

GENESIS NEWSLETTER
HOMOSASSA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday services: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
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Words from Our Pastor

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ” Ephesians 4:11-12

During seminary I served as a student pastor. This required me to meet with several other student pastors who served in close proximity to one another. We met once a week with a Student Pastor Leader, who typically was an experienced ordained elder of a large church within that same location. At our sessions we would discuss topics that we were dealing with as related to the churches where we served.

At one session a colleague shared his worship experience from the past Sunday morning. He arrived at the church in the early morning hours before anyone in his congregation would even be up.

Once at the church he proceeded to make the inside of the sanctuary appear as if it had not been used in years. He turned off the electricity, covered the piano and organ in old sheets and removed all the

decorations and icons of worship like the candles, the altar Bible and such. He removed the hymnals, bulletins and any posted advertising of coming church events. He made sure only one church door was unlocked so everyone had to enter through the same door into this “ghost church”.

He made sure the organist and pianist did not enter the sanctuary so their absence would be noticed quickly as the congregation walked into a silent, dark and cold church. When people started to arrive for worship, they were confused, surprised and some were angry over the condition of the sanctuary.

When the time for worship came he entered the sanctuary, not dressed in the usual pastoral worship garb. He began to share with them that what they were experiencing is exactly what they would experience for real in the very near future under the current church circumstances. He made sure they understood that both the condition of the sanctuary and the emotions they were personally experiencing would be much more agonizing if the situation were indeed real.

What was his point? Why did he go to such extremes to make it? His point was simple. If the church continued to function under the current circumstances, this is where they would soon be. He went to

<p>such extremes because he had been sharing his concerns for months in all the usual typical and acceptable ways. But it seemed to him that the people did not hear him or take him seriously—that is, until this particular Sunday. Then, sitting there in the dark, silent and cold reality, they began to think about where they were headed as a church. Even more to his point, his actions showed that it was up to them to take on the responsibilities that would move the church forward in a way that honored God.</p> <p>Did this work in terms of encouraging people to take action? It only produced results for a short time. Then the people fell back into the long-learned habit of believing someone else would do what the church needed done.</p> <p>In the reading from Ephesians, Paul is teaching the folks that everyone has a talent or gift from God. And he goes as far as to list a few. However, my concern with this text is that he seems to list only those in “high positions of authority or control,” leaving out all the other positions of responsibility.</p> <p>Now some would argue that he is specifically addressing the task of equipping the saints and how these positions reflect that need. Yet, there are still so many other positions of “lesser” authority or control that are absolutely necessary</p>	<div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30px; float: right;">3</div> <p>to aid in the equipping of the saints. All of these positions require God-given gifts and talents to be used in a manner that honors God.</p> <p>The heartfelt desire to honor God through the use of such gifts and talents is truly important. To have gifts and talents and either do nothing with them or use them only when it pleases the individual is not, nor ever will be, honoring to God.</p> <p>I recently shared in a sermon that it does not take much for me to be troubled to the point where I have difficulty sleeping at night. Issues or concerns can wake me early in the morning and keep me from further sleep. Someone asked me what kind of concern affects me that way. My answer was quick and very easy—my concerns over the continued growth and forward movement of our church in a way that honors God.</p> <p>The reason Paul is concerned with “equipping the saints” is because he realizes it takes the effort of every saint in the congregation to enable the church to honor God. There is something for each one of us to do. Many of you have found your place in honoring God through your service in his church. Thanks for all you do. But if you have yet to find your place, let us help you do so.</p> <p>God Bless—Pastor Kip</p>
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Need to update your records?

If you have changed any of your contact information, please call 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 includes important announcements, information about the coming week's scripture, and usually some things to think about as you prepare for worship on Sunday. If you would like to receive this weekly email, please email Theresa in the office at: **8831admin@lumc.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 opportunity to join the church will be in 2015 and will be announced later.**

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 transferring from another denomination or any other church, you are encouraged to attend the new member classes.

If you are interested in exploring membership, have any questions about which category to join by, 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****ADMINISTRATION**

Church Council
Counting Team
Board of Trustees
Finance Committee
Memorials
Nominating Committee
Permanent Endowment Committee
Scholarship Committee
Staff/Parish Relations Committee
Stewardship Committee

WORSHIP

Audio-Visual Ministry
Communion Stewards
Creative Worship Team
Decorating Committee
Flower Arranging
Greeters and Ushers
Music Ministry

MEMBERSHIP CARE

Attendance Tracking Committee
Christian Education
Disaster Relief Programs
Funeral Receptions
Library
Member Support
Parish Nurse
Parish Visitation
Prayer Ministry
Reception Committee
Stephen Ministry

MINISTRIES & WORK AREAS

Folding/Mailing Committee
Genesis Newsletter
Green Committee
Kitchen Committee
Mission Committee
Monday Morning Work Crew
Office Reception Team
Online Picture Directory
Publicity

Salvation Army Bell Ringers
Welcoming Ministry
Wonderful Wednesday Dinners
Youth Ministry

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Alzheimer's Support Group
Arts Council
Blood Bank
Camp-E-Nini-Hassee
Cancer Support Group
Diabetes Support Group
Disaster Relief/Response Team
Food Pantry
God's Clods (clown ministry)
Health Related Workshops
Holiday Prison Ministry
Hunger & Homeless Outreach
LifeSouth Blood Bank Location
Medical Equipment Loan
Memory Lane Respite (day care)
Men's Wed. Morning Prayer Breakfast
Knit for Kids (World Vision)
Nursing Home Ministries
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Shut-In Visitation
Stephen Ministry
Thrift Shop
Welcome Bags

