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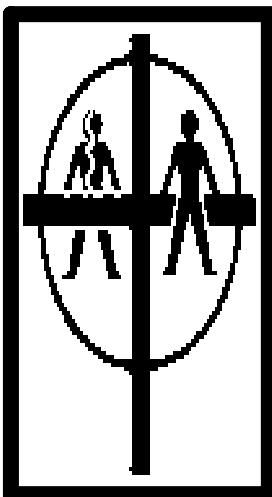
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We are a  
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## Are You Passionate? By Rev. Mark Whittaker

Are you head over heels, wild about, focused on and absorbed by something (besides yourself)?

A long time ago John Wesley started the Wesleyan movement by preaching the word of God to people all over England.

He talked about salvation by Grace and knowing the assurance of your salvation.

People responded with enthusiasm and joy because they had been searching for answers in their lives.

People got so excited about what Wesley was preaching that other pastors called them "enthusiasts" and refused to allow Wesley or his preachers to preach from their pulpits.

What Wesley had to say changed lives.

They were passionate about spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

They were excited about the difference that knowing Christ made in their day-to-day lives.

Christ calls us to be passionate — not about our golf game or our computer or even our job.

He wants us to be passionate about loving one another, sharing the Good News of the coming of the Kingdom of God, about reaching out to those who are less fortunate.

He wants us to be passionate about forgiveness and turning the other cheek and worship.

With whom do you share your beliefs?

Who do you reach out and touch so they can know God loves them and wants their lives to turn around?

What are you excited about — so excited that it takes over your life and makes a difference, not only to you,



but to people all around you?

We show our passion by sharing our faith by fervent prayer and by singing with joy and power when we worship.

We pray for the church, for those who do not know the Good News and for our broken world.

Passion changed England and made us who we are today.

That same passion can change our community so that everyone knows that Jesus Christ is Lord.

# "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.

### Within The Church

- Worship Services
- Music Ministries
- Men & Ladies Ensemble
- Children's Choir
- Handbell & Chimes Choir
- Christian Education
- Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Ministry
- Lenten Soup Suppers
- Fine Arts Program
- Disciple Ministry
- Prayer Ministry
- UMW Circles
- Tape Ministry
- Blood Bank
- Visitation Care Group
- Golf Outings
- Wednesday Night Dinners
- Disaster Relief Programs
- Small Groups Ministry
- United Methodist Men
- United Methodist Women
- Biblical Travel Ministry
- Counters
- Attendance Tracking

### As Outreach

- Thrift Shop
- Food Pantry
- SHARE
- Holiday Baskets
- Nursing Home Ministries
- Cancer Survivors
- Current Affairs
- 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

## ~ Outreach Highlight Of The Month ~



***Isaiah's Place***  
*Therapeutic Intervention for  
 Children & Families*

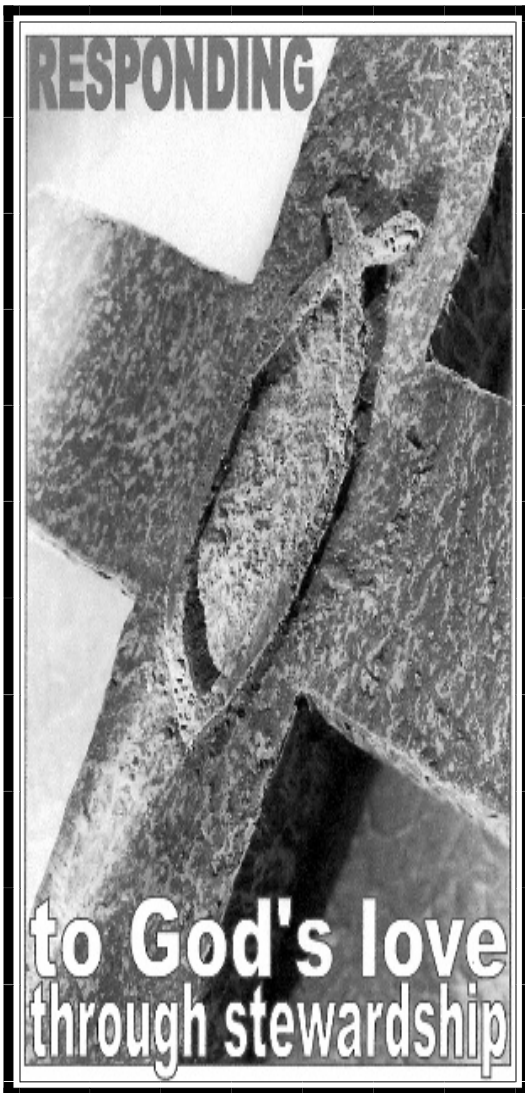
**6210 Harmony Lane  
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[www.isaiahfoundation.org](http://www.isaiahfoundation.org)**



Isaiah 58:8 "Then your light shall break forth like the morning,  
 Your healing shall spring forth speedily,  
 And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard."



Isaiah 58:10 "If you extend your soul to the hungry  
 And satisfy the afflicted soul,  
 Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,  
 And your darkness shall be as the noonday. "



## Giving in Response to God's Love

By Sallyann Moore  
Stewardship Chairperson

God has given us so many blessings – His unending love, His patient guidance, His unparalleled compassion, His Son Jesus. As if that weren't enough, He's given us skills and traits that make us each unique and lovingly equips us for our earthly journey. When you stop to consider all God's given us, it's hard not to want to respond. And that's what stewardship is all about - giving in response to God's love.

Next month, we're kicking off our financial stewardship campaign, during which we'll be asking you to consider giving to support the ministries of our church.. So often, it seems, financial campaigns elicit a less-than-enthusiastic reaction. Though the reasons are varied, they all seem to come down to one thing – a loss of focus. Instead of seeking God and His will for us, we get caught up in human actions and reactions and our feelings toward them.

This is why I'm asking you to include the question of financial stewardship in your prayers during the month of September. Ask God to show you how He would like you to respond to His love during the financial campaign. Continue to seek His response as you listen to the stewardship messages during October and attend the special desert extravaganza we've planned for you. Then, when Stewardship Sunday rolls around, yours will be a thankful response to God's love and His will for your life. Shalom.

## Walking on the Path

Patience Nave

***"But without faith it is impossible to please him [God]; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (KJV) Hebrew 11:6***

I've thought a lot recently about the difference between believing "in God" and "believing God." I'm convinced there is a *big* difference!

I believe "in" electricity, but I know absolutely nothing about it –except that when I turn a switch it works if I have paid the bill. But I believe in it, and I go throughout the house all day long turning things on and off automatically. My action requires no thought; it just happens. But it *is* dependent on my paying the bill!

It's different with God. I do believe "in" Him, but I also believe Him, and I have learned a great deal about how He works. When He tells me something through His Word, I understand not only that he will do it but why He will do it. Jesus says of Himself, "I *am* the truth." To do anything other than tell me the truth would contradict who He is.

So when He says, "I will never leave you," I believe Him. When He says I can come to Him when I am tired and He "will give [me] rest," I believe Him. When He says I "may *know* [italics mine] Him and have fellowship with Him," I believe Him. Oh, yes, the statements are true, but I believe the God of the statement. I know He means what He says. What an incredible comfort it is to know that!

***Prayer: Help us to look beyond the wonderful promises You have made, Father, and see not the benefits of your promises but You! Amen.***



**Opportunities in Stewardship**

This is a Quarterly position.  
 Be in charge of ushers  
 four (4) Sundays, of every  
 fourth (4) month of the year,  
 either 9:30 AM or the 11 AM service.



Duties include counting people in attendance,  
 collecting the offering, assisting communion,  
 bringing the offering to the counters,  
 assisting greeters.

