

**GENESIS NEWSLETTER**  
**HOMOSASSA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
8831 W. Bradshaw Street - Homosassa, FL 34448  
Phone: (352) 628-4083 Fax: (352) 628-9086  
Sunday services: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.  
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NIGHT SECURITY

Tiffany Howe/Justin Johnson

You know by the fact you are reading a newsletter again that summer is coming to an end, and fall is just around the corner. This means our church will be getting very busy soon, which is, of course, a good thing.

But busy doing what? Busy coming to church on Sunday mornings? Yes, but more than that. Bible studies and other small-group classes that stopped for the summer are starting again, plus many other activities.

Should we be busy doing only what we are used to doing, or should we be trying other areas of service as well? It's not good to be busy just for the sake of being busy. There needs to be a purpose or benefit for each of our activities.

The M.A.P. Team (Ministry Action Planning Team) met to review where we are in our planning at this point. This group has been meeting for some time now, and we have made some progress. We are attempting to use the Five Vital Signs of a Healthy Church, which we record each month and send to the district. They then send the information to the conference to help plan for our future. This planning has been a slow process.

Our M.A.P. team recently worked together in the area of Intentional Discipleship. Perhaps

this is best defined as a process of making disciples, or intentionally increasing the level of discipleship, with a specific purpose in mind. We laid out a general plan for offering new study groups on various topics with various facilitators.

The current *Experiencing God* class is a result of the M.A.P. Team planning. This class will run into November. During the busiest time of our year, from the end of November through December, there will not be any special class offerings. Sunday School classes and other regular classes will determine their own schedules for that time. According to the M.A.P. Team's planning, in January of next year there will be other classes offered to intentionally develop our level of discipleship.

You may ask; "Why the big deal about these intentional classes and all this discipleship stuff?" The answer is that it all connects with helping the church achieve the goal of being what the church is meant to be. The reason we have been working in the Book of Acts on Sunday mornings is to look at the foundational principles and events that formed the church. The reason we are using the Five Vital Signs of a Healthy Church is to help us keep focused on who and what we are called to be.

In the early part of August, I became curious about our attendance numbers. As I look at the congregations every Sunday

<p>during the three services, I am able to note people or families that are not in attendance. I try to make a mental note and check on them the following week. Often they are not there then either. On the other hand, some Sundays there are several new faces. So, I wanted to check the numbers.</p> <p>Here is what I found. I looked at the attendance for the first thirty-one weeks of this year. I compared these numbers with the first thirty-one weeks of 2013. Obviously there were weeks when one year was higher than the other. This pattern bounced back and forth through the weeks. The totals are interesting. The total number of persons in worship (all three services) for the first thirty-one weeks of 2013 was 14,801, or an average weekly attendance of 477. The total number of persons in worship for the first thirty-one weeks in 2014 has been 14,766, a drop of 35. The average attendance so far for 2014 has been 476.</p> <p>It is disappointing that there is a drop. Yet, it is good news that the drop is so low (35). It would not be too hard to think of thirty-five persons who no longer attend worship, creating the drop. It is good news that the percentage is only one percent lower. However, the reality is that a decrease of any amount is not the increase which we want to see happening.</p> <p>I think it is important to see that a decline in attendance can be a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>trend within our church which reflects the decline found in many other United Methodist churches. Now is the time to take a serious look at our situation while the decline is small.</p> <p>What do we do? First we are going to begin to track people's attendance. Why? Folks who attend are part of our larger, connected "family". When someone is out for a number of weeks, it is important as a "family" to simply check on them and make sure they are o.k. How can you help with this? You can help by simply signing in on Sunday mornings. Yes, you come every Sunday, and everyone knows who you are, and that you are part of a Sunday School class. However, it is very easy for people who come but don't sign in to fall through the cracks and get lost. People can be very hurt when they are out for a number of weeks and never hear from their church. Please continue to sign in for us.</p> <p>Next, we will continue to sharpen our focus on the visitors or guests that God brings each Sunday. The Faith Café' is another result of the M.A.P. Team's work. We will try to encourage people to meet there after the 8:00 and 9:30 services. Meeting people after the 11:00 service will have to be more intentionally accomplished in the narthex.</p> <p>How can you help here? You can help by continuing to be truly friendly and welcoming, by</p>
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<p>4 helping people feel their visit with us is important to all of us. You can help by serving as an usher or greeter, so people have a pleasant experience entering and exiting worship. Also, you can help by going by the Faith Café' to see if there is someone there whom you have never met and introducing yourself to them.</p> <p>The last mention of where you can help goes back to Intentional Discipleship. People who are growing in their relationship with God also grow closer to others. They learn and practice the reality of loving others as they realize how much they are loved by God. Just think of the story of the Good Samaritan who crossed the road to help a fallen Jew. This is what good discipleship looks like.</p> <p>I know that some folks do not like talking about numbers and what they reflect. Yet, when it comes to the church, numbers are important. The number of guests each week tells us if our outreach, marketing, or connectional cards are working. The number of returning</p>	<p>visitors is important. The number of people attending a small group study is important. Numbers reveal a level of life within the church. Low numbers may mean a low level of life, and high numbers may mean a higher level of life. Attendance numbers tell us how many folks thought coming to church was more important than a variety of other choices. Numbers tell us if we are doing things that attract and keep guests, regular attendees, and members.</p> <p>The most important reality concerning numbers in the church may be this: when it comes to attendance numbers, each number is a real person, with a real name, a real life history and story, who matters greatly to God— not as a number, but as someone created in His image who is of great sacred worth. This includes you, me, and anyone God sends our way. Treating all persons in a manner that honors God will impact our numbers as well.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">God Bless—Pastor Kip</p>
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### **Need to update your records?**

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

### **Weekly Email**

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

### **New Member Classes**

New member classes will be taught by Pastor Kip Younger, 3 times a year, for anyone who is considering becoming a member of First United Methodist Church or would like to learn more about our Methodist beliefs. The membership classes will be four, 1 hour sessions, on Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in room 306. We will receive our new members on the following Sunday. **The last opportunity to join the church in 2014 will be 9/3. Please call Theresa at 628-4083.**

### **Membership Transfers**

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

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

**WITHIN THE CHURCH**

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**WORSHIP**

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

**MEMBERSHIP CARE**

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

**MINISTRIES & WORK AREAS**

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

Online Picture Directory  
 Publicity  
 Salvation Army Bell Ringers  
 Welcoming Ministry  
 Wonderful Wednesday Dinners  
 Youth Ministry

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

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

**MISSIONS**

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

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

Brown Bible - Friday, 7 p.m.  
 Come See - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.  
 Guy Bible - Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
 Men's Serendipity - Tuesday, 3 p.m.  
 Saturday Sisters - Saturday, 8:30 a.m.  
 Siegel Bible - Wednesday, 10 a.m.  
 Wise Bible - Friday, 10:00 a.m.  
 Women's Bible - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
 WOW - 2nd Tuesday monthly, 6:30 p.m..

# Holiday Bazaar

October 31 ~ 9am - 3pm

November 1 ~ 9am - 2pm

Craft Shoppe  
Plant & Garden Centre  
Hidden Treasures Shop

Kitchen Items  
Bake Sale  
Christmas Wonderland,  
...and more

[www.lumc.org](http://www.lumc.org)

## LUNCH IN THE BISTRO

### FRIDAY

11:00 - 1:30

Hot Dog, Chips,  
Dessert, & Drink

\$3.00

NO Ticket Required

### \*SATURDAY

Chicken/Noodle Casserole  
Cranberry Molded Salad  
Croissant, Pumpkin Dessert  
and Drink - \$6.00

Seating Times:

11:30, 12:15, & 1:00

\*Reservation required

Call: 628-4083

*Bon appétit*

# HOLIDAY Bazaar

October 31 ~ 9am - 3pm  
November 1 ~ 9am - 2pm

This is an invitation to ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS inviting you to donate your favorite **crafts and/or home goods** to be sold at the church bazaar. All proceeds will go toward mission projects near and far and will certainly be appreciated by all. Please let Pat know if you will be donating items.

Due to limited space, **we cannot accept** furniture or any other large items. If in doubt, please call Pat at the # below (or leave a message).

