

**GENESIS NEWSLETTER**  
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**“Why do you seek the living among the dead?” Luke 24:5**

Happy Easter Season! Well, actually we are still in the Lenten Season and will be until Easter Sunday. Then we are officially in the Easter Season.

When I think about Easter and the scriptures that tell the Easter story, the above question from the angel in the tomb always strikes me as a great question. Why are they actually looking for someone who is living where we keep those who have died? They should be looking around town, or maybe at the house of Martha, Mary and Lazareth, or on the mountain top, or maybe by the seaside. Only the dead are in cold tombs, which are dug into the mountain sides. So, he should not be there!

Well, of course that’s exactly why they are looking for him at the tomb and not in the other places; they know he’s dead. They saw it all. They watched in horror at the foot of the cross. They watched as Joseph and Nicodemus took the body down. As a matter of fact, the only reason they are at the tomb where the angel asks this question is to finish their sad task of taking care of the deceased’s body.

The words of the angel must have shocked the women. In fact, just the presence of the angel must have shocked the women greatly. Plus, it was a talking angel, and a talking angel with an improbable statement offered in the form of a question.

If Jesus were actually alive and not dead, what did that mean? How could the dead come to life? How could the dead come to life, after only three days, and still be here and not in heaven? Is this connected in any way to what happened to Lazareth? He was dead and in the tomb for four days, and Jesus brought him out. If the living Jesus brought out Lazareth, and now Jesus was dead, who brought Jesus out? Can God do this or did Jesus somehow do this? These are too many questions for the women to process so quickly while still in the presence of the angel. Things were happening, and they had to go tell the others!

Jesus told the disciples how all of this would happen long before the actual event. Here is the scripture that reminds us of this: **“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.”** (John 10:18) So that’s how Jesus came out of the tomb; he did it himself! Imagine that!

Now back to the women. If they heard Jesus say those words about his own resurrection, it could be that they did not understand what he meant when he said it. Certainly it could be that they did not remember what he had said as they went to prepare his body for burial and discovered a talking angel.

However, the words of the angel might have eventually, days or weeks later, reminded them of what Jesus had said. But that association didn't happen amidst all the excitement until Jesus appeared to them in the upper room and showed them his nail-pierced hands. John's Gospel tells us of the surprise of Mary, when the one she thought to be the "gardener" knew her and spoke her name—"Mary." In these instances, the words they had heard Jesus say before his death may have started to make some unbelievable sense.

How about us? Do we look for the living among the dead? How real is the living Christ to us? Is he a part of our everyday lives, as our immediate family and friends are? Do we think of him as living and present with us or do we think of him as resurrected and gone? Is he real and immediate to us, or is he distant to us, like a far-removed cousin or in-law?

It seems to me that the more I move through life, the more I realize my

need for the living Jesus, one **3** who is with me and in me as an immediate and extremely close friend. I need a living relationship with the living Christ, someone I can text or email or talk with whenever I feel the need.

The reality of Easter is that Jesus is not dead but very much alive. Perhaps a better question is: "Do I look for the living, in the midst of my own life—and to what degree?"

### **Happy Easter! God Bless— Pastor Kip**



# WELCOME

## **Need to update your records!**

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

## **Weekly Email**

Pastor Kip sends out a weekly email every Friday which includes important announcements, information about the coming week's scripture, and usually some things to think about as you prepare for worship on Sunday. If you want to receive this weekly email, please email Theresa in the office at: **[8831admin@lumc.org](mailto: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.



## CHURCH MINISTRIES

### WITHIN THE CHURCH

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

#### **WORSHIP**

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

#### **MEMBERSHIP CARE**

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

#### **MINISTRIES & WORK AREAS**

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

#### Publicity

Salvation Army Bell Ringers  
 Welcoming Ministry  
 Wonderful Wednesday Dinners  
 Youth Ministry

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

#### **MISSIONS**

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

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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



One of my goals in life has always been to encourage and empower people. In the Lenten season as we prepare for Easter please allow me to suggest some information that might be helpful if you would like to be an encourager. The following are some things you might want to know about people that could help you be an encourager.

**Everybody Wants to Be Somebody.**

Every person wants to be well considered, that is true from the smallest of children to the oldest of adults. If you treat people like a “ten” they respond like “tens”. It is a deep human desire to have someone show that they believe in you.

**Nobody Cares How Much You Know Until They Know How Much You Care!**

People don't want to know how smart we are. They don't want to know what you or I have accomplished. The only thing they really want to know from us, first of all, is whether we really care about them.

**Anybody Who Helps Somebody Influences a Lot of “Somebodies”.**

When you begin to put your efforts into helping someone else, it is amazing how that encouragement gets multiplied. The greater the positive impact you make on another person, the more likely that person is to turn around and influence others positively.

**God Loves Everybody.**

We should always keep in mind that God loves everybody, and to treat others the way Jesus would treat them. Do that and others will always feel encouraged!