*A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6: 7b-10*

For further information contact Greta Nygaard at 382-3150

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**Congratulations to Howard (Sr.) and Minnie Watson on their seventieth wedding anniversary!**



**....and Family came from near and far to celebrate!**

# PRAISING GOD ~ WITH ~ MUSIC

I'd like to welcome everyone back from summer vacations and traveling. Fall is a great time to begin participating in one of our Music Ministry groups. We have several to choose from, and all of our groups welcome new members.

Our SACRED DANCE GROUPS,

adult, youth and children, all rehearse on Sunday mornings. Myrna Evans and Holli Ben-thenen are our sacred dance leaders. Check the Sunday bulletins for rehearsal dates and times.

Our YOUTH SINGERS are rehearsing on Sunday mornings. Rehearsal times and room number will be listed in the Sunday bulletins. Marge Dilling will once again be leading this group.

Our HANDBELL CHOIR will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. No previous ringing experience is necessary, but music reading is helpful. Beginning and experienced ringers are both welcome!!

Our CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday evenings also, after handbells, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. They have been rehearsing since their break in July. So, come on by and check us out! Beginning and experienced singers are welcomed in this group also.

The "church mouse" has told me that some members of our congregation sang in a choir or glee club when they were in high school, yet, they are NOT in our choir. If you enjoyed it then, (regardless of HOW MANY years ago it was), why don't you come and see if you would still enjoy it now?

Anyone with INSTRUMENTAL EXPERIENCE should leave a message with your name and phone number for Mary Kay Messenger at the church office. We like to enhance our worship services with instruments when possible. We can't do this if we don't know that you're "out there."

We'll be starting to rehearse our Christmas Music before you know it, so don't put off joining us. We're looking forward to meeting YOU at one of our next rehearsals!

Musically Yours,  
Mary Kay Messenger  
(Director of Music Ministries)

## August 6, 2006 : Welcome Back From Summer Break!



## Missionary Report on the Joe Henry, Jr. Family in Chiang Mai, Thailand by Judith Huffer

In the two months since we last ran a report in "Genesis" on the Joe Henry Jr. family, they have had a very busy summer.

Last Spring, Caleb, Jamie, and Brittany all fell ill and were hospitalized due to Scrub Typhus Fever. Praise to God the Great Healer that all three children recovered without any lasting physical maladies.



Elaine wrapped up her first year of teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This photo is the Last-Day-of-School Party.



Jamie wrapped up kindergarten.



Caleb had a field trip.

Joe Jr. feels that God is leading his ministry towards starting a church with *Ogaat* and *Dye*, a young Thai couple that he has mentioned in past Missionary Reports. The fact that the percentage of Christians is approximately 3% gives import to their ministry of evangelizing and spreading The Good News.

It became possible for Joe and Elaine to move into the same neighborhood as *Ogaat* & *Dye*.

Events seem to indicate that the Lord is orchestrating these four people to live and minister together. As much as Elaine finds teaching at Grace International School fulfilling, she feels the Lord directing her to focus on her growing ministry of fellowship and prayer with the cell group of Thai women.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Elaine left with six other Grace International School attendees to a week-long teachers' conference in South Korea.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, Elaine became the forth member of this 6 member family to be hospitalized in less than six weeks. On the trip, she started feeling worse and worse until, upon reaching the first city, Busan, in the southeast, she was hospitalized on Monday.

While awaiting hospital tests, the conference was moved to Seoul area for the remaining days, leaving Elaine behind.

Praise God for the missionary helpers in Busan stayed with Elaine and then helped her catch the four-hour bullet train ride to the conference in Suwon (an hour south of Seoul). Elaine certainly faced challenges on this journey.

The Central Christian Academy, where Elaine was being cared for by friends at the conference site, paid for her hospital stay up-front. Then the Henrys will reimburse them from their 80% insurance policy.

They found that Korea is much like the States, cost-wise. It was \$1300 for one night's stay. By comparison, Brittany, Caleb, and Jamie costs were \$1,450 (combined) for 9 nights in Chiang Mai. The Henry's budget took a large hit from four hospitalizations.

In June, Joe was scheduled to begin teaching one morning a week at the Chiang Mai Baptist Church. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to lead him as he teaches for three hours in Thai. This along with Holy Spirit direction of godly and beneficial conversations on the topic of Christian families at a Thai cell group Joe ministers to.

As for information pertaining to "the move." As of June 30<sup>th</sup> the new address is:

Joe & Elaine Henry  
224/445 Soy 20  
Mubaan Kwan Wiang  
Hangdong 50230  
Thailand

Phone (from U.S.)  
011-66-53-436954  
Mobiles (same):  
Joe: 06-918-6358  
Elaine: 05-866-4003  
Brittany: 06-918-6100

Email (the same):  
[jebjci@eroam.net](mailto:jebjci@eroam.net)

Joe writes, "We have settled into our new rental house. Although our limited moving funds ran out quickly, we're doing well and looking forward to what God has for us in this new neighborhood."



After the change of residence, Joe reported an excellent "kickoff" meeting with six families who will be involved in opening the new church, tentatively in late November. The six families involved in starting the new church met as a group on Saturday.



The children are enjoying living in the same neighborhood as their friends from church. This is Brittany's birthday sleep-over party.



One of the couples involved in the new church plant opened a business - a restaurant on a main road in the new neighborhood. *Jong* worked as a trucker and has rarely been home for many years, leaving *Dit* to raise their four children. The Lord has blessed this family recently with a new home, a new truck, and now a new job. *Jong* is not a believer, although he is open to the claims of Christ as he has heard them through his family and their cell group. Please pray for his salvation.

August has been a really busy month for all in Chiang Mai. Their activities involve, "teaching Bible School with new Thai-language skills, holding meetings about the new church, meeting new teachers, writing financial proposals to finance the new church, traveling 8 hours in one day to hand out tools and rice to people hurt by flooding."

"Some of you are a part of our financial support team, and for that we are incredibly grateful. Without you we would not be here.

"However, we continue to struggle with our finances despite how the Lord is blessing our ministry.

"Our recommended monthly personal/ministry support total is \$6,000, and we have \$4,500 in commitments,

Meaning we fall short by \$1,500, or 25%, each month.

We have cut our personal and ministry budgets heavily.

"We humbly ask two things:

1. If you do not support us already, would you consider becoming a regular partner? We have 32 supporters who have committed to amounts ranging from \$10-\$1,000 a month.
2. If you do support us, would you consider a "cost-of-living increase"?

"The prices of gas and other items have risen dramatically, while the dollar's value has fallen 7% here in Thailand, affecting overseas workers two-fold.

"We are thankful for you and do not want to add to any burdens you are bearing financially at this time. We simply want to ask our friends for help as the Lord moves to share His truth in exciting ways here in Thailand!

"If you feel led to help, please fill out a check to:

"PIONEERS"  
10123 William Carey Drive  
Orlando, FL, 32832

"Attach a note saying it is new or increased support for the Henrys, account #010798. Do not write in the Memo line in order to receive a tax deduction.

"God bless you and thank you for your prayerful consideration."

Joe, Elaine, Brittany, Justin, Caleb & Jamie

## We'll Take the "Shortcut!"

By Richard L. Evans



I've just finished reading David McCullough's award-winning book, *Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914*.

After reading his fascinating account of the 25-year engineering feat (begun by France and completed by the USA) I am more excited than ever to see it for myself, as we cruise through it next April on Holland America's ms Volendam.

The completion of the 51-mile "path between the seas" created a shortcut from the Atlantic to the Pacific, or visa versa.

Now nearly 100 years old, it is still regarded as one of the engineering marvels of the world.

We will spend an entire day (April 26) moving through the Canal, rising 85 feet in the Gatun Locks, sailing through Gatun Lake, and then dropping 85 feet to enter the Pacific Ocean.

