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GENESIS NEWSLETTER

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**Age does not diminish the
extreme disappointment of
having a scoop of ice cream fall
from the cone.**

~ Jim Fiebig

NEWSLETTER



**FRIDAY, 10/5
for
NOVEMBER**

2 Greetings in the Name of our

Lord. I invite you to read the scripture below and the comments that follow. You may be familiar with this scripture reading from John's Gospel.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. John 13:12-14

What a powerful experience that must have been. If you recall, Peter was having a very difficult time accepting the idea that his rabbi would wash his feet. The main reason for his issues with this may well have been that he clearly realized that such a task was a chore which was fulfilled by servants.

Servants were seen as one of the lowest forms of human life in Jesus' day. Washing someone's feet in Jesus' day was not anything like washing someone's feet today. Today we are embarrassed that our feet may smell bad from being stuck in shoes all day and sweating like crazy. In Jesus' day people's feet were extremely dirty. Their sandals did little to protect their feet from the natural abuses of the landscape dirt and deserts. Thus, only servants had to accept such a nasty task.

Peter could not stand to see

his rabbi reduce himself to the position of a servant. And even worse, to actually fulfill the responsibility of the servant by washing the disciple's feet.

However, Jesus is quick to make his point. He asked a question: "*Do you understand what I have done for you?*" He knew that they did not understand what he had done. He knew that they were stunned by what he had done. He knew that they did not know what to make of anything that he had done thus far on that particular evening; this just added to the confusion.

Then he explained his point. It was simple. However, due to the nature of the culture Jesus must have felt that the only way to reinforce his point was to offer an example; washing their feet. Then his words: You call me your Lord, and you're right in doing so. Thus, if your Lord can find the humility and the will to surrender to such a lowly position to honor you, then shouldn't you also be able to do likewise?

Now we know that the right answer from the disciples is "Yes!" And we know that history reveals that they did exactly that. And we know that history reveals that they died doing so. In other words, they got the message; the words and the example were appropriate and adequate.

In the closing verse Jesus says that his disciples should now do likewise – go out and wash each other's feet and other's too.

<p>Whether he meant that literally or figuratively is not real clear; he probably meant it both ways. The evidence of this is written in the Book of Acts. The interesting aspect of this is that Jesus had long been resurrected by the time the actions of the Books of Acts took place. In spite of his absence his disciples continued to follow his example. And it is because they chose to do so that you and I are Christians today. We are the benefactors' of their obedience.</p>	<p>its influence upon our lives. 3</p>
<p>When we transpose the ideology of this story to today's culture it is not likely that we'll be spending lots of time washing each other's feet. So what are we to do with this story? I believe that we continue following both the example of Jesus to his disciples and the example that the disciples have become for us. I think that we are called to serve each other and Jesus. One of the major ways in which we do this is through our church.</p>	<p>By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already invited people to serve God through their church by offering a list of ministries and committees from which folks can chose to serve through. They would have been offered on Sunday the 16th and 23rd of September. I hope that everyone took the invitation seriously and prayerfully and made a wise choice as to where they would like to offer their help.</p>
<p>If there is an obstacle to such obedience within the church today it may well be found hidden within the church's culture. It was the precedence of Peter's culture that aroused such a wild reaction to Jesus' washing his feet. Yet Peter and all the disciples forced themselves to overcome the influence of their culture and honored God in their service. If there is a prevalence of such a non-service culture within the church today, we too may need to overcome</p>	<p>The Lay Leadership Committee is meeting October 1st to begin the process of inviting people to serve on various committees and ministries. We will begin by examining the cards we have received from the congregation indicating their areas of interest. For the past two weeks this committee has been in prayer over the known vacancies, asking God to reveal to us the persons He would invite to serve in each. We're trusting that you will do the same in consideration of your place of service within your church.</p>
	<p>OK, so here's the deal: more than likely you will not be asked to wash anyone's feet. However, there are many places where you may feel God calling you to offer some form of service. These places of service opportunities are where your church will be blessed by your positive response. Pray fervently, see what God says. God Bless – Pastor Kip</p>



CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

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

Outreach Ministries

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

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

Small Groups

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

Discipleship Classes

(various classes & times)

Benevolences

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

Community Outreach

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

7/7/12



Ann & Bill Morrison's anniversary of 9/14/63 was left off the computer list for September. Please wish them a belated anniversary; next year will be their 50th!!



elementary school age. There are always wonderful activities going on there. Laurie is very creative and loves the Lord. She passes on that love to the children in her class. If you have children this age please stop by room 111 and see Laurie.

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We are so pleased to announce that Wayne Brown has accepted the position of Youth Program Coordinator. Wayne and Krissy have been teaching the Youth Sunday school class for almost two years so he is well known to the youth. They are busy making plans for some mission work with the youth as well as a lot of interesting studies and activities. This coming Saturday they will be traveling to Universal Studios for a night of Christian Music and fun. Please keep the youth and the leaders in your prayers.

Jan Wise has started the 10:45 Sunday school class again for the fall. They will be studying the book of Galatians. All are welcome to join. This is very good timing for people who like to attend the 9:30 service then Sunday school. Jan's regular 9:30 class continues in room 114. Martha Dorrell's class in room 106 is using the book of James for study. There is always an empty seat for YOU, just come, you are welcome in any of the classes.

Laurie Painter has a special place for children who are of

The nursery is open for all three services on Sunday. Sandra Tam and Sharon Miller will take special care of your young children from birth to kindergarten age. They have special activities and lessons for the older children and tender loving care for the babies. The nursery is the first room on the left in the educational wing of the church.

The Youth Sunday school class led by Wayne and Krissy is held in room 105. Lots of discussion and a look at ways for young people to find answers in scripture for the decisions they have to make on a daily basis. Youth from middle school to high school age are welcome each Sunday.

So you see there is a place for everyone to come for fellowship and study. Please drop by the hospitality center in the fellowship hall for coffee and cookies then come to Sunday school in the class of your choice. **See you there!**

In Sympathy



KERI LYNN BIZIER
(mother of Dakota Neville)
Went to the Lord 8/9/2012

CARROLL PHILLIPS
(spouse of Barbara-deceased)
Went to the Lord 9/11/12



HOMOSASSA WOMEN CANCER SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

We are a group that meets monthly, September to June.