We are also asking for anyone who can donate their time to assist with the bazaar during certain times to please contact Pat Blake at 628-6602. It takes a lot of work to make this a success and we hope this year will top them all! *Thank you!*

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR TRASH & TREASURE



The UMW is in need of donations of **good condition, gently used trash and treasure items** such as: glassware, dishes, pictures, knick-knacks, and accessory items. We will begin collecting items after August 14. Donations can be dropped off at the FUMCH Thrift Store on any Thursday, Friday, or Saturday between 9am and 12pm - marked FOR THE BAZAAR. Thank you, Joanne Kemp



## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS COUPLE?

If you ever been to any of the church sponsored lunches or dinners, you probably have. They are Jim and Joan Veronesi and they are in charge of the church kitchen, which takes a tremendous amount of time. They first have to figure how much food to buy & get it.

The day before an event they can be seen “deep” cleaning the kitchen, and sometimes pre-cooking items for the next day, along with setting up the dining room with their helpers. After an event they and their helpers can be seen cleaning up. They do a wonderful job.

So the next time you see them, don't forget to say “thank you”!



## **TOOLS and MORE at the Man Cave!**

Yes, the Serendipity Men's Bible Study is again sponsoring the "*Man Cave*". This is a sale of donated items, with proceeds going to support the hungry and homeless in Citrus County through *Grace House* and *The Sanctuary*. Below are a few guidelines to help you decide if **your** donation will help support this great event!

The date for the *Man Cave* will be **October 31 and November 1<sup>st</sup>**, here at our church. Come and look for many household items — to contribute to the *Cave* start saving your items, **now!** We do not have any church storage space, at present — so please hold your items until later. We'll be picking them up in late September and early October.

The first of September, please contact one of the following men:  
Dean Moore – (352) 601-1959;  
Bob Powell – (352) 503-3977; or  
Jim Potts – (352) 382-1842

### Guidelines for donations:

All items must be in usable condition. All motor operated items, power tools, etc., **MUST** be in working condition (we **can't** do repairs). We will accept garden tools and shop tools. Most sports equipment, i.e.: fishing, biking, hunting, boating, tennis, etc. Also printers, but no other electronics— **No TV's** except flat screen.

Unacceptable items: No golf clubs older than 5 years. Items to be picked up must be known and deemed acceptable – appointments need to be made. (Information on contact numbers **are listed above**, call for appointment times available.) Remember start saving **now** and selecting those items you wish to donate to the "*Man Cave*". We **appreciate your support** for this community effort.



**GENESIS ARTICLES  
DUE EVERY MONTH BY:**

**1ST FRIDAY**

**2014 UMC FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENT****June 11 to 14, 2014 - Lakeland, Florida****LAY DELEGATE REPORT****Attendees: Rev. Kip Younger & Bernhard E. Diedrich, Lay Delegate for the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, Florida, Gulf Central District****The Theme: "The Mission of God"**

**Florida Conference Leader Bishop Kenneth Carter stated that our new theme will focus on "The Mission of God" and we will celebrate the ministry of Jesus Christ through the gifts of our people. The Bishop has three compelling causes: scholarships for students in the Institute of Peace, Leadership & Governance and the school of theology at Africa University, along with the on going "Stop Hunger Now".**

**Rev. Pam Carter (Bishops wife) has been involved in a year long mission of "Stop Hunger Now" and she thanked the FL Conference for packing 1,685,801 meals...exceeding the goal by nearly 70 percent.**

**This 172nd. UMC Conference was attended by approximately 2000 clergy, laity, guests & youth all enthusiastic about participating in the Lords work and enjoying the camaraderie & inspiring music.**

**June 11th (am): Dealt with Registration, Workshops & the Expo.**

**At 1:30 pm we had two sessions, one for clergy & the one I attended for Laity conducted by our extraordinary Conference Lay Leader Russ Graves...this prepares the Lay Delegates for this Conference.**

**3:30 pm: Opening Worship, Strategic Leadership Team & Organizing.**

**At 7:30 pm Holy Communion was conducted by Bishop Carter (preacher/celebrant) and followed by an offering of \$73,000.00 from attendees for Conference Ministry.**

**June 12th (8:00 am): Ministry Expo & Jewelry Resale for Missions.**

**8:30 am we had an incredible Bible Study/Sermon by Dr. Robert G. Tuttle...followed by words from the FL United Methodist Foundation & the Financial Services/Pensions & Health/Ministry Protection board of Ordained Ministry/Historical Questions of new ordinands.**

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**June 12 (1:30 pm): Plenary Session - Dr. Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC spoke, Commissioning of new deaconess & missional interns & the Committee on Resolutions and Stop Hunger Report. At 3:30 pm Enrichment Session 1. At 7:30 pm Missions Emphasis, Africa University Choir performed & Dr. James Salley, who serves as chief advancement officer & fundraiser for Africa University gave a powerful testimony.**

**June 13th (8:30 am): A variety of speakers: Dean of the Cabinet, Dr. Jackson of BCU, Dr. Kerr of FSU, Anniversary Celebrations and Nominations & Service of Remembrance for Pastors & Wives who passed and preaching by Rev. Pamela Cahoon. At 1:30 pm: Retirement Celebration, Speaker Becky Dotson, FL UM Children's Home and the Resolutions/Equitable Compensation/Trustees.**

**3:30 pm Enrichment Session 2.**

**7:30 pm Ordination Service: Ordination, Licensing and Commissioning of 55 individuals (11/Elders & 1/Deacon ordained, 18/Provisional Elders & 2/Provisional Deacons Commissioned and 23/Local Pastors Licensed), with Bishop Cynthia F. Harvey of the Louisiana Conference preaching.**

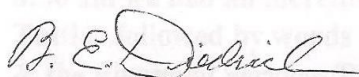
**Conference Treasurer Mickey Wilson gave his last Report (as he's retiring) stating that our Conference is in very good financial shape.**

**June 14 (8:30 am): Plenary Session-We completed this Conference with Election Rules, Standing Rules & Appointments. Bishop Carter closed the 2014 Annual Conference with encouraging and prayerful words.**

**We currently have 664 active churches in our Florida Conference and FUMC of Homosassa as usual met it's 100% Apportionments.**

**This is my seventh and last year as Delegate to Annual Conference. Personally, this has been a very rewarding and worthwhile experience.**

**Respectfully submitted in His Name,**



**Bernhard E. Diedrich, FUMC Lay Delegate to FL Annual Conference.**

**12 OUR ACADEMIC  
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS  
STAY BUSY**



Twelve newly-graduated Citrus County seniors are now on their way to college (Stetson, Miami U, FSU, FL Gulf Coast, and others), thanks in part to \$1,000 scholarship grants to each from our Gladys and Samuel Huey Honorary Scholarship Fund.

We had a banner year for scholarship applications at 22, which is the most we have ever seen (we did more promotional work this year), and they were all 100% excellent...many with college-level academics already credited. The Scholarship Awards Committee selection work was a tall order, but

with no complaining, as these young people are obviously poised for significant accomplishments (take heart those who are concerned for the future).

We always welcome and appreciate your support of our scholarship funding as administered by our church's Permanent Endowment Fund Committee, which works extensively with the Florida United Methodist Foundation to properly cultivate these assets. For more information about leaving a legacy that will work to continuously provide for our church's future needs, including academic scholarships for deserving students, please contact the church office or see any member of the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee (Chairman-Richard Stanard, Controller-Dayna Middlebrooks, Dave Marquis, and Pastor Kip, along with several others).



We want to thank all the UMC members who have been thinking and praying for us since our daughter Janice's death, but we know she is in a better place with the Lord. A funeral service took place in a nice park in Pasco County on June 11, and the service was well attended despite threatening rain and warm weather. Our son Joe gave a spiritual message in her memory.

We also want to thank all for the cards and personal sympathies for Janice's family, and also for Dolores and myself. Our thought that this happening was not meant to be continues to be of concern to her Mother and I, but we are very thankful that she didn't linger for months or more in a negative state.

Dolores and Joe Henry



Our Food Pantry “**Bread of Life**” needs **13** your support. Grocery items and monetary donations on the third Sundays are greatly appreciated.

