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Greetings in Christ's name.

We have made through the two biggies of church life; Christmas and Easter. And now we are quickly reaching that part of the year where things seem to naturally slow down; summer. May of our northern friends have already headed back to their homes in northern states. So this seems to be a good time to attempt to sum up how I see things are going since my arrival here last July.

First, I would say that our appointment here was a miracle. Here's why. After several conversations with my district superintendent from the Southwest District (Estero) it was clear that a new appointment was required. In that process I requested to be appointed to Homosassa FUMC. In our system of appointment making, a clergy never is able to request a specific church. So throwing caution and good sense to the wind, I did make the request. The miracle is that the Cabinet listened, understood, and allowed the appointment. Trust me, this was a miracle!

Secondly, with that being the case, one could think that with God knowing me (all the good and the less than good) and God knowing Homosassa FUMC (both the good and the less than good), and allowing the Cabinet appointment, my being here could be a God-planned unity of church and clergy. In other words, it would seem that God may actually see our union as a good and godly thing.

Third, if it is true that being here is a miracle and seen by God as a good thing, then one could assume that God has specific purposes and plans for our union of church and clergy. There is a divine reason we are together. The

question—"What is the reason?"

One obvious answer to this question is to fulfill God's purpose for this church in the Kingdom of God right here in Homosassa. The purpose of the church is not too hard to figure out – to go and "make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." This is not hard so far. But it gets harder now. It gets more difficult because the question changes from "What is the reason?" to "How do we fulfill God's divinely planned purpose of this unity between church and clergy?" Or a shorter question may be "How do we make disciples?"

The Long Range Planning Group or M.A.P. (Ministry Action Plan Group) is working on answering this question, but not necessarily directly. I have to admit the work of this group is going slowly, and that is my fault. My hope is to pick up speed while continuing to combine deep prayerful thoughts and action plans as we progress.

Part of answering the question "How do we make disciples?" is to determine whom we are trying to make disciples. We are going to attempt to make disciples from those who are currently unchurched folks in the age range of 55 and up. (There are reasons for the specific age group.) That means we begin by encouraging them to visit here. This involves our responsibility as the Body of Christ to invite these folks to come and then to make them genuinely and warmly welcome if they come.

How do we encourage them to visit with us? No matter what report you read or what stats you evaluate, the number one reason that people actually

visit a church is because of a personal invitation. Personal invitations far outnumber the success rate of marketing and advertising, or even general public outreach projects. Why? Because a personal invitation is just that—personal. It is meant just for “me,” telling me that you really want me to come and that your invitation is not just some broad general invite. This is why we are pushing for everyone to take a handful of Invitation Cards and hand them out during the week. It is an easy method of personal invitation.

Once invited folks step through the doors of the sanctuary, the disciple-making process begins. Now we have an opportunity to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ. It is time to reveal to them that God loves them more than they will ever know. It is time to reveal to them that all those old, abusive theologies focusing on the wrath of an angry God are not what we believe. It is time to reveal to them that as we are loved and forgiven, so they, too, may know God’s love and forgiveness.

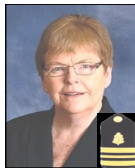
Now, believe it or not, I do try ever so hard to convey just that message every Sunday in a variety of ways, using various scriptures with various themes. My focus on Sunday morning is always twofold—to tell the good news of God’s love and to give

folks something to think about for the rest of the week. As the Body of Christ, our intention towards guests and visitors needs to be that their initial experience here would be enough to cause them to want to come back again. We hope that the more they are here, the more they will learn, and the more they learn, the more they will grow in love with Jesus Christ. This process will lead to their becoming disciples, which I believe is the answer to our very first question as to why God has brought us together as clergy and church.

Therefore, I would say that it is part of God’s grand design for us to work together in unity, passionately seeking to make disciples in this place where God has put us.

One last thought: time is short. Look around the congregation in your service. What do you see? Now don’t get angry, but perhaps you might see an aging congregation where fewer and fewer folks are able to attend and to help out as they once did. The current stature of our church is the resulting benefit of all their years of hard work and commitment. But our church cannot continue to exist based on past achievements. Perhaps this is part of the reason for God’s divine plan of bringing us together as church and clergy. What do you think?

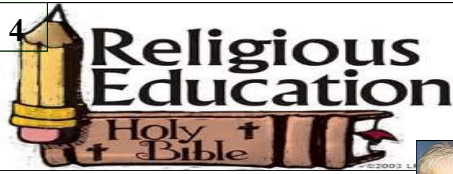
God Bless – Pastor Kip



~ WITH SORROW ~



Lieutenant Commander Cecelia Woodward, USN, Ret. left this earth March 21, 2013, to be with our Lord. She leaves her husband of 35 years, George; his sons, Buddy and Todd, whom she dearly loved; sister, Mathilde Bosley of Arlington, Va.; brothers, Warren G. Bodkin Jr., of Bunker Hill, W.Va., and Robin Orr Bodkin, Ph.D., of Washington DC, and sister-in-law, Susan Marriott. A memorial service in the chapel will be held Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. God Bless her!



