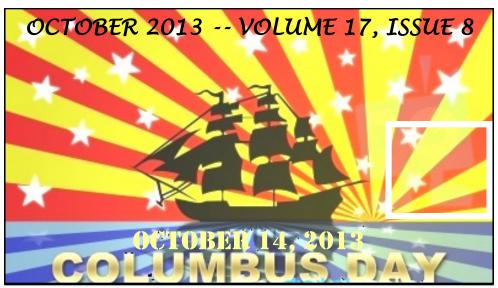
GENESIS NEWSLETTER

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"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

Greetings in the name of our Lord. This is October and therefore the beginning of planning our church's annual budget for 2014. Very soon you'll receive a Stewardship Letter and a simplified budget report. You'll also receive a pledge card, and on Sunday, November 20th, we will collect the cards in worship.

I want to use this limited space to address something that should not really need to be addressed to church congregations and that I seldom mention in messages or writings—tithing. Over the years I promotion gimmicks used to attempt to explain or to move people to results—extremely high cost for materials and postage, lots of labor in folding and stuffing, many Many years ago Sherry and I irritated people receiving too much attended a church where we were

material. The final results were less than wonderful.

Here is the simple truth that we as Christians already know—God calls us to tithe, period. Let's not be confused on what a tithe is. A tithe is ten percent of one's income. Someone asked me a long time ago if that was before or after taxes. My answer was that it depends upon how much they wanted to receive in blessings from God. If they wanted a lot, then tithe before taxes. If they were ok with a little, then tithe after taxes

The above scripture is pretty straight forward. God challenges the people to test him: "Give a tithe and see if I won't return the blessing beyond your wildest imagination." Many folks do not accept God's challenge. It could be they don't think God will be true to his word or that the cost is too high to risk in testing the honesty of God. Do we have the same mindset toward our personal salvation as well? I hope not.

have seen many letters and Then why do we have this attitude about tithing? Is it because it's about money? Money is about the here tithe. I have been in churches where and now, and the here and now in the Stewardship Committee spent regards to money can be very lots of money on professionally frightening with our nation's prepared materials. What were the economy seeming more unstable than ever before.

that if we lacked for anything we their financial help. Both can enough money to live on, then he Financial circumstances would repay our money. We have tithed ever since, and we have wanted for nothing we needed. We have been extremely blessed. Are we rich? No, not on a pastor's and teacher's salary, but we are blessed.

The simple truth is when the people of the church surrender and tithe as individuals, then not only do they receive blessings but the church as a whole is blessed as well. I believe God honors obedience individuals and as congregations. The scripture promises that God will open the flood gates and pour out Finally, I think that blessings.

There are as many reasons not to not tithe. Granted, to them the reasons do indeed seem extremely valid and true. But are they valid in the eyes of God? Do we fear that tithing may mean a change in our life style? Could tithing mean not eating out as often or in such nice places? Could it mean cutting back on travel, or major purchases or So please take time to complete the personal "luxuries?"

Tithing impacts the amount of money which we have to spend on ourselves, obviously. Folks of low income may think that they cannot afford to tithe. Sometimes people of wealth may be tempted to judge

challenged to tithe. An old man said whether the church really needs 3 needed or just simply did not have find "valid" reasons not to tithe. determine how hard it is to tithe. Personal faith sets the bar.

> On the simplified budget you'll receive soon, note the amount of money spent on operating the church in comparison to the amount spent on ministries that offer outreach or evangelism. One will be huge compared to the other. Which one do you think is greater in dollars? And which is greater in the eyes of God? Both are necessary, but which is greater?

congregation should know that the finance committee realizes the tremendous responsibility it is has to tithe as there are Christians who do use our tithes in a manner which honors God. The task of setting the budget is never easy and demands balancing the "black and white" of balance sheets with faith. Your commitment cards are used to obtain a reasonable estimate of our annual expected income.

> card. Trust us to do our best with your tithe offerings. Embrace God's challenge and allow

him to bless you.

Pastor Kip





Need to update your records!

If you have changed any of your contact information, please call Nicole after 12:30 p.m. in the church office at 628-4083. Not a member yet but attend regularly? We want you to be included in our Circle of Friends list. Please use the pew pad on Sunday to record your contact information (name, address, & phone number). Please print clearly and include your email. All of this information is vital and will help connect us to each other as the body of Christ. Provide your information with confidence-we will never distribute, sell, or otherwise use your information for anything other than church business.

Weekly Email

Pastor Kip sends out a weekly email every Friday which transferring from another includes important announcements, information about the coming you are encouraged to attend the week's scripture, and usually some new member classes. things to think about as you prepare for worship on Sunday. If you want exploring membership, or have any to receive this weekly email, please email Theresa in the office at: theresa@1umc.org



New Member Classes

New member classes will be taught by Pastor Kip Younger, 3 times a year, for anyone who is considering becoming a member of First United Methodist Church or would like to learn more about our Methodist beliefs. The membership classes will be four - 1 hour sessions, on Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in room 306. We will receive our new members on the following Sunday. The next class opportunities to join the church will be announced at a later date.

Membership Transfers

Membership transfers for people who want to transfer their membership from another Methodist church will be held the fourth Sunday of every month. If you are denomination or any other church,

If you are interested in questions about which category to join, please contact Pastor Kip, Theresa in the church office at 628-4083, or indicate "wish to join" on the pew pad on Sundays.



