



THE NEED FOR RENEWAL

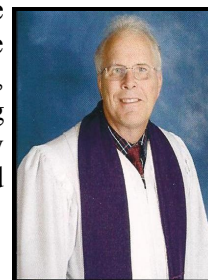
Luke 4 tells about Jesus traveling to Capernaum to preach and teach and heal. He shared the Good News of the coming kingdom and healed the people who came to him. After an evening of teaching, casting out demons and healing the sick, Jesus rose early the next morning to spend time alone with the Father.

Sometime later Jesus sent 70 of his followers out where people welcomed them; they were to preach the coming of the kingdom and cast out demons. When the followers returned, they were excited because "even the demons submit to us." (Luke 10:17 ff) Jesus then led them away to a secluded place where they could process what happened. Jesus understood the need to withdraw from the demands and "noise" of the world in order to rest and be renewed in the presence of the Father.

Near the end of his life, Jesus took Peter, James and John with him to the Garden of Gethsemane. After asking them to watch with him, he went a little further away to be alone and pray to his Father. Jesus needed the quiet renewal time to be prepared for the difficult hours ahead.

It is important to take time for quiet reflection, for prayer, for being one with the Father. We can do this through spiritual retreats, dedicated times of prayer and reflection, and Bible Study. We can find renewal in reading books that help us focus on what God is calling us to be and do. Church-planned retreats as well as workshops within the conference and across the country are designed to help us renew our focus and get in touch with God.

Because this is so important, the United Methodist Church recommends pastors take a renewal leave every five years or so. The leave is designed to recharge spiritual batteries by encouraging pastors to meditate on God's word and to seek direction for their lives and the church. Renewal time for me will be during July and August, when I will spend time reading, in prayer, and attending seminars/workshops as I am able. Please pray for me that I may come back refreshed, ready for new challenges and opportunities and looking forward to all that God has planned for us in the coming year.



Mark

“Everyone Becoming A Disciple of Christ”

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

CHURCH OFFICE

Phone: (352) 628-4083

Fax: (352) 628-9086

WEBSITE

www.1umc.org

PASTOR

Rev. Mark Whittaker

ADMINISTRATOR

Theresa Weber

BOOKKEEPER

Sandy Dewart

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kay Bast

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Dixie Lay

Joy Potts

Dayna Middlebrooks

PARISH NURSE

Karen Kline

PARISH VISITOR

Peggy Benson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
& NURSERY SUPERVISOR**

Sandra Tam

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Lori DeClue

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Sharon Cooley

Ron Hesketh

NIGHT SECURITY

Michael Rodgers

CUSTODIAN

Dale Evans

The Purpose of Genesis Is To:

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

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

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





CHURCH MINISTRIES

Within the Church

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

Outreach Ministries

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

3

Shut-In Visitation
Stephen Ministry
Tuned To Revival Quartet
Thrift Shop
Volunteers in Missions
Vacation Bible School
Welcome Bags

Small Groups

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

Discipleship Classes

Companions in Christ
Disciple I & IV

Benevolences

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

Community Outreach

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

3/5/11

4

by Kay Bast



Christian Education

Summer is almost here and as the adult groups take a short break the young people step up their activity.

The two Sunday school classes in room 114 at 9:30 and at 10:45 will be taking a break during the month of June, starting again the first Sunday in July. The women's Serendipity group decided to suspend their meetings until the last week in September. If you are interested in joining this group in September let me know. It is a wonderful combination of bible study to help you use the word of God to "navigate" through the

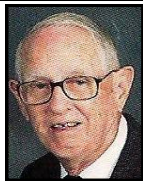
culture as a Christian, and finding ways to reach out into the community.

Our young people hope to attend the Christian Youth Camp from July 11th to July 16th. They will continue to try to raise the necessary funds with your prayers and support.

There is no vacation bible school planned for this summer; however there may be some special event days planned for later in the summer. We are so blessed to have wonderful caring volunteers here that bring quality Christian education to our young people. Our groups of children are not large in number, but they are loved and cared for.



IN MEMORIAM



JOHN COLE

9/28/1923
to
4/25/2011



IN MEMORIAM



LAVOY PATTON

7/29/1922
to
5/5/2011





information along with your trip itinerary with a close friend or family member (one who is listed as an emergency contact).

It is also a good idea to keep with you a copy of your latest blood work, recent EKG, recent x-ray results, listing of any surgical implants and their ID numbers, and a complete list of medications. If you have a chronic medical condition you might want to consider a medical alert bracelet or pendant.

Depending on where you are going, you might also consider packing a medical kit. Things to include might be cold packs, pain/fever relievers, cough syrup, oral antihistamines, decongestant, anti-diarrhea medication, band-aids, adhesive tape, medical scissors, tweezers, sunscreen, medical dropper and a calibrated medical cup. Don't forget your prescription medications in their original containers. Check with your medical insurance plan to be aware of what hospitals and doctors in the areas you are traveling are part of your plan.

Do you use any durable medical equipment? Does your destination have duplicates or will you need to bring your own? Will you need handicapped accessible rooms? If you have a disabled parking permit be sure to carry a copy of your tag, placard registration and picture ID.

If you have a cell phone be sure to pack the charger. Also remember to bring extra batteries or the battery charger for your camera.

Got all that? Whew, now all you need to do is pack your clothes.

Summer is coming, and with it comes vacation and travel plans. With careful planning you can have a great trip!

Have you had that yearly check-up with your doctor? All the preventative tests recommended? If so, you probably have gotten all your prescriptions updated. You will need to carry your medications in their original bottles, otherwise you may appear to be transporting illegally. Will you have enough medications for the time you are away? If you use a mail order prescription plan you may need to call them to authorize additional medications dispensed for the duration of your trip. If you are staying several months in one place you will need to call the prescription company when you reorder and ask them to ship to another address. Some of the chain drug stores are able to access your prescriptions from your home drug store for refills. When in doubt be sure to carry extra prescriptions so they can be filled wherever you might be. Going to an emergency room for a prescription is very expensive.

