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GENESIS NEWSLETTER

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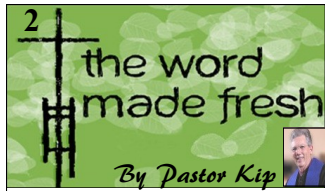
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NIGHT SECURITY

Randy Weber

Newsletter
DEADLINE Friday, 9/7
for
OCTOBER





“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation: The old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

When I first saw it, I was immediately taken back by its obvious majesty. You could just see how beautiful it was, even in its current condition. It was big; probably five feet wide and almost four feet tall. It had little drawers on the top of it. And larger drawers on its two sides. The wood was very rustic, rough, dried out and faded. It was most impressive.

It wasn't in the large room with all the other items. No, not this item. It was in a back room, sitting on a four wheeled dolly. The auctioneer promised that all of its pieces were there, even though they were not all in place. In fact some of the pieces lying under it were not real easy to identify as actually belonging to the original piece.

The moment I saw it sitting on the dolly, pushed to the back of this large room, I was greatly intrigued and knew in a heartbeat that it needed a good home; like ours. I asked the auctioneer if it was for sale, seeing that it was not with the rest of the items. You could tell he was at first surprised by my question, and then relieved that someone was finally showing an interest in it. He said it was for sale. I asked what he was asking. He sheepishly said; “Well, I'd need to get forty dollars for it.” I was ready right then. Are you kidding me, only forty bucks for this beauty!

It turned out that not everyone was as excited about this as I was. And after closer examination it was determined that since we did not have a means of getting it home, and forty dollars for “firewood” was pretty expensive firewood – we left without it. It was not easy to do.

But alas, we stopped back by the auction house about five weeks later and I asked about it. The auctioneer said he still had it. This time it was in the larger room with all the other items that were to be auctioned off that coming Saturday night.

It was still just as majestic. It was still just as wonderful. It was no longer on a dolly. It had been dropped to the floor. And all the loose pieces seemed to still be either on it or at least near it. I asked the auctioneer if it was for sale, in that it was obviously going to be auctioned in a few days. He said it was. I asked what he would have to have for it. He said; “Well, I'd have to get twenty bucks for it.” Are you kidding? The price dropped by half since the first time I had seen it. “O.M.G!” (just for you techie people – for you non-techie people – “Oh My Gosh!!)

I whipped out a twenty and the deal was done! When the other party came in to see what was taking me so long, I proudly announced;

“Good News! He still has it! And it’s ours! And it was only twenty **3** dollars!” The reply? “That’s still a lot for pieces of fire wood!” As luck would have it, we just happened to have driven the truck and had plenty of room to bring it home. Oh happy day! (O.H.D.)

Today it sets proudly in our garage. I have not had the time to begin restoring it. I have only had the chance to make sure all the pieces were really there, and fit together. Good news! There were and they do!

So, what is “it”? A wonderfully old roll top desk. It is complete with little drawers across the top under the roll top. It needs a ton of work.

And the beauty which it holds deep within it is just waiting to be released!

It is a creation which is just waiting to have its soul enliven with new life. There is indeed a glorious, majestic desk within the old dried out wooded pieces.



There is something new hiding within the old.

That’s how we are. Before Jesus in our lives, we are nothing but dried pieces of life needing assistance (the dolly) to move through life. If all of our “pieces” are with us, we need divine help bringing them into relationship with each other so we may function as a whole unit. We need his divine love to keep us together.

As we move through life without Jesus in our hearts, we often feel as if our value is dropping (forty dollars to twenty dollars). And yet in the eyes of God our value is insanely astronomical. Yet when we look at ourselves in the mirror we may only see the dried out pieces of what should be a complete and divinely whole person.

That’s what 2 Corinthians 5:17 is all about. For those who have Jesus, their lives are never the same. The old dried out pieces are gone and the new wonderful wholeness of God fills our souls. When we look into the mirror, we may still see only a rough exterior, but deep within our hearts, there beats a love so rich and wonderful that it can only be of God! So to all you “old roll top desk” out there, take heart, if Jesus is in you, your life is so much better than you may possibly ever believe. Praise God for that! And yes, that desk is in our garage just waiting to be made like new. God Bless you all... it is an honor to serve God in His Homosassa church with all of you! Pastor Kip



CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

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

Outreach Ministries

Annual Seminar for Elder Needs
 Bus Ministry
 Disaster Relief & Response Team
 God's Clods (Clown Ministry)
 Health Related Workshops
 Hugs for Soldiers
 Local Travel Ministry
 Men's Monday Morning Work Group
 Men's Wed. Morning Prayer Breakfast
 Missionaries to Siberia
 Nursing Home Ministries
 Prayer Shawl Ministry

Holiday Prison Ministry
 Shut-In Visitation
 Stephen Ministry
 Tuned To Revival Quartet
 Thrift Shop
 Vacation Bible School
 Welcome Bags

Small Groups

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

Discipleship Classes

(various classes & times)

Benevolences

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

Community Outreach

AA
 Al-Anon
 Blood Bank
 Camp-E-Nini-Hassee
 Hunger & Homeless Outreach
 Kiwanis Breakfast
 Our Father's Table.

7/7/12

CHECK THIS OUT - VERY INTERESTING UPDATE FROM THE WOOSTER'S
<http://klwooster.blogspot.com/>



HAVE YOU HEARD?

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Pastor Kip is sending out an email every Friday with important information about Sunday's sermon and other valuable information.

If you've not received this email yet and you want to be added to the list, just email your request to: **theresa@lumc.org**

You will enjoy keeping up with news from Pastor, and your many fellow church members!

STEPHEN MINISTRY



We're

Excited!"

Stephen Leaders are ready to launch a new training class for Stephen Ministers. Four wonderful women have started their 50 hours of training.

Kay, our Stephen Leader in charge of training, says: "It's work, it's fun, it's a great time for spiritual growth!" We are excited that God has brought these women to us. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they travel this path. They will be joining.....Diane Bayrd, Peggy Benson, Anna Cooley, Ernie Dorrell, Martha Dorrell, Shirley Dunkle, Sue Harris, Rosalie Haynes, Joyce Hesketh, Charles Peters, Jim Potts, Grace Robitaille, Marilyn Siegel, and Theresa Weber; along with your Stephen Leaders - Kay Bast, Karen Kline, and Carol MacKenzie.



Parish
Nurse
News

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 3:00 PM

Virgilio Insurance Company will be doing a presentation on Medicare changes for 2013, as well as Medicare updates and Health Care Reform. The window for making changes to your health plans begins October 13th.