We distribute over 100 bags of groceries each month. Along with produce - meat, and non-food items are also available. Food costs are increasing and expenditures are exceeding contributions. We definitely need your support to continue this ministry of outreach for those in need in our community.

Grocery bags and envelopes are located in the narthex for your donation convenience. **NEW HOURS - THURSDAY 9am to 1pm.**

Sincerely, Bob Powell

*“Share with God’s people who need help.” Romans 12:13*



That is what you will say when you open the door to our Education Wing. The hallway now says “come on in - children are welcomed here”. We are nearing completion of Phase I of our mural painting project with many, many thanks going to our wonderful artist - Rosalie Haynes. We are so appreciative of her talents and willingness to help with this much needed project. Rosalie has shown us that we can serve our Lord in many different capacities; and if you would like to be a part of this mission, please see me in the children’s ministry, or call the church.

Thank you, Laurie Painter



**THEY  
MOVED**

**WE’LL MISS THEM**

*Grete & Dan Nygaard to Kaukauna, WI  
Mary Lou & Lou Wade back to Ft. Wayne, IN  
Althea & Art Stuckey to Gainesville, FL*

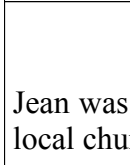
**LOCAL MOVE**

*Betty Downey moved to Sunflower Springs #304*

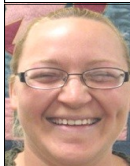
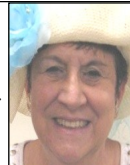
*Welcome*  
TO  
OUR CHURCH  
*New Members - May 2014*



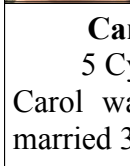
**Donna Black** (352)-794-3357  
910 N. Crystal River Terrace, Crystal River, FL 34429  
Donna was born 5/20 and moved from Painted Post, NY. Her sister is Beverly Campbell-Pullen, a FUMCH member.



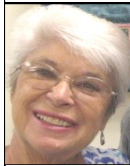
**Jean Fox** (352)-628-3421  
6194 N Finken Court, Homosassa, FL 34446  
Jean was born 9/8 and is a widow. She transferred from another local church.



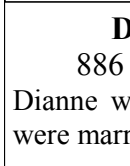
**Leigha Laubach** 334-415-0509  
10200 W Fishbowl Drive, Homosassa, FL 34448  
Leigha was born 9/24 and is single. She moved here from Hughesville, PA.



**Carol & Don MacDonald** (352)-277-6510  
5 Cypress Run #52B, Homosassa, FL 34446  
Carol was born 2/22 and Don 11/15. They were married 3/17/62 and moved from New York.



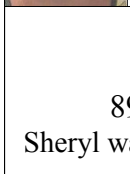
**Betty & John Nash** (352)-503-7678  
5211 S Mystic Point, Homosassa, FL 34448  
Betty was born 3/5, and John was born 7/15. They were married 9/2/60 and moved from New Jersey.



**Dianne & Dave Plant** (352)-726-4758  
886 N. Lafayette Way, Inverness, FL 34453  
Dianne was born 10/28 and Dave was born 10/8. They were married 7/1/61 and moved here from Penfield, NY.



**Cindy & Chuck Rose** (352)-212-0241  
7060 W Sedalia Court, Homosassa, FL 34446  
Cindy was born 7/30, and Chuck was born 1/21. They were married 6/11/05 and moved here from Lake Worth, FL.



**Sheryl M. Williams**  
(352)-794-3167  
8905 W Sugar Bush Path, Homosassa, FL 34448  
Sheryl was born 5/29, is single, and moved here from Hernando, FL.



Have you ever said to the Lord, “Just show me the way to go and I’ll go”?

Isaiah told the Israelite people that one day the Lord would hear their cries for help and answer them. Isaiah said, “Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with you own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’” (Isaiah 30:20-21)

It’s easier to have the Lord show us the way to go than to follow it. Recently, in our travels through Georgia, we used an atlas, a Google map and directions from a Smart phone. Our route was clearly mapped out.

The problem didn’t concern the route, the name of the towns or the required turns. Questions arose as we traveled the rural roads between marked destinations. We asked, “Are we on the right road? We haven’t seen a route sign in a long time—could we have made a wrong turn?” How relieved we were to discover a route number or a sign announcing the next village. Our doubts occurred *between* the clearly marked towns because there were no signs assuring us we were still on the right way.

Often in my Christian walk, I have known the starting point for what God wanted me to do, and I’ve known how it was to be completed. But between the beginning and the end, came questions: “I wonder if it was really the Lord wanting me to do this” or “Have I missed the direction I should be going.” The longer the time between, “This is the way to go,” and reaching the goal, the more I questioned. Many times, I have begged, “Lord, show me a sign that I’m on the path where you want me to be.” Sometimes, in his mercy, he sends a confirmation. But the more I have grown in faith, the longer I am expected to travel God’s route just believing I am walking in his will.

As it is for us in our spiritual walk, so it is for Israel today. God’s promise still holds for them in the midst of adversity and affliction. Their danger is the same as ours—doubting that God has a way planned for them. This results in efforts to work things out man’s way.

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) The starting point for anyone’s spiritual journey, Israelite or Gentile, is the way opened for us through Jesus. As we pray for one another in our spiritual travels, let’s also remember our Jewish friends. We can pray for them to discover God’s way of faith that begins with a relationship to Jesus Christ.



## **Stephen Ministers: *The After People***

Frequently friends will ask, “I know you’re involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?” Stephen Ministers are the “*After People*.”

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after you’ve washed and returned all the last casserole dish.
- ... after you arrive home following the funeral and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still painful.
- ... after the doctors have said, “there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ... after the phone call you’d always hoped you’d never get.
- ... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... after you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final pay check.
- ... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “*After People*”. We are ready to come walk along side you—or your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support and confidentiality for as long ‘after’ as we are needed.

For more information, contact Karen Kline or Carol MacKenzie or call church office.

Adapted from a presentation made during a worship service by Enie Bourland, a lay Stephen Leader at Houston’s First Baptist Church in Houston, TX.

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*At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.*

*Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter? ' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'*





*Karen Kline*

RN BSN FCN  
FUMC Faith  
Community Nurse



### Humor, Laughter, and Medicine

There are a number of medical studies that give evidence to the positive effects of laughter. Overall, laughter, or even a smile simply makes you feel good.

The Mayo Clinic in an article about Stress Management lists the benefits of laughter in short-term and long-term effects. On the short-term lists is the fact that laughter stimulates a number of organs. It can increase your oxygen intake, stimulate your heart, lungs and muscles, and increase the amount of endorphins (the body's feel good chemical) released by the brain. It activates and relieves your response to stress by giving you a good overall relaxed feeling.

On the list of long-term effects, laughter can improve your immune system, assist your body by producing its own natural pain relievers, reduce blood sugar levels, improve mood, increase relaxation and sleep and the ability to "recharge".

How can you bring more humor and laughter into your life? Start with a smile; even if you have to practice in front of the mirror! I once had a nursing instructor who challenged her students to go directly to the mirror when they first

woke up; usually about 5:30 AM to be on the hospital floors by 6:30 AM. You were to look in the mirror, complete with hair rollers and runny mascara, and then proclaim to the world that you were beautiful. Ha, I challenge you to try it! Join a group already laughing and get drawn in. Spend more time with people who make you laugh. Try asking people what was the funniest thing that happened to them that day, week or year.

The results might make you laugh.... and healthier.



#### Parish Nurse Happenings:

Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Flu Clinic by Walgreens at the Pancake Breakfast.

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: Free hearing tests by an audiologist from Audibel. Call 628-4083 to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: Dementia Conference 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Various speakers talking about the roll of caregivers and dementia. Call 563-0235 to register. Call 628-4083 if you need respite care for someone so you can attend the conference.

Memory Lane Respite: Mondays from 1-3 P.M. Free respite care for those with memory or dementia issues.

Exercise classes with the YMCA: Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Stop in and check out the classes.

18 **VISITATION CARE**  
**GROUP** 

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

Those of us in the Visitation Group may enjoy some of these activities occasionally, but summer does not lessen our visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and the Homebound. Nursing home residents and the homebound depend on our frequent contact to update them on church members and activities even when they are unable to participate. We all need to feel connected. We also

send cards to members and friends who are hospitalized or those at home. Our goal is to let people know they matter to others, and that they are an important part of the body of Christ.

