

GENESIS NEWSLETTER
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Deuteronomy 15:10

“Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”

OK, now don't stop reading yet. I'm sure you can figure out by the above scripture that this writing is going to be about “m-o-n-e-y.” But relax, you'll be fine.

Some folks think we should not talk about money too much in the church because it makes people feel uneasy or causes them to think all we are interested in is getting their money. I understand what they are feeling, because I used to think the same way. But I have to say I no longer feel that way because I have come slowly to realize that we're not talking about my money.

We're only going to talk about God's money. That that could be a long conversation, because God is loaded! In fact, he has more money than you or I could ever imagine. Actually, he has all the money. I mean he has mine and he has yours--that whatever money we think is ours is really only on loan to us,

because it all belongs to him; it always has and it always will. We just get to play around with it for a short time.

The text above uses the word “generously” in describing how we are to give to God. Generously means to be “marked by abundance; more than required or believed needed.” So now the question is how do we give generously to the one who has given us everything? What does He consider to be generous from us? I think the answer lies only in one place-- our hearts. Each person must decide in his current life situation what “generously” means to God. Of course, this means that the amount defined as generous can change as we move through life.

After checking our hearts to define generously, the author then reminds us that we are not to give out of a “grudging heart.” A grudging heart means a heart that is reluctant, a heart not willing to trust. Now trusting is not always easy, is it? I say that because a multitude of things can affect even the most Christian of hearts, stirring up all sorts of reluctant thoughts or wrong perceptions.

In such a heart, I would imagine there are other warning signs, signs which reveal some not-right things within the heart. Some of these

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could be strong or constant feelings of fear, anger, resentment, envy, pride or other such thoughts that turn our hearts away from trusting in God's abundant grace and love.

I like the way the Deuteronomy text closes. If I want the blessings of God in my life, then I must trust the

certainty of God's faithfulness **3** in my finances as well. It would seem that the blessings of God depend at least to some degree upon my willingness to accept all his blessings, all including even the ones pertaining to money. How about that?

God Bless – Pastor Kip

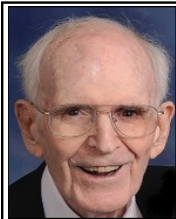


Do you receive Pastor Kip's weekly email? If you do, you may have noticed the new format. It is **VERY** important that we have everyone's correct email address so that you will continue to receive the weekly email on Fridays.

If you did **NOT** receive last week's email but usually do, please know that we have not removed anyone from our email list. However, there were numerous "bounced"

emails. A "bounced" email can happen for any number of reasons, including an inactive/incorrect email address, issues with your internet provider at the time the email was sent, your email inbox is full, you have a filter rejecting unknown domain names, etc. There are several things you can do to ensure that you will continue to get pastor Kip's weekly email. Email Theresa at: theresa@1umc.org to let her know if you have had **any** issues receiving your email and she can help you. She will also answer any questions about the new format and new features, or if you want to sign up for the weekly email.

God of power and mercy, you have made death itself the gateway to eternal life. Look with love on our deceased brother, and make him one with Your Son in His death, that, sealed with the blood of Christ, he may come before you free from sin. Amen



IN SYMPATHY

Larry Healy, 91, went with our Lord on March 5, 2013. He leaves his wife Ruth, 1 son & 1 daughter. A graveside service was held Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.



4  **Religious Education**
by Kay Bast 

Wayne Brown will be continuing his Friday evening Invitation to the New Testament beyond the set dates. He would welcome anyone who could use an evening meeting and has a desire to take a look in depth at the New Testament. If you are a beginning student of the Bible or someone with lots of study in your past you will enjoy the discussions and the fellowship. If you have an interest just give Wayne a call at 503-5410.

Ladies, have you heard about the new opportunity. This is an exciting new ladies group who meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parlor at the church. Meetings begin at 6:30 in the evening, so if you are on the job

during the day, or have a busy schedule, this is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and sharing through the word. If you would like more information please call me at the office anytime Monday through Thursday, 628-4083.

Several members of the congregation have been attending idea conferences and events and there are several really interesting and exciting activities in the planning stage. If you are interested in women's ministry I would love to talk with you any time to share ideas as plans are being made.

You have a standing invitation to attend Sunday school any Sunday. There are two classes to choose from, one in room 106 and the other in room 114, no reservations necessary, come as you are. **See you there!**

**When we pray, God hears more than we say,
 answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...
 in His own time and in His own way!**

ANNOUNCING.....

