

GENESIS NEWSLETTER
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Lent



Let light shine out of darkness ...

2 Corinthians 4:6

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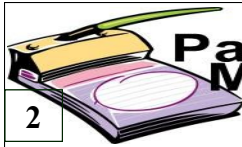
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Pastor's Message

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As we come into the month of March there are a few things happening I would like to share with you.

The first is the coming of **Ash Wednesday on March 5th**. We'll have a soup dinner, and, following the dinner, we'll celebrate Ash Wednesday in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. If my memory serves me correctly, this is what we did last year also. I hope you will plan to attend both the dinner and the service.

As you know, Ash Wednesday begins the **Lenten Season**. Many people "like" to abstain from a particular habit or item during that time. Some folks like to challenge themselves by doing something new and spiritually or physically profitable during the Lenten Season.

I have never been a big fan of this. It always seemed to me that if I know I'm doing something I shouldn't be doing, or need to do something I'm currently not doing, then, if it really mattered to me, I would change my way as soon as I realized the necessity. However, I suppose this sacrifice during the Lenten Season has its purpose as well. It is meant to remind us of the sacrifice Jesus

made for us. But again the reality is that there is nothing I can do or stop doing which can begin to compare with what Jesus did. Of course that's not the point—the purpose is to be reminded of his sacrifice each day throughout Lent. So if you choose to make such a sacrifice for the Lenten Season, I will pray for your spiritual enrichment.

This year we will use the **Lenten Cross** as we did last year. Each candle will reveal to us that we are getting closer to the time when we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord. The weeks will fly by with the candles helping us to keep focused on the quickness of the passing of time.

On **March 20th and 21st, the Van Dyke United Methodist Church in Lutz (Tampa)** will be hosting its Real Ideas Conference again this year. I have attended several of these conferences and have never been disappointed. In fact last year several folks and staff went also and found the conference to be very enlightening. If you would like to attend, you can Google the church and find the information on their web site.

This year they will have Pastor Bill Hybels as one of their key presenters. If you know who Bill Hybels is, then you know that this is a really big deal. If you don't know who he is, then Google "Willow

Creek Community Church, Barrington, IL.” He is one of its founding pastors. Ken Davis will also be there; he is a best-selling author and speaker. Again, if you are interested, check it out.

Then on **Sunday, the 30th, Dave Sanderson** will be here to speak. Dave is one of the survivors from the Hudson River plane crash. In fact, he was the last survivor to leave the interior of the plane. Several of us were able to hear Dave speak at a Men’s Retreat in Leesburg recently, and he has an amazing story to tell. You will not want to miss him, so make plans to be here on the 30th.

We can anticipate a busy month and a wonderful Lenten Season!

God Bless—Pastor Kip

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.



GONE.... 2013,
BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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Jack Schoch
Fran Graham
Lawrence Healy
Cecelia Woodward
Vern Downey
Terry Maschman
Hilda Seagren
Louise Brecka

Ruth Eaton
Connie Barton
George Woodward
Ed Carnahan
Fred Casper
Elizabeth Ainsworth

Dave Honderich
Bill Little
Chuck Blair
Archer Walker
Roberta Little
Ellie Hoeffler
Joyce Leaming
Pete Magamoll
Nena Devoe.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for:

- each of us to seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit and to grow spiritually during Lent.
- our pastor and church staff and their families.
- each of us to be aware of whom the Lord would have us invite to worship and that we will invite them.
- the choir and all those who do so much during Lent and that there will be members eager to help.
- all those who come to our church -- may they find the love of Christ. And for us to be a welcoming congregation.

WELCOME

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 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 want 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 in 2014 will be 5/7, and 9/3. Please call Theresa at 628-4083.**

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.



BASEBALL ON THE HORIZON!!

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Tampa Bay Rays host the Cleveland Indians on Sunday, May 11, 2014.

Tickets to the game will go on sale between church services beginning March 30th. Transportation from our church parking lot to the beautiful Tropicana Field and back will be provided by the stylish Ray's bus. The bus will begin boarding at 11:00 a.m.

THE ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE IS \$43.00 PER PERSON. PLEASE PAY BY CHECK MADE OUT TO "FUMC".

Remember, ALL SALES ARE FINAL - NO REFUNDS!



An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years **this went on daily**, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. **Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.**

After two years of **what it perceived to be bitter failure**, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. **'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'** The old woman smiled, **'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?'**

'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.' For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.' Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them. God Bless all of you.



Friday, MARCH 7th
FOR
APRIL



On March 5, 2014 we will offer a supper of soup in the fellowship hall followed by an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. The following information comes from the website of the United Methodist Church and was written by Rev. Daniel Benedict, Director of Worship Resources.

“Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. It is a necessary prelude. The death and resurrection of Christ are true whether or not I prepare for Easter. However, without my heart and life being ready, I may not experience the depth and power of Christ’s death and resurrection.”

Rev. Benedict listed many activities you might consider in your personal preparation for Easter; here are a few of those activities.

1. Spend time in solitude each day.

2. Read a book for inner growth.
3. Make a list of people with whom I need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus guide me in my thinking and feeling toward them.
4. Forgive someone who has hurt me.
5. Take on some loving task.
6. Listen and respond to Christ’s call to a ministry of service.
7. Give blood and recall the cross.
8. Say “no” to something that is a waste of money and time.
9. Share my plan with at least one other person and share with that person my experience of Lent during Holy Week.