MISSIONS

CROP Hunger Walk
FL United Methodist Children's Home
Missionaries to Ireland
Missionaries to Siberia
Salvation Army of Citrus County
SHINE
The Path, Sanctuary, & Grace House

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Brown Bible - Friday, 7 p.m.
Come See - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
Guy Bible - Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Meadowcrest Bible - Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Men's Serendipity - Tuesday, 3 p.m.
Women's Serendipity - 3rd TH, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday Sisters - Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Siegel Bible - Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Wise Bible - Friday, 10:00 a.m.
Women's Bible - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
WOW - 2nd Tuesday monthly, 6:30 p.m..



Karen Kline

RN BSN
FUMC Faith
Community Nurse



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

When your doctor gives you the prescription for your annual mammogram you may notice that it is ordered as a “screening” mammogram. Basically, this means that you will get two x-ray views of each breast. A “diagnostic” mammogram is ordered if there is an existing problem or an abnormal result is found on the screening test.

With the diagnostic mammogram additional x-rays are taken of the abnormal area. In some cases special images called “spot views” or “magnification views” are done for clearer visualization of the abnormal area.

The diagnostic mammogram may be interpreted in one of three ways. The best is that with better visualization the suspicious area will be seen as

normal. It may indicate that the abnormal area is probably not cancerous but will need follow-up to confirm that no cancer is present. Finally, a suspicious area may indicate the need for a biopsy and further testing.

One of the reasons you may be asked to return for a diagnostic mammogram is a finding of breast calcifications. Calcifications are common and found in fifty percent of women over 50 and in about one in ten in women under fifty.

There are two classifications of calcifications: macrocalcifications and microcalcifications. Macrocalcifications are seen as large and round on a mammogram. They are usually considered negative for cancer and need no follow-up. Microcalcifications are small and numerous. They too are not usually indicators for cancer but do require follow-up in 4-6 months.

If you haven't had your mammogram for 2014...schedule it today!



“Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God.”

-Baptismal Covenant II, Congregational pledge 2, United Methodist Hymnal

Happy October everyone!!!
I'm writing this to you early in September, after spending an amazing evening with the GodSquad and thousands of other youth at Universal Studio's Rock the Universe event. I am writing knowing that as you are reading this, I will be in KwaMhlanga, South Africa - dancing, singing, loving and caring for about 100 kids who God has placed in my life and in my heart.

The first time I went to South Africa I met a little boy named Edson. Edson had been anxiously awaiting the arrival of our team for weeks. When we arrived he scanned the room looking for a gentleman who had been on the previous year's team. He was disappointed to learn that the man was not part of our team.

Edson told all of us how the man had promised him that he would never forget him. The man had also promised to return. You can imagine Edson's disappointment when his dear friend, the man who would never forget him, was not with our team.

I have been traveling to the Manaleni Center for five years now. Edson is now a young man. He struggles. He fights in school - when he goes. He has lost his parents, his “granny”, his uncles, and other friends to AIDS and other illness. But the one thing that brings out the anger and bitterness in him is the hurt and rejection he feels because of a broken promise. A sincere promise; made with the intent of encouraging and changing the life of a child, however, the failure to honor it (for many, many good reasons: it costs a lot of time and money to travel to Africa each year) has done more harm than good.

So, what does the promise we as the church make at a child's baptism have to do with the youth, a kid in Africa, and you? I think you may already know where I'm heading. How are we doing at honoring the promise?

I'm getting to know the IUMC kids. They are the future of **the** church - not just our church. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ. (God does not have grandkids!)

I urge us to be consistent in our prayers for the kids of our church. Get to know them. Watch and listen how God is working in them and around them, and ask Him to show you how He wants you join Him in His work.

Be Blessed!! -Deb

First United Methodist Church of Homosassa
Holiday Bazaar

October 31 ~ 9am - 3pm

November 1 ~ 9am - 2pm



Kitchen Items	Christmas- Wonderland
Bake Sale	Craft Shoppe
Hidden- Treasures Shop	Plant & Garden Centre ...and more



LUNCH IN THE BISTRO

FRIDAY

11:00 - 1:30

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



SATURDAY*

Chicken/Noodle Casserole
Cranberry Molded Salad
Croissant, Pumpkin Dessert
and Drink - \$6.00

Seating Times:
11:30, 12:15, & 1:00

***Reservation Required**
Call: 628-4083





TOOLS and MORE at the Man Cave!

Yes, the Serendipity Men's Bible Study is again sponsoring the "Man Cave". This is a sale of donated items, with proceeds going to support the hungry and homeless in Citrus County through *Grace House* and *The Sanctuary*. Below are a few guidelines to help you decide if your donation will help support this great event!

The date for the *Man Cave* will be **October 31 and November 1st**, here at our church. Come and look for many household items — to contribute to the *Cave* start saving your items, **now!** We are picking them up now by appointments.

Please contact one of the following men: Dean Moore - (352) 601-1959; Bob Powell – (352) 503-3977; or Jim Potts – (352) 382-1842.