Our schedule is:

September – Luncheon in a nearby restaurant
 October – 2:00 pm – church parlor
 November – 2:00 pm – church parlor
 December – Luncheon
 January – 2:00 pm – church parlor
 February – 2:00 pm – church parlor
 March – Luncheon
 April – 2:00 pm – church parlor
 May – 2:00 pm – church parlor
 June – Luncheon

Our membership is open to all women from the diagnostic phase, through treatment phase, & post cancer phase. We have many long term cancer survivors, along with some who are in treatment now. We welcome you to join us.

Our October meeting is a special one. We have Dr. Richard Caradonna from Florida Cancer Affiliates as a guest speaker. Dr. Caradonna has spoken to our group twice before and is a popular speaker. This meeting is open to everyone, including men, spouses of cancer patients, and anyone with an interest in learning more about today's advances in treatment.

We do ask that you make a reservation by calling Pat at 382-0057, or emailing patschue@aol.com

MANY THANKS

Thank you to all those who supported Ron and I when he fell ill at church recently. Thank you Karen, for taking charge and calling for an ambulance and being with me at the hospital. Thank you to Jean and Lynn for your support, as well.

It is at times like this that you realize what a loving family one has at FUMCH. So many poured out their love and we felt truly blessed. Kathy & Ron Powell



2-DAY
FALL BAZAAR
MARKET
NOVEMBER 2 & 3
9AM-3PM

EXCITING NEW SHOPPES

Plant & Garden
 Kitchen Shoppe
 Christmas Wonderland
 Craft Shoppe
 Hidden Treasures Shop
 Man Cave
 Cookie Walk
 Bake Sale
 Huge Book Sale
 Silent Auction
 & MORE

LUNCH IN THE CAFE

FRIDAY

Hot Dog, Chips, Dessert, & Drink
\$3.00 NO Ticket Required

SATURDAY

Soup, Salad, Bread, &
 Dessert & Drink
\$6.00 *Reservations Required
 Call: 628-4083



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 UMW & The Serendipity Men of F.U.M.C.



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and October 19th is National Mammography Day.

Statistics from the American Cancer Society show 39,520 deaths for females and 2,140 deaths for men from breast cancer in 2011. Although rare in men, it does occur. Over a lifetime women have a one in eight risk and men a one in one thousand risk.

In 2009 the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) revised mammogram guidelines:

*Screening mammograms should be done every two years beginning at age 50 for women at average risk for breast cancer.

*Doctors should not teach women to do breast exams.

*Before age 50 mammograms should not be done routinely.

*Insufficient evidence that mammogram screening in women age 75 or older is beneficial, so specific recommendations for this age group were not included.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) guidelines and the Susan B. Komen for the Cure continue to recommend yearly mammogram screening at age 40 for women at

average risk for breast cancer. The National Cancer Institute recommends screening every 1-2 years for women after 40. The American Cancer Society says that self breast exams are optional.

The Mayo Clinic agrees with the ACS regarding mammograms but they have a three tiered approach:

*Breast awareness or self-exams are in order to become familiar with the normal, and be able to inform their doctor of any changes.

*Clinical breast exam by doctor.

*Screening mammography beginning at age 40.

Confusing? Yes. Ultimately discuss your risk and the various recommendations with your primary medical doctor.

What is a Mammogram? It is an X-ray image of the breast to screen for cancer. The test is done to detect tumors and other abnormalities. A screening mammogram consists of two mammogram images of each breast taken from different angles. It is done to detect changes in women who have no signs or symptoms or noticeable abnormalities. A diagnostic mammogram includes additional images, such as magnification and compression views. If you have never had a mammogram there is a computer link that gives a good over view of the exam:

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/mammogram/MM00639>

If you know of someone who should have a screening mammogram but is unable to afford it, there are several options in our area. The Citrus County Health Department may be able to help. Last year Citrus Memorial Hospital, in conjunction with the Citrus County Chronicle, offered one hundred free mammograms. The Chronicle printed a "Pink" newspaper edition on National Mammogram Day. Eligible women were able to receive the test by bringing the newspaper with them.

Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. You could save not only your own life but someone else's.

Flu and Pneumonia

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Vaccine Clinic - October 13th

During this monthly pancake breakfast our Parish Nurse will also be doing a Blood Pressure Clinic. Immunizations will be covered by Medicare. Several insurances will also be covered: Humana, BC & BS, United Health Care, Cigna.

Insurance forms will be available at the front office prior to the clinic. Please fill out the forms in advance and bring them plus a copy of your health insurance information to the clinic. If you need to pay for the immunizations **costs are: Flu: \$25.99 and Pneumonia \$ 79.99.**

There will also be a sign up sheet to see if we have enough interest in having a clinic for the Shingles vaccine. Flu and Pneumonia vaccines can be given the same day, but in different arms. It is recommended to wait 28 days after receiving these vaccines to get the Shingles Vaccine.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 3:00 PM

Virgilio Insurance Company will be doing a presentation on **Medicare changes for 2013**, as well as Medicare updates and Health Care Reform. The window for making changes to your health plans begins October 13th.

Be informed!

Conversations Maps-new program with information about Diabetes. Meetings in October are the 1st 2 Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic -

October 13th

(see article above)





THE WAYS OF THE KINGDOM

by Jan Wise

Jesus told the religious Pharisees and teachers of the Law: “You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.” (Mark 7:8)

How painful these words must have been to those trying religiously to follow the Law. They failed to realize they were missing the true intent of God’s commands as they struggled to live their idea of a righteous life. Jesus’ words angered them as he attacked the core of their “religion.” Living the Law according to their traditions blinded them to the life Jesus offered.

Our daughter loved her “blankie.” The tattered blanket provided security whenever her little-girl would become upset. Laundering the “blankie” presented a challenge. As she stood by the dryer, her head would swivel round and round as she kept tear-filled eyes on her treasure. Could we persuade our daughter life would be better if she gave up her “blankie”? Absolutely not! But as she discovered things that required both hands to enjoy, she gradually gave up always carrying her “security” with her. The day she climbed on the school bus her blanket stayed behind, freeing her to enter a whole new way of life.

Jesus wanted the Pharisees and teachers of the law to realize how addiction to their traditions was causing them to miss the new life he offered.