Within the Church

Attendance Tracking
Audio-Video Ministry
Biblical Travel Ministry
Christian Education
Communion Stewards
Counters
Disaster Relief Programs
Flower Arranging Ministry
Folding & Mailing Committees
Funeral Receptions
Genesis Newsletter
Greeters

Holiday Prison Ministry Lenten Soup Suppers Library

Monday Work Crew Music Ministries Online Picture Directory Parish Nurse Ministry

Prayer Ministry
Stewardship

United Methodist Women UMW Circles

Ushers

Visitation Care Group Wednesday Night Dinners Youth Ministry

Outreach Ministries

Bus Ministry
Disaster Relief & Response Team
God's Clods (Clown Ministry)
Health Related Workshops

Hugs for Soldiers
Local Travel Ministry

Men's Wed. Morning Prayer Breakfast
Missionaries to Siberia
Nursing Home Ministries
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Shut-In Visitation
Stephen Ministry
Thrift Shop
Tuned To Revival Quartet
Vacation Bible School
Welcome Bags

Small Groups

Cancer Survivors Memory Lane Respite Men's Serendipity Saturday Sisters Women's Serendipity

Support Groups

Alzheimer's Support Cancer Support Diabetes Support

Bible Study Groups

(various classes & times)

Benevolences

CROP Walk Equipment for Handicapped Food Pantry Methodist Children's Home Salvation Army

SHINE The Path

Community Outreach

Blood Bank Camp-E-Nini-Hassee Hunger & Homeless Outreach.

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6ot RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The following article was taken from: Bible Study Tools.com

The author is: Paul Ries "Somebody Loves You Ministries"

The Bible is an incredible book of history and facts that proves that there is a God that created all things. Most important of all, the Bible is the Word of God. It contains the mind of God and His will for each one of our lives. That is why the Bible was given to us. Paul the Apostle says in 2 Timothy 3:16-17. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." Why should we study the Word of God? The following are a few scriptural reasons that we should consider when answering this question.

First, the Word of God is infallible. There is no error in God's Word. The law of the Lord is perfect concerning our soul. The testimony of the Lord is not only infallible, it is inerrant. Proverbs 30:5-6. The purity of His words does not need anything added to it. God warns us not to misrepresent His scripture.

Second, the Word of God is complete. The Bible does not need any new chapters or verses. In Revelation 22:18-19, God gives us a warning, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are

written in this book."

Third, the Word of God is totally authoritative. The book of <u>Psalms 119:89</u> says "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven." The Word of God is the only source for absolute divine authority. This divine authority is for you and me as servants of Jesus Christ. When some say, "I have a word from the Lord for you," write it down and as you study God's word see if the Lord speaks to you through His Scriptures. Only then will you know if the Lord is truly speaking to you.

Fourth, God's Word is totally sufficient for all of our needs. We don't need anything else. In <u>2 Timothy 3:16-17</u> it reads "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." We Christians can be totally secure in the Lord by studying the Bible because it is God's plan for our life.

And fifth, the Word of God will accomplish what it promises. If God told you something will happen, and you wait, it will happen. In Isaiah 55:11 it says, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." God sent His word to accomplish His perfect will in our lives. If God makes a promise to you He will fulfill it in His own time. There are so many promises given to us in the Bible. These promises reassure us and bring comfort to our lives in our times of trial. I challenge you to take time to study the Word of God. The Lord will show you wonderful things that will change your life. Kay





FOOD POISONING

Recently contaminated prepackaged salad mix containing iceburg and romaine lettuce, along with red cabbage and carrots made the news Nebraska became sick. It was occurred due to the flooding of the fields in those areas.

or drinking substances that contain above 101, or suspect food bacteria, viruses, parasites or toxins. Staphylococcus and E. coli are the most common causes but there are many others.

any point during production: growing, harvesting, processing, storing, shipping or preparing. Another frequent cause is crosscontamination; which is the transfer of harmful organisms from one surface to another. This becomes a problem with raw, ready to eat foods, because they aren't cooked and harmful organisms aren't destroyed before eating.

Infants and older people are at 7 the greatest risk, as well as anyone with a serious medical condition or weakened immune systems, pregnant and breastfeeding women and anyone traveling outside the U.S.

Symptoms from the most common types of food poisoning usually start within 2–6 hours after consumption. Symptoms may include: abdominal cramps, diarrhea which may contain blood, fever and chills, headache, nausea and vomiting, and weakness.

after hundreds of people in Iowa and Most cases of food poisoning get better in a few days, as long as you determined that contamination are able to control symptoms and stay hydrated. Contact medical help if you observe blood or pus in stools, are unable to control Food poisoning occurs after eating vomiting or diarrhea, have a fever poisoning from mushrooms, fish or botulism

There are several steps you can take to prevent food poisoning at home. Food contamination can occur at Number one is to always wash hands, utensils and surfaces often with warm soapy water before handling and preparing food.

Separate raw and ready to eat foods.

Cook foods to a safe temperature.

Be sure to refrigerate or freeze perishable foods properly, and defrost foods safely. If in doubt of a food; throw it out!



THE WAYS OF THE KINGDOM

by Jan Wise

Did you ever have someone ask, "When are you going to get your head on straight and start thinking?" I've noticed when someone questions my thinking they are usually asking when I am going to start agreeing with the way they think. Just because I think differently from someone else doesn't mean I'm not thinking. Does it?