Be sure to carry with you all your insurance information and blank insurance forms. Be sure to have a list of all your doctors, their phone and fax numbers. You will also want to carry a list of emergency contacts and your health care proxy information. If you have a Living Will, Durable Power of Attorney, or Health Care Surrogate you will also want to carry copies of these documents as well. Leave a copy of this

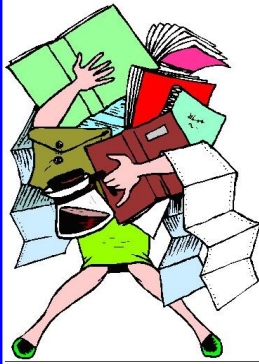
Have a blessed, safe, and healthy summer!

HAVE WE GOT A CHALLENGE!

Anonymous supporters of our Youth Program have contributed \$100 to the youth camp fund. They are issuing a challenge!

If 10 additional supporters each contribute \$100, the challenger will add an additional \$100. A week at Christian Youth Camp can work wonders for kids!

Thanks for your consideration.



Wow! What a busy year it has been so far! Summer is finally here and while it is said that “things slow down for the summer” that is not necessarily true for me and the front office. Many groups and Bible studies will be taking a break for the summer but the church is still a beacon of hope in the community. We still have three worship services each week, we still provide food for the hungry through our food pantry, and there are still numerous groups, meetings, and events scheduled to be on campus. There is more behind the scenes work that goes on in the daily life of a busy church like ours.

Summer is the time of year when we play catch up on projects we may have started but had to put on hold during the busy season, and we are also busy planning new projects for the fall.

If you have volunteered in the office, you know how hectic it can get. In an effort to continue to do the work of our Lord, and do it to the best of my ability, I will only be available from 8:30am until 12:00 noon Monday through Friday. After lunch, you will not be able to reach me directly and will need to leave a message with the receptionist. I will do my best to return calls at the end of the day or the following day. Email is always the best way to get a message to me. I can reply faster to an email and as I am working at my computer, I get instant notification of waiting messages. If you have an urgent message, please call the church office and the receptionist will give me all emergency calls right away.

Please know, that although I may be behind closed doors in the afternoons, I am still here working for you, our church family, and for our Savior Jesus Christ on the mission he has set before all of us to “Go and tell the Good News to all the nations!”

In His Service, Theresa

STEPHEN MINISTRY



SUMMERTIME

Summertime stress slowing you down?

We think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down.

If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally, you don't have to handle it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you. We provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Its free, and its **confidential**. It will make a difference in your life.

To find out more about our Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders, or a Stephen Minister wearing a blue name tag. We don't take the summer off.

Carol, 382-8926,
Karen 382-7263, or
Kay 382-4908



A JOB WELL DONE!

At April 13's soup supper, incoming Permanent Endowment Fund committee chairman Richard Stanard recognizes and praises outgoing chairman Rev. Dick Evans on completion of more than 10 years as the fund's founding chairman.

During this time, the fund accumulated \$160,000 in bequests plus more than 20 family units, which translates to more than 40 individuals of the Fifth Dimension Society, with additional gifts by deferment.

The fund supports a variety of scholarships and other specified causes by way of earnings from the fund's permanent principal amount.

For more information about participating in the fund, please contact Richard Stanard.

submitted by Judith Huffer

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:15-16)

Way back then—before time began, before God formed you or me in the womb, he planned for us. We were each deeply loved and uniquely designed to fit into God’s plan. He “foreknew” us so thoroughly that the days of our earthly existence were written down in his book before we even began to live.

Because I was born when my mom was in her mid-forties and my only other sibling was a married sister, I often wondered if my parents really wanted me. They had told me that my arrival surprised them. When talking with God about this, he told me to remember that he was the one who got me here in his perfect timing. He created me and brought me into the world because he wanted me. What a comfort to know God had planned my arrival.

A high school friend wrote a thought-provoking Email, puzzling about why we have lived this long—how did we get to this stage of life, for what purpose? I don’t

have answers for his life or mine, but this I know—God planned for us, wanted us, and the days he recorded for us in his book have not yet been completed.

When our son, Brad, died in a motorcycle accident at age 17, well-meaning people said, “He was too young to die. With his potential, just think of all he might have become.” But in my heart I thought differently. To God, Brad’s leaving this earth was no accident; God had written the days of Brad’s life in his book before one of them came to be. Brad’s life was not “cut short.” His life on earth ended in the fullness of God’s time, and Brad went home to live with the one who had loved him before time began.

Let’s remember that our times, whether long in years or short, are recorded in God’s book. He loved us before our lives began in the womb, and he wants us with him for eternity. Our years of life here are a mere few breaths of living compared to what we will experience in eternity when our recorded earthly days end.

Father, help us to rest in your love—the love that has always wanted us and always will, whether we are here or home with you. Amen

SAVE THIS DATE!

SEPTEMBER UNIT MEETING

Saturday, September 17th

Fellowship and refreshments at 9:30 a.m.
Program to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Hostesses are Salty Circle and Dorcas Circle.

**Program presented by:
Tom and Ingrid Jones of Clearwater**

They have been working in a mission called "Ingrid's Villages, Inc.(IVI). IVI is an outreach ministry of St. Paul United Methodist Church that builds homes for families in the Dominican Republic who have children enrolled in Christian Schools. They are accredited and approved from the General Board of Global Missions in the United Methodist Church. More information is available at www.ingridsvillages.org

Circle leaders will need to remind members to "Save this date" since **we have no meetings during June, July, and August.**

**Contact Nancy Pearo at 352-382-1034
for more information or reservations.**

United Methodist Women News

Save the date! It's a **Saturday...August 13, 1011**....Gulf Central District is having a "**Beach Party**" at the New Port Richey United Methodist Church. This is a "district-wide event" so please plan to attend. There will be food, fellowship, games, fun activities for all. Come and meet other United Methodist Women who share the vision of mission through service to God and community..... Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins.

