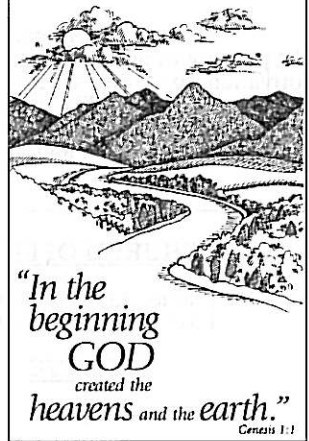


# GENESIS

Serving Members and Friends of the  
First United Methodist Church  
of Homosassa

Open Hearts—Open Minds—Open Doors  
We are a Stephen Ministry Church

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A few weeks after their daughter got her driver's license, her parents received a call late one evening to say that she had been in an accident and the car was badly damaged. After making sure that she was all right, her parents started out to get her in the family car. The father was very upset and fuming about the cost and inconvenience and carelessness of their daughter. His wife, watching him almost boil over, suggested to him that he could get angry at his daughter, accuse her of not being careful, ground her from driving for a century or so, and then pay for the damages. Or, he could gather her into his arms, tell her how much he loved her and how everything would be all right and then pay for the damages. The difference would be in what they would have between them after the damages were paid for.

Several years ago while I was attending a committee meeting someone came in and told me that my car had been hit. I flashed on a picture of the car being rear ended or someone backing into the door. This led to the concern that someone may have been hurt! Assured that no one was hurt we went to discover that the mirror on the driver's side had been clipped and would have to be replaced. Since I had already made arrangements to have some other work done later in the week, it was easy to just add a new mirror to the list ; and so it was replaced with no problems.

If Jesus made nothing else very clear, he made very clear that people were more important than things. It was clear that we are not to allow anything to stand in the way of reaching out to people to share love and grace and the Good News. Jesus taught that no rule or institution or social standard should stop us from putting the best interest of God's people first. People are too valuable. They are the ones for whom Jesus Christ died and we cannot treat them with any less respect than Jesus did.

Long after a car has been recycled, long after the spilled milk has been cleaned up, long after an antique vase has been swept up and thrown away, you will have your relationships. You will still have people. Don't let anything come between you and the ones you love, or the ones God has called you to love.

*Mark*



## E.B.A.D.O.C.

### "Everyone Becoming A Disciple of Christ"

The purpose of an organization's mission statement is to give it direction, focus, and motivation. It clearly states why an organization exists and what it intends to accomplish in the future. The mission statement of the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa was adopted on January 27, 2005. All of us need to memorize the mission statement and do all that we can to make it a reality in our lives.

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#### **The Purpose of Genesis Is To:**

**NOTIFY** its readers of what has happened, what is happening and what is scheduled to happen.

**EDIFY** believers by printing material that encourages and strengthens their Christian walk.

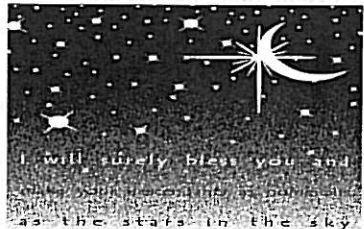
**GLORIFY** God by being one of His instruments of communication at FUMCH and wherever else he may choose to spread the Word through this publication.



#### **NEW AT FUMC!**

TUESDAYS AT 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30 AM



and as the sand on the seashore.

Genesis 22:17

# Parish Nurse



## Parish Nurse Notes

Exciting News!! Support groups are starting in September! All support groups will meet monthly on rotating Mondays in Conference Room 203 at 1 P.M.

First Monday of the month: Diabetic Support Group  
Second Monday: Alzheimer Caregivers Support Group  
Third Monday: Fibromyalgia Support Group  
Fourth Monday: Stroke Support Group.

The first Monday of the month is Labor Day, September 6th, but the group will meet.

If you have been diagnosed with Diabetes, Pre-Diabetes, Fibromyalgia, or Stroke, or if you are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer, you are not alone. There are many people who have walked in your shoes who are there to help and may need your help. Your ideas might just be what someone else needs to cope.

If you are interested in participating in any of the support groups please call the Church office to register, 628-4083.

If you are looking to make a difference in someone's life, please consider joining our Visitation Group which meets Monday mornings at 9:30. Peggy Benson and I are always eager for recruits!



## VISITATION CARE GROUP

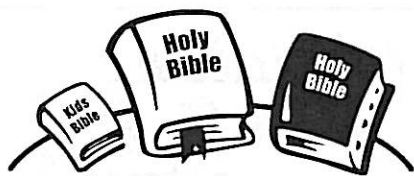
Peggy Benson

We often think of summer as a time of slowed activities, vacations to restful places, time to enjoy flowers, birds and squirrels in our own yards.

Those of us in the Visitation Group may enjoy some of these activities occasionally, but summer does not lessen our visits to hospitals. Nursing home residents depend on our frequent contact to update them on church people and activities here even when they are unable to participate. We all need to feel connected. We send cards to members and friends who are hospitalized or at home. Our goal is to let people know they matter to others, that they are an important part of the body of Christ.

We are always looking for new people to join us in this very rewarding ministry.

**A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping!"**



# Ministry Team

## Within the Church

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

## Outreach Ministries

Annual Seminar for Elder Needs  
Bus Ministry  
Disaster Relief & Response Team  
God's Clods (Clown Ministry)  
Health Related Workshops  
Hugs for Soldiers  
Knit for Kids Ministry  
Linda's Loaves  
Men's Monday Morning Work Group  
Men's Wed Morning Prayer Breakfast  
Missionaries to Haiti, Siberia, and  
Thailand  
Nursing Home Ministries  
Parish Nurse  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Prison Ministry  
Shut-In Visitation

# OUR MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry  
Tuned To Revival Quartet  
Thrift Shop  
Volunteers in Missions  
Vacation Bible School  
Welcome Bags World  
State Travel Groups

## Small Groups

Bereavement Group  
Cancer Survivor  
Contemporary Issues  
Individual Bible Study Groups  
Fibromyalgia Support Group  
PAWS  
Saturday Sisters  
Serendipity

## Discipleship Classes

Companions in Christ  
Disciple I & IV

## Benevolences

CROP Walk  
Equipment for Handicapped  
Food Pantry  
Habitat for Humanity  
Holiday Food Baskets  
Methodist Children's Home  
Salvation Army  
SHARE  
St. Andrew's Mission  
The Heifer Project  
The Path  
Toys for Children

## Community Outreach

AA  
Al-Anon  
After school tutoring  
FCAT tutoring  
Hospice  
Isaiah's Place  
Kiwanis Breakfast  
Our Father's Table

For information on any of our ministries  
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*(Education and Ministries)*

as they get a good overview of the Scriptures. The commitment in time is great, for the classes last about 32 weeks; however, it is time well spent. Everyone who takes the classes says they gain a greater understanding of God, their faith, and the Bible. Disciple I is, of course, the beginning. There are three other classes. Disciple IV is being offered, and you **do not have to have taken** II and III to enroll in IV.

