/her own copy of the best selling Bible in the country: *The Revolve Bible.*

## CitrusCounty Teens.com

Has been created by the Youth Ministry of First United Methodist Church of Homosassa

[www.citruscountyteens.com](http://www.citruscountyteens.com)

*Check it out!*

YOUTH NEWS AND SPECIAL EVENTS



## SUMMERTIME READING



The lazy days of Summer will soon be upon us and we'll have plenty of time to get lost in a good book, be it romance, action or historical. The Library offers the following titles:

1. "The Messenger of Magnolia Street" by River Jordan. The author's name is enough to intrigue you, but this is a haunting story, as told by "the Recorder of all that ever was, is now or is yet to come," of 3 childhood friends who reunite to fight the unnamed presence that is slowly draining their beloved town of goodness and light. The author creates an eerily sinister landscape in which the age-old struggle of Good versus Evil is played out within the subtle context of family, faith and friendship. This is beautifully written prose but edgy and shows God has his hand in overseeing His creation. You'll be glad that you read it!

2. "On This Day", a novel by Melody Carlson. If this were a movie, it would be a successful "chick flick" and that's not a criticism. The story just flows from each character's situation. As one marriage begins, five others are put to the test. Gathering at Lakeside Inn to attend a wedding, five women reach a point of reckoning in their own most intimate relationships. They are the bride's aunt, family friend, bridesmaid, grandmother of the bride and sister of the groom. As their stories unfold, they turn to one another and they find the healing power of love, perseverance and friendship.

3. With the documentary of Flight 93 showing in theaters, you may want to read "Let's Roll" by Lisa Beamer, widow of Todd Beamer who participated in thwarting the terrorists' attempt to destroy the Capitol in September 2001. A story of ordinary people with extraordinary courage.

4. Karen Kingsbury gives us a modern Mary Magdalene ....and breaks the Code. "Divine" is a drama with teeth. It's the story of Mary Madison, a child of unspeakable horrors and a young woman society wanted to forget. A divine power has set Mary free to bring life-changing hope and love to battered and abused women living in the shadow of the nation's capital. Although Mary is educated and redeemed and a powerful voice in Washington, D.C., she had to overcome a past of fear, faithlessness, addiction and promiscuity. Her grandmother spent her life praying for Mary and clings to the belief that God has a special plan for her. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR YOUNG READERS**

5. Lori Copeland has written four books in the series, "Men of the Saddle". They take you back to an era when cowboys were heroes and the rules of the Wild West prevailed. Book One is "The Peacemaker." It starts out with Wynne Elliott getting ready to shoot no-good Cass Claxton for leaving her at the altar and running off with her money, and the plot thickens from that point on. Book Two is "The Drifter;" Book Three is "The Maverick" and Book Four is "The Plainsman."

6. Dee Henderson's latest thriller is "The Witness." Amanda Griffin has been in hiding for eight years after witnessing a horrible crime, and now she must come out of hiding to save her two sisters. Police officers have been assigned to the case and all have feelings for the Griffin women. It is no longer professional - it's personal. But chances are that at least one of them will fail, and it's going to take a faith deeper than any of them currently have to stand and confront the danger still to come.

7. "Summer of the Midnight Sun", a novel by Tracie Peterson, is Book One of the Alaskan Quest series. With a broken heart in search of healing, Leah Barringer's world is turned upside down when her brother brings home Jayce Kincaid, the man who rejected her 10 years before. Set in the rugged Alaskan Territory, this is a story of Christian romance at its best, along with a complicated museum robbery case.

8. A story for ALL AGES is "A Long Way From Chicago" by Richard Peck. What happens when Joey and his sister, Mary Alice - two city slickers from Chicago - make their annual summer visits to Grandma Dowdel's seemingly sleepy Illinois town? Each of their seven summer trips is funnier and more surprising than the last.

9. Lori Wick has written many novels and we have upgraded two of them with hardback books. They are both of the Rocky Mountain Memories series. Book One is "Where the Wild Rose Blooms" and Book Two is "Whispers of Moonlight".

10. We are also offering "Even Now" and "Oceans Apart," two new sure-to-please books by Karen Kingsbury.

Happy Summer Reading  
from your Library Staff,  
Barbara Jackson and Helen Lefave





## *Education Corner*

Like most of our church family, I am amazed that another June edition of *Genesis* is going to press, and with it comes a vacation for our Editor! She's glad to have the rest, but we will miss the publication. So, before I begin to talk about education, let me first give a big thanks to Judith Huffer & Jan Wise for a good year as Editors and best wishes for a summer of relaxation.

Many ideas are on the planning board for education, and I will work on them during the summer. If you think God is directing you to be involved in Christian Education in our church—kindergarten till the end of life—call me.

**Sunday School.** I continue to seek a teacher for two classes.

- Kindergarten through second grade has been taught all year by Ester Waters, who came in as a "temporary" teacher and is still there. These wonderful children are a joy, and I just know that God is speaking to someone about being their teacher. This is a great opportunity to help them become grounded in their faith early in life!
- The very young adults—those who are no longer in public school, may be in college, may be young married couples—do not have a class because we have no teacher. Once again, this is an ideal opportunity for a teacher to help them grow in their commitment to Christ.