by Kay Bast



The complete title of my job is Director of Christian Education/Ministries. This month I am going to focus a bit on ministries. We have a ton! Some much more successful than others and some with volunteers who have done the job for a very long time and are really in need of assistance. We have an average of more than 450 dear Christians attending this church every Sunday, and I am confident there are many Gifts that can be shared. And keep in mind that we also need to minister to each other. There are great needs for people to come forward to Usher for the services, greet new people and make them welcome in God's house, accept the high honor of serving communion and receive that blessing. Do you enjoy working outdoors? Perhaps you might consider giving of your time on Monday morning to help keep our

natural surrounding fresh and beautiful to honor God. You might consider giving Theresa a helping hand in the office once in a while, the services on Sunday don't just happen, there are many, many preparations that occur we just take for granted. It would be a great blessing for our music department if someone who plays the guitar or any other musical instrument would be willing to share those God given gifts with the body of Christ. You may consider your skills to be of no interest to anyone, but don't underestimate the value of love poured out through giving of yourself and your abilities to others. No matter your age, your interests or your physical status, there is a place for you to share your gifts through God's Grace.

My prayer is that you will read this, then take time to reflect on your life, past, present and future and take this opportunity to step up and offer in loving kindness anything you can to the Glory of God and love of your fellow man.

Kay



~ WITH SORROW ~



Vern Downey went with our Lord Wednesday, April 10, 2013. He leaves his wife Betty, of 48 years, and a sister Audrey (Roy) Epperson, White Oak, Ohio. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Donald.

His memorial service was held Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m. at FUMC. May he rest in peace.



~ **SYNTHETIC DRUGS** ~

What are they and what is the problem with them?

Recently there have been several pages in the local newspaper asking us to support the stores in Citrus County that refuse to sell synthetic substances. These same pages also list the stores that have not cooperated and continue to sell these drugs.

Synthetic drugs are defined as chemically laced substances similar to marijuana, cocaine, and methamphetamines that are sold over the counter. They are divided into two categories, depending on their make-up. Cannabinoids known as commonly as "K2" or "spice", are chemically made versions of synthetic marijuana that contain lab made THC. Cathinones, commonly known as "bath salts" contain chemical compounds that mimic the effects of cocaine or meth.

Drug packaging usually states that the products are not intended for human consumption but labeling and marketing infer that they are to be smoked or inhaled. Some of these products may be labeled as "herbal incense" or "plant food". These chemical compounds often consist of a vast range of formulas and potencies which mean in some cases they could be up to 500 times stronger than TLC.

Side effects and long time effects of these drugs are very scary. Users of "fake marijuana" have reported increased anxiety, nausea,

paranoia, and confusion. Long range reports are short term memory loss, motivation reasoning ability, emotional stability, learning, and stamina. Side effects and symptoms from the use of the "bath salts" include from severe paranoia, violent behavior hallucinations, chest pain, seizures, decreased appetite, and the need for sleep, self-mutilation and death.

Synthetic drug compounds were first encountered by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Synthetic cannabinoids in herbal essence products were first detected in the U.S. in 2008 by the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) forensic laboratory. Since then it became a battle. Some of the problem with trying to enforce legislation against these products is the continuing ability of the drug manufacturers to create new and different compounds that are not only able to bypass the laws but slip past drug tests.

In July of 2012, Operation Lot Jam was instituted in a joint effort of the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and assisted by many more national, state and local agencies to fight this problem. More than 90 people and 5 million packets of designer drugs and over 36 million dollars were seized. In December of 2012 Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi filed an emergency rule banning 22 new synthetic drugs.

Our Citrus County Sheriff's Office has been very active in this war. We can help by taking their advice and avoiding the stores that continue to sell these products, and to monitor and educate our children and grandchildren.



THE WAYS OF THE KINGDOM

by Jan Wise

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! ...For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. (Psalm 133:1, 3b)

How is our unity in the Body of Christ?

A Catholic asked: “Why do Baptists hate Catholics?” When asked about his attitude toward Baptists, he replied, “We don’t much like them either. Are they really Christians?”

One Catholic mother attended Bible study to learn the Biblical teaching about salvation. She explained how, when her son left the Catholic Church, she prayed that he’d return to God. He did—in a Baptist church. She sought the Bible’s teaching on salvation, because neither she nor her son thought the other was right with God.

We studied how Jesus Christ is the only way to God. The Catholic mom assured her son she had what the Baptist’s call a “born-again” relationship to Jesus; the Baptist son assured his mom that he did, too. They found oneness in Jesus, but then came the question—“If Jesus *is* your Savior, how can you stay in *that* church?”

Paul wrote to the church in Rome: “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” (Romans 12:18) Some Jews were telling the Gentiles that after believing in Jesus they should follow Jewish law to be sure of their salvation.

