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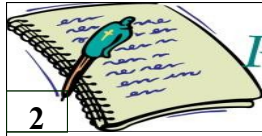
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Pastor's Pages

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,” Ephesians 4:11-12

In his letter to the Ephesian church, Paul reveals a powerful, simple truth of God, a truth from which today's church seems to be drifting away. That truth is: In God's great love for his people, he plans that *all* should have special gifts and talents. The purpose for these gifts and talents is to bring blessings in the lives of God's people. Some use these God-given abilities for pleasure and some as means of employment. While using God's gifts and talents like this is good, there is also another way God intended for these to be used. God meant for them to be active in his church.

When we look at the list in the above text, we might conclude Paul is referring to areas only specific to church worship / teaching. Thus, he mentions apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. However, it is critical to be attentive to the reason God gives these gifts and talents. He gives them to “equip the saints for the work of ministry and for edifying the body of Christ.”

Focusing on this part of the text, it is apparent God is not just blessing only certain people with specific gifts and not others. The text makes it clear that the abilities Paul mentions are to be used to equip and edify others within the body of Christ so that the whole body will work together to carry out the godly ministries that are the functions of his church.

The word “edify” is an interesting word especially in this scripture. Edify

means to “build up or to give strength” to another. It does not denote a sense of hierarchy or position of one over another. Paul is not saying that some in the body of Christ are of less importance than others. He identifies certain God-given abilities as necessary for the equipping, training, building up and strengthening of others. This development of the gifts of others brings growth in the body of Christ, his church.

In a perfect world, this would be a powerfully effective means of growing the number of disciples within the church. However, even in our imperfect world, the divine truth and principles of the scriptures are still true. The fallen condition of a sinful world does not nor ever will dilute the power and truth of the Word.

So it's important to remember that Paul's writing is not directed just to those with the listed abilities; he is writing to the whole church. He wants all of us to know that those who have such specific giftings are also charged by God to use them for the teaching and training of his church. Equally important, Paul is telling the other church people that they have a responsibility to be trained for ministries in the church. He makes it clear that everyone who is a part of Christ's body has a God-gifted role to play in making disciples; no one is excluded.

In my weekly emails, I list the monthly attendance records. My goal is to encourage folks to consider what the numbers reveal about our church. As a way of both edifying and training, my hope is that as the body of Christ reviews the numbers, we will become aware that our church is on a slippery slope. The slope is not steeply tilted; It is a gentle slippery slope. How do we know? The numbers are declining. Are they declining radically and sharply? No, thanks be to God. But the reality is they are declining. They are not stagnant, but overall they are not increasing.

<p>What are we doing about it? We are trying to strengthen and train our people. First, every Sunday I mention the Salty Service cards and the Invitation Cards. The Salty Service cards show the number of persons engaged in services outside the congregation. Meanwhile, the slow movement of the Invitation Cards reveals that not many folks are taking them, handing them out as invitations to join us for worship. The declining slope is turned upward as the number of persons coming to worship and ultimately to Christ increases. That number grows as we offer ourselves to service outside the church and simply invite others to join us.</p> <p>Second, the MAPT (Ministry Action Planning Team) is working to construct a Mission, Vision, Goals and Strategies plan for our future. More training and strengthening will be part of the goals and strategies. We know who our unchurched target persons are where we are focusing our energy. This knowledge will guide the direction of our Vision and Goals / Strategies.</p> <p>Third, we are trying to enhance the comfort level for those who visit with us on Sunday morning. Think about this: on a Saturday afternoon, some couple unknown to us is talking about getting back into church, and the discussion leads to choosing what church to visit. The Holy Spirit brings their thoughts to our church. So they come. These folks have been led by God to our church. This is one of the biggest things God could ever do in the lives of this couple and in the life of our church. People visit here on Sunday because God draws them here. That's huge.</p> <p>Our role in the God-connection between our church and the lives of this couple is to reveal God to them through our words and actions. They come wanting a place to connect with God. We are God's people or "connectors" for them on the Sunday they visit. That's huge.</p>	<div data-bbox="1240 281 1289 323">3</div> <p>In a recent Weekly Email I touched on this same topic. The only way we can be the connectors God calls us to be is by revealing the love of God through us as we relate to our visitors. This may mean that during the time visitors are with us, we don't rush to greet folks we see frequently but go to greet the visitors seated near us. Remember--God sent them. They chose to sit near you. Your calling is to participate in God's plan by going to the ones he has sent and loving them.</p> <p>I don't know whether you keep up with the overall numbers of the United Methodist Church. So let me share with you that a majority of our churches here in Florida are slowly dying. They started out on a mild slippery slope and did not do enough soon enough to turn the downward slope upward. Their slippery slopes got worse by natural causes. People got older, some passed away, others moved to be near children or family, some went into assisted living, others lost their means of transportation, and still others became physically unable to come to church. While all of this was happening over a span of years, there was apparently too little "training and edifying" taking place. Ministries were left to die. Finances dwindled. People got tired. Others assumed that "someone else" would do whatever was needed to be done. We all know the story. But, for many of our churches, it isn't just a story, it's their story.</p> <p>Yet, there are churches that simply refuse to accept the slippery slope, and they get busy training and building up people who also see the dilemma coming. They turn their churches around. They make new commitments. They refuse to live life differently than Jesus taught life should be lived. They refuse to let ministries simply die out. A new and fresh breath of God moves in their church. This is how we want it to be. Help us to be so. There is something everyone can do.</p> <p>Offered in love – Pastor Kip</p>
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Need to update your records!

If you have changed any of your contact information, please call Nicole after 12:30 p.m. in the church office at 628-4083. Not a member yet but attend regularly? We want you to be included in our Circle of Friends list. Please use the pew pad on Sunday to record your contact information (name, address, & phone number). Please print clearly and include your email. All of this information is vital and will help connect us to each other as the body of Christ. Provide your information with confidence-we will never distribute, sell, or otherwise use your information for anything other than church business.

Weekly Email

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

New Member Classes

New member classes will be taught by Pastor Kip Younger, 3 times a year, for anyone who is considering becoming a member of First United Methodist Church or would like to learn more about our Methodist beliefs. The next membership classes will be four - 1 hour sessions, on Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in room 306 on August 28th, Sept. 4, 11, 18. We will receive our new members on the following Sunday, Sept. 22.

Membership Transfers

Membership transfers for people who want to transfer their membership from another Methodist church will be held the fourth Sunday of every month. If you are transferring from another denomination or any other church, you are encouraged to attend the new member classes.

If you are interested in exploring membership, or have any questions about which category to join, please contact Pastor Kip, Theresa in the church office at 628-4083, or indicate "wish to join" on the pew pad on Sundays.



CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

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

Outreach Ministries

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

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

Small Groups

Cancer Survivors
Individual Bible Study Groups
Men's Serendipity
PAWS
Saturday Sisters
Women's Serendipity

Support Groups

Alzheimer's Support
Diabetes Support
Memory Lane Respite
Stroke Support

Discipleship Classes

(various classes & times)

Benevolences

CROP Walk
Equipment for Handicapped
Food Pantry
Methodist Children's Home
Salvation Army
SHINE
The Path

Community Outreach

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

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Friday, SEPTEMBER 6
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	<p>Marie & I want to thank our church family for all the cards, calls, visits, and thoughts. Most of all the prayers that helped me through my hospitalization and my stay in the Crystal River Health & Rehab Center.</p> <p>We also want to give praise to our Lord for guiding the doctors that treated me. Thank you one and all!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ted Archambault</p>
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8 7- Scare-ware on the computer. These are the pop-ups that appear on your screen informing you that you have a computer virus. You will then be offered a program to purchase which will be the actual virus. Make sure your computer is protected with a security program and make sure you use it regularly.

8- Phony investment scams. Examples are pyramid seminars or advanced fee scams. Sometimes a free lunch may be a front for these types of scams.

These are but a few of the scams to be aware of. To find more information start with the National Council on Aging; www.ncoa.org or F.B.I.; www.fbi.gov/scams.

If you feel you have become a victim of a scam you should report it to the police. You can also contact Seniors vs. Crime. This is a special project of the Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi. In Citrus County there is an office located at 4093 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly 34465. The office is open Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The phone number is 352-249-9139.

Be aware..... and be wary!!

HOMOSASSA WOMEN CANCER SURVIVORS

We will start our monthly meetings in September with a luncheon. We meet September through June, both at 1st UMC and periodically at various restaurants in the area. We meet the second Friday of the month. Our meetings are open to all women, who are in the diagnostic stage, undergoing treatment, or are clear of cancer but would like to belong to a support group. We have speakers at some of our meetings, at other meetings we are there to talk and support each other.

Some of us have been instrumental in assisting Oak Hill Hospital's Survivor group startup. That group is open to men, women, spouses, caregivers & interested people. The group meets the last Thursday of every month. They have resources that are not available to us and are a blessing for people who need assistance with issues regarding their medical treatment. I am excited to be part of this new group. The Oak Hill Hospital team is a dedicated group with various medical backgrounds. There are also speakers who are knowledgeable on a wide range of topics at every meeting.

For information about both groups, please call Pat Schuessler at (352) 382-0057.



THE WAYS OF THE KINGDOM

by Jan Wise

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How are you feeling now that you've had a "restful" season of traveling and company and change of routine? Did you appreciate your vacation as you enjoyed the "lazy days of summer"?

For many, summer's end finds us more harried and weary than when it began. Looking ahead we see more things waiting to be done, more people to contact and more expectations to fulfill. It's hard to believe that fall is already here, and we haven't even begun to complete what we planned to accomplish during our summer break.

While reading in the book of Joshua, an old truth jumped out at me with renewed meaning. It helped me look differently at the flood of demands waiting for my attention this fall.

As Joshua prepared the people of Israel to enter the Promised Land, the Jordan River flowed between them and Canaan. The Lord had brought them here to keep his promise of a land of their own. However, they came to the Jordan at harvest time when the river was at flood stage.

But the same Lord who had promised them the land had made no mistake in his timing for their river crossing. If the flooded river signified harvest time, their crossing of that barrier signified they were about to harvest the truth of God's promise—a land of their own given to them by God.

The saga continues as the priests, instructed by the Lord, picked up the ark and walked to the water. The Bible says, "...as soon as the priests

who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap some distance away....while the water flowing down...was completely cut off." Then the priests, holding the ark, stood firm in the middle of the river *on dry ground* while the whole nation of Israel crossed into the Promised Land *on dry ground*. Assigned men selected stones from the river bed to build a memorial reminding the people of how God brought them through the flood to fulfill his promise. (from Joshua 3 & 4)

Isaiah 59:19b reminds those who trust him, "...when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him." (NKJV)

If we are letting the Lord order our footsteps, we can trust that as we take the first step into the flood of circumstances awaiting our attention, he will open the way while holding back the enemies of worry, frustration and fear. Things that first appear as hindrances will eventually become testimonies to God's faithfulness.

God challenges our faith with the "floods" of life because, as he explained to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:8) In spite of our weaknesses, we can walk through any flood on the dry ground of faith.



**10 WELCOME BACK FROM
YOUR LIBRARY STAFF**

There are a number of new books for your perusal including series, mysteries, and words of inspiration.

“Love Finds You in Holiday, Florida” by Sandra D. Bricker and it finds the reader in familiar Florida territory. Cassie Constantine is a has-it-all-together kind of person and she has no plans to stay in Florida after selling the vacation house she shared with her late husband. Then she’ll return to her gracious Boston brownstone. But she gets more than she bargained for with house renovations and wacky neighbors who manage to sidetrack her at every turn, along with Richard Dillon, the stuffed shirt she’s paired with on the dance floor. He seems involved in a mystery...and he makes her heart beat faster than the rhythm of the quickstep. The question is – will she let loose long enough to find new love in Holiday?

“Fatal Convictions” by Randy Singer. Critics say the author is every bit as engaging as John Grisham. The story centers around part-time pastor and attorney Alexander Madison who has taken on a case that everyone else is running away from. The wife of a prominent Muslim leader has been murdered shortly after converting to Christianity. Have honor killings reached the resort towns of America? Deep down, Alex believes the accused man is innocent and decides to defend him in the biggest murder case that Virginia Beach has ever seen. But with a ruthless assassin still on the loose, Alex is in for the fight of his career – and his life itself may be in jeopardy.

“It’s Your Time” by Joel Osteen. The author declares that in the challenging times that we live in, it may

be hard to see better days ahead. This is exactly the moment to put your faith into action and expect God’s blessings. It’s your time to declare your faith, and give control of your life to Him so that you can find fulfillment in His plans for you. It’s your time to believe; it’s your time for favor; it’s your time for restoration; it’s your time to trust. There is inspiration from others who have overcome adversity and achieved their dreams.

“The Bridesmaid” by bestselling author, Beverly Lewis, who has been called “the reigning queen of Amish fiction”. Joanna Kurtz lived in Hickory Hollow, Pennsylvania with her family and has made several trips to the altar, but never as a bride.. The young Amish woman is a closet writer whose stories aren’t her only secret. She met Eben Troyer at the beach and he hopes to make Joanna his bride – if he can ever leave his parents’ farm in Shipshewana, Indiana. Yet Eben’s hopes to build a life with Joanna hinge on his brother’s return from the English world. .