**A Program for Children, K-5.**

Beginning in July, we hope to get our Arts Academy off and running on Saturday morning from 11:00-1:30. We hope to help our children learn to put their God-given talents into practice in worship, while giving Mothers and Fathers a little free time. You will hear more about this in the bulletin. If you have artistic talent, let us know. You won't need to commit to every Saturday—only to the Saturday that we feature your particular interest.

**Vacation Bible School.**

VBS will be the last two weeks in June. A dedicated committee has written the material for this year, and Joy Potts has written the music. We welcome any children who want to join us, and if you have grandchildren who will be visiting during those weeks, we would love to have them. (We had some wonderful grandchildren who were visiting last year!) As usual, we'll serve a light breakfast, a snack, and lunch.

**Discussion Group.**

Watch the bulletin for news of an evening of discussion on *The Da Vinci Code*. Many are talking about this book, and I am trying to get a film about it. I have talked to Pastor Mark, and we agree that perhaps people of faith should sit together and talk about this controversial book in light of our faith. I'll let you know in plenty of time to plan.

**Planning for On-going Christian Education.**

We will begin to plan during the summer for Disciple classes in the fall, for a Christianity 101 class, for other classes during the week, and for fall activities. If you have ideas of something you'd like us to do, let me know.

**From The Desk of Patience Warr**

***Walking on the Path***  
**By Patience Nave**

*"Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee."*

Isaiah 26:3, KJV

I still like the King James Bible for this verse. I memorized it 40 years ago, when I was struggling with something. I had trouble then—still have trouble—"staying" my mind. But I gritted my teeth and tried! Didn't work then! Doesn't work now! Before long, I'm contemplating what to cook for dinner, how to begin an article, ordering Wallace's medicine, or who will help in VBS this year.

I want the peace that comes from staying my mind on God—a peace that prevails when I am busy or tired or overwhelmed. But I can't wait until some problem arises to find that peace. I have to find it in early morning moments before the first phone call, from listening to the Lord through His Word and talking over the day with Him. Something happens in those hours that I cannot define—perhaps it is the assurance that He is

there—because He promised.

Joy Potts put this together well in a rather unusual piano medley. She played "Whenever I feel afraid, I whistle a happy tune," "It is well with my soul," and "Jesus loves me" in a lovely, flowing, encouragement to worship. I listened and thought, "It's easy to whistle a happy tune when I realize Jesus loves me and has made all well with my soul." Joy's music helped me see that I don't have to sit around thinking holy thoughts. I must and should plan dinner. I want to write. Wallace needs his medicine. I love planning VBS for our children. Those are all good things. When God enters my day in the morning, He becomes part of all my thoughts for the whole day. My absolute faith in His promise-of-presence stays my mind and brings peace in the busy-ness!

Have I finally learned? Is this what "staying my mind" is all about? Amazing!

*Prayer: Father, help us learn to wonder and not wander as we think about You. Help us become conscious of Your Presence not in the circumstance of the moment but in the whole day. And help us enjoy the peace that only You can give. Amen.*

Dear Church Family,

To all of those who kept us in your prayers, who provided food, help, and comfort during the days leading up to and following our loss, we extend heartfelt gratitude.

The support from all of you made each day a little easier for us.

God answers our prayers and strengthens our faith. We thank God every day for friends like you who have blessed us in so many ways.

Our love to all of you...

~ The Wally Saxton Family ~  
 Joyce Saxton, Bev Mahoney, Lynn Rufrano,  
 Wayne Saxton and Darrin Saxton

We would like to sincerely thank our church family for all the cards, phone calls, visits, hugs and, most importantly, prayers for us on the recent death of our eldest son, Jim.

It meant so much to us and our family.

~ John and Jeanette Cole ~



**Baptismal  
 May 7, 2006**

~~~~~  
**Timothy  
 Lawrence  
 Sunderland**

~~~~~  
**Son of:  
 Barbara &  
 Larry Sunderland**



## **R U SURE U R PREPARED**

**By Sharon Smith, MSRN**

After the environmental events of the past couple years, all of us are probably more alert to the need for physical preparation for the Hurricane Season of 2006.

We make plans for evacuating or safely staying at home.

We gather all the "things" we think we need to sustain us for at least a week, in case a hurricane decides to come our way.

These actions are preventative measures to protect ourselves and those around us.

In terms of health care, we also need to focus on PREVENTION.

1. Do you have an annual physical exam?
2. Do you have tests done that are recommended by your physician?
3. Do you follow up to get the results of those tests?
4. Do you abide by the recommendations of your physician?
5. Do you obtain flu and pneumonia vaccines as recommended?
6. Are you compliant with taking medications that are ordered for you?
7. Do you attempt to eat moderate amounts of a "balanced" diet?
8. Do you do some kind of exercise on a regular basis?  
(Hand to mouth exercise does not count!)
9. Do you get in touch with your physician when your health status changes?
10. Do you enrich your spiritual health through personal study, meditation and participation in your "faith community," in order to be prepared to "reach out" in your local community?