When teaching in various denominations, the biggest stumbling block was often what each group added to the need to know Jesus. Jesus told the Pharisees, “You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men...You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions.” (Mark 7:8-9)

One woman who came to Bible study admitted, “I know church doctrine better than I do the Bible.”

Church history shows that each time God sent a fresh move of the Spirit to revive his church, the newly- revived group saw people saved, healed and disciplined. Then the on-fire group, trying to preserve the move of God, began to make rules and developed a “doctrine” to define God as they had come to know him. So we have many denominations, each believing it has the “true” revelation of God—or at least one better than the church across the street.

There are times when the Christian church unites around the truth of the Gospel, especially at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. But in our “progressive” world we seem more adept at disagreement than unity.

Paul warns: “You...were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature....If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. (Galatians 5:13, 15)

What is the state of unity in *our* church family—in *your* heart and mine? God promises that where there is unity he will pour out his blessings. Isn’t it worth the effort?



CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

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

Outreach Ministries

Bus Ministry
 Disaster Relief & Response Team
 God's Clods (Clown Ministry)
 Health Related Workshops
 Hugs for Soldiers
 Local Travel Ministry

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

Small Groups

Cancer Survivors
 Individual Bible Study Groups
 Men's Serendipity
 PAWS
 Saturday Sisters
 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
 Methodist Children's Home
 Salvation Army
 SHINE
 The Path

Community Outreach

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

4/15/13



FRIDAY, MAY 3
FOR
SUMMER

8 *In Flanders Fields*



John McCrae, 1915

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**

Travel For Boomers is suspending “Make My Monday” today to take a moment to consider the implications of Memorial Day.

As you enjoy your three-day weekend (probably traveling or at least lounging at the beach), pause for a moment to think about the fact that our generation was created primarily by soldiers returning from wars: World War II and the Korean Conflict. Those soldiers came home, started growing their families right away, and *voila!* the Baby Boomer generation was born.

Our generation was created by the soldiers who returned home. Yet there were many, many more soldiers from those two wars, as well as every other one since then (from Viet Nam to

the current war in Afghanistan), who didn't come home. Who aren't coming home. These are the brave service men and women we're supposed to be remembering and honoring today.

And yet: “Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades.”(from Memorial Day History)

In 1971, Congress made Memorial Day into a three-day weekend encompassing the last Monday in May, as opposed to May 30, which it was originally. Sadly, that seems to have made it easier for us to be distracted from the true meaning of the day as we plan and enjoy our long weekend getaways.

In 2002, the Veterans of Foreign Wars stated: “Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.”

We don't meant to be a “buzz kill.” By all means, enjoy your holiday weekend wherever you are! But, please, stop for a moment, fellow Boomers, to honor those who brought about our generation by honoring those who didn't return — who our fathers and grandfathers had to leave behind “in Flanders Fields.”

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

 **WELCOME**
New Members

Theresa (Teddy) & Michael (Mike) Collier



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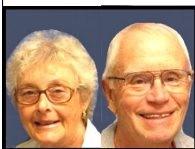
From: Indianola, IA

Teddy was born in Decatur, IL on 10/27 and worked in retail sales for 20 years before retiring.

Mike was born in Norton, VA on 6/11 and worked as a petroleum engineer for 40-45 years before retiring.

They were married 7/6/1963 in Decatur, IL and have a son working in Kuwait, and a daughter who is nurse in Iowa.

Eileen & Joesph (Joe) Proconier



20 Cactus Street
Homosassa 34446
352-503-2531

From: Goalais River, Ontario

Eileen was born 1/8 on a farm near Carson City, MI and was a school teacher in MI, and Canada before retiring after 34 years.

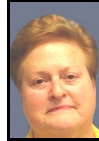
Joe was born in Flint, MI on 12/30 and was a school teacher for 30 years until he retired.

Eileen & Joe were married 9/6/1968 in Ionia, MI and they have 5 children, 2 that live here in FL. They have 13 grandchildren, with 4 of those living here in FL; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Priscilla L. (Pat) Lehman **9**
15 Glendridge Boulevard
Homosassa, FL 34446

352-503-6207

From Westlake, OH



Pat was born in Cleveland, OH on 7/17 and worked "on and off" as an R.N. for 46 years, and also owned a business for 27 years in the middle of her 46 years before retiring.

Her parents live in Indianapolis IN, and she has a brother currently living with and caring for her parents.

Joanne Hepner

123 S. Poinsettia Terrace
Crystal River, FL 34429

352-795-9875

From: Round Lake, IL



Joanne was born in Chicago, IL on 8/31 and she worked for many years with her husband's contracting business. Joanne is a recent widow after 51 years, and has 2 children, and has lived in FL since 2004.

Carol Thompson

4244 S. Winding Oaks Dr.
Homosassa, FL 34446

352-621-0222

From: Crystal River UMC



Carol was born in Augusta, ME on 2/5 and retired recently as a certified CNA after 25 years. She recently lost her husband of 41 years, and has lived here since 2001. Carol has a twin sister and 1 son in Westerly, RI.