**So..... Go forth and encourage and empower by God's Grace.**

*Kay*



**Barbara Channell**

Have you noticed a new face in the office? We have hired a new Administrative Assistant, Barbara Channell, for the afternoons Monday through Friday.

Barbara comes to us with 10+ years of church office administration and will be a great asset to the church. She and her husband, Roger, have two sons and were recently blessed with their first grandchild, baby Gracie.

Stop by the office the next time you are at the church and meet Barbara.

## Get a Good Night's Sleep **FROM KAREN**

Like eating well and being physically active, getting a good night's sleep is vital to your well-being. Here are 13 tips to help you:

- **Stick to a sleep schedule.** Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day—even on the weekends.
- **Exercise is great, but not too late in the day.** Try to exercise at least 30 minutes on most days but not later than 2–3 hours before your bedtime.
- **Avoid caffeine and nicotine.** The stimulating effects of caffeine in coffee, colas, certain teas, and chocolate can take as long as 8 hours to wear off fully. Nicotine is also a stimulant.
- **Avoid alcoholic drinks before bed.** A “nightcap” might help you get to sleep, but alcohol keeps you in the lighter stages of sleep. You also tend to wake up in the middle of the night when the sedating effects have worn off.
- **Avoid large meals and beverages late at night.** A large meal can cause indigestion that interferes with sleep. Drinking too many fluids at night can cause you to awaken frequently to urinate.
- **Avoid medicines that delay or disrupt your sleep, if possible.** Some commonly prescribed heart, blood pressure, or asthma medications, as well as some over-the-counter and herbal remedies for coughs, colds, or allergies, can disrupt sleep patterns.
- **Don't take naps after 3 p.m.** Naps can boost your brain power, but late afternoon naps can make it harder to fall asleep at night. Also, keep naps to under an hour.
- **Relax before bed.** Take time to unwind. A relaxing activity, such as reading or listening to music, should be part of your bedtime ritual.
- **Take a hot bath before bed.** The drop in body temperature after the bath may help you feel sleepy, and the bath can help you relax.
- **Have a good sleeping environment.** Get rid of anything in your bedroom that might distract you from sleep, such as noises, bright lights, an uncomfortable bed, or a TV or computer in the bedroom. Also, keeping the temperature in your bedroom on the cool side can help you sleep better.
- **Have the right sunlight exposure.** Daylight is key to regulating daily sleep patterns. Try to get outside in natural sunlight for at least 30 minutes each day.
- **Don't lie in bed awake.** If you find yourself still awake after staying in bed for more than 20 minutes, get up and do some relaxing activity until you feel sleepy. The anxiety of not being able to sleep can make it harder to fall asleep.
- **See a doctor if you continue to have trouble sleeping.** If you consistently find yourself feeling tired or

not well rested during the day despite spending **7** enough time in bed at night, you may have a sleep disorder. Your family doctor or a sleep specialist should be able to help you.

### Clinical Trials

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) supports research aimed at learning more about healthy sleep and sleep disorders. NHLBI-supported research has led to many advances in medical knowledge and care. Often, these advances depend on the willingness of volunteers to take part in clinical trials.

Clinical trials test new ways to prevent, diagnose, or treat various diseases and conditions. You can take part in a clinical trial to gain access to new treatments before they're widely available and help add to scientific knowledge.

For more information about clinical trials related to sleep disorders, talk with your doctor. You also can visit the following Web sites to learn more about clinical research and to search for clinical trials:

- [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)
- <http://clinicalresearch.nih.gov>
- [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/studies/index.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/studies/index.htm)

### To Learn More

Contact the NHLBI for information on healthy sleep and sleep disorders.

#### NHLBI Health Information Center

P.O. Box 30105  
Bethesda, MD 20824-0105  
Phone: 301-592-8573  
TTY: 240-629-3255  
Fax: 301-592-8563  
E-mail: [nhlbiinfo@nhlbi.nih.gov](mailto:nhlbiinfo@nhlbi.nih.gov)  
Web site: [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/sleep](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/sleep)



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
National Institutes of Health

*Karen Kline*  
**Parish NURSE**  
*"Mind, Body & Soul"*



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## BASEBALL ON THE HORIZON!!



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!

# Batter Up

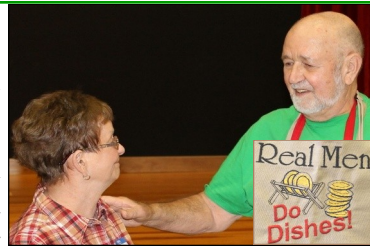


**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!**

This is the banner that proudly hangs in the outfield at Lecanto High School for all to see. Thank you for your contributions to make this sign possible. With this support we are getting the name of the church and our website out to every person who attends the baseball games and we hope it will bring them to our church. Thank you again for your support!

### "REAL MEN DO DISHES"

That's what it says on Larry Stainton's new apron and nothing else could be more true. During the recent annual UMW "Bring A Friend to Brunch," Alice Carnahan presented this special apron to Larry in memory of her husband, Ed; he had worked with Larry in the kitchen. Larry took charge of running the dishwasher early on and makes the dishes "squeaky clean".