If your answer to all of these questions is "yes," you are a "perfect 10."

Prevention of illness and promotion of health through education is just one aspect of the new Parish Nurse Ministry, while the overall goal of the ministry is to define our church as a place of "holistic health." Encompassed in this ministry is the physical, psychological, social, emotional and spiritual well-being of our "church family."

Be looking for another aspect of the Parish Nurse role in the next Genesis.



### **April New Members**

**Russell (Russ) & Sue Kamphuis**  
from Fondulac, Wisconsin  
9530 S. Lecanto Hwy.  
Florida 34461  
382-4283

**Katherine & Terry Cornelius**  
from Ann Arbor, Michigan  
2330 N. St. John Pl.  
Hernando, FL 34442  
527-0300

## APRIL PROVIDES HENRY'S WITH WELCOME BREAK

The Joe Henrys, the missionary family we help support in Chiang Mai, Thailand, report that April provides a two-week break, which allows them to celebrate the Thai New Year called Songkran and Easter.

They wrote, "We thank God for a bit of downtime after a very hectic start to the year."

Good Friday and Easter Sunday provided them a "tremendous opportunity" to worship with their "Thai brothers and sisters." During their "two weeks off," the family enjoyed day trips around Chiang Mai "including outings to the zoo, a snake farm and a monkey farm."

They pointed out the children "greatly enjoyed Songkran again. It is supposed to be a time when Thais bless their elders by pouring water on their hands, but it also has become a giant water war, complete with water guns and tanks full of ice-cold water that are tossed on others. Our four children also spent a lot of time drenching the cars and motorcycles that dared to pass by our driveway."

Under prayer needs the Henrys pointed out that Joe will serve as interim team leader this month as the regular team leader is leaving for a nine-month furlough. They ask we pray for Joe as he serves in that position. They also ask for prayers for Elaine as she finishes her first year of teaching second grade at Grace International School.

The Henrys ask for our continuing prayers for their learning the Thai language. Joe will begin teaching a Bible school next month "along with other language opportunities, while Elaine's work with Thai women is growing daily. As a result, we would like to be able to move further along in our speaking abilities."

In conclusion they asked for prayers for Elaine's father, Roger Grant, who will have "serious neck surgery" on May 1.



JAMIE



Justin's 13th Birthday Party



THE PETS

*From your Editor: On May 8th I received this email from Joe Henry Jr. - Dear praying friends,*

We need to humbly ask you for prayer again. Now that Jamie is healthy following his struggle with scrub typhus fever, Brittany and Caleb were admitted tonight to the hospital (Monday PM in Thailand) with typhus as well. They were diagnosed with it last Thursday and began the same antibiotic that Jamie used, however Brittany and Caleb have not responded and spiked high fevers this afternoon. Caleb even threw up at the doctor's office.

So, what is the only difference? PRAYER! Jamie got better within one day after all of you so fervently prayed for him. Could you please pray for Brittany and Caleb? The Lord answered Elaine's prayer and had the same doctor that treated Jamie at the hospital when Brittany and Caleb got there, even though it was after her time to leave. Please pray for a wise diagnosis and quick healing for the children.

Thankfully, Elaine, Justin and Jamie are healthy. But...I still feel dizzy and slightly nauseous after getting food poisoning at the hospital while I was staying with Jamie last Tuesday night. (Yes, food poisoning at a hospital ☺! Insert joke here.) Now, we're beginning to wonder if the same little typhus-infected bug bit me, too. If you could pray for me while you're at it, I'd appreciate it so much.

**Missionary Reports From Jack Radabaugh**

(Continued from previous page)

Sorry to barrage your e-mailbox with all the updates this month, but we are so reliant on your prayers while serving the Lord in enemy-held territory.

*Yours in Him,  
Joe, for Elaine, Britt, Justin, Caleb & James*

*From your Editor: Then on May 11th I received this update on the Hospitalizations*

*Dear praying friends,*

Thank you again for your prayers and notes for/to our family! You'll never know how encouraging they were. It's an awesome privilege to have such a group of prayer warriors standing behind us!

Once all of you brought our need before the Lord, Brittany and Caleb turned a corner and began improving until, at last, they were able to return home at 4 p.m. Thursday (*Chiang Mai* time). Praise God! While Brittany was officially diagnosed with scrub typhus fever, Caleb wasn't, but the symptoms and treatment regimen were the same as they were for James. So, as they say, if it walks like a duck ... They feel weak but much improved. As for me, I also turned a corner after your prayers, and the remaining food poisoning symptoms are gone. It's nice to be able to think of meals now without rising nausea!

We can't thank you enough for your concern; please continue to pray for us as we fully recover from these illnesses, as Elaine and the children return to school and tons of missed work Monday, and as Jamie wraps up his kindergarten career tomorrow (Friday).