We are always looking for new people (including men) to join us in this very rewarding and heartwarming ministry. Please attend one of our meetings (Mondays at 9:30 a.m.) to see what we do. You can also contact our Parish Visitor-Dolores Moore via email: [dmoore nurse@gmail.com](mailto:dmoore nurse@gmail.com) or leave her a message in her mailbox at the office. We look forward to seeing you!



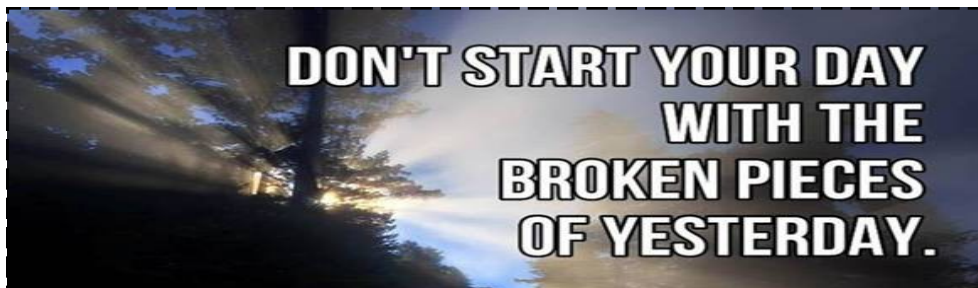
**I THINK THEY HELPED SAVE MY LIFE**

“Dear Pastor & Congregation: I hope you can read this, I am very low with my sight so I’m writing from memory. I want to thank you and your great crowd that you preach to all the time.

Also, a BIG thank you to the ladies who bring the flowers to me often. They are just life saving! I love them and I take care of them like a baby. I can see them good and some of them last for 2 weeks. I pull out the dead ones, and the very last ones seem to last and I love them like I love the Lord. I’m sure they have helped save my life. Thanks again, Dorothy Atwell”



**PS: Dorothy resides in Sugarmill Manor; please visit her when you can. ML**





as of 8/4/14



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(as of 8/18/14)

**BRENTWOOD**

Gene Harry  
Joyce Minnicks

**CR HEALTH/REHAB**

Nancy Pearo

**LIFE CARE**

Conrad Keniston

**SUGARMILL MANOR**

Dorothy Atwell  
Zip Bender  
Grace Payne

**SUNFLOWER SPRINGS**

Betty Downey  
Barbara Kuhl  
Joan Ness  
Helen Vaught  
Catherine Wisheart

**SUPERIOR RESIDENCE**

John Guthrie  
Hazel Keniston  
Hank Pouderoyn-HPH.



- 1 **Wanda & Russell Chapman ~ 68 years**  
Bev & Scott Graham ~ 19 years  
**Judy & Lyle Lee ~ 58 years**  
Wendy & Ernest Miles ~ 25 years
  - 3 **Willy & Hendrik Pouderoyn ~ 61 years**
  - 4 **Arlene & Donald Stohrer ~ 66 years**
  - 7 **Joan & L.M. Downs ~ 50 years**
  - 8 **Linda & Ray Ritter ~ 52 years**
  - 10 **Sharon & Bob Berch ~ 54 years**
  - 11 Diane & Bill Bayrd ~ 38 years
  - 12 Larry & Sandi Fletcher-Boor ~ 16 years  
**Shirley & Len Cromer ~ 62 years**
  - 14 **Ann & Bill Morrison ~ 51 years**
  - 15 **Lois & Bernhard Diedrich ~ 58 years**  
Joan & Jim Lange ~ 1 year  
**Molly & Charles McCreery ~ 63 years**  
Carolyn & Bruce Stull ~ 24 years
  - 17 Barbara & Bill Gilbert ~ 49 years  
**Bess & Don Hoes ~ 59 years**
  - 18 **Dolores & Joe Henry ~ 66 years**
  - 24 Deb & Wayne Metcalfe ~ 10 years
  - 25 Joyce & Jim Wicker ~ 9 years
  - 27 Rebekah & Stephen Csont ~ 10 years.
- Bold = 50+ years**

"My prescription glasses were found and turned into the office but somehow disappeared. Did anyone by chance pick up these glasses by mistake? If so, either turn them back in to the office or call me.

Thanks. Donna Bell 503-7601"



<p><b><u>Monday 1</u></b>  <b><u>LABOR DAY</u></b>  <b><u>OFFICE CLOSED</u></b>  8:00 Work Crew  8:30 SHINE  8:30 Tracking Committee  9:30 Visitation Committee  10:00 Sacred Hour  1:00 ML Respite</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 2</u></b>  9:30 Staff Meeting  10:00 UMW Leadership  1:30 Stephen Ministers  3:00 Serendipity Bible  3:00 Stephen Ministers  5:30 Weight Watchers  7:00 Guy Bible Study</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 3</u></b>  7:00 Men's Prayer Group  9:30 Weight Watchers  10:00 Siegel Bible  5:15 Music  6:00 Bells  6:30 Youth Group  7:00 Choir  7:00 Women's Bible</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 4</u></b>  9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  10 - 1 FOOD PANTRY  <b>10:30 Experience</b>  2:00 Green Team  <b>6:30 Experience</b>  <b>6:30 Sugarmill Chorale</b></p> <p><b><u>Friday 5</u></b>  <b><u>GENESIS DEADLINE</u></b>  9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  10:00 Wise Bible  <b>3:00 Rotary set-up (FH)</b>  7:00 Brown Bible</p> <p><b><u>Saturday 6</u></b>  <b>8:00 Rotary (FH)</b>  8:30 Saturday Sisters Bible  9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  <b>9:30 ZUMBA</b>  10:30 God's Clods  3:00 A/Video Rehearsal</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday 7</u></b>  <b><u>BLOOD DRIVE</u></b>  <b><u>COMMUNION SUNDAY</u></b>  <b>8:00 Traditional Worship</b>  <b>9-9:30 Faith Café open</b>  <b>9:20 Discovery Class</b>  <b>9:30 Sunday School (all)</b>  <b>9:30 Traditional Worship</b>  <b>10:30-11 Faith Café open</b>  <b>10:45 New Beginnings</b>  <b>11:00 Traditional Worship</b></p> <p><b><u>Monday 8</u></b>  8:00 Work Crew  8:30 SHINE  8:30 Tracking Committee  9:30 Visitation Committee  10:00 Sacred Hour  10:30 Fight Team  <b>1:00 Care Support</b>  1:00 ML Respite  <b>3:00 WORSHIP</b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 9</u></b>  9:30 Helping Hands Circle  9:30 Staff Meeting  1:00 Dorcas Circle  3:00 Serendipity Bible  5:30 Weight Watchers  6:30 WOW  7:00 Guy Bible Study</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 10</u></b>  7:00 Men's Prayer Group  9:30 Weight Watchers  10:00 Siegel Bible  1:00 Shawl Ministry  3:00 Staff/Parish Relations  5:15 Music  6:00 Bells  6:30 Youth Group  7:00 Choir  7:00 Women's Bible</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 11</u></b>  9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  9:15 Ruth Circle  10 - 1 FOOD PANTRY  <b>10:30 Experience</b>  6:00 C.E.R.T.  <b>6:30 Experience</b>  6:30 Sugarmill Chorale</p> <p><b><u>Friday 12</u></b>  9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  10:00 Wise Bible  <b>10:00 CC Watercolor</b>  7:00 Brown Bible</p> <p><b><u>Saturday 13</u></b>  <b>8:00 FLU CLINIC</b>  <b>8:00 Serendipity Pancakes</b>  8:30 Saturday Sisters Bible  9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  <b>9:30 ZUMBA</b>  3:00 A/Video Rehearsal</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 14</u></b>  <b><u>Discretionary Sunday</u></b>  <b>8:00 Traditional Worship</b>  <b>9-9:30 Faith Café open</b>  <b>9:20 Discovery Class</b>  <b>9:30 Sunday School (all)</b>  <b>9:30 Traditional Worship</b>  <b>10:30-11 Faith Café open</b>  <b>10:45 New Beginnings</b>  <b>11:00 Traditional Worship</b></p> <p><b><u>Monday 15</u></b>  8:00 Work Crew  8:30 SHINE  8:30 Tracking Committee  <b>9:00 AUDIBEL</b>  9:30 Visitation Committee  10:00 Sacred Hour  1:00 ML Respite  <b>6:30 Girl Scout Leaders</b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 16</u></b>  9:30 Staff Meeting  <b>9:30 UMW Unit Meeting</b>  10:00 Dementia Conference  1:00 Stephen Ministers  2:00 Diabetes Support  2:00 Finance Committee</p>
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3:00 Serendipity Bible  
3:00 Stephen Ministers  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
6:00 Girl Scouts  
7:00 Guy Bible Study