The Journey through Lent can help us to grow closer to God as we come to worship Him on Easter Sunday with a fresh hope that goes beyond new clothes, Spring flowers, and happy music.

Kay



ADDRESS CHANGES

*Please note and change the new email addresses on the front and back of this Genesis issue in your computer and email list. They have ** before them.*



How Safe is Your Hand Sanitizer and, Does it really do the Job?

The goal of hand sanitizers is to help you from spreading germs that could make you and others sick. Most of us have hand sanitizers in our homes and vehicles and carry them with us.

The safest and most effective hand sanitizers are those that contain 60% or more alcohol. They have been found to be the best for killing bacteria and some, but not all, viruses. To be effective you must use enough of the product to wet your hands completely. Then, you need to rub your hands together, covering all surfaces until your hands are dry. If hands are visibly dirty they should be washed with soap and water.

There has been some speculation about the non-alcohol hand sanitizers that contain the antibacterial agent triclosan. Triclosan is a widely used synthetic compound. It is found in

antibacterial soaps, deodorants, toothpastes, cosmetics, furniture, toys, kitchenware and clothing. Experts at the CDC are saying that this compound is no more effective than good old soap and water. There are also studies being done that show the possibility of this compound interfering with the immune system, disrupting the endocrine system, and causing some bacteria to become resistant to antibiotics.

The best way to clean your hands is good old soap and water. To be effective, hands should be completely wet with clean running water, warm or cold. Next, lather hands with soap completely, including the backs, between fingers and under the nails. Then scrub your hands for 20 seconds. Twenty seconds is the time it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice through! Hands should then be completely rinsed with running water and dried completely with a clean towel or air dryer.



Spring
forward

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD

SUNDAY

MARCH 9, 2014



We do it often—complain about what we don't have. Our attitude indicates a lack of trust in the God who promises to supply *all* our needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus. With our complaining comes frantic efforts to solve the problem. God waits, ready to help, until he finally hears, "There's nothing left to do but pray." Although we have made him our last resort instead of our first, he will be faithful to respond.

A common complaint is the lack of "bodies" to do the fundamental work of the church. A core group of people do the majority of the tasks, and we wonder why more aren't actively involved. Matthew 9:37-38 gives us Jesus' answer to the problem: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*" (Matthew 9:37-38)

Can it be that simple? Jesus recognizes the need. So, if we ask the Lord as he directs, won't he either send people who want to commit time and effort or change the reluctance of those already here so they desire to be involved? He might even alter our concept of the work that needs doing. Jesus acknowledges the workers are few; then he tells us his solution—*ask him* to send people to work in *his* harvest.

To keep my closet from becoming overloaded, this is the rule: If I bring in two new things, two "old" things go—to the Thrift Store or somewhere out the door. What if this were applied to the functioning of the church? Every time a new committee or group formed, an "old" one would be eliminated or consolidated. Perhaps then available workers would be less "meeting weary" and fresher for the tasks.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...take my yoke...learn from me...and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30) Simple—come to Jesus when the burden feels heavy and the yoke of church responsibilities too great. I wonder—do we find a certain satisfaction in being so busy, frazzled and weary as we work for God? How can we rest when there's much to be done? Besides, eventually we know *we will* find a way to meet our needs. Surely our very busyness shows our zeal for the Lord's work. Doesn't it?

How willing are we to let Jesus supply our needs—for workers, for rest? Jesus didn't worry or hurry, and he finished all the Father asked him to do. Do we really want to learn to live at a pace different from that of our hurry/worry driven world? If so, Jesus tells us how:

"Come to me...and ask."



like to do this around the end of 9
 April 2014. Let me know your
 interest please!

When I took over this responsibility, I had never been to FUMCH and I didn't even know where Enterprise, FL was. Just as I figured out where and what it was, after I visited it a few times, I took a deep breath feeling confident I knew what I was talking about. Then Madison Ranch began and I had to start and I was right back at the beginning.



Madison Ranch, over three hundred acres, is located near the elbow of Northwest Florida. Things there are progressing. The greatest achievement has been in finance. Of the \$16 million projected, almost \$10 million has been pledged or received.

CONGRATULATIONS to the membership of 1st United Methodist Church of Homosassa. For the FIRST time in over 10 years, we have met our financial support goal for FUMCH. We received \$7,879.03 and our goal of \$12 per member was \$7,812, so we even went a little over by \$67.

Several United Methodist Churches have determined to bear the expense of certain planned buildings scheduled to be built on campus. Others have said they would assume the expense of the dirt work or the water infrastructure for the campus. The Director of both Madison Ranch, and overall director for the Children's Home Ministry, has been delegated with the main fund development. **BUT WORK HAS BEGUN!** If you would like to see the property and plans for the campus, and the progress made thus far in person, send me an email, citrusbates@gmail.com. I would

Now we begin again. I would like all of you to consider giving a SPECIAL GIFT for the Children's Home early in the year. Our first 5th Sunday is March 30, 2014, and the next one is June 29, 2014. If we could get a good start, at the end of the year, when every ministry you are involved with is asking for special offerings, you can still do that without cutting into giving to the FUMCH.

As your LCR, I am so happy about this last year. You have always given regular sustained support to FUMCH. It's wonderful to know of the smiles you have placed on the faces of the many children you've never seen. **This is true love!**

God loves you and I love you too!!