More than 25 people are registered and space is still available for this full transit cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to San Diego April 22 to May 9, 2007.

Myrna and I are looking forward to leading this cruise/tour that will include 15 days aboard ship and 7 ports of call (including Acapulco) and another 2 days in San Diego before flying back to Tampa.

We are holding a block of cabins in several price levels and beginning at \$2,843.

All prices listed include motor coach transportation from FUMCH to Ft. Lauderdale and from Tampa back to Homosassa, transportation in San Diego, baggage handling and current applicable taxes.

Deposits of \$850 (Holland America) and \$100 (San Diego extension) are due at the time of registration. The balance may be paid any time before February 1.

Pick up a flyer at the church office.

Call Dick Evans (563-5833) if you have questions.

To register, call Pat Muller at Tally Ho Vacations in Inverness (860-2805).

And whether or not you decide to join us, you may want to read David McCullough's book.

## Columbarium To Be Installed

By Richard L. Evans

Our new Columbarium will be installed sometime during the middle of September. The wall cabinet unit consisting of 108 companion niches will be delivered and installed by The Eickhof Company of Crookston MN. It will be located on the east exterior wall of the Worship Center. A beautiful bronze cross will hang on the wall above the Columbarium.

Then the committee will proceed to create the Memorial Garden surrounding the Columbarium. The garden will consist of a paved area with benches and surrounded by a bronze colored fence. Shrubs and flowers will add to the attractive setting. We plan to have a service of dedication as soon as the Columbarium and Memorial Garden are completed—probably in late October or early November.

36 niches had been sold by June 1, during the pre-construction period. The proceeds from those sales will fully fund the purchase and installation of the Columbarium. The Cross and the Memorial Garden are to be memorial gifts.

Niches in the new Columbarium may be purchased for \$1,200. The price includes space for the cremains of one or two persons, one or two bronze urns, nameplates, opening and closing, and perpetual care of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden. For tax purposes, \$700 of the purchase price covers FUMCH costs at the present time and \$500 will be considered a charitable contribution.

For more information about the Columbarium or to purchase niche space, contact Lyn in the church office.

Copies of SENIOR MOMENTS, a book by Rev. Richard Evans, are available for sale in the church office. \$10 each. A copy is available in the church library for those who may wish to borrow it.



## Stewardship in the 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension

By Richard L. Evans

Several years ago FUMCH created a *5<sup>th</sup> Dimension Society* to honor members and friends of our church who had gone to a new level of giving—a 5<sup>th</sup> dimension.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Dimension of stewardship consists of the contributions we all make in direct response to a variety of appeals from both within and beyond the church. Many people give generously, mostly by cash and check, to such appeals.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimension is goal-driven giving—our response to a stated goal such as the amount needed to operate the church in a given year to the amount needed to build new buildings over several years. Many of us “stretch” our giving by pledging specific amounts in response to such goals.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Dimension is proportional giving—setting a personal goal to give a percentage of our income. Many people have set a percentage of 5% or more and some have worked their way up to the Biblical tithe (10%) or beyond.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension enables us to move beyond our annual income to our accumulated and appreciated assets as a source for our giving. Some members have given real estate, shares of stock, bonds, and other assets to the church—often with accompanying tax advantages.

Stewardship in the 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension is Planned Giving or Deferred Giving—planning gifts that will last long beyond our lifetimes. Deferred gifts such as Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Life Insurance Policies, IRAs, and 401Ks make it possible for our Christian stewardship to continue for generations and even for centuries to come.

Planned or Deferred Gifts, added to the FUMCH Endowment, may be designated toward specific causes or may be left undesignated. In either case the gift is invested and only the annual dividends and interest are available to the church. The Florida United Methodist Foundation is in partnership with our church (and all UM churches in the Florida Conference) to assure prudent investment of church funds and sound stewardship options for potential donors who have entered the 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension.

Members of our FUMCH Permanent Endowment Committee, along with staff members of the Florida United Methodist Foundation, are available to talk with you about Planned or Deferred gifts to the church. Printed information is also available describing in detail several kinds of Deferred Gifts. FUMCH is ready to help you break through to Stewardship in the 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension!



**SAVE THE DATES**  
**DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA**  
**AND**  
**MISSION SCAVENGER HUNT**

OCTOBER 23, 2006  
**AND**  
 OCTOBER 24, 2006

We urge newcomers to our church to use our Church Library. We're on the Honor System. A Library Card is not required to borrow books. Just sign your name and date on the card at the back of the book and deposit it in the yellow box on the office desk. Your signature is your bond.

Following is a partial listing of books we've acquired over the summer:

1. A complete series of 8 books that follow the Morgan family from the Puritan era through the Viet Nam era. Book 1 - the Puritans; Book 2 - The Colonists; Book 3 - the Patriots (Revolutionary War); Book 4 - the Adversaries (Civil War); Book 5 - the Pioneers; Book 6 - the Allies (World War I); Book 7 - the Victors (WW II) and Book 8 - the Peacemakers (Viet Nam War). This series of "An American Family Portrait" has maps pertaining to the different eras and a family tree that helps the reader keep track of the characters. Author is Jack Cavanaugh.

2. James Scott Bell has written two books in The Trials of Kit Shannon series. Book 1 is "A Greater Glory". The realm of law has long been in the hands of men, but Kit Shannon is determined to forge her way and pursue justice to the best of her ability for those who most desperately need it. She lives in Los Angeles at the turn of the century, 1905, home to a colorful cast of both the rich and the destitute. Her case involves a society woman who fears her dark past will be exposed and when murder takes center stage, it leads to a never-before-seen confrontation between two female lawyers. Kit Shannon follows her heart and God's leading to shine the light of truth in a dark world.

Book 2, "A Higher Justice" follows Kit Shannon in her pioneering endeavors as an early female lawyer. Taking on two parallel cases, Kit soon finds herself up against a powerful coalition of railroad men and politicians, all who seem to have something to hide, a scheme Kit sets out to bring to light.

3. International bestselling author Lori Wick has written the Tucker Mills Trilogy. We have "Moonlight on the Millpond" and "Just Above a Whisper" and now we offer the 3rd book, "Leave a Candle Burning". Young, handsome Dr. Dannon MacKay comes to Tucker Mills to take over his uncle's practice. He is welcomed by the town, the church family and his patients. When a young cousin is orphaned, Dannon offers his home to the child, His thoughts turn to the child's need for a mother, yet the one woman he is drawn to cannot be his.

## ON YOUR HONOR

### By Helen LeFave

4. We also have Lori Wick's 4th book to complete the Rocky Mountain Memories series. It is "Promise Me Tomorrow" and tells the story of spirited Katherine Taggart, nicknamed "Rusty" for her curly red hair. She works for her aunt and uncle's orphanage and when she goes on her first orphanage placement trip, she is accompanied by a kind but reserved widower, Chase McCandles, who offers her a position as companion for his young son, Quinton. Rusty sees that Quinton desperately needs a father and wants to convince Chase to be in his son's life, but can Chase learn to trust God to help him demonstrate his love for Quinton and for Rusty?

5. "The Rapture" by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, the 3rd book in Countdown to the Rapture. These books have been examining the lives of the key players of the Tribulation - Rayford, Buck and Nicolae. Choices are made and the stage is set and the drama reaches a crescendo.

6. "Last Light" by Teri Blackstock. a best-selling suspense author. Imagine that the world as you know it will end. There's no electricity. Your car suddenly stalls and won't restart. You can't call for help because your cell phone is dead. The city is in blackout. All communication is cut off. Hospital equipment won't operate. Airplanes are falling from the sky. Now all you've got in your family and your immediate neighborhood. You stand or fall together and rely on each other. BUT one of you is a killer and he could be your next-door neighbor. This gripping, pulse-pounding novel explores the inner darkness of man and how the light of God reaches into the world, offering a new and better way of living.