DOLORES MOORE as the new Visitation Chairman. She is replacing Peggy Benson, who retired from this position. Peggy has done a marvelous heart warming job for many years.

If you know anyone who is ill or homebound who might like a card or someone to talk with, please call Dolores at home 503-2662, email dmoorenurse@gmail.com or leave a message for her in the church "Visitation" mail box.

Many, many thanks to Peggy, & Shadow!





Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics for Nurses, and must comply with all state and professional guidelines. **5**

On March 1st I completed the course for Faith Community Nurse through my association with the BayCare Health System. I am grateful for all the support and cooperation I have received from all of you as well as my co-workers.

“The mission of faith community nursing is the integration of the practice of faith with the practice of nursing so that people can achieve wholeness in, with, and through the community of faith in which the faith community nurse serves” as defined by the fourteenth annual Westberg Parish Nurse Symposium, September 2000.

A faith community nurse is a registered nurse preferably with a baccalaureate degree in nursing and experience in community nursing. She/he practices holistic health for self, individuals, and the community using their nursing knowledge and professionalism, all while centered in the spiritual dimension of caring. Practice is guided by Faith Community Nursing: Scope and

The curriculum for the Foundation of FCN (faith community nursing) objectives include providing the knowledge and skills necessary to grow in the role of FCN. Also, to create a peer system of support and inter-collegial learning among participants and leaders. It also seeks to nurture a nurse’s personal relationship with God so as to understand and perform the FCN role more effectively.

Many areas were covered in this course which resulted in 36 continued education credits in: Suffering, Grief and Loss, History and Philosophy of Nursing, Ethical Issues, Legal Aspects, Prayer, Health Promotion, Documentation, Family Violence, Healing and Wholeness, Communication, Collaboration, and Conflict Resolution, Assessment, Accessing Resources and Self-Care. Whew!

Again I thank you all for your support, and hope that this educational experience will broaden my ability to meet the needs of our congregation.

ARE YOU CHANGING ADDRESSES?

Please don’t forget to notify Nicole, in the church office 628-4083, if you are relocating for any reason! We want you to continue getting your mail at your next address - and you don’t want to miss a future Genesis issue or any other important mail from us! God Bless you in your travels.



CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

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

Outreach Ministries

Annual Seminar for Elder Needs
 Bus Ministry
 Disaster Relief & Response Team
 God's Clods (Clown Ministry)
 Health Related Workshops
 Hugs for Soldiers
 Local Travel Ministry
 Men's Monday Morning Work Group

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

Small Groups

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

Discipleship Classes

(various classes & times)

Benevolences

CROP Walk
 Equipment for Handicapped
 Food Pantry
 Habitat for Humanity
 Holiday Food Baskets
 Methodist Children's Home
 Salvation Army
 The Path

Community Outreach

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

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SOMETIMES
I PRETEND TO BE
NORMAL.
 BUT IT GETS BORING...
 SO I GO BACK TO BEING ME.



FRIDAY,
APRIL 5
FOR
MAY



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: [**theresa@lumc.org**](mailto:theresa@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 opportunities to join the church in 2013 will begin on **May 29th, and August 28th**.

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.

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.



“...do this in remembrance of me”....”do this in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. (from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Aunt Mary was a favorite with her nieces and nephews. She loved the Lord, and when she died we lost a godly influence. After her death, I received a legal-looking envelope. Inside was a \$4000 check from Aunt Mary’s estate—she had left the cousins an inheritance!

Loving Aunt Mary had been easy, but now my love for her overflowed. She had gifted me with an undeserved \$4000, and I had a place to share it. After my church offering, I divided the rest among friends experiencing financial difficulties. Amazed, they praised God for my aunt and then passed on some of what they received to others in need. I will remember Aunt Mary, missing her presence, but I will also remember with joy the inheritance her death provided.

At the last supper, when Jesus broke the bread and offered the cup, he wanted to be remembered—for all he had been in his earth time and for the amazing inheritance that would be made available for believers following his death on the cross.

Jesus said, “No one takes it (my life) from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.” (John 10:18) On the cross, when he said, “It is finished,” he

knew our sinners’ debt had been cancelled because he had paid it in full.


His followers watching at the cross were overcome by grief and fear. They did not remember he had said the Son of Man would be beaten, be killed...and, “On the third day he will rise again.” (Luke 24:32-33) In the days immediately following, grieving was about *their loss*—their heartache and disappointment.

In the Book of Hebrews we are encouraged to “fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who *for the joy set before him* endured the cross...”(12:2a) Jesus went to the cross expecting to experience the joy of fulfilling his Father’s plan.