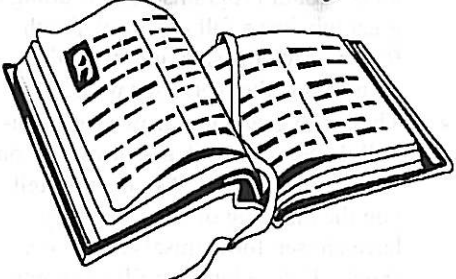
- We are going to cooperate with the Citrus County Schools this fall in tutoring/mentoring students who have been expelled from school but who want to maintain their studies in preparation for returning to school. I am looking for people who are interested in working with these students, most of whom have made a mistake that is costly. They will probably not be, however, the ones who are constantly in trouble. Those students usually look on expulsion as an exciting way to get out of going to school and don't care about maintaining their studies. Call me if you are interested in having an impact on the lives of these students.
- I visited with the new principal at Homosassa Elementary (HoES), Chris Bosse, in July. He is very interested in having us work with them in mentoring/tutoring students in the school. (1) He would be glad for us to restart a program we once had of having tutors here at the church work with designated students one day a week. If we have the volunteers to do this, they will go to the school in the afternoon to meet with the one they mentor instead of working here at the church. This system will have some significant benefits to us as volunteers. (2) He would also like to have anyone who is interested in working with students on reading, writing, or

math for a few hours a week, during the school day. HoES continues to be exemplary in their scholastic performance and Bill Murray, "our own School Board member," says that he thinks that is partly due to the unusual number of volunteers from this area who work with the children. If you are interested in either of these projects please call me soon.

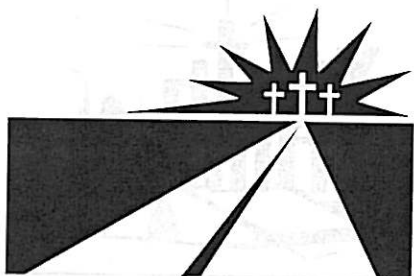
- I am pleased to tell you that about 50 of our members have volunteered to work at the "Crusade for Christ" event, September 12-15. Jim Potts and I went to an organizational meeting at the Baptist Church in Crystal River in June. Representatives from many local churches were there, including **four** United Methodist Churches. If you did not volunteer for one of the areas to help, it's not too late. Call me and I'll find a place for you in the area of your choice. We say we want to reach out to those in our community who do not know the Lord whom we serve. This is a great opportunity to do that!

Busy days lie ahead! Praise the Lord!

**BIBLE**



**B**asic **I**nformation **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth



## WALKING ON THE PATH

Patience Nave

*"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; ... Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? ... Listen, that you may live; ... Seek the Lord while He may be found." Isaiah 55:1 a,2a,3a,6a*

My Sunday morning Bible class has spent the past several months studying the wonderful book of the prophet Isaiah. We have not only learned a lot about God, who He is, who He loves, how absolutely dependable He is, how much we can trust His Word; we have also learned about how grieved he is as he so constantly reaches out to us, and we deny him.

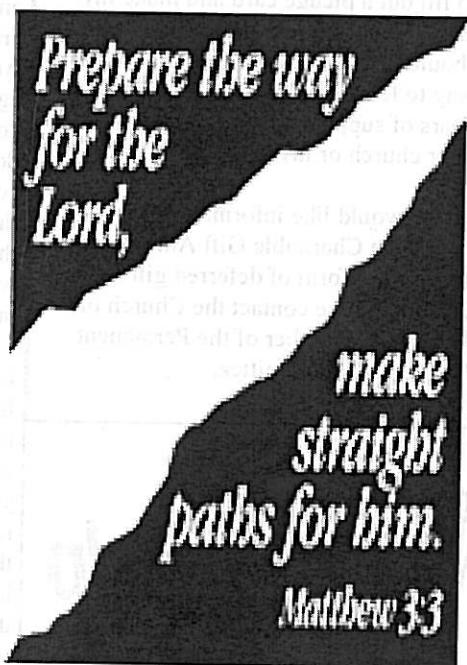
The above excerpts from the first part of Chapter 55 illustrate some of these things. We are indeed a thirsty people -- both physically and spiritually. To satisfy our physical thirst we drink tea or Cokes or Gatorade, but we are often still thirsty because the real thirst quencher is good, cool water -- which we often refuse. Meanwhile, God recognizes a deeper thirst, one that can only be satisfied by a right relationship with Him. That's where our real thirst lies.

And to satisfy that thirst, that need, we buy stuff and things and more things and more stuff. Yet no matter how much we buy, we always want more.

We don't realize that the real need of our hearts, the only thing that will fill that God-shaped hole in each of us is God Himself. God sees us buying what has meaning for only a minute, and He questions. Why do we spend our money so foolishly?

If we read this whole passage in Isaiah, we'll hear the grief in God's voice. He has given so much, yet we seek thirst-quenchers and need-fillers in all the wrong places. He longs for us to come and have fellowship with him -- while there is still time. We go about our lives -- not bad lives but not the best -- too busy to spend time in reading and prayer, visiting with Him. If we read carefully, we'll hear God's sadness.

**Prayer:** *Father, cause us to come to You. Cause us to seek You. Cause us to drink from the streams of living water. Cause us to bring You joy. Amen.*





## Don't Let the IRS Get the Best of You

A Personal Story  
Eileen Wyatt

Some years ago, when I retired from my part time job, I decided to cash in my work annuity. In doing that I would have lost a considerable amount to the IRS so I decided to create a Charitable Gift Annuity through the UM Foundation to benefit my local church.