Be informed!

Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic - October 13th

(see page 7 for article)

Conversations Maps is a new program for providing information about Diabetes. We will be starting sessions soon. Watch you bulletins for more information!





It seems like old news, but I would like to tell you a bit about Vacation Bible School, which took place the first week of July. We all had a lot of fun, kids and adults as well. We used Galatians 5 as our guiding scripture and learned about the Fruits of the Spirit all week long. The young people in our youth group guided the children from session to session, ate with them, and participated in craft activities and games with them, so they had a great time also. We did some exciting things, even making our own butter for pancakes one morning. Perhaps our greatest pleasure was the fact that every child's parent or grandparent or both came on the last day for lunch with their child and a short program highlighting some of the activities they took part in during the week.

It was a rewarding week and I owe a big thank you to all the adults and youth who helped, thank you, thank you!

Sunday school classes and Bible study groups are all meeting again after the summer break. We have a Wednesday evening ladies group meeting currently that has attracted a lot of interest. Currently the study is based on Twelve Extraordinary Women from the Bible. We plan to continue with other studies if interest continues in an evening meeting time.

The teachers who work with children and youth are currently looking at some new ideas for weekend activities instead of a summer VBS. Could be interesting, we will keep you posted.

As always, if you are interested in a Sunday school class or a Bible study and would like more information please, just come by or give me a call. I am here Monday thru Thursday. *Kay*

In Sympathy

MARK CRAM
(husband of Patricia Cram)
Went to the Lord 6/17/2012



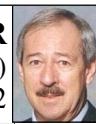
NELVA CLEMANS
(wife of Raymond Clemans)
Went to the Lord 7/3/2012



BILL RICHNER
(husband of Abbye Jean Richner)
Went to the Lord 6/28/2012



BOB MILLER
(husband of Joan Miller)
Went to the Lord 7/7/2012



FRED WHEELER
(husband of Wanda Wheeler)
Went to the Lord 7/3/2012



DAN HURLEY
(husband of Alice Hurley)
Went to the Lord 7/19/2012



will also come a time when you are no longer able to care for your partner or yourself. 7

Planning for the Future

Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days alright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Most of us, regardless of our age, have been involved in caring for our loved ones as they have aged. We have either been directly involved in their care or in planning for it. Well, guess what; it is our turn to recognize the reality that aging is a time of transition. The time is now to "number our days" and start to think ahead to the financial, medical, and family issues we are facing as we age.

We have heard over and over about the need for Wills, Health Care Surrogates, Power of Attorneys, and Advance Directives; but what else do we need to consider?

It is inevitable that issues of independence will arise and to ensure that we have the highest quality of life for as long as possible, it is important to discuss topics of aging with our spouses, families, and medical and financial experts.

Couples need to know that eventually one partner will become the caretaker for the other and no one can predict who that will be. Now is the time to have the "what if" conversation with you partner and "cross-train your tasks". There

Family and friends may no longer to be able to provide the level of care you need, nor is it fair to ask them. Reaching out for help is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength. While you are able, explore alternate living arrangements and your ability to pay for them.

None of us really wants to think of ourselves as "getting old", but by having a plan you can help yourself to maintain the lifestyle you or they want.

Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic - October 13th

During this monthly pancake breakfast our Parish Nurse will also be doing a Blood Pressure Clinic. Immunizations will be covered by Medicare. Several insurances will also be covered: Humana, BC & BS, United Health Care, Cigna.

Insurance forms will be available at the front office prior to the clinic. Please fill out the forms in advance and bring them plus a copy of your health insurance information to the clinic. If you need to pay for the immunizations **costs are: Flu: \$25.99 and Pneumonia \$ 79.99.**

There will also be a sign of sheet to see if we have enough interest in having a clinic for the Shingles vaccine. Flu and Pneumonia vaccines can be given the same day, but in different arms. It is recommended to wait 28 days after receiving these vaccines to get the Shingles Vaccine.



THE WAYS OF THE KINGDOM

by Jan Wise

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
Psalm 139: 13-14

A quote from Judy Garland reminds me of the unique way God designed each of us—he planned for us from before the foundation of the world and individually formed us in our mother's womb. Judy said, "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else."

In our desire to belong, we often pattern our words, our actions and even our thoughts after some group's "in-behavior." The longer we do that, the more we lose track of the person we were designed to be as we become "like them." We fit in, but what have we lost of the God-given uniqueness meant to bring him glory?

Our kids often complained when their request received a parental "no," arguing that "everybody else was doing it." Their father explained, "You don't follow the style; you set it." They grew up believing that being unique was a good thing, although they didn't always like adhering to a standard different from their peers.

We find the "copycat" in the churches, too. The way we dress, the books we read, the standards we set, and even the language we speak testify to our belonging to the Christian fold.

One missionary warned, "You can't speak "Christianese" in the secular world. Our 'inside language' causes them to feel more separated from the church than ever."

The Bible does teach a certain "aliqueness" that brings glory to God. As his children, he wants us to have a family resemblance. We are encouraged to listen to his Son Jesus as he invites, "Follow me." The apostle Paul speaks of a type of following that is Biblical, admonishing those who knew him: "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)

God delights in uniqueness. He gives us all different gifts and doesn't expect us to copy one another's giftedness. He created different personalities with different ways of expression. He made different sizes, shapes and colors of people, distributing us all over the world in different settings. God celebrates our uniqueness as he, in and through Jesus Christ, molds us together to form a Spirit-blended unity called the church.

You are his unique creation, designed for his unique purpose. How much of the uniqueness of his design have you lost in the pressures of societal acceptance?

I heard a saying that went something like this: "God created us all to be unique individuals; it's sad that so many die copycats." God wants to draw out our uniqueness, temper it to his purpose and use our individual selves to show the world what our God is like. Do we dare to be God's kind of different?

Father, help us each to be the "original" you designed us to be. Amen.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT

*"WHERE YOUR LEGACY
LIVES FOREVER"*

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT
FUND COMMITTEE HAS
MISSION STATEMENT**

In June the committee met for a special meeting to develop its mission statement.

Using generic procedures researched on the internet we found success in this process as follows:

The mission of the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee is to invest and manage bequeathed assets to continue personal legacies, and thereby further God's Kingdom through scholarships and other grants. We employ full participation of all nine members to ensure best resources management practices.

As there are currently several openings on the committee, please consider this need in light of the committee's newly-created mission statement and speak today with any member of the committee to fill one of these vacancies: Dayna Middlebrooks, Merl Hoar, Charlene Murray, Sue Price, Wes Harris, Pastor Kip, Richard Stanard, Wanda Ashley, or contact the church office.