MEMORABLE MAY READING

10 Some books are memorable because we can associate them with events in our lives. Others have unusual or quirky characters that we remember. We hope you will enjoy reading some of the following selections:

“Dinner with a Perfect Stranger”, An Invitation Worth Considering, written by David Gregory. You are invited to a dinner with Jesus of Nazareth. The mysterious envelope arrives on Nick Cominsky’s desk amid business-related junk mail. Although his seventy-hour workweek has already limited his family time, Nick can’t pass up the opportunity to see what kind of plot his colleagues have hatched. The normally confident, cynical Nick soon finds himself thrown off-balance, drawn into an intriguing conversation with a baffling man who calls himself Jesus and who seems to know a disturbing amount about Nick’s personal life. As the evening progresses, their conversation touches on life, God, meaning, pain, faith and doubt – and it seems that having dinner with a perfect stranger may change Nick’s life forever.

“Horse Sense: Auction Action” by P. J. Landsey – Jump in on the auction action as Gwen, Jerry and the rest of the gang team up to start a new horse farm and ranch for troubled children. The story follows two troubled teens and their efforts to escape their difficulties through a healthy vent – horses and ranch life. Watch as they grow into independent adults as they do their part to see their growing new horse ranch and business endeavor flourish. This is an excellent read and very family friendly.

“A Wedding Blunder in the Black Hills” by Kim O’Brien, a novel about Millie Hogan and David Denvers who both have big problems in small town Deer Park, South Dakota. Millie is a waitress with designs on Hollywood and a mother who keeps setting her up on disastrous blind dates. David is a widowed dentist with an almost teenage son and opinionated parents, and he is being stalked by an amorous lover. So when a lost filling lands Millie in David’s office, the two of them cook up a plan – a fake relationship – a relationship of convenience until they start to care. Now what will they do?

“The Messiah”, a novel by Marjorie Holmes, beloved inspirational writer who recreates the stories of the Bible in full human dimension, breathing life into 2,000 year-old characters and making Jesus, his family and friends, seem like real people with real-life emotional struggles. In this book, she deals lovingly and vibrantly with the culminating events of Jesus’ life, from the beginning of his ministry to its well-known conclusion. Again, we see Jesus as a member of a large, extended family and as a man of many friends, and also as a rabbi, healer and martyr. Ms. Holmes tells of the first Apostles, Mary Magdalene, John the Baptist, the miracles and sermons, the trial and Crucifixion. “The Messiah” is a rich historical and spiritual experience.

“Winter’s Awakening”, Book 1 of Seasons of Sugarcreek, written by Shelley Shepard Gray, in LARGE PRINT. In the small Amish town of Sugarcreek, Ohio, Joshua knows what’s expected of him: to work at the family store and to finally marry Gretta, whom he’s courted for years.

But when a new English family moves in next door and their teenage daughter catches his eye, Joshua wonders if his future plans are too firmly set in stone. When Lilly moved to Sugarcreek, she never imagined she'd be enamored of the Amish way of life – and especially with her handsome new neighbor, Joshua. But she guards a secret that will surely drive him away, one that compelled her family to leave their old home and move to Sugarcreek in the first place. Lilly is pregnant.

“Welcome to Butternut Creek”, a 2-in-1 Omnibus, written by Jane Myers Perrine, a veteran author and ordained minister, who has a sure eye for small town church drama, as well as the dynamics of life in a town where everyone knows your business. “The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek” is the first story and concerns the newly minted minister Adam Joseph Jordan who comes to guide the flock of Butternut Creek Christian Church. Miss Birdie and her friend Mercedes aka The Widows take it upon themselves to educate him on how things should be done and also decided that he needs a wife. As Adam deftly dodges the Widows, they turn their attention to another new bachelor, veteran marine Sam Peterson, who lost his leg in the war in Afghanistan. Sam is dealing with post traumatic stress and depression, he wants to be left alone, but the community of Butternut Creek doesn't know how to do that. The Widows will have to put all their energy and scheming into bringing Sam and his beautiful physical therapist together. **“The Matchmakers of Butternut Creek”** is the second book. Gussie Milton is quite content with her

life, running her successful photography business, overseeing the church youth group and caring for her beloved parents. In the eyes of the Widows, Gussie would make their pastor the perfect wife. However, Gussie is frightened of committing her heart to any man. Will the Widows' meddling be the catalyst that changes the couple's lives forever?

“Unbroken” by Laura Hillenbrand, a World War II story of survival, resilience and redemption. On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini who had been an incorrigible delinquent who left home to ride the rails. Then as a teenager he had channeled his defiance into running that had carried him to the Berlin Olympics and within sight of the four minute mile. But when war came, he became an airman that led him to his doomed flight. Ahead of him lay thousands of miles of open ocean, sharks, a foundering raft, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft, and he would be driven to the limits of endurance. His fate, whether triumph or tragedy, would be suspended on the fraying wire of his will.

We hope you will visit our church library throughout the summer.