I love the warmth and close community of our United Methodist Congregation. Their constant struggle to meet the annual operating budget and all the outreach ministries prompted me to name them as beneficiary of the Gift Annuity. Besides the one-time initial tax deduction, I receive quarterly interest checks to augment my income. And, at my death, the remaining principle will be paid to my church.

My church will now benefit for years to come, even when I am no longer there to fill out a pledge card and make my annual contribution. I think everyone should consider investigating this easy way to leave a legacy that will provide years of support for you and then benefit your church or favorite charity.

If you would like information about creating a Charitable Gift Annuity or some other form of deferred gift to the Church, please contact the Church office or any member of the Permanent Endowment Committee.



## Memorial Funds Send Youths to Camp

Rev. Richard Evans

In 1993 Erma Kern made a generous contribution to FUMCH in memory of her husband, Claude O. Kern, who died in 1983. With that money, we established **The Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund for Youth** -- a sub-fund of the Permanent Endowment Fund, administered by the Permanent Endowment Committee.

Interest on the principle has accumulated for over six years and, this year, was sufficient to send 12 of our youth to United Methodist summer camp at Leesburg the week of July 5. The boys and girls shared their experience with Church members attending a covered dish dinner on Wednesday, July 21. And now they are looking forward to camp again next summer. Although interest will continue to accrue on Erma Kern's original donation, additional memorial gifts are welcome and needed to increase the amount of this endowment. We would like to "grow" the principle on this important fund so it won't be another six years until we can send more youth to camp.

Contributions in memory of relatives and friends to this memorial fund are fine ways to pay tribute to them and, at the same time, contribute to the spiritual nurture of our young people. Memorial gifts in any amount may be sent to the Church, designated for the Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund. Acknowledgement will be made to both the donor and the family of the person(s) in whose memory the gift is made.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

This thought came to us as we pondered the large task of recruiting Stephen Ministers ... just thought we would share it ...

*Sometimes love comes knocking at the door;*

*Not to judge, but to just be there through the thin times;*

*Not to heal, but to allow God to heal;*

*Not to be the answer, but to be a conduit;*

*Not to have the words, when God fills the silent room;*

*Sometimes love comes through and from a Stephen Minister.*

Bill Nagle

Stephen Leader

Macpherson Presbyterian

Church

Fayetteville, NC

Our prayers were answered! We commissioned six new Stephen Ministers on July 29, 2010:

Carolyn Bright

Mary Ebmeyer

Rosalie Haynes

Dorothy Jones

Grace Robitaille

Theresa Weber

They join:

Kay Bast - Stephen Leader

Peggy Benson

Anna Cooley

Ernie Dorrell

Martha Dorrell

Shirley Dunkle

Jane Hamilton

Sue Harris

Joyce Hesketh

Mary Jane Houchins

Karen Kline - Stephen Leader

Carol MacKenzie - Stephen  
Leader

Charles Peters

Jim Potts

Marilyn Siegel

If there is someone you know -- a friend, neighbor, family member, or maybe yourself -- experiencing a difficult time or having a major concern, call a Stephen Leader:

Kay 382-4908

Karen 382-7263

Carol 382-8926

## DON'T MISS A WORD!

Are you a snowbird? Or have you just been out of town for awhile? Perhaps you missed a few worship services while you were recuperating from an illness?

Would you like to know what Pastor Mark's sermon lesson was while you were away?

No problem! Every Sunday night our super webmaster, Neil Kline, uploads them to our church website, where anyone in the world can hear them. When you get to the website, [www.1umc.org](http://www.1umc.org), select "Pastor Mark's Sermons" at the left side of the page. You will hear an audio recording of the complete 15-20 minute sermon.

Not only can you keep up with the latest sermon topics, but you can tell others about this feature too. People who might not visit the church in person can hear a great sermon anytime. Be sure to spread the world!

Sharon Cooley  
Sound Technician



## SERENDIPITY HAPPENINGS

Through Serendipity, the Holy Spirit is doing wonderful things!

At the time you read this, school will have begun again and summer will be winding down. It has been a hot one. But, it has been a fruitful one.

First, we congratulate our youngest and newest member of Serendipity: Jason and Lisa Joslyn were married Saturday, July 31.

Despite many reasons for absences at our Bible study on Tuesday afternoons, the group discussions continued and we gained a couple of new members. As we continue to participate in our monthly pancake breakfasts, the event grows. Attendance is increasing and more people are being served. Promotion and volunteers increased with the addition of support from the Nature Coast Community Church. In September Life Point Family Church and their congregation will be joining with us. As we grow, so does our ability to assist those in our community who are in need. We thank our FUMC members and their friends who have supported us as we look forward to continuing this ministry.

Plans are being made for our 2nd annual Hunger and Homeless Coalition Health Fair to be held in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 30, 2010. Serendipity Men's Group will again host this event, beginning with the pancake breakfast. Tables or centers will be set up to give welfare and food stamp assistance and other information to those who need a helping hand. Medical, dental, and eye exams, blood pressure checks and shots for flu, H1N1, pneumonia, and tetanus will be available, all at no expense to the

Individual in need.

There will be much more and you will be able to read more in our next Genesis.

Plan to attend the Crusades for Christ Tent Revival from September 12 through 15, 7:00 PM in Lecanto. Many in FUMC have volunteered to help with this huge tent revival meeting. Pray for its success and support it also with your attendance at any of the four evening services.

Serendipity Men continue to grow in numbers and in Bible and Scripture learning. We meet each Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Also, we are expecting to begin a new evening group in September. You will be welcomed in either.

For more information, please call Jim Potts, 382-1842 or Email [jpotts003@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jpotts003@tampabay.rr.com)

## THANK YOU

The gals at the Thrift Shop want to thank Tom and Jan Wise for their gift of a steamer to make our work a little easier. We love and appreciate you.

Claudette Kirby  
Kay Bast  
Jackie LaMountain

## LAND ACQUISITION APPROVED

The proposal to purchase the 40+ acre property on the south side of Bradshaw Street was approved at the Church conference on Sunday, August 1 by a substantial margin.

Although no building is planned on the property in the near future, this land will ensure that our Church has space to expand to meet our ministry needs in the future.