Listening to TV, especially the news about the terrible happenings in our world, makes me wonder if we're all doing too much thinking. In the process, we're try to control the way other people think—because if they're really thinking straight they would think as we do. Right?

As I struggled with my own irritation, "Why don't they see what I see? If they'd only do, it would be so much better," my mind went to Psalm 37:8—Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; *do not fret*—it only leads to evil.

But how does one cease from fretting about these larger-than-my-life situations? I know that fretting leads to fear which leads to worry which is sin. But somebody better be upset about what is happening in our government, in the baseball scandal, in Syria, in Egypt—in this mess we call civilized living. I'm just a typical, only-human somebody fretting just like all the rest of the "somebodies."

As I talked the situation over with the Lord, knowing his thoughts are higher than mine, he showed me a couple things. First, he reminded me that I am not "only human." When I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, his Spirit came to live in me; therefore I am much more than "only human." I am a Godindwelt human being, which makes all the difference in how I'm equipped to think and do in this world. It's as if the Lord invites us to "come up here and see how I see it from my vantage point." So my point of view needs to change from mine to his—a challenge to get my head on straight and think as God thinks.

Then he reminded me of the words of Psalm 131:1—

My heart is not proud, O Lord, my eyes are not haughty;

I do not concern myself with great matters, or things too wonderful for me.

Most of my fretting is just that—overly concerning myself with matters that are not my responsibility, things outside of my God-assignment. Getting overly-concerned with people and situations beyond my assigned responsibilities dissipates my spiritual effectiveness. This kind of sinful fretting becomes a way for Satan to weaken the power of God's children.

God showed me the importance of praying for my Christian brothers and sisters (as if they were family members—which they are!) in the wartorn countries, in the fires and floods and in the politically-poisoned situations in our country. I pray for them to be strong in the Lord and faithful in their witness. Then I leave the outcome of these "great matters" up to the Lord and get on with *my* God assignments.

Where are you expending your spiritual energy these days? Do you have your head on straight?



November 1 ~ 9am to 3pm November 2 ~ 9am to 2pm

LUNCH IN THE CAFÉ

FRIDAY 11:00 - 1:30

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

SATURDAY*

Hot Chicken Salad Plate **Drink & Dessert** Seating Times: 11:30, 12:15 & 1:00 \$6.00 *Reservation Required

Craft Shoppe **Hidden Treasures Shop Huge Book Sale** Kitchen Shoppe **Man Cave Silent Auction**

Bake Sale

Christmas Wonderland

Cookie Walk



TAKE TIME TO READ

Following is a review of books for your reading enjoyment. The books listed each month are just a sample of the many that are on the shelves of the Church Library. You are invited to come in and browse. When you take a book, simply date and sign the pocket card and leave it in the basket on the office desk. Library hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and also on Sunday morning.

"Prepared to be God's Vessel" – Lessons from the life of Mary – How God can use an obedient life to bless others, written by Henry Blackaby & Carrie Blackaby Webb.

Women have always played a major role in God's work. Mary, who despite her humble beginnings, became the earthly mother of our Savior and is the most notable example. Today, God remains continually at work, using women for his glory, but for Him to use us, we must have hearts that are willing to listen, learn and obey. The authors offer numerous stories by women who tell how their own lives have been touched by God.

"A Man's Heart" by popular author Lori Copeland. This is the story of Jules, one woman who tries to handle it all – if she can. She broke off her wedding to Cruz, the man she loves, not just once, but twice. Now he can't stand the sight of her. She is struggling with the Washington potato farm left to her by her father and she is living with a sister who has been excluded from the will even after the sacrifices she has made on behalf of her father. Jules finds herself caring for her friends' two small

children after the friend' dies from cancer. How can Jules handle all of this? The answer lies with God who holds the keys to yesterday, today, and tomorrow – and to the heart of the one man she could ever love.

"Plain Promise", a Daughters of the Promise Novel by best-selling author Beth Wiseman. Each Daughters of the Promise novel focuses on an individual's journey into an Amish Community where they discover new meaning to the words faith, hope, and love. This book tells how young Amish widow, Sadie Fisher, leads a simple life in the quiet countryside of Lancaster County, selling Amish goods to a steady stream of tourists, and she wonders if it is God's will for her to remain without a husband and a family. A wealthy Englisher, Kade Saunders, rents her guest cottage for three months and Sadie forms an immediate connection with his 5 year old autistic son, Tyler. Sadie and Kade are attracted to each other as well but they are worlds apart. Sadie must stay true to her Amish roots but denying the love she feels is impossible.

"Plain Paradise" tells the story of Linda who is living an idyllic life in an Amish community in Lancaster County. However, she is unaware that she was left in the care of an Old Order Amish couple by her mother, Josie, a frightened teenager, seventeen years ago. Josie longs to reconnect with her daughter. When Josie comes to town, her adoptive parents and her Amish beau are trying to understand how this interruption in Linda's life could possibly be God's will.

made on behalf of her father. Jules finds herself caring for her friends' two small Miriam who could have her pick of any

of the eligible bachelors in Lancaster County but she only has eyes for Saul Patchwork Mystery, by Susan Fisher. She secretly vows to follow Saul no matter what the future holds. but she never thought that future might take them away from their Amish As Miriam and Saul community. consider leaving their lives behind, God starts revealing things to Miriam that make her think twice about what it means to be a daughter of the Promise and what it means to make a home.