Don Bates

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A cold snap gives us a good reason to curl up with a good book. We urge newcomers to our church to visit the Church Library. We're on the Honor System. A library card is not required to borrow books. Just sign your name and date of check-out on the card at the back of the book and deposit it in the basket on the office desk. Your signature is your bond. The following books are available in the Church Library.

"Dreamers", a novel by Angela Elwell Hunt. This is the story of Tuya, a teen-aged slave, who was given as a personal gift from the mighty Pharaoh to Potiphar's household. Her face was as perfectly chiseled as the statues in the finest temples. She knew nothing of her past except that she had always been a slave. Another young slave came to Potiphar, purchased from traveling Midianites. This slave had been thrown into a pit by his brothers and found by the Midianites. Joseph seemed lighted from within with indomitable pride carved into his handsome face, along with intelligence and hard-bitten strength. Potiphar envisioned that this lad would pull more than his share of the work load. Tuya and Joseph came to share their dreams of better things – of freedom – and of love. But as quickly as their destinies seem to entwine, they are torn apart.

"A Noble Groom", a novel by Jody Hedlund. Annalisa Werner's hope for a fairy-tale marriage for love is over. Her husband failed her in every way and now his death has left her with few options to save the family farm. She needs a plentiful harvest and a strong, dependable husband to help bring it in but she has given up on a

marriage for love. So her father asks her brother to find Annalisa a groom. While she's waiting for the groom, a man appears from their home country of Germany. He's a former schoolteacher looking for work, or so he says, and will work on the farm. She feels that there's more to the man than he's admitting. The author intricately balances romance and drama.

"The Bride Bargain" by Kelly Eileen Hake. Set in Nebraska Territory, Oregon Trail, two weeks journey past Fort Laramie in 1855, Clara Fields is faced with a dilemma. Clara and her aunt have been dropped from the wagon train for not pulling their load. Now desperate to provide for her newly-widowed aunt, Clara feels she has been offered a heaven-sent bargain. Josiah Reed, owner of the Buttonwood Feed and Dry Goods Store, has offered to sign over his two-story home to Clara if she can marry his son off to a local girl in the next month. The son, Dr. Saul Reed, agrees to watch his father's store while his father is away, thinking the slow pace of the prairie will be welcome before he establishes his medical practice in Baltimore. However, he finds Clara Fields pretty and the gleam in her eyes promises anything but peace and quiet. Saul and Clara face off in an unlikely battle. Will God soften two stubborn hearts and strike a new bride bargain?

"Undying Love – Stories of Eternal Devotion" is a Guideposts book from the Comfort From Beyond series. This is a book of moving true stories of parents who have had to deal with the loss of children and of children who have lost parents. Along with them, as they try to rebuild their lives,

you will experience the incredible understanding and compassion of God. You will know, as they now know, that a loved child or parent is never really gone because we have God's promise that we will be together someday.

“Overcoming Grief – Stories of Enduring Faith” is another Guideposts book in the Comfort From Beyond series. When we lose someone we love, we lose a part of ourselves. In this book are true stories of people struggling to put their lives together after the death of someone dear to them. They will share with you their sadness and feelings of abandonment as they come to God with their questions, and you will experience with them the miraculous ways God answers them and helps them to find new meaning in their lives. They bring you comfort and closer to God as you realize that death is a door to a magnificent reunion with all those we have loved and lost.

“Secret Tides”, Book One of the Southern Tides series, by Gary E. Parker. The setting is The Oak Plantation in 1858 and five families are intertwined by the tides of change sweeping their world as the Civil War approaches. When Camellia York, the overseer's daughter, accidentally causes the death of the plantation owner – the father of the man she plans to marry – she must lie to protect herself and the slave woman involved. Pressured by her father to wed the wealthy heir in order to advance his own ambitions, Camellia is haunted by her tragic secret. Ruby, a slave on The Oak, longs for freedom from her chains so she can be reunited with the man she loves and the mysterious son she had to leave behind. She knows a dark secret, but will she use it to buy her freedom? And can

Camellia risk telling Josh Cain, **11** her father's half-brother, what really happened in the cookhouse?

“Where Wonders Prevail” by Joan Wester Anderson. This book tells of true accounts that bear witness to the existence of heaven. When we risk doing it God's way, something happens. We begin to see little signs all around us; tender coincidences, and good decisions magnified. It is then that we are filled with awe at the wonder of it all, the marvels we shall seek and find because we have decided – at last – to say “Yes!” It is then that we glimpse heaven and understand its everlasting truth, that in this world of change and darkness, we have nothing to fear. In these simple and moving stories, we find many glimpses of heaven; wondrous rescues, and answers to prayer, visions of life hereafter, and inspirational healings. It reminds us that God is always near, every step of our way.

“Prayers, Paws & Providence”, Tales from Grace Chapel Inn by Diann Hunt. When two very special dogs descend on Acorn Hill, Alice wonders, “Could a dog be an answer to prayer?” Alice's prayer is for Paula Middleton, a new resident who lives alone and suffers from seizures. After Paula is injured in a fall, Alice determines the town must do something for the young woman – and a service dog may be just the thing. But will the church board approve the expense? In the meantime, who owns the mysterious black dog that's been watching over the citizens of Acorn Hill like a guardian angel?

*Happy Reading from the Library Staff:
Barbara Jackson, Helen Lefave,
Ann Ice & Pat Barton*



NEW WEBMASTER

Welcome Sally Moore as the new webmaster!