7. "Remember Me" by Deborah Bedford. Sam and Aubrey were childhood confidantes and his first love. Aubrey's family moved away with no forwarding address and Sam was crushed. He never heard from Aubrey again. Years later, Pastor Sam Tibbits is burnt out and takes a sabbatical, returning to his childhood home. Sam and Aubrey meet and as the two confront their abandoned friendship and make peace with their lives, can Sam make peace with God and rediscover his vision for life?

8. "March" by Geraldine Brooks. War can dash ideals, unhinge moral certainties and can drive a wedge between husband and wife. In the war-ravaged South, the absent father in "Little Women", Mr. March struggles to live up to the man he thinks he should be.

9. "Faith of the First Ladies" by Jerry Mac-

Gregor and Marie Prys. Behind every godly president is a faithful First Lady. This book illustrates the beliefs, values and personalities of 30 of our Presidents' wives from Martha Washington who set the standards for First Lady to Laura Bush. These biographical sketches, prayers and letters offer an inspiring look at a common faith that shaped and sustained these women through the pressures and struggles of serving alongside our nation's chief leaders.

10. "A Faith for All Seasons" by Steven Molin. Life is a series of changes from growing up, growing older, growing families, families decreasing in size, job changing and changes in our culture. Taking inspiration from the familiar scriptures of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, this little book explores how a vital relationship with Jesus Christ is essential for coping with the constant changes in our life and world.

11. "Prayers to Pray Without Really Trying" by Jeanette Struchen. Prayer is a simple, conversational experience with God. It is her hope that readers will find the prayers as invigorating as fresh air and as practical as an umbrella in the rain.

12. Another book for devotional reading on pertinent prayer is "Grace for the Moment" by Max Lucado. It's a lovely little book with an inspirational thought for each day of the year. Of course, you can mix and match.

Our first DVD in the library is appropriately titled "Jesus". It's 84 minutes long and is a digitally remastered version. It includes "Jesus, the Movie", "The Story of Jesus for Children" and "An Insider's Comments", a scene-by-scene commentary about the making of the Jesus film.

Other DVDs are "Little Women" starring Winona Ryder and Susan Sarandon in the classic film of the March family.; and "The Trouble With Angels" starring Rosalind Russell and Hayley Mills, a comedy about two mischievous students in a convent school; and for fans of Janette Oke, there are 3 separate DVDs. No. 1 is "Love Comes Softly", No. 2 is "Love's Enduring Promise" and No. 3 is "Love's Long Journey". It tells the story of a couple who travel west in search of new opportunity but tragedy strikes and the story develops from thereon.

A new VCR tape is "Timepiece" starring James Earl Jones, Evelyn Burston, Naomi Watts and Richard Thomas, a stellar cast in a tender love story with a soul as well as a heart.

Your Library Staff - Barbara Jackson and Helen Lefave

## Education Corner By Patience Nave

We've had a busy summer! Vacation Bible School proved to be an important two weeks. The number of children present was small, but the quality of the time was huge! Forty-four volunteers worked with as many as 23 children.

Seventeen children completed the program, and many of you joined us for the Friday night ice-cream social and celebration.

The evaluation luncheon for workers concluded our work for this year, and the group voted unanimously to continue to offer VBS for our own children and any others in the community who want to join us.

Five people who worked with the children this year have volunteered to be on the planning committee for next year, and we will begin to work on that in October. We welcome anyone who wants to join us. Call me so I can be sure you know about meetings.

We have had some difficulty finding just the right time to recognize our children who move up from one class to another in Sunday school. We have finally set September 10 for student and teacher recognition, at the 9:30 service.

If you would be willing to be an occasional volunteer teacher for our children please call me. We have several substitutes, but we need more. The regular teachers are rarely away (they really love the children), but it is good to know that we have people to fall back on when a regular teacher must be absent. Please call me if you are willing to do this occasionally.

Last year, attorney Tom Slaymaker met with about fifty of our members, explaining the need for things like Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, Wills, etc. He was most informative. Several have asked that we have him come again and he has graciously agreed to do that. He presents well some things we need to know.

There will be notices in the bulletin as soon as I know which afternoon he will be here.

## Parish Nursing: CPR By Sharon E. Smith

Once upon a time, there was a missionary couple who ran a children's home on the edge of Guatemala City.

One day as they were traveling in their "well used" van, there was an accident. Both Mike and Dottie were badly injured, but Dottie was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Mike did CPR.

Dottie had to have rods put in her back, but today she is able to walk, talk, and function in the children's home as well as she did before the accident.

**What if Mike had not been able to do CPR?**

Ten days after my husband died, a neighbor knocked on my door. Another neighbor had collapsed. I ran down the street "shoeless," and found Hank on the kitchen floor not breathing and without a pulse. I began CPR. Soon one EMT arrived. I continued CPR while he prepared an endotracheal tube to insert. When the second EMT arrived, he started an IV. With this team work, Hank soon had a heart rhythm and assisted breathing. What if there had not been someone to respond to the wife's call for help?

These are true accounts of situations in which there was a need for emergency care.

**What is CPR?**

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**Who is eligible to attend basic life support class? Anyone.**

**Who should attend CPR class? Everyone.**

**Who will teach the class?**

A certified instructor.

**Why do you need to learn how to do CPR?**

You never know in what situation you may find yourself.

As an educational offering from the Parish Nurse Ministry, we are planning to offer classes in CPR this fall.

If you are not certified in "Basic Life Support," please let the church office know that you would like to attend a class.



**COME JOIN THE FUN!  
AT OUR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUPPERS  
Lyn Romano, Administrator**

Once again we begin our season with a diverse and interesting group of speakers!

**October 4, 2006** - Sharon Smith, our Parish Nurse and Visitation Chairperson, will give a talk about how she and her team can help guide and refer you in your health choices. Please come and meet the newest member of our staff!

**October 18, 2006** - Detective Chris Cornell of the Internet Crimes against Children Unit of Citrus County will give a compelling talk about how we can help protect our nieces, nephews and grandchildren against those who prey on them via the internet.

**November 1, 2006** - Barbara Sayles, Regional Director of the Society of St. Andrews, will also be our guest speaker. She will be speaking about how this wonderful organization, along with your contribution, helps provide food and hope for the hungry.

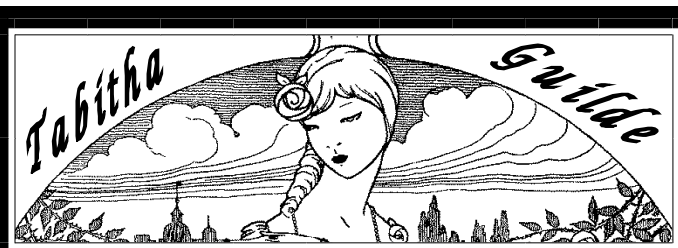
**November 15, 2006** - Terry Steele, Executive Director of the Habitat for Humanity, will talk about the extensive work they do locally and nationwide.

**November 29, 2006** - Bess Bussey, Coordinator of Local Church Representative & Volunteer Services from the Children's Home, will speak about the children and bring us up-to-date on their progress.

**December 13, 2006** - As Christmas approaches and we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the children of FUMC will be performing a Christmas Drama for your enjoyment.

**In February of 2007**, as one of our suppers falls on Valentine's Day, we will be having a musical evening filled with song. Jeannine & Jim Love will be our guest soloists, Joy Potts to accompany on the piano.

We are still working on inviting other interesting speakers for the 2007 season. Keep an eye on the bulletin inserts for more information. In the meantime, we hope you can come and enjoy the delicious food and desserts prepared by our dedicated group of volunteers Wonderful Wednesday offers and enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship and interesting programs.