They could not hear him because they were addicted to their traditional “pacifiers,” trusting them to provide security in their faith.

There were Jews who left their dependency on the religious traditions, even their traditional livelihoods, to follow Jesus. They dared to taste the new life he offered though they didn’t understand his plan. Occasionally they slipped back to their old ways. After Jesus’ crucifixion, Peter, feeling deserted, temporarily returned to the familiarity of fishing. There he sought the old comfort and purpose. Then the resurrected Jesus came to him at the seashore—and he never turned back again.

It takes courage to give up traditions that have been the safety net making us feel close to God. To simply believe in and follow Jesus doesn’t seem enough. Although Jesus went to the synagogue weekly and to the temple for the yearly-required gatherings, he made it clear his message wasn’t about the framework of the traditional practices but about his life-giving presence. The traditions, no matter how comforting, meant nothing unless he was the center and purpose of each one.

What about us? Why do we follow the traditions we do? Are they “pacifiers” that feed a needed sense of security as good Christians—or are they merely a framework within which we move freely to follow Jesus, the only source of true life?

Father, show us why we cling to our traditions. Lead us into the freedom of the life your Son offers.



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Carol was born in Oracabessa, St. Mary, Jamaica. She has lived in FL since 1984, and was a teacher for Dade & Broward County School Boards, retiring after 15 years. She and her husband Reginald were married 12/20/80. She is now serving as a Guardian Ad Litem for the 5th Judicial Circuit Court.

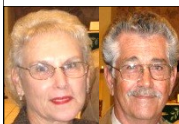
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MARY AND FELIX TARORICK



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Mary was born in Bentleyville, PA and worked in banking for many years and volunteered in later years.
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They were married 5/7/66 in Bentleyville PA and have lived in FL since 2009. They have 3 sons.

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PLEASE HELP THE BAZAAR!

The Evening Women's Fellowship Circle is asking anyone in the congregation who may "preserve" or "can" delicious food items, to think of sharing something with the new Kitchen Shop at the Harvest Bazaar.



Do you have a family recipe that you create each year with what you have grown and would like others to enjoy as well? Does the abundance of your work sometime seem overflowing? We would love to have a donation that we can sell in our Kitchen Shop.

A **Country General Store** is our theme and homemade preserves will be a wonderful addition. If you could spare a jar or two, or if you have a larger quantity, we would be grateful to you in helping our efforts. Please contact Barbara Sayers at 508-237-0387, or bjsfl@live.com

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



OCTOBER 10, 2012

3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

\$8 donation - includes salad, bread, drink, and dessert

HOSTED BY CAMP E-NINI-HASSEE

352-726-3883 for more information

SPECIAL SAFE DRIVING CLASS

Another Drivers Safety Class is scheduled for **November 12-13th at 9:00 AM**. This Class is specifically targeted for **Veterans** and/or their Spouses. The Course is designed for drivers over 50 years and there is no fee for qualified individuals. Class size is limited for this special class.

Reservations will be on the basis of First Called. Call the Instructor, **Frank Tobin 628-3229** for early class registration.

AARP offered School Personnel a "Reduced Fee" Drivers Safety Class during the month of August and was well attended.

PRAYER - “Do you believe God answers prayer?”

To most of you the question above will sound at least a little familiar. It’s the opening question to the “prayer survey” that was part of the second year project I did for the Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation. Some of you answered the question and the one which followed which told why you personally believe from your life experience that God does answer prayer. Some of your moving stories were used in the booklet, “We Believe God Answers Prayer” which was part of the experience at the prayer labyrinth during Holy Week. All of your stories taught me a lot about your faith and how God has answered your prayers. I’ve learned a lot about prayer from my own experience as well. I think that’s how a lot of us learn the best about prayer – from our experiences of praying.

PRAYER is – of course – one of the spiritual disciplines or means of grace. Every time I think I know how to pray, I hear or read something different and it’s not necessarily a new thought. Christians have been talking about, learning about, and actually praying for centuries. I believe that since God loves us so much, He hears our prayers no matter what form they take.

One of those early **13**

Christians, John Cassian, who died in about the year 435 told how the leaders of the early church discussed and tried to figure out what Paul meant when he said, “I exhort therefore first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made.” (1Tim 2:1) The first thing they determined was what Paul meant by each of those types of prayer. Then they attempted to decide whether the four types of prayer were to be prayed separately or if they could be prayed together. They did this by searching the Scriptures for the prayers of Jesus. The early leaders found examples of Jesus praying each of those four ways, and in John 17 they found an example of Jesus praying all four types together. Now that’s really working at figuring out how to pray!! And I believe it shows us that people have been trying to figure out how to pray for a very, very long time and I still believe it matters little to God as long as we will come to Him in prayer.

One of the things John Wesley said about prayer was: “Whether we think of; or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for Him, *all* is prayer, when we have no other object than His love and the desire of pleasing Him.” (Emphasis mine)

However you pray, I urge you to spend some quality time communicating with your Savior.

Marilyn

*You are cordially invited
to a time of prayer
Wednesday, October 10th
in the Parlor at 4 p.m.*

*Pray in a way which is comfortable for
you. Silence and meditation are prayer.
You'll be early for Wonderful Wednesday.*

AARP VETERANS DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

A Drivers Safety Class is scheduled for **November 12-13th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. This Class is specifically targeted for Veterans and/or their spouse. The course is designed for drivers over 50 years of age, and there is no fee for qualified individuals. Last year, AARP offered Veterans a "No Fee" Drivers Safety Class during the month of November and was well attended.

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W. WED. & POTLUCK DINNERS

October 10, 2012 Wonderful Wed

November 14, 2012 Pot Luck

December 12, 2012 Wonderful Wed

January 9, 2013 Pot Luck

April 10, 2013 Wonderful Wed

May 8, 2013 Pot Luck

ALL DINNERS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE
SECOND WED OF EACH MONTH.

During the Feb/March time frame we will be scheduling Soup Suppers in recognition of our Lenten Season.

Our thanks to the many people who have volunteered to help with these dinners.