Guidelines for donations:

All items must be in usable condition. All motor operated items, power tools, etc., **MUST** be in working condition (we **can't** do repairs). We will accept garden tools and shop tools. Most sports equipment, i.e.: fishing, biking, hunting, boating, tennis, etc. Also printers, but no other electronics—**No TV's** except flat screen.

Unacceptable items: No golf clubs older than 5 years. Items to be picked up must be known and deemed acceptable – appointments need to be made. (Information on contact numbers **are listed above**, call for available pick up appointment times.)

Remember start saving **now** and selecting those items you wish to donate to the "Man Cave". **We appreciate your support** for this community effort.



**GENESIS ARTICLES
DUE EVERY MONTH BY:**

1ST FRIDAY

Introducing...



Deb Dioguardi
Director of Christian
Education

Deb joined the staff in August 2014. In her role as Christian Education Director, Deb feels blessed to be able to help people of all ages connect with the many ministries of the church and grow in their faith through Bible study.

Deb and her husband Glenn, have two daughters, Amanda and Gillian. They live in Tampa, but are part-time residents of Riverhaven Village.



Rozella Jarrett
Pianist

Roz joined the staff in August 2014. She is a member of Mariner United Methodist Church in Spring Hill. Roz has been the pianist for church, school and community choirs, and now accompanies our choir.

Originally from Indiana, she worked as a legal secretary in California before retiring to Florida. Roz lives in Weeki Wachee, where she plays golf when the weather cools. She enjoys traveling, especially to our National Parks. She has four children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



**Ginny
Robertson**
Organist

Ginny joined the staff in August 2014. She started playing piano and organ when she was 8 years old. Prior to joining the staff, she served as organist and assistant choir director in a church in New York State.

After moving to Florida, she served as organist and choir director for two Homosassa churches. Ginny is looking forward to playing the "magnificent organ" in our church and getting to meet many new people.

**"KNIT FOR
KIDS"**



Show them someone cares

Join us every Friday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Forest View Clubhouse for some social time while we knit sweaters for kids of tomorrow.

Please call Eileen Ferguson (she's in the church directory) for any questions you might have.

All are welcome and we look forward to having you attend.



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Fall Special: Stack of Pancakes! October 11

“**Stack of Pancakes**” will be the promotion this month! The proceeds will help Citrus County’s Hungry and Homeless. Mark your calendar on the second Saturday - 8 to 10 a.m. for **\$4.00 per person** at the United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., in Homosassa. (*Sponsored by Serendipity Men’s Bible Study.*)

You’ll enjoy this breakfast - come and bring your friends - then feast on **flapjacks and sausages**, with beverages of **coffee, tea, juice, and milk**. All proceeds help support the hungry and homeless in Citrus County through **Grace House**, and **The Sanctuary**. For more information please call (352) 628-4083 or (352) 382-0336. We look forward to seeing you!

**TO BE HAPPY IN LIFE,
YOU MUST LEARN
THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN WHAT YOU
WANT VS NEED**

WWW.DAILYINSPIRATIONALQUOTES.IN



Church Family,

I sat in church on Sunday with a little white bear wearing a red bow who said he was being blessed with prayer, scripture, music, and seemed filled with a lot of love, so I took him home, wrapped him in white tissue paper, and packed him in a box just his size.

The next morning I took him to the post office and asked a clerk to send him to Niagara Falls, NY. My sister has always made her church a big part of her life, but she has not been able to attend services since December 2013 because of chemo. So now the bear will be able to keep her company on Sunday when she listens and watches Dr. Charles Stanley on TV. I also watch him every Sunday before I attend our church.

“Thank You” for allowing a ray of sunshine into her life!

God Bless, Ida Bradley

✠ Sympathy ✠



Peggy Powell, 90, a former member of FUMCH, went with our Lord 8/6/14. She leaves her children, Phillip, Anne Curt, and Stephen Powell. She now rejoins her late sisters, Frances Graham and Jeannette Zeidler. Her service was 8/9/14, in Ross Township, PA.



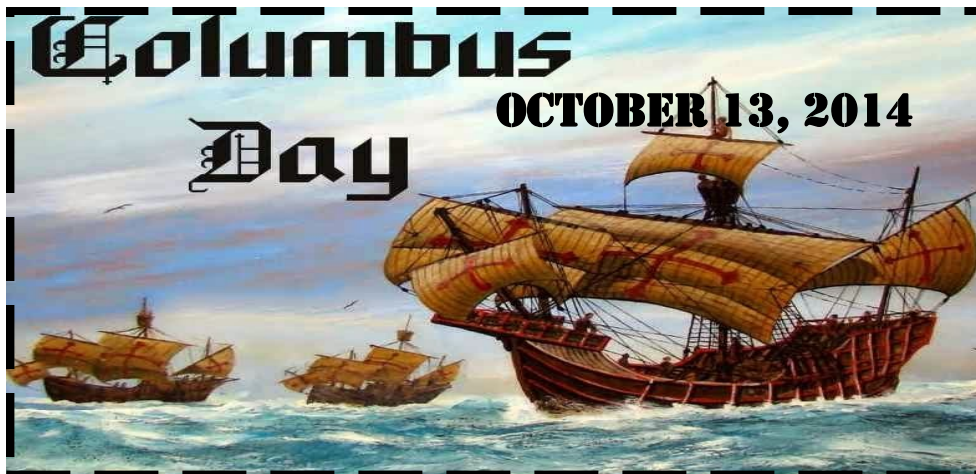
Ed Loper, 72, went with our Lord 8/23/14. Left to cherish his memory are Brenda, his wife of 9 years; son, Thomas (Toni); granddaughters, Andrea, Hailey and Jenna; daughter, Kimberly (Robert); granddaughter, Courtney; and grandson Connor. A celebration and tribute to Edward's life will be 9/26/14 at FUMCH. Ed had been very active with the FUMCH food pantry serving the needy.