“Midnight Sons” by Debbie Macomber, another popular author of many books. This story is very different, beginning with the location. Hard Luck, Alaska is north of the Arctic Circle with a population of 150 (mostly men). The three O’Halloran brothers run a bush-plane charter service called Midnight Sons and they are heading a campaign to bring women to town. The ad reads: “Lonely men in Hard Luck, Alaska, looking for women. Our town might be cold, but our hearts are warm!” One woman who is already in town is Mariah Douglas, the Midnight Sons secretary, and Christian, the youngest O’Halloran brother, can’t

get her out of his mind. Clashes between pilot Duke Porter and Seattle attorney, Ms. Tracy Santiago, are legendary and add to the action of the plot.

“The Ultimatum” by Nancy Moser is the sequel to “A Steadfast Surrender.” Annie McFay is a waitress in Steadfast, Kansas. Jered Manson is a runaway whose dad doesn’t support his musical ambition. New ways clash with the old. Annie’s newfound faith should make her happy but her husband sees it as a threat to their marriage. When Annie and Jered come face to face in one desperate moment, their spiritual choices become harsh reality. Threatened with disaster, the entire town of Steadfast must band together to save them. Will the power of prayer be enough?

Andrea Boeshaar has written a series of books grouped under the title of “Seasons of Redemption”. Book 1 is **“Unwilling Warrior”**. The War Between the States has Valerie Fontaine frightened about her future. When her wealthy father is charged with supplying Federal gunboats in order to save his shipping business, Valerie is suspected of conspiracy and she is forced to flee her upscale New Orleans home or be taken into custody by Confederate troops. Benjamin McCabe has decided that photographing the Civil War is the way to make his mark in the world. Ben secures a way for Valerie to leave the city and travel to his family’s home where she’ll be safe. In the meantime he continues to look for his brother Luke who has been missing since the Battle of Bull Run.

Book 2, **“Uncertain Heart”** continues the dramatic saga of the

MCCabe family. The year is 1866 and Sarah McCabe, in an effort to be independent of her family back in Missouri, accepts a governess position in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, giving her a firsthand taste of a life of luxury, culture and social privilege. She is the love interest of Captain Brian Sinclair and also Richard Navis who is determined to finish his indentureship to the Captain so he can take over his family’s farm. When Sarah’s reputation is questioned, Richard devises a bold plan in hopes of protecting her. But he fears he is too late. Has Sarah already made her choice?

Books 3 & 4, titled respectively as **“Unexpected Love”** and **“Undaunted Faith”** once again gives us a heartwarming adventure filled with colorful characters and true-to-life faith. Can the McCabe brothers find love amidst the chaos of the Arizona Territory? Pastor Luke McCabe and Pastor Jake McCabe have their hands full – trouble on the range and trouble in town and lawlessness that threatens the lives of the women they love. The McCabe brothers are ready for the fight of their lives.

“A Steadfast Surrender”, a novel by Nancy Moser - If you felt that God was asking you to sell everything you own and follow him blindly, would you do it? Claire Adams is a rich mosaic artist and she does just that. Everyone thinks she is crazy. Follow Him where? Surely God doesn’t want her homeless in Kansas. Her life intertwines with other characters in the town of Steadfast, Kansas and will challenge your own spiritual journey.

HAPPY READING!
From Barbara, Helen, Ann, & Pat

New Members

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Joined
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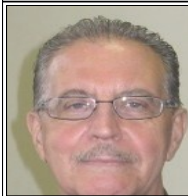
Beverly Campbell-Pullen 352-586-0495
PO Box 2167, Crystal River, FL 34423

Beverly was born June 5 in Lewiston, ME. She retired from the NJ Dept. of Corrections as a Corrections Officer. She lived in Cream Ridge, NJ before moving here, she has 5 children, and is a widow.

Jean B. Nelson 382-1918
24 Masters Drive, Homosassa, FL 34446



Jean was born Columbia City, IN 9/12. She married her husband Harley 2/15/1947. She has 1 daughter that lives here and 1 grandson who just graduated from college. She lived in Grand Rapids, MI before moving here in 1988. She enjoys golfing, bridge, and crafts, along with some volunteer work.



Dr. Gary Plymale 503-6921
85 Cypress Boulevard W, Homosassa, FL 34446

Gary was born November 7. He married Susan on September 26th and they had lived in Ironton, OH prior to moving here.

Rebeckah "Becky" Kirksey 503-2766
24 Oak Village Blvd S Homosassa, FL 34446



Becky was born 7/22. She married her husband Dean on May 26, and lived in Warner Robins, GA before moving here. She transferred to FUMC on 7/21/13 and enjoys singing, being a Sunday School teacher, and a youth mentor.

We invite you to.....

Join the Women of Worship (WOW) group on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor as we kick off the new year!!! Come see what we are all about and enjoy some light refreshments.

Questions? Please speak to any of the WOW leaders, Priscilla Frederick, Barbara Sayers, Carrie Staton, Sherry Younger. See you there!



**Joined
6.23.2013**

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Diane Paul 352-610-6147

6385 W. Liberty Lane, Homosassa, FL 34448

Diane was born November 27th in Syracuse NY. She presently works at Winn Dixie in Homosassa. She has one son Branden, 16, at home who is in Bible Study and Sunday School, as well as working the media desk, and a daughter Natasha. Diane has lived here for the past 25 years.



Mary McCormick 503-6944

7630 W. Homosassa Trail #23, Homosassa, FL 34448

Mary was born May 9th in Framingham, MA. She has 2 children Julia & Justin, and she moved here from Framingham in 2002 as a widow. Mary does lots of crafts to keep her busy.



Laurie Painter 382-2299

15 Balsam Street, Homosassa, FL 34446

Laurie was born March 24th in Townsend, DE. She met her husband Richard and they married May 15, 1976 in North East, MD. Laurie is a retired school teacher of 30 years and she has been quite involved with our young children as a Sunday School teacher for the past 2.5 years. She has one stepson David. She also volunteers as a Guardian Ad Litem for abused children in Citrus County.



Bill Pettis 353-857-0359

1428 W. Noble Street, Lecanto, FL 34461

Bill was born May 4th. He is presently engaged to Teresa Scheall (below).



Teresa Scheall 352-634-2190

W. Noble Street, Lecanto, FL 34461

Teresa was born September 28th. She moved here from Toledo, Ohio, and is presently engaged to Bill Pettis (above).



Welcome

Through Serendipity, the Holy Spirit is doing wonderful things.

Continuing through the summer, funding by Serendipity supports the Sanctuary and Grace House in Homosassa and the Nature Coast Ministries in Crystal River. Both agencies serve clients from all walks of life, including returning veterans, with extremely diverse and critical needs. Our monthly pancake breakfasts are the main source of revenue to allow our help. We thank all of you who support these breakfasts, but look for new attendees each time. Our contributions to the above ministries frequently exceed the profits from the meals. This is how you can help if you do not attend the above. Just simply invite your friends and neighbors and come on the 2nd Saturday of each month to experience the joy of socializing with others in addition to having a fine breakfast at low cost, especially if you use one of our discount coupons found in each Sunday bulletin before the event.