All A-BOARD!!



1ST UMC & JandL TRAVEL PRESENTS:
TRAINS & CANYONS OF THE WEST
 DEPARTURE DATE: **SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**
 8 Days and 12 Meals

Per Person Rates:

Twin - \$2,495 Single - add \$699 Triple - deduct \$14
 Price includes roundtrip airfare out of Tampa, roundtrip transportation
 to/from airport, and Travelers Protection Plan.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: 2 scenic day trips on stream trains and
 a Float Trip on the Colorado River. Visits to Arches National Park, and
 Dead Horse Point State Park.



For reservations or information contact:
 Jesse M. Mackey Jr. 352-382-7708
 or
 Kim Hamrick 352-503-6248

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

11

As Myrna and I prepare to leave Citrus County and FUMCH, we have been thinking about just how much we will miss you all. We have been here nearly 14 years, and that's almost 25% of our married life. We have rejoiced together during happy times and we have shared each other's sadness during times of illness and loss. And that is what a church family does.

We "discovered" Citrus County nearly two decades ago as we were looking toward retiring to a warmer climate in a few years. We worshipped at FUMCH and got acquainted with the pastor at that time, Rev. Alan Beaver. Alan kept in touch and began "pursuing" me to consider the possibility of a part-time staff position here. So that's how it began.

I retired from full time ministry at the end of June in 1997, after serving as Assistant to the UM Bishop in New England for 15 years and, before that, for 24 years as pastor of several congregations in Massachusetts. And, after a month or two, I became Assistant Pastor at FUMCH. It was good to get back into pastoral ministry again after so many years in an administrative ministry.

I have been truly blessed by the opportunity to work with pastors Alan Beaver and Mark Whittaker. Their acceptance and collegiality have been wonderful. Church members and friends also seemed very accepting of me and my ministry here during the 6½ years that I was on the staff. After my second "retirement" at the end of 2003 I have continued to volunteer in a number of areas. And over the past 14 years Myrna has contributed her talents in many ways, both in the church and the community.

As we have grown older, Myrna and I are finding that travel is not as easy as it used to be. So a couple of years ago we began making plans to return to New England. All of our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and all but one of our siblings live within a 150 mile circle in southern New Hampshire and eastern Massachusetts. That is where we need to be at this time in our lives. (For the next few years, however, we may become "snowbirds" and rent "a place in the sun" for two or three months each winter).

We will leave here on May 30 and move to a 55-plus community in Gilford NH, located next to the Laconia-Gilford United Methodist Church. We will rent a small one-bedroom cottage with attached garage that we will call "home" for perhaps five years. Then we expect to move to a United Methodist continuing care community in Concord MA, where we will have a small apartment with access to assisted living or nursing care should the need arise.

So farewell good friends, and thanks for the memories.
We will treasure them. Blessings and best wishes to you all.

Dick and Myrna

SOME DATES/INFORMATION TO
BE ANNOUNCED LATER

JULY

"MAME"

HERNANDO ARTS CENTER

www.artcenter.cc



SEPTEMBER

SINGING RIVER CRUISE

www.singingrivertours.com/tours.html

DUNNELLO, FL

As we make our way along the river on our comfortable, shaded pontoon boat, our captain will share lots of information about the ecology of the rivers, the history of our town and surrounding area, and facts about the wildlife we'll encounter. The rivers are home to a wide variety of birds, turtles, otters, alligators, and fish.



We will spend about half of the tour on each of the two very different rivers. The Rainbow River, which originates at Rainbow Springs State Park just north of Dunnellon, is famous for its crystal clear waters. You'll be able to see right down to the bottom of the river!

COME JOIN US to find out about the remainder of the tour! We can be assured of a very relaxing time.

NOVEMBER 2

"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

<http://www.showpalace.net/>

HUDSON, FL



DECEMBER

"ARABIAN NIGHTS"

<http://www.arabian-nights.com/arabian-nights-menu.html>

ORLANDO

At the exciting Arabian Nights Dinner Attraction, guests enter the magical world of Scheherazade, a young girl with a bigger-than-life dream of becoming a beautiful Princess. Two magical Genies take Scheherazade and her guests on a thrilling and romantic adventure filled with music, lights and daring acts where anything can happen, from a square dance on horseback to Gypsies leaping, flipping and dancing on moving horses' backs! The large-scale theatrical production at Arabian



Nights features riders and acrobats performing with more than 60 horses, including Walter Farley's Black Stallion. The nightly performances, featuring delicious menu options, give guests the incredible experience among Central Florida's dinner shows.

AUGUST 2011 BIRTHDAYS**13**

1 Helen Dresback Tom Smith Barbara Stoneman	11 Howard Watson	22 Barbara Neurohr
2 Carole Deyo-Fahl Dan Hurley	12 Albert Carlson Sr. Priscilla Frederick	Verna Strout
3 Ann Eckman Marge Frazier Jim Green	13 Joan Clanfield Carroll Phillips Sandi Workman	23 Krissy Brown Katherine Cornelius
4 Sheldon LaMountain Steffany Skelly Steve Skelly	14 Venia Blankenbeckler Judy Evans Joyce Hesketh Barbara Kuhl Donald Wither	24 Mildred Beechman Robert Leaming
5 June Oltendorf	15 Wanda Chapman Terry Cornelius	25 Joanna Miller
6 Walter Dilling Wilbourn Fowler Jeannine Love Sharon Miller Joyce Monigold	16 Arthur Stuckey Elizabeth Vaughn	26 Shirley Hart
7 Michael Rodgers Jr. Ruth Samuda	17 Jeanette Cole Lois Schoch Robert Schwebes	27 Kari Amundson
9 Faye Honderich Shirley Hunter	18 Mert Davis Sharon Palmer	28 Lorraine Angus Ardea Sheaffer
10 Bernhard Diedrich Roger Evans	21 Roger Johnson Phyliss Nevins Karla Saylor William Stocker	29 Helen Hansen Virginia Pazian Judy Roberts
		30 Carl Alexander Deborah Hargis Clara Speary
		31 Shirley Holland Branson Redding.