## MOOSEBURGER IS COMING TO TOWN



Pictured above is Priscilla Mooseburger who is coming to town and sharing her fantastic insights and clown skills. God's Clods of the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa is hosting a Weekend with Priscilla Mooseburger, Sept. 3rd and 4th. All clowns are invited to attend. Registration is just \$50. For more information contact Iris Whittaker, 352-628-5281

Who is Priscilla Mooseburger you ask? She is a Ringling Clown College graduate who toured with the big top. Today she is the premier designer of clown costumes in the nation and is a highly sought after instructor in clown arts.

All the clowns are looking forward to an exciting, fun-filled, interactive weekend. Classes will include topics like *Why Clowns Matter*, *Kazoo Band*, *Make-up Make-overs*, *Costumes that Work*, and *Performance Skills for Every Clown*. There will be plenty of time for private conversations with Priscilla. Classes will take place on Friday evening, September 3rd and all day Saturday, September 4th.

A \$50 registration fee covers all the classes and some light refreshments. Lunch and dinner are on your own.

One of the most anticipated events of the weekend is shopping with Priscilla. She is bringing her supply of clown necessities and will set up shop for everyone to enjoy. (It is not necessary to be a registered participant at the weekend to come and shop.) The store will be open from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM and from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Saturday. Cheri Venturi, another nationally known clown trainer who is famous for her wigs, will accompany Priscilla and bring her selection of wigs for clowns who need a new hair do.

For registration information contact Theresa in the Church office: 352-628-4083.

For more information about the weekend contact Iris Whittaker: 352-628-5281.

All you non-clowns are invited to a free show! Saturday evening, September 4th, the participants will show off all their skills in the Clown Show featuring the All Star Kazoo Band, Emergency Broadcast System, Invisible Bench, Mooseburger Clown Aerobics and other fun routines. Light refreshments will be served after the show. Come on out for a night of grins, giggles and outright guffaws!



# MEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

October 22-24

“In Jesus’ Name”



Rev. Riley Short



Bishop James Swanson, Sr.



Worship & Music  
Will be lead and  
Performed by:  
Ross Kimura

## LEADERSHIP TEAM



# RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

OCT 22-24

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations - Life Enrichment Center

Check Amount - \$ 145.00 per person

Make checks payable to United Methodist Men.

Attach check, put form and check in envelope, and deliver to Men's Retreat Coordinator or the church office. If you have questions contact Jim Stoneman 352-422-0169, Men's Retreat Coordinator, or Marilyn Watson.

Note: Please enter your room mate selection. All efforts will be made to accommodate you.

You are encouraged to submit your application and check **this month**. This will give us a much better chance to be together as a group in the same building.

FUMC - HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA

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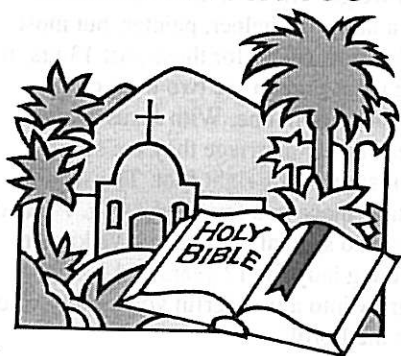
get it extended for another month. Please pray for this process to go smoothly and for the rest of her visit to be a blessing.

We are in the midst of **seeking a pastor** for the two bilingual schools in *Chiang Mai* where we will open churches alongside the schools as a pilot project. (As a reminder, the Garmolgomut family with whom our team partners owns 10 bilingual schools in five provinces and wants all the schools to include churches.) Joe was able to share about this need at the Siam Baptist Group leadership meeting; please pray for wisdom in this search and for the right pastor family to serve in this unique ministry.

It appears that it will be quite awhile before there is any action on the lawsuit that says **Grace International School** must abandon the current school facility. Please continue to pray for a just resolution of the lawsuit appeal and for fundraising as officials seek to build a new campus on a school-friendly site. If you or others can help financially or want more information, please go to the Saving Grace Project site at: <http://gracefndn.org/savinggrace/>.

*Until all have heard,  
Joe, Elaine, Brittany, Justin, Caleb*

REMEMBER OUR  
**Missionaries**



## GET ON BOARD!

### TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS

Three Trips are planned  
Details will follow next month.

Friday, October 22, 2010  
Trip to Ellenton Outlet Mall

Saturday, December 4, 2010  
(evening)  
Dinner and "Sights and Sounds of  
Christmas" at Word of Life in  
Hudson

January 2011  
Two Tails Elephant Ranch in Wil-  
liston

Call or email Ann Morrison, after  
September 10, with questions:  
352-382-2923  
[anngmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:anngmorrison@gmail.com)



# Missionaries in Siberia

## Greetings Dear Faithful Friends!

Can you believe summer is coming to an end already? We certainly can't either and are most definitely NOT ready for this season to end! It's been a busy time and prayerfully, a fruitful one as well. We've been blessed with hot weather and rainy days in between. Kevin and I even took a few days in June to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Lake Baikal! We'd like to give you a brief update of the last months and then share some future goals.

At the end of May, we were able to buy a small one bedroom apt. in the village. We needed to buy this time because laws have changed for obtaining long-term visas to live here: owning a home or apt. is one of those changes. It's in a great location and has running water... well up until the end of July it was only cold water but better than none! We knew we would need to do a few things to update it and we were blessed by the folks at FUMCH with a wonderful financial gift... THANK YOU! (More on remodeling in a moment...)

On June 16<sup>th</sup> we were able to get our registration to live in the village. (Let me explain a little further.) Everyone has to be registered somewhere...even the nationals. So when you move to another city or area you have to move your registration. Normally this isn't too difficult, but always time consuming! We began our 'transfer' on June 10<sup>th</sup> and we were finally finished on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It seems we're the first Americans in the village and the head guy wasn't sure what to do with us...so he made a few calls with the office in the city. There was a federal holiday on Mon, and by Wed morning after 5 trips to the local office in the village, all was AOK.... we received our stamp and our passports are officially registered!

We were also able to start the process to get long term permission to live in the region. This is similar to a "Green Card" in the States. After several trips (7 or 8) to the head office for immigration control, our papers were accepted on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The officials have six months to review our request and grant us permission or deny our request. Please remember this in prayer.