Bill Morrison, 87, went with our Lord 8/30/14. Left to cherish his memory are Ann, his wife of 50 years; daughter, Sarah, & sons, James & William; a brother & 2 sisters. Funeral services were conducted at Memorial Church, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, MA, and a memorial service was held at FUMCH on 9/17/14.



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





(as of 9/15/14)

BRENTWOOD

Gene Harry
Joyce Minnicks

CR HEALTH/REHAB

Nancy Pearo

LIFE CARE

Conrad Keniston

SUGARMILL MANOR

Dorothy Atwell
Zip Bender
Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Betty Downey
Barbara Kuhl
Helen Vaught
Catherine Wisheart

SUPERIOR RESIDENCE

John Guthrie
Hazel Keniston
Hank Pouderoyn-HPH.

1 Virginia & John Hoadley ~ 59 years

Susan & Leland Irish ~ 15 years

8 Sheryl & James O'Hara ~ 31 years

9 Kathryn & Ron Powell ~ 10 years

13 Virginia & Kenneth Will ~ 35 years

14 Priscilla & Andy Frederick ~ 42 years

15 June & Gene Beghtel ~ 54 years

16 Katherine & Terry Cornelius ~ 50 years

17 Donna & Nelson Bell ~ 27 years

19 Carol & Elwin Mosier ~ 1 year

23 Eileen & Roger Ferguson ~ 60 years

26 Debbie & Richard Grafton ~ 34 years

28 Geraldine & George Frenz ~ 25 years

30 Barbara & James Stoneman ~ 60 years

31 Sue & Howard Kuntz ~ 61 years.

Bold = 50+ years



WEEKLY YMCA

CLASSES

(352) 637-0132

Mondays

9:30 Cardio

10:30 SS/Strength/Range

Wednesdays

9:30 Pilates

10:30 SS/Strength/Range

Fridays

9:30 Cardio

10:30 SS/Strength/Range



My deepest thanks to the FUMC family for the many prayers, cards, and other support offered during my sister's illness and recent death.

You are a loving and caring "family."

Thank you, Sharon Deutsch

Wednesday 1

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Come See Bible
 10:00 Meadowcrest Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:30 Women's Serendipity
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 2

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10 - 1 FOOD PANTRY
 10:30 Experience
 6:30 Experience
 6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 3**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 Knit for Kids (OS)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 7:00 Brown Bible (OS)

Saturday 4

8:30 Saturday Sisters Bible
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:30 God's Clods
 3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 5**UMW SUNDAY**

7-7:30 Breakfast
 8:00 Traditional Worship
 8:30-9 Breakfast
 9-9:30 Faith Café open
 9:20 Discovery Class
 9:30 Sunday School (all)
 9:30 Traditional Worship
 10:30-11 Faith Café open
 10:45 New Beginnings
 11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 6

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

9:30 Visitation Committee
 10:00 Sacred Hour
 1:00 ML Respite
 3:00 Worship

Tuesday 7

9:30 Staff Meeting
 10:00 UMW Leaders
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 6:00 Girl Scouts
 6:30 WOW
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 8

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Come See Bible
 10:00 Meadowcrest Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 2:00 Nominating Commit
 3:00 Staff/Parish Relations
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 9

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:15 Ruth Circle
 10 - 1 FOOD PANTRY
 10:30 Experience
 6:00 C.E.R.T.
 6:30 Experience
 6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 10

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 Knit for Kids (OS)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 2:00 Cancer Support
 7:00 Brown Bible (OS)

Saturday 11

8:00 FLU CLINIC
 8:00 Serendipity Pancakes

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

Sunday 12**COMMUNION SUNDAY****Discretionary Sunday**

7-7:30 Breakfast
 8:00 Traditional Worship
 8:30-9 Breakfast
 9-9:30 Faith Café open
 9:20 Discovery Class
 9:30 Sunday School (all)
 9:30 Traditional Worship
 10:30-11 Faith Café open
 10:45 New Beginnings
 11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 13

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:00 Safe Driving Course
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 10:00 Sacred Hour
 10:30 Fight Team
 1:00 Caregivers Support
 1:00 ML Respite
 3:00 WORSHIP

Tuesday 14

9:00 Safe Driving Course
 9:30 Helping Hands Circle
 9:30 Staff Meeting
 1:00 Dorcas Circle
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 6:00 Diabetes Support
 6:00 Girl Scouts
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 15

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Come See Bible
 10:00 Meadowcrest Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:30 Transfer Orientation
 2:00 Nominating Committee
 5:15 Music

5:30 WW Dinner

6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

Thursday 16

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:00 Fold Mail

10 - 1 FOOD PANTRY

10:30 Experience

1:30 Women's Serendipity
3:00 Missions Committee
3:30 Trustees

6:30 Experience

6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 17

COUNCIL REPORT DUE

9:00 Thrift Store

9:30 Knit for Kids (OS)