The updated website was created by Beth Johns and Sally, which is still www.1umc.org.

Sally has taken over the reins from Neil Kline who enjoyed creating the website and working with it over the past 10 years, not only for the results of keeping the members and friends informed, but for his continued involvement in the church, community, and the wonderful people he has met in the process. Updating the site at least weekly, he truly found the website a labor of love and a way to share the many missions of the church. When you see him, remember to say "thank you - well done, good and faithful servant!"

Don't forget to check out the new website, and note that there are buttons on the front page; to send a prayer chain request, to the special events calendar, and to Pastor Kip's weekly email. You can also hold the mouse over the buttons at the top of each page to see what else can be seen by clicking on any item listed there. Other changes/updates are still coming. Please feel free to send Sally information about your special event that you may want to be included on the site, as well as feedback to webmaster@1umc.org. Be sure to wish Sally "Good Luck!"

WITH SORROW



Elly Case, 91, recently of Cypress Cove, passed away January 27, 2014. Survivors include two daughters; Anne Kennedy of N.J. and Lynn Case of California. Her life celebration was Saturday, 2/8/14 at FUMC, with a reception that followed.

Doris Stine, 91, of Sugarmill Woods and Fort Edward, N.Y., passed away January 25, 2014. Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Stewart of Granville, NY, Kathleen Wilson of McAlpin, FL, and sister, Jean Johnson of Appomattox, Va. A celebration of life was Thursday, 1/30/14 at Wilder Funeral Home.



Dorothy Collister, of Homosassa, passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. Survivors include two daughters. No arrangements have been made as of this printing.

Onlee Davis 84, of Falmouth, KY/Homosassa, passed away on Thursday, February 6, 2014. Survivors include 5 children. Her service was held Wednesday, 2/12/14 in KY.





(as of 2/17/14)

BRENTWOOD

Gene Harry
Joyce Minnicks

CEDAR CREEK

Lois Schoch

CR HEALTH/REHAB

Nancy Pearo

CYPRESS COVE

Jack Ness

SUGARMILL MANOR

Dorothy Atwell
Marge Dilling
Merl Hoar
Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Barbara Kuhl
Helen Labeau
Joan Ness
Helen Vaught
Catherine Wischart

SUPERIOR RESIDENCE

John Guthrie
Hazel & Conrad Keniston
Hank Pouderoyn

TIMBER PINES RESIDENCE

Abbye Jean Richner.



- 5 Jackie & Sheldon LaMountain~21 yrs ~
 - 7 Lois & Jess Mackey ~ 44 years ~
 - 9 Dayna & Ron Middlebrooks ~ 18 yrs ~
 - 11 Lavonne & Kevin Brennan ~ 8 years ~
 - 13 Barabara & Gary Fearney ~ 15 years ~
 - 17 Sandra & Donald Tam ~ 12 years ~
 - 18 Nell & Bill Lent ~ 65 years ~**
 - 24 Claudette & Roger Kirby ~ 41 years ~**
Pat & John Rada ~ 63 years ~
 - 25 Carolyn & Ed Bright ~ 14 years ~
 - 26 Susan & Rodney Speir ~ 31 years ~
 - 29 Jan & Ed Masek ~ 27 years ~
- * **Bold = 50 years+**



Thank You

The heartfelt caring from you all was wonderful. Thank you for the many prayers and cards. My sister Debi was a strong faithful woman. She was a blessing to our family and will forever remain in our hearts.

2 Timothy 4:7 -- "I have fought the good fight and I have finished the race and I have remained faithful." Her suffering is over and she is at peace at her eternal home and Christ is there to welcome her.

In His Love, Judy and Bob Powell

Prayer.....

is not a "spare wheel" to pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" to stay on the right path throughout life.

Saturday 1

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

Sunday 2**COMMUNION 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
3:00 CASTLE BAY concert

Monday 3

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

Tuesday 4

9:00 Soup Supper PREP
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 UMW Leadership
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 5**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
9:30 "Come See"
 10:00 Grief Journey
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 5:15 Music
5:30 SOUP SUPPER
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Ash Wed. Service
 7:00 Women's Bible

**Thursday 6**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10-2 FOOD PANTRY
10:00 AGE OPTIONS
 2:00 Green Team

Friday 7**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:00 SHINE
 10:00 Wise Bible
 7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 8

8:00 Serendipity Pancakes
 8:30 Saturday Sisters Bible
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 ZUMBA
 12:00 CPR
 3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

**Sunday 9****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 10

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

Tuesday 11

9:30 Helping Hands Circle
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 1:00 Dorcas Circle
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 6:00 Diabetic Support
 6:30 WOW
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 12

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

Thursday 13

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10-2 FOOD PANTRY
 9:00 Backpackers
 9:15 Ruth Circle

Friday 14

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 15

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

Sunday 16**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 17

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 18

(GA TRIP)

9:00 UMW Trip/Tampa

- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 1:30 Stephen Ministers
- 2:00 Finance Committee
- 2:00 Y-Diabetes**
- 3:00 Serendipity Bible
- 3:00 Stephen Ministers
- 5:30 Weight Watchers
- 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 19

(GA TRIP)

- 7:00 Men's Prayer Group
- 9:00 Safe Driving Class**
- 9:30 "Come See"**
- 9:30 Weight Watchers
- 10:00 Grief Journey
- 10:00 LaMountain Bible
- 10:00 Siegel Bible
- 1:30 Transfer Orientation**
- 5:15 Music
- 6:00 Bells
- 6:30 Youth Group
- 7:00 Choir
- 7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

Thursday 20

(GA TRIP)

SPRING!!