Dear Church Family,

What a blessing to have such a wonderful extended family. Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, visits and gifts since my surgery. I have a new appreciation for how much these things mean after my experience. My new hip is serving me well as I continue in therapy. Blessings and best wishes to all. Myrna Evans.

Monday 1

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Diabetes Support
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite
 4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 2

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

Wednesday 3

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 4

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 2:00 Green Team
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 Creative Worship
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 5**GENESIS DEADLINE**

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

Saturday 6

8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:30 Bereavement
 10:30 God's Clods
 5:00 Shareholders

Sunday 7**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
 9:30 Sunday School
 9:30 Traditional Worship
 10:45 New Beginnings
 11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 8

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

Tuesday 9

10:00 Staff Meeting
 1:00 Stewardship
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 4:30 Kitchen Committee
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 10

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 2:00 100th Anniversary
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir

Thursday 11

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Backpackers (offsite)
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 12

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

Saturday 13

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

Sunday 14**DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
 9:30 Sunday School
 9:30 Traditional Worship
 10:45 New Beginnings
 11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 15

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite
 4:00 Stephen Ministers

UMW NEWS

There will be a Unit Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 9th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 214 to finalize plans for the September 17th Unit Meeting, and for the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY on 9/18 when our women will participate in the morning worship services.

JULY 2011 BIRTHDAYS

15

1 Judith Busby Henry Sandlas III	11 Marion Hamilton Helen LaBeau Andrew Merson	19 Joe Crawley Cleta Knapp Joan Spencer	24 Ryan Selby Barbara Sunderland
2 Lois Diedrich Dick Kern	12 Eileen Brown	20 Jackie LaMountain	25 Harley Lawrence
3 Mel Gordy Juliann Harry Janet Magamoll	14 Norwood Speary	21 Derek Benthussen Lee Knerr	26 Jesse Knight Vernon Tidswell
4 Juanita Sobolak	15 Heidi Hilthron James Veronesi	22 Florence Sledd Joy Winder	27 Ed Masek
7 Ann Sandstrom	16 Joyce Ann Skelly	23 Jean Kirschner	28 Doris Feldmann
8 Elizabeth Olson	17 Don Snedeker Todd Workman	29 Dee Otto Nancy Pearo Ruby Raymond	29 Nancy Sheaffer
9 Allen Millikin Bev Mulder	18 Bonnie Knapp Sue Price Marie Vainio	30 Marylou Fisher Frances Graham Edie Mingalone.	30 Marylou Fisher Frances Graham Edie Mingalone.
10 Dorothy Collister			

Happy Birthday

TODAY!

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

'Today is a gift, that is why it is called The Present.'

**GENESIS
DEADLINE**

**AUGUST 5, FOR THE
SEPTEMBER ISSUE!**

Dear friends,

My family and I want to thank you for the cards, phone calls, food, and for just being there for us during John's illness and passing to a better place. You truly are wonderful people and without you and our precious Lord, I don't know what I would do. Again, thank you so much.

Love, Jeanette Cole, Betty Page and John Wesley Cole



*God Bless
America*

Friday July 1

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

Saturday 2

8:00 Saturday Sisters

8:30 Red Cross CPR

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:30 Bereavement

10:30 God's Clods

Sunday 3

COMMUNION SUNDAY

BLOODMOBILE

8:00 Traditional Worship

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Traditional Worship

11:00 Traditional Worship



THANK YOU

I want to thank you for all your love and comfort that you extended to me with your prayers and cards over the recent death of my mother. It meant so much to me.

GOD BLESS...

DONNA LUDWICK

Monday 4

OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 4TH

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 Tracking Comm.

9:30 Visitation Comm.

11:00 Exercise Class

1:00 Diabetes Support

4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 5

10:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 UMW Ex. Meeting

1:30 Stephen Ministers

3:00 Serendipity Bible

3:00 Stephen Ministers

5:30 Weight Watchers

7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 6

7:00 Mens Prayer Group

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 Siegel Bible

10:30 Grief's Journey

3:00 Benson Bible

5:15 Music

6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 7

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

2:00 Green Team

2:00 Quartet Rehearsal

4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

7:00 Creative Worship

8:00 AA

8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 8

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

Saturday 9

8:00 Serendipity Pancakes

8:00 Saturday Sisters

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 10

DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY

8:00 Traditional Worship

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Traditional Worship

10:45 New Beginnings

11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 11

8:00 Work Crew

8:30 Tracking Comm.

9:30 Visitation Comm.

11:00 Exercise Class

1:00 Alzheimer's Support

1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 12

10:00 Staff Meeting

3:00 Serendipity Bible

4:30 Kitchen Committee

5:30 Weight Watchers

7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 13

7:00 Mens Prayer Group

9:30 Weight Watchers

10:00 Siegel Bible

1:00 Shawl Ministry

2:00 100th Anniversary

3:00 Benson Bible

5:15 Music

6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 14

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

9:15 Ruth Circle

2:00 Quartet Rehearsal

4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

8:00 AA

8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 15

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

Saturday 16

8:00 Saturday Sisters

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

10:30 Bereavement

JUNE 2011 BIRTHDAYS

2
Emma Christensen
Jeanne Comfort
3
Dermot Samuda
Alma Zimmerman
5
Claudette Kirby
6
Richard Dulaney
Helga Squires
Leon Wells
7
Mary Cannon
John Gibbs
Eugene Spuhler
8
Ray Fisher
9
Carolyn Custer
Eleanor Hoeffler
Virginia Mangels
12
Jim Love
13
William Parks
14
Wayne Brown
Linda Gordy
Phyllis Peters
Esther Stobierski
15
Althea Stuckey
16
Charles Blair
Marleigh Gordon
John Lawrey
Irene Stone
Stan Zawacki
17
Patience Nave
Alex Stevens