10:00 Wise Bible

7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 18

8:30 Saturday Sisters Bible

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 19

PANTRY SUNDAY

7-7:30 Breakfast

8:00 Traditional Worship

8:30-9 Breakfast

9-9:30 Faith Café open

9:20 Discovery Class

9:30 Sunday School (all)

9:30 Traditional Worship

10:30-11 Faith Café open

10:45 New Beginnings

11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 20

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 SHINE

8:30 Tracking Committee

9:30 Visitation Committee

10:00 Sacred Hour

1:00 ML Respite

3:00 WORSHIP

6:30 Girl Scout Leaders

Tuesday 21

9:00 UMW BUS TRIP

9:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 Stephen Ministers

2:00 Diabetes Support

2:00 Finance Committee

3:00 Serendipity Bible

3:00 Stephen Ministers

5:30 Weight Watchers

6:00 Girl Scouts

7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 22

7:00 Men's Prayer Group

8:00 HS MUSIC FESTIV

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 Come See Bible

10:00 Meadowcrest Bible

10:00 Siegel Bible

1:00 Shawl Ministry

5:15 Music

6:00 Bells

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 23

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10 - 1 FOOD PANTRY

10:30 Experience

3:00 Perm. Endow. Comm.

6:00 Experience

6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

7:00 Council

Friday 24

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:30 Knit for Kids (OS)

10:00 Wise Bible (OS)

7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 25

8:30 Saturday Sisters Bible

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

12:00 SET-UP

2:00 NCCB CONCERT

3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 26

TRANSFER SUNDAY

7-7:30 Breakfast

8:00 Traditional Worship

8:30-9 Breakfast

9-9:30 Faith Café open

9:20 Discovery Class

9:30 Sunday School (all)

9:30 Traditional Worship

10:30-11 Faith Café open

10:45 New Beginnings

11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 27

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 SHINE

8:30 Tracking Committee

9:30 Visitation Committee

10:00 Sacred Hour

1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 28

9:30 Staff Meeting

3:00 Serendipity Bible

5:30 Weight Watchers

6:00 Girl Scouts

7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 29

BAZAAR SETUP

7:00 Men's Prayer Group

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 Come See Bible

10:00 Meadowcrest Bible

10:00 Siegel Bible

5:15 Music

6:00 Bells

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 30

BAZAAR SETUP

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:00 Fold Mail

10:30 Experience

6:30 Experience

6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 31

8:00 BAZAAR

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:30 Knit for Kids (OS)


10:00 Wise Bible

7:00 Brown Bible..



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	Holli Benthusen		Marilyn Bosley	
	Sandra Tremlay		Kayleigh Gordon	
	5		Bill Kemp	
	Rita Hren		Patricia Lawrence	
	6		25	
	Charles Gordon		Pat Morgan	
	Sharon Rapp		Mary Valeria Wither	
	Gail Rudolph		26	
	7		Dee Green	
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	Jeanne Pickrel		Susan Irish	
	10		Bill Kemp	
	Steven Bassler		George Marshall	
	John Mayles		Jack Schrock	
	Patricia Blake		30	
	11		Charlotte Brightman	
	Kenneth Dent		Helen Lefave	
	Scott Devers		31	
	Jerry Tanner		Hettie Nevels	
	12		Bob MacKenzie.	
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	Sandi Fletcher-Boor			
	Lisa Specht			
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	James Harris			
	Diane Koskela			
	Mary Olson			
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	Joe Ann Gidlow			
	Jack Reed			
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	Ann Fasnacht			
	Billie Grudzen			
	Anna Rivells			

"Lord Jesus, open the eyes of my heart that I may see you clearly."

	<p>Heartfelt thanks to my church family for the prayers, cards, and comforting words in Ted's passing. A special word of thanks to Pastor Kip for his visits and the beautiful memorial service.</p> <p>Ted was a blessing to me, family, and friends, and will forever remain in our hearts. God Bless you one and all. Marie Archambault</p>
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Heaven is a real place!

Jesus said, “For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.” (John 6:38) Then two men in white told the disciples, “This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11b) Paul tells of being “caught up to the third heaven,” “paradise,” and hearing inexpressible things that he was not permitted to tell. (2 Corinthians 12:2-4)

We know from earthly experience that when “comings” and “goings” are happening, some “place” is the object of the journeys. So, knowing heaven is real, what do we know about it?

One thing we know heaven is not—it is not a wonderful, happy place planned as a reward for those who do kind deeds and live good lives.

If living good lives could qualify us for heaven, Jesus would not have come to earth to die on a cross. No matter how decent and nice human beings might be, every person is born bearing the sinful flesh inherited from our ancestor, Adam. No descendant of Adam and Eve can go to heaven because “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.” (1 Corinthians 15:50)

So the Father, wanting his created beings to live with him, sent his Son to open the way for all Adam’s descendants to enter heaven. Jesus, through his death on the cross, provided the way for us to exchange our sinful fleshly inheritance for a sinless spiritual inheritance. Those who recognize the need for this exchange and believe in what Jesus did to open heaven’s door become citizens of heaven, even while still living on earth. Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) Heaven is the Father’s home and Jesus is the only open “door” available. All are invited, but not all are willing to come through the one door the Father has provided.