- 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
- 10-2 FOOD PANTRY**
- 9:00 Safe Driving Class**
- 2:00 Salvation Army-S/U**
- 3:00 Missions Committee
- 3:30 Trustees Committee

Friday 21

(GA TRIP)

COUNCIL REPORT DUE

- 8:00 Sal. Army Breakfast**
- 9:00 Thrift Store
- 10:00 Wise Bible
- 7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 22

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

Sunday 23

TRANSFER SUNDAY

- 8:00 Traditional Worship**
- 9:20 Discovery Class**
- 9:30 Sunday School (all)**
- 9:30 Traditional Worship**
- 10:45 New Beginnings**
- 11:30 Traditional Worship**
- 12:00 OUTREACH**

Monday 24

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

Tuesday 25

- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 2:00 Y-Diabetes**
- 3:00 Serendipity Bible
- 5:30 Weight Watchers
- 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 26

- 7:00 Men's Prayer Group
- 9:30 Weight Watchers
- 9:30 "Come See"**
- 10:00 LaMountain 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 27

- 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
- 9:00 Fold/Mail
- 10-2 FOOD PANTRY**
- 7:00 Council

Friday 28

- 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
- 10:00 Wise Bible
- 7:00 Brown Bible

Friday 28

- 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
- 10:00 Wise Bible
- 7:00 Brown Bible

Saturday 29

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

Sunday 30

- 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**
- 3:00 Dave Sanderson**

Monday 31

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

**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**



March 2014
Birthdays

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1
Valerie Harris
2
Gladys Bevan
Cecelia Bledsoe
James Haskell
Larry Stainton
Helen Vaught
5
Frances McCrady
Jim Wicker
6
Ida Bradley
Janet Watson
7
Lauri Burns
Shirley Dunkle
Alan Shimp
Fran Smith
8
Beth Johns
9
John Rada
Pat Rada
Margaret Woods
10
Mike Gettings
11
Dana James
13
Pat Barton
John Guthrie
Patricia Ross

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Joanne Kemp
Mary Lee Millikin
Lorraine Wood
15
Gerry Green
Edward Mandry
Sharon Zaludek
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Susan Burns
Barbara Gilbert
Elsa Pence
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James Graham
Pat Kern
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Don Foxwell
Jennifer Gibbar
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Helen Scheetz
21
Bill Bayrd
Charles Peters
Shelby Weingarten
22
Brenda Loper
Wendy Miles
23
Jim Price
24
Ashleigh Gordon
Carl Merritt
Cee Merritt
Laurie Painter
Emily Walker
25
Gene Beghtel
Vera Irish
Gene Ludlow
Bill Yuhasz

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Jerry Cole
Mary Jane Houchins
Barry Reichard
Janet Tanner
Joyce Wicker
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David Benthussen
Judith Funk
Ernest Miles
Ray Ritter
Timothy Sunderland
28
Solveig Spuhler
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Judy Lee
Jan Masek
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Kevin Brennan
Gary Partin
Larry Rogers
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Rick Graves
Erin Kimble.

Never lose hope.
You never know
what tomorrow
may bring.



~ **LAST NOTICE** ~

March 2, 2014 Castlebay - \$10 each

Castlebay has been musically weaving together the heritage of New *England* and the *Celtic* lands since 1987. Members **Julia Lane** and **Fred Gosbee** have loved and researched traditional music for most of their lives and blend history, legend and experience into their personable performance style. Their concerts feature poignant ballads sung in Lane's ethereal soprano and Gosbee's rich baritone interspersed with joyous dance tunes played on Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle and tin whistle. *Castlebay* treats the audience to a musical journey through time and across the Atlantic.



2014 Arts Council

Don't miss the last, but very exciting event sponsored by the Arts Council this year.

March 30, 2014
Dave Sanderson - \$10 each



On January 15, 2009, **Dave Sanderson** survived "*The Miracle on the Hudson.*" When a bird strike hit *US Airways Flight 1549*, there was no choice for the crew but to ditch the plane into the Hudson River. Sitting on the plane, in what many would consider to be the wrong place and the wrong time, Sanderson knew he was exactly where he was supposed to be. Thinking only of helping others in the crisis, Dave Sanderson

became the last person off of the back of the plane that day, and was largely responsible for making sure so many others made it out safely. Exposed to frigid water and freezing temperatures, doctors feared that he would suffer a heart attack or stroke from the dangerous conditions. Miraculously, he returned to his job as a sales manager that following Monday, and has since become the face of the everyday American hero.

To Dave Sanderson however, doing the right thing came naturally. When confronting potential tragedy, he remembered the words of his mother, "If you can't, you must," and summoned the inner strength to persevere. Sanderson's personal account appears in the book "*Brace for Impact*".

628-4083 for tickets
(church office)

<http://klwooster.blogspot.com>
From Kevin & Laura

Final Greetings from warm and sunny Florida!

At the end of this month, we will once again be flying approximately 19 hours, drive five to six hours with a minimum of six hours layover time; all this within two +days! Although we really are not fond of travel, this trip will take us back home to the people we've come to love! Please pray for safety and making all connections at airports.

Planting seeds in Siberia....