18
Catherine Barrett
Robert Bellcase
Lucille Meewes
Regina Parks
19
Lavonne Brennan
Larry Vainio
Charlie Wade
20
Grace Lam-sheikh
21
Miriam Currier
22
Dickee Desimone
Floyd Sims
23
Yvonne Beck
Gene Harry
Jimmi Reichard
Ralph Siegel
24
Angie Gordon
25
Maria Briggs
Rosalie Haynes
Ronald Hesketh
Cranie Koellhoffer
26
Lee Bast
Jeffrey Post
27
Diane Gibbs
Jynetha Montgomery
28
June Bish
William Brobst
Andrea Pirkle
29
Allene Misunas
Harvey Oltendorf
30
Bob Bunting
Fred Small.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS
& PRAYERS
(as of 5/16/2011)**

17

AVANTE**Annie Preston****BRENTWOOD****Evelyn Bash
Joyce Minnicks****CYPRESS COVE****George Cole
Eve Walsh****DIAMOND RIDGE****Betty Duncan
Margurite Seely****HUNT RESIDENCE****Bill Marquis****LIFE CARE****Gene Harry****SUGARMILL MANOR****Shirley Hart
Grace Payne****SUNFLOWER SPRINGS****Ruth Eaton
Fran Graham
Joanna Miller
Abbye Jean & Bill Richner****WOODLAND TERRACE****Shirley Weber.**

SPAGHETTI DINNER

June 4, 2010**Time: 5:30****Cost: \$10****PROCEEDS TO:
YOUTH CAMP FUND****Wednesday 1**

7:00 Mens Prayer Group
 9:00 PMDR
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 10:30 Grief's Journey
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 2

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 2:00 Green Team
 2:00 Disciple I
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 3**GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Kitchen Prep

Saturday 4

8:00 Saturday Sisters
 8:30 Red Cross CPR
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:30 Bereavement
 10:30 Gods Clods

5:30 Spaghetti Dinner**Sunday 5****COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 6

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 12:00 PMDR
 1:00 Diabetes Support
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite
 4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 7

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

Wednesday 8

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:00 PMDR
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 10:30 Grief's Journey
 1:00 Health Fair Set-up
 1:00 Shawl Ministry
 2:00 100th Anniversary
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 9**BLOOD MOBILE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
9:00 HEALTH FAIR
 9:15 Ruth Circle
 1:30 Serendipity Women
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 2:00 Disciple I
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 10

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

Saturday 11

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

Sunday 12**DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY**

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 13

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 12:00 PMDR
 1:00 Alzheimer Support
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 14

10:00 Staff Meeting
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 4:30 Kitchen Committee
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 15

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:00 PMDR
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 10:30 Grief's Journey
 3:00 Benson Bible
 3:00 Staff/Parish Relations
 5:15 Music
 6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 16

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 2:00 Disciple I
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 3:00 Missions Committee
 3:30 Trustees
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 Creative Worship
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 17

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

Saturday 18

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

Sunday 19

**PANTRY SUNDAY
FATHER'S DAY**

**8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship
12:00 Tuned to Revival Q.**

Monday 20

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 Tracking Committee
9:30 Visitation Committee
11:00 Exercise Class
12:00 PMDR
1:00 Memory Lane Respite
4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 21

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

Wednesday 22

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:00 PMDR
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 Siegel Bible
10:30 Grief's Journey
2:00 100th Anniversary
3:00 Benson Bible
5:15 Music
6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 23

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
2:00 Disciple I
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
7:00 COUNCIL (music)
8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 24

9:00 Our Father's Table
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

Saturday 25

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

Sunday 26

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
**8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
11:00 Traditional Worship**

Monday 27

8:00 Work Crew
8:30 Tracking Comm.
9:30 Visitation Comm.
10:30 Stroke Support
11:00 Exercise Class
12:00 PMDR
1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 28

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

Wednesday 29

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
9:00 PMDR
9:30 Weight Watchers
10:00 Siegel Bible
10:30 Grief's Journey
3:00 Benson Bible
5:15 Music
6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 30

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
2:00 Disciple I
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon.

NOTICE

Make this issue a "centerfold" pullout!

1st, pull out this page that has the June calendar on it to put it near your regular calendar! Be sure to note the info on the backside as well.

Then do the same with the July calendar, then August as well.

This can also be done with the monthly issues....will keep all your important dates together.

Hope it works for you; have a great summer! Mary Lee

MARK THESE DATES

2011

~BLOOD MOBILE~

Sunday, June 9

Sunday, July 3

Sunday, August 28

Sunday, October 23

Sunday, Dec. 18

1

Marie & Ron Witham
~ 15 years ~

2

Juanita & Stan Sobolak
~ 29 years ~

3

Marie & Ted
Archambault
~ 61 years ~
Bunny & Charlie Wade
~ 62 years ~

4

Joyce & Ronald Hesketh
~ 51 years ~

6

Angie & Charles Gordon
~ 17 years ~
Syble & William Little
~ 63 years ~
Virginia & Henry
Mangels
~ 28 years ~

7

Jane & Jimmy Hamilton
~ 14 years ~
Bev & Jack Mulder
~ 53 years ~
Phyllis & Charles Peters
~ 25 years ~
Andrea & David Pirke
~ 48 years ~