September 15th, 2006  
9:30 AM

We meet every third Friday of the month,  
first in Room 114 for coffee,  
then Room 106 for our project.

New members always welcome - - -  
anyone who sews, wishes to learn more,  
or wishes to teach us more.  
This Fall we are planning on going through the  
various costumes and repair, refurbish, etc..

People bring in fabric and we have been sewing  
"kids clothes" throughout the summer.  
Ruby Raymond does a lot of this - providing  
outfits to needy children at  
Homosassa Elementary School.

For more information contact:  
Arlene Stohrer or Myrna Evans

## ANGELS WITH WHEELS MINISTRY

Several years ago we received phone calls from members who were shut-ins and needed a thing or two from the store in Crystal River. You came forward from different areas, (i.e. Sugarmill, Riverhaven, Cypress, Oak Village, Meadowcrest, etc.) willing to join the effort to assist our members. Thus, the Angels with Wheels Ministry began.

Recently it has been brought to our attention that there have been occasions where some of our people, due to illness, or surgery, are unable to fix a meal for themselves. As a result, we are looking to expand the duties of our 'Angels' by asking you to prepare meal(s) for those shut-ins during the month of September. Remember, this is on a short-term basis until our shut-ins recover.

Once our Wonderful Wednesday programs begin in October, *they* will prepare, date, and freeze the meals for pick-up by our 'Angels' to be brought to our shut-ins. However, along with this, we will continue to provide the service of picking up a few grocery items.

This October, the Wonderful Wednesday Volunteers will be preparing a few additional meals (what a wonderful donation to this ministry - thank you) which will be dated and frozen immediately, some kept here for the taking and some kept at a Volunteer's home. Then, when a call is received from the member in need, an 'Angel' who lives in Sugarmill, Riverhaven, Lencanto, Crystal River, Pine Ridge, etc. will go to the nearest meal pick-up site, pick up the meal and bring it to the shut-in. Not only does this provide a freshly cooked meal to heat and eat, this simple gesture keeps them in touch with their church body and lets the shut-ins know that we love and care for them.

We are currently looking for additional volunteers to become part of this special ministry. Please call Lyn Romano or Sharon Smith at the church office, 628-4083. If they are unavailable, please leave your name, telephone number, the area in which you live and if you would be interested in preparing the meals, delivering, or both.

Lyn Romano, Administrator

## Stephen Ministers: Our Storm Troopers

During a recent sermon by Pastor Mark, he mentioned Stephen Ministers as a possible resource for members of the congregation as we prepare for and travel through the storms of life.

Physical changes, deaths, separations or divorces, job losses, family disputes, transfers to new communities—all of these situations and more can be eased a bit by inviting a Stephen Minister to walk beside you during your particular "storm".

What are Stephen Ministers? Basically, they are members of the congregation who have been accepted into the initial 50-hour training program to become Christian caregivers.

Utmost in importance is the promise of confidentiality, coupled with a nonjudgmental attitude and a genuine concern for others.

While offering one-hour visits to care receivers each week, and telephone support as needed, these laypersons also meet twice a month for continuing education and peer support. The commitment is significant, and the mission is lofty.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the following students will be commissioned during the three worship services:

- Kim Bennett
- Shirley Dunkle
- Joyce Hesketh
- Karen Kline
- Carol MacKenzie and
- JoAnn White



As a congregation, you will be asked "to open your hearts to the ministry of these people and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ". Vows will also include asking you "to accept their ministry when you need help...that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters."

If you would like further information about requesting a Stephen Minister or becoming a trained caregiver, please call Diane (382-7242), Kay (382-4908), or Lyn at the church office (628-4083).

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2  
 Deforest Knight  
 Raymond Clemans  
 Jennifer Gibbs

3  
 Elta Whilden  
 Edward Calkins

4  
 Exie Ochier  
 Carolyn Marvel  
 Gene Lantz  
 Sandy Catania

5  
 Rebecca Austin

6  
 Barbara Jackson

7  
 JoAnn Precious  
 Angie Snodgrass

8  
 Barbara Toole  
 Carroll Lunceford  
 Marion Royal  
 Danny Jackson

9  
 Ruth Oblinger  
 Henry Heesemann  
 Brittany Hornsby  
 Harry Preston

10  
 Lisa Stocker

11  
 Beth Cilwa  
 Jaime Merson  
 Brandon Martin

12  
 Alma Kadel  
 Donald Holcomb  
 JoAnn Wilson  
 Sarah Hodges  
 Dustin Will

14  
 Virginia Kirby  
 Molly McCreery  
 Sandra Garner

15  
 Ruth Healy  
 Kim Bennett

16  
 Bill Lent  
 Dick Otto

17  
 Edna Schneider  
 Nelva Clemans  
 Julius Kertesz

18  
 Carol Manser  
 Robert Mott  
 Patricia Cram

19  
 Edythe McCarty  
 Donald Stohrer  
 Carol MacKenzie  
 Sean Verlee

20  
 Helen Schwebes  
 Earl Cadaret

21  
 Harold Layman  
 Joyce Smith

22  
 Virginia Tompkins  
 Ralph Pohlman  
 Walter Rudolph  
 Carrie Staton

23  
 Oliver Bronn  
 Marie Archambault  
 Dorothy Peterson  
 L.M. Downs

24  
 Lorraine Tollefson  
 Kathy Yuhasz

25  
 Marge Swinson  
 Kay Bast  
 Annie Preston  
 Greg Jones  
 Lori DeClue

26  
 Helen Zack  
 Shirley Shrader  
 Charlene Murray

27  
 Bill Wells  
 Burnie McGee

28  
 John Cole  
 Pat Hoar  
 Gretta Marshall  
 Christine Akkasian  
 Helen McCallister

29  
 Louise Ozee  
 Evelyn MacDonald

30  
 Harvey Comfort  
 Sharon Deutsch  
 Mary Hand  
 John Travers, Jr.

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

1  
 Wanda & Russell  
 Chapman ~ 60 yrs

Judy & Lyle Lee ~  
 50 yrs

2  
 Ester & William  
 Waters ~ 45 yrs

3  
 Hendrik & Willy  
 Pouderoyn ~  
 53 yrs

4  
 Arlene & Donald  
 Stohrer ~ 58 yrs

6  
 Marlene & Henry  
 Kaiser ~ 20 yrs

Gini & Harold  
 Slusher ~ 64 yrs

7  
 Joan & L.M.  
 Downs ~ 42 yrs

8  
 Linda & Ray  
 Ritter ~ 44 yrs

9  
 Margo & Robert  
 Blum ~ 39 yrs

10  
 Eleanor & Chuck  
 Hoeffler ~ 57 yrs

11  
 Priscilla & Wm  
 Oleson ~ 57 yrs

12  
 Shirley & Len  
 Cromer ~ 54 yrs

15  
 Lois & Bernhard  
 Diedrich ~ 50 yrs  
 Molly & Charles  
 McCreery ~  
 55 yrs



**(September Anniversaries Continued...)**

17  
 Barbara & Bill  
 Gilbert ~ 41 yrs  
 Bess & Don  
 Hoes ~ 51 yrs  
 Doris & Arthur  
 Smith ~ 20 yrs

18  
 Delores & Joe  
 Henry ~ 58 yrs  
 Carol & John  
 Manser ~ 14 yrs

19  
 Wanda & Gordon  
 Ashley ~ 31 yrs

24  
 Deborah &  
 Wayne  
 Metcalfe ~ 2 yrs  
 Lyn & Joe  
 Romano ~  
 34 years

27  
 Rebekah &  
 Stephen  
 Csont ~ 2 years

**NURSING CENTERS**

**Barrington**  
 Ken McGuire

**Brentwood**  
 Evelyn Bash  
 Rene Dube  
 Betty Pettit  
 Richard Pettit  
 Ann Specht

**Cedar Creek**  
 Bill Marquis

**Crystal River  
 Health  
 & Rehab**  
 Ralph Hudson  
 Robert Smith  
*(need permission  
 from family to  
 visit)*

**(Nursing Centers Continued....)**

**Cypress Cove**  
 Jack Mallett  
 Ruth E. Smith  
 Willie Smith  
 Elta Whilden  
 Julia Wilkinson

**Life Care**  
 Betty Davis  
 Jeanette  
 McDougall  
 (Daughter of  
 Virginia Rese)  
 Fran Graham  
**Sugarmill Manor**  
 Del Parker  
 Grace Payne  
 Ray Short