**Wednesday 17**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
**9:00 Safe Driver Course**  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 Meadowcrest Bible  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
**1:30 Transfer Orientation**  
5:15 Music  
6:00 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir

7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

**Thursday 18**

**9:00 Safe Driver Course**  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
10 - 1 FOOD PANTRY  
**10:30 Experience**  
3:00 Missions Committee  
3:30 Trustees  
**6:30 Experience**  
**6:30 Sugarmill Chorale**

**Friday 19**

**COUNCIL REPORT DUE**

9:00 Thrift Store  
10:00 Wise Bible  
7:00 Brown Bible

**Saturday 20**

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

**Sunday 21**

**PANTRY SUNDAY**

**7:30 Breakfast**  
**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9-9:30 Faith Café open**  
**9:20 Discovery Class**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:30-11 Faith Café open**  
**10:45 New Beginnings**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**

**Monday 22**

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

**Tuesday 23**

9:30 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
**6:00 Girl Scouts**  
7:00 Guy Bible Study

**Wednesday 24**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 Meadowcrest 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 25**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
9:00 Label Mail  
10 - 1 FOOD PANTRY  
**10:30 Experience**  
**6:30 Experience**  
**6:30 Sugarmill Chorale**  
7:00 Council

**Friday 26**

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

**Saturday 27**

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

**Sunday 28**

**TRANSFER SUNDAY**

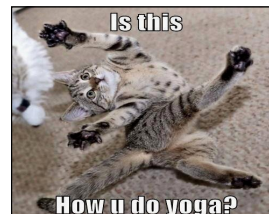
**7:30 Breakfast**  
**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9-9:30 Faith Café open**  
**9:20 Discovery Class**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:30-11 Faith Café open**  
**10:45 New Beginnings**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**

**Monday 29**

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

**Tuesday 30**

9:30 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
**6:00 Girl Scouts**  
7:00 Guy Bible Study..



**WEEKLY YMCA CLASSES**  
**(352) 637-0132**

**Mondays**

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

**Wednesdays**

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

**Fridays**

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

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 Jess Mackey  
 Lois Mackey  
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 Raymond Clemans  
 Patti Griffith  
 Betty Nash  
 Nancy Roberts  
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 Edward Calkins  
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 Gene Lantz  
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 Arlene Froelich  
 Barbara Hammond  
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 Barbara Jackson  
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 Melinda Bassler  
 Jo Ann Procius  
 Cheryl Smith  
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 Jean P. Fox  
 Carroll Lunceford  
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 Barbara Birkholz  
 Ruth Oblinger  
 Harry Preston  
 James Staurt  
 Karen Stone  
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 Rylie Csont  
 Robert Stone  
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 Sarah Hodges  
 Alma Kadel  
 Jean Nelson  
 Dustin Will



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 Sandra Garner  
 Wayne Haynes  
 Ed Loper  
 Molly McCreery  
 Gary Noffsinger  
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 Kim Bennett  
 Ruth Healy  
 Barry Lasky  
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 Joan Veronesi  
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 Carol MacKenzie  
 Janet Pehmoeller  
 Donald Stohrer  
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 Helen Schwebes  
 Susan Speir  
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 Harold Layman  
 Joyce Smith  
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 Ralph Pohlman  
 Walter Rudolph  
 Carrie Staton  
 Virginia Tompkins  
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 Marie Archambault  
 L. M. Downs  
 Mark Whittaker

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 Leigha Laubach  
 Lorraine Tollefson  
 Kathy Yuhasz  
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 Christine Akkasian  
 Pat Hoar  
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 Teresa Scheall  
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 Sharon Deutsch.



as of 8/4/14

**Are You Prepared?**



We're half way through the 2014 Hurricane **23** Season which is expected to feature below average activity according to recently updated outlooks by Colorado University and The Weather Channel.

That's the good news; however - there is no strong correlation between the number of storms or hurricanes and U.S. landfalls in any given season. It only takes one landfall to inflict tremendous and costly damage and destruction.

The key is preparation. It's important to be prepared for hurricanes and tropical storms every year, regardless of seasonal forecasts.

Have an emergency plan and insure that all family members know your plan. Have an out of area contact and keep them apprised of your whereabouts during an emergency. Have at least 72 hours supply of water and non perishable food. Comply with any emergency evacuation orders and be sure to have a re-entry pass for your area.

The sheriff's office website is an excellent source of information. Go to [www.sheriffcitrus.org](http://www.sheriffcitrus.org) and click on "emergency management" at the top of the screen for weather advisories and things that you can do before, during, and after an emergency as well as community information and evacuation zones. **Be Prepared in order to Stay Safe.**

Bob MacKenzie, Chairman/Disaster Response Committee

## *PRAYER REQUESTS*

Please pray for:

- those whom our Lord would have sign up and attend upcoming retreats.
- each of us to be aware of whom the Lord would have us invite to worship and the willingness to extend the invitation.
- all those who will be traveling.
- members of Church Council and all committees as they get back into full swing.
- each of us to continue to focus on Christ.
- our pastor, church staff, and their families.

by Deb Dioguardi

*“We are a doing people. We always want to be doing something. Every now and then someone will exclaim, “Don’t just stand there; do something!”*

*“In contrast, I think God is crying out to us, ‘Don’t just do something. Stand there! Enter a love relationship with Me. Get to know Me. Adjust your life to Me. Let Me love you and reveal Myself through you to a watching world.’ A time will come when doing will be called for, but we cannot skip the relationship. The relationship with God must come first.” -Henry & Richard Blackaby, **Experiencing God***

I am excited to be writing this to you on my first day as your Director of Christian Education. I know that Kay left big shoes to fill, but with your patience, encouragement, and by the grace of God I will work to fill them. In Kay’s last Genesis article, she challenged you to *“use the summer season to reflect on what you have learned and are able to share and find ways to increase your knowledge of scripture through personal study, a group study, online study or just conversation*

*with other believers. Go for it!!”*

So here’s my question...how did you meet Kay’s challenge? How has your relationship with God grown as a result? I’d love to hear from you about that. As I’ve grown in my faith, I’ve learned that the time I spend in study and reflection always seems to come back to me in blessing. Especially when it comes to serving: no matter where or how I’m serving, a lot or a little, my service is more joyful if I’m also spending time in scripture and prayer. When I try to serve, and I’m not “plugged in” I tend to make a mess of it.

The bottom line is God knows what He’s got planned for us. Our job is to learn to recognize His voice and listen for His instructions. That reflection and study time is how we figure that all out. If you’ve grown weary in your service, ask yourself if you’re taking the time each day to reconnect with the God who loves you.

So, here’s this month’s assignment: stay connected in scripture and prayer...even if it is only 10 minutes a day. We have a great opportunity beginning August 21<sup>st</sup> to study **Experiencing God** together. This is a powerful study, under Pastor Kip’s leadership I am certain we will learn to deepen our relationship with God.

**“Influence” is something you think you have - until you try to use it.**



**FUMCH**  
**COLUMBARIUM**

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The Church Columbarium is provided for Congregation Members and Attendees, and their families. The Columbarium brings into our time the age-old tradition of the parish church grounds cemetery.



The Columbarium's niches are purchased pre-need or at-need. Pre-need purchase, for choice of niche location, has been the high preference of the congregation.

Upkeep and maintenance of the Columbarium and Memory Garden is now the purview of the Board of Trustees and the Monday Work Team.

For Columbarium information, please contact Theresa in the Church Office; or John Gibbs at 628-0688, who will, if you wish, be pleased to meet with you at the Church.