8

Sue & Thomas Cloyd
~ 66 years ~

9

Pat & Merlyn Hoar
~ 55 years ~

12

Shelby & Julian
Weingarten
~ 53 years ~

15

Clara & Norwood Speary
~ 66 years ~

16

Annie & Art Carl
~ 60 years ~

17

Gloria & David Marquis
~ 16 years ~
Marian & Henry Sandlas
~ 61 years ~

18

Emily & Robert Russell
~ 45 years ~
Mary Ellen & Frank Wais
~ 51 years ~

19

Rusty & Gene Harry
~ 45 years ~
Marilyn & Leon Wells
~ 47 years ~

20

JoAnn & John Guthrie
~ 52 years ~

*Happy
Anniversary*

20

Barbara & Richard
Hartley
~ 62 years ~

21

Nelva & Raymond
Clemans
~ 8 years ~
Marylou & Ray Fisher
~ 9 years ~
Joan & Jack Ness
~ 59 years ~

June & Harvey Oltendorf
~ 53 years ~

Marie & Larry Vainio
~ 53 years ~

22

Marcia & Richard Bader
~ 59 years ~
Beverly & Edward
Calkins
~ 26 years ~
Myrna & Richard Evans
~ 54 years ~

24

Charlene & William
Murray
~ 23 years ~

25

Gene & Burnie McGee
~ 53 years ~

29

Barbara & Dave Shores
~ 48 years ~.

OOOPS!

In the April issue it stated that Joan & Jim Veronesi had been married 54 years. **It should have stated 44 years.**

The Editor apologizes for the error.



Sunday 17
PANTRY SUNDAY
 8:00 Traditional Worship
 9:30 Sunday School
 9:30 Traditional Worship
 10:45 New Beginnings
 11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 18
 8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Committee
 9:30 Visitation Committee
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite
 4:00 Stephen Ministers

Tuesday 19
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 1:30 Stephen Ministers
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 3:00 Stephen Ministers
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 20
 7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 3:00 Benson Bible
 3:00 Staff/Parish Relations
 5:15 Music
 6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 21
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 3:00 Missions
 3:30 Trustees
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 Creative Worship
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 22
 9:00 Our Father's Table
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

Saturday 23
 8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:30 Bereavement

Sunday 24
NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
BLOODMOBILE
 8:00 Traditional Worship
 9:30 Sunday School
 9:30 Traditional Worship
 10:45 New Beginnings
 11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 25
 8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite
 10:30 Stroke Support

Tuesday 26
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 3:00 Serendipity Bible
 5:30 Weight Watchers
 7:00 Serendipity

Wednesday 27
 7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 2:00 100th Anniversary
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 28
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 COUNCIL (music)
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 29
 9:00 Our Father's Table
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

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

Sunday 31
CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY
 8:00 Traditional Worship
 9:30 Sunday School
 9:30 Traditional Worship
 10:45 New Beginnings
 11:00 Traditional Worship.

This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This is called money bags.



ONEHARVEST

WILL RESUME

IN

SEPTEMBER

THANKS,

JoMarie



3

Carolee & Mike
Gettings
~ 52 years ~

4

Krissy & Wayne Brown
~ 13 years ~

6

Carolyn & Joe Crawley
~ 41 years ~

7

Carolyn & Jim Roth
~ 49 years ~

8

Dorothy & Jack
Graham
~ 44 years ~

10

Lisa & Bob Specht
~ 17 years

11

Alice & Ed Carnahan
55 years
Mary Lee & Allen
Millikin
~ 52 years ~

13

Kim & Allen Bennett
~ 20 years ~
Lucille & Delmar
Meewes
~ 59 years ~

14

Jenni & Todd Workman
~ 21 years ~

15

Sharon & Rodney
Palmer
~ 30 years ~

20

Pamela & Paul Patton
~ 27 years ~

22

Jeanne & Dene Balmer
~ 11 years ~

26

Maureen & William
Guthrie
~ 52 years ~

27

Patricia & Mark Cram
~ 52 years ~
Carroll & John
Lunceford
~ 54 years ~

28

Doris & Julius Kertesz
~ 55 years ~

31

Nancy & Karl
Amundson
~ 29 years ~
Janet & Howard
Watson
~ 46 years ~.

AVANTE

Annie Preston

BRENTWOOD

Evelyn Bash
Joyce Minnicks

CYPRESS COVE

George Cole
Eve Walsh

DIAMOND RIDGE

Betty Duncan
Margurite Seely

HUNT RESIDENCE

Bill Marquis

LIFE CARE

Gene Harry

SUGARMILLMANOR

Shirley Hart
Grace Payne

SUNFLOWERSPRINGS

Ruth Eaton
Fran Graham
Joanna Miller
Abbye Jean & Bill
Richner

WOODLANDTERRACE

Shirley Weber.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. June Bish
Carillion Assisted Living
6200 Roberta Road
Harrisburg, NC 28032

Tuesday 16

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

Wednesday 17

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 3:00 Benson Bible
 3:00 Staff/Parish Relations
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir

Thursday 18

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Backpackers (offsite)
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 3:00 Missions
 3:30 Trustees
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 Creative Worship
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 19

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible
 1:00 Rotary Setup

Saturday 20

8:00 Saturday Sisters
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:30 Bereavement
1:00 Rotary Fair

Sunday 21***PANTRY SUNDAY***

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 22

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 10:30 Stroke Support
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 23

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

Wednesday 24

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 2:00 100th Anniversary
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir

Thursday 25

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 9:00 Fold/Mail
 2:00 Quartet Rehearsal
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal
 7:00 COUNCIL (music)
 8:00 AA
 8:00 Al-Anon

Friday 26

9:00 Our Father's Table
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)
 10:00 Wise Bible

Saturday 27

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

Sunday 28***NEW MEMBER SUNDAY******BLOODMOBILE***

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 Traditional Worship
10:45 New Beginnings
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday 29

8:00 Work Crew
 8:30 Tracking Comm.
 9:30 Visitation Comm.
 11:00 Exercise Class
 1:00 Memory Lane Respite

Tuesday 30


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

Wednesday 31

7:00 Men's Prayer Group
 9:30 Weight Watchers
 10:00 Siegel Bible
 3:00 Benson Bible
 5:15 Music
 6:00 Bells
 6:30 Youth Group
 7:00 Choir.