Without a fully participating committee, we are falling short of accomplishing our mission, so the committee needs your help today please.



The next time you climb into your car in the afternoon and the seats and steering wheel are just slightly cooler than a fully-fired charcoal grill, think of it as a reminder that it's a good time to donate blood.

Summer, when school is out and families hit the road for vacation is a time when donors are in short supply, but the need for blood is as strong as ever. If it's been a while since you donated, there's no better time than now.

In about the time it would take to shop for groceries for a week, or knock out a crossword puzzle, a blood donor can save a life.

Donors must be 17 or older, 16 with parental consent, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in good health. A state or government issued photo ID is also required. Donors get cookies and a cool beach bag. Roll up your sleeve...LifeSouth really needs your help!

The next bloodmobile dates at FUMC will be:

September 16, 2012

November 11, 2012

January 13, 2013

**REMEMBER: THE LIFE
YOU SAVE COULD BE
YOUR VERY OWN!!!**

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**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Ron Powell & Kathy Hughes-Powell
17 Mangrove Court S
Homosassa 34446
352-503-7168
from: Edgewood, MD



Kathy was born in Toronto, Canada and was a secretary, then a kindergarten teach for 4 years.

Ron was born in Riverside, WV and was employed as a Director of Public Works, Town of Perryville. They were married 10/9/2004 in Joppa, MD, and have lived in FL since 2008.

They have both been very active in FUMC since they started attending in 2008.

BOBBYE SPICER
11600 W. Waterway Dr
Homosassa 34448
352-621-9254
from: Redan, GA



Bobbye was born and raised in Redan, GA, not far from Stone Mt. - where she was an elementary teacher for 30 years. She has lived in FL for the last 14 years since she and her late husband retired here. She lost her husband in November.

She comes from the very small Redan United Methodist church that she was raised in from the age of 2 weeks.

RICHARD & PATRICIA ROSS



7011 W. Wiltshire Lane
Homosassa 34446
352-503-7836
from: Lansing, MI

Patricia was born in Lansing and worked for the MI Department of Treasury for 30 years. Pat has been working with our children's bible study for the last 2 years.

Richard was also born in Lansing and was employed by MI Bell Telephone for 34 years. They were married in Lansing 5/18/91, and have lived in FL for the last three years.

YVONNE ZAGORAC
1014 S. Brookfield Drive
Lecanto, FL 34461
352-513-4151



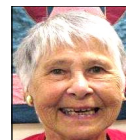
from: Sun City West, AZ

Yvonne was born in Coffee County GA, has 3 children, and is a retired nurse of 40 years. She has lived in FL for the last year.

Her late husband retired from 22 years in the Navy.

She is looking forward to working in various ministries in our church.

CHARLOTTE LANGLEY
4400 S. Marquis Pt #15
Homosassa Springs, 34448
(352) 503-9146



from: Waynesboro, TN

Charlotte was born in Boston, MA, and has 4 children. She first moved to FL in 1973, then moved to TN in 1990, and lost her husband in 2004. She then moved back to FL in the spring 2012 to be near her daughter.

DON BATES

8436 S. Suncoast Blvd.
Homosassa, 34446
(352) 476-1591



from: St. Pete & Nigeria

Don was born in Buffalo, NY, has 4 children, and is a retired missionary of 14 years. He has lived in FL most of his life.

He is already involved in many ministries of the church, and especially loves to sing.

RUSSELL PICK

3830 E. Walker Street
Inverness, FL 34453
352-201-8317



Russell was born in Chicago IL, served in the Army, and has 6 children. He retired after 28 years with a local cable company. He has lived in FL since 1948, and transferred to IUMC to worship with Pastor Kip.

NELSON & DONNA BELL

7 Poppy Street
Homosassa 34446
352-503-7601



from: Cornelius NC

Donna & Nelson were both born in Baltimore MD. They were married in Annapolis MD 10/17/87. Donna retired as an office manager when they moved to FL. Donna sings throughout Citrus County at the various assisted living and nursing homes.

Nelson retired from sales last year, and he has been actively involved with Serendipity since. They have lived in FL for 3.5 years.

TRUSTEE NOTICE

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Last year the Church Council approved a policy prohibiting the posting of notices and other printed materials on windows in an effort to improve and preserve the esthetic beauty of our church buildings. During the discussions about the policy, it was noted there are fifteen or more bulletin boards within the campus of church buildings, and easels are available for temporary notices and ads. Legal notices required by the County, State, or Federal government are exempt.

At it's June meeting, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed the policy which extends to all windows and doors in the campus.

Please do not tape or otherwise attach materials to the windows and doors of the church building. Please consult with the church office if you would like an easel to post materials near an entrance. Thanks you for your cooperation.

SHE MOVED!

FRAN GRAHAM

Village of Hampton Fields
4480 Mt. Royal Blvd. #126
Allison, PA 15101



1-412-487-4757



She would love to hear,
or get a card, from you!!

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WON'T YOU
JOIN THE CHOIR?

& SING FOR THE LORD!

REHEARSAL:

Wednesdays

7 p.m.

(about 1 hour)

SING AT 9:30 & 11

CALL the church office:

628-4083 to leave a
message for Dixie!

NO
AUDITION!

Good
Fellowship!



WE'D LOVE A DONATION!

The Evening Women's Fellowship Circle is asking anyone in the congregation who may "preserve" or "can" delicious food items, to think of sharing something with the new Kitchen Shop at the Harvest Bazaar.

Do you have a family recipe that you create each year with what you have grown and would like others to enjoy as well? Does the abundance of your work sometime seem overflowing? We would love to have a donation that we can sell in our Kitchen Shop.

A **Country General Store** is our theme and homemade preserves will be a wonderful addition. If you could spare a jar or two, or if you have a larger quantity, we would be grateful to you in helping our efforts. Please contact Barbara Sayers at 508-237-0387, or bjsfl@live.com

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



OOPS!
WE GOOFED!

The Editor regrets having misspelled "Marcia's" Prayer Chain Email on the back pages of Genesis; and Catherine Wisheart's first name on Page 23 In Our Prayers of the Summer Issue. We express our apologies.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

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At 2 p.m. on Wednesdays we'll gather in the Parlor to learn and practice some spiritual disciplines. We'll do the learning part on the first Wednesday of the month and practice on each of the following Wednesdays. Which ones will we do when? That's up to you! You let me know – ahead of time, of course. You **bring your Bible, some paper, and yourself**; I'll bring whatever else we may need. Questions? Just ask!