"Discover the Bible for Yourself" by Kay Arthur, International Bible Teacher. This book instructs you how to study the Bible inductively. This involves three skills: Observation, Interpretation and Application. When you know what God says, what He means, and how to put His truths into practice, you will be equipped for every circumstance of life. Ultimately, the goal of personal Bible study is a transformed life and a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ.

"Threads of Truth", a Patchwork Mystery, by Kristin Eckhardt. Sarah is staying at a beautiful country inn with her twin granddaughters while she attends a quilting workshop in nearby Hartford. A winter storm rages around the snug little bed-and-breakfast. Sometime in the night, there's an altercation and when they wake up in the morning, there's no breakfast cooking, the living room is a mess, and the proprietor is missing – and they're snowed in, so the only suspects are the people staying at the inn. Sarah will try to find out what happened to the innkeeper and which of her fellow guests is guilty - before someone else disappears?

Pieces of the Past", another 11 Page Davis. . When Sarah makes a quilt out of her father's old flannel shirts, she brings it to the nursing home for him and meets his new friend, a fellow veteran named Vern. Sarah offers to help Vern track down his lost love, Alice, but as she digs into his past, she discovers that his story doesn't add up. Why does he really want to talk to Alice? Is bringing them back together a big mistake?

Mary Connealy has written several books under the theme of "Sophie's Daughters".. all taking place in the Old West. "Wrangler in Petticoats" Sally McClellan is a tough Texan tomboy who heads to Montana and her traveling party is attacked. Sally is left for dead and a handsome rescuer binds up her wounds. He is Logan McKenzie, a fine artist who is attracted to Sally and he wonders if there is any way he'll be able to heal and tame this wild wrangler.

"Sharpshooter in Petticoats" is another book about widow Mandy McClellen Gray who gets trapped on her mountain home. When Rancher, Tom Linscott, rescues her and her children, he brings them to his home and the outlaws trail them right to his door. His need to protect his woman puts him right in the line of fire.

> HAPPY READING FROM THE LIBRARY STAFF -Barbara, Helen, Ann and Pat



GODSQUAD 12

Hello there!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream Sunday we had in mid-August. Our serving crew had a good time dishing out the ice cream at the end of all 3 services and also to our Choir Members at

around 11:30 pm. Thanks to Kay Bast for all her assistance with supplies and trying to keep the ice cream cold. We apologize for the ice cream being a bit melted, for some reason, our freezers were not freezing it solid so it melted fast outside in the heat.

Right now, it's Friday, September 6, 2013 and Krissy and I are planning and packing up for our trip tomorrow, Saturday, September 7, 2013 to Universal Studios in Orlando, FL to attend Rock the Universe. Rock the Universe (RtU) is a Christian Rock Concert put on every year at Universal Studios. RtU features 3 stages of Christian Rock Music along with park amusement rides inside Universal Studios beginning at 4:00 pm until about 11:30 pm. This year, only 4 Youth are attending along with 4 adults. We will be taking 2 vehicles.

Please continue to support GodSquad by putting paper and cardboard into the blue recycling container behind the church. Please also put used ink cartridges and small electronics into the tub underneath the church staff mailboxes. Both of these recycling efforts provide funds for our GodSquad Youth Group.

Thanks to everyone in our church for their continued support of our GodSquad Youth Group from, Wayne Brown, Youth Programs Coordinator, and Krissy Brown, Youth Leader Assistant

Trank You So Much

I'm so blessed that I belong to such a loving and caring church family. Thank you for your prayers during my recent hospital stay. Jerry Cole



Lucile Roya has moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to her family. Her new address is: Lucile M. Roya

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IN OUR PRAYERS

(as of September 18)

BRENTWOOD

Joyce Minnicks

CEDAR CREEK

Lois Schoch

CR HEALTH/REHAB

Nancy Pearo

CYPRESS COVE

Elly Case

SUGARMILL MANOR

Marge Dilling Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Hazel & Conrad Keniston
Helen Labeau
Joan & Jack Ness
Helen Vaught
Catherine Wisehart

SUNSHINE GARDENS

Pete Magamoll

SUPERIOR RESIDENCE

Hank Pouderoyn

TIMBER PINES RESID.

Abbye Jean Richner

WOODLAND TERRACE

Barbara Sunderland.



- 1 **Virginia & John Hoadley** ~ **58 years** Susan & Leland Irish ~ 14 years
- 8 Sheryl & James O'Hara ~ 30 years
- 9 Kathryn & Ron Powell ~ 9 years
- 13 Virginia & Kenneth Will ~ 34 years
- 14 Priscilla & Andy Frederick ~ 41 years
- 16 Katherine & Terry Cornelius ~ 49 years
- 17 Donna & Nelson Bell ~ 26 years
- 20 Pam & Cameron Cleary ~ 10 years
- 23 Eileen & Roger Ferguson ~ 59 years
- 26 Debbie & Richard Grafton ~ 33 years
- 28 Geraldine & George Frentz ~ 24 years
- 30 **Barbara & James Stoneman ~ 59 Years** Jan & Jerry Winters ~ 37 years
- 31 Sue & Howard Kuntz ~ 60 years.

bold = 50 +





Ladies, our Bazaar is almost here, and we need your help. We will need lots of baked goods for our bakery sale. If you plan to bake for Friday, you can drop it off on Thursday between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

If you plan to bake for Saturday, you can drop it off on Friday before 2:00 pm, or on Saturday before 10:00 am. We hope we have as good of year as we had last, and with your help am sure we will.