IN MEMORY**JO ANN WILSON**

AUGUST 2011 ANNIVERSARIES

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2</u></p> <p>Barbara & Larry Sunderland ~ 8 years ~</p> <p>Sandi & Rick Workman ~ 42 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>6</u></p> <p>Mary Kay & Ed Messenger ~ 19 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>7</u></p> <p>Shirley & Allan Hunter ~ 18 years ~</p> <p>Jean & Tom Kirschner ~ 35 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11</u></p> <p>Holli & David Benthusen ~ 27 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>12</u></p> <p>Mary & Robert Severance ~ 56 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>14</u></p> <p>Vicky & Jeffrey Post ~ 6 years ~</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>17</u></p> <p>Nancy & Arden Sheaffer ~ 54 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>18</u></p> <p>Abbye Jean & Bill Richner ~ 23 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>19</u></p> <p>Alice & Bill Williamson ~ 55 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>21</u></p> <p>Pat & William Schuessler ~ 40 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>22</u></p> <p>Pat & Harold Layman ~ 43 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>24</u></p> <p>Sandra & John Dewart ~ 34 years ~</p> <p>Lois & Ralph Pohlman ~ 54 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>27</u></p> <p>Judy & James Roberts ~ 27 years ~</p> <p>Ellen & Robert Schwebes ~ 56 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>28</u></p> <p>Carol & Bob MacKenzie ~ 46 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>29</u></p> <p>Carolyn & Rolland Custer ~ 52 years ~</p> <p>Theresa & Randy Weber ~ 13 years ~</p> <p>Iris & Mark Whittaker ~ 41 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>30</u></p> <p>Pat & Dick Kern ~ 29 years ~</p> <p>Janet & Fred Small ~ 54 years ~</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>31</u></p> <p>Sue & Jim Price ~ 54 years ~</p> <p>Ruth & Phillip Rittgers ~ 54 years ~ .</p>
---	--	---

**IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS
(AS OF 5/16/2011)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AVANTE</u></p> <p>Annie Preston</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BRENTWOOD</u></p> <p>Evelyn Bash Joyce Minnicks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CYPRESS COVE</u></p> <p>George Cole Eve Walsh</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DIAMOND RIDGE</u></p> <p>Betty Duncan Margurite Seely</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>HUNT RESIDENCE</u></p> <p>Bill Marquis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LIFE CARE</u></p> <p>Gene Harry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUGARMILL MANOR</u></p> <p>Shirley Hart Grace Payne</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNFLOWER SPRINGS</u></p> <p>Ruth Eaton Fran Graham Joanna Miller Abbye Jean & Bill Richner</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>WOODLAND TERRACE</u></p> <p>Shirley Weber.</p>
---	--	--



neither will ever be any closer to us! **25**

CELEBRATION

On Easter Sunday we feel like celebrating when we say, “Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed”. It really *is* what we do Easter Sunday. Celebrating His resurrection is what we do every Sunday morning when we come to worship. We would have no reason to be in church at all without the resurrection of Christ.

Since I’m writing about celebration, you already know it’s a spiritual discipline! The definition of the spiritual discipline of celebration is “utter delight and joy in ourselves, our life, and our world as a result of our faith and confidence in God’s greatness, beauty, and goodness.”* The spiritual discipline of worship is “expressing in words, music, rituals, and silent adoration the greatness, beauty, and goodness of God, by means of which we enter the supranatural reality of the *Shekinah*, or glory, of God.”* I hope you see the connection between celebration and worship.

Annual Conference is a place where celebration and worship takes place. Some of the celebrations included in the worship services are retirement, ordination, and a memorial service. Of course there is important business like the budget and voting for delegates for the upcoming Jurisdictional and General Conferences. Both Annual Conference and the next General Conference will be held in Tampa. I’ve heard the worship esp. at General Conference is amazing – and

I was privileged to be part of a celebration recently and some of you were an important part of why I was able to be there and I want to thank each of you for your prayers and support as I journeyed through the Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation. I have graduated and was even consecrated. It was a wonderful celebration with lots of weeping as we were sent out to do what the Lord has for each of us to do for Him. And to those of you who realized we were in the area of the terrible storms in Alabama and prayed for our safety: “Thank you” – tornados came very close!

PRAYER: The communion rail is available for prayer at any time. If you wish to have someone pray with you after the service, please come to the end of the rail near the bell tables and indicate that in some way or by open hands as in receiving in prayer. Also there is a wooden box on a table in the narthex, near the front doors. If you would like to request prayer, feel free to fill out one of the prayer request cards and put it in the box. I’m still grateful to receive more answers to the prayer questionnaire; let’s keep talking about how God has answered our prayers!

*definitions taken from The Renovare’ Spiritual Formation Bible (compiled by Richard J. Foster, Dallas Willard, Walter Brueggemann, Eugene H. Peterson). Used with permission.



The yellow shirt..

had long sleeves, four extra-large pockets trimmed in black thread and snaps up the front. It was faded from years of wear, but still in decent shape. I found it in 1963 when I was home from college on Christmas break, rummaging through bags of clothes Mom intended to give away.. 'You're not taking that old thing, are you?' Mom said when she saw me packing the yellow shirt. 'I wore that when I was pregnant with your brother in 1954!' 'It's just the thing to wear over my clothes during art class, Mom. Thanks!' I slipped it into my suitcase before she could object. The yellow shirt became a part of my college wardrobe. I loved it. After graduation, I wore the shirt the day I moved into my new apartment and on Saturday mornings when I cleaned.

The next year, I married. When I became pregnant, I wore the yellow shirt during big-belly days. I missed Mom and the rest of my family, since we were in Colorado and they were in Illinois . But, that shirt helped. I smiled, remembering that Mother had worn it when she was pregnant, 25 years earlier.