*Prayerfully,  
Joe, for the family*

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## **WOOSTERS WRITE FROM CHIANG MAI, THAILAND !!**

**The Kevin Woosters, missionaries we help in Moscow, Russia, wrote they are in Chiang Mai, Thailand attending a leadership conference. "We are taking in a lot of information about our organization and gaining much wisdom from those working in different areas around the world," they reported.**

**They also asked for our prayers for the village of Horinsk, in Siberia, where a new outreach group whose project is called New Hope has been set up.**

**This was the very poor village to which 500 pounds of clothes were sent. Our Missions Committee provided \$200 to help fund the shipment.**

**Another new group called "Morning Star" is also set to begin its activities in Siberia and is presently being registered and should receive its approval this month.**

**The Woosters point out they will be returning to the U.S. this June for "a time of home assignment."**

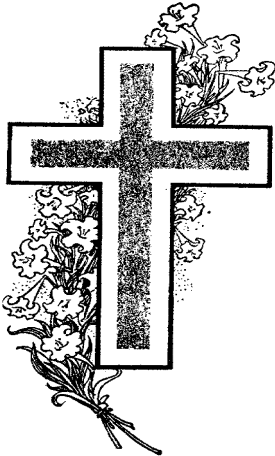
**They write: "Once again we find our family getting ready to make a major move. Our boys have grown into young men and are about to take their first steps onto their own path.**

**"With this in mind, we as a family feel the need to be close enough to go through the challenges that come with returning to 'our' culture after almost 10 years in another.**

**"As parents, this brings not only many emotions, but fears and worries. Have we prepared our sons for the world that lies before them.**

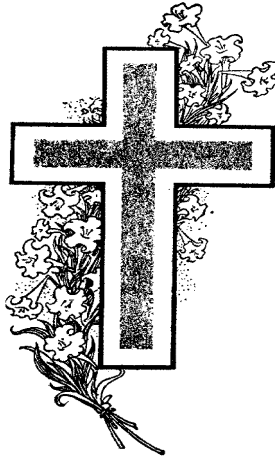
**"We share this because today we heard a reminder from scripture of how little our faith can become when we take our eyes off of "The One" who takes care of every detail in our lives."**

# ~ In Memoriam ~



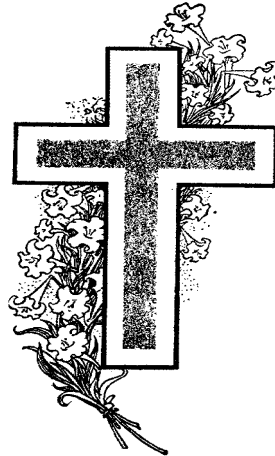
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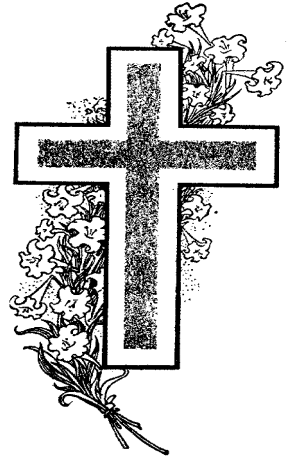
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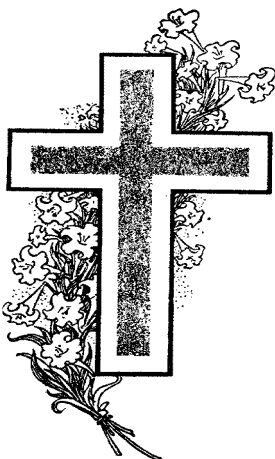
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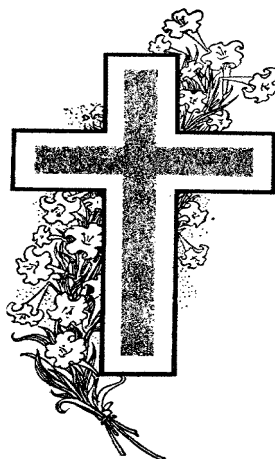
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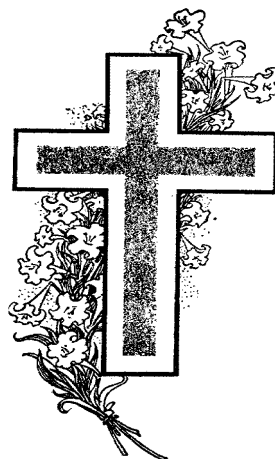
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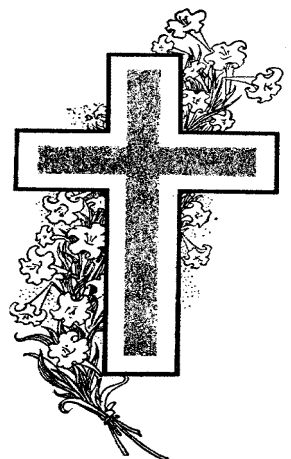
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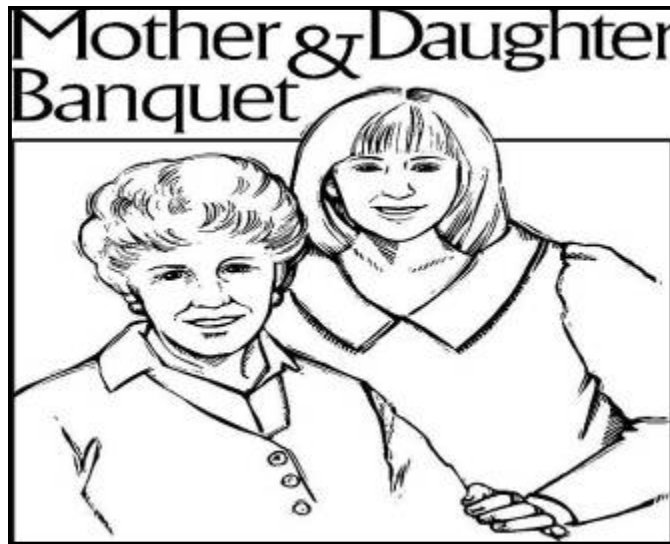
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**Margaret  
Sawyer  
(Mother of  
Priscilla  
Froderick)**