**Surrey Place**  
 Marjorie Cook  
 Maddie Wallace

**HOSPICE @ HOME**  
 Harvey Albere  
 Wallace Nave  
 Harry Rogers

**RECOVERING @ HOME**  
 Ann Albere  
 Marguerite Betzer  
 Charlotte Carlson  
 Dessa Clark  
 George Cole  
 Rolland Custer  
 Fran Hughes  
 Richard Jones  
 Jack Kadel  
 George Knerr  
 Phyllis Konitshek  
 Harry Livermore  
 Pat Ludlow  
 Harvey Oltendorf  
 Virginia Rese  
 Stanley Sargeant  
 Richard Shaffer  
 Ken Smith

**HOMEBOUND**  
 Paul Glenn  
 Dan Oblinger



*Welcome  
New  
Members!*

**Charles "Mac" & Fern McWilliams**  
26 Morning Glory Ct.  
Homosassa 34446  
382-2886  
from Fairfax, VA

**Arden & Nancy Sheaffer**  
1163 Bougainvillea Ct.  
Homosassa 34448  
or  
P.O. Box 607  
Homosassa 34487  
503-3657  
from St. Cloud, FL

**Lyn Romano**  
5125 N. Cimarron Dr.  
Beverly Hills 34465  
527-6837  
from Staten Island, NY

**Barbara Froedge**  
20 Cypress Blvd. E.  
Homosassa 34446  
382-0269  
from Celina, OH

**Jerry & Janet Tanner**  
7141 W. Sasser St.  
Homosassa 34446  
503-3848  
from Columbus, OH

**Holly Jordan**  
6670 Woody Terr.  
Lecanto 34461  
628-7843  
from Old Orchard Beach, ME

**Bill & Pat Schuessler**  
10 Calendula Ct. W.  
Homosassa 34446  
382- 0057  
from Ridge, L.I., NY

**Marguerite McClain**  
9243 W. Spring Cove Rd.  
Homosassa 34448  
628-4774  
from Ocala, FL

**Wanda Ashley**  
9299 W. Spring Cove Rd.  
Homosassa, 34448  
628-2335  
from Buford, GA

**George & Cecelia Woodward**  
67 Oak Village Blvd. S.  
Homosassa 34446  
from PA, CA, WI, VA, The Florida  
Keys

**Jane Hamilton**  
9275 W. Spring Cove Rd.  
Homosassa 34448  
628-7165  
from Ocala, FL

**George & Greta Marshall**  
26 Calendula Ct.  
Homosassa 34446  
382-3789  
From Tolland, CT

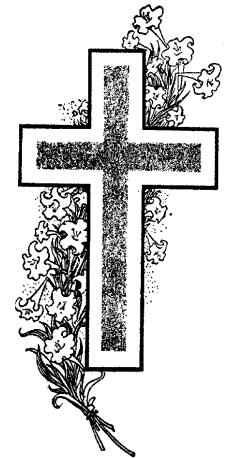
**John & Ann Sandstrom**  
40 Fringetree Street  
Homosassa 34446  
382-7397  
From Wilbraham, MA

**Larry & Ruth Healy, Jr**  
44 Pine Dr.  
Homosassa 34446  
382-5137  
From Detroit, MI

**IN  
MEMORIUM:**

**WARREN  
MacDONALD**

**4/29/1920  
TO  
8/4/2006**



Almighty God, we  
remember this day  
before thee  
thy faithful servant  
Warren;  
and we pray that,  
having opened to  
*him* the gates of  
larger life, thou wilt  
receive *him* more  
and more into thy  
joyful service, that,  
with all who have  
faithfully served  
thee in the past, he  
may share in the  
eternal victory of  
Jesus Christ our  
Lord; who liveth and  
reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and  
ever.  
Amen.

**Be a Pal!  
Wear Your Name Tag!**

**Help make our new members  
Feel at home quickly!**



**Everybody Knows-me**

**Homosassa, FL**

## Youth Ministry News

### Youth Ministry Schedule

Sunday School 9:30 – 10:30 am on Sundays  
Youth Fellowship 12:00 – 2:00 pm on Sundays



**Hailey and Hannah  
Amundsen singing at a  
recent church service.**

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC for their prayers and kind words in our recent illnesses, injuries and the passing of Steve's father. We love being a part of such a caring family. God's love is evident in the lives and actions of the people of 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Homosassa. We love you all! Steve, Joyce Ann, and Steffy.

### Youth Missions

In the past year, we performed a number of local missions: 2006 Crop Walk, nursing home Christmas caroling, adopt-a-park, hurricane health kits, SHARE help, and sand art for shut-ins.

As we look to the rest of 2006 and 2007, what other missions can we add to our list of good deeds? Bring your ideas and hopes to Steve and let's make them happen so others are blessed.

### Youth Christmas CD Project

Steve Skelley, who has recorded songs that have received radio air play in 8 countries, is helping our church youth record their own Christmas CD! Interested youth should contact Steve before September 31 with their favorite Christmas carol from the hymnal to schedule recording sessions.

### We Need Your Empty Ink Cartridges

The First UMC Youth Ministry thanks you for bringing in your empty computer printer ink cartridges. We raise \$30 to \$75 a month through your donations. These funds support youth ministry and youth missions. Thanks to you generous donations, we have raised almost \$1000 in the last year! The collection box is located on the soda machine beside the fellowship hall door.

### Holistic Small Group News

The summer is almost over and our Holistic Small Groups are looking to reconvene. Check the church bulletins for dates and times. If you'd like to be trained to start another Holistic Small Group, please see Steve Skelley at the church office.

### Creative Worship News

As part of our desire to share the gospel in ways that all people can understand, we have created our own Creative Worship Team. Please contact Steve Skelley if you have skills in art, painting, building props, dance, acting, singing, etc.

### Church T-Shirts and Polo Shirts

Order forms for church t-shirts, polo shirts and more are located on the bulletin board near the kitchen and fellowship hall. We need a minimum of 36 shirts to order.