Heaven is a place of relationships. Believers learn to pray, “*Our Father* in heaven...” (Matthew 6:9). Jesus prayed, “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am...” (John 17:24) Another time, Jesus told his disciples, “In my Father’s house are many rooms...I am going there to prepare a place for you.” (John 14:2) It’s not the streets of gold, the heavenly mansions or even the absence of tears and pain, but the presence of family—Father, Jesus, other believers—that creates the wonder-filled atmosphere of heaven. It’s not *what* is there in the Father’s home, but *who* is there. **Are you planning on going?**



We, at the church 'Bread of Life' Food Pantry, appreciate the congregations support with this very important out reach program.

The following will give you an idea of where the money goes.

All products are from the Community Food Bank of Citrus County.

We spend approximately **\$2,200.00** per month on food staples at a wholesale cost.

Additional Weekly Pantry Expense Examples

- Large thirty pound box of assorted produce consisting of fruits and vegetables.

@ \$.05 per pound – cost \$1.50
We use 10 per month.

- Large forty pound box of meat consisting of beef, chicken and pork.

@ \$.18 per pound – cost \$7.20
We use 12 per month.

- Large box of assorted non food products example: toilet paper, batteries, Kleenex etc.

@ \$.18 per pound as available.

- Bottles of assorted drinks and juices.

@ \$.09 per pound (as available)

Also - free food products (as available) such as cookies, snack cakes, and chips.

We also give breads and bakery items, thanks to Publix.

You're welcome to visit our operation any Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to assist with this worthwhile community service, please come forward.

At present we serve 130 families per month, but more folks have been signing up. We see people in dire need in Homosassa.

Your continued support is very important.

Sincerely, Bob Powell

***"God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7b***



GOOD TIME FOR ALL!

What a group of talented musicians! For the short time that some of them partake in this learning experience, they really seem to enjoy performing. Some of them will continue in a musical career, as the present drummer is, but it is also a very educational and fun time even from the age of 8. Those in the audience who were brave enough were invited to get a "hands-on" experience, including our own Maria Spence and Brandon Paul, and they ALL sounded like pros!

HOMOSASSA WOMEN CANCER SURVIVOR GROUP

We are a women's cancer survivor group who meet at the church several months a year. We have taken the summer off & resumed our meetings in September. The months we do not meet at the church, we "do" lunch.

We are excited about a new partnership with the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (R.B.O.I.) in Lecanto. You will recognize the names of Dr. Bennett & Dr. Brant. Their social worker, Wendy Hall, will be assisting us at our meetings and hopefully sending us new clients. We have become a very small group and realize that we need the community's help if we are to remain active in our ministry. We appreciate your sharing the news about our group.

We meet monthly, September to June, and 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. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Schuessler 382-0057, or email patschue@aol.com

*"The aging process could be slowed down if it had to
work its way through Congress."*



Church Library

ENJOY SOME GOOD COMPANY WITH A GOOD BOOK

Books are like good friends. They keep you company, are informative and are sometimes good for a laugh.

“Whirlwind”, a novel by Cathy Marie Hake. Millicent Fairweather has been an energetic nanny to two young charges and they are unexpectedly sent to a boarding school. Unsure of where life will lead her, she agrees to accompany her sister and brother-in-law to America. They board the ship, “Opportunity” with confidence that a better life awaits them. Widower Daniel Clark determines to begin life anew in Gooding, Texas, operating a mercantile. But he finds himself in dire need of assistance on board the ship when his nanny leaves him stranded with his young son. He obtains temporary help from steerage and is taken aback by the pretty bundle of energy who takes over his suite, yet Miss Fairweather’s unique child-rearing techniques and tireless devotion to his son soon win him over. When tragedy strikes and a whirlwind decision is made, Daniel and Millicent’s lives are irrevocably intertwined. Will love soon follow?

“Nowhere to be Found”, by Emily Thomas, a Secrets of the Blue Hill Library book. While converting the Victorian home left by her great-aunt Edie into a library, Anne Gibson

stumbles upon a fascinating find. Hidden behind an old star quilt is a tiny sealed-off room with a small writing desk and a faded photograph of Edie in a wedding gown. Anne is certain Aunt Edie never married, so who is the handsome young man with her in the photograph? Could he still hold claim to the house bequeathed to Anne? She sets out to solve the mystery and runs into a high school sweetheart who might not be happy that the woman who broke his heart is back in town.

“The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart and 1,501 Other Stories” by Charles R. Swindol is a book of heart-warming and heart-wrenching stories collected by the author. It makes it an easier task to find the perfect story on the topic you are seeking. They range from a few sentences to a paragraph to longer stories and some poems. There is an alphabetical index of topics. An example for “Achievement” is: Boy at the chalkboard to his teacher, “I’m not an underachiever. You’re an overexpecter.” AND:

“Cripple Him and you have a SIR WALTER SCOTT. Lock him in a prison cell and you have a JOHN BUNYAN. Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge and you have a GEORGE WASHINGTON. Raise him in abject poverty and you have an ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Subject him to bitter religious prejudice and you have a DISRAELI. Strike him down with infantile paralysis and he becomes a FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. Burn him so severely in a schoolhouse fire that the doctors say he will never walk again, and you have a GLENN CUNNINGHAM who set the world’s

record in 1934 for running a mile in four minutes and 6.7 seconds. Deafen a genius composer and you have a LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN. Have him or her born black in a society filled with racial discrimination and you have a BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, a GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER or a MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Make him the first child to survive in a poor Italian family of eighteen children and you have an ENRICO CARUSO. Have him born of parents who survived a Nazi concentration camp, paralyze him from the waist down when he is four, and you have incomparable concert violinist ITZHAK PERLMAN. Call him a slow learner, ‘retarded’, and write him off as uneducable, and you have an ALBERT EINSTEIN.”