In Christ’s death we have been given a tremendous inheritance, something to remember about his death until he comes again. Through his death, we inherited redemption, forgiveness of sins and an eternal life that makes us new creations. As those who wept at the cross were to discover, all who believe can receive the fullness of the inheritance Jesus made available through his death.

So when we take of the bread and the cup, for us it is a time of joy-wrapped sadness. We are sad at what our sin cost him, but we rejoice at the inheritance his death provided, an inheritance that is ours to experience and share with others.

When I see my brothers and sisters gathering to take communion, it always brings a smile. I think Jesus must smile, too, as he sees in us the realization of the joy that held him to the cross over two thousand years ago—his brothers and sisters coming to his Father’s table.

<p>Take a stroll inside the pine forest near Gryfino in Northwest Poland and you will feel like you were just transported to Harry</p>		<p>trees 9 were never harvested because of the chaos created when the World War 2 broke out in 1939.</p>
<p>Potter's 'Forbidden Forest' - thanks to the 400 eerily curved pine trees.</p> <p>The odd part is that the pine trees surrounding this tiny area, dubbed 'Crooked Forest' are all straight as arrows - Just the way they are supposed to be. So how did these specimens turn out so cool-looking?</p> <p>While nobody knows for sure, the theory is that the trees are shaped this way, thanks to human intervention, with the saplings allowed to grow for about ten years and then pinned down in a way that they emerge with a 90° bend, before straightening out again. Some locals believe it was the handiwork of special carpenters from the German special forces in the 1930's - for use in boat hulls and furniture. But, the</p>	<p>However, the expert lumberjacks of the Gryfino forest disagree - Given that pine trees are not good for either furniture or boat hulls, they think that the trees in this area just naturally grew in this eerie manner. Whatever the real reason, we sure are glad they are here for all of us to enjoy!</p> <p>Another theory - All the trees in this section were saplings when a heavy snowstorm buried and bent them over. Held in this position into spring, the new growth locked the trees in this position. Over the years, the trees grew forward to set themselves upright again, leaving them all with this strange, bend and reverse curve in their lower trunks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">From Barry/Cincinnati Zoo</p>	

SINCERE APOLOGIES!

For an unknown reason as of this printing, the March anniversary of Carolyn & Edward Bright was omitted from the master computer printout. Their anniversary was March 25, and they celebrated 13 years. Please wish them a belated Happy Anniversary!

**10 APRIL BRINGS ABUNDANCE
OF NEW BOOKS TO LIBRARY**

Bestselling author, Nicholas Sparks has written **“Safe Haven”**, a novel that has been made into a movie. When a mysterious young woman, Katie, appears in the small North Carolina town of Southport, questions arise about her past. Katie seems determined to avoid forming personal ties. However, a series of events draws her into two reluctant relationships, one with Alex, a widowed store owner with two small children. As she begins to fall in love, she struggles with the dark secret that still haunts and terrifies her, a past that set her on a fearful journey across the country to the oasis of Southport. Katie eventually realizes that she must choose between a life of transient safety and one of riskier rewards and that in the darkest hour, love is the only true safe haven.

“Finding Grace” by Anne Marie Rodgers is a book that is part of *Miracles of Marble Cove*. It follows the story of Shelley, wife of Dan and mother of a three-year old and an eight month old , who is not ready to take care of the mischievous puppy that Dan felt compelled to bring home. As she drops the puppy off at a shelter, she can't help but wonder if Dan is right, that the puppy found them for a reason. She soon finds the answer when the animal plays a role in an incredible miracle, proving that God brought the dog to them when they needed her most. The novel also follows four different, yet unforgettable, friends who are drawn together in miraculous adventures as they hold each other up in faith, and experience God's amazing grace.

“A Hand to Hold”, a Hearts of Middlefield novel by Kathleen Fuller. Ruth Byler is a good girl., a born schoolteacher. Zach Bender has been in trouble most of his life. When Zach crashed his pickup truck. into Ruth's Amish schoolhouse, it destroyed half her supplies and all her careful planning. Zach promised to repair the damage. Ruth would like to do things herself, but she must rely on Zach's help if she wants to realize her dream of teaching the Amish community's children. They have almost nothing in common but soon realize how much they need each other. They also realize that God offers plenty of second chances in life if you're willing to open your eyes and hold out your hand.