If you have not noticed, 20 or more of the Sanctuary/Grace House group attend our 11:00 service each month, and Manager Mike Awe's trumpet has accompanied Joy on the hymns and provided special music. This has been a great experience.

In May, we hosted the "Touch of Class Corvette Club" and with their presence a new record of 137 in attendance was established. The event was enjoyed by all, and we are looking for other groups to invite. If you are involved with a local group activity such as that and you think that they would be interested in our breakfasts, please let us know.

Our most recent new members to Serendipity are Charles Peters and Jack Benjamin. We are delighted to have them both. Charles is a long time member of FUMC and a member of the choir. Jack is a "snowbird" from New York and returned home for hip replacement and recuperation. We look for his return. Dave Melton is not a member, but a constant help in our kitchen and on the grill. Brandon Paul, one of our youth members, has also become a real help, working all summer in both the dining room and the kitchen area. Thanks to both of them.

Man Cave: Last year's experience was eventful and positive, while associated with the UMW bazaar. We will be repeating that on November 1 and 2. If you are downsizing, cleaning your house, or just looking to rid yourself of "clutter," please think of us. Serendipity men are collecting sporting goods, home tools, gardening equipment, mechanical items for car, truck, RV, etc., office furniture, exercise equipment, etc. If you have articles to donate and you are unsure if we can use them, please call. We will aid in your decision and will pick up the articles. Those whom you may call are: Bill Gilbert at 352-382-4303; Bob

Powell at 352-503-3977; Dave Honderich at 352-503-3629; or Jim Potts at 352-382-1842. **15**

Silent Auction: We are contemplating the silent auction, but are in need of “special” opportunities/gifts. Treasures that you have cherished might be just such a treasure to someone else. Also, consider dinners, golf games, tickets, etc.

Baseball Games: Three Ray’s games and a 4th on August 29 have been very successful and well attended. The August trip is filled – Rays vs. LA Angels.

Men’s Retreat: Serendipity member Richard Stanard is spearheading attendance on October 4-6. Please call him 919-630-6610, or Jim Potts 352-382-1842 if interested. This year the program will be led by our own bishop, Ken Carter. We would like to have a record number of attendees this year. Pray about it and call us.

Serendipity continues to invite and welcome men of FUMC, friends, and residents of our community to join our group on Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Join us for wonderful, interesting, and exciting discussions from our special Serendipity Bible, and help us support those in need. Call Jim Potts!

The United Methodist Women will resume their unit meetings on September 17 at the 10:00 in room 114. We will be having a very special program and ALL women of the church are invited to attend. We are continuing to prepare for our annual Bazaar. If you have items for the Hidden Treasures please contact Helen Lefave at 628-1380. We are looking forward to an exciting last three months of this year. The circles will be starting their meeting on September 10. Please check the calendar for times and places. Once again this year we are continuing to do our "Ditty Bag" project for the homeless shelters. We are hoping to prepare 200 this year. We are in need of someone to replace Helen Lefave as our treasurer. At this time she feels the need to give up this position as she has taken the position of district treasurer. If you are interested please contact Claudette Kirby. This is all for now.

Hope to see you for coffee on September 17. United Methodist Women's Sunday will be September 15. We are again planning a special service with a special speaker. This is one of my special times of the year.

May God Bless each of you. Pat Blake, President



2013 MEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 4 - 6

This year the Men's Retreat will be led by our own FL Conference Bishop, Ken Carter so this is not to be missed! All men age 18+ should plan to attend for a memorable time of mostly spiritual exercise among others from throughout our conference of your same Christian mindset.

We will travel as a group leaving from our church the afternoon of Friday, 10/4 bound for the Life Enrichment Center near Leesburg and return around noon on Sunday, 10/6. The all inclusive cost is \$155.00 (all meals and snacks, program, and accommodations).

Please contact Richard Stanard, Jim Potts, or Pastor Kip with your questions. We will need your reservation and full remittance to the church office (make check payable to our church with memo showing Men's Retreat 2013) at your earliest opportunity and no later than 9/9. This will allow us to firm up our accommodations with the Life Enrichment Center so that we are all booked in together as a group.

Limited financial assistance for individual needs may be available upon request to the men named above as we don't want anyone to be absent because of a problem with means if we can help.



NANCY PEARO HAS MOVED TO ~
Crystal River Health & Rehab
136 NE 12th Ave, Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 795-6210

NEW email: nancyp4080@gmail.com

She would love to have you visit with her, and/or receive cards, notes, and emails to keep her up-to-date on the comings and goings of the church and the area.

Please keep her in your prayers as well!



(as of 8/14/2013)

BRENTWOOD

Joyce Minnicks

CEDAR CREEK

Lois Schoch

CR HEALTH/REHAB

Nancy Pearo

SUGARMILL MANOR

Marge Dilling-HPH

Grace Payne

SUNFLOWER SPRINGS

Helen Labeau

Joan & Jack Ness

Helen Vaught

Catherine Wischart

SUNSHINE GARDENS

Pete Magamoll

SUPERIOR RESIDENCE

Hank Pouderoyne

TIMBER PINES RESID.

Abbye Jean Richner.

**SEPTEMBER 2013
ANNIVERSARIES**

17

- 1 **Wanda & Russell Chapman ~ 67 years**
Wendy & Ernest Miles ~ 24 years
Judy & Lyle Lee ~ 57 years
- 3 **Willy & Hendrik Pouderoyne ~ 60 years**
- 4 **Arlene & Donald Stohrer ~ 65 years**
- 6 Eileen & Joe Procunier ~ 45 years
Gini & Harold Slusher ~ 71 years
- 7 Joan & L.M. Downs ~ 49 years
- 8 **Linda & Ray Ritter ~ 51 years**
- 10 **Sharon & Bob Berch ~ 53 years**
Eleanor & Chuck Hoeffler ~ 64 years
- 12 **Shirley & Len Cromer ~ 61 years**
- 14 **Ann & Bill Morrison ~ 50 years**
- 15 **Lois & Bernhard Diedrich ~ 57 years**
Molly & Charles McCreery ~ 62 years
Carolyn & Bruce Stull ~ 23 years
- 17 Barbara & Bill Gilbert ~ 48 years
Bess & Don Hoes ~ 58 years
- 18 **Dolores & Joe Henry ~ 65 years**
- 21 **Faye & David Honderich ~ 52 years**
- 25 Joyce & Jim Wicker ~ 8 years
- 27 Rebekah & Stephen Csont ~ 9 years.

BOLD = 50+ YEARS

prayerchain@lumc.org

Above is the new prayer chain email address. Marcia found it necessary to resign from coordinating the prayer chain and I was asked to take this wonderful ministry over. I pray to follow in her wonderful footsteps.