# Deadline

**Friday, APRIL 4th**  
**FOR**  
**MAY GENESIS**





**THE WAYS OF  
THE KINGDOM**  
by Jan Wise

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**WE WON!**

The story is told of Duke University's basketball team going to New York City to play in the national finals. Because many students couldn't go to the game, the University set up a TV in the gym. There the kids gathered to watch their team play in the final battle for the championship. They groaned and cheered, experiencing the agony and the ecstasy of the shifting score. Finally, at the closing bell, the Duke students saw their beloved team win.

The jubilant kids poured from the stands and, taking down a backboard from their home court, they draped it with a sign, "WE WON!" Then they marched through the streets, cheering and celebrating.

One bystander asked, "What's this all about? What did you win?" A student, amazed at the man's not knowing, shouted, "We won the national basketball title!"

Again the bystander questioned—"Are you on the team? Did you play in the game?"

"Oh, no," replied the student. "But I watched it all on TV. I didn't actually win the game myself, but I'm part of the team who won." Then he said to the puzzled bystander, "Don't you get it? Because we're all part of Duke, when the team won we won!"

I think of this story at Easter when watching the way Christians celebrate the meaning of the cross. For some it represents a time of sadness because Christ had to suffer for our

sins. For others it's a time of identification, a time of weeping and repentance, of remorse and trying to identify with Jesus' pain. All of these are a part of what Good Friday represents just as the Duke students' agony and ecstasy were part of watching their team battle for the win. But they didn't dwell on the battle; they celebrated the victory!

We're like the students pouring out of the stadium, holding high their message for all to see—WE WON!

At the end of Jesus' battle on the cross, he said, "It is finished." (John 19:30) Paul explains what was finished: "When you were dead in your sins... God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. **AND HAVING DISARMED THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES, HE MADE A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF THEM, TRIUMPHING OVER THEM BY THE CROSS.** (Colossians 2:13-15)

Our team triumphed! As believers "in Christ Jesus," we won when he won. So our cross is not something to drag through life, like when we refer to sickness, debt, a difficult family member, etc. as our cross. Our cross is a banner, proclaiming to the devil when he challenges us, or to the questioning bystander, that the battle of darkness versus light has been won. The sign on our cross reads:

**BECAUSE HE WON,  
WE WON!**



**10 BOOKS ARE A BLESSING**

They can raise your spirits, comfort you, inspire you and hold your interest so that you don't want the book to end, thus cultivating the popularity of a series of books by the same author.

**"The Map in the Attic"** by Jolyn Sharp. Join Annie Dawson and the members of the Hook and Needle Club of Stony Point, Maine, as they track down mysteries connected with the contents found in the attic of Annie's ancestral home, Grey Gables. There will be danger, adventures, and heartwarming discoveries in the secrets Annie unearths – secrets about her own family as well as the citizens of this charming seacoast town in Central Maine. As flames devoured David Coyne's family home in Stony Point, Maine, Annie slept soundly, catching up on a much-needed break from the tiring and seemingly endless chore of cleaning out the contents of the attic of the family home she had inherited from her grandmother. But next morning when she opened a box marked "for yard sale", she found a vintage clown-shaped cookie jar stuffed with a large piece of embroidered linen. She thought the girls in the Hook and Needle Club would like to see it. The girls feel there may be a connection between the house fire and the vintage piece of embroidery. They think it's a stitched map of the coastline. Their detecting uncovered secrets and stories that some citizens would rather not be revealed. Danger seems to stalk Annie as she helps the Coyne family settle into temporary quarters. Could the strange embroidered map have something to do with it?

**"Rag Doll in the Attic"**, another Annie's Attic mystery, by Jan Fields.

Annie Dawson has a recurring haunting nightmare of little Jenny scrambling on her hands and knees, feeling for the doll in the dark. She doesn't want to lose the rag doll, the last present she ever got from her grandmother. Panic wells up in her as she gropes far forward and her hand falls on nothing. Annie's heart wants to return the rag doll to its rightful owner but to whom does it belong? Annie had come to Stony Point to recover from the death of her beloved husband. She stayed to tidy up her grandmother's estate. Annie, along with members of the Stony Point's Hook and Needle Club, are shocked to find the answers to the mystery of the rag doll in the attic.

**"Medals in the Attic"** is an Annie's Attic mystery by Cathy Elliott. Annie Dawson is enjoying rummaging through the jumble of memorabilia, old toys and discarded furniture in the attic of Grey Gables, the stately Victorian house in Stony Point, Maine, that she has inherited from her grandmother. She is dumbfounded when she discovers a carved wooden case holding two World War II military medals because her Grandpa Holden's military service medals are on full display in the living room. If they're not Grandpa Holden's medals, whose are they and why are they hidden away? As Annie gets closer and closer to discovering the truth, will she lose friends, her reputation, and even her life? See how the people of Stony Point can temper justice with mercy and forgiveness when the secrets of the medals are revealed.