“The Maid of Fairbourne Hall” by Julie Klassen – *Shades of Downton Abbey!* – Brimming with romance and danger, the reader is taken inside the fascinating belowstairs world of a 19th century English manor, where appearances can be deceiving. To escape a scheme to marry her off to a dishonorable man, Margaret Macy flees London disguised as a housemaid. If she can remain unwed until her next birthday, she will receive an inheritance and with it, sweet independence. But she never planned on actually working as a servant, and certainly not in the home of Nathaniel and Lewis Upchurch – both former suitors. As she struggles to keep her identity secret from prying eyes, can she avoid a trap meant to force her from hiding?

“The Damascus Way” by Davis Bunn and Janette Oke – The fledgling church is being scattered by persecution, spearheaded by a fanatical young Pharisee who does not realize he is helping to spread the truth “unto the

ends of the earth". Young Julia has everything money can buy, yet she and her Hebrew mother, are less than second-class citizens. When Julia discovers the secret her Greek father has kept all these years, she is devastated. Her future is clouded with uncertainty, Jacob, Abigail's brother, is attempting to find his own place among the believers. Does it mean trading away the exhilaration and adventure of his current profession as a caravan guard? Hired to protect a wealthy merchant's caravans on the secretive "Frankincense Trail". Jacob also reluctantly takes on the perilous responsibility of passing messages between communities of believers dispersed across the land. He is alarmed to discover that Julia is also a courier. Can they put their initial mistrust aside to accomplish their mission? An earthshaking encounter on the way to Damascus has repercussions far beyond the lives of Julia and Jacob.

"Pearl in the Sand" by Tessa Afshar points out that striking beauty comes at a price. Rahab paid it when at the age of fifteen she was sold into prostitution by the one man she loved and trusted – her father. With her keen mind and careful planning she turned heartache into success, achieving independence while still young, and she vowed never again to trust a man – any man. God had other plans. Into the emotional turmoil of her world walked Salmone, a prominent leader of Judah, held in high esteem by all Israel. He is a man of faith, honor, and pride, and an enemy. What is a woman with a wrecked past to do when she wants to be loved, yet no longer believes it possible? The walls of Jericho are only the beginning. The real battle for Rahab

will be one of the heart.

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"The Calico Trail" by

Kristin Eckhardt is another Patchwork Mysteries book and when Sarah Hart's daughter-in-law Maggie inherits several items to sell in her store from her Great Aunt Myrna, Sarah is thrilled to see several quilts in the mix. She's especially interested in one that she recognizes as a pioneer quilt. Sarah explains to Maggie and the twins that this kind of quilt was used by women on the Oregon Trail to recount stories of moving out West in covered wagons. When they compare the antique quilt with letters their relatives wrote home, they discover the pioneers took a different path across the country than the one they recorded in the quilt. So which version is correct? And why would Maggie's ancestors lie about their journey? Sarah pursues the mystery.

Karen Kingsbury's books, **"Longing"** and **"Loving"** are part of the Bailey Flanigan series and follow Bailey who becomes closer to her one-time Hollywood co-star, Brandon Paul as a result of a long and lonely silence from Cody. Bailey wonders if her days with Cody are over forever. In **"Loving"**, the 4th and final book, the answers Bailey once longed for and prayed for are finally clear. She is making decisions that will shape her future, decisions that will ultimately lead to a wedding that no one saw coming. Is she marrying the right man? Bailey has her very own happy ending.

(see additional book on page 21)

HAPPY READING
from your Library Staff -
Barbara Jackson, Helen Lefave,
Ann Ice, and Pat Barton

WON'T YOU HELP US STUFF IT?



Please bring your newspapers, phone books, cardboard, hardback and paperback books, file folders, shredded paper, etc. and fill the blue dumpster nearest Yulee Drive. Sorry, no glass or plastic though!

The proceeds from this helps the youth of our church raise money for their summer camp and various outings.

Thank you

Many thanks for all the wonderful blank greeting cards that we've received. They will certainly warm the hearts and raise the spirit of all that receive them. This is an on-going ministry so anytime you have any blank cards to donate, Visitation is always grateful for them.

GREAT NEWS!

Dixie and Brady Lay recently bought their first home in Sugarmill Woods!

Do you remember buying your first home? What a great feeling and accomplishment, such great memories to look back on also!

Don't forget to wish them good luck!

Thank you

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls that I received during and after my recent surgery. I know that the prayers helped in my recovery.