OCTOBER 2012

Happy Anniversary



- 1 Virginia & John Hoadley ~ 57 years
- 5 Connie & Bill Barton ~ 72 years
- 9 Kathryn & Ron Powell ~ 8 years
- 13 Virginia & Kenneth Will ~ 33 years
- 14 Priscilla & Andy Frederick ~ 40 years
- 16 Katherine & Terry Cornelius ~ 48 years
- 17 Donna & Nelson Bell ~ 25 years
- 20 Pam & Cameron Cleary ~ 9 years
- Alice & Dan Hurley ~ 44 years
- 23 Eileen & Roger Ferguson ~ 58 years
- 24 Cecelia & George Woodward ~ 34 years
- 26 Debbie & Robert Grafton ~ 32 years
- 28 Geraldine & George Frenz ~ 23 years
- 30 Barbara & James Stoneman ~ 58 years
- Jan & Jerry Winters ~ 36 years
- 31 Sue & Howard Kuntz ~ 59 years.

**NOTE: THE PICTURE ON THE FRONT PAGE IS OF
EUROPEAN BEECH TREES IN MARIEMONT, BELGIUM**

IN OUR PRAYERS
(as of 9/14/2012)

BRENTWOOD

Joyce Minnicks

CEDAR CREEK

Wilbourn Fowler

Lois & Jack Schoch

DIAMOND RIDGE

Betty Duncan

LIFE CARE

Richard Elsea

Don Snedeker

MONROE LIFE CARE

Mary Huey

SUGARMILL MANOR

Marge Dilling

Joanna Miller

Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Elly Case

Ruth Eaton

Joan & Jack Ness

Catherine Wisheart

RESIDENCE AT TIMBER PINES

Abbye Jean Richner.

Monday 1

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 10:00 Sacred Hour
 1:00 Diabetes Support
 1:00 Nominating Comm.
 1:00 ML Respite
 4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 2

10:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 UMW Ex. Meeting
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
6:00 Conversation Maps
 7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 3

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 3:00 Benson Bible
 4:00 Intercessory Prayer
 5:00 Stephen Ministers TR
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 WOMEN'S B/S

Thursday 4

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 11:00 #10 Wickliffe Home
 1:30 Serendipity Women
 2:00 #11 Marquis House
 3:00 Companions B/S

Friday 5**GENESIS DEADLINE**

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

Saturday 6

8:00 Saturday Sisters B/S
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:30 Bereavement

10:30 God's Clods

Sunday 7***COMMUNION SUNDAY******WORLD COMMUNION DAY***

8:00 Traditional Worship

9:30 Sunday School (all)

9:30 Traditional Worship

10:45 New Beginnings SS

11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 8***COLUMBUS DAY***

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 SHINE

8:30 Tracking Committee

9:30 Visitation Committee

10:00 Sacred Hour

10:00 UMW Ex. Meeting

1:00 Alzheimer's Support

1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 9

9:00 Kitchen Prep

9:30 Faith Hope Circle

9:30 Helping Hands Circle

10:00 Staff Meeting

1:00 Dorcas Circle

2:00 Stewardship

3:00 Serendipity Bible

5:30 Weight Watchers

6:00 Conversation Maps

7:00 Serendipity Bible

7:00 Wed. Night Circle

Wednesday 10

7:00 Men's Prayer Group

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 LaMountain Bible

10:00 Siegel Bible

1:00 Creative Worship

1:00 Shawl Ministry

3:00 Benson Bible

4:00 Intercessory Prayer

5:00 Stephen Ministers TR

5:15 Music

5:30 WW DINNER

6:00 Bells

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 WOMEN'S B/S

Thursday 11

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:00 Backpackers

9:15 #12 Hoeffler Home

9:15 Ruth Circle

9:15 #13 Stoneman Home

3:00 Companions B/S

3:00 Perm. End. Comm.

Friday 12

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:00 Wise Bible

2:00 Cancer Support

4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 13

8:00 FLU CLINIC

8:00 Serendipity P/cakes

8:00 Saturday Sisters B/S

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 14***DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY***

8:00 Traditional Worship

9:30 Sunday School (all)

9:30 Traditional Worship

10:45 New Beginnings SS

11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 15

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 SHINE

8:30 Tracking Committee

9:30 Visitation Committee

10:00 Sacred Hour

12:00 PEO

1:00 ML Respite

4:00 Stephen Ministers

6:30 Girl Scout Leaders

Tuesday 16

10:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 UMW Unit Meeting

1:30 Stephen Ministers

2:00 Finance Committee

3:00 Serendipity Bible

3:00 Stephen Ministers

5:30 Weight Watchers

7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 17

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
2:00 Staff/Parish Relations
3:00 Benson Bible
3:00 INS/MEDICARE
4:00 Intercessory Prayer
5:00 Stephen Ministers TR
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 WOMEN'S B/S

Thursday 18

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:30 #14 Ludwick Home
1:30 Serendipity Women
3:00 Companions B/S
3:00 Missions Committee
3:30 Trustees
7:00 #15 H. Watson Home

Friday 19

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
MEN'S RETREAT
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
NO Y CLASSES TODAY
10:00 Wise Bible
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 20

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

Sunday 21

PANTRY SUNDAY

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings SS
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 22

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee

NO Y CLASSES TODAY

10:00 Sacred Hour
1:00 ML Respite
7:00 Welcome Team

Tuesday 23

10:00 Staff Meeting
3:00 Serendipity Bible
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 24

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
1:00 Shawl Ministry
3:00 Benson Bible
4:00 Intercessory Prayer
5:00 Stephen Ministers TR
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 WOMEN'S B/S

Thursday 25

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:00 FOLD/MAIL
11:00 #16 Benson Home
2:00 #17 Moore Home
3:00 Companions B/S
7:00 COUNCIL

Friday 26

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

Saturday 27

8:00 Saturday Sisters BS
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:30 Bereavement
2:30 NCCBand Concert

Sunday 28

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

Monday 29

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
10:00 Sacred Hour
1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 30

10:00 Staff Meeting
3:00 Serendipity Bible
4:00 Oak Hill Hospital
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 31

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:00 Bazaar Set-Up
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
3:00 Benson Bible
4:00 Intercessory Prayer
5:00 Stephen Ministers TR
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
Women's B/S.