**"Heart to Heart, Hand in Paw"** by Peggy Frezon. This a true story of faith and the healing bonds of animals. It's a story of how our pets can love,

comfort and teach us as we take our own journey through life. When Peggy's mother and step-father move to the beautiful Vermont countryside, they dream of living a simple life. It turns out to be anything but simple. They stumble through building their own log home, gathering sap to make real maple syrup and filling their little farm with animals but these middle-aged homesteaders soon discover their piece of paradise isn't without challenges. Drawing upon a lifetime of faith and meaningful relationships with animals, her mother finds the courage to persevere and she discovers strength in a most surprising place.

**“What the Bible is All About”** by Henrietta Mears with a Foreword by Billy Graham. This book will make the reading and studying of God's Word interesting, challenging and useful. This handbook has been updated and revised to be used with today's best-selling version of the Holy Bible – the New International Version.

**“No Place Like Home”**, a LARGE PRINT novel by Fern Michaels. Triplets Sara, Hannah and Sam Cisco are furious to learn that their widowed father, Jonathan, had put his mother into a nursing home against her wishes, and they're certain his new fiancée, Alexandra, is behind the move. While cataracts may have impaired their Grandmother Loretta's vision, and led to a bad fall, the aging CEO of Cisco Candies is still sound in mind and body. So the threesome decide to liberate Loretta and her beloved golden retriever, Freddie, from the home. This is a family saga that is a joy to read at Christmastime – or any time.

**“Family Blessings”**, a novel in LARGE PRINT by Fern Michaels. Just

before Thanksgiving, a freak tornado descends on Larkspur, the small town in Pennsylvania's Allegheny Mountains where matriarch and candy magnate Loretta Cisco – affectionately called “Cisco” by her grandchildren – lives and levels the home she's inhabited for 50 years. More bad news reveal that Cisco's beloved triplet grandchildren, Hannah, Sara and Sam, all newlyweds, are experiencing marital problems and they refuse to confide in their grandmother about what's wrong. As the citizens of Larkspur help to rebuild Cisco's home in time for Christmas, she vows to work a holiday miracle that will hold her family together. The book celebrates love, family and forgiveness.

**“A Bride Most Begrudging”**, a novel by Deeanne Gist. Do you believe in love at first sight? Drew O'Connor is still broken-hearted from the loss of his beloved and only wants a maid to tend his house and care for his young sister. A ship arrives from England with “tobacco brides” on board – eligible women seeking a better life in America, bartered for with barrels of tobacco from the fields of Virginia. What Drew ends up with is a wife – a feisty redhead who claims she is Lady Constance Morrow, brought to America against her will. She hasn't the foggiest notion how to cook, dares to argue with her poor husband and spends more time working on mathematical equations than housework. What kind of wife is that? Drew's Christian forbearance is in for some testing.

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



## *In Sympathy*



LORAIN WOOD, 74, passed away under Hospice care on February 24/14. She leaves a son, Michael Lasher, 3 sisters, and a loving companion. No services are listed at this time.

ROBERT BELLCASE, 78, passed away March 8, 2014, while under Hospice care. He leaves his wife of 56 years, Barbara, 3 children, a brother and sister. His service was 3/15/14 at FUMCH.



CHARLIE WADE, 88, passed away peacefully at home March 15, 2014. He leaves his wife of 64 years, Bunny, a daughter Donna, and a son Bill. His service was 3/22/14 at FUMCH.

I would like to thank all who donated to those of us who participated in the Crop Walk for the Hungry, on February 23, 2014. May God bless you for your generosity.

We pray that we will be able to participate again next year. Thank you again from all of us. Helen Schwebes



### HUGS!

It's wondrous what a hug can do, A hug can cheer you when you're blue.

A hug can say, "I love you so," or "Gee, I hate to see you go".

"Welcome back again," and "Great to see you," or "Where've you been?"

A hug can sooth a small child's pain, And bring a rainbow after rain.

There's just no doubt about it. We scarcely could survive without it.

A hug delights and warms and charms, It must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs: great for fathers and mothers, sweet for sisters, swell for brothers.

And chances are some favorite aunts, love them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them, puppies love them, heads of state are not above them. Hugs can break the language barrier, no need to fret how to store them.

The more you give, the more there are of them,

So stretch your arms without delay, and give someone a hug today!


*~ This is a rerun, but it's so true, and I dedicate this to Catherine Wisheart ~*



I recently received a call from the daughter of Onlee Davis, thanking our church for the prayers and support after her passing on February 6, 2014. Our church meant a lot to her mother, and our prayers gave comfort to the family after their loss. Gerry Graham.