God Bless, Carroll Lunceford

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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Sasha & Cody Shuart
~ 7 years ~

6

Dottie & William Baker
~ 34 years ~

9

Helen & Buddy Hansen
~ 68 years ~

11

Sharon & Dale Miller
~ 43 years ~
Judy & Robert Powell
~ 49 years ~

12

Neretta & Bill Brobst
~ 12 years ~

13

Julie & Louis Garthaus
~ 17 years ~

15

Grete & Dan Nygaard
~ 13 years ~

15

Jim & Joan Veronesi
~ 46 years ~

17

Loretta & Charles Blair
~ 37 years ~

Helen & Ron Sheetz
~ 59 years ~

18

Mary V. & Donald Wither
~ 54 years ~

19

Shirley & Ron Phillips
~ 54 years ~

Marilyn & Ralph Siegel
~ 22 years ~

22

Ruby & Larry Raymond
~ 53 years ~

24

Judy & Tom Williams
~ 9 years ~

25

Betsy & Richard Dulaney
~ 32 years ~

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I will NEVER be
OVER THE HILL.

*I'm too
darn tired to*
CLIMB IT!

ANNOUNCING....

Gerry Graham and Ann Eckman as co-chairmen of the Decorating Committee.

They will be replacing Judy Powell who has done a wonderful job of making the church look festive and glorious for our Lord. THANK YOU Judy!



Monday 1

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 10:00 Sacred Hour
 1:00 Directory 1-8
 1:00 ML Respite
 5:00 Staff Photo
 5:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 2

10:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 UMW Executive Mtg.
 10:00 Directory 10-5
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 3

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 4:00 Intercessory Prayer
 5:30 Oak Hill
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 4

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Sugarmill SETUP
 1:30 Serendipity Women
 2:00 Green Team
5:00 SANCTUARY
 6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 5**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 6:00 Relay for Life (CR)
 7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 6

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 ZUMBA
 10:30 Gods Clods

Sunday 7**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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

Monday 8

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 10:00 Sacred Hour
 1:00 ML Respite
 1:00 Alzheimer Support
 4:00 Health Team

Tuesday 9

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

Wednesday 10

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 4:00 Intercessory Prayer
 5:15 Music
5:30 WW dinner
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 11

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Backpackers
 9:15 Ruth Circle

Friday 12

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 2:00 Cancer Support
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 13

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
8:00 Serendipity Pancake
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 ZUMBA
 7:00 Sugarmill C. Concert

Sunday 14**DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY**
SHAWL SUNDAY BLESSING

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings SS
11:00 Traditional Worship
12:00 Bus Trip to Hudson

Monday 15

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
10:00 Sacred Hour
1:00 ML Respite
5:00 Stephen Ministers
6:30 Girl Scout Leaders

Tuesday 16

9:30 UMW Unit Meeting
10:00 Staff Meeting
1:30 Stephen Ministers
2:00 Finance Committee
3:00 Stephen Ministers
3:00 Serendipity Bible
3:30 Worship Committee
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 17

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
2:00 Scholarship Comm.
2:00 Staff/Parish Relations
4:00 Intercessory Prayer
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

Thursday 18

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
1:30 Serendipity Women
3:00 Missions
3:30 Trustees

Friday 19

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:00 Wise Bible
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 20

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:30 ZUMBA

Sunday 21

PANTRY SUNDAY

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

Monday 22

EARTH DAY

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

Tuesday 23

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

Wednesday 24

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
1:00 Shawl Ministry
1:30 Transfer Orientation
4:00 Intercessory Prayer
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 25

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:00 LABEL GENESIS
7:00 COUNCIL

Friday 26

ARBOR DAY

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:00 Wise Bible
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 27

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:30 ZUMBA

Sunday 28

TRANSFER SUNDAY

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

Monday 29

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
10:00 Sacred Hour
1:00 ML Respite
3:00 Schoch Memorial

Tuesday 30

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Directory
3:00 Serendipity Bible
5:30 Weight Watchers
7:00 Guy Bible Study.

WEEKLY YMCA CLASSES

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Mondays

**9:30 Cardio
10:30 Stab/Strength**

Wednesdays

**9:30 Pilates
10:30 Stab/Strength**

Fridays

**9:30 Cardio
10:30 Stab/Strength**

APRIL 2013 BIRTHDAYS

1
Betty Downey
Gerry Graham
Dorothy Koehler

2
Ed Carnahan
Dixie Simmons

3
Tom Kirschner
Hazel Meyerhoff

4
Mary Casper

6
William Schuessler
Jason Sheriff
Frank Zack

7
Richard Bader

8
JoAnn Guthrie
Larry Raymond
Joshua White

9
Stacey Dawson
Elaine Harwood
Donald Tam

11
Theresa McCracken

12
Isabel Stuart
Robert Yusko

14
Joy Potts

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Mary Joy Speicher
Laurie Stainton