**Choir**  
**Rehearsal**

**COME JOIN US**

**Wednesdays 7:00 P.M.**

**"NO AUDITION"**

**628-4083 to leave a message for Dixie!**

## WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY



**Lois Carolyn Huggins**, 83, went with our Lord 5/23/14. A memorial service was held Tuesday, 6/3/14, at Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto. The family received friends from 10 a.m. until the service time.

**Jimmi Reichard**, 81, went with our Lord 5/29/14. She leaves her husband Barry, son John, and 2 brothers. A memorial service was held 6/13/14 in Panama City Beach. Other services will be held: in PA this summer, and Homosassa this December.



**Cecelia Bledsoe**, 75, went with our Lord 6/1/14. She leaves her 3 sons, 1 daughter, her mother, and 2 sisters. Her father passed in 1980. Her service was held 6/7/14, at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services in Ocala with Interment in Highland Memorial Park.

**Donald Tam**, 80, went with our Lord 6/4/14. He leaves his wife Sandra. A memorial service was held Saturday, 6/7/14, at First United Methodist Church.



**Helen LaBeau**, 91, went with our Lord 6/6/14. She leaves her niece and family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick LaBeau. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Hodges Funeral Home in Dade City.



**Alexander J. Stevens**, 88, went with our Lord 6/15/14, while visiting in PA. He leaves his wife, Olive, of 63 years, 4 daughters, and 2 sons. His memorial service was held Saturday, 7/26/14. He was a recipient of an honor flight to DC.



**Virginia Pazian**, 86, went with our Lord 6/19/14. Survivors include 4 sons, and 3 daughters. Services were held Tuesday, 6/24/14, at the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes with Pastor Tom Howell officiating.



**Ted Archambault**, 95, went with our Lord 6/21/14. He leaves his wife, Marie, of 64 years. He was preceded in death by his nine siblings. A military and FUMCH combined memorial service, and reception was held 7/17/14.

**Semper Fi**



## WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

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**Lois Schoch**, 87, went with our Lord 7/4/14. She leaves 2 sons, John A. Schoch Jr. and James C. Schoch, and families to cherish her memory. A private memorial service was held at the FUMCH columbarium. Her husband Jack passed away 1/4/13.



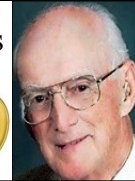
**Merl Hoar**, 79, went with our Lord 7/5/14. He leaves Patricia, his wife of 58 years, daughter Glenna, and sons Thomas, and J. Douglas. A FUMCH memorial service was held 7/15/14. Make donations to FUMCH Food Pantry or HPH Hospice.



**Sharon Palmer**, 62, went with our Lord 7/5/14. Arrangements were under the direction of the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home & Crematory. God Bless her - she provided us with many good meals for Wonderful Wednesdays.



**Jack Ness**, 91, went with our Lord 7/11/14. He leaves Joan, his wife of 62 years, son Larry, and daughter Karin. A memorial service was held 7/30/14, at FUMCH with Pastor Kip officiating.



**Abbye Jean Richner**, 86, went with our Lord 7/30/14. A memorial service was held in the FUMC Chapel on Saturday, 8/2/14. She leaves 2 sons, Carl of Gainesville, & Curtis of Brooksville. Interment followed in Chiefland Cemetery, FL.



**Henry Heesemann** went with our Lord 8/4/14. He leaves 2 daughters-Susan & Karen, 3 sons-Gary, John, & Frederick, and companion Judith Teuscher. Visitation was held 8/8/14, with interment 8/9/14 in Farmingdale, NY. Donations may be made to Shriner's Hospital or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



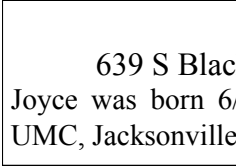
Somewhere a journey begins at the end of the worldly existence we know, Somewhere a path stretches over the stars, and rivers of memories flow... Somewhere a silence is heard far

away and the brightness of day fills the night, Where the trials of life are resolved into peace when a soul finds its way to the light. It is comforting to know that those listed above are now at peace.

**Please  
Welcome  
Our Newest  
Members!**



**Charles & Barbara MacNeill** (352) 795-4372  
6142 W Edgemoor Court, Crystal River, FL 34429  
Charles was born 4/30 and Barbara was born 2/21. They were married 11/03/01, and they transferred from CR UMC.



**Joyce Russell** (904) 631-6884  
639 S Black Walnut Terrace, Homosassa, FL 34448  
Joyce was born 6/25 and is a widow. She transferred from Beach UMC, Jacksonville Beach, FL.



**Darlene Van Akker** (352) 382-3501  
29 Morning Glory Court, Homosassa, FL 34446  
Darlene was born 5/13, and she married Roger Van Akker on 2/26/71. She previously attended Assembly of God in Seattle, WA.

## UMW News for the Fall



Here it is September already and we are busy looking ahead to the fall activities. The circles will be meeting at their regular times, as will the leadership meetings. The nominating committee is very slim and are in need of members to be able to nominate officers for the coming year. Call Claudette Kirby if you are interested in serving on this committee for the balance of the year. Also, we are looking for someone to replace Helen Lefave as treasurer, as she has held this position for several years. She is willing to stay on as secretary.

We have several good programs planned for the rest of the year. Watch the weekly bulletin for updates on UMW activities. The ditty bags are finished and delivered - thanks to Joanne Kemp. We will be planning for the bazaar now thru the middle of October. I will be sending mail to each circle leader regarding the completion of this year and the beginning of next year. Our budget will be presented at the October meeting and finalized at the November meeting. I look forward to seeing you all at the September unit meeting.

Pat Blake President

## WOMEN'S RETREATS

### Save The Dates!

The Conference Women's Retreats near Leesburg will start registration October 1<sup>st</sup>. The musical leadership for the March 22 - 24 weekend will be Maureen Still and her musical group; they're a ministry by themselves. A group of us will be attending this weekend. It will be full quickly. Last year it took 2 hours for the weekend to be full at the Life Enrichment Center (motel-type rooms). So if you would like to join us for that weekend, be ready to register on October 1<sup>st</sup>. You can register online or we can send in registrations together. If that isn't a good weekend for you, you may attend either of the other weekends; January 30 - February 1, or February 27 - March 1. We may be able to get a group together for that weekend too.

The brochures are not out yet; but some details are below. I will put the rest of the information on the bulletin board and in the Sunday bulletin as soon as it is available. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Watson.

#### **Speakers for 2015:**

##### **January 30 - February 1**

Keynote - Rev. Ruth Fuquay  
Bible Leader - Rev. Tamara Isidore  
Music Leader - Donna Allen

##### **February 27 - March 1**

Keynote - Rev. Juana Jordan  
Bible Leader - Rev. Sarah Campbell  
Music Leader - Sue Sommer

##### **March 20 -22**

Keynote - Maisie Hartsfield  
Bible Leader - Sarah Baldrige  
Music Leader - Maureen Still Band

**30 WELCOME BACK TO  
YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY!**

We have new titles for your reading pleasure as well as some re-discovered books on our shelves. It's revealing as I look at these books how relevant they are to the events happening in the world today such as immigration, identity theft, persecution of Christians and women's rights (not the dog story).

1. **"The Second Chance Dog"**, a Love Story by Jon Katz. Jon tells the story of meeting Maria Wulf in upstate New York. He had purchased a farm and Wulf was an artist hoping to rekindle her creative spark. She had a dog, Frieda, a Rottweiler-Shepherd mix who had been abandoned by her previous owner. Frieda was sweet and loyal to Wulf and fiercely protective of her, but barely approachable to everyone else. Katz realized that he needed to gain Frieda's affection in order to win over Wulf. So, armed with determination, unlimited patience and \$500 worth of beef jerky, Jon refused to give up on Frieda – and love.

2. **"People of the Book"**, a novel by Kathi Macias. This is part of a 4-book series by the author titled "Extreme Devotion". The setting is Saudi Arabia. Farah wants nothing more than to develop a deeper devotion to her Muslim faith. She sees the month of Ramadan as her chance to draw closer to Allah. All goes well until the prophet Isa – Jesus – appears to her in a dream and calls her to Himself. The young

women in the story struggle with their faith, hope and fear as they could be killed for taking a stand for Christ. The reality of Christian persecution is present in the Muslim world and could be taken from the headlines today on TV and newspaper.