You may email me at **mwatson48@tampabay.rr.com** or talk to me in the narthex, or call me. Then call the church office to sign up – be sure to mention which spiritual practice you'd like to learn about first – then come to see if your spiritual practice won! By the way, just in case you need one, the list of spiritual disciplines is available in the Narthex and several other places around the buildings. I look forward to talking with you soon!

EDITOR NOTE: If you don't see your name on our birthday or anniversary lists, please let us know! Also, if someone you know is not getting Genesis as they wish, please let us know about that as well.

Thanks, Mary Lee

Did you know???

That there is a Women's Fellowship Circle that meets monthly in the evenings. Are you busy being a caregiver of a loved one (young or old) during the day? Do you have daytime commitments that prohibit you from becoming a member of other fellowship groups that meet during the day? Do you want to make a true connection as a Methodist woman to walk with the Lord in service to others, both locally and globally? Do you already belong to another women's fellowship circle but would like to see what all the excitement is about? Do you just want to have some "fun" with others?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then please join us on **Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM** in the **Parlor** for the kick off for the "**NEW**" **Women's Evening Circle**. Make new friendships, share new ideas, light refreshments, and an energetic new start with members Priscilla Frederick, Barbara Sayers, Carrie Staton, and Sherry Younger.

SEE YOU THERE...

~ **HELP NEEDED** ~

Wonderful Weds & Soup Suppers

The process has begun for planning our Wonderful Wednesday and Soup Supper gatherings. The type and frequencies of these functions will be determined by the number of volunteers available to help make these events a success.

The following volunteers are needed:

Cook Team Leaders: *Plan menu, purchase ingredients, with the help of the cook team volunteers (generally 2 or 3 people), prep, cook, and serve meals for approx. 70 to 170 people, followed by cleaning up the kitchen after the meal.*

Cook Team Volunteers: *With direction from the Cook Team Leader, prepare salads, cut desserts, assist in other cooking activities, serve meal, and help in kitchen clean up after the meal.*

Fellowship Hall Support Team Members: *Prepare and set tables, prepare and serve beverages, assist cook team as needed, clean up Fellowship Hall and assist kitchen clean up following the meal.*

For questions and / or to volunteer, please contact Jim or Joan Veronesi at 382-7193, or call Theresa at our church office 628-4083, no later than Sunday, September 2. We are sorry for the short notice!

IF YOU UNLOCK A DOOR; PLEASE LOCK IT!!





- 1 Wanda & Russell Chapman ~ 66 years
Wendy & Ernest Miles ~ 23 years
Judy & Lyle Lee ~ 56 years
- 3 Willy & Hendrik Pouderoyn ~ 59 years
- 4 Arlene & Donald Stohrer ~ 64 years
- 6 Gini & Harold Slusher ~ 70 years
- 7 Joan & L.M. Downs ~ 48 years
- 8 Linda & Ray Ritter ~ 50 years
- 10 Eleanor & Chuck Hoeffler ~ 63 years
- 12 Shirley & Len Cromer ~ 60 years
- 15 Lois & Bernhard Diedrich ~ 56 years
Molly & Charles McCreery ~ 61 years
Carolyn & Bruce Stull ~ 22 years
- 17 Barbara & Bill Gilbert ~ 47 years
Bess & Don Hoes ~ 57 years
- 18 Dolores & Joe Henry ~ 64 years
- 21 Faye & David Honderich ~ 51 years
- 25 Joyce & Jim Wicker ~ 7 years
- 27 Rebekah & Stephen Csont ~ 8 years.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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(as of 8/13/2012)

BRENTWOOD

Joyce Minnicks

CEDAR CREEK

Lois & Jack Schoch

CR HEALTH & REHAB

Elly Case

DIAMOND RIDGE

Betty Duncan

LIFE CARE

Richard Elsea

Don Snedeker

SUGARMILL MANOR

Marge Dilling

Joanna Miller

Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Ruth Eaton

Joan & Jack Ness

Catherine Wischart

TIMBER PINES SR LIVING

Abbye Jean Richner.

SHINE CAN HELP!

**Want to see if you can save money
on your prescription drugs?
Are you new to Medicare and not sure
what options you have?**



The Florida department of Elder Affairs' SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elder's Program) is **offered at no cost** to you.

Trained volunteers can assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, caregivers, and others with Medicare and health insurance questions. Services are free, unbiased, and confidential. For assistance, please call 527-5956 (Citrus County), or 1-800-963-5337 (toll free).

A SHINE volunteer will return your call promptly.

Saturday 1

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

Sunday 2**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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

Monday 3**OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 10:00 Sacred Hour
 10:30 YMCA Stab/Strength
 1:00 Diabetes Support
 1:00 ML Respite
 4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 4

10:00 Staff Meeting
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 5

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 9:30 YMCA Pilates
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 10:30 YMCA Stab/Strength
 3:00 Benson Bible
 4:00 Intercessory Prayer
 5:00 Stephen Ministers TR
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Women's B/S

Thursday 6

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
11:00 #3 Walker House
 1:30 Serendipity Women
 2:00 Green Team
 3:00 Comp. In Christ B/S
 6:00 #4 Weber House

Friday 7**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 YMCA Pilates
 10:00 Wise Bible
 10:30 YMCA Cardio
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 8

8:00 Serendipity P/cakes
 8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Peace/Wisdom B/S
 10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 9**DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:00-11:00 Hospitality
9:30 Sunday School (all)
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship
2:00 #5 CHURCH

Monday 10

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 9:30 YMCA Cardio
 10:00 Sacred Hour
10:00 UMW Exec. Meeting
 10:30 YMCA Stab/Strength
 1:00 Alzheimer's Support
 1:00 ML Respite

**Tuesday 11**

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 Serendipity Bible
 7:00 Wed. Night Circle

Wednesday 12

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 9:30 YMCA Pilates
 10:00 LaMountain Bible
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 10:30 YMCA Stab/Strength
 1:00 Creat. Worship Mtg.
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 3:00 Benson Bible
 4:00 Intercessory Prayer
 5:00 Stephen Ministers TR
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir
 7:00 Women's B/S

Thursday 13

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Backpackers
 9:15 Ruth Circle
 3:00 Comp. In Christ B/S

Friday 14

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:30 YMCA Pilates
 10:00 Wise Bible
 10:30 YMCA Cardio
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 15