“**The Veil**”, a novel by Diane Noble. This is a tender, yet fascinating novel that reveals the truth about a little known part of American history – the early years of Mormonism in Utah. A shroud of secrecy cloaks a new nineteenth-century sect known simply as the Saints –but that veil is about to be drawn away. Amidst the majestic beauty of 1857 Utah, the members of one secluded religious group claim to want nothing more than to practice their beliefs without persecution. Yet among them are many who engage in secret vows and brutal acts of atonement – all in the name of God. There are also unwary pioneer families marching into Utah toward a tragic confrontation with the Saints. Some learn for the first time about God’s unconditional love, acceptance and forgiveness.

The following books are part of the United Methodist Women’s Reading

Program but are in the Library to be taken out by all readers. They are located on shelves on the right wall. The cards in the books are filled out as usual and left in the basket on the desk.

“**An Invisible Thread**”, the true story of an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive and an unlikely meeting with destiny, written by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski. Schroff was a successful ad sales representative in Manhattan. Maurice was a homeless 11-year-old panhandler. He asked for change; she kept walking. Then something stopped her and she went back. She continued to go back again and again, forming a friendship that has spanned almost three decades and brought life to an overscheduled professional and hope to a desperate boy.

“**The Dressmaker of Khair Khana**” – Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. When the Taliban seized control of Kabul, Kamila Sidiqi’s life changed overnight. Although she had a teaching degree, she was banned from school and confined to her home. After her father and brother fled, she became the sole breadwinner for her five siblings. Armed only with grit and determination, she picked up a needle and thread and created a thriving business.

**HAPPY READING
FROM YOUR LIBRARY STAFF**

Helen Lefave,
Barbara Jackson,
Ann Ice & Pat Barton



From Kevin and Laura

<http://klwooster.blogspot.com>

Greetings Dear Friends from across the globe! We pray this finds you well and you are most assuredly enjoying much warmer weather than we have in Siberia! October brings a wonderful harvest celebration, so next month's update will have pictures and the winners of our 'biggest vegetable grown' contest.

September began with a great celebration and a wonderful opportunity for our women to invite some new ladies to our group. We hope you enjoy the pictures that follow and what's happening in our neck of the woods!

A very special day....September 1st is a very important and special day across Russia. What's the occasion you ask? It's the first day of school! This day is a HUGE celebration where ALL the kids, with their relatives, meet in front of their school dressed in their very best – the boys in their suits and the girls in their new dresses as well as big bows called 'bantiks' worn in their hair. The first graders are brought to the center of the crowd and introduced to the entire school. There are songs, poems, and words of encouragement given to the students by the principal. This year we attended the celebration at the 'First School', which is located behind our home. (There is another

school here named 'School # 2,' on the other side of the village.) Before all the students were dismissed to their classrooms, one boy from the senior class carries a girl from first grade on his shoulders – the first grader rings a bell as they walk around the other students. This signifies the 'first bell' or start of the new school year. The day, also known as the "Day of Knowledge," has been officially celebrated since the 1st of September 1984. Oh...did we mention the flowers...LOTS of flowers!! There are flowers for the teachers, for the students, and for the parents as well. In the villages and smaller areas where people have gardens, the children bring flowers they picked themselves; others buy them for a fairly hefty price! We hope you enjoy some of the pictures from this year's celebration...



***1st pic:** (School children up front with parents and family all around. Banner says.. " I Love You, My Dear School.")

****2nd pic:** (Little girls with the huge bows in their hair and one girl can't be seen because of all the flowers she's carrying. (background -far left)



Kevin with one of our 'kids' from the fellowship.

How to meet new people...In the six years we've been working in this village, our ladies group has grown to twenty and diminished to seven. Over the last few months, our ladies have seen a need to do something different so they could invite new women to our group. Many have talked with family, friends, and neighbors; there is much resistance because we are not the Russian church. It has been frustrating for all to say the least! While in the States last year, a couple came up to us and asked if we'd be interested in help for any needs for our 'kids' and for the ladies. We both quickly answered YES and they were kind enough to give me, Laura, a film entitled "Magdalena." It has been

translated into about seven languages. The group responsible for all the work has also translated workbooks and leader's information into these languages! It's the story of Jesus's time here on earth as seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalena. Used as an evangelistic 'tool', our ladies are hoping it will stir some interest as they hand out actual invitations to the movie. If those that attend have further interest, they can return for eight weeks of lessons with lots of discussion opportunities. During these 'lessons', we'll show mini clips featuring one of the women from the original film followed by questions. We're praying this event will be a huge blessing for the ladies that attend but most importantly, it will glorify our Father!

As of this writing, it has already begun to get 'cooler'. The nights are near freezing and our garden is almost done growing for the year. This is the time of year where we begin many of our groups again, so please remember to pray for these groups and for us as well. It has been difficult to find folks that are interested in spiritual things and who are not afraid to come visit our fellowship. We continue to trust the One who sent us to complete the work he has begun for His glory! Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we labor in Siberia.