Thank you, Mary Lee Millikin

Sunday 1**COMMUNION SUNDAY****7:45-12:30****BLOODMOBILE****8:00 Traditional Worship****9:20 Discovery Class****9:30 Sunday School (all)****9:30 Traditional Worship****10:45 New Beginnings****11:00 Traditional Worship****Monday 2**

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 SHINE

8:30 Tracking Committee

9:30 Visitation Committee

10:00 Sacred Hour

1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 3

10:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 UMW EX. meeting

1:30 Sephen Ministers

3:00 Serendipity Bible

3:00 Sephen Ministers

5:30 Weight Watchers

7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 4

7:00 Men's Prayer Group

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 LaMountain Bible

10:00 Siegel Bible

5:15 Music

6:00 Bells

6:30 NEW MEMBER class

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

Thursday 5

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

2:00 Green Team

6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 6**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:00 Wise Bible

7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 7

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:30 ZUMBA

10:30 God's Clods

3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

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

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 SHINE

8:30 Tracking Committee

9:30 Visitation Committee

10:00 Sacred Hour

10:30 Fight Team

1:00 Care Support

1:00 ML Respite

Tuesday 10

9:30 Faith Hope Circle

9:30 Helping Hands

10:00 Staff Meeting

1:00 Dorcas Circle

3:00 Worship Committee

3:00 Serendipity Bible

5:30 Weight Watchers

6:00 Diabetic Support

6:30 WOW

7:00 Guy Bible Study

Wednesday 11

7:00 Men's Prayer Group

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 LaMountain Bible

10:00 Siegel Bible

1:00 Shawl Ministry

3:00 Creative Worship

5:15 Music

6:00 Bells

6:30 NEW MEMBER class

6:30 Youth Group

7:00 Choir

7:00 Women's Bible

Thursday 12

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:00 Backpackers

9:15 Ruth Circle

6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 13

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:00 Wise Bible

7:00 Inv. NT

Saturday 14**8:00 FLU SHOTS****8:00 Serendipity Pancakes**

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible

9:00 NO SMOKING

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:30 ZUMBA

3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 15**PANTRY SUNDAY****UMW Sunday****8:00 Traditional Worship****9:20 Discovery Class****9:30 Sunday School (all)****9:30 Traditional Worship****10:45 New Beginnings****11:00 Traditional Worship**

Monday 16

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

Tuesday 17

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

Wednesday 18

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

Thursday 19

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
3:00 Missions Committee
3:30 Trustees
6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

Friday 20

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

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

Saturday 21

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
9:00 NO SMOKING
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:30 ZUMBA
10:00 Stephen Ministry TR.
3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 22

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

TRANSFER SUNDAY

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

Monday 23

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
10:00 Sacred Hour
1:00 ML Respite
6:00 DIABETIC MAPS

Tuesday 24

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

Wednesday 25

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

Thursday 26

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
6:30 Sugarmill Chorale
7:00 COUNCIL Meeting

Friday 27

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

Saturday 28

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible
9:00 NO SMOKING
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:30 ZUMBA
10:00 UMW Mini-Retreat
3:00 A/Video Rehearsal

Sunday 29

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

Monday 30

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 SHINE
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
10:00 Sacred Hour
1:00 ML Respite
6:00 DIABETIC MAPS...

WEEKLY YMCA CLASSES
(352) 637-0132

Mondays

9:30 Cardio
10:30 Stab/Strength

Wednesdays

9:30 Pilates
10:30 Stab/Strength

Fridays

9:30 Cardio
10:30 Stab/Strength

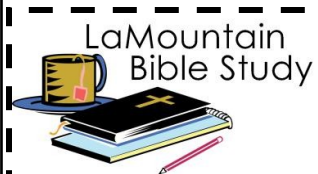


September Birthdays!

1
 Jess Mackey
 Lois Mackey
 2
 Raymond Clemens
 Patti Griffith
 Jennifer Hallal
 Nancy Roberts
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 Edward Calkins
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 Sandy Catania
 Gene Lantz
 5
 Arlene Froelich
 Barbara Hammond
 6
 Barbara Jackson
 7
 Melinda Bassler
 Jo Ann Prociuous
 Cheryl Smith
 Angie Snodgrass
 8
 Carroll Lunceford
 Barbara Toole
 9
 Barbara Birkholz
 Henry Heesemann
 Ruth Oblinger
 James Staurt
 10
 Lisa Stocker
 11
 Rilie Csont
 Brandon Martin

12
 Sarah Hodges
 Alma Kadel
 Jean Nelson
 Dustin Will
 14
 Sandra Garner
 Wayne Haynes
 Ed Loper
 Molly McCreery
 15
 Kim Bennett
 Ruth Healy
 Barry Lasky
 16
 Lucien Kimble
 Bill Lent
 17
 Julius Kertesz
 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
 Marge Swinson
 26
 Gary Fearney
 Charlene Murray
 Shirley Shrader
 27
 Linda Kester
 Burnie McGee
 28
 Christine Akkasian
 Pat Hoar
 Gretta Marshall
 Helen McCallister
 Teresa Scheall
 Felix Tarorick
 Jim Wickliffe
 29
 Robert Allen
 Carol Brandt
 30
 Harvey Comfort
 Sharon Deutsch
 Mary Hand.



LaMountain
 Bible Study
 The Wednesday
 morning Bible Study
 taught by Jan Wise at
 the home of Jackie La
 Mountain will resume
 Sept 11th from 10:00 am
 until Noon.

WITH GREAT SORROW

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Ruth Eaton went with our Lord on Tuesday, May 27, 2013. Her memorial service was held Tuesday, June 4th at 10:00 a.m. at Sunflower Springs.

Ruth had been very active with the church in her earlier years. May she rest in peace in God's hereafter.

Connie Barton went with our Lord on Thursday, June 13, 2013. Her memorial service was held June 27th, 2013 at 10 a.m. with a reception following at FUMC.

We are thankful for all that Connie did for our church and with the church members over the years. She will be missed in so many ways. May she be at peace with our Lord!



George Woodward (Captain, USN Ret.) went with our Lord on Tuesday, July 2, 2013. His memorial service will be held at a later date.



His sister Susan Marriott, and sons "Buddy" and Todd survive. George had been very active with our church choir prior to taking care of his wife Cecelia who passed away March 21, 2013. May he now be at rest with Cecelia once again, and with our Lord in the hereafter.

Ed Carnahan went with our Lord on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. He is survived by wife Alice of 56 years, two sons Jeff & Scott, and daughter Karen, all of FL. Also, two brothers/wives of OH, and five great-grandchildren. His service was held August 3, 2013 at FUMC, with interment at Fero Memorial Gardens in Beverly Hills. May he rest in peace.