WEEKLY YMCA CLASSES

Mondays

9:30 Cardio
10:30 Stab/Strength

Wednesdays

9:30 Pilates
10:30 Stab/Strength

Fridays

9:30 Pilates
10:30 Cardio

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER 2012

1 Duane Geiger	11 Kenneth Dent	23 Louise Brechka
2 Holli Benthusen	Jerry Tanner	Ann Fasnacht
3 Dominick Travers	12 Paula Black	Erma Kern
Sandra Tremlay	Michelle Selby	Kathi Mansfield
5 Connie Barton	13 Art Carl	Anna Rivells
Rita Hren	14 William Baker	24 Thomas Cloyd
Robert Russell	15 Cynthia Allen	Marilyn Bosley
6 Charles Gordon	Alice Carnahan	Sandra Violet DeClue
Larry Healy	Johnathan DeClue	Kayleigh Gordon
Sharon Rapp	Tom Wise	Bill Kemp
Gail Rudolph	Alice Yusko	Patricia Lawrence
7 Carolyn Byington	16 Doris Stine	25 David Honderich
Sue Harris	17 George Knerr	Mary Valeria Wither
Suzanne Raines	Pat Schuessler	26 Dee Green
Faye Schmitt	19 Lisa Specht	27 Virginia Hoadley
8 Elizabeth Ainsworth	20 Norma Geiger	Joyce Zawacki
Don Hoes	Diane Koskela	28 Terry Adams
9 Loretta Burcaw	Mary Olson	29 George Marshall
Jeanne Pickrel	Jan Winters	Jack Schrock
10 Steven Bassler	21 Joe Ann Gidlow	30 Charlotte Brightman
Patricia Blake	Merlyn Hoar	Helen Lefave
John Mayles	Jack Reed	31 Hettie Nevels
Peggy Powell		Bob MacKenzie.



Join us each Sunday 9:00-11:00 in
Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments.

FUMCH **COLUMBARIUM**

The Church Columbarium is provided for Congregation Members and Attendees, and their families. The Columbarium brings into our time the age-old tradition of the parish church grounds cemetery.



The Columbarium's niches are purchased pre-need or at-need. Pre-need purchase, for choice of niche location, has been the high preference of the congregation.

Upkeep and maintenance of the Columbarium and Memory Garden is now the purview of the Board of Trustees and the Monday Work Team.

For Columbarium information, please contact Theresa in the Church Office; or John Gibbs, Columbarium Manager, 628-0688, who will, if you wish, be pleased to meet with you at the Church.



"SOME THRIFTY DEALS"

What a nice surprise to see this picture of our Thrift Store Manager, Helen West, and a very generous article on the front page of the 8/24/12 Homosassa Beacon!

For those of you who didn't get to see and read the wonderful article written by Rochelle Kaiser (Beacon Editor), it explains that Helen has been managing the store for 1.5 years and enjoys every minute of it.

Helen and her volunteers make time to give back to the community, and they help the homeless as much as possible. She said they collect clothing to give to the homeless once a month. And, approximately every six weeks, she likes to offer some kind of sale; the most popular being the bag sale. On this day, customers fill a brown paper bag with any kind of wearable items for only \$5. THANKS TO ALL THE LADIES WHO SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY!

Please call Helen if you can give some of your time.....

NEWS

From The Henry's

Dear praying friends,

It was a busy month of settling into life in central Florida, but we were thankful to also have a good amount of downtime in order to continue to rest from a long and challenging term of service in Thailand. Things ramp up dramatically again this month as Joe begins serving at the PIONEERS U.S. office and Elaine and our younger boys begin homeschooling.

PRAISES

✠ We explained last month that we had found a **house** in Kissimmee, Fla., in which to live. That ended up being accurate, but we had to jump a lot of last-minute hurdles to the point that we weren't sure the sale would ever be finalized! We even had to wait 2½ days just to get the key after closing because of



numerous delays (see "Waiting" photo below, which shows one of our deliveries and the U-Haul getting to the house prior to Joe finally getting the key!). In the end, praise God that we moved in and are enjoying both the house and the Kia sedan that we got from Joe's sister (see "House and car" photo at end of article).

✠ We sent all our **Thai belongings** off in eight small postal boxes at the end of May, not sure we'd ever see them again! Thankfully, seven of the eight boxes have made it to Joe's parents' house, and we trust #8 isn't far behind. It's nice to have some of those "comfort items" from Thailand around again!

✠ We continue to hear exciting ministry news from our former teammates and area teams in **Thailand and Burma**. We are so thankful for the way that God is working in the efforts of m's and nationals in those countries and trust He will bring many people to faith in the coming months and years!

PRAYERS

✠ Joe begins to serve at the PIONEERS U.S. office on Sept. 4 in the Mobilization Department and will participate in three important training times in the first two weeks. Please pray for him to **learn his new role** as Candidate Coordinator well in order to assist the agency

in preparing hundreds of workers for overseas ministry annually.

✠ Elaine and our youngest boys (Caleb in 9th grade and Jamie in 7th grade) **begin homeschool** on Sept. 4 as well. They will combine Internet-based classes and Elaine teaching. Please pray for all three of them to settle into a routine and do their best in these new learning environments.

✠ Elaine is in the midst of several **medical consultations** concerning her main health issues (autoimmune and spinal problems). She has already had two procedures with at least one more to go, after which we trust the doctors will help her to implement more up-to-date regimens that will bring her back to good, long-term health. Please pray for wisdom for these three specialists and for a family doctor she will see in September for some final health issues.

✠ We have spent time **visiting churches** in the Kissimmee area in order to find one here where we can attend and serve. We're down to two possibilities and covet your prayers in choosing which one of these excellent options is God's will for our family.

✠ As mentioned last month, we have lost some **financial support** because of our move stateside but are grateful to still be at 76% of our

monthly need. Please pray 21 for wisdom as we consider how best to begin additional support raising and what churches and individuals to contact in order to raise \$1,200 a month.

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

DID YOU KNOW...

... that it takes faith to be an atheist? Pastor Tim Keller from New York has a very thought-provoking article that discusses how it takes faith to doubt God and that one of the ways to bring people to Christ is to point out how their faith assumptions have less warrant than ours. Only then can they see the beauty of the Gospel. Check it out at :

<http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/tgc/2012/08/27/the-faith-to-doubt-christianity/>



Greetings Dear Friends from Siberia!