**May 3 2006**





**Ruby Raymond was awarded with a Certificate of Completion for the UMW's "Window To The World" Reading Program.**





**WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS THROUGH JUNE, JULY & AUGUST.**

**OPEN REGULAR HOURS ON SATURDAYS.**



**HUGS**

It's a funny thing the way older folks look at things.

All my life I've hugged children, spouse, and friends, and always felt good about it...and after some thought about it, hugging is very healthy.

It helps the body's immune system; it keeps you healthier; it cures depression; it reduces stress; it induces sleep; it's invigorating; it's rejuvenating; it has no unpleasant side effects, and hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.

Hugging is all natural. It is organic, naturally sweet, no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients, and 100% wholesome.

Hugging is perfect. There are no movable parts, no batteries to wear out, no periodic check-ups, low energy consumption, high energy yield, inflation proof, non-fattening, no monthly payments, no insurance requirements, theft-proof, non-taxable, non-polluting, and what I love most about it, fully refundable!

Hugs...they're a natural!



**Trash & Treasures Sale**

**June 17  
9 AM TO 1 PM  
In Fellowship Hall**

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**Contribute by June 16th**

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**For more information call  
Kay Bast at 382-4908**

***August Bible Study  
"To Fear or Not To Fear"***

During the first four weeks of August, Jan Wise will be teaching a class, "To Fear or Not To Fear."

Proverbs 1:7a says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."

Then in Timothy 1:7 KJV we read, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Does the Bible contradict itself concerning fear, or does it explain specifically the role of fear in our lives? These are frightening times.

How is a follower of Christ to understand the righteousness response to what's happening around us?

Watch the church bulletin for further details.



## **Recognition of Service**



On May 9, 2006, at FUMC's Mother and Daughter Banquet, Peggy Powell and her sister Frances Graham announced their retirement from the church's Thrift Shop after 10 years of service in this ministry.

They will be missed by the many faithful and loyal shoppers who visit the Thrift Shop regularly. Peggy and Fran were always quick with the smile, kind with words of Christian compassion, and would go to great lengths to accommodate customers. Most likely you would get a joke or a wise crack from Fran to tickle your funny-bone before you left the shop. There was always laughter.

Not only have they been a blessing to their customers, but they have quietly bestowed acts of charity to people who have come and expressed needs. There are many stories...

Their 10 years of service has been very fruitful to the Global Missions Ministry of the United Methodist Women. It has been because of the financial success of the Thrift Shop that FUMC of Homosassa can bestow a sizable yearly pledge for Methodist ministries around the world.

We will miss seeing Peggy and Fran every day, but they are looking forward to new projects.

## ***STAR Pupil Dazzle***

**Submitted by JoAnn Ryan  
CCEF Member**

Sometimes it's not just about test scores and grades, which is why the Citrus County Education Foundation honors annually a group of special children for it's STAR Awards luncheon.

Despite struggles and hard times, these children have qualities of character, citizenship, confidence, constancy, courage, and curiosity.

One student is chosen from each Elementary, Middle, and High School in the county.



Lecanto High School's S.T.A.R. Award winner is our own Helen McCallister.

Helen is an excellent student who is involved in her school through Key Club, Future Teachers of America and the Swimming Team.

She earned the Most Improved Swimmer Award and had perfect attendance during her Freshman year.

One of her teachers describes her as a deep thinker with a passion for reading.

Helen adapted very well to working with young children in the Teacher Assistant Program at Lecanto High School.

She cares deeply for animals and rescued a kitten which she convinced her family to adopt.

**Congratulations—Helen!**

**SHARE of Florida**  
 By Tom & Nancy Pearo

Summer is coming and everyone is going somewhere even though the price of gas has reached an all time high. Snowbirds are going north.

Family gatherings are planned. People are heading out for vacation spots. It happens every year about this time.

Although there is no information on what food selections will be available, you can be sure it's going to be good. We keep the same high quality of food all year long.