Lord, hear our prayers!

In Your mercy, bring us to Your place of peace and light the souls of Your servants whom You have summoned from this world. Call them to be numbered in the fellowship of Your saints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FUMC HOLIDAY BAZAAR



NOVEMBER 1 ~ 9a.m. - 3p.m.

NOVEMBER 2 ~ 9a.m. - 2p.m.

LUNCH IN THE CAFÉ

FRIDAY 11:00-1:30

Hot Dog, Chips,
Dessert, & Drink
\$3.00 - NO Ticket Required

SATURDAY*

Hot Chicken Salad, Croissant,
Cranberry Salad,
Drink & Dessert

Seating Times: 11:30, 12:15, 1:00
\$6.00 *Reservation Required
Call: 628-4083

**www.lumc.org
628-4083**

Bakery
Christmas Wonderland
Cookie Walk
Craft Shoppe
Hidden Treasures Shop
Huge Book Sale
Kitchen Shoppe
Man Cave & Silent Auction
Plant & Garden Center
& MORE



by Marilyn Watson



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Passionate Spirituality

“Passionate Spirituality” is what this ministry area was originally called. The desire was for us to reincorporate the spiritual part of our faith. All the training and expertise seemed to come out of the “Spiritual Formation” movement which is where the name change came from.

In an attempt to develop this more spiritual side of our faith we logically started by incorporating those things which were once a natural part of worship but over the years had been left behind. Another beginning point was a concerted effort to have more people involved in attending retreats at the Life Enrichment Center. Prayer and expanding the prayer ministry of our congregation was another key area.

It now seems just a natural part of the year to hear about the retreats and for many it’s an annual event to attend the men’s, women’s, and/or couple’s retreat. Elsewhere in this issue of Genesis you will read about the Men’s Retreat this October as well as some information about the 2013 Women’s Retreats. I hope you will consider attending one of these wonderful weekends.

If you’ve been a member for a while, you will probably recall the “Prayer Survey” which asked

questions about our belief that God answers prayer and why we believe that from our own experience. There were many wonderful testimonies in response to that survey. We started having someone available at the altar to pray with at the end of each Sunday worship service, an intercessory prayer group, and installed a “Prayer Request Box” in the Narthex. A more recent addition to the prayer ministry has been the “Sacred Hour” on Mondays. I hope you will avail yourself of these opportunities for prayer in addition to your own private times of prayer. Introducing ancient ways of prayer has also been a part of our emphasis; one of these has been to bring in the Prayer Labyrinth during Holy Week. If you are interested in praying together for the needs of others, the church, and yourself, please let me know when is a good time and we’ll get something started at the time which is most convenient for everyone.

Another thing we would like to do is gather those people who have been on a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, Tres Dias, or other similar three day experience. If you have attended one of these types of experiences, please either contact Suzanne Raines at 503-2169 or me.

There are a few things not mentioned here, but from this you can get an idea of what’s happening. If you have any other ideas or would like to be involved, please let me know. Marilyn

Just for

KIDS

"GROWING"

Peter, Jesus' disciple, wrote these words in about A.D. 67. He was telling how to grow as a Christian. Find the underlined words in the puzzle. The 19 letters that remain will tell you who Peter wrote the words for.

"...make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 1:5, 3:18

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All people everywhere



PROGRESS AT THE MADISON YOUTH RANCH

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Mike Moore has been appointed as full-time Director of Operations, and Ruth Moore has been appointed as Director of Administrative Services and Community Relations. Tours of the property are available to schedule. Those interested, please contact me at donbates@gmail.com so we can put a group together. Madison Youth Ranch is located north of us in Pinetta, FL 32350.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME

FUMCH has a new President and CEO. Becky Dotson was appointed in May 2013. She has a long history with the work of Methodist Children Home ministries, having served as Director of Development and later as President and CEO of United Methodist Ministry with Children and Family Services, which oversees the UMCH ministry in the state of Mississippi.



The FUMCH would like to thank UMC of Homosassa for the generous donations collected when Rev. Stephen Hartsfield was here at our last Wonderful Wednesday. We were able to fill his SUV (picture below) with a great variety of gifts and handmade articles, even a key board.

Don Bates, LCR

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for:

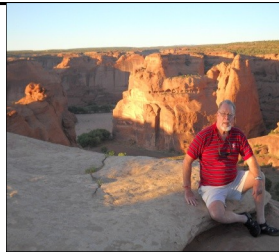
- each of us to be aware of whom the Lord would have us invite to worship and the courage to extend the invitation.
- our pastor and church staff and their families.
- each committee member as things get busier as fall approaches.
- the Bible studies and groups which are beginning or restarting.
- Wonderful Wednesdays.
- all those who come to us looking for something, may they find the love of Christ.



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UPDATE FROM BLUE GAP MISSIONS TRIP

Thought you all would enjoy some scenes from my missions trip to Blue Gap, AZ and the Navajo Nation. The Navajo



have their own government and control all the lands and activities within the geographical borders of their reservation. The nature scenes are from Canyon de Chelly.



I worked with the young ones in vacation Bible school, had long discussions with Pastor Tom (left), and Pastor Dennie (not



pictured), and was honored to meet one of the last surviving U.S. Marine Navajo Code Talkers, (yellow shirt).

The promised Music CD is being produced as we speak and will be distributed by the end of August. A time for a Wonderful Wednesday presentation of the entire trip with a video produced by Moody Radio Florida is to be determined.



Thanks again for making this possible!

Don Bates, LCR



Thank You!

Sue Price sent a note saying "thank you" for your prayers, cards, and notes during her recent illness. You are such a kind and loving church family!

I would like to thank everyone for their warm wishes. I am honored and humbled as the recipient of the Humanitarian Healthcare Hero Award. Karen Kline - Parish RN

It's been a year now!! Last year about this time, I, Wayne Brown, was selected to be the Youth Programs Director (I prefer Youth Leader) of First United Methodist Church of Homosassa. In actual practice, you selected both me and my wife Krissy Brown, we're in this together. Thank you Ernie Miles, Kay Bast, and of course Pastor Kip Younger for all your help and advice.

GODSQUAD



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We want to thank you all for your wonderful support of our youth!! What? You didn't know you did anything? Well . . . let me remind you of a few things I know about. First, you have been using that recycle bin in the back of the church for paper and cardboard, and thanks to you, that generated between \$40.00 to \$70.00 a month for our Youth Fund. Second, that little plastic bin under the mailboxes in the Administrative wing, you put your empty ink and toner cartridges along with old cell phones and other small electronics, that generated an additional \$50.00 to \$80.00 every 2 or 3 months (whenever it gets full, we pack up the stuff and send it off). Third, you bought calendars (and gave us donations) that earned over \$1,000.00 for the Youth Fund. Fourth, we used the Endowment Fund established a few years ago to help fund sending Youth to Church Camp in Leesburg. Fifth, we especially want to thank those of you who gave money directly earmarked for the Youth Fund.