16
Peggy Benson
William Murray
Edythe Shaffer

17
Jim Winder
Russell Chapman
Janet Small

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Freda Hale

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Grete Nygaard
Melanie Sheriff
Olive Stevens

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James Eyster
Gloria Schwartz
Marjorie Veenstra

21
Gloria Elsea
Dale Miller
Judy Williams

22
Dean Moore

23
Robert Powell
George Woodward Jr.

25
Alan Burcaw
Dolores Moore

26
Eileen Ferguson
Lawrence Maddox
Ronald Powell

27
Katherine Tidswell
Virginia Will

28
Art Carnevale

29
Roger Ferguson

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Dene Balmer
Carli Benthusen
Kim Hamrick.

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CEDAR CREEK

Wilbourn Fowler

Lois Schoch

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Terry Maschman

LIFE CARE

Hank Pouderoyn

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Marge Dilling

Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Ruth Eaton

Helen Labeau

Joan & Jack Ness

Helen Vaught

Catherine Wischart

SUNSHINE GARDENS

Pete Magamoll

TIMBER PINES RESIDENCES

Abbye Jean Richner.

STAY YOUNG MY FRIENDS!

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1. Try everything twice. On one woman's tombstone she said she wanted this epitaph: "Tried everything twice. Loved it both times!"
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. (Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches!)
3. Keep learning: Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever... Never let the brain get idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time with HIM /HER.
6. The tears happen: Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. LIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love: whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever.. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips.. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next city, state, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.
11. Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second chance. ***Remember! Lost time can never be found.***

From Kevin & Laura

**Amazing weather, fellowship,
and His provisions!**

We must also add giving thanks in ALL that HE has done for us these past months in the States! We've had an amazingly 'warm' winter – actually we thought it has been HOT but we're quite grateful for the sunshine that went with it! Our time of fellowship with the many friends and our families has been more than refreshing and a huge encouragement as well! We are blessed with His Provisions as HE always meets our needs and does so in perfect timing and love!

As our time is coming to an end, we are filled with mixed emotions. We love our work and the people that have been 'brought our way' in Russia. We love being here as we get to catch up on things with family and friends and get our 'batteries charged' in preparation to return to the 'battlefield.' We truly understand the words of Abraham when he speaks of being an alien in a foreign land – both places often feel foreign to us but we love them just the same!

Making the decision to follow the Lord is a choice. In March, we received word that two men from our village had passed away. Both had been ill for many years – both had discussed spiritual

matters with Kevin or a member of our team over those years.

One man named Victor, was the father of our team mate. Her heart is broken at the loss of her Father. He lived with them over the past three years and was able to spend time with his grandchildren. Victor would often argue the necessity of a relationship with a living Savior but we are trusting that he made a decision to follow Jesus before his death.

The other gentleman named Vanzat had been bedridden for the past four years. Again, Kevin and our teammate Doug had many opportunities to share with him the "Good News" over those years. At one point he was watching Christian DVD's and listening to teaching tapes. We were sad to see that at his funeral Buddhist Lamas were in attendance and seemed to be leading much of what went on. That is not good news; for the Word tells us that it is appointed to man to die and then there is judgment. Please lift his wife Svetlana up and pray she would be open to spiritual things; that her heart would soften to the truths of the scripture.

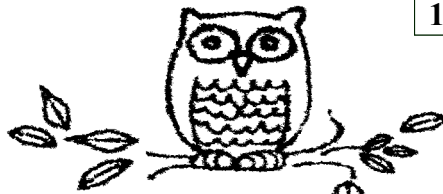
We share these two stories with you because that is the reality; not all that hear the "Good News" will accept. This 'reality' impacted all of us in a very personal way. The battle rages on and the Devil looks for those he can devour. We are just His instruments and our jobs are to

tell others the “Good News” - the increase is 100% dependent on God and His mercy. Please continue to lift the people of our village and of Russia in prayer!

The packing begins.... one would think that after 17+ years of doing this, we would be on top of all the last minute details that come with packing to return to Russia. One would think so.... however, the key word here is last minute and there always seems to be something that is needed but can't be done until the last weeks or days! So you get good at packing well and at the last minute! We will return with four bags filled with vitamins, shoes, and even a lightweight winter coat....plus gifts for friends and items that folks there ask us to bring back. 😊

THANK YOU to all who have been so generous and who continue to lift the work and both of us in prayer – these are vital in our partnership overseas!!