This is a good time to come in. The lines will be shorter.

Our truckers have found that leaving a little earlier in the morning gets them back to the church a lot sooner due to lighter traffic.

We have been able to start handing out food as early as 9:30 AM. If you have an order, please be here by 9:45 AM.

We make every effort to get your order to you as quickly as possible. Our volunteers look forward to helping you, and they want to get home with their orders also.

**Some of the money donated to SHARE**  
*(that's the basket on the sign up table)*  
 is used to buy SHARE basic-packs for "Families In Need".

Each month, we find someone who is "without" due to happenings in their life.

We don't ask a lot of questions, we are just glad to be able to help.

If you wish to give something to this fund or maybe buy a basic package and mark it "Donation", we know we can find a family who needs it.

Maybe you know a neighbor who could use a basic package.

For more information on SHARE, go to [www.shareflorida.com](http://www.shareflorida.com) or call (352) 382-1034 or (352) 628-4083.

**SHARE 2006**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SIGN UP</u>	<u>D-DAY</u>
January	4th & 7th	21st
February	8th & 11th	25th
March	8th & 11th	25th
April	5th & 8th	22nd
May	3rd & 6th	20th
June	7th & 10th	24th
July	12th & 15th	29th
August	9th & 12th	26th
September	6th & 9th	23rd
October	4th & 7th	21st
November	1st & 4th	18th
December	29th & 2nd	16th

Sign up times are from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, and will always fall on a Wednesday and Saturday.

Sign up on D-Days will start at 9:00 AM.

Food not picked up by 11:00 AM on D-Day will be donated to the church. There will be no refunds

# Give Life!

## Find A Blood Drive!

In the Bible, blood always represents life. Every day Christians fight spiritual battles, and through the blood of Christ we are promised victory.

*"The life of the flesh is in blood"*  
Lev. 18:11

We mortals can also minister with the precious gift of our blood.

LifeSouth Community Blood Center is desperately seeking donors in Citrus County to help make their 235-pint-a-week quota required to meet the needs of both Citrus Memorial and Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center.

The main reason for this critical blood shortage is that people don't recognize the need.

Regulation changes also play a part in the shortage. People who travel on cruises can be deferred from donating for a year depending on their destination.

It takes about 35 minutes to donate two pints of red blood cells; after that, donors aren't asked to return for another four months.

Donors receive a free t-shirt, juice, cookies and popcorn. People who donate at LifeSouth's Lecanto location will soon be able to enjoy free ice cream as a reward for giving blood.

Whatever location, and whatever day you may decide to donate on, state that your donated blood be accredited to The First United Methodist Church of Homosassa and it will be available for members of our church's congregation when needs arise.

For more information call: 527-3061 or Contact Barbara Jackson at 382-2705.



## Computer Workshop

Self-paced, individual instruction  
Mondays from 10:00am to Noon  
No waiting, We have 15 computer stations

We will show you how to:  
Use Basic "Windows"  
E-mail family and friends  
Use "Word," "Works" and "Excel"  
Use a Digital Camera.  
Anything else you wish to learn!  
Bring your computer-use problems to us!

Computer Workshop is an outreach of HFUMC.  
Everyone is welcome,  
members and non-members.  
For more information, please call 628-4083.

## FUMC Computer Team Blesses Local Students

Did you know that our computer team repairs donated computers and gives them to needy families?

Nearly two dozen computers have already gone to those in need. The Citrus County School system contacts Steve Skelley with the names of school students who need help.

Steve contacts our church Computer Team and soon a computer is in the home of a student in need.

The school system recently contacted Steve about a student who was homebound as he awaits a kidney transplant. His family could not afford a computer for him to do his school work. Within one day, we had a computer for this child.



First United Methodist Church of Homosassa was the setting on Saturday, April 1st for the wedding of:

Miss Sasha McCallister  
And  
Cody Shuart

The bride is the granddaughter of:  
Mr. & Mrs. William R. Waters  
The bridegroom is the son of:  
Mr. Jim Shuart

Reverend Mark Whittaker officiated in the double-ring ceremony.  
Mrs. Joy Potts provided nuptial music.  
David Anderson was Best Man.  
Usher was Skant Shuart.  
Attendants to the bride were:  
Samantha McCallister, Maid of Honor  
Helen McCallister, Bridesmaid,  
sisters of the bride.  
Melony Brown was Flower Girl

Entering the church on the arm of her grandfather, by whom she was given in marriage, the bride wore a Ivory floor-length dress with a bodice of seed pearls. Her elbow-length veil was attached by a fitted crown.

Mr. & Mrs. Waters entertained with a reception at their home following the ceremony.