Thank you, Alice Carnahan

Tuesday 1

10:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 UMW EX. meeting

1:30 Sephen Ministers

3:00 Serendipity Bible

3:00 Sephen Ministers

5:30 Weight Watchers

7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 2

7:00 Men's Prayer Group

9:30 SMW Ladies Bible

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 LaMountain Bible

10:00 Siegel Bible

5:15 Music

6:00 Bells

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

Thursday 3

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

1:30 Women's Serendipity

2:00 Green Team

3:00 PEC

6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 4

GENESIS DEADLINE

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

7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 5

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:30 ZUMBA

10:30 God's Clods

3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 6

Communion Sunday

World Communion 8:00 Traditional Worship

9:20 Discovery Class

9:30 Sunday School (all)

9:30 Traditional Worship

10:45 New Beginnings

11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 7

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 SHINE

8:30 Tracking Committee

9:30 Visitation Committee

10:00 Sacred Hour

1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 8

9:30 Helping Hands

10:00 Staff Meeting

1:00 Dorcas Circle

2:00 AFTERNOON TEA

3:00 Serendipity Bible

5:30 Weight Watchers

6:00 Diabetic Support

6:30 WOW

7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 9

7:00 Men's Prayer Group

9:30 SMW Ladies Bible

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 LaMountain Bible

10:00 Siegel Bible

1:00 Shawl Ministry

3:00 Creative Worship

5:15 Music

6:00 Bells

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 10

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:00 Backpackers

9:15 Ruth Circle

6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 11

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:00 Wise Bible

2:00 Cancer Support

7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 12

8:00 FLU SHOTS

8:00 SerendipityPancakes

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:30 ZUMBA

3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 13

Discretionary Sunday

8:00 Traditional Worship

9:20 Discovery Class

9:30 Sunday School (all)

9:30 Traditional Worship

10:45 New Beginnings

11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 14

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 SHINE

8:30 Tracking Committee

9:30 Visitation Committee

10 - 4 Memory Bus

10:00 Sacred Hour

10:30 Fight Team

1:00 Caregivers Support

1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 15

9:30 UMW BUS TRIP

10:00 Staff Meeting

1:30 Stephen Ministers

2:00 Finance Committee

3:00 Serendipity Bible

3:00 Stephen Ministers

5:30 Weight Watchers

7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 16

7:00 Men's Prayer Group

9:00 Safe Driving Course 9:30 SMW Ladies Bible

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 LaMountain Bible

10:00 Siegel Bible

1:30 Transfer Orientation

2:00 Staff/Parish Relations

5:15 Music

6:00 Bells

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6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Choir 7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 17 9:00 Safe Driving Course

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store) 1:30 Women's Serendipity 3:00 Missions Committee 3:30 Trustees 6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

<u>Friday 18</u> COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store) 10:00 Wise Bible 7:00 Inv. NT.

Saturday 19

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store) 9:30 ZUMBA 3:00 A/Video Rehearsal 5:00 Mosier Wedding

Sunday 20 **Pantry Sunday**

8:00 Traditional Worship 9:20 Discovery Class 9:30 Sunday School (all) 9:30 Traditional Worship 10:45 New Beginnings 11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 21

8:00 Work Crew 8:30 SHINE 8:30 Tracking Committee 9:30 Visitation Committee 10:00 Sacred Hour 1:00 ML Respite 6:30 Girl Scout Leaders

Tuesday 22

9:00 WW PREP 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Serendipity Bible 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 23

7:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:30 SMW Ladies Bible 9:30 Weight Watchers 10:00 LaMountain Bible 10:00 Siegel Bible 1:00 Shawl Ministry

5:15 Music

5:30 WW 6:00 Bells

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 24 LABEL MAIL

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store) 6:30 Sugarmill Chorale 7:00 COUNCIL Meeting

Friday 25

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store) 10:00 Wise Bible 7:00 Inv. NT.

Saturday 26

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store) 9:30 ZUMBA 2:30 NCCB CONCERT 3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 27

Transfer Sunday 8:00 Traditional Worship

9:20 Discovery Class 9:30 Sunday School (all) 9:30 Traditional Worship 10:45 New Beginnings 11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 28 8:00 Work Crew

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

Tuesday 29

10:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Serendinity Bible 5:30 OAK HILL 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 30

7:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:00 Bazaar Setup 9:30 SMW Ladies Bible 9:30 Weight Watchers 10:00 LaMountain Bible 10:00 Siegel Bible

5:15 Music

6:00 Bells

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

Thursday 31

9:00 Bazaar Setup 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store) 6:30 Sugarmill Chorale.



WEEKLY **YMCA** CLASSES (352) 637-0132

Mondays 9:30 Cardio 10:30 Stab/Strength

Wednesdays 9:30 Pilates 10:30 Stab/Strength

Fridays 9:30 Cardio 10:30 Stab/Strength



Duane Geiger Holli Benthusen Sandra Tremlay Rita Hren Charles Gordon Sharon Rapp Gail Rudolph Carolyn Byington Sue Harris Suzanne Raines Don Hoes Loretta Burcaw Jeanne Pickrel 10 Steven Bassler Patricia Blake John Mayles Peggy Powell

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Jack Reed

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This is a reminder for you to pick up a **WELCOME BAG** if you have new neighbors as there is an invitation for them to come to our church. There is also a lot of information about our community in the bags and it is a great way to meet new neighbors and invite them to service. Welcome bags are available at the **Welcome Desk** in the Narthex.