Fall is almost over which means winter is around the corner. The harvest was wonderful this year and we've been blessed with enough vegetables to be stored for the winter! Speaking of blessings, we have a few we'd like to share this month and as you read them please lift these folks in prayer.

“We have an offer for you....will you perform our ceremony. Will you marry us?” Kevin received this email in July and I (Laura) was glad he was sitting down. This would be his first wedding and in Russian no less....of course he agreed; the young lady has been a dear friend of our family for almost 15 years! We have watched this girl grow into a beautiful young lady who truly loves the Lord! Her husband has also grown into a Godly young man; our prayer is they will be used as a shining example of His love! What an honor to have been and continue



to be a part of their lives. We know the Lord will use them in a powerful way; we pray they will be open to His calling.

“If you hadn't visited me in the hospital, I would have walked away from God.” Tanya stopped by the other day just to chat, have some coffee and look at pictures we'd taken at the Lake. She's had an incredibly tough year so I try and sit with her at least once a week just to chat. You see Tanya almost lost her arm earlier this year in an accident where she worked. You may remember the story and our request for prayer. Miraculously she did not lose her arm and has movement in all the fingers. Although her bones have been quite slow to heal, there is great progress. In any case, the best part of our conversation - the quote above! We all took turns visiting her throughout the entire month she was in the hospital and for weeks afterward as she adjusted to being in different arm casts. It seemed like so little at the time but having her stay the course was worth every minute.

On another note, her daughter 'Jean', will be going to Moscow the middle of Oct. for surgery. Jean has severe bone problems with her jaws and will have an apparatus literally screwed into her jaws for six months. Please keep them both in your prayers as they travel, for the surgeons, and for complete recovery. Jean is solid in her faith and her mom says that



she's ready to get this done and return home – putting all her trust in the Lord!

“You’re so lucky; you lost your leg, now you can collect a huge pension each month!” These words were spoken to our pastor as he went on to explain that this is the mentality we’re working with. Many don’t finish school or go onto higher education here in the village. Their expectations in life are low. It’s actually fairly easy to get some kind of ‘pension’ or government aid, so ‘that’ becomes the goal. We even see this in folks from the fellowship; it’s a difficult mentality to break. We know the Father has much better plans for them and it breaks our hearts to hear and watch people live such hopeless lives. We share these last stories so you’ll have a better look at what we’re facing daily. We find ourselves discouraged at times, but are so grateful for your emails with words of encouragement! You are a huge part of this ‘team’ – we

would not be here without each of you behind us in prayer and support. One *body* with one purpose! THANK YOU!

Turning 50 isn’t so bad... especially if there’s coffee and grilling meat by Lake Baikal! In closing, Kevin celebrated his 50th birthday in August and wanted to



share these pictures. Several folks from the fellowship here in our village drove two hours to the city then another three to the Lake to share in the celebration! We love these folks!!

**Serving Together,
Kevin & Laura**



OCTOBER SELECTIONS **IN THE LIBRARY**

Two Patchwork Mysteries books: **“Nothing to Hide”** by Susan Page Davis. This book finds Sarah Hart, an expert in vintage quilt restoration, attending a wedding where she spots an old friend, Ruby Sears, talking to Ernie Maplethorpe at the back of the church. When Sarah tries to find Ruby, Ernie denies ever speaking to her and no one else will admit to having seen her. When rumors fly about activity at the old textile mill that Ruby’s family owned. Sarah knows there must be something going on. Why is Ruby back in town and why is she trying so hard to remain hidden? What does she have to hide and can Sarah help her face the ghosts of her past?

“Secrets in the Storm”, also by Susan Page Davis. Sarah Hart and her friend Maggie stop by the library in Maple Hill to help clean up the broken glass from the broken library’s stained glass window. Sarah finds something strange in the wreckage that makes her wonder who would want to hurt the library. Because the library doesn’t have the money to replace the beloved window, Sarah recreated the window’s design in a memorial quilt to raise money for the library, and as she tries to discover the truth about what happened that snowy night, she realizes there’s more going on than anyone ever imagined. Will she be able to uncover the secrets in the storm?

“A Lasting Impression”, a Belmont Mansion novel by Tamera Alexander. The author paints a portrait of historic Belmont Mansion, a stunning antebellum manor in Nashville after the Civil War. Claire Laurent’s greatest aspiration is to paint something

that will bring her acclaim, yet her father insists she work as a “forger”. When she flees her home, she mingles with the elite of Nashville society and tries to keep her past hidden. She meets Sutton Monroe whose home and land was confiscated by the Federal Army and he is determined to reclaim what belongs to him It’s a sweeping love story about a nation mending after war, the redemption of the wounded, and the courage of a man and woman to see themselves – and each other- for who they truly are.

“The Lost Symbol”, a thrilling novel by Dan Brown, author of “The DaVinci Code”. Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned unexpectedly to deliver an evening lecture in the U.S. Capitol Building. Within minutes of his arrival, an art object – artfully encoded with five symbols – is discovered in the U.S. Capitol building. Langdon recognizes the object as an ancient invitation – one meant to usher its recipient into a long-lost world. When Langdon’s beloved mentor, Peter Solomon, who is a prominent Mason and philanthropist, is brutally kidnapped, Langdon realizes his only hope of saving Peter is to accept this invitation and follow wherever it leads him. Thus the story unfolds. Langdon is instantly plunged into a clandestine world of Masonic secrets, hidden history, and never-before-seen locations. It offers the reader surprises at every turn in a lightning-paced story.

“Rachel’s Prayer” by Leisha Kelly Samuel and Julia Wortham live in the same rural community that sheltered the Wortham family since the Great Depression. Nothing has been the same since the attack on Pearl Harbor

in 1941. Their beloved son Robert has gone to fight for his country, along with three of the Hammond boys. Robert's girlfriend, Rachel Gray, offers a prayer that changes the lives of all who hear it. Those left behind struggle to find their place and God's plan amidst the chaos of war. As the letters from Robert and the Hammond boys slow to a stop, can those at home find God's peace?