So, what have we been doing? Let's see:

- Seven Youth and 4 Adult Chaperones attended Rock the Universe in Orlando, FL.
- Youth set up a table and served lunch to folks at the U.M.W. Bazaar.
- Youth helped serve at the Serendipity Men's Pancake Breakfasts.
- Youth helped do some extra weed pulling around the outside of the church.
- Youth attended a Halloween Party at Theresa & Randy Weber's home.
- Youth participated on some 5th Sunday, Children's Home and Youth Sunday Services.
- Youth participated in a lock-in at the Church.
- Youth sold drinks and some food at various functions in our Fellowship Hall
- Youth participated in the Weekend Bible Adventure for younger children.
- Youth participated in Relay For Life that raised over \$500.00 for cancer research.
- Youth helped clean up following the church's Father's Day picnic.
- Four Youth attended Church Camp at Leesburg.

What's next for us? We'd like to at least have the opportunity to do all of the above and more. What do we need to do that and more? We need your continued prayer, gifts of recycling materials, support our calendar sales, and your direct donations to the Youth Fund.

**Thanks everyone, and we pray that we have
another year of God inspired activities!**


**HOW CAN I HELP OUR CHURCH
PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND?**

By making a planned gift soon, you will help ensure that our church permanent endowment fund will continue into the future. You can do so by including the fund in your estate plans by adding a simple sentence in your Will or Trust, thereby furthering God's Kingdom through scholarships and other grants.

Options include making a gift of cash, stock, bonds, mutual funds, or real estate, to the Permanent Endowment Fund. The committee members are always available to meet with you to discuss gifts, such as deferred gifts like bequests, living trusts, and life insurance.

These gifts provide donors and benefactors with income payments for life, and/or specific tax advantages. To set up a confidential meeting to discuss these options, please contact any member of the PEC, or contact the church office for committee member names or see the published church leadership list for 2013 available in the narthex or from the church office. The following chart contains a summary of the various gift options. Thank you for considering our church Permanent Endowment Fund!

SEE CHART - NEXT PAGE →



EMERGENCY NEED
ALL TYPES
PLEASE HELP
DONATE BLOOD TODAY

LIFESouth
 Community Blood Centers

BLOODMOBILE DATES FOR FUMC
SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 1, NOVEMBER 3, DECEMBER 29
7:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

VASES NEEDED

We are in need of bud vases **with straight necks with 1.5" diameter openings** for our flower arrangers, Barbara & Gene Lantz. They take the altar flowers that are left in the church each Sunday and create small bud vases for the Visitation Committee to deliver to our members who are in hospitals and nursing homes. Please drop them off in the office. Thanks!

<u>Your Goal</u>	<u>Your Gift</u>	<u>Making the Gift</u>	<u>Your Benefits</u>	29
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Bequest	Name us in your will	Donation is exempt from federal estate taxes	
Make a revocable gift during your lifetime	Living Trust	Name us the beneficiary of assets in a living trust	You maintain control of the trust for your lifetime	
Make a quick and easy gift	Outright gift of cash	Simply write a check or make a cash donation now	Immediate income tax deduction and possible estate tax savings	
Avoid tax on capital gains	Outright gift of securities	Contribute long-term appreciated stock or other securities	Immediate charitable deduction and avoidance of capital gains tax	
Make a large gift with little cost to yourself	Gift of life insurance	Contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need and/or name us as beneficiary	Current income tax deduction and possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums	
Avoid the twofold taxation on IRAs or other employee benefit plans	Gift of retirement assets	Name us as beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	Allows less costly assets for your heirs	
Give your personal residence or farm now but continue to live there	Retained life estate	Designate ownership of your home to us but retain occupancy	Charitable income tax deduction and lifetime use of residence	
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term	Charitable remainder annuity trust	Create a charitable trust or a charitable gift annuity that pays you a set income annually	Immediate income tax deduction and fixed income for life, often at higher rate of return	
Supplement income with steady payments that are partially tax free	Charitable gift annuity	Enter a charitable gift annuity contract with us that pays you a set income annually	Current and future savings on income taxes and fixed payments for life for one or two individuals	
Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets you pass to children or grandchildren	Charitable lead trust	Create a charitable trust that pays a fixed or variable income to use for a specific term of years. Principal is retained for heirs	Reduces your taxable estate and your family keeps the property, often with reduced gift taxes	
<i>PRAISE TO THE LORD OUR GOD!</i>				

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

... *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.

... *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

**Please call Carol MacKenzie 382-8926, Karen Kline 382-7263,
Kay Bast 382-4808, or the church office 628-4083.**

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

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“Flashback” by Nevada Barr – The author has written ten previous Anna Pigeon mysteries, all set in national parks. This novel takes place on remote Garden Key in Dry Tortugas National Park, a grouping of tiny islands in a natural harbor seventy miles off Key West. This island paradise once served as a prison during the Civil War, and for the Lincoln assassination conspirators afterward. Anna Pigeon has taken a post here as a temporary supervisory ranger and has very little company. A mysterious boat explosion and discovery of body parts entwines her in a situation where crimes of yesterday and today close in on her. A tangled web that was woven before she arrived threatens her sanity and her life.



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Dear Church Family:

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls. For the past 2 years my doctors have been trying to find out what was going on with me.

In doing blood work for a shoulder replacement God stepped in and showed them what the problem was.

I feel so free now and am back to work in the library and church. I know there were all these prayers, but God wasn't ready to show us what to do.

Thank you Lord, and all my church family, Barbara Jackson

Mark your calendars for.....

**Friday, November 1 &
Saturday, November 2**

Wondering who you should call to make donations?

Plant & Garden Shoppe – Bob & Maria Spence – 382-0336

Hidden Treasures Shoppe – Helen Lefave – 628-1380

Kitchen Shoppe – Joan West – 382-1380

Craft Shoppe – Pat Blake – 628-6602

Book Sale – Andy Frederick – 381-0422

Christmas Shoppe – Grace Robitaille – 382-1489

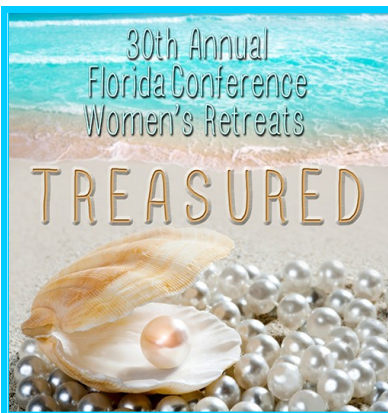
We are already working hard to surpass the success of 2012 so please come join us!

Remember the biggest way you can donate is to be a buyer at the bazaar!