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

Sunday 16**PANTRY SUNDAY****UMW SUNDAY****Blood Mobile**

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

9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 17

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
9:30 YMCA Cardio
10:00 Sacred Hour
10:30 YMCA Stab/Strength
1:00 ML Respite
4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 18

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 UMW Unit Meeting
1:30 Stephen Ministers
2:00 Finance Committee
3:00 Serendipity Bible
3:00 Stephen Ministers
5:30 Weight Watchers
6:00 Conversations Maps
7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 19

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
9:30 YMCA Pilates
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
10:30 YMCA Stab/Strength
1:30 New Member Class
3:00 Benson Bible
3:00 Staff/Parish Relations
4:00 Intercessory Prayer
5:00 Stephen Ministers TR
5:15 Music
5:30 POT LUCK DINNER
6:00 Bells
6:30 Skit Rehearsal
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 Women's B/S

Thursday 20

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
10:30 #6 Weingarten House
1:30 Serendipity Women
3:00 Missions Committee

3:00 Comp. In Christ B/S
3:30 Trustees
7:00 #7 Potts House

Friday 21

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:00 Our Father's Table
9:30 YMCA Pilates
10:00 Wise Bible
10:30 YMCA Cardio
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 22

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

Sunday 23

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

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

Monday 24

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
9:30 YMCA Cardio
10:00 Sacred Hour
10:30 YMCA Stab/Strength
1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 25

10:00 Staff Meeting
3:00 Serendipity Bible
3:00 Worship Committee
5:30 Weight Watchers
6:00 Conversations Maps
7:00 Serendipity Bible

Wednesday 26

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:30 Weight Watchers
9:30 YMCA Pilates
10:00 LaMountain Bible
10:00 Siegel Bible
10:30 YMCA Stab/Strength
1:00 Shawl Ministry

3:00 Benson Bible
4:00 Intercessory Prayer
5:00 Stephen Ministers TR
5:15 Music
6:00 Bells
6:30 Youth Group
7:00 Choir
7:00 Women's B/S

Thursday 27

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:00 FOLD/MAIL
11:00 #8 LaMountain House
3:00 Comp. In Christ B/S
3:00 #9 Eckman House
7:00 COUNCIL

Friday 28

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:30 YMCA Pilates
10:00 Wise Bible
10:30 YMCA Cardio
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Saturday 29

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

Sunday 30

CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY

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

Coffee & Fellowship

We invite you to join us each Sunday 9:00-11:00 in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments.





1
Lois Mackey

2
Raymond Clemens
Jennifer Hallal

3
Edward Calkins

4
Sandy Catania
Gene Lantz
Carolyn Marvel

5
Rebecca Austin

6
Barbara Jackson

7
Melinda Bassler
Jo Ann Procius
Cheryl Smith
Angie Snodgrass

8
Carroll Lunceford
Barbara Toole

9
Henry Heesemann
Brittany Hornsby
Ruth Oblinger

10
Lisa Stocker

11
Rilie Csont
Brandon Martin
Jaime Merson

12
Sarah Hodges
Alma Kadel
Dustin Will

14
Sandra Garner
Wayne Haynes
Ed Loper
Molly McCreery

15
Kim Bennett
Ruth Healy

16
Lucien Kimble
Bill Lent
Dick Otto

17
Julius Kertesz
Edna Schneider

18
Patricia Cram
Joan Veronesi

19
Carol MacKenzie
Donald Stohrer

20
Helen Schwebes

21
Harold Layman
Joyce Smith

22
Ralph Pohlman
Walter Rudolph
Carrie Staton
Virginia Tompkins

23
Marie Archambault
L. M. Downs
Dorothy Peterson
Jill Wickliffe
Mark Whittaker

24
Jim Archer
Lorraine Tollefson
Kathy Yuhasz

25
Kay Bast
Sharon Berch
Lori DeClue
Marge Swinson

26
Charlene Murray
Shirley Shrader

27
Burnie McGee

28
Christine Akkasian
Pat Hoar
Gretta Marshall
Helen McCallister
Jim Wickliffe

29
Robert Allen
Evelyn MacDonald

30
Harvey Comfort
Sharon Deutsch
Mary Hand
John Travers Jr.





HARVEST BAZAAR¹⁹ TIDBITS

Make sure to mark your calendar for

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 &
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3!**

***Remember that the BIGGEST WAY TO DONATE.....
is to be a buyer at the bazaar!***

Can you help us with.....

- 3-4 bales of hay for decorating?*
- Several bunches of corn stalks?*
- “C” clamps that measure 4”! – we will need a total of 12*

Call Priscilla Frederick 382-0422 if you can!

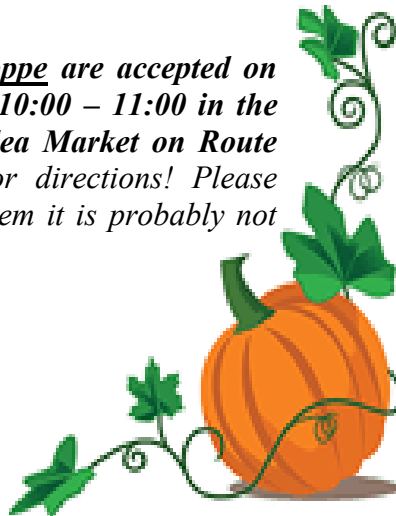
We continue to accept donations for the.....

- *Kitchen Shoppe* - Barb Sayers 508-237-0387
Homemade preserves, aprons, towels, etc.
- *Plant & Garden Shoppe* – Carol Mackenzie 382-8926
Plant cuttings, decorative garden items, bird houses, etc.
- *Craft Shoppe* – Pat Blake 628-6602
Handmade jewelry, knitted or sewn items, placemats, etc.

Donations for the Trash & Treasure Shoppe are accepted on the 2nd & 4th Fridays each month from 10:00 – 11:00 in the Industrial Park across from Howard’s Flea Market on Route 19. Call Alice Carnahan at 628-9298 for directions! Please remember that if YOU would not use an item it is probably not going to be appropriate to donate!



***DON’T FORGET.....
THE HARVEST BAZAAR
WILL BE BIGGER AND BETTER!***



Once again we have a wonderful selection of new books in our Church Library. Please sign the card found in the pocket in the back of the book and leave it in the basket on the desk.

“A Reluctant Queen”, the Love Story of Esther, written by Joan Wolf. She was a simple girl faced with an impossible choice. He was a magnificent king with a lonely heart. Their love was the divine surprise that changed the course of history. The beloved story of Esther springs to fresh life in this inspired novel that vibrates with mystery, intrigue and romance.