“For Such a Time As This”, Secrets of Strategic Living from the Book of Esther, by Ray C. Stedman. This ancient yet timeless book of Esther has amazing relevance for the turbulent, troubled times in which we live. Its pages speak to us across the centuries with biblical truth for the 21st century. Bible teacher Ray Stedman examines Esther's story as an historical document of actual events that took place in the life of the Jewish people and as a thrilling narrative of romance and suspense that reads like a gripping novel. It is also a parable of profound and practical truth for our everyday Christian lives. It may help you discover God's plan to use you in a mighty way.

The Mountain Legacy consists of three books written by B. J. Hoff. Book 1 is **“A Distant Music”** and takes place during the Winter of 1892 in the Kentucky mining community of Skingle Creek where things of beauty and grace are buried beneath the silent desperation that holds an entire community in its grip, where the one man who might make a difference hovers on the precipice between hope and despair, and where a one-room schoolhouse provides the setting for a miracle. Two childhood friends give a gift that may restore the hope of their families and save the life of their

beloved teacher.

Book 2 is **“The Wind Harp”**, the story of Maggie MacAuley who in the Fall of 1904 has gone home for a visit to the small coal town of her childhood, but with no intention of staying. Her life is at Hull House in Chicago now. There's nothing to keep her in Skingle Creek. Nothing except her father, seriously hurt in a mining accident, yet determined to hold onto his job. Nothing except her mother, desperate to stop her husband from destroying himself in the coal mine that nearly took his life once before. Nothing except her younger brother, torn between his father's determination to keep him out of the mine and his desire to help his parents. And nothing but a sister who also returns home, bringing with her a dark, potentially devastating secret. And also nothing but the unexpected discovery that a man who was once the hero of Maggie's childhood now seems destined to become something more.

Book 3 rounds out the trio of books by B. J. Hoff. It is **“The Song Weaver”** and takes place in late December 1904. It is the love story of newlyweds Jonathan and Maggie Stuart and the unforeseen trials that test their faith. The honeymooning couple is summoned to Skingle Creek to be thrust into the midst of a family in anguish. Responsible for helping their loved ones heal while maintaining and nurturing their own relationship, Jonathan and Maggie face a challenge that will ultimately define their marriage and decide their future.

**HAPPY READING
FROM YOUR LIBRARY STAFF**

Barbara Jackson, Helen Lefave,
Ann Ice, & Pat Barton

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for.....

- smooth transitions to continue.
- for those men who are attending the Men's Retreat this month.
- our committee members and leaders to be guided by the Holy Spirit in all our decisions.
- for lots of sharing and getting to know one another on the "listening tours" as they continue.
- for the United Methodist Women as they prepare for the Fall Bazaar.
- our pastor and church staff, daily.
- us to become a connection for families and God.
- for the Nominating Committee to be guided by the Holy Spirit to those people whom He would have serve.

THANK YOU

Dear Fellow Church Members:

I want to thank you for the many prayers, visits, cards, calls, and food during the sad time of losing my dear husband, Fred.

My special thanks to the Helping Hand Circle members that lifted me up when I needed them most. My family and I are truly thankful for all your love shown during this time.

Wanda Wheeler & family

ANOTHER LIBRARY BOOK TO READ!

“Martha” by Diana Wallis Taylor. This is a novel set in the first century and depicts the character of Martha of Bethany, sister of Mary and Lazarus. Martha's entire life is marked by her responsibilities to her family. In the absence of her mother, she runs the

household, makes the meals, cares for her father, and attempts to keep her absentminded younger sister on task. In the midst of her duties, will she ever find time to live her own life – or find her own love? Follow Martha as she navigates the complicated worlds of family, faith and love – and you'll never read her story the same way again.

EASY LISTENING FOR CHURCH EVENTS

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If you use a digital, programmable hearing aid, you may be able to listen to worship services and Fellowship Hall events much easier!

Ask your audiologist if your hearing aid can be set to "pick up" a particular frequency from a hearing assist system.

The hearing assist system in our Sanctuary transmits at 72.900 MHz.

The Fellowship Hall system transmits at 75.700 MHz.

These systems do not transmit all of the sound in the room, just what is spoken (or sung) into a microphone.

I believe our systems have even coverage throughout the audience area, but you may find better reception at different locations.

If your own hearing aid does not have this capability, you are welcome to stop by the sound booths to pick up a little receiver unit with an earplug (like the pocket transistor radio you used to have!). They are wonderfully clear. We have lots of them, and will personalize a receiver with your name (so you don't have to share earplugs).

Whenever someone is working the sound booth, the hearing assist system will be on.

Please let Ron Hesketh and I know if this equipment helps you, and if there is any further improvement we can make.

We hope you enjoy easy listening!

Sharon Cooley, Sound Tech

sierra14charlie@aol.com

WELCOME TO THE "SEMI-CIRCLE"

The UMW's evening circle met for it's first meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. The circle was renamed Semi-Circle, which represents working women or women with other daytime commitments who will offer whatever they can to the UMW. Both the Treasurer and Secretary positions were filled, as well as a new meeting time of 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parlor. The focus right now is on the Fall Bazaar and the Kitchen Shoppe which the Semi's are excited about. We look forward to other women joining us on October 9 at 6:30 PM to be a part of our growth and fellowship. Questions? Please contact Priscilla Frederick, Barbara Sayers, Carrie Staton or Sherry Younger.

STEPHEN MINISTERS: The After People

Frequently friends will ask, “I know you’re involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?” I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are “After People.”

Stephen Ministers are there:

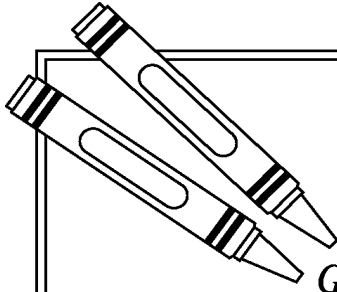
- ...after you’ve washed and returned the last casserole dish.
- ...after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away--and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.
- ...after you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ...after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.
- ...after the doctors have said, “There’s nothing more we can do.”
- ...after the door has slammed shut--for the very last time.
- ...after the phone call you’d always hoped you’d never get.
- ...after you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.
- ...after the nursing home director shakes your hands and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ...after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...after the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...after you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.
- ...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” We are ready to come alongside you--or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives--and provide comfort and support for as long “after” as we are needed.