**Steffy Skelley had knee surgery, physical therapy 3-times a week, and doctors appointments. Whoo-Hoo! \*smile\***

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**Jim & Sue Price made an Amsterdam to Vienna River Cruise. Went to their daughter's wedding in California. Spent mid-August to mid-September in Beech Mountain, No. Carolina.**

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**Joyce Ann Skelley spent a fantastic week in Ohio! It seemed like everyone devoted the whole week just doing everything she wanted to do - she was treated like a Queen. Then she came home to her wonderful family who *always* thinks she is a Queen.....\*smile\* (Editor's Note: Bless your Queenly Heart, Darlin'!)**

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**Bob & Mary Severance Left Florida in mid-April to host Bob's Naval Reunion in Nashville, TN. Spent the next 3 months in their house on the lake in Spring, TN, north of Chattanooga. Made many side trips to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge.**

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**Jim and Dee Green, along with daughter Julie, and granddaughter Courtney, traveled through Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland. The focus was on rewarding Courtney for completing 8 years in a German Immersion Program during elementary and middle school in Virginia.**

**Your Genesis Editor spent all of June stuffing all of her worldly goods into 75 boxes, moving from Homosassa to Crystal River, then all of July unstuffing 75 boxes. Whoo-hoo!**

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**Jan & Tom Wise spent a day in Deland with Sharon & Jim Weaver. They took a tour of the UMC Children's Home where the Weavers are both actively involved. Sharon & Jim send their greetings to friends here.**

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**Ruth Eatue visited with Gini & Hal Slusher. They are happy living close to a daughter, granddaughter, and great-grandkids! They miss FUMCH and are presently attending a Presbyterian church. They love their new apartment, and have lots of new friends, and pass on all their love to us all.**

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**Harry & Annie Preston attended the United Methodist Church, 2,000 miles up the road, at Chateagay, NY. This was the site of their May 25th, 1956, wedding 50 years ago. (Editor's Note: How blessed is that?)**

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*Thank you for joining in with me, with a little August Back-To-School frivolity!*

*A lot of folks are not back from their annual escape from the August humidity and hot asphalt that melts our flip-flops here in Florida. Hopefully we will hear more .... Judith*

## A COLOR TEST FOR CHRISTIANS

**Can you name the seasons of the Christian year?  
When is New Year's Day in the church year?  
Do you know what the colors mean for each season?**

Here are the answers from your sanctuary decorating committee.

- The seasons are **ADVENT, CHRISTMASTIDE, EPIPHANY, LENT, EASTERTIDE** and **PENTECOST**.
- Some churches including ours celebrate the season of **KINGDOMTIDE** from Sept until Advent.
- Christian New Year's Day is the first Sunday in **ADVENT** which is four Sunday's before Christmas.

**Purple is the color for ADVENT.** It signifies the Kingship of Christ and the penitential nature of the season.

**White is the color for CHRISTMASTIDE.** It represents purity and holiness. Christmastide begins at sunset on Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany (January 6th).

**Green is the color for EPIPHANY** which is our celebration of spreading the Gospel throughout the whole world. It begins with the Day of Epiphany which commemorates the day the Wise men arrived in Bethlehem. Green represents nature and new growth.

**Purple is also the color for LENT.** As with **ADVENT** the purple represents waiting, preparation and penitence. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday before Easter Sunday.

**White and Gold are the colors of EASTERTIDE.** They signify purity and kingship. Eastertide is the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. This is the cornerstone of our faith, the event that gives meaning to all the rest of the church year.

**Red is the color for PENTECOST.** Red represents the power of the Holy Spirit as found in the flames seen above the heads of the believers as recorded in the book of Acts.

**White is also used on several special Sundays** including: Transfiguration Sunday (Sunday before Ash Wednesday); Trinity Sunday, the second Sunday after Pentecost; All Saints Day (Nov. 1st); Christ the King Sunday (last Sunday before Advent).

Please note that our florist, Homosassa Springs Florist, includes the seasonal color in all the arrangements for that season. If you appreciate their work why not stop by the shop at 5386 S. Suncoast Blvd. (Hwy 19) let them know and consider them for your personal business.

~ Myrna Evans for the Sanctuary Decorating Committee



### DRAPE FOR SANCTUARY CROSS

**A new copper colored drape has been hung behind our beautiful altar cross.**

**The drape draws the eye up to the "Resurrection Cross" as inspiration for our worship experience.**

**The drape also provides a solid, soft background for our memorial floral arrangements.**

**The fabric for this drape was generously donated by Jim Winder, owner of Winder's Fabric Outlet on Cardinal Lane.**

## PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

**Focus:** Volunteers sew and pray over blankets for the sick and hospitalized of the parish. The prayer blankets bring about support, prayer, healing, and a feeling of connectedness and caring from the parish family during times of crisis and illness. Recipients' names are given to Visitation Committee who pray for them weekly. The blankets are prayed over by the church family at the alter on the Sunday before the blanket is given.

**Contact:** Sharon E. Smith, RN/Parish Nurse, at 352-628-4083

**My sister, who lived in California, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I was not in a position to be with her. Sending a special blanket that our members had prayed over and that had a favorite Bible verse on it. Seemed like a very good way to provide a sense of comfort to her. I felt she needed the presence of our Lord to be with her.**

**One outreach of our Visitation Committee is the Prayer Blanket Ministry. One of our newer congregants, Ann Eckman, has accepted the responsibility of taking orders for the prayer blankets. (You may also get in touch with Sharon Smith, through the Visitation/Parish Nurse office.)**

**Mary Olson is the talented person who does the beautiful machine embroidery work involved, and she does complete orders in a very timely fashion.**

**It is a tedious and time-consuming project, therefore, the production limit is one blanket per week. The basic cost involved is approximately \$20 for materials.**

**This very special ministry was started with the goal of providing Prayer Blankets for our church people, their families, and friends of the congregation who are ill. The intended purpose of this ministry is to give support and comfort to ill members and families through our prayers.**

*Let us continue to keep these recipients, and all past recipients of a prayer blanket, in our prayers. May they find comfort and come to wholeness through Jesus Christ.*




**Our missionaries in Russia were going to be returning to the United States in June 2006 for a time of "home assignment."**

**To contact the Woosters:  
Kevin, Laura, Joshua & Corey  
Stateside Address:  
315 Bobby Jones Rd.  
Sarasota, FL, 34232  
Email: klwooster@aol.com**

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

**No, this is not a typo.**

**We are looking for "craft" people who would be interested in making (or learning to make) Chrismons to decorate the tree in the Narthex.**



**Some of the ornaments need to be replaced, and we also would like to see a lot more on the tree.**

**Please contact Holi Benthussen at 621-1914.**

## ~ Sale ~

**We have about 95 UMW Cookbooks available for the low sale-price of \$7.50 each.**

**Contact Pat Blake.**

# ***United Methodist Women***

**September 12, 2006  
~ Pot Luck Luncheon ~  
11:30 a.m. in Shively Hall**

## **ALL WOMEN INVITED TO ATTEND**

The United Methodist Women will begin both circle and unit meetings in September.

**Please bring a dish of your choice to share.**

**Hostesses are Faith Hope Circle and they will provide the beverage.**



**Following lunch, Iris Whitaker will speak on the importance of supporting the work of the Key Center, not only monetarily but also through volunteering.**



**"There is increasing recognition that retarded individuals are more like us than they are different; that they need, just as we do, love, joy, activity, a chance to grow and progress, and a chance wherever possible to become independent."**

**Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey**

**"For the benefit of the deserving and vulnerable people we serve, the Key Training Center strives to establish greater financial independence and security. The growing erosion of health and human services funding on the local, state and federal level places more responsibility on us, and greater risks on the dear people that look to us for their highest attainable level of freedom, care and comfort in society."**

**"The long-standing advocacy battle for people with mental retardation remains a top priority. Even as positive changes are being made to help them, much work remains."**

**Myrna Evans, Social Action Coordinator, will lead the program.**

**This is an excellent way to make new friends and learn about the organization of women known as United Methodist Women (U.M.W.). The annual bazaar date is Saturday, November 4, so be sure this date is on your calendar. Many of our members have been sewing and making crafts throughout the year for this event. The bazaar is our biggest fundraiser of the year.**

**Our Circle members will be filling ditty bags in September with health and practical items for use after hurricanes and other stressful events. They will be brought to the Annual District Meeting of the U.M.W. and distributed as needed to adults and children.**

**For further information, call Helen Lefave, Secretary, at 628-1380.**

## October 3, 2006 Unit Meeting of UMW

A day trip to tour the United Methodist Center in Tampa is being planned under the leadership of Kay Bast.