“The Returning”, a novel by Ann Tatlock. It is the story of a man returning home after five years in prison to his wife and family and how it affects their lives – shy 6 year old Phoebe, teenager Rebekah and the older brother, Billy, who has Down syndrome. The author has successfully described the essence of a person with Down syndrome and given us a great story.

“Flowers for Victoria”, a novel by Sunni Jeffers. It has taken five years for Victoria to finally get Matt Halstead out of her system, the man who had broken her heart and left her alone to care for two young daughters. Now, after five years, Victoria just might be interested in seeing someone who seems very interested in spending time with her as well, how dare cold, uncaring, self-absorbed Matt show up! Matt swears he is a changed man, that

something miraculous has happened to him that he just has to tell Victoria about. But when strange occurrences begin to happen to her life and wreak havoc in her job, Victoria begins to wonder what part Matt might be playing in the mystery – and just what his agenda really is. He sends different color roses and Matt’s note reads: The roses speak for themselves, but Victoria isn’t sure what they are saying.

“A Time to Love”, Book One of Quilts of Lancaster County Series, written by Barbara Cameron.. This is a novel filled with healing, hope and the belief in second chances, a sweet romance that will appeal to Amish fiction fans as well as those who enjoy a tender love story. War correspondent Jenny King thinks she’s just a temporary guest in her grandmother’s Amish community while she recuperates from the devastating injuries sustained in a car bomb attack that changed her world. But when she meets Matthew Bontrager, the man she had a crush on as a teenager, she wonders if she can look past her emotional scars and bridge the gap between their different worlds.

“A Time to Heal”, Book Two of Quilts of Lancaster County Series, by Barbara Cameron. Matthew and Jenny Bontrager are visited by Chris Matlock, a wounded and weary ex-soldier who just wants peace in his life. He

envies their happiness and simple life but doesn't believe that that type of life is meant for him. A small spark of hope flames within him when he meets Hannah, Matthew's sister. Despite the clash of cultures between the former military man and the pacifist Amish woman, they fall in love. Then the threats begin. Christ first feels he should leave to protect Hannah, but after discovering who his enemy is, he realizes that he must face his adversaries even if it means revealing a secret he hoped would remain buried forever.

Book Three follows – “**A Time for Peace**” by Barbara Cameron. After years of hardship, Jenny Bontrager's life appears perfect so why does something seem to be missing? She is finally at a place of love and belonging with her husband Matthew and his children, and she has a career as a writer. But everything Jenny now believes in is thrown into question with the discovery of a long-lost letter from her father. Her sense of peace and contentment is destroyed by betrayal and Jenny struggles with her renewed faith – and the love of everyone around her.

“**Fields of Grace**” by Kim Vogel Sawyer. With their eldest son nearly to the age when he will be drafted into military service, Reinhardt and Lillian Vogt decide to immigrate to America, the land of liberty, with their three sons and Reinhardt's adopted brother, Eli.

When tragedy strikes during the 21 ocean voyage, Lillian and Eli are forced into an agreement neither desires. Determined to fulfill his obligation to Reinhardt, Eli plans to see Lillian and her sons safely settled on their Kansas homestead – and he's equally determined that the boys will be reared in the Mennonite faith. What he doesn't expect is his growing affection for Lillian – and the deep desire to be part of a family.

“**The Frontiersman's Daughter**”, a novel by Laura Frantz, takes the reader along for quite a ride with high-spirited Lael Click as she searches for love during the time when the world is more savage than civilized, when medicine comes from roots, and when a woman alone needs to keep a gun within reach. The wild beauty of frontier life, along with its dangers and hardships, gives a glimpse into the simple yet daring lives of the pioneers who first crossed the Appalachians. Lael Click is the daughter of a celebrated frontiersman. Lael is haunted by her father's ties to the Shawnee Indians and her family's past. Despite the trials of life on the frontier, she draws strength from the rugged land, but the arrival of a handsome doctor threatens her view of her world, her God and herself. Can the power of grace and redemption break through in this tumultuous place?

HAPPY READING
Barbara, Helen, Ann, and Pat

Greetings Dear Friends!

Was your summer amazing and blessed??? We pray you have been blessed beyond measure and had time for the Lord as well as your family, friends and vacation time (of course)! Ours has been busy but we have seen His provisions along the way! An organizational conference in Germany, our 27th anniversary, and ten days at a youth camp on Baikal...that brought us up to the end of July! August has begun a bit different; we'll get to that later.

Ten days in Germany with meals, lodging, and excursions for free!! Who could pass on that opportunity? But in all honesty, we almost did just that. Let us explain...it was an organizational conference for the Asian region and we felt that Germany was a bit far to travel for a conference. More than that, how would that appear to the folks we've come to work with? Most people around us live on \$200/month or less. However, after lots of prayer, we made the decision to go and what a blessing to see how the Father provided for the trip. It was wonderful spending time with fellow workers from across Asia; sharing prayers, stories, strategies, laughter, and tears. We want to share a story about the facility where our conference was held. More than 25 years ago, many groups of German Christians left Russia and the 'satellite' countries to return to their home country - Germany. The government immediately opened up

a 'center' where returning folks would live until they were able to find work, homes and begin their new lives. Over time, the need for the center was done and the relocated churches felt this property still had a purpose. Fast forward... this center is now used for church reunions, conferences, youth camps, etc. The word got out that a group that has been working in Russia over the last 17+ years was looking for a conference site. They immediately opened their doors and not only allowed us to use the facility (for free), they fed us four times a day and again charged us nothing! It was beyond words to meet these folks and be able to communicate in Russian as we gave thanks for *His* provisions!



27 years and still on our honeymoon! At least that what Kevin is always telling folks! (It's true!!) Since we were already in Germany, we thought it would be a nice change to celebrate our anniversary and not work on the Lake doing camps or a project somewhere. Neither of us had ever been to Berlin, so we spent a few days there as well! What an amazing city. It hasn't been that long since it became unified and the differences between east and



west aren't always easy to recognize; that is unless you've lived in a former communist country where all the buildings had the same look. Germany has done an excellent job raising the standards and look of the former East side of Berlin. They've spent a ton of money to modernize the public transportation system and the results are you can travel anywhere in and around the city and out to other regions of the country with incredible ease! We were able to see what remains of the wall, a castle, a couple museums and a concentration camp not far from the city. The particular camp held 10,000 Russians as prisoners after the war. SO much history, so much despair – but many found their strength in our gracious Father and survived!