Remodeling, what can be said; we have found out that NONE of our walls are straight. This makes it fun to hang a new door, lay linoleum, and plaster...well pretty much anything you want to do. Nevertheless, we have been able to accomplish a few projects. We have installed a new floor in our kitchen and put up our new kitchen cabinets. In our bedroom we have been able to get the door replaced and curtain rods and curtains hung. And as we mentioned above...HOT water! You may remember the picture of our water 'heating system before; we now have a more modern version. Because of projects in the community, our personal projects will be on hold for a while. We'll keep you updated.

Weddings: Summertime is wedding time and this year we've been blessed with two of them. The first was in July and a very special one for us. Our friend Peter, age 38, got married for the first time! Peter was the second guy to shake our hands when we got off the train in 1997! He's been a language helper, painter, but most of all a great friend for these past 13 yrs. It was a great time to see two lives come together to form one. With Jesus as the center of their marriage they are starting off for sure on the right foot. The second will take place in a few days (Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>) and this is also special because we've known the young lady for 12 years and watched her grow into a wonderful young lady who loves the Lord!

Garden... Yes we have a WONDERFUL garden this year thanks to Laura's parents for sending us lots of seeds from PA. It is amazing to us how fast the weeds can take over...kind of like life. If we do not weed out and hoe around and fertilize (get rid of sin in our life, stay in the word and grow in his knowledge) we too will not "grow" as He intends. The pictures tell the story...the area has been blessed with great weather and we're eager to see how well the potatoes are come harvest time!

Workshop: We have written much on this topic in the past and we have made real progress this past month in getting the shop up and running. We have tables for all our machinery and workbenches set up. The entire place was rewired and we have hung light bulbs (not enough \$ for light fixtures). We have a month long class starting the 2nd of August on how to build saddles. There is an expert saddle maker coming from Oregon to lead this program for us. The hope is that a few men will take hold of the new methods and start their own business. As we've said before, the unemployment rate is said to be anywhere from 40-60% in this village!

Projects: We continue with the window project and will be distributing the reading glasses that were sent from FUMCH this fall. We felt the building projects were much more important at this time. We're also building two porches and two cook stoves before the end of Sept. in our fellowship building. We pray that the weather and finances will meet the needs.

Everything we've shared in this newsletter has been brought together for one purpose, building relationships in order to have an open opportunity to share the love and hope we've been given. It all



comes down to one thing, an eternity with our Father. Yes, the community could fill the next twenty years with projects. The projects, even remodeling our apt. have opened doors to speak with folks here on a deeper level. Please keep this area, this country in your thoughts and prayers. We continue to 'press on' and are so grateful for the faithful prayers and support that are received from you. Our ladies, men, and youth meetings will begin again in a few weeks. All are ready to gather together and dig into His Word.

Serving Together,  
*Kevin & Laura*  
*Phil 3: 13-14*



## New Books in the Church Library



### TAKE A LOOK! TAKE A BOOK!

Once again we have a wonderful assortment of new books in our Church Library.

1. "The Last Song" by Nicholas Sparks. This is a book that has recently been made into a movie. Seventeen year old Veronica "Ronnie" Miller's life was turned upside down when her parents divorced and her father moved from New York City to Wrightsville Beach in North Carolina. Dad is a concert pianist, living a quiet life and creating a work of art that will be the centerpiece of a local church. Three years pass and Ronnie's mother decides that it will be in everyone's best interest if Ronnie and her younger brother spend the summer with their dad. Ronnie rejects all Dad's attempts to reach out to her. When she meets Will, the town's local heartthrob, she finds herself falling in love and opening herself up to the greatest happiness – and pain she has ever known. An unforgettable story of love – first love, love between parents and children and the many ways love can break our hearts.

2. The Zion Covenant series by Bodie & Brock Thoene – Book 1 – "Vienna Prelude" In 1936 Nazi darkness descends upon Europe. Blond Elisha Lindheim, a violinist with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, adopts an Aryan stage name for protection. Her closest friend, Leah,

a talented Jewish cellist, is in a perilous situation. Elisha's father, Theo, a courageous American reporter named John Murphy, Winston Churchill, the British statesman, a farm family in the Tyrolean Alps, the Jewish underground, all choose to fight Hitler's madness, but will all their efforts be enough to stop the coming Holocaust? And now Elisha must decide about becoming a part of the underground, risk everything and put everyone she loves in danger.

3. Book 2 – "Prague Counterpoint" continues to March 12, 1938 in the dark days when Hitler's evil sweeps across Austria destroying all in its path. Elisha is safe in Czechoslovakia – for the moment – and she grieves over her beloved Vienna. Swastika flags now wave from every window; Jewish shops are destroyed. The Jews and those who try to defend them are arrested or killed. The clock is running out for those the Nazis consider enemies of the state, such as journalist Walter Kronenberger and his 5 year old son Charles. If Elisha agrees to help Charles and his twin brother Louis, she could become useless to the Jewish underground, yet how can she stand by and watch two children fall into the clutches of the Nazis?

4. Book 3 – "Jerusalem Interlude" begins in August 1938. Hitler's brownshirts conquer Czechoslovakia and German Jews are deported in cattle cars to Poland. Other Jews flee to Palestine, the Promised Land of their dreams – only to be imprisoned behind barbed wire on their arrival. Musicians Shimon and Leah Feldstein, two of the "lucky ones" are allowed to disembark. Yet even in the Holy City, the Muslim Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and Adolph Hitler secretly join forces to eradicate the Jews from the earth. Is there no place that's safe for Shimon and Leah, for esteemed Rabbi Lebowitz and his family or for Jew Eli Sachar and Muslim Victoria

Hassan – in love but separated by the highest walls of religion and tradition?

5. "The Debt" by Angela Hunt, the story of a past redeemed. After fleeing a painful and compromising past, Emma Rose Howard settled eagerly into the role of pastor's wife. She and husband Abel dedicate themselves to a megachurch and influence thousands of lives through its related ministries. But when Emma Rose received a phone call from a living, breathing remnant of her troubled past, she finds everything threatened that she has believed about her calling, her marriage and her relationship with God.