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>6</u> Dottie &amp; William Baker ~ 35 years ~ Billie &amp; Jim Grudzen ~ 14 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>9</u> <b>Helen &amp; Buddy Hansen</b> ~ 69 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11</u> Sharon &amp; Dale Miller ~ 44 years ~ <b>Judy &amp; Robert Powell</b> ~ 50 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>12</u> Neretta &amp; Bill Brobst ~ 13 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>15</u> Grete &amp; Dan Nygaard ~ 14 years ~ Jim &amp; Joan Veronesi ~ 47 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>17</u> <b>Helen &amp; Ron Sheetz</b> ~ 60 years ~</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>18</u> <b>Mary V. &amp; Donald Wither</b> ~ 55 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>19</u> <b>Shirley &amp; Ron Phillips</b> ~ 55 years ~ Marilyn &amp; Ralph Siegel ~ 23 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>20</u> Beth &amp; Ronald Johns ~ 29 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>22</u> <b>Ruby &amp; Larry Raymond</b> ~ 54 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>24</u> Judy &amp; Tom Williams ~ 10 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>25</u> Betsy &amp; Richard Dulaney ~ 33 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>26</u> Deborah &amp; Gary Noffsinger ~ 39 years ~.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* <b>Bold = 50 years+</b></p>
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The choir is looking for some new members to fill a few empty seats! Ask any choir member what it's all about, or leave a message in the office for Dixie - she'll call you back!

**Rehearsals:**  
**Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** (about 1 hr)

**Tuesday 1**

9:30 Staff Meeting  
 10:00 UMW Leadership  
**10:30 YOGA**  
**12:30 PMC**  
 1:30 Stephen Ministers  
**2:00 Y Diabetes Support**  
 3:00 Serendipity Bible  
 3:00 Stephen Ministers  
 5:30 Weight Watchers  
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

**Wednesday 2**

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

**Thursday 3**

8:00 Sanctuary Set-up  
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
**9:00 Fold Mail**  
**10 - 2 FOOD PANTRY**  
**6:00 Sanctuary Dinner**

**Friday 4****GENESIS DEADLINE**

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

**Saturday 5**

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

**Sunday 6****COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**7:30 READERS**  
**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9:00 Readers**  
**9:20 Discovery Class**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:45 New Beginnings**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**

**Monday 7**

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

**Tuesday 8**

9:00 WW PREP  
 9:30 Helping Hands Circle  
 9:30 Staff Meeting  
**10:30 YOGA**  
**12:30 PMC**  
 1:00 Dorcas Circle  
**2:00 Y Diabetes Support**  
 3:00 Serendipity Bible  
 5:30 Weight Watchers  
 6:00 Diabetic Support  
 6:30 WOW  
 7:00 Guy Bible Study

**Wednesday 9**

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

**Thursday 10**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
 9:00 Backpackers  
 9:15 Ruth Circle  
**10 - 2 FOOD PANTRY**  
**3:00 MAP**

**Friday 11**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
 10:00 Wise Bible  
**12:15 DECORATE**  
 2:00 Cancer Support  
 7:00 Brown Bible

**Saturday 12**

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

**Sunday 13****PALM SUNDAY****Discretionary Sunday**

**7:30 READERS**  
**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9:00 READERS**  
**9:20 Discovery Class**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:45 New Beginnings**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**

**Monday 14**

8:00 Work Crew  
 8:30 SHINE  
 8:30 Tracking Committee  
 9:30 Visitation Committee  
 10:00 Sacred Hour  
 10:30 Fight Team  
**12:00 DECORATE**  
 1:00 Caregivers Support  
 1:00 ML Respite

**Tuesday 15**

9:30 Staff Meeting  
**10:30 YOGA**  
**12:30 PMC**  
 1:30 Stephen Ministers  
 2:00 Finance Committee  
**2:00 Y Diabetes Support**  
 3:00 Serendipity Bible

3:00 Stephen Ministers  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
7:00 Guy Bible Study

**Wednesday 16**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
9:30 Come See Bible  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 LaMountain Bible  
10:00 Siegel Bible

**1:30 Transfer Orientation**  
**5:00 PUMPED**  
5:15 Music  
6:00 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir  
7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

**Thursday 17**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
**10 - 2 FOOD PANTRY**  
3:00 Missions Committee  
3:30 Trustees Committee  
**7:00 Maundy Th. Service**

**Friday 18**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**COUNCIL REPORT DUE**

9:00 Thrift Store  
10:00 Wise Bible  
**7:00 Good Friday Service**

**Saturday 19**

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

**10:00 DECORATE**

3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

**Sunday 20**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**PANTRY SUNDAY**

**7:00 EASTER BREAKFAST**  
**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9:20 Discovery Class**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:45 New Beginnings**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**

**Monday 21**

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

**Tuesday 22**

9:30 Staff Meeting  
**10:30 YOGA**  
**12:00 PMC**  
**2:00 Y Diabetes Support**  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
7:00 Guy Bible Study

**Wednesday 23**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
**9:00 AARP Safe Driving**  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
9:30 Come See Bible  
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 24**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
9:00 Label Mail  
**9:00 AARP Safe Driving**  
**10 - 2 FOOD PANTRY**  
7:00 Council

**Friday 25**

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

**Saturday 26**

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

**Sunday 27**

**TRANSFER SUNDAY**

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

**Monday 28**

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

**Tuesday 29**

10:00 Staff Meeting  
**12:30 PMC**  
**2:00 Y Diabetes Support**  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
7:00 Guy Bible Study