HAPPY READING

from the Library Staff --

Barbara Jackson, Helen Lefave,
Ann Ice, and Pat Barton



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.

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 opportunities to join the church in 2013 will be 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.



MAY 2013 Anniversaries

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(as of April 17, 2013)

BRENTWOOD

Joyce Minnicks

CEDAR CREEK

Wilbourn Fowler

Lois Schoch

SUGARMILL MANOR

Marge Dilling

Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Ruth Eaton

Helen Labeau

Joan & Jack Ness

Helen Vaught

Catherine Wischart

SUNSHINE GARDENS

Pete Magamoll

SUPERIOR RESIDENCE

Hank Pouderoyn

TIMBER PINES RESID.

Abbye Jean Richner.



5
Linda & Mel Gordy
~ 46 years ~

Joyce & Allen Stone
~ 67 years ~

7
Fern & Charles
McWilliams
~ 47 years ~

Mary & Felix
Tarorick
~ 47 years ~

**Joyce & Stan
Zawacki**
~ 58 years ~

9
Sharon & Ron Seely
~ 54 years ~

11
Gretta & George
Marshall
~ 45 years ~

12
Ruth & Dermot
Samuda
~ 24 years ~

13
Nancy & Branson
Redding
~ 42 years ~

15
Jimmi & Barry
Reichard
~ 40 years ~

16
Lori & Stan DeClue
~ 15 years ~

17
**Emily & Archer
Walker**
~ 66 years ~

18
Patricia & Richard
Ross
~ 22 years ~

19
Dixie & William
Simmons
~ 16 years ~

21
Pat & Harley
Lawrence
~ 9 years ~

24
**Marilyn & Alan
Shimp**

~ 56 years ~
25

**Joanna & Berry
Lasky**
~ 50 years ~

Angie & Michael
Watson
~ 11 years ~

26
Gloria & Richard Elsea
~ 34 years ~

Sue & Wes Harris
~ 29 years ~
28

Brenda & Ed Loper
~ 8 years ~
31

Melinda & Steven
Bassler
~ 33 years ~

**Barbara & Wyndell
Fordham**
~ 55 years ~.

Bold = 50+ years

Good judgment comes from
experience, and a lot of that
comes from bad
judgment.

Letting the cat out of the
bag is a whole lot easier
than putting it back.

Wednesday 1

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

Thursday 2

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 1:30 Serendipity Women
 2:00 Green Team

Friday 3

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

Saturday 4

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 ZUMBA
 10:30 Gods Clods
2:30 NCCB Concert
 3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 5

COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship
2:00 Woodward service

Monday 6

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

Tuesday 7

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

Wednesday 8

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 3:00 Creative Worship
 5:15 Music
5:30 POTLUCK
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 9

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Backpackers
 9:15 Ruth Circle
 3:00 Perm. End. Comm.

Friday 10

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 2:00 Cancer Support
 7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 11

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

Sunday 12

DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY
8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 13

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 14

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

Wednesday 15

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:30 Transfer Orientation
 2:00 Staff/Parish Relations
 5:15 Music
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

Thursday 16

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

Friday 17

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

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

Saturday 18

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

11:30 UMW Luncheon

3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 19

PANTRY SUNDAY

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 20

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

Tuesday 21

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

Wednesday 22

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

Thursday 23

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

Friday 24

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

Saturday 25

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

Sunday 26

TRANSFER SUNDAY

Peace/Justice

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 27

MEMORIAL DAY

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



Tuesday 28

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

Wednesday 29

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
6:30 New Member Class
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 30

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

Friday 31

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

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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



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2 Danielle Christensen Robert Christensen Dorothy Atwell	10 Debbie Grafton Ed Morgan	21 Laurie Bouchard
3 Marlene Pond Bobbie Spicer	11 Ina Ryder John Sandstrom Ella Mae Wilson	22 Onlee Davis Joan West
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5 Sharon Haskell	14 Barbara Fordham Caroline Hay	25 Jack Mulder Linda Ritter
6 Loreita Blair Ryan Blevins Carolyn Crawley Rudy Stobierski	15 Kenneth Roberts	26 Ernie Dorrell Jack Fasnacht
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Wow - wish I had made a list of all those who said they were praying for me. What a humbling and powerful blessing that has been to me the last few months, and a great abundance of cards too. Thanks, communion of Saints! In appreciation and love,

Martha Dorrell

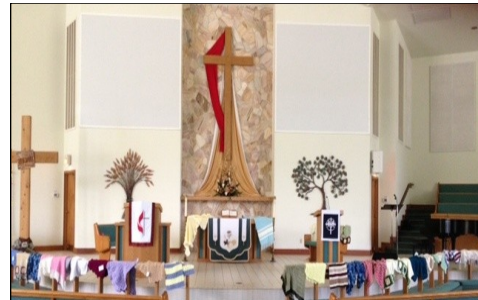
Mere words cannot express the huge degree of warmth and comfort your prayers provided my sister Susan and me during Cecelia's illness and passing, and my surgery.