Adapted from a presentation made during a worship service by Enie Bourland, a lay Stephen Leader at Houston’s First Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

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Just for KIDS

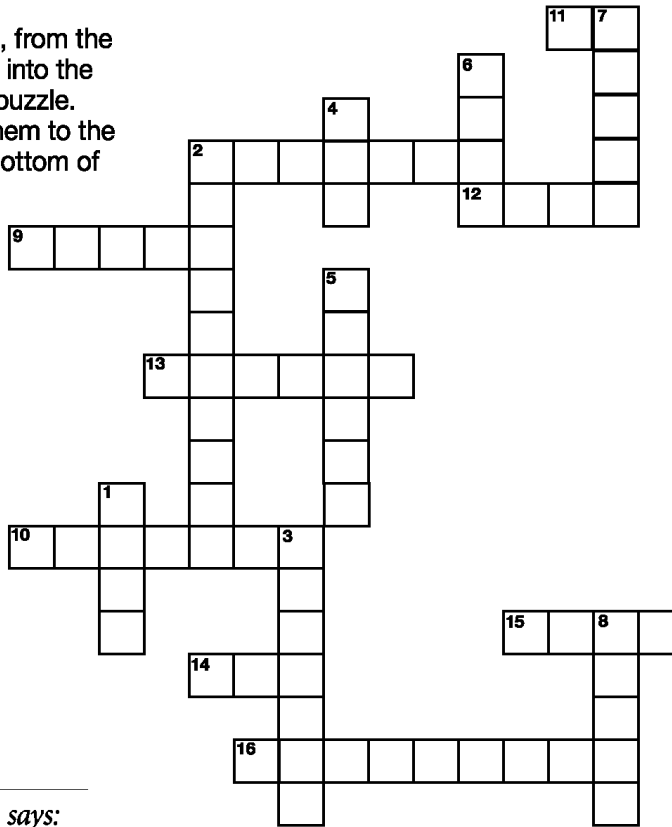
God Does Wonderful Things!

October is a season of change. God causes all things to change for his purpose. Find out some other things God does.

Fit these words, from the Book of Daniel, into the squares of the puzzle. Then transfer them to the blanks on the bottom of the page.

Word List

- up
- God
- his
- ever
- sets
- wise
- name
- power
- times
- kings
- praise
- wisdom
- changes
- seasons
- deposes
- knowledge
- discerning



Daniel 2:20-21 says:

“ _____ 13→ be to the _____ 1↓ of _____ 4↓ for _____ 12→ and _____ 12→ ;
 _____ 5↓ and _____ 7↓ are _____ 14→. He _____ 10→ _____ 8↓ and _____ 3↓
 He _____ 15→ _____ 11→ _____ 9→ and _____ 2→ them.
 He gives _____ 5↓ to the _____ 6↓ and _____ 16→ to the _____ 2↓.”

Answer: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.”

**HOW CAN I HELP OUR CHURCH
PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND?**

By making a planned gift soon, you will help ensure that our church permanent endowment fund will continue into the future. You can do so by including the fund in your estate plans by adding a simple sentence in your Will or Trust, thereby furthering God's Kingdom through scholarships and other grants.

Options include making a gift of cash, stock, bonds, mutual funds, or real estate, to the Permanent Endowment Fund. The committee members are always available to meet with you to discuss gifts, such as deferred gifts like bequests, living trusts, and life insurance.

These gifts provide donors and benefactors with income payments for life, and/or specific tax advantages. To set up a confidential meeting to discuss these options, please contact any member of the PEC (members listed on Page 9, 9/12 Genesis), or call the church office. The following chart contains a summary of the various gift options. Thank you for considering our church Permanent Endowment Fund! **SEE CHART - NEXT PAGE**

NEW ADDRESS!

MARY MCCRAE

6515 East 30th St. North, #2900
Wichita, KS 67226



NEW ADDRESS!

ABBYE JEAN RICHNER

Residence at Timber Pines
3140 Forest Road
Spring Hill, FL 34606
(352) 683-9009



**Wish them love and laughter to fill
their new homes forever after.**

MONDAY WORK CREW



Are you aware that there are a very dedicated group of people who meet every Monday at 1UMC to make routine repairs and/or do routine service needs?

Not only do they do this at their personal residences, but then do much of the same (sometimes more detailed) at the church complex to keep everything running smooth.

Their services also keep many of the maintenance costs to a minimum instead of having to pay a professional company to do it. If anyone is interested in assisting these incredible church members, please contact Bob MacKenzie; it will be great to hear from you!!

<u>Your Goal</u>	<u>Your Gift</u>	<u>Making the Gift</u>	<u>Your Benefits</u>	31
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Bequest	Name us in your will	Donation is exempt from federal estate taxes	
Make a revocable gift during your lifetime	Living Trust	Name us the beneficiary of assets in a living trust	You maintain control of the trust for your lifetime	
Make a quick and easy gift	Outright gift of cash	Simply write a check or make a cash donation now	Immediate income tax deduction and possible estate tax savings	
Avoid tax on capital gains	Outright gift of securities	Contribute long-term appreciated stock or other securities	Immediate charitable deduction and avoidance of capital gains tax	
Make a large gift with little cost to yourself	Gift of life insurance	Contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need and/or name us as beneficiary	Current income tax deduction and possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums	
Avoid the twofold taxation on IRAs or other employee benefit plans	Gift of retirement assets	Name us as beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	Allows less costly assets for your heirs	
Give your personal residence or farm now but continue to live there	Retained life estate	Designate ownership of your home to us but retain occupancy	Charitable income tax deduction and lifetime use of residence	
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term	Charitable remainder annuity trust	Create a charitable trust or a charitable gift annuity that pays you a set income annually	Immediate income tax deduction and fixed income for life, often at higher rate of return	
Supplement income with steady payments that are partially tax free	Charitable gift annuity	Enter a charitable gift annuity contract with us that pays you a set income annually	Current and future savings on income taxes and fixed payments for life for one or two individuals	
Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets you pass to children or grandchildren	Charitable lead trust	Create a charitable trust that pays a fixed or variable income to use for a specific term of years. Principal is retained for heirs	Reduces your taxable estate and your family keeps the property, often with reduced gift taxes	

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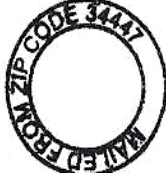
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