Two days back home and we were off again..... Originally, we weren't going to help out with camps this year; however, we ended up helping out at a youth camp in July on Lake Baikal. There were 60+ kids in attendance and we were excited to have four of our youth attend as well. OK...you're thinking why did you work at the Lake again this year? Answer.....in short, a team of folks from Florida came over to do sports, crafts and anything else that needed done for

an outreach youth camp. As **23** time got closer for their arrival, the folks over here that were running the camp realized they were not going to have enough translators to help this team that was coming from the US. We were glad to help out and were blessed to witness several teens make decisions to follow the truth and change their lives! Our youth were also blessed to be a part of such a huge camp where they could talk about spiritual things with



kids their age. (A side note, **these four kids** worked doing all kinds of odd jobs to help pay for this camp!)

Harvest time is near.... August begins the tasks of bringing in the hay for the animals and wood to be chopped for the winter months. The gardens will soon be harvested as well. We've been planting seeds in the lives here as well, and our prayer is that fruit will abound in the near future. Our weekly studies continue and our youth are gathering at our home once again. Ladies and a few men continued to be discipled and we see changes and understanding of the Word taking place. THANK YOU for your continued prayers and support! There's still much work to be done.

**Serving Together,
Kevin & Laura**

From The Henry's

Dear praying friends,

July was an excellent month full of rest, family visits and successful preparation for life and ministry back in the U.S. Thank you so much for your prayers as we make huge personal and ministerial adjustments over this summer.

PRAISES

✠ We were able to find a beautiful and spacious **four-bedroom house** in our price range in Kissimmee, Fla., so we grabbed it quickly! Praise God that we will be moving next week to the Orlando suburb (near Disney World, etc.!) and that this house will be a blessed base for us as the boys home school and Joe serves at the Pioneers office about 18 miles away.

✠ Out of nowhere, Joe's sister and brother-in-law offered a **compact car** with low mileage to us...so, of course, we accepted! We are very thankful for the Kia sedan and pray that it will be a reliable vehicle so that we don't have to buy a vehicle anytime soon.

✠ It's been a blessing to **meet up with many family and friends** in the 6+ weeks since our return from Thailand. We even had a stealth visit one Sunday to our home church (Northside Baptist) in St.

Petersburg, which was encouraging. We miss our Thai brothers and sisters but have been thankful to see so many loved ones on this side of the world.

✠ In researching **medical care for Elaine**, we discovered that one of the top hospitals in the U.S. for gastroenterology and orthopedics has a branch that specializes in those areas just five miles from our new home! This is a HUGE answer to prayer, and we trust the Lord will continue to lead us to the right doctors at this hospital as we work through Elaine's numerous health issues over the coming months/years.

PRAYERS

✠ Please pray for Joe as he prepares to **serve at the Pioneers US office** as a Candidate Coordinator beginning September 4. Thankfully, the Mobilization Department will hold a training session his first week, so hopefully he won't have to sit around with a clueless look for too long :-).

✠ Pray also for Elaine and our youngest boys (Caleb in 9th grade and Jamie in 7th grade) as they **begin homeschool** on September 4 as well. It will be a combination of Internet-based classes and Elaine teaching, so it will take time to get into a routine. Pray also for Brittany and Justin as they begin their senior and sophomore years at Columbia International University (SC) on August 21.

✠ After making the huge change from overseas ministry to service at the Pioneers U.S. office, we have ended up at about **75% support** and are very thankful for those churches and individuals who have pledged to continue supporting us going forward. Please pray for wisdom as we consider how best to approach support raising in order to raise another 25% in the coming months. (By the way, if you have any possible church and/or individual contacts, please feel free to let us know!!)

✠ Please continue to pray for those **Pioneers leaders** who took over our ministries in Thailand in June. We are convinced that God has great things ahead for the area of Thailand/Burma; for The HOME Team; and for Pioneers International Foundation!

Until all have heard,
 Joe and Elaine,
 Brittany, Justin, Caleb & Jamie



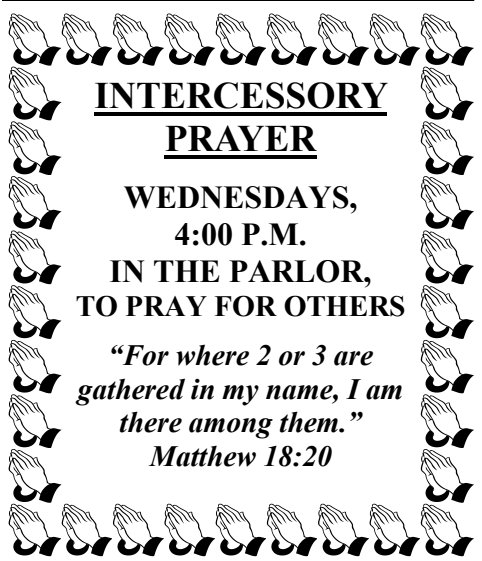
*God Bless
 Your
 New Home*

**UMW SWEATER
 PROJECT NEEDS
 YOUR HELP!**

For several years, the United Methodist Women have been making sweaters for the Guidepost Sweater Project. We have asked for yarn for this project in the past and our congregation has been very responsive.

Now we need help with knitting as well, since that group is getting smaller. If you feel able and would like to help with this project, please contact Eileen Ferguson 795-7817, or Pat Blake 628-6602.

The knitting group is called **“Forest View Needlers”** and meets at **Forest View Retirement Community on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Thank you for considering this special ministry.


**INTERCESSORY
 PRAYER**
**WEDNESDAYS,
 4:00 P.M.
 IN THE PARLOR,
 TO PRAY FOR OTHERS**
*“For where 2 or 3 are
 gathered in my name, I am
 there among them.”
 Matthew 18:20*

26 **WHEN I SAY I'M BROKE;**
I'M BROKE!!

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

"Good morning, said the young man. If I could take a couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"Go away! said the old lady. I'm broke and haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open... "Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet.

"Now, if this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

The old lady stepped back and said, "Well let me get you a fork, cause they cut off my electricity this morning!"



SOME TALENT NEEDED!

We are in need of a new *Chairperson for the Decorating Committee, beginning January 1, 2013.*

Prayerfully consider stepping up for special seasons to decorate the sanctuary. To see the completion of the decorations is VERY rewarding. If you would like to become part of the Decorating Committee and bring new and creative ideas please call **Judy Powell at 503-3977, or 628-4083.**



**Those we love don't go away;
They walk beside us everyday!**

Who Are You?