6. "John 3:16" by Nancy Moser – When fatal tragedy hits a college town, a string of events brings together a group of desperate people, each looking for a reason to keep living. A father spiraling into depression, a dating couple faced with an unwanted pregnancy, a professional fired in an ethical scandal, estranged lovers confronted with the child they abandoned 23 years ago. As these lives intersect on a bright fall day, one of them will hold up a sign at a football game with a short message: John 3:16. This simple act of faith will have the power to change lives forever.

7. "Renovating Becky Miller" by A. Sharon Hinck. In addition to being a young mom, Becky Miller is a day-dreamer. Most recently she's been envisioning herself in the happy endings she sees during her weekly movie nights with husband Kevin, but her real life feels more like a broken filmstrip, spinning out of control. When Becky and her family decide to purchase a run-down farmhouse, Becky pictures a slower, simpler lifestyle in the pastoral countryside. Of course, it doesn't quite work out like she imagined.

8. "Shadow of Colossus" by T. L. Higley, a Seven Wonders Novel. In a world enslaved by money and power, one woman dares to be free. Will an explosive secret keep her in chains? The place is the Greek Island of Rhodes in 227 B.C. It has been ten years since Tessa of Delos has been in bondage as courtesan to a wealthy politician and she has learned to abandon all desire for love and freedom. But when her patron is accidentally killed, Tessa sees the chance to be free. If she can hide the truth of his death and maintain the masquerade, escape is possible. Tessa must battle for her own freedom and for those she loves as forces collide that will shatter the island's peace and bring even the mighty Colossus to its knees.

9. Another series of books is The Russian Trilogy, Book 1 is "Conspiracy in Kiev" by Noel Hynd. Special Agent Alexandra LaDuca of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, shrewd investigator and expert marksman, can handle any case the FBI gives her – or can she? She is tapped to accompany a Secret Service team during an American Presidential visit to Ukraine. Her assignment is to personally keep an eye on Yuri Federov, the most notorious gangster in the region. Despite feeling that she is being manipulated, the dangerous mission takes her across three continents and through some life-altering discoveries about herself, her work, her faith and her future. From the first double-cross to the stunning final pages, this is a fast-paced espionage thriller.

*HAPPY READING from the  
Library Staff*

*Barbara Jackson,  
Helen Lefave and  
Ann Ice*

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



### NEWS & NOTES

Helen LeFave

#### **SUMMER ACTIVITY FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEMBERS**

started with a picnic in June in Fellowship Hall. It was held indoors to escape the heat and biting insects. Patience Nave led a program on "Call to Prayer & Self-Denial" Door-prize baskets were given to Patience Nave and Nancy Pearo.

In July Lori DeClue, Colleen DeClue, Sandra DeClue, Rachel DeClue and Lisa Marchese attended the weekly session of the **SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION** in Lakeland.

Six U.M.W. members attended the **DISTRICT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP DAY** at Skycrest United Methodist Church in Clearwater on August 14<sup>th</sup>. This is always a relaxing, fun event that included an ice cream social this year.

Our resident "Energizer Bunny", Pat Blake, has been working all Summer on the 100 DITTY BAGS that will be turned in on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are 50 bags for men (statistics show that there are more homeless men than women), 25 bags for women and 25 bags for children. Pat has been helped by members sewing the bags and putting items in the bags. **THESE BAGS WILL BE GIVEN OUT LOCALLY.**

Pat is also Chairman of the **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BAZAAR** to be held November 6<sup>th</sup> and has held workshops during the summer. The Bazaar is sure to be a success with her enthusiastic lead.

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM**

Barbara Jackson, Secretary of Program Resources, has sent in the reading record forms of individual members to the District for certification in 2010. The books for the reading program are in the **CHURCH LIBRARY** on shelves to the right as you enter. **START READING NOW FOR 2011.** New books will be available in November but credit will be given for books labeled from 2007.

### **BRAGGING RIGHTS**

Our United Methodist Women Unit has received a **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** for \$200 that we sent to United Methodist Cooperative Ministries to help children bridge the education gap in the summer months to help them retain their knowledge.

The U.M.W. District Treasurer notified our Unit that a **GIFT TO MISSION** had been given **IN OUR HONOR** as thanks for our hard work that helped the District **EXCEED** their pledge for 2009. That is worthy news considering the economy situation.

Our Unit Vice President, **LORI DE-CLUE**, was asked to be **DISTRICT COORDINATOR OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH** and she accepted the position. **CONGRATULATIONS TO Lori** for her continued leadership. She will keep us well informed of District projects and goals.

### SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 19, 2010.**

This is the day that the Lord hath made and the United Methodist Women will be active in it! U.M.W. members will be Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers at all three services.

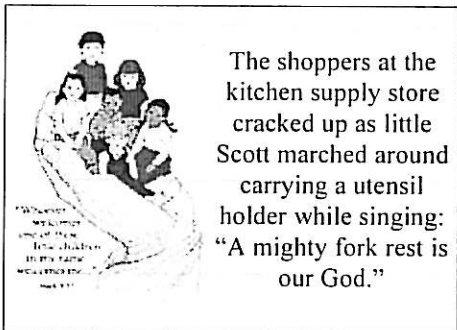
Our guest speaker is **SHERRI WOOD-STUFF**, Lay Leader at Dunnellon United Methodist Church.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A FOOD & FAITH DINNER THEATER**

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A spiritually fulfilling meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. hosted by SALTY Circle and Dorcas Circle members.

A short play will be directed by Nancy Pearo, Education & Interpretation Coordinator.

Unit business meeting will follow.



The shoppers at the kitchen supply store cracked up as little Scott marched around carrying a utensil holder while singing: "A mighty fork rest is our God."

Hello! I'm  
Cyrynda Walker  
Your new Genesis Editor



Well, it's September.  
New school year, new

routines, and a new job for me! Deuteronomy 15:18 says, "The LORD your God will bless you in everything you do." He certainly has blessed me in this endeavor! I have to say that, due to the tireless efforts of some wonderful folks, putting out this "first" issue of *Genesis* was not nearly as difficult as I expected it to be. Many heartfelt thanks go to Mary Lee Millikin, Theresa Weber, Pat Blake, and of course Pastor Mark for all their work and input. Thanks, also, to all those people who submitted their articles early or on-time. I truly appreciate the gift of extra time that you gave me.