Serving Together in Siberia,
Kevin & Laura



A WISE SNACK

Believing in the message of the cross makes you wise. This treat is a great reminder to be wise in God's ways.

What you need:

- Slice of whole wheat bread
- Circle cookie cutter (or jar lid)
- Butter knife
- Nut butter (peanut, hazelnut, etc.)
- Toasted oat cereal
- 2 banana slices
- 1 cashew
- 2 chocolate chips

What you do:

1. Cut a circle from the bread to be the owl's head. Then cut out a small semi-circle atop that bread circle to resemble pointy ears.
2. With a knife, spread the nut butter on the bread.
3. Place cereal along the top of head, from ear to ear.
4. Place banana slices for eyes.
5. Dip the chocolate chips in nut butter and place them in the middle of the banana slices.
6. Place a cashew for the nose between the bananas.
7. Enjoy – and be wise to God's message!

FRIENDS

Look carefully in each picture for the cat as it makes its way down to the dog..... Then, check the explanation at the end.



- The story behind this picture is this: Every day - at the same time - she waits for him.
- He comes... and they go for a walk.
- Wouldn't it be great if we all had friends like this...no words needed...they just intuitively recognize the value of each other in their lives and act accordingly.

Life is not the way it's *supposed* to be . It's the way it is. The way we cope with it, is what makes the difference!



HELEN LABEAU HAS MOVED TO:

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What Pharisee enthusiastically supported the stoning of Stephen, a follower of Christ? (answer back page)

A. Pontius Pilate B Levi C. Saul (later called Paul) D. King Herod

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“A Mother’s Love” by Kelly Ann Riley is one of the “Patchwork Mysteries” series. Sarah Hart is an expert in vintage quilt restoration and when she chaperones Audrey and Amy’s class trip to an Amish community, she stays with a local family and asks her hostess, Annie Fisher, about the beautiful quilt on her bed. Annie tells her that she and her daughter, Katie, made the quilt together. Then Annie breaks down and tells her that Katie has been shunned and forced to leave the community nearly a year ago and Annie hasn’t heard from her since. Because of church rules, Annie isn’t allowed to reach out to her daughter. Sarah offers to find Katie but no one in the community will risk the bishop’s displeasure by speaking to her. Will she be able to track down the missing girl? Does Katie want to be found? Sarah uses clues in Katie’s quilting to search for answers, spurred on by a mother’s love.



Melanie & Jason Sheriff



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Melanie was born April 19 in Chicago, IL and is presently working full-time.

Jason was born April 6 in Lynchburg, VA and is also working full-time. They were married 8/25/2011 in Thomasville GA, and they have one son Tristan.

Janet Lee Leslie

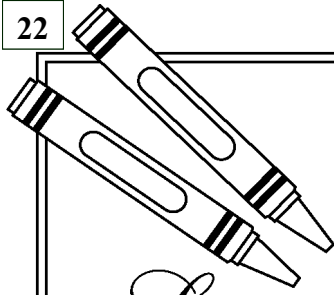
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Janet was born June 9 in Flushing, NY but spent most of her time in the Long Island area. She retired from working in school districts (Sachem for 20 years, Southold for 2), but continued to work privately and through Suffolk County Dept. of Health for another 10 years as a speech/language pathologist before relocating to Florida. Her sister and brother-in-law live in Sugarmill Woods and her daughter just moved to Los Angeles. She had been quite involved in her former churches, and looks forward to that here as much as her schedule permits.

She has lived here for 4 years, and is working part-time as a speech pathologist.



Just for KIDS

Love is the greatest commandment!

What did Jesus say when asked about the greatest commandment of God?

Write the first letter of each picture on the lines below.

Mark 12:30-31

Answer: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and ... Love your neighbor as yourself.



Several times a year we put an article in the Genesis about how a Stephen Minister can walk beside you. This time we would like you to hear from some of the care receivers who have had a Stephen Minister.

criticizing me. She has shown me God's unconditional love, something I had never fully experienced before. *Sarah*

**STEPHEN MINISTRY
IN ACTION**

Life is so chaotic right now that I don't know much for certain. But I do know that my Stephen Minister is there for me and praying for me. I've come to realize that (even though I don't always feel it) God is there too and really is at work in my life. *Earl*

The care and support I received from my Stephen Minister was every bit as important to my recovery as the excellent medical care I received from the doctors and nurses. This is truly a life giving ministry. *Tom*

My Stephen Minister listens—*really* listens. I never realized how helpful and healing such a simple act can be. *Michelle*

I've heard the phrase "the peace of God that passes all understanding" many times in church. My Stephen Minister has helped me experience that peace in a very real, very heartfelt way. *Anne*

My Stephen Minister was there during the darkest of times—patiently listening and trying to understand my pain. Looking back, I can clearly see how my Stephen Minister kept me connected to God when I was falling away. *Nathan*

Within five minutes of meeting my Stephen Minister, I knew she was right for me. She listens and cares, never judging or

If you or someone you know would benefit from a caring, one-on-one confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister, call one of our Stephen Leaders. Carol MacKenzie 382-8926, Kay Bast 382-4908, Karen Kline 382-7163, or the church office.