Happy Columbus Day!

In fourteen hundred ninety-two
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
He had three ships and left from Spain;
He sailed through sunshine, wind and rain.
He sailed by night; he sailed by day;
He used the stars to find his way.
A compass also helped him know
How to find the way to go.

Ninety sailors were on board;
Some men worked while others snored.
Then the workers went to sleep;
And others watched the ocean deep.
Day after day they looked for land;
They dreamed of trees and rocks and sand.
October 12 their dream came true,
You never saw a happier crew!

"Indians! Indians!" Columbus cried;
His heart was filled with joyful pride.
But "India" the land was not;
It was the Bahamas, and it was hot.
The Arawak natives were very nice;
They gave the sailors food and spice.
Columbus sailed on to find some gold
To bring back home, as he'd been told.

He made the trip again and again,
Trading gold to bring to Spain.
The first American? No, not quite.
But Columbus was brave, and he was bright.



I can never express how much I appreciate what my church family has done for me during the illness and passing of Ed.

Thanks for all the prayers, cards and love you shared with me. We are so blessed to have a church family like we have at FUMC. God has been so good to me for having all of you in my life.

Again, thank you very much for all the prayers and love you gave me.

Alice Carnahan

REHEARSAL: Wednesdays 7 p.m. (about 1 hour)

NO AUDITION!



SING AT 9:30 & 11

Good Fellowship!

CALL the church office: 628-4083 to leave a message for Dixie!



Do you like to say "HELLO"? Wouldn't you like to meet and greet our visitors and church-family members on Sunday mornings? If so, Yvonne Zagorac would like to discuss what this great ministry involves. Please contact her at 382-5374 and she will give you the details.

NEWS 18

From Kevin & Laura

celebrate the harvest. It's when we take a Sunday to not only enjoy the thanks for His provisions. Since this update is written well before our celebration, you'll have to wait for pictures and the winners of our biggest vegetable contest! temperatures are dropping and winter is around the corner...is that am sure you have heard it said really possible??!!

In any case, we pray this update blesses you as much as it does us! Our Father is so faithful even when we are faithless.

Youth group happenings – exciting news!



Many of you will remember some of the girls we have written about in the past from our youth group. For those of you who have ever worked with youth you understand that there are those kids that come to all the meetings, sing all the songs by memory, even share with others that they are going to either a fellowship or a youth group with their friends - but there's no region of the world.

outward changes. We had two girls just like that; they came to everything we had, even the 7:00 October is our time to AM breakfast/prayer time before school...talk about commitment. The girls clearly heard the gospel 'fruits' of our labor, but to give presented many times. In fact they could have shared the gospel with others. What was missing for them was making the decision themselves to follow Him; they just could not take that last step. What they had was a lot of head knowledge. But I before, the longest distance is the 18 inches between our heads and our hearts. That 18 inches keeps many people from the grace that only our Savior can give. It is never head knowledge that saves a person; it is the knowledge of the heart. It is when you can finally say...I surrender. Well, we had that happen with two of the girls from our youth They came forward and publically made a commitment to follow HIM. This was not a quick decision on their parts; they considered the cost as they studied the Word with us over the last years before making a decision. We are thankful that two more have joined "our family". Please lift them up in prayer; their names are Dasha and Nadya. They will need your prayers to help fight the spiritual battle that will be going on! This side of heaven we are able to see some fruit for the labor WE all have been involved in, in this very difficult

The gospel going to new places...

Acts we come to the passage very early on...in Acts 1:8 power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." strength....this is one of the verses adjusting to the different culture, a new place.

17 years later, the people we went to "witness" to read the same passage. Natasha was one of those who read



this and felt the "calling" to go and reach those at the ends of the earth with the Good News. For the past year and a half she has been in Ulan Bator, Mongolia learning the Mongolian language in order to go to her 'ends of the earth.' This fall/ winter she will be moving into a small Mongolian village to help with a work that has been going on for several years and is in great need

of someone who can disciple 19 As we read through the book of people. It is a difficult work but she will not be serving alone. which She will be working along side of a reads... "But you will receive couple from Canada. This will be a difficult time for Natasha, as she will be living away from her home in a new village. We know that God will go with her in the same way he When we went has been with us and the verse in overseas many years ago, this was Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded one of the verses that gave us vou? Be strong and courageous. Do not be dismayed, for the LORD that we clung to as we were your God is with you wherever you go... will give her comfort as it has colder weather, foreign language given us comfort over the years. and the many other things that hit When we get updates on how she is you when you go overseas to live in doing and how the work is going we will pass it on to you. Another When the work started, some really awesome part of all this is that two of the fellowships we have been involved in since their beginnings are helping to support her in the work to reach this village with the gospel.

Point to Ponder....

Thank you so much for making it possible for us to "GO" so many Because of this years ago. partnership over the years, many lives are being changed. "LIGHT" of the gospel is going to places that we have never been because of YOUR obedience to help us proclaim the "Good News" to those who have never heard. Multiplication of the message of peace is going to new places...