In case you're wondering about me, I'll give you a little background information. I am 46, divorced, originally from New Hampshire. I have a darling seven-year-old son named Liam who is the light of my life! I moved to Florida to be near my family after my divorce, and I've been here for a little more than two years. We live in Sugarmill (Cypress Village), very near to my sister and my niece. My parents live just down the road in Stonebrook.

You may be wondering about this new format. Among other pluses, this "smaller" edition will be less expensive for the Church to publish. Please feel free to let me know if you have comments, questions, or suggestions — after all, this is **your** newsletter!

*Cyrynda*

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As the body of Christ, we are instructed to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. The most effective way of doing so is to be involved in the ministries of the church. It's that time of year when we begin to nominate people for various leadership and officer positions. If you currently hold a position and are unable to continue to do so, please contact Pastor Mark as soon as possible so the position can be filled during the nominations committee meetings. If you are interested in being part of the FUMC officers and leaders, contact Pastor Mark.

### **Using the Talents We Have Been Given**

With prayer and a sense of joy and knowing that I have been called by God to be in ministry to our world and Church. I want to use my gifts and talents to make a difference. Here is (are) the group(s), ministries, committee(s) and outreach program(s) I would like to be involved with in the Church this year.

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## IN MEMORIAM



**Thelma "Jean" Buzby**  
4/20/1927 to 7/1/2010



## IN MEMORIAM

**Lynn Shuten**

9/14/1938  
to  
6/16/2010



## IN MEMORIAM



**Marguerite Betzer**  
6/28/1921 to 8/9/2010



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1

Wanda & Russell  
Chapman  
~ 64 years ~  
Wendy & Ernest Miles  
~ 21 years ~  
Judy & Lyle Lee  
~ 54 years ~

3

Willy & Hendrik  
Pouderoyne  
~ 57 years ~  
4  
Arlene & Donald Stohrer  
~ 62 years ~

6

Gini & Harold Slusher  
~ 68 years ~

7

Joan & L.M. Downs  
~ 46 years ~

8

Linda & Ray Ritter  
~ 48 years ~

9

Margo & Robert Blum  
~ 43 years ~

10

Eleanor & Chuck Hoefler  
~ 61 years ~

12

Shirley & Len Cromer  
~ 58 years ~

15

Lois & Bernhard Diedrich  
~ 54 years ~  
Molly & Charles McCreery  
~ 59 years ~

17

Barbara & Bill Gilbert  
~ 45 years ~  
Bess & Don Hoes  
~ 55 years ~

18

Dolores & Joe Henry  
~ 62 years ~

21

Faye & David Honderich  
~ 49 years ~

25

Joyce & Jim Wicker  
~ 5 years ~

27

Rebekah & Stephen Csont  
~ 6 years ~

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1	18
Lois Mackey	Patricia Cram
2	19
Raymond Clemens	Carol MacKenzie
Jennifer Hallal	Donald Stohrer
3	20
Edward Calkins	Helen Schwebes
4	21
Sandy Catania	Harold Layman
Gene Lantz	Joyce Smith
Carolyn Marvel	
5	22
Rebecca Austin	Ralph Pohlman
6	Walter Rudolph
Barbara Jackson	Carrie Staton
7	Virginia Tompkins
Melinda Bassler	23
Jo Ann Precious	Marie Archambault
Cheryl Smith	L. M. Downs
Angie Snodgrass	Dorothy Peterson
8	Jill Wickliffe
Carroll Lunceford	Mark Whittaker
Barbara Toole	24
9	Jim Archer
Henry Heesemann	Lorraine Tollefson
Brittany Hornsby	Kathy Yuhasz
Ruth Oblinger	25
10	Kay Bast
Lisa Stocker	Lori DeClue
11	Annie Preston
Rilie Csont	Marge Swinson
Brandon Martin	26
Jaime Merson	Charlene Murray
12	Shirley Shrader
Sarah Hodges	27
Alma Kadel	Burnie McGee
Dustin Will	
JoAnn Wilson	28
14	Christine Akkasian
Sandra Garner	John Cole
Wayne Haynes	Pat Hoar
Molly McCreery	Gretta Marshall
15	Helen McCallister
Kim Bennett	Jim Wickliffe
Ruth Healy	29
16	Robert Allen
Lucien Kimble	Evelyn MacDonald
Bill Lent	30
Dick Otto	Harvey Comfort
17	Sharon Deutsch
Nelva Clemens	Mary Hand
Julius Kertesz	John Travers Jr.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS  
AND PRAYES (as of 8/12/10)**

**AVANTE**  
**Annie Preston**

**ARBOR TRAIL**  
**Duane Smith**

**CYPRESS COVE**  
**George Cole**

**DIAMOND RIDGE**  
**Betty Duncan**

**HUNT RESIDENCE**  
**Bill Marquis**

**SUGARMILL MANOR**  
**Shirley Hart**  
**Grace Payne**

**SUNFLOWER SPRINGS**  
**Ruth Eaton**  
**Fran Graham**  
**Joanna Miller**  
**Ruth & Bill Willis**

**WOODLAND TERRACE**  
**Shirley Weber**

**THE COLUMBARIUM AT FUMC**

With the passing of time, both pre-needed and at-need Columbarium niche purchases have continued.

Columbarium packets and information are available from Theresa Weber, Church Administrator, in the church office.

The Columbarium's National Colors flag/stand is placed for the inurnment of a veteran, with the family's wishes. Military Honors can be rendered but rifle volleys may not be fired on church grounds.

The Columbarium and surrounding Memory Garden are cleaned weekly, in the knowledge that family members do visit and rest there in prayer, reflection, and meditation.

I would be pleased to try to answer any questions you may have day or evening.