3. **"That Certain Spark"** by Cathy Marie Hake. Gooding, Texas obtains a double blessing with a veterinarian and a doctor coming to town, but when siblings Enoch and Taylor Bestman arrive, the discovery that the long-awaited doctor is in fact a woman, the town is up in arms. Karl Van der Vort is no exception but he becomes Taylor's first patient – against his will. Karl thinks Taylor has doctoring skills but thinks she has an unladylike occupation. Taylor just wants to prove that being a doctor is her life's calling. When Taylor's practice and Taylor herself are threatened, Karl's protectiveness flares into a different emotion altogether.

4. **"Full Disclosure"** by Dee Henderson, an acclaimed bestselling author, and we have many of her books in our library. This is a love story between Paul Falcon and Ann Silver, both in the law enforcement field. Paul Falcon is the FBI's top murder cop. Ann Silver is a cop's cop. As the Midwest Homicide Investigator, she is called in to help local law enforcement on the worst cases looking for answers to murder. Their lives intersect when Ann arrives to pass on a case to Paul. The

better he gets to know her, he wonders just who this lady he is falling in love with really is. She knows spies and soldiers and U.S. Marshalls and has written books about them. She is friends with the former vice president. People who have good reason to be cautious about their friends deeply trust her. Paul wonders just what secrets Ann could be keeping. Who is this woman?

5. **“Theft and Thanksgiving”**, Secrets of the Blue Hill Library, by Emily Thomas, is a Guideposts book. The setting is Blue Hill, Pennsylvania, a place of rolling hills and charming Victorian homes. It is a community of people who care about each other. Anne Gibson who had converted her home into the Blue Hill Library is trying to uncover the truth about who is behind identity thefts in town. Many Blue Hill citizens with bank accounts and credit cards have been maxed out. A stranger had appeared at the library’s first book club meeting and had been asking personal questions so she is on Anne’s suspect list.

6. Al & Joanna Lacy are prolific writers that we haven’t heard from in awhile. They have now written a **“Shadow of Liberty”** series. Book 1 begins in January 1886. This story deals with persecution of Christians by the Czar in Kiev, Russia. Vladimir Petrovna, a Crimean War hero, husband of Sasha and father of three teenage children, gather what

possessions they can carry by sleigh and prepare to travel through a fierce blizzard over the Carpathian Mountains, hoping to reach Rotterdam and make port for America. They have no idea where they are going nor can they foresee the challenges they’ll face.

From 1852 to 1943, a numberless sea of immigrants poured into New York Harbor in search of religious freedom and an opportunity to forge a better life for their families. The series deals with their lives through the years.

7. **“When Bad Things Happen to Good People”** by Harold S. Kushner. Critics have said that this book offers a moving and humane approach to understanding life’s windstorms. Many writers have dealt with the theme of inexplicable illness. Kushner deals with this question with deep insight and provides invaluable reassurance.

8. **“Great Stories Remembered”**, published by Focus on the Family, compiled and edited by Joe L. Wheeler. There are 8 to 10 short stories by different authors and divided among the four seasons in this book. It starts out with Winter to Spring (January, February & March), moves on to Spring to Summer (April, May, & June), etc. The print is medium type, making it easy to read.

Happy Reading  
from your Library Staff –  
Barbara Jackson, Helen Lefave,  
Ann Ice & Pat Barton

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OUR BLESSED  
CHURCH MEMBERS!**



Meet Kevin and Christa Snow, married May 31, 2014 at First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, a special Church with loving, caring members.

Have you ever orchestrated a wedding from start to finish by yourself? It was a quick planned small wedding. Should only take a little effort... No big deal! I can do it! No wedding planners needed! My Granddaughter's wedding will be a "Piece of Cake." My mind thought so anyway. Little did I realize the magnitude of such a seemingly easy project! It was a blessing to give her a wedding ceremony and reception that forever will remain in her memory. I was excited and wanted her to be the happiest bride ever.

Problem was that I couldn't break the "Worry Habit". The Flowers, the Music, the Photos, the Food, the Dress, the Family, the Friends, the House, the Yard, the Reception and a Million more worries consumed me for two months. But little by little one worry after another was softened by the good

sincere help from our Blessed Church Members.

There are no words to express appreciation for the willing help our Church members provided. The Trustees approved our event. Pastor Kip was compassionate, kind, and a wonderful counselor to my Granddaughter and her Groom. Theresa Weber guided me to the right members for help, was accommodating and sweet as she answered tons of questions with a smile. Sharon Cooley with her sound equipment knowledge took all worries away about the music and never complained about the numerous song selections chosen to play for an hour. Alice Williamson and Shirley Burkhardt were fantastic in all regards concerning the ceremony and worked tirelessly at the ceremony assisting in a smooth outcome. Dale Evans took the initiative with Pastor's approval to place Christa and Kevin's name on the Church Marquee, which topped the day for the Bride and Groom. Beth Johns accommodated the one request our Bride made... she wanted a Hand Bell Solo during the ceremony. Beth played "The Lord's Prayer" and it took our breaths away. Ursula was the photographer and we couldn't have ask for a better photographer for this special day.

It is heartwarming to be around people who do what they say they will do. Everyone was tremendously helpful and caused me no extra stress, which was a priceless gift. They apparently knew the secret to not worrying. I wanted to learn their secret.



<p>My deep concentration on God's promises during these couple of otherwise highly stressful months, helped me remember, study and learn a good recipe to overcome worry: (1) "Be careful for nothing" (Phil.4:6). Just refuse to worry about one single thing. God has promised over and over to take care of His child. We are told not to worry about food or raiment but simply to trust God to provide our needs. The promise of Philippians 4:19 says "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Our Father even knows the number of hairs on our heads. He understands our troubles. So we are not to worry about one thing. (2) Pray about everything. When you have a desire and are tempted to worry, tell the Lord about it. "Casting all your care upon him; for He cares for you," exhorts 1 Peter. 5:7. Tell Him about your worry, about your care. Let your requests to known to Him. Ask for help to overcome the worry habit and take every single care to Him. (3) Be thankful for anything. It is difficult to worry about something when you are thanking God for it. One of the greatest cures for worry is simply counting your blessings. Get up in the morning thanking God for air to breathe, for your</p>	<p>health, for eyes to see and ears to hear; and go to bed at night thanking Him for the wonderful day, even if it was not too wonderful, for His protecting hand upon you, and above all, for His salvation. By practicing these three things, this recipe works. God promises that "the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:7).</p> <p>You can experience the very peace and quietness the spirit that God Himself has. If we will be careful for nothing, prayerful in everything and thankful for anything, God's peace will surround us like an army of marching soldiers. My "not so easy - worrisome" project was such a blessing in so many ways.</p> <p>Many wonderful church members will be lasting friends; my Granddaughter experienced a near flawless wedding; and by the Grace of God I learned how to break the "Worry Habit." This recipe will work for you also.</p> <p><i>Paula Kennard-Black</i></p> <p><i>Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway....</i></p>
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## SHARING OUR LOVE WITH THE COMMUNITY

UMW Unit Meeting on Tuesday, 9/16/14  
9:30 a.m. COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: ROOM 114  
10:00 a.m. PROGRAM: Speaker from Camp E-Nini-Hassee

**All women of the church are invited.**

## From Kevin and Laura

<http://klwooster.blogspot.com>

Greetings Dear Friends in HIS name! We pray this finds all of you well and enjoying the last days of summer fun and the wonderful Florida heat! ☺ Where did the summer go this year?!?!?! It's not possible that this is August already; it has to be June!! The gardens have done fairly well here this summer; we have had beautiful hot days with terrific rains in between. We also had more thunderstorms than we can remember – we felt right at home!



**Visitors from where??....** We rarely go to the city because it's at least a three - hour drive over not so great roads. We were looking for supplies and shopping for flour and other staples for our neighbors, (saving 20%) when we received a call from the pastor in our village that 13 Korean ladies had arrived. We were a bit surprised as we had not heard from anyone that we were going to have guests. After the

shock wore off and we were able to communicate a little with our guests, (they spoke very little English or Russian – no translator) we quickly realized this was a great opportunity to meet new people. The 'surprise' turned out be an awesome day, as these ladies went door to door and invited people for free haircuts, facials, manicures, shoulder massages, balloons and gifts for the kids, and one lady drew mini portraits. Each 'guest' was given a tract in Russian as these ladies shared prepared messages of HIS love for them! It was a beautiful example of how we should share His truth with others; not only for the folks that were invited, but our fellowship as well! We pray we will now have great discussions with those that came for our Sunday service!