Last month we wrote you about planting seeds and the results of spreading the Word to those who have never heard. This month we want to share with you about real seeds. The kind you plant and get a harvest of vegetables from. In February we went to a place called ECHO seeds. They normally work with people that live in a tropical climate, teaching people to feed their families more effectively. We are praying that we can partner with them in the future where we serve or maybe connect ECHO with other folks that work in our organization; those that serve in more of a tropical setting than ours. (After all, Siberia is not known for its tropics.) We know that it will be a good connection for us in the future as we

continue to make more contacts with others who also serve.



Teaching a World View

As you are reading this update and we are preparing to head back, the temperatures in March in our village will still be way below freezing and probably stay that way until at least the end of April. It will be a transition for us as we again prepare to "pour" ourselves into those that the Lord has placed in our path. We are hoping to start teaching right away on World Views as well as evangelism. In order for the work to be more effective, we first need to really understand the people we are trying to reach. Then we can have more effective evangelism. What is a worldview? Webster's dictionary says; "It's how a person perceives the world around them." We all 'see' the world differently; depending on our education, location, or culture, we have an understanding of the world around us. This is also found in our understanding of a Creator and spiritual matters. The needs of teaching on and understanding worldviews as well as evangelism

have come up many times in the past, and now the local believers are wanting to dive into these subjects in order to be more effective at reaching their neighbors, friends and family with the gospel message.

Feeding the hungry...

We are praying that we would be able to start a new outreach with the fellowship in the fall; that of feeding the many hungry people in our community. This will be such a foreign concept. The mindset is usually that of look out for yourself and do not get concerned with others around you. For example, in our village if someone were to witness their neighbor's house being broken into and items being stolen, they will usually not become involved. So we are thrilled that the idea of a "soup" kitchen comes from a local lady who has a heart to help those in need. There is much that needs to be done in order to make this happen. At the present time, we have a kitchen in our building. The problem is that it does not have ANY commercial equipment; in fact we do not have a stove. We have always used the wood burning one for our own events. We need to purchase a commercial oven and bring in running water in order to make this work. Two summers ago we did run a drain out of the kitchen, which has been a huge help. Before we ran the drain, we had to carry all the water out to a really deep hole in the back of the property in buckets. The running water will

be a bit tricky to do; we do **19** have freezing temperatures for over six months of the year. The idea of feeding the hungry will be one that will take lots of planning. We will need to plant our own vegetables to use; so this summer we hope to plant potatoes, carrots, cabbage, beets and onions for use with this project, as well as anything else we can think of that will store well in our cold cellar below the church.



We wish to thank each of you very much! Your faithful prayers and support are what keep us in Siberia and what allow us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Serving Together,
Kevin & Laura

“Suppose you could gain everything in the whole world, and lost your soul. Was it worth it?”

Billy Graham



YOUR GUIDE TO SEND COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Our church is currently running church ads in four (4) weekly or monthly publications. Each of these sources provide an abundance of community news and events that you can use to promote your events, for free or paid spots. We need to share with our neighbors the wealth of activities, outreach programs, entertainment, festivals, etc. that we offer to the Homosassa area. Listed below is the information that you need to achieve this goal.

1 - CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE - a daily publication**DEADLINE: 2 weeks prior to publication**

c/o Sarah Gatling 1624 N. Meadowcrest Bl., Crystal River, FL 34429
PHONE: 352-563-6363 X-1197 FAX: 352-563-3280 Attn: Sarah G.
EMAIL: community@chronicleonline.com - send as a Word document.
Photos should be attached as jpeg or bitmap format.

2 - HOMOSASSA BEACON - a monthly publication delivered to subscribers on Friday of the last full week of each month.**DEADLINE: First (1) of each month**

c/o Rochelle Kaiser 1624 N. Meadowcrest Bl., Crystal River, FL 34429
PHONE: 352-563-6363 X-1141 FAX: 352-563-3280 Attn: Rochelle
EMAIL: beacon@chronicleonline.com - send as a Word document.
Photos should be attached as jpeg or bitmap format.

3 - GREENBELT GAZETTE - direct mail delivery to all residents in Sugarmill Woods on the third Thursday of each month.**DEADLINE: First (1) of each month**

c/o Norm Wagy 29 Hawthorne Court, Homosassa, FL 34446
PHONE: 352-382-4462 EMAIL: greenbelt@tampabay.rr.com
send as a Word document - Photos should be attached as jpeg or bitmap format.

4 - VILLAGE CRIER - direct mail delivery to all residents in Sugarmill Woods & Riverhaven between the 15th and 17th of each month.**DEADLINE: 25th of the previous month**

c/o Charlene Sestito, Editor
11928 N. Williams Street, Suite 3, Dunnellon, FL 34432
EMAIL: charlene@boomtownmedia.net - send as a Word document
Photos should be attached as jpeg or bitmap format.

NOTE: If possible; please provide Richard Dulaney with copies of your articles and the name of the newspapers where they were sent. 92 W. Byrsonima Loop, Homosassa, FL 34446. Phones: HOME: 503-7000 Cell: 586-5525



If you are interested in joining the UMW and helping in God's work, or have questions, please contact Alice Carnahan at 628-9298.

The United Methodist Women got the year off to a good start.

Our Program for **January** was Richard Delaney speaking on the operation of the Gideons. It surprised many of us as to all the things that they do, and it was a very interesting program.