Bus will leave at 8:30 AM from FUMC of Homosassa

Lunch will be at the historic Columbia Restaurant In Ybor City

Cost for bus, lunch, & tips, will be \$40.00 total.

Stop by the church office to make your reservations

Select lunch choices, or,

Call Kay Bast at 382-4908 for information.

Arrive back home between 3:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

Bus only holds 44 passengers - first come, first served.

***Fellowship & Fun!***

## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

### **HELP!**

Several kits are ready to be competed for the November 2006 Bazaar!

- CREWEL
- COUNTED CROSS-STITCH
- REGULAR CROSS STITCH
- And some others...

Some are already started and need to be finished.

If you can help, please call Pat Blake, 628-6602.

If I'm not at home, leave a message and I will return your call. Thank you.

~ Pat Blake

## MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A member of United Methodist Women is anyone who commits herself to the **PURPOSE** and chooses to belong. United Methodist Women celebrates an inclusive membership and welcomes all women who want to become members.

Being a member of The United Methodist Church is not required nor is there any minimum age requirement. Out of a commitment for mission locally and globally with women, children and youth, United Methodist Women choose to participate in meetings, prayer, financial giving, study, action and service.

### *Our PURPOSE*

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God, and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## SHARE

By Tom & Nancy Pearo

We need your help to get the word out on SHARE. In a time when the cost of everything is going up, many families are having a problem paying all the bills. A program like SHARE is a good way to save money on the food budget. The problem is getting the word out to those who really need it. Word of mouth seems to be the only way to contact people in the area.

SHARE is now offering \$2.00 off to new buyers and \$2.00 off for the person bringing them in.

It's a good way to increase our sales but it will only work if people hear about it. So, the problem is letting people know about the program. To do this, we need everyone's help. Take time to talk to your neighbors, show them a SHARE Newspaper. Take extras and leave them where people will read them.

There is also a new brochure that explains SHARE better. You will find these in the reception area of the Administration Building.

This is an outreach of the church and everyone can be involved. If you do not want to buy for yourself, you can still help spread the word.

### Volunteers are down.

**Truckers needed.** We are still in need of truckers, anyone with a pick up who would drive to Ocala on D-Day and pick up the food. With the high cost of gas today, we do not like to ask the same persons to do it every month. We would also like to schedule well in advance so that everyone could know when they are going. If you would like to help us, please call Tom at 382-1034.

### We will always have a place for you.

Some of the people who came out on a regular basis to work SHARE have moved on to other things. If you think you can help on a D-Day, please let us know or just show up.

SHARE continues to have the same high quality foods and vegetables. We are also providing more specials like our bacon wrapped steaks, combo package and spare ribs. Each month is different and you will need to watch and read the paper for these wonderful specials. We will also have the Holiday specials for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Anyone who has had these before knows how good they are.

Please check out the sign-up days for November and December because they will come up early and you need to plan ahead. They are posted on the SHARE board just outside the Fellowship Hall.



### The SHARE Basic Package \$18

The Basic Package provides members with a delicious assortment of frozen meats, fresh fruits and vegetables and other grocery items from the familiar brands you've come to trust. Each month may offer previous favorites and new selections priced far below grocery and specialty stores.

SHARE Basic Sample \$18	
Pork Loin Chops	Potatoes
Chef's Choice Meatballs	Onions
Choice Beef Sirloin Tips	Broccoli Slaw
Crab Sticks	Spinach
Chicken Thighs	Carrots
French Toast Sticks	Radishes
Pancake Syrup	Apples & Pears

### The SHARE Select Program

The Select Program offers its products in more of a grocery store fashion. Purchase what you want and select the quantities you need. Simply spend a minimum of \$18. See how much you save on each individual item:

SHARE Select Sample	
Produce Pak	\$6.50
1 lb Garlic & Herb Chicken Kabobs	\$2.75
1 lb. Alaskan Salmon Filets	\$2.65
1 lb Ground Sirloin	\$1.90
2 lbs. Johnsonville Italian Sausages	\$2.65
1 lb Ground Turkey	\$0.80
12 oz. Volvosta Shells & Cheese	\$0.90
12oz can Cranberry Juice Concentrate	\$0.75
2.5 lbs. Beef Sirloin Roast	\$7.50
2.25 lbs. Fully Cooked Slab of Ribs	\$10.00

SACRED DANCE  
 MUSIC DRAWING PAINTING SCULPTING  
**ARTS ACADEMY**  
 Acting & Writing  
 DRAMA

**OPENING DATE  
 To BE ANNOUNCED**

~~~~~ FIRST GRADE THROUGH SIXTH GRADE ~~~~~

Please enroll my child/children in your upcoming Arts Academy. I understand that the Academy will meet every Saturday at 11:00 AM—1:30 pm . Lunch will be provided, and there will be no charge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) in school \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

I can or cannot stay at the first meeting for about 30 minutes for an orientation for parents/children.

**~ HELP ME! ~**

The sacred archives of our CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR’S computer crashed ~ ~ ~ sending all E-MAIL ADDRESSES to the great black-hole of lost computer data in outer-space.

We are going to have to rebuild the church’s email data base from scratch. Please fill out this coupon with your information, and either put it in the collection plate on Sunday or return it to the Reception Desk in the Administration Building during regular business hours.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

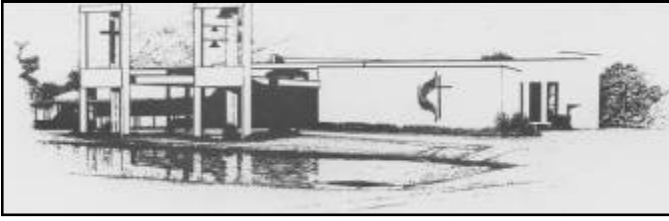
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Thank you for your participation! Lyn Romano, Church Administrator

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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"**

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Pastor**

**Sunday Schedule**

**Morning Worship: 8, 9:30 and 11AM**

**Nursery at all services**

**Sunday School for all ages: 9:30AM**

**Methodist Youth Fellowship: 12-2PM**

**Office Hours: Weekdays**

**8:30AM to 4:30PM**

**Office Telephone: 628-4083**

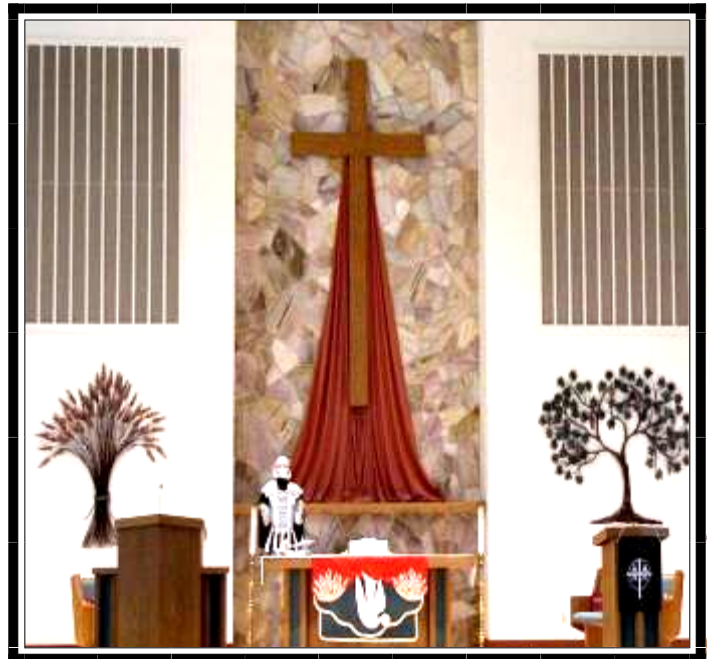
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