## June Birthdays

- |                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>1</u><br>Roland Aberle    | Lucille Meewes                 |
| <u>2</u><br>Jeanne Comfort   | Robert Bellcase                |
| <u>3</u><br>Alma Zimmerman   | <u>19</u><br>Charles Wade      |
| <u>6</u><br>Leon Wells       | Larry Vainio                   |
| Helga Squires                | Lavonne Brennan                |
| <u>7</u><br>Mary Cannon      | <u>21</u><br>Miriam Currier    |
| Thomas Ottman                | <u>22</u><br>Dorothy Wolf      |
| John Gibbs                   | Dickee Desimone                |
| <u>8</u><br>Ray Fisher       | Helen Kulick                   |
| Virginia Szenas              | <u>23</u><br>Alvin Culp        |
| <u>9</u><br>Eleanor Hoeffler | Ralph Siegel                   |
| Virginia Mangels             | Yvonne Beck                    |
| Carolyn Custer               | Jimmi Reichard                 |
| <u>10</u><br>Alicia Weston   | Gene Harry                     |
| <u>12</u><br>Jim Love        | <u>25</u><br>Ronald Hesketh    |
| <u>13</u><br>William Parks   | Maria Briggs                   |
| Karen Jones                  | <u>26</u><br>Lee Bast          |
| <u>14</u><br>Phyllis Peters  | Jeffrey Post                   |
| <u>15</u><br>Althea Stuckey  | <u>27</u><br>Jack Holcomb Sr   |
| <u>16</u><br>Irene Stone     | Gordon Lawrence                |
| John Lawrey                  | Diane Gibbs                    |
| Stan Zawacki                 | Jynetha Montgomery             |
| Beulah Seiler                | <u>28</u><br>Marguerite Betzer |
| Charles Blair                | June Bish                      |
| <u>17</u><br>Loral Byington  | Andrea Pirkle                  |
| Alex Stevens                 | <u>29</u><br>Allene Misunas    |
| Pat Nave                     | Harvey Oltendorf               |
| <u>18</u><br>Regina Parks    | <u>30</u><br>Betty Bennett     |
| Catherine Barrett            | Len Cromer                     |
|                              | Fred Small                     |
|                              | Bob Bunting                    |
|                              | Dermot Samuda                  |



June 2006						
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## June Anniversaries