EXTRA POTS?

The Plant and Garden Shoppe for the Holiday Bazaar is in need of pots. If you have extra pots sitting around that you don't need, we can use them! Also, if you have a plant you don't want any more, or one that needs a little TLC, call us – maybe we can rejuvenate it for the plant sale.

Call Bob Spence, 382-0336.



...For you are a holy people, who belong to the LORD your God. Of all the people on earth, the LORD your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure. Deuteronomy 7:6 (NLT)

Don't try to make yourselves beautiful on the outside, with stylish hair or by wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes. Instead, make yourselves beautiful on the inside, in your hearts, with the enduring quality of a gentle, peaceful spirit. This type of beauty is very precious in God's eyes. 1 Peter 3:3-4 (CEB)

January 31 – February 2, 2014

Keynote Speaker, Geraldine McClellan
Bible Leader, Denise Carpenter
Music Leader, Sue Sommer

February 14 – 16, 2014

Keynote Speaker, Carol Sue Hutchinson
Bible Leader, Sarah Baldrige
Music Leaders, The Clevelands

February 28 – March 2, 2014

Keynote Speaker, Debbie Nelson
Bible Leader, Bobbie Smith
Music Leader, Maureen Still

The 2014 Conference Women's Retreat information is above. We are trying to get a group together to attend the third weekend, February 28 through March 2. This is the weekend with Maureen Still which we anticipate will be full as soon as registration opens, probably some time in September. We can each register online with just a deposit, but we will need to be ready! Please talk to each other. Let me know if there is any more information you need or contact me so we can be ready to leap in there ready to get our room reservations in. Seriously, this is the weekend which was full with a waiting list 2 days after registration opened last year! Marilyn Watson

ARE YOU PREPARED?

The 2013 Hurricane season began on June 1st and runs to November 1st. The good news is that we are already 1/3 of the way through the season. The bad news is that there is still 2/3 of the way to go. Forecasters have predicted that the 2013 season will have an above average probability for major hurricanes to make landfall along the U.S. coastline and in the Caribbean with 18 named storms, 9 being hurricanes and 4 being major (Cat 3,4,5) hurricanes. We've already seen 4 named storms develop in the Atlantic.

Past hurricane seasons have taught us that the most important thing is to prepare BEFORE a storm hits. Take time to prepare **NOW!**

- Develop a personal/family emergency plan.
- Stock up on emergency supplies i.e. water (1 gal per person per day for 5 days), batteries, non- perishable, packaged, or canned food items.
- Make your home storm ready.
- Know your homes vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Determine the evacuation zone you live in and obtain the appropriate re-entry passes.
- Stay informed!

Have you signed up for **Code Red** alerts? Code Red is Emergency Management's Internet based, high speed telephone calling system. It's geared to provide emergency notifications and weather warning alerts. You can register your home, business and cell phone numbers to receive these notifications. To subscribe to this free of charge service go to the sheriff's office website at www.sheriffcitrus.org Click on the Code Red link and follow the instructions. The service uses toll free numbers so if you miss a Code Red call you can simply call back the toll free number and it will replay the last message sent. This website also has tons of information under "Emergency Management" including info about shelter locations, distribution centers, re-entry tags, plus what actions to take Before, During and After severe weather strikes.

**Living in Florida it pays to follow the Boy Scout motto--
"Be Prepared"!**

Summer can't be over!!!

Greetings dear FUMC family! It is hard to believe that summer is already over. It really seems to have flown by! We pray you had a great summer and that God gave you many chances to share with others the true hope we have in Jesus!

Zhenia's jaw transformation almost complete!

Many of you will remember the many updates we have written over the past year about a girl from our youth group named Zhenia. You will recall that she traveled to Moscow last year so that a specialist could look at her mouth/jaws and put in a jaw expander. Her bones in the lower jaw needed to be 'pulled' forward and expanded to allow more room for her teeth. She was having a very hard time eating and had major discomfort from the malformed jaw. This process for Zhenia took her to Moscow three times; once to be seen by the doctors, the second was to get the external expander inserted and the third trip to Moscow took place over the summer for the removal of the apparatus! We will have pictures next month as well as an update on her mom, Tanya, who is the lady who almost lost her arm working at the local meat packing plant.

Finding work in the village...

The village work has had it ups and downs, as you'll remember from the past updates we have written. Part of the problem in the village is unemployment. It's currently around 65%, which is VERY high to say the least! We as a team realized that in order to help some families, having the ability to work and having wages they could live on would be huge! Doug, our teammate, had heard about a fellowship in the city that makes cinderblocks. He went into town and worked out all the details to have our men from the village go into town and work for two weeks a month making blocks. These blocks are used for all kinds of construction projects...such as garages and houses. This is extremely hard work but we have two men that travel into the city and make blocks to sell. They are able to make between 350-400 blocks a day! Just a side note; most of the work is done by hand such as the mixing and pouring.



After their payroll is made, the remainder of the funds that are generated from the blocks are able to help support a rehabilitation center in the city that treats alcohol and drug addiction. The facility for making blocks is on a churches' property near the city. The guys also live at the church while in the city working. Since they are the 'folks in charge', there are Bible studies and discipleship opportunities that they avail themselves to every week they are working. We pray more men from the village will become interested and choose to work for their families (and the Lord!)



Growing in knowledge....

Three people came forward during our Easter celebration and said they wanted to make changes in how they were living their lives. Months later, one has remained and is making a real effort to hear and learn what the Bible teaches about living lives for Him. In the last month, others have returned after years of being away from the fellowship; we rejoice in their

return. The fellowship, as a whole, continues to 'dig' into the Word and is becoming bolder in sharing with their family members and friends. Remember these folks as they are met with great opposition and often are shunned by their families and friends. Pray they would stand firm in their beliefs and His promises.

Final words

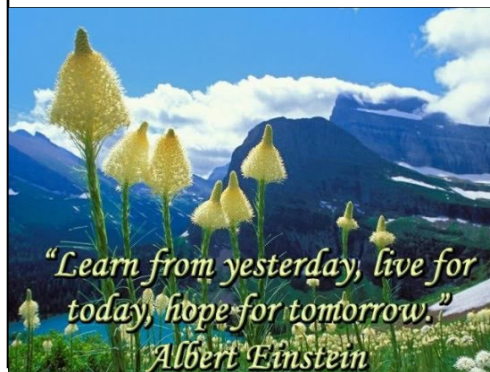
I know your lives are very busy with all that is pulling at you everyday. However, as the Lord reminds you, please continue to pray for the work we are partnered together in in the middle of Siberia. Lives are being changed and people are being set free with the truth of the gospel because of the sacrifices you make of your time and your finances. Thank you so much!

Blessings

Kevin and Laura Wooster

***Each time we pray for you,
we thank God, the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Col. 1:3



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