**Wednesday 30**

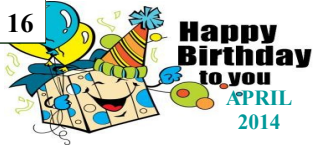
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**Mondays**  
**9:30 Cardio**  
**10:30 SS/Strength/Range**

**Wednesdays**  
**9:30 Pilates**  
**10:30 SS/Strength/Range**

**Fridays**  
**9:30 Cardio**  
**10:30 SS/Strength/Range**



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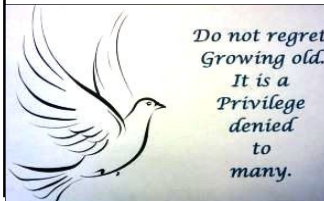
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## SERENDIPITY MEN'S GROUP

**Saturday, April 12.** Normally, Pancake Breakfast means "All You Can Eat"! How about a change? "All You Can Eat Buffet Breakfast." That's what's in store for you next month on the 12th.

At our regular 2nd Saturday each month, from 8:00-10:00am, we will be trying something entirely new for Serendipity. You have liked and enjoyed our pancakes and sausage. They will be included in this new "one time only" event, but much will be added for your choice for one or all items for the low price of **\$6 each**.

**Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash brown potatoes, rolls or muffins, fruit and juices, milk for the kids, coffee and decaf. Maybe more!**

All you can eat for only \$6/person, with a coupon allowing a 50-cent discount for your group who attends together.

Come on Saturday, April 12, and enjoy the food while helping us financially support the work of the Sanctuary, the Grace House, Nature Coast Ministries, and other important needs in our community.

**Make your reservation. Mark the attendance pad.**



### HANDY MEN & WOMEN FOR HIRE

The residents of Grace House (Debbie 422-1877) and The Sanctuary (Paul 476-3520) will work for \$8.00 per hour. You provide their transportation for cleaning, washing windows, power washing, painting, lawn work, handyman repairs, etc. Please contact the above supervisors to schedule these insured and licensed workers.

<http://klwooster.blogspot.com>

*From Kevin & Laura*

Dear Faithful Friends of FUMCH;

This month we are going to dedicate our update on what we believe helps define a healthy church. We pray you are encouraged and blessed as much as we have been!

**Reaching out beyond her borders:**

When you think of what makes up a church, what do you think of? Do you think of buildings, projects, and committees? When Jesus was talking to the disciples what did he say to them in the book of Acts? Acts 1:8-9 tells us what we are supposed to do; *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Jesus had an emphasis on making disciples, he told them what was expected of them. Since we have gone overseas, we have taken these verses and taught them to the believers in Siberia. The results have been amazing to see as these new believers have taken these verses and started *living them out*. So we want to share with you about one such person; her name is

Natasha and she is a direct result of your sending us out so many years ago.



Natasha came to the fellowship in the city and later became a part of the work in the village. God began to tug on her heart about missions, after all, the verse above tells us to “go to the uttermost parts of the earth”. She began praying and felt God calling her to serve in another country, to serve the people of Mongolia. Almost three years ago she moved to Mongolia and taught the English language at a University in Ulan Baator, Mongolia. In her spare time from teaching, she studied the Mongolian language so that she could “GO” and reach and teach them in their language. After two years in Ulan Baator, she felt that she was ready to make the BIG move to a small village in the

middle of a remote area in the Mongolian countryside.

Through the efforts of you, our church family of FUMC of Homosassa, and because of your support for us over the years, you now have a part in this ministry in Mongolia. Natasha is now in Mongolia teaching English, leading ladies bible studies, and working hard at “fitting” into this new culture and new people that the Lord has called her to.

During the end of May, we will be traveling down to Mongolia, along with our teammates Douglas and Valeri to visit and encourage Natasha, and to see the work she is involved in. We will be seeing the fruit of her labor of love for the Mongolian people.

Prayer requests for Natasha:

- For relationships to develop with the locals in the community,
- Success as she uses English as an outreach to meet more people,
- And increased financial support for her to be able to remain in Mongolia.

Thank you for faithfulness in prayer and support for the work in Siberia! You are a huge part in changing lives for Christ in the far reaches of Russia and the world beyond.

**Serving Together,  
Kevin & Laura**

## ”Love BEARS all Things”



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You will notice some “beary” cute visitors in amongst our pews beginning this Sunday, a Christian outreach from our Women of Worship (WOW) Evening Fellowship. These bears are intended to be shared with someone who may be in need of a special hug and a reminder of Gods Love. If you would like to make a contribution to help support this ongoing ministry, please contact either Priscilla Frederick, Carrie Staton, Barbara Sayers or Sherry Younger. As always, thank you for your support.



**Women of Worship** have offered their support to the Alliance Stamp Ministry, from Fort Meyers. The group recycles canceled stamps, the proceeds of which go toward publishing Spanish-language Sunday school materials in churches in Latin America.