2

Juanita & Stan Sobolak ~  
24 years

3

Bunny & Charles Wade ~  
52 years

Lowanda & Bill Wells ~  
56 years

Marie & Ted Archambault ~  
56 years

4

Dorothy & Edwin Jenks ~  
46 years

Joyce & Ronald Hesketh ~  
46 years

6

Marion & Ray Royal ~  
47 years

Syble & William Little ~  
58 years

Virginia & Henry Mangels ~  
23 years

Amanda & Jeremy George ~  
9 years

7

Phyllis & Charles Peters ~  
20 years

Andrea & David Pirkle ~  
43 years

8

Joyce & William Smith ~  
54 years

Donna & John Yuschak ~  
43 years

Lou & Elwin Mosier ~  
48 years

Sue & Thomas Cloyd ~  
61 years

9

Merlyn & Pat Hoar ~  
50 years

15

Clara & Norwood Speary ~  
61 years

16

Barbara & John Lawrey ~  
55 years

Mildred & Robert Mott ~  
50 years

Annie & Art Carl ~  
55 years

17

Marian & Henry Sandlas ~  
56 years

## (June Anniversaries Continued)

Gloria & David Marquis ~  
11 years

18

Emily & Robert Russell ~  
40 years

Mary Ellen & Frank Wais ~  
46 years

19

Marilyn & Leon Wells ~  
42 years

Jeanette & John Cole ~  
57 years

Gene & Rusty Harry ~  
40 years

20

JoAnn & John Guthrie ~  
47 years

Barbara & Richard Hartley ~  
57 years

21

Marie & Larry Vainio ~  
48 years

Joan & Jack Ness ~  
54 years

June & Harvey Oltendorf ~  
48 years

Nelva & Raymond Clemans ~  
3 years

Marylou & Ray Fisher ~  
4 years

22

Marcia & Richard Bader ~  
54 years

Beverly & Edward Calkins ~  
21 years

Myrna & Richard Evans ~  
49 years

23

Dorothy & Richard Jones ~  
9 years

24

Charlene & William Murray ~  
18 years

Barbara & Carroll Phillips ~  
56 years

25

Burnie & Gene McGee ~  
48 years

26

Joe Ann & Robert Gidlow ~  
52 years

29

Barbara & Dave Shores ~  
43 years

## July Birthdays

1  
Henry Sandlas III  
Judith Busby

2  
Betty Farewell  
Dick Kern  
Lois Diedrich

3  
Edwin Jenks  
Janet Magamoll  
Andy Andrews  
Juliann Harry

4  
Juanita Sobolak

6  
Deborah Metcalfe

8  
Elizabeth Olson

9  
Mary Lee Millikin

10  
Dorothy Collister

11  
Helen LaBeau  
Marion Hamilton  
Andrew Merson

12  
Eileen Brown

14  
Jack Mallett  
Norwood Speary

15  
Heidi Hilthron

17  
Don Snedeker  
Todd Workman

18  
Sue Price  
Marie Vainio

19  
Joan Spencer  
Joe Crawley  
Nikki Buck

20  
Jackie LaMountain

21  
Florence Sledd  
Lee Knerr  
Joyce Winder  
David Lambert  
Derek Benthusen

23  
Ruby Raymond  
John Yuschak  
Dee Otto  
Nancy Pearo

24  
Barbara Sunderland  
Ryan Selby

25  
Louise Miller

26  
Dorothy Jenks  
Vernon Tidswell  
Shirley Hart  
Jesse Knight

28  
Doris Feldmann

29  
Fran Hughes  
Marjorie Heybeck  
Lavoy Patton  
Paul Huffstutler  
Wayne Metcalfe  
Marsha Hartley

30  
Ozzie Schmitt  
Frances Graham  
Marylou Fisher  
Edie Mingalone

## July Anniversaries

6  
Carolyn & Joe Crawley ~  
36 years

7  
Helen & C Ralph Hudson ~  
67 years

8  
Dorothy & Jack Graham ~  
39 years

9  
MJ & Bill Jahn ~  
51 years

10  
Bob & Lisa Specht ~  
12 years

11  
Mary Lee & Allen Millikin ~  
47 years

13  
Lucille & Delmar Meewes ~  
54 years

20  
Pamela & Paul Patton ~  
22 years

22  
Jeanne & Dene Balmer ~  
6 years

27  
Carroll & John Lunceford ~  
49 years  
Patricia & Mark Cram ~  
47 years

28  
Dorothy & John Wolf ~ 63 years  
Doris & Julius Kertesz ~ 50 years

31  
Janet & Howard Watson ~  
41 years  
Nancy & Karl Amundson ~  
24 years

## August Birthdays

1  
Dorothy Aberle  
Helen Dresback  
Barbara Stoneman

2  
Dan Hurley

3  
Jim Green

4  
Sheldon LaMountain

5  
June Oltendorf

6  
Wilbourn Fowler  
Walter Dilling  
Joyce Monigold  
Jeannine Love  
Sharon Miller

July 2006							August 2006						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31		
30	31												



**(August Birthdays Continued)**

<u>7</u> Ruth Samuda	<u>19</u> Walter Briggs
<u>9</u> Shirley Hunter Myrna Sanford	<u>20</u> Jeremy George
<u>10</u> Bernhard Diedrich	<u>21</u> Roger Johnson Phyliss Nevins William Stocker
<u>11</u> Howard Watson	<u>22</u> Barbara Neurohr Verna Stout
<u>12</u> Albert Carlson Sr. Priscilla Frederick	<u>23</u> Barbara Fitzer Katherine Cornelius
<u>13</u> Hilda Wicks Carroll Phillips Joan Carra Sandi Workman	<u>24</u> Mildred Beechman John Wolf Robert Leaming
<u>14</u> Venia Blankenbeckler Barbara Kuhl Joyce Hesketh	<u>25</u> Joanna Miller
<u>15</u> Wanda Chapman Terry Cornelius	<u>26</u> Roy Olson
<u>16</u> Arthur Stuckey	<u>27</u> Kari Amundson
<u>17</u> Lois Schoch Jeanette Cole Karl Smith Robert Schwebes	<u>29</u> Helen Hansen Virginia Pazian Judy Roberts
<u>18</u> Mert Davis	<u>30</u> Clara Speary Shirley Allen Frankie Adams Deborah Hargis Laci Nunnery
	<u>31</u> Daniel Oblinger Shirley Holland

<u>9</u> Alice & Bill Williamson ~ 50 years
<u>11</u> Holli & David Benthusen ~ 22 years
<u>12</u> Mary & Robert Severance ~ 51 years
<u>13</u> Ruth & Daniel Oblinger ~ 51 years
<u>14</u> Patricia & Gene Ludlow ~ 22 years Vicky & Jeffrey Post ~ 1 year
<u>18</u> Abbye Jean & Bill Richner ~ 18 years Carol & Andy Andrews ~ 44 years
<u>19</u> Minnie & Howard Watson Sr. ~ 70 years
<u>22</u> Pat & Harold Layman ~ 38 years
<u>24</u> Lois & Ralph Pohlman ~ 49 years Sandra & John Dewart ~ 29 years
<u>27</u> Judy & James Roberts ~ 22 years
<u>28</u> Carol & Bob Mac Kenzie ~ 41 years Edythe & Earl McCarthy ~ 58 years
<u>29</u> Iris & Mark Whittaker ~ 36 years Carolyn & Rolland Custer ~ 47 years
<u>30</u> Janet & Fred Small ~ 49 years Pat & Dick Kern ~ 24 years
<u>31</u> Barbara & Ben Toole ~ 50 years Sue & Jim Price ~ 49 years Ruth & Phillip Rittgers ~ 49 years

**August Anniversaries**

<u>2</u> Barbara & Larry Sunderland ~ 3 years Sandi & Rick Workman ~ 37 years
<u>4</u> Dolores & Walter Briggs ~ 66 years
<u>6</u> Mary Kay & Ed Messenger ~ 14 years Dorothy & Roland Aberle ~ 57 years
<u>8</u> Myrna & Richard Sanford ~ 47 years

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