**More land...new options...** For the past few years, we have been praying for a small piece of land next to our church building. In the past, the owner has not been willing to sell, or even interested in speaking with us about the possibility. A few months ago, we saw the owner begin work on half of the land and were certain we had missed this chance of more space for the future. To our surprise, he came to us and asked if we were still interested and would half the land be worth buying. An even bigger surprise was the ability to purchase the land for a fair price and not go into debt!! The short story; a gift



was given where payments will be made to another 'work' so they will be blessed in the future as well. His perfect timing was quite evident! Now for all of our ideas on how to best use this land for future growth; we will definitely need prayer and wisdom.

**Laura's health....** We often say that things are never boring for the Wooster's! We also would like things to not be so 'exciting' as well. However, we're told He will never give us more than we can handle, and when He does, He will

provide us a way. A week before we left in April, Laura was diagnosed with Grave's disease. The best definition we found was on the Mayo Clinic website as follows: *Graves' disease is an immune system disorder that results in the overproduction of thyroid hormones (hyperthyroidism). Although a number of disorders may result in hyperthyroidism, Graves' disease is a common cause.* She had many of the symptoms so we felt very blessed to see a specialist and began medication immediately. We've been told regulating the medication could take up to a year. However, we felt we were to return to Siberia. After much prayer and discussion, we found a clinic in the city that also has a specialist. She has been very helpful in watching the monthly blood work required and so far we see improvements. Please keep this in prayer as well, we want to make wise choices AND trust in HIM with all our heart!

Thank you dear friends for ALL of the prayer and support so faithfully given. If you have the ability to go to our blog site, please check out the abundant pictures of life in our village at [klwooster.blogspot.com](http://klwooster.blogspot.com)

Because of HIS grace.  
*Kevin & Laura*

*"The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us." — Billy Graham*

## ARE YOU TRAVELLING ON GOD'S TRAIN?

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they vacated their seats!

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers...requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way - love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty -- we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming year on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. **More importantly, thank God for the journey!**



This was the birthday cake  
at the recent party held for  
**Helen Dresbach's**  
**90th Birthday!**

“And it is He who will supply all your needs from His riches in glory, because of what Christ Jesus had done for us.” Philippians 4:19

## THINK ABOUT - THE "END TIMES"

Turn on Christian television for more than three hours, in any day, and one of the programs will be predicting something about the "end Times". A serious subject for sure and one written about in scripture in many places. Mark 13: 32-37, reminds us that the day and the hour is unknowable, so "Watch!" (read the entire chapter of Mark 13 for the complete reference).

In Mark, Jesus warns us to keep watch, do not be found sleeping. In 2013, a Minnesota bound Flight 188 over-shot it's destination by 150 miles! Many were angered that the pilots had been asleep. With precious souls on the line, the pilots were not to be in their own little world. The consensus was that while they were actively on-the-job, with people's lives in their hands, they should at a minimum be "AWAKE".

As Christians, are we asleep? Our morals are attacked daily, and we.....?

We are told that our faith in Christ and Christ alone, makes us

"haters" and violating other's 37  
civil rights. And we.....?

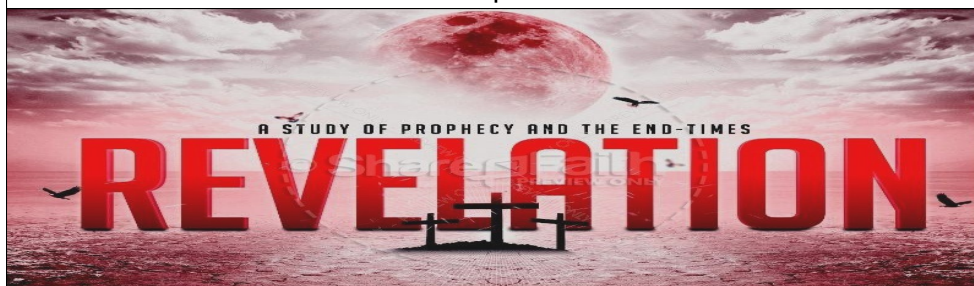
Fellow Christians are arrested and in some cases executed, only because they are Christian; and we.....?

Believers in Liberia recently spent three days praying and fasting, asking the Holy Spirit to protect them and cure Ebola. Is great faith, the faith we are studying about in Acts, now only alive in Africa?

Where is the boldness of Peter, of John, of Stephen? Is the power of Pentecost reduced to a symbol of a red cloth on the Cross? In the household of God, the church, we are given the sacred privilege to work on His behalf for ALL who need to know or be encouraged in this faith.

Don't put your spiritual life on auto pilot. What we need is a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed church. Your friends and neighbors are looking for what the Holy Spirit has entrusted to you. The "end-times" will come, regardless of your theology. The Christian's "end-times" will be in Heaven. How many of your friends, family, and neighbors will be there with you?.

Don Bates M.A.  
Christian Ministries





## RETREATS

For years folks have been attending retreats at the Life Enrichment Center. It is a very special place. Of course, no retreat is exactly the same, but the results can be amazing. Many people come back changed – I mean that in the best way possible! There are many different retreats as well as different types of retreats. There are “silent retreats”; I’m sure it’s obvious what these entail. There are some specifically for Spiritual Formation; generally these last 5 days. There are also Family Retreats, Mommy and Me Weekends, Grandparent Weekends, and Youth Retreats. We have some opportunities in the near future to attend some retreats at the Life Enrichment Center (see specific information also in Genesis this month).

The Men’s Retreats, which many of our men have attended for the past several years take place in October. These retreats are sponsored by the United Methodist Men and feature speakers from many places. In addition to worship and speakers, there’s fellowship with other men from all over the State, not to mention growing together with the other men from our Church. For this reason we try to attend as a group on a particular weekend. Oh yes, there’s also great food! Since these take place during football season, there is a large TV to gather around if there’s a big game on Saturday afternoon.

The Conference Women’s Retreats take place on weekends during January, February, and March. These retreats also feature speakers from various locations. In addition, there’s fun, food, fellowship, and crafts (if you wish). So think about joining us and getting away for the weekend where you can be renewed and refreshed.

The idea of a retreat is not something new – Christians have been going on them for 100’s of years. Yes, many of them have changed a **lot**. Silent retreats and those retreats at monasteries and such remain much as they have always been.

There is, of course, a Biblical basis for going on retreats. One example you are probably familiar with is when Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. (Mark 6:7-13) After they had preached, cast out demons, and healed the sick in Jesus’ name, they gathered together with Jesus and reported all that they had done and taught. Then Jesus said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while.” They went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. (Mark 6:30-32) If you look just a little, I’m sure you’ll find other places where Jesus, or Jesus and the apostles, went off by themselves.

Please join those attending a retreat and see why those folks go on a retreat year after year. You can also ask them about their experiences.

*Marilyn Watson*

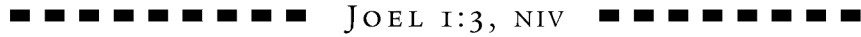


# From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.



*Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.*



JOEL 1:3, NIV

**Directions:** List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words	3-letter words	4-letter words	5+ letters
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Add up the total number of words you found. >>> \_\_\_\_\_

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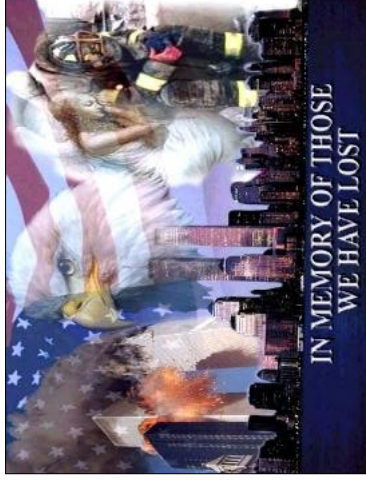
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