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JESUS --- TEXT
WHILE DRIVING IF YOU
WANT TO MEET HIM**

SUN. SCHOOL 10:00 AM SUN. WORSHIP 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM WED. 7:00 PM

**BOOKS RELEVANT TO TODAY'S ISSUES THAT
ARE INCLUDED IN THE READING PROGRAM OF
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

1. **“Love in a Headscarf”** by Shelina Zahra Janmohamed – When the author opted for the traditional arranged route to finding a marriage partner, she never suspected it would be the journey of her life. During 10 long years of matchmaking aunts, countless mismatches, and outrageous dating disasters, Ms. Janmohamed discovers more about herself and her faith – including the fact that sometimes being true to her religion means challenging tradition.

2. **“When Christians Get It Wrong”** by Adam Hamilton – When young adults talk about the problems they have with Christianity and the church, they name attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith and being anti-homosexual. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the hows and whys of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world.

3. **“The Power of Half”**, One Family’s Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back by Kevin Salwen and Hannah Salwen. When 14-year-old Hannah Salwen was stopped in her tracks by glaring disparity, her parents knew they had to act on her urge to do something. What began as an outlandish scheme became a remarkable journey that transported them across the globe and well out of their comfort zone. In the end they learned that they had the power to change a little corner of the world and found themselves changing, too.

(These books are found in the bookcase on the right as you enter the church library. They are checked out in the same manner as other books.)

Submitted by Helen Lefave

Dear God,
I think about
you sometimes even
when I'm not praying
Elliott



GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Betty Starkey 1/19/2012	Bill Richner 6/28/2012
Roland Aberle 1/22/2012	Fred Wheeler 7/3/2012
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Eleanor Smith 5/12/2012	Dorothy (Dot) Wolf 12/18/12..
Mark Cram 6/17/2012	

Father in heaven, we thank you because you made us in your own image and gave us gifts in mind, body and spirit. We thank you now for what they meant to each of us.

As we honor the memory of those above, make us more aware that you are the one from whom comes every perfect gift, including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. **Amen**



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DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

To those who may have looked at it once or twice, you may not know how valuable it can be! To some of you this will not mean anything. So, let me introduce you to our “**church website**” on the internet.

As many of you know, Neil Kline is our very efficient webmaster and he inserts all the items that appear and/or are hidden behind a line that you might click on.

Almost everything that you might be looking for regarding our church is incorporated in this website and I find it very valuable when I’m working on various Genesis articles and when I need certain church related information. For example, below are a few you can check out by clicking one time on each item.

- If you misplace your copy of Genesis - it’s always there, just click on the issue date that you need. You can also look way.... back in time!!
- The link to the On-line Directory is also there...
- The link to the *The Upper Room* daily devotional welcomes you...
- You may listen to Pastor Kip’s sermons...
- Or listen to the special music from past services...
- Or under Ministries, you can click on the one(s) that you are interested in and see what it entails, &
- There are many more things to see - even pictures taken by Neil!

TRY IT; I’M SURE YOU’LL LIKE IT!
Mary Lee Millikin - Genesis Editor

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

from Jan Wise

WORDS WORTH READING - Written by Andy Rooney,
a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words.

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- The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- When you're in love, it shows.
- Just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- Having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- Being kind is more important than being right.
- You should never say no to a gift from a child.
- You can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- No matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- Simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- We should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- Money doesn't buy class.
- It's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- Under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- To ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- When you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- Love, not time, heals all wounds.
- The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- Everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- No one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- Life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- Opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- When you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- One should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- When your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- The less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

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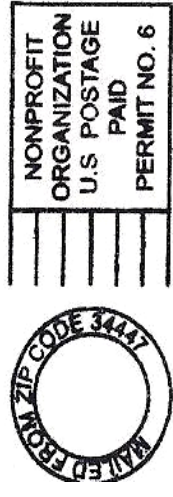
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Answer: C (See Acts 7:59-8:1.)



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