*Grace,
Kevin & Laura*



It has been over a month since we visited the morning services at Homosassa – and what a month it has been for us. When we were with you on 3 August, we were at the very beginning of a time of sharing stories of ministry at different United Methodist churches in Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi. We were in 20 different places during the month, and it was amazing to witness the variety of settings for ministry across these churches.

In Madison County, FL – where the per capita income is the lowest in the state, we met in a building shared by a number of churches for the purpose of local outreach.

In Starkville, MS, we met in between worship services with 50 students from Ms. St. University who had just returned for the fall semester.

In Titusville, FL, we heard about the loss of work due to the changing nature of the USA space program.

Very distinct places, and a wide diversity of community needs, and yet the same God who inspires worship in every place. Alison and I found there was a unity of spirit in the way people welcomed us across these different locations – and we

rejoiced at the Spirit of God within each of these churches. In Ephesians 4, Paul writes on the topic of unity in the midst of diversity:

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

The passage highlights our calling is to maintain the unity of God's Spirit in our bonds with one another – and it is hard work! Welcoming missionaries for a day is no problem compared to the humility and gentleness that are required in our day to day relationships with brothers and sisters we live among.

We arrived back in Belfast on August 31st after an overnight flight - and the girls started school the following day! In the past ten days, we have sought to reestablish patterns of 'normal life' at home and being back at EBM. In both places, it is an important task to 'bear with one another in love'. May we each find God's strength to do just that in our daily lives.

Peace, Britt and Alison

GET YOUR TICKETS!

The Bazaar Luncheon Tickets for Saturday are now on sale at the front desk in the church office, so be sure to get yours today as they sell out fast. The donation for this luncheon is \$6.00.

NOTE:

Do you have a friend who tells you that they don't believe in God? Do you have a friend that is going through a tragic ordeal and has lost faith in God, though we know he exists? Have them read this, it may make a difference.

AN ATHEIST'S VIEW ON LIFE

I will live my life according to these beliefs
 God does not exist
 It is foolish to think
 That there is a God with a cosmic plan.
 That an all powerful Christ brings Redemption and healing to the pain and
 Suffering in the world
 It Is a comforting thought, however
 Is only wishful thinking.
 People can do as they please without--eternal consequences
 The idea that
 I am deserving of Hell
 Because of sin
 Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power.
 The more you have, the happier you will be.
 Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose
 In a world with no God
 There is freedom to be who I want to be
 But with God
 Everything is fine.
 It is ridiculous to think
 I am lost and in need of saving.

A CHRISTIAN'S VIEW ON LIFE

Now read from the bottom line up!

submitted by: Helen Vaught



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
"SHARING OUR LOVE OF NATURE"
RAINBOW RIVER PONTOON BOAT CRUISE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014 - 8:30 A.M.

(meet at the church parking lot)

Cost: \$20.00 pp

Check Made Out to: UMW

(your check must accompany your reservation)

DEADLINE: in office by October 13

LUNCH: on your own at the
Blue Gator Restaurant

We have a limit of 20 people so don't delay in getting your reservation into the church office. You may contact Laurie Stainton (382-3502) or Pat Blake (628-6602), if you have questions.



HELLO FROM JIM GRUDZEN
THE BAZAAR PLANT CHAIRMAN

I hope you've been planning for the plant sale at our annual bazaar. Any plants you have that you want to thin out and pot for the sale will be welcome. Any dried or artificial arrangements that you are tired of are also welcome.

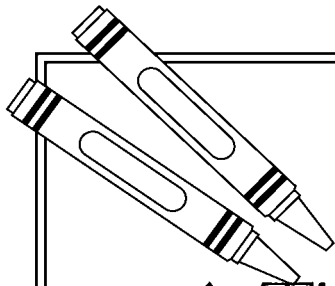


I will be at the church to take your donations on Thursday, October 30th from 8am till noon, and from 1:30pm till 5pm.

Any questions, feel free to call me at 423-653-0769 OR email Mary Lee at genesis@lumc.org



Yours in Christ, Jim



Just for KIDS

A Time for Everything

In the fall we move our clocks back an hour. The weather gets cooler and it gets dark earlier. As the seasons change, we have faith that God's planning and timing is perfect. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV), God tells us there's a time for everything.

Fill in the blanks using the clock code below.

build	dance	die	everything	laugh	gather
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give up	hate	heal	heaven		mend
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚		⌚
peace	refrain	speak	throw away		uproot
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚		⌚

There is a time for _____, ⌚
 and a season for every activity under _____: ⌚
 a time to be born and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to plant and a time to _____, ⌚
 a to kill and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to tear down and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to weep and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to mourn and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to scatter stones and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to embrace and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to search and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to keep and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to tear and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to be silent and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time to love and a time to _____, ⌚
 a time for war and a time for _____, ⌚

Answers: everything, heaven, die, uproot, heal, build, laugh, dance, gather, refrain, give up, throw away, mend, speak, hate, peace.

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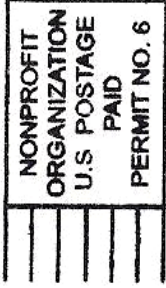
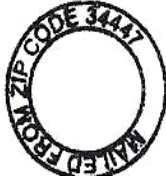
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