> Blessings; Kevin and Laura Matthew 24:14

20 2013 UMC FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE June 12 to 15, 2013 Lakeland, FL

Attendees: Rev. Kip Younger, Sherry Younger, & Bernhard E. Diedrich, Lay Delegate for the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, FL, Gulf Central District

LAY DELEGATE REPORT

THE THEME:

"Becoming a Disciple of Christ"

This is a new theme set by our new Florida Conference Leader Bishop Kenneth Carter from Western North Carolina and is supported by many guest speakers, who are determine to find the best ways to succeed in this important endeavor.

The 171st UMC Conference was attended by approximately 2000 clergy, laity, guests & youth, all excited about doing the Lords work and enjoying the camaraderie & inspiring music. Our focus was and is about this years theme on "Becoming a Disciple of Christ" both home and abroad, along with "Stop Hunger Now" & all of the important duties of Annual Conference. At this Conference a 101,306 meals were packed as part of a mission "A Million Reasons" to Stop Hunger Now!

June 12th consisted primarily of Registration, Workshops & the Ministry Expo. I

attended a Health Care Workshop given by Conference HR person Wendy McCoy, which primarily addressed the new health care benefits for Pastors at all future stages of their career and retirement. Effective January 1, 2014, local churches & extension ministries will no longer have a conference health insurance plan for Lay employees. Had conference attempted to continue it's health care support. within 15 years they would be in debt for 137 million dollars or \$956.00 per year for each worship attendee.

June 13th (10 am): I attended the Annual Conference Laity Session conducted by Conference Lay Leader Russ Graves, who has served his first term June 2012 to this June 2013. Russ took part in many of the programs and has shown to be an extraordinary Lay Leader. This is a very informative session that prepares us (Lay Delegates) for this Conference.

June 13th (1:30 pm): Keynote Speaker Dr. Rev Jim Harnish from Hyde Park UMC, Tampa, spoke on fulfilling the mission of "Making Disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World", which grew out of his "A Disciples Path".

We also had several other speakers and the first day of Round Table discussions regarding "How is God Calling your Church" to be "Intentional Disciples".

evening Bishop Ken Carter was both our fine preacher and celebrant for Holy Communion. Conference churches offerings totaled \$74.215.19.

(8:30am)June 14th **Plenary Service:** which included \$34,851,700.00 on Dec. 31, 2012. reports from Dean of the Cabinet, the Strategic Leadership Team (who explained Structural Changes at the Conference Center), Standing Rules and Nominations.

June Service of Remembrance: by Rev. Phillip Roughton who served as Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry & President of the Institute of Preaching.

June 14th (1:30pm): Began with Celebrations of Church & clarified the vision of the 2013 Clergy, Clergy Retirement Service, second Round Table discussion of "The Disciple Experience (II)", pensions, property/casualty insurance, and the 2014 AC budget.

June 14th **Ordination Service:** Dr. Kim Cape, General Secretary of the "General Board of Higher Education & Ministry of the UMC" preached, which was followed by the Service of Licensing, Commissioning & Ordination of 6/ Elder in Full Connection, 1/Deacon in Full Connection, 12/ Provisional Elder Memberships, 1/Provisional Deacon Membership, 1/Local Pastor from another Denomination and 7/ to be Licensed as Local Pastors.

June 13th (7:00 pm): This Conference Treasurer Mickey 21 Wilson gave his somewhat humorous review of 2012/2013 and how the future for 2014 appears. Both Pension & Health Benefits remain on strong financial ground, with the Benefit Trust

> Rev. Ken Minton, as UMC Conference Secretary, managed his duties perfectly, as always.

June 15th (8:30am)Plenary **Session:** Florida UM 14th (11:00am) Foundations, resolutions on pages 205/206 & 207, cabinet transitions, pastoral appointments, and Bishop Carter preaching another wonderful sermon & the closing of the 2013 Annual Conference.

> I believe that we have Annual Conference and hopefully we have ensured that the vision of all conference resources ministries are in alignment.

This is my sixth, and (7:00pm) probably my last, Annual Conference and for me personally it was both important and exhilarating.

> We currently have 670 active churches in our Florida Conference. Also, First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, FL met it's 100% Apportionments, as always.

> > Respectfully submitted in His Name,

Bernhard (Bern) E. Diedrich, **FUMC Lay Delegate to Annual** Conference

The Haircut

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.

The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair $\sim \sim \sim$ and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.'

YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THE DAD'S REPLY:

'Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?'

~ from Jan Wise



Citrus County Chronicle Healthcare Hero 2013 Karen Kline, RN Healthcare Humanitarian

Ten individuals representing health care providers and services were honored as Healthcare Heroes at the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce monthly lunch.

The recognition was an effort by the Citrus County Chronicle in partnership with Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Community, Superior Residences of Lecanto, Gardner Audiology, Gulfcoast Spine Institute and other cosponsors.

Hundreds of nominations were submitted by the public in nine specific areas. A panel of health care professionals then selected the winners. We are proud that Karen was among the winners.



Elizabeth (Betty) Ainsworth went with our Lord on August 5, 2013 while living in Crystal Lake, IL. Surviving are 2 daughters; her husband Don passed away some years ago.

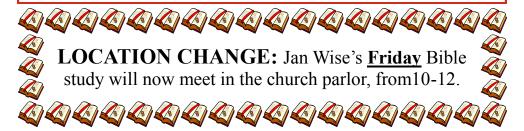
Her daughter Nancy said that her parents had made the church part of their family and Betty regularly read the newsletter as long as she could. Nancy said she read it to her mother for some time.