A special "thank you" to our Parish Nurse Karen Kline, nurse Marie Witham, and to HPH Hospice for the loving care that was given to Cecelia during her last few weeks of life. FUMCH is truly a wondrous family who helped sustain us through this difficult period.

George Woodward



BLESSING OF THE SHAWLS



from left to right; Lyn Wolf, Renate Little, Marge Veenstra, Dorothy Atwell, and Althea Stuckey. Missing, but there in spirit, was Ann Morrison.

We worship our Lord together by making beautiful Prayer Shawls for people who are in poor health or who just need a little love and cheering up. Our wish is to, just for a moment, melt away their troubles. If you know of anyone in such a need, please contact Carol Merker at 352-232-6377 for more information.

We also have extra chairs available for anyone who would like to join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month for some good old fashion talking, laughing and sharing the time together.

~ submitted by Carol Merker



Exciting times at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home on March 16th.....but you missed it! I know that whatever you were doing that day was not as inspiring and fulfilling as our trip to FUMCH was for those who went. We were a small group, but God called over 1,400 concerned United Methodists who drove the miles to Enterprise, Fl., from as far away as Deerfield Beach, Ft. Myers, and even Islamorada.

There were tours of the campus, presentations of awards, children singing and dancing, acting out of Bible stories, and some of the most fabulous testimonies from recent graduates--past residents and those who are foster parents or adopting parents. It was sooo great; but YOU weren't there! Maybe next year you will want to see the best thing the United Methodist Church is doing in Florida personally. Those who attended were told the FUMCH is the best in the nation.

Those in attendance were informed that \$6.8 million of the \$13 million is already committed for the groundbreaking of the first phase of our new home Madison Ranch. Madison Youth Ranch is located North and West of Lake City, in Madison, Florida. googleearth.com for precise location.

A recent survey done by the Florida Division Of Child and Family Services reported the following:

* Parental drug and alcohol abuse is the #1 reason children are removed from the home.

* Over 35,000 children ages 1-10 were abandoned in Florida last year.

* 70,633 Florida children go without a home, food, source of health care, and regular education opportunity each year.

* There are 7,196 children in foster care and in need of a permanent home.

At the March 16th Open House, many residents were honored: 121 had made the Honor Roll; 24 residents had increased their GPA; and 27 received all Good Conduct Marks on their report cards.

This place is where it happens! How may you join?

Monthly giving to FUMCH. Giving regularly to our 5th Sunday offering. The next 5th Sunday is September 29, 2013.

Coming to our Wonderful Wednesday Supper on May 8th, 2013. Rev. Stephen Hartsfield will be with us to share more about the great work being done. We would like to surprise him with a trunk load of small items that are used as rewards in the academic and behavior modification programs at FUMCH, such as alarm clocks, sunscreen, pillow cases, chap stick, hand sanitizer, hair gel, toothpaste, body wash, stuffed animals, and small toys.

My personal favorite would be for this church to present to Rev. Steve 110 personal notes for all the residents, and 50 notes of praise and support for the staff members. I challenge the UMW of this church to meet or surpass that goal.

**God Bless Always,
Don Bates, LCR**

IN THE WORD

A monthly Bible study complete in one lesson - by Don Bates, M.A.

Our first study is going to be the two books authored by Simon Peter. He is a character in scripture whom all in Christianity have great respect. The two epistles fall between the very short book of James, (only 5 chapters and 108 verses), and the three Johns. (1John has 5 chapters, 105 verses, 2John has just 13 verses, and 3John has just 16 verses.)

Peter's life dramatically changed after the crucifixion, as should ours after our belief in the death and resurrection of Christ. He occupied a central role of authority in the early church and the spread of the Gospel to the Samaritans and Gentiles. These two epistles give us great insight into his message to the early church as little is recorded about his ministry after the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15.

STOP

- Write down briefly what you know about Peter.
- Read Acts 15.
- What was the Jerusalem Council and what was the result of that council?
- An outline of 1Peter might look like this:

Part 1: The Salvation of the believer 1:1 - 2:12

Part 2: The Submission of believers 2:13 - 3:12

Part 3 The Suffering of believers 3:13 - 5:14

In the opening verses Peter names those to whom he is writing. This though does not exclude others who will read this in the future. He is writing to new believers in Asia Minor who had been in Jerusalem at

Pentecost. This is significant **19** because Peter was a Jew, and as a Jew is now publicly preaching about Jesus the Messiah to Gentiles. The world is now the beneficiary of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

In verse 3 and following, we are to Praise God. He is our living hope, we are shielded by God's power. We are told there will be difficulties for the purpose of refining our faith even more so than fine gold is refined, that it may prove genuine.

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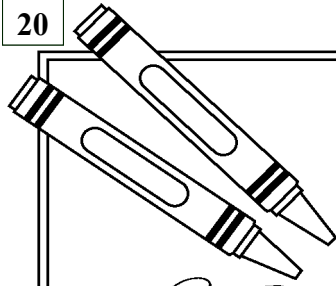
Why not do some research on the refining of gold. After that re-read 1Peter 1:6-7. Verses 1: 10-12 are very interesting. As you read you'll see that at this early stage of the church the prophets didn't fully understand the wonders they were proclaiming, wonders so great even the angles wondered of its marvels.