John Gibbs, Chairman, 628-0688

# SEPTEMBER 2010 (as of 8/16/10)

## Wednesday 1

7:00 Mens Prayer Group  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
3:00 Nave Bible  
5:15 Music  
5:30 Covered Dish Dinner  
5:45 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir

## Thursday 2

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
2:00 Green Commission  
3:00 Quartet Rehearsal  
4:00 Video Rehearsal  
7:00 Creative Worship  
7:00 No Strings Attached  
8:00 AA  
8:00 Al-Anon

## Friday 3

### GENESIS DEADLINE

8:30 Clown Training  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
10:00 Curry in a Hurry  
10:00 Wise Bible

## Saturday 4

8:00 Saturday Sisters  
8:30 Clown Training  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
10:30 Bereavement  
10:30 God's Clods  
6:30 Clown Show

## Sunday 5

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:00 Traditional Worship  
9:30 Traditional Worship  
9:30 EBADOC  
11:00 Traditional Worship

## Monday 6

8:00 Work Crew  
8:30 Tracking Comm.  
9:30 Visitation Comm.  
11:00 Exercise  
3:00 Fine Arts Comm.  
6:00 Stephen Ministries

### LABOR DAY



## Tuesday 7

8:00 Tutoring  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
1:30 Stephen Ministers  
5:30 Weight Watchers

## Wednesday 8

7:00 Mens Prayer Group  
9:00 Safe Driving Class  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
10:00 SHARE Sign-Up  
1:00 Shawl Ministry  
3:00 Nave Bible  
5:15 Music  
5:45 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir

## Thursday 9

8:00 Tutoring  
9:00 Safe Driving Class  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
9:15 Ruth Circle  
4:00 Video Rehearsal  
7:00 No Strings Attached  
8:00 AA  
8:00 Al-Anon

## Friday 10

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
9:30 Disciple IV  
10:00 Curry in a Hurry  
10:00 Wise Bible

## Saturday 11

8:00 Serendipity Pancakes  
8:00 Saturday Sisters  
9:00 Red Cross CPR  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
10:00 SHARE Sign-Up  
10:00 UMW Exec. Mtg.  
10:30 Bereavement  
*MAY WE NEVER FORGET*

## Sunday 12

*DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY*  
8:00 Traditional Worship  
9:30 Traditional Worship  
9:30 EBADOC  
11:00 Traditional Worship

## Monday 13

8:00 Work Crew  
8:30 Tracking Comm.  
9:30 Visitation Comm.  
11:00 Exercise  
1:00 Alzheimer Support

## Tuesday 14

8:00 Tutoring  
9:30 Faith Hope Circle  
9:30 Helping Hands Circle  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Dorcas Circle  
2:00 Stewardship  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
7:00 Salty Circle  
7:30 Kitchen Committee

## Wednesday 15

7:00 Mens Prayer Group  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
10:00 LaMountain Bible  
3:00 Nave Bible  
3:30 Staff/Parish Comm.  
5:15 Music  
5:30 Covered Dish Dinner  
5:45 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir

## Thursday 16

8:00 Tutoring  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
3:00 Missions  
3:00 Quartet Rehearsal  
3:30 Trustees  
4:00 Video Rehearsal  
7:00 Creative Worship  
7:00 No Strings Attached  
8:00 AA  
8:00 Al-Anon

## Friday 17

### COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
9:30 Disciple IV  
10:00 Curry in a Hurry  
10:00 Wise Bible  
4:00 Book Reading

# SEPTEMBER 2010 (as of 8/16/10)

## Saturday 18

8:00 Saturday Sisters  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
10:30 Bereavement

## Sunday 19

*PANTRY SUNDAY*  
*UMW Sunday*

8:00 Traditional Worship  
9:30 Traditional Worship  
9:30 EBADOC  
11:00 Traditional Worship

## Monday 20

8:00 Work Crew  
8:30 Tracking Comm.  
9:30 Visitation Comm.  
10:00 UMW  
11:00 Exercise  
1:00 Fibromyalgia Sup.  
6:00 Isaiah Foundation  
6:00 Stephen Ministers

## Tuesday 21

8:00 Tutoring  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
1:30 Stephen Ministers  
2:00 Finance Committee  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
3:00 Stephen Ministers  
5:30 Weight Watchers

## Wednesday 22

7:00 Mens Prayer Group  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
10:00 LaMountain Bible  
1:00 Shawl Ministry  
3:00 Nave Bible  
5:15 Music  
5:45 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir

## Thursday 23

8:00 Tutoring  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
3:00 Quartet Rehearsal  
4:00 Video Rehearsal  
7:00 COUNCIL  
7:00 No Strings Attached  
8:00 AA  
8:00 Al-Anon

## Friday 24

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
9:30 Disciple 4  
10:00 Curry in a Hurry  
10:00 Wise Bible  
1:00 Our Father's Table

## Saturday 25

8:00 Sat. Sisters  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
9:30 SHARE Delivery  
10:30 Bereavement

## Sunday 26

*NEW MEMBER SUNDAY*

7:45 Blood Mobile  
8:00 Traditional Worship  
9:30 Traditional Worship  
9:30 EBADOC  
11:00 Traditional Worship

## Monday 27

8:00 Work Crew  
8:30 Tracking Comm.  
9:30 Visitation Comm.  
11:00 Exercise

1:00 Stroke Support

## Tuesday 28

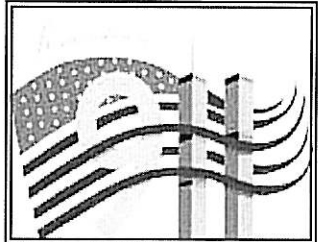
8:00 Tutoring  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
5:30 UMW meeting

## Wednesday 29

7:00 Mens Prayer Group  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
10:00 LaMountain Bible  
3:00 Nave Bible  
5:15 Music  
5:45 Bells  
6:00 Kiwanis Dinner

## Thursday 30

8:00 Tutoring  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
3:00 Quartet Rehearsal  
4:00 Video Rehearsal  
6:00 Kiwanis Dinner  
7:00 No Strings Attached  
8:00 AA  
8:00 Al-Anon



Lord, the memories of the many disasters our world has seen are still painful, and some of the wounds we fear may never heal. Yet we pray you will help us to go on living for truth, firm in our hope of your salvation.

May we live for you, Lord, and by doing so, be an example to friends and family. We pray, just like Jesus, that we may learn obedience through these things that we have suffered.

Help us not to question why, yet even if we do, give us courage to continue to trust you. Help us take the comfort and strength you've poured into our lives and use it to comfort and strengthen others who need hope. Amen



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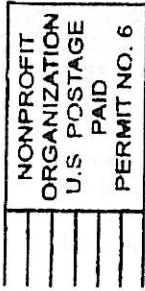
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