Two collection boxes have been made, one located in the Narthex and the second, located on top of the staff mailbox cubbies in the administration hallway. Please deposit used envelopes/ stamps trimmed to at least 1/3 of an inch of paper around the stamp in these boxes.



For your interest this ministry was highlighted in the January 2014 edition of Guideposts. Any questions, please see Priscilla Frederick, Carrie Staton, Barbara Sayers or Sherry Younger.

**Thank you for your support.**



### **Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart**

When I think of Lent, what comes to mind is “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts.” Psalm 139:23.

One way to describe Lent is a time of preparation for Christ to rule in our hearts. Just what does that take? How does Christ break through and grow in us so there is less of us and more of Him. He doesn't! He stands at the door and knocks. He woos us (prevenient grace). God has been called the “Hound of Heaven” since He pursues us because of His great love for each of us. But He does not “break through” that shell which some of us tend to have around our heart or hiding parts of us we just don't want to look at. We need to invite Him in. Once we invite Him in, He continues to work in us through His sanctifying grace as we become more and more like Jesus. Even in this we have our part to play. If we have a thick exterior (like thinking *I'm fine just like I am* or *this is just the way I am*), it's like having a stop sign posted at the door of our heart. If we truly want to be open to Christ and all He wants to do in and through us, then we need to cooperate by spending time with

Him and being obedient. Remember -- there is nothing He doesn't already know!

Whether it's during prayer or silence, worship or Bible study, or through a traumatic event, something happens which stirs us or turns us toward God. I hope I've learned to invite the Holy Spirit to work on changing me rather than waiting for something to happen.

Sometimes we don't recognize Christ working in our lives. Mary didn't recognize Jesus when she went to the tomb -- she thought He was the gardener! The men on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus when He walked with them and explained the Scriptures until He revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread. Jesus was encountered and not recognized in ordinary places – a garden, a dusty road, a seashore, an upper room. Let's spend Lent looking for Christ not just in the extraordinary but in the ordinary.

I pray you will invite the Lord to search your heart, so you will be ready to receive all Christ has for you and so He will rule in every area of your life. Let us together prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

*Marilyn Watson*

## THE GROCERY LIST

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once. Visualizing the family needs, she said: 'Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can.'

John told her he could not give her credit, since she did not have a charge account at his store. Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family.

The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, 'Do you have a grocery list?' Louise replied, 'Yes sir.' 'O.K.' he said, 'put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries.'

Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and

scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, 'I can't believe it.'

The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more.

The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said: **'Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands.'**

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a hundred-dollar bill to the grocer and said; 'It was worth every penny of it. Only God Knows how much a prayer weighs.'

It was sometime later that John Longhouse discovered the scales were broken; therefore, only God knows how much a prayer weighs.

~ author unknown

EASTER  
*Blessings*



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## GILMORE MISSION

Dear friends and supporters,

Hope this finds you all well and content. I always remember this to be a beautiful time in Florida with bright skies and cooler temperatures. It was an adventure getting the kids to school this morning as everything was frozen up! It was a lesson to leave a few minutes earlier to ease those difficult moments.

Britt had his work bag containing lots of paperwork, books, bible, and his iPad taken at the mission this week. We are looking at camera footage to see if we can identify what happened to it. It is difficult to lose this much stuff as it really knocks him back.

Last week we had the terrible tummy bug going around. Thankfully that has eased. Britt and I usually spend Monday mornings' working on GBGM things in preparation for our trip in August. That got squeezed last week. It is surprising how much missing one week of prep can keep you back from moving forward! Global ministries require us to have health checks (a welcomed opportunity) but many

practices do not have their August calendars ready and then with the 5 hour difference it is harder to coordinate phone calls.

Within counseling this week I got to experience one of those golden moments. With stomach bugs and stolen bag, I think God wraps you in His embrace and reassures the heart of why we do what we do. Working with a former loyalist terrorist for the past two years we have come to a great working relationship where there is respect and understanding.

We were talking about forgiveness and remembering a father (Gordon Wilson) who publicly forgave the men that planted a bomb, which killed his daughter at a Memorial Day Service in Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh in 1987. This happens to be my home place and I remember the day that bomb exploded and killed 11 civilians. Wilson's response to the bombing, "I bear no ill will, I bear no grudge", was broadcast throughout the world. That was the man my family knew him to be.

Gordon Wilson was our neighbor and a man who continued to speak out for peace and forgiveness. My client, on remembering Gordon Wilson's plea for peace on the television, was sickened at his choice to offer this hand. He looked at me with such harshness, as he bellowed at me, 'it [forgiveness]

made me sick to see him do that', 'how could a father forgive the scum who murdered his daughter?', 'He was nothing but a stupid ### to forgive those IRA murdering #####'.

Vicious language is hard for me to grasp. Especially hard since it was about someone I knew growing up. But I also knew that this client knew very little of what it is to be offered second chances, to be offered hope, or to be offered a new possibility.

I began to share with him a little of what I believe forgiveness to be. It is the means to let go, not because the other person ever deserved it, or accepts your forgiveness, but it is to let go of the angry twisted pain that chokes your own heart and leaves you drained and bitter and resentful for the rest of your life.