STOP

If even the prophets didn't fully grasp what they were preaching, they were just preaching what they saw or heard. You too do not have to have vast training in order to tell others of Salvation through Jesus Christ. Just tell them what you know, what Christ did for you!

Verses 1:13-25 are proclaiming YOUR holiness. "...be ye holy for I am Holy." You are to be as a stranger in this land, for your citizenship and loyalty is to God. And remember what is said, our proclamation of the Gospel will last forever .

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field - the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever."



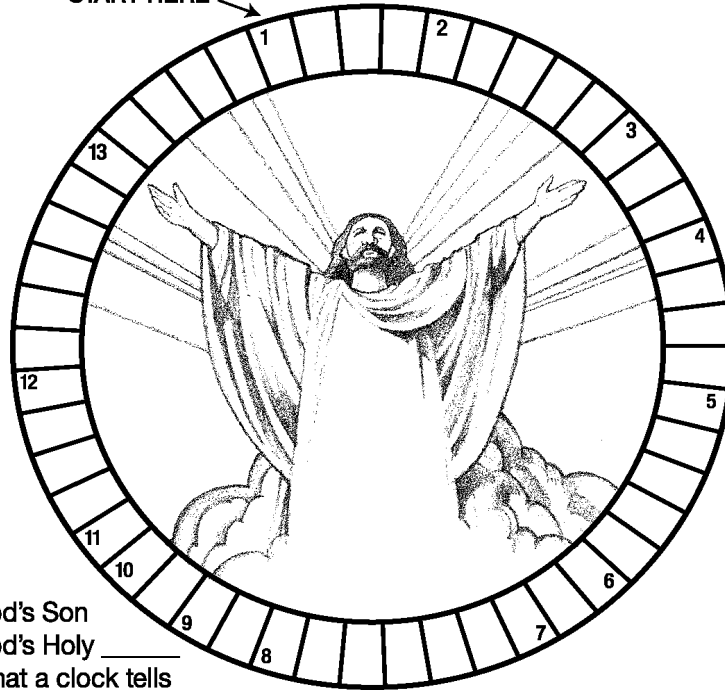
Just for KIDS

Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.

START HERE →



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| 1. God's Son | 9. Modern word for thee |
| 2. God's Holy _____ | 10. Opposite of down |
| 3. What a clock tells | 11. Authority or strength |
| 4. Our planet | 12. Comes back |
| 5. Where Jesus is now | 13. Searches for |
| 6. Opposite of Old Testament | |
| 7. An onlooker | |
| 8. Place to see clouds | |

Answers: (1) Jesus; (2) Spirit; (3) time; (4) Earth; (5) heaven; (6) new; (7) witness; (8) sky; (9) you; (10) up; (11) power; (12) returns; (13) seeks

Too Busy for a Friend

author unknown - submitted by Jan Wise

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers.

That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual. On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. 'Really?' she heard whispered. 'I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!' and, 'I didn't know others liked me so much,' were most of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Vietnam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin. As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. 'Were you Mark's math teacher?' he asked. She

nodded: 'yes.' Then he said: 'Mark 21 talked about you a lot.'

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher. 'We want to show you something,' his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket 'They found this on Mark when he was killed.. We thought you might recognize it.' Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

'Thank you so much for doing that,' Mark's mother said. 'As you can see, Mark treasured it.' All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, 'I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home.' Chuck's wife said, 'Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album.' 'I have mine too,' Marilyn said. 'It's in my diary' Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. 'I carry this with me at all times,' Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: 'I think we all saved our lists'

That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again. The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be. So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important.

Tell them, before it is too late!



70! & 94!

Belated congratulations are in order for church members Jan & Pete Magamoll, who celebrated their 70th anniversary on March 27, and for Pete on his 94th birthday on March 30.

They have lived in Homosassa 25 years and are long-time members of the church as well.



As many of you know, Judith was Editor of Genesis - from June 2005 to September 2010. She also became the Publicity Chairman for the UMW, as well as wearing many other hats while volunteering for others.



Under Judith's encouragement, I learned many of the ins and outs of creating and printing Genesis, so I will surely miss her. May her future be the best years ever. I'll never forget her.

GO GET 'EM GIRL!

Mary Lee



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Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers during my recent cancer diagnosis and treatments. I can feel the love and support from everyone and it is unbelievable! It has been a rollercoaster of a journey so far, but we pray the next half of my treatment will go smoother.

God Bless you all! Bonnie Knapp



UMW POTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON



EVERYONE IS INVITED

Saturday, May 18

11:30 a.m.

Musical Entertainment Provided

This will be the final meeting until September.