We also started our Bible study with Ann Ice as our leader. Her topic for this series will be "Women of the Bible."

February was our annual brunch. The theme was "Bring a Friend to Brunch" and the program was a musical presentation by Becky Kirksey. More on this next month.

Our program for **March** will be a trip planned by our Vice-President, Laurie Stainton. The trip will be to Cornerstone Ministeries in Tampa with lunch at the Columbia Restaurant. The bus trip is free but lunch is on each individual.

We continue to do our mission projects, and we are also starting to plan ahead for the bazaar. Looking forward to a busy and fruitful year.

In Christian Love,
Pat Blake President

~ MARCH WIND... continued from Page 11 ~

"**Cloth of Heaven**", Book No. 1 of Song of Erin, by B. J. Hoff. This is a saga of tragedy and triumph. The story begins in Ireland in 1839. A powerful hurricane batters the Emerald Isle, wreaking destruction. Few Irish are immune to its devastating consequences. Jack Kane is an Irish immigrant who has built a publishing empire in New York City. He finds his efforts to help his people, and redeem himself, thwarted by rumors of his corruption. Samantha Harte, devoted to her faith and to helping the less fortunate, is haunted by her past. Beneath her well-bred exterior lie secrets too shocking to reveal, wounds too deep to heal. Therese Sheridan, desperate to escape the crushing poverty of her homeland, pays a price far higher – and more far-reaching – than she could have imagined. And Brad Kane, a gifted but troubled artist, pursues personal freedom in Ireland. A life of self-indulgence entraps him in a web of deceit that will eventually touch everyone he loves.



<http://gilmoresinbelfast.com>
GILMORE MISSION

**Looking back. Looking forward.
 January 20, 2014**

As we begin 2014, we wanted to share with you some reflections on the past year.

The Congregation at EBM

As we began 2013, the congregation had only begun to share times of worship within the new Skainos building. Some people occasionally spoke of ‘missing something’ about the old church, even though it was hard to pinpoint the reason. Alongside the tasks of supporting congregational life, one theme has been providing a steady presence to help people “settle in” to everything that is new.

As the year unfolded in worship, prayer, and simple acts of service to the community, we ended the year feeling more familiar with our surroundings.

There have been testing times along the way; 2013 began with a shadow of tension in the community due to ongoing issues of national identity and a lack of ownership in the political process. Some of the ‘flag protests’ led to gatherings which morphed into violence between protestors and the police along the road beside EBM. There have been some major changes to the team at EBM which has caused great stress for many.



Emily helps Jake place a stone.

There were also significant moments of experiencing God’s grace as a congregation. At our Mission anniversary service, we invited people to place a stone which represented some way that they had known God’s presence in this place. All piled together on our new communion table, the stones reminded us that God’s presence has guided the Mission throughout its past and we can continue to trust God for the future.



Skainos Square

The vision of the Skainos project to be a place of healing and renewal for this hurting community has unfolded in a beautiful way. A steady stream of people have flowed through the site from a wide variety of backgrounds.

People have come:

- to meet friends in the café
- to enjoy poetry and music nights
- to learn the Irish language
- to meet with an AA group

- for help in times of crisis
- for children's and youth clubs and activities and for so many other reasons.

Counseling at EBM

Along with the numbers of people visiting Skainos, so too the number of people looking for counseling has grown. We now provide 100 hours of counseling per month, shared among Alison, Eileen, and four volunteers. It's a challenge to resist the urge to hurry people along.

The past six months has been a special, if not hard time for Alison. She had one violent person, which made the mission assess safety. Once she recovered from that shock, there was a clear sense that most people were just thankful to have care. On a lighter note, we were able to fund for book shelves, a filing cabinet, and new pictures thanks to IKEA and Ellie's good taste in art! Interestingly, one picture has a yellow flower and a little word inscribed "hope". More than one time, a client has paused to look at the picture and say, "that is what I long for in my life". It sums up what the counseling team strive to do – to walk alongside people and discover deeper meaning in their search for hope.

Alison has also offered counseling over Skype to a few individuals serving with Global ministries around the world; this is a welcomed opportunity to help other missionaries in the context of faith.

Reaching out to new people

Another theme this year has been finding ways of reaching out to new people, offering pastoral care and

support to those who receive meals on wheels from EBM, and also those living in apartments on site. In December, Britt and others offered three dinners allowing space for people to express doubts and questions about God. One woman shared a feeling that God was punishing her. Another man shared how broken relationships have led to depression. These conversations over a shared meal have led to new relationships; some of them have come asking for more "God-talk" over dinner. We look forward to what this may bring.

Supporting Edgehill Theological College

Another part of our ministry over the past year has been extending support to Edgehill Theological College (the seminary for the Methodist Church in Ireland). Over the past year Britt has assisted the staff team by meeting regularly with four students, and Alison has been invited to share a 3 day seminar on listening skills with the students this May. These times have added interesting variety to our work. As 2014 unfolds, we do not know what joys and struggles lie ahead. As we have served at the Mission we have seen promises fulfilled and have also walked through significant turmoil and our faith has been stretched. However, for today, we know and trust that God is at work in the lives of people here. He is constant and ever present. It is to this truth we cling.

*In God's Peace, Britt, Alison,
Ellie, Emily, & Jake*

by Don Bates, M.A.

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Christian
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"...think on these things..."