Betty, family & friends are listed in the memorial book as having given funds for the Bell Carillion in honor of her husband Don.

David Honderich went with our Lord September 1, 2013. Survivors include Faye, his wife of 52 years; sister, Joan of Alexandria, Va.; nieces, Mary Honderich of Maryland, Cathy Waller of Largo, Nancy Dietrich of Tarpon Springs, and Julia Mote and Laura Wilcher, who grew up in his home, both of Blairsville, Ga. He was also known as Papa Dave to Craig Wilcher of Blairsville, Ga.

A memorial service was held Saturday, September 7, 2013, at FUMCH. May he rest in peace with our Lord.

Lord, as we mourn the deaths of Betty & Dave, show us the power of Your goodness, and strengthen our belief that they have entered into Your Presence. Amen



"DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?"

UMC Church-wide Retreat Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m-3:30 p.m.

Are we so busy with our opinions that we fail to consider what God sees—his view of our lives and our world? Special music and Jan Wise's teaching will invite us higher than our human viewpoint to consider what God sees. A change of view can change your life! There's **no charge** for the day; call the church to **sign up (628-4083).**



The Thrift shop is in need of some volunteers to work parttime from 9 to 12 on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Most of the volunteers work once or twice a month. Please contact Joan Kemp 382-7318 as she handles the scheduling. She will be willing to work with you to arrange a day to fit your schedule.

Thank you, Pat Blake



SHOW & TELL

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

TRASH & TREASURE





Just think – your trash could be a hidden treasure for someone else! Faith Hope Circle is conducting the Hidden Treasure booth at the annual bazaar held by the United Methodist Women of our church. The bazaar will be held November 1st and 2nd this year.

If you are tired of looking at certain items in your home or are overrun with collectibles or are tired of clutter, please think of us and call Helen Lefave at (352)628-1380. We can make arrangements to meet at the church and take possession of your unwanted things, except for furniture.

You will help yourself and also help the United Methodist Women realize a profit so we can continue our charitable work in supporting youth projects in our own church as well as outreach mission projects in the community and beyond. We are appreciative of your help and cooperation.

Submitted by Helen Lefave



Answer: "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer." Proverbs 30:25, MIV





DANA & ED JAMES

17 Grass Street, Homosassa FL 34446 (352) 503-2672 Dana was born 3/11 and Ed 8/3. They were married 11/20/87 and previously attended Grace Presbyterian in Madison, FL.

JOAN LANGE

10311 S. Bainbridge Ter., Homosassa FL 34446 (352) 503-9033 Joan was born 4/24 and previously attended Westville UMC in Westville, N.J. She married James Lange on 9/15/67.





HELEN MCDOWELL

34 Fox Glove Court, Homosassa, FL 34446 (352) 503-5508 Helen was born 5/11 and is the Mother of Susan Vidican listed below.

GARY NOFFSINGER

32 Golf View Court, Homosassa FL 34446 (352) 503-2475 Gary was born 9/14 and married Deborah Noffsinger 4/26/75.





HARRY PRESTON

3153 N. Tamarisk Avenue, Beverly Hills, FL 34465 (352) 513-4623 Harry was born 9/9, and transferred from Floral City UMC.

DIANNE ROWELL

5921 S. Dover Point, Homosassa, FL 34446 (352) 628-4215 Dianne was born 12/23 and previously attended St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New Bedford, MA.





SUSAN & ROBERT VIDICAN

34 Foxglove Court, Homosassa, FL 34446 (352) 503-5508 Susan was born 12/30 and Robert 6/22. They were married 5/27/00, and transferred from St. Paul's UMC, Rochester, MI.

ANGIE & BUTCH MILLER

3910 N Blazing Star Way, Beverly Hills, FL 34465 (352) 270-8919

Angie was born 12/30 and Robert 11/28. They were married 7/31/76, and transferred from Inverness UMC.





LINDA IZAGUIRRE

21 Linder Street, Homosassa FL 34446 (352) 382-5780 Linda was born 1/04. She transferred from Epworth United Methodist in Toledo, Ohio.





For several years a group from our church headed up by Eileen Ferguson has been making sweaters for the World Vision Guidepost sweater project. This project was started by Fonty Shade several years ago.

We are now asking if anyone has yarn that they no longer need and be willing to donate to this project. You can leave it at the office with my name on it. Any donation would be appreciated.

Thank you very much. Pat Blake 628-6602









An AARP Drivers Safety Course will be held from 900 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on October 16 & 17 in Fellowship Hall. This is the Nation's first and largest classroom course for motorist age 50 and older. More than 500,000 older drivers complete this program each year.

Emphasis of this program is to teach drivers "How" to boost safety awareness, refresh and improve their driving skills, minimize crash risks, increase confidence, prolong mobility, and maintain independence. Upon completion of course, you will receive a certificate that can be used to earn a discount on your automobile insurance. Contact your insurance agent for discount amounts.

Early course registration is recommended since class size is limited. Course fee is \$14.00 dollars, AARP members: \$12.00 dollars.

Call Frank Tobin today at 628-3229 for registration.

Mid November....join us for a bus trip to the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens in Spring Hill followed by lunch at the Boston Cooker.

Further details in the October bulletins. Ann Morrison 382-2923



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