Can We Say

*Can we say in parting
for the days that're slipping fast
that we've helped a single person
of the many we have passed?*

*Is a single life rejoicing
over what we did or said?
Does someone whose hopes were faded,
now with courage look ahead?*

*Did we waste the day or lose it?
Was it wise or poorly spent?
Did we leave a seed of kindness,
or a scar of discontent?*

*And, as we lay our heads in slumber,
do we think that God would say
we've made the world a better place
for the lives we've lived today?*





DOES GOD EXIST?

A man went to a barber shop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: 'I don't believe that God exists.'

'Why do you say that?' asked the customer. 'Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things.' The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument.

The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barber shop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber, 'You know what? Barbers do not exist.'

'How can you say that?' asked the surprised barber. 'I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!' 'No!' the customer exclaimed. 'Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside.' 'Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me.'

'Exactly!' affirmed the customer. 'That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world.'



WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be..

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, ' Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

How will you touch the life of someone today?
 Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.
 Leave the rest to God!

submitted by: Carol MacKenzie

NEWS

From Kevin & Laura

Greetings From Siberia!

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be back 'home' and prayerfully it will be almost as warm as Florida in winter! Actually, by the end of this month all the gardens will begin to be planted across the village so that by the first week of June everything will be in the ground. It's been a long cold and windy winter this year as the coldest temperature was a brisk -48 F not counting wind chill...BRRRRRR and our friends are so glad that Spring has arrived Summer is just around the corner!

The fellowship of 40 men and boys: What could be better than 40 believers and non-believers gathered on the shores of Lake Baikal in Winter? We can't think of anything because we know this annual event has changed lives for His Kingdom! This year was no exception as we've heard of decisions being made and some young men from our village also showing interest in spiritual things. We give Him the glory for this men's program that literally changes their thinking and understanding of what it means to be a 'real' man and what it means to serve their families and the Lord! Because we were stateside this year, Kevin was unable to attend, but our fellow

worker was able to go and took five men from our village. He has seen



great changes in one of the men, and another has begun to grasp a deeper understanding from the Word! The next step, and our prayers, is that the men will now begin to mentor the younger men/boys.

After the conference there is always a hike across the Lake to an island that is about 12 miles from the shore. 'Our' guys decided not to participate this year, but perhaps will try again in the future. Why walk across the lake with all of your camping gear and food in subzero weather for a week? Glad you asked – the man who began this hike some ten years ago, found that the men had/have no understanding on how to trust and work together to solve problems. When you're out on the ice and the sled is packed, there's no other way to make your destination if there isn't teamwork and trust of your fellow hikers! The project has been a great success and we're grateful for the opportunity given to our men and boys to participate each year.

<p>What else is happening in the fellowship? Keeping in touch with the folks in our village has been so much easier than it was in our earlier days in Russia! With the internet, SKYPE, and everyone having cell phones – yes even in the middle of Siberia – we’ve been able to stay in touch and learn how the folks are doing. Our youth have continued to meet at various houses</p>	<p>without pain and able to function well throughout this process. Her mom was the lady who almost lost her arm – she continues to heal and was given a month of rest, rehabilitation for her arm, and treatment in a warmer location in March of this year. (This was all free!) THANK YOU for your continued prayers for this family.</p>
	<p>The fellowship continues to help a much smaller group in the next village twice a month. They usually have a carload that will travel the 45 minutes to encourage, teach, and have a meal together. For</p>
<p>(this picture is from our apartment); enjoying games and fellowship. It’s still just girls; but we remember that when we worked with the youth in the city, for the first three + years there were only girls as well. You may remember that one of our gals had major surgery on her lower jawbone in Dec. 2012 and was set up with an apparatus to bring out her jawbone. She has another few months to go and there are obvious signs of improvement. We also give Him the glory that she has been</p>	 <p>us, this is a beautiful picture of how the body of Christ should work.</p> <p>Please pray for our travels. Thank you for your partnership with us as we serve together.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blessings - Kevin and Laura</p>

IN MEMORIAM

Terry Maschman went with the Lord, Wednesday, April 10, 2013.
His service will be held in Michigan. Keep him and his family in prayers.

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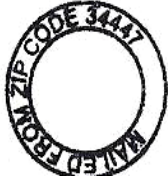
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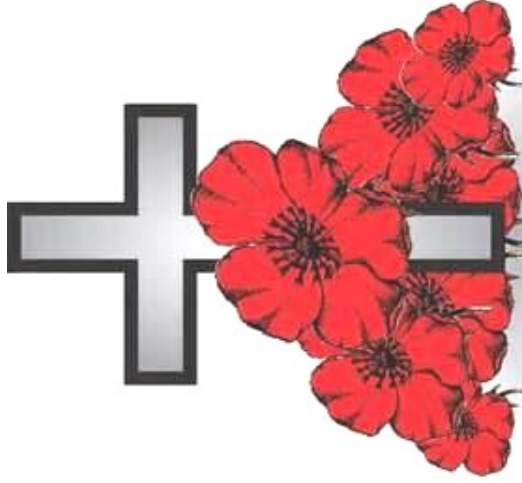
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