Or better yet: Who do you believe you are? We all have ingrained in us beliefs about ourselves and who we are. Some of the messages from our family of origin that we are loved and respected are great things to believe about ourselves. Some of us received other messages and have tried to hit the delete button which doesn't exist. Other messages come to us through other people and the circumstances of life. If you've never thought about it, you might want to ponder that sometime.

Now that we belong to God, we have become new creations. We have a new identity. (2Corin 5:17) It is important to believe we are that new creation. In order to know who we are now, we need to look at what the Bible says. Some of our old beliefs will have to be replaced – just like some of our old behaviors were replaced. You could just find a list of Scriptures, but it's more meaningful to search the Scriptures yourself to find out just what God says about you. If you find some verses that touch you deeply or which you have a hard time believing, perhaps lingering over those passages would be a good idea. You could even do what many teachers suggest – memorize

Scripture! Yes, we *can* 27 memorize.

When I mentioned there isn't a delete button on the computer that is our brain, that's something I know from experience – both that of others and personal experience. I found that since there was no delete button for the junk, some of the “stinking thinking” which existed in my brain needed to be reprogrammed. One of the most helpful tools was to write Scriptures which say who I am in Christ on 3 x 5 cards and put them where I would see and read them often and of course pray them. I suspect there must be someone who will read this who might need a little reprogramming otherwise the Holy Spirit wouldn't have prompted me to write this! If you would like more information or would like to talk, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Here are a few examples of who you are in Christ so you can check to see if you believe them about *you* – not about other Christians:

- I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
- I am a temple of the Living God.
- I am reconciled to God.
- I am a new creation.
- I am an ambassador for Christ.
- I am a joint heir with Christ.
- I am a unique and unrepeatable miracle of God.

COMPANIONS *in Christ*

28 A Small-Group Experience in Spiritual Formation

Companions In Christ, a small group experience in spiritual formation, will begin this Fall. The Scripture readings are short with reflection questions to guide you. We will have lots of fun in the two-hour class which meets for six weeks, with follow-up sessions of the same length. Watch for more information coming soon. We'll start with a sample session so you'll know more about this type of learning experience. For more information talk to or email Marilyn Watson at:

mwatson48@tampabay.rr.com

Please call the church office if you're ready to sign up!

When you are injured or feeling bad, do you like to hear from, or have visits from "family and friends?"



Why not join "Visitation" today to send weekly/monthly cards to our shut-ins and visit them also? What a nice feeling knowing that you've touched someone's life!!

Come try it: Mondays - 9:30 -
Room 306

MAKE THE 5 FINGER PRAYER A PART OF YOUR LIFE!

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself.

By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

from Jan Wise

UMW HAS BUSY MONTHS AHEAD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The United Methodist Women are gearing up for a very busy fall season starting with the **Executive Board meeting on September 10th at 10:00 a.m. in Room 114.**

The **Unit meeting will be on September 18th at 10:00 a.m. in Room 114**, and there will be a special speaker for this meeting.

UMW Sunday will be on September 16th and Martha Dorrell will be the guest speaker at all 3 services.

The **UMW Mini Retreat will be on September 29th at 10:00 a.m.** It will be led by Jan Wise, and her subject will be "Are You Listening for His Coming?" After breaking for lunch, which will be furnished at 11:45, the retreat will resume at 12:30 and end at 2:00 p.m. **Both men and women are invited to attend. Please call the office to sign up for this exciting event.**

The Ditty Bag project is to be completed by 9/1 so they can be delivered before the District Meeting on October 27th.

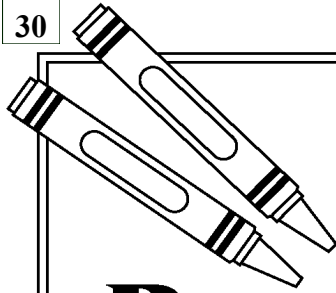
Then comes the big event - **the Annual Bazaar** - which will be **November 2nd & 3rd.** Plan to attend and buy your presents early!!

After all this, we will all be ready for a rest before we prepare for Our Lord and Savior's birthday. More about the bazaar next month.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for:

- smooth transitions.
- our pastor and church staff, daily.
- us to become a connection for families and God.
- for each of us to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and join those classes or groups to which we are being guided.
- all our committee members and leaders as we get back into full swing.
- for lots of sharing and getting to know one another on the "listening tour", for those men whom the Holy Spirit is prompting to attend the Men's Retreat in October to sign up and for the Lord to make a way for each of them to attend.



Just for **KIDS**

Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

c	h*	o	n	d*	f	t*	q*	o	s*	r	a*	b*	r*	m
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"Do not _____ any longer to the _____
of this _____, but be _____
by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able
to _____ and _____ what _____' will is — his good,
_____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, rest, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect

MEN'S GROUP RETREAT
Life Enrichment Center - Leesburg, FL

OCTOBER 19-21, 2012 (dates our group is attending)

Alternate Dates: October 5-7 October 12-14

"LIVING BY FAITH"

CONTACT: JIM STONEMAN 422-0169 (Men's Retreat Coordinator)

COST: \$149.00 per person (including program, room, and meals)

Leadership Team

ED DIAZ is a co-founder of Walk Thru The Bible Ministries and has taught that seminar extensively over the last 30 years. Ed co-authored "The Winning Run", a man's devotional book with a baseball theme. He also serves as Spring Training Chapel Coordinator for the Detroit Tigers.

TOMMY NEIMAN takes you to the front lines of crisis and points to the cross with a message of hope. His appeal is clear and straightforward, and convincing. God has provided him with a powerful way of finding common ground and communicating the love of Christ with many who wear a uniform similar to his.

REJOICE WORSHIP BAND led by Karla Dupree, has performed in 48 states, Puerto Rico and Cuba as solo artist, an instrumentalist, and vocalist in various Christian Bands. She serves as Worship Leader for the Contemporary service at Palma Ceia UMC in Tampa.

Saturday Afternoon Free-Time Options

A variety of enrichment discussion sessions will be conducted.

Equipment available for pick-up sports activities; volleyball -football - soccer - horseshoes - canoeing, or college football on the Big Screen.

Lodging Rooms at The Life Enrichment Retreat Center

Lodging rooms are comfortable, air conditioned rooms in four similar buildings. Each of the rooms has a desk, dresser, two beds and a private bath. A few rooms have king beds. Many of the rooms have a beautiful lake view. Some features include internet access in over 50% of the rooms, and a short walking distance to meeting and dining facilities. Rooms provide a comfortable place to relax after a day of activities.

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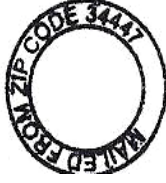
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