My client's tense body began to ease. This is a man who is so full of anger. Anger at himself, God, his own life and relationships. What is it like for him to take all his own guilt and shame and hatred and let it go? To seek something more life giving? To seek to forgive and be forgiven?

It is a powerful emotion and one we all battle with. Often we have to return to that same place again. I sat this week and felt a great power of God opening the eyes to one who held a gun and committed crimes

and begin to do a work of change within his life. A golden moment for sure. A real embrace from God to me and, I also believe, to my hate-fuelled client who is softening and being changed.

**Some things I would value prayer in this week:**

1) planning well for August and checking off all these doctor check ups.

2) Ellie is going away on her first overnight trip with the Methodist church in Ireland. A special weekend geared for 9-13 year olds. Wonderful teaching and creative things to inspire hearts towards Christ. We would love this to be instrumental in her journey towards Jesus.

Many of the kids she will be rooming with are from the community projects and tend to be more advanced, street wise, and mature than Ellie (she will be the only one from our church attending). Britt is going too which eases my worries.

3) feeling a little weary these days and know its because I have no rest or good self-care. I need to plug in times of aloneness or quiet, which is challenging!

With love, Ally



March 6th we began a new time and location for clients to receive items from our Food Pantry. It is now open **EVERY THURSDAY from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.** using the **Fellowship Hall entrance.**

Items are only available to Homosassa residents with proof of residency, as in the past. New clients may apply at the above location as well.



## **STUFF THE DUMPSTER - PLEASE!**



Please don't forget to put ALL your paper products (newspapers, books & cardboard) in the blue dumpster on the Yulee Drive side of the buildings. The YOUTH benefit from the money received from the dumpster company to be used for their outings, etc.

**NO plastic or glass of any kind! Thank you.**

## **PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for:

- all of our Easter visitors to experience the joy of Easter and a wonderful welcome.
- each of us to take advantage of the opportunity to invite people to worship on Easter.
- our pastor and church staff and their families.
- the choir and all those who do so much during Lent.
- each of us to continue to focus on Christ as we approach Easter.



### 1 ADDITIONAL LIBRARY BOOK - from page 11

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“**Mortal Wounds**”, a novel by Sue Duffy. Still mourning the mysterious deaths of their parents twenty years ago, Jake Gaddy and his sister, Joanna, reject the idea of a good and loving God. The fiery boating accident that destroyed their family leaves too many unanswered questions. Joanna is a successful advertising executive. Strong-willed and fiercely independent, she conceals her inner torment, the nightmares and the haunting. Jake is a gentle young professor at the University of Virginia. His lifelong search for truth and purpose leads him and everyone he loves into danger. His friendship with a powerful spiritual leader leads him to uncover a deadly conspiracy to destroy the credibility of a Christian political alliance and subvert the next presidential election. Jake is kidnapped before he can warn anyone. Domestic terrorism explodes across the nation. Joanna hunts frantically for her brother. Jake and Joanna finally confront their wounded past and what they discover will alter the course of a nation and the fate of their own souls.

### Ladies, Save These Dates!

**March 20 – 22, 2015**

It's one of the dates for next year's Women's Retreats.  
Don't forget to mark your calendar.

Marilyn



The United Methodist Women held their annual "Bring a Friend to Brunch" at the February meeting. We had a very enjoyable morning with the entertainment being our own Becky Kirksey as soloist and Joy Potts at the piano.

We entertained the group of knitters from Forest View Mobile Home Park. These ladies knit over 300 sweaters for the World Vision Knit for Kids (Guidepost Sweater Project) in 2013. There are 11 ladies participating in the project and now meets at FUMCH and is headed up by Eileen Ferguson. They provided a very nice display of their sweaters.

Our next meeting will be a trip to Cornerstone Ministries in Tampa, followed by lunch at Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. Because of Holy Week there **will not** be a unit meeting in April. Some time in the month of April we hope to be able to do our "Ditty Bags" for distribution.

Our May meeting will be a "Pot Luck" salad luncheon. Then it will be summer break and we will be busy working on the Bazaar. I look forward to seeing you in May.

In Christian Love, Pat Blake President

### Moody Radio FL Navaho 2014 Trip



The Navajo mission trip has expanded to include church supported mission avenues. I'll be gone that last week of May, returning the third week of June; four weeks altogether. I can only go if you send me. Three weeks of mission work have been added since last year. Expenses will be \$3,500.00. Please see me after church services if you can help me. Don Bates

*The following story comes from our former Genesis Editor, Judith Huffer, and my predecessor who "taught me the ropes."*



The other day I was in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and someone asked me a rhetorical question, '**Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?**'

I replied that I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I

disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the priest, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds. I was drug to the homes of neighbors to help mow the yard, repair the clothesline, and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, my dad would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin: and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

**God bless the parents who drugged us!**



*Do you agree? I surely do.*

*Mary Lee*



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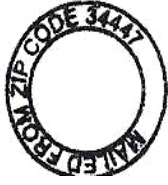
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