God willing this will be a series of everyday happenings brought into our Christian world view. If you enjoy any of these, please pass them forward to others. Any comments, positive or negative, are welcomed at citrusbates@gmail.com

While watching one of the many college basketball games on television over the past couple of weeks, iPad had an interesting commercial they re-played over and over. Usually I fast-forward through commercials, but this time I went to get a drink. The iPad commercial was on again. The message in the commercial was not about a product, but was a "think piece".

"... the powerful song goes on and you can construct a verse. What will your verse be?"

As a singer, the metaphoric use of the word SONG, played well to my spirit. The song goes on whether you add a verse or not. But it is possible for your verse to deepen the song or move it in another direction, upon which others will enhance your verse and inspire yet another to produce their verse. But that whole stanza would not have happened without your verse.

Christ is the sweetest song there is. As a singer with limited time left for singing, it is the only song I sing. The song of Christ, the song of redemption, begins with Adam's sin and continues still. Not everyone will walk through church doors, or listen to a gospel message on T.V., radio, or the net. But every day people meet every day people, every day. As one of those everyday people, what will your addition to the song be? You will make boneheaded decisions. You will give your word, but really have no plan to make it happen. It is because of your flaws that you are able to share with others the "SONG OF JESUS." Look at me people, yet Jesus still loves me!" That simple song from childhood stills remains true:

Jesus loves me this I know.

For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong.

They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me.

Share that with whomever. Be as proud and as boastful about Jesus as you are about your new car, your favorite team, even your grandchildren!!

What will your verse be?

God
BLESS

DO YOU KNOW A DESERVING RECIPIENT? 25

FUMCH offers advanced educational scholarships as follows:



HUEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Applicants should be in full-time pursuit of undergraduate education degrees, although other applicants will be considered including graduate levels. Applicants should be either attending school in Citrus County, or should have graduated from Citrus County. Applications are available at any Citrus County high school, and at the church office.

MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Awards are available annually for graduate-level and advanced undergraduate-level United Methodists pursuing careers as pastors, church music directors, and church education directors. Applicants must be under sponsorship by churches in the Gulf Central District of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and must complete the application process every year, **no later than April 1st**. Interested students should contact the church office for further information and applications.

Members and friends of our church who would like to fund bequests for other scholarship funds or to supplement the funds cited above should contact any member of the Permanent Endowment Committee at their earliest convenience for further information. Such bequests can often lead to personal income and estate tax advantages in the form of charitable gift annuity, or charitable remainder annuity trust, or charitable lead trust among others.

Richard E. Stanard
Chairman, Permanent Endowment Committee



2nd SATURDAY EACH MONTH

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. \$4.00

Come one come all to the church fellowship hall for a very eye opening AYCE breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, and all the coffee you can hold!

50-cent discount in prior Sunday bulletin



PRAYER

Spiritual formation is the process initiated by God of transforming us into the image of God for the sake of others. The process is unique for each individual since we all have different backgrounds, personalities, and come from differing traditions. God often uses spiritual practices (or as John Wesley called them -- means of grace); some of these you may have been practicing for years. Since Lent is a time of preparation for Christ to rule in our hearts, it seems good to spend more time praying and using the other spiritual practices. I encourage you to give the other means of grace a try. (There is a list on the Spiritual Formation Bulletin Board and in the Narthex.) One of them may seem to fit more than the others; you might want to begin practicing that means of grace on a regular basis. As John Wesley instructed, "...use all the means which God has ordained, for who knows in which of them God will meet you..."

Prayer is one of these spiritual practices. I have many books on prayer and every time I think I know how to pray, I hear or read something new and sure enough there's something I hadn't heard and it's not necessarily a new thought. Watch for some new opportunities

to pray and to learn about prayer during Lent.

Christians have been talking about, learning about, and praying for centuries. As retold by John Cassian who died about the year 435, the leaders of the early church discussed what Paul meant when he said, "I exhort therefore first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made." (1Tim 2:1) The first thing they determined was what Paul meant by each of those types of prayer. Then they attempted to decide whether the four types of prayer were to be prayed separately or if they could be prayed together. They did this by searching the Scriptures for the prayers of Jesus. The early church leaders found examples of Jesus praying each of the four ways, and in John 17 they found an example of Jesus praying all four types together. They really worked at figuring out how to pray.

"Whether we think of, or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for Him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than His love and the desire of pleasing Him."

John Wesley

I believe that since God loves us so much, He hears our prayers no matter what form they take. However you pray, I urge you to spend some quality time with your Savior.

Marilyn Watson

February 2014
**WELCOME TO
 OUR CHURCH**



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Carole & John Johnson 412-601-1931
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 married 8/30/75. They transferred from CMA,
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Crystal Smith 727-247-9273
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 Crystal was born 9/26 and is married to Karl Smith.

Thank You!

The WOW (women of worship) Evening Fellowship would like to extend thanks to all in the Congregation that generously donated to the Warmth from the Heart campaign. Approximately 40-45 blankets and 20-25 warm coats were donated to the Family Resource Center for residents of Citrus County.

Thank you for your continued support of what we try to accomplish in the name of God's love for each other. Keep watching for our next "project"!

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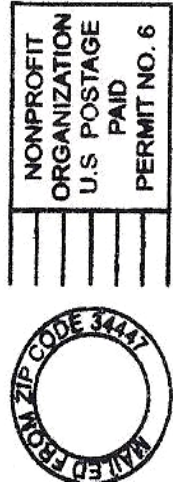
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