That Christmas, mindful of the warm feelings the shirt had given me, I patched one elbow, wrapped it in holiday paper and sent it to Mom. When Mom wrote to thank me for her 'real' gifts, she said the yellow shirt was lovely. She never mentioned it again..

The next year, my husband, daughter and I stopped at Mom and Dad's to pick up some furniture. Days later, when we uncrated the kitchen table, I noticed something yellow taped to its bottom. The shirt! And so the pattern was set.

On our next visit home, I secretly placed the shirt under Mom and Dad's mattress I don't know how long it took for her to find it, but almost two years passed before I discovered it under the base of our living-room floor lamp. The yellow shirt was just what I needed now while refinishing furniture. The walnut stains added character.

In 1975 my husband and I divorced. With my three children, I prepared to move back to Illinois . As I packed, a deep depression overtook me. I wondered if I could make it on my own. I wondered if I would find a job. I paged through the Bible, looking for comfort. In Ephesians, I read, 'So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will be standing up.'

I tried to picture myself wearing God's armor, but all I saw was the stained yellow shirt.. Slowly, it dawned on me. Wasn't my mother's love a piece of God's armor? My courage was renewed.

Unpacking in our new home, I knew I had to get the shirt back to Mother. The next time I visited her, I tucked it in her bottom dresser drawer. Meanwhile, I found a good

job at a radio station. A year later I discovered the yellow shirt hidden in a rag bag in my cleaning closet. Something new had been added. Embroidered in bright green across the breast pocket were the words 'I BELONG TO PAT.'

Not to be outdone, I got out my own embroidery materials and added an apostrophe and seven more letters.

Now the shirt proudly proclaimed, 'I BELONG TO PAT'S MOTHER.' But I didn't stop there. I zig-zagged all the frayed seams, then had a friend mail the shirt in a fancy box to Mom from Arlington, VA. We enclosed an official looking letter from 'The Institute for the Destitute,' announcing that she was the recipient of an award for good deeds. I would have given anything to see Mom's face when she opened the box. But, of course, she never mentioned it..

Two years later, in 1978, I remarried. The day of our wedding, Harold and I put our car in a friend's garage to avoid practical jokers. After the wedding, while my husband drove us to our honeymoon suite, I reached for a pillow in the car to rest my head. It felt lumpy. I unzipped the case and found, wrapped in wedding paper, the yellow shirt. Inside a pocket was a note: 'Read John 14:27-29. I love you both, Mother.'

That night I paged through the Bible in a hotel room and found the verses: 'I am leaving you with a

gift: peace of mind and heart.

And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives.. So don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really love me, you will be very happy for me, for now I can go to the Father, who is greater than I am.. I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do, you will believe in me.'

The shirt was Mother's final gift. She had known for three months that she had terminal Lou Gehrig's disease. Mother died the following year at age 57. I was tempted to send the yellow shirt with her to her grave. But I'm glad I didn't, because it is a vivid reminder of the love-filled game she and I played for 16 years. Besides, my older daughter is in college now, majoring in art. And every art student needs a baggy yellow shirt with big pockets.

(author unknown)



Through Serendipity, the Holy Spirit is doing wonderful things.

It is my understanding that this issue of Genesis will be the summer issue rather than a monthly one. With that in mind, we think of those beloved "snowbirds" who have left us to return to Northern areas and cooler temperatures. We miss you already and look forward to your return to FUMC. Have a wonderful summer.

Though it is still early May, we have had temperatures in the high eighties and low nineties. Grass has turned green (what we have left from a cold winter), flowers are in bloom, fish are biting. The golf courses are full and we are thinking summer.

Unlike our normal ministries, Serendipity did sponsor a bus trip to the "Trop" to see the Rays play Toronto last Thursday. Thirty-eight church members and friends enjoyed the afternoon and fellowship together and our Rays won in a close game. Thanks so much to Ed Loper for putting this trip together and for discounted ticket prices in an excellent area to see all that was happening. We are expecting to do it again later this summer, so plan to join with us.

On Saturday evening, June 4, Serendipity will sponsor a spaghetti dinner for FUMC Youth, who will be selling tickets for the dinner and entertainment to raise money to send them to summer camp. The Youth members will also be waiting on and serving their guests and do the clean-up afterward.

Following the dinner, guests will be entertained by the "**AMAZING Steel Drum Ensemble**," a group of young musicians who excellently play instruments made from steel drums or barrels, more frequently called steel pans. They are sponsored by The Good Spirit Foundation in Hernando/Citrus Counties, a ministry doing a wonderful and active service for the youth in our area. Mark your calendars and plan to be present to help our church youth. Tickets can also be obtained through our FUMC Office.

We continue to look for new men to join with us, either in our 3:00 pm Tuesday meeting, or the new 7:00 pm evening meeting, also on Tuesday.

Welcome to Ernie Miles, our newest member in the evening group. Won't you consider joining us in Bible discussions and study, and help us to further our ministries?

For further information,
call Jim Potts - 382-1842

The "Great and Powerful" ---Media Team!

29

Remember when Dorothy and Toto and their little group followed the yellow brick road into Oz, and they met the "Great And Powerful Wizard"? A feisty Toto revealed the hidden man in the rear booth, who was controlling all the fire and smoke and the wizard's loud voice!

I like to think of our Media Ministry Team as "The Great and Powerful Oz." No, we're not presenting medals, diplomas and hearts, like in the story.

But during Sunday services in the sanctuary, we also work in a booth in the back. I or my backup, Terry Cornelius, sit in the left side chair, controlling microphones, monitor speakers, and recorded music. In the right side chair a video operator projects images and lyrics to three screens, and controls lighting for the entire sanctuary. The video program is created by Krissy Brown each week, and the announcements are created by Theresa Weber. A volunteer also duplicates the recorded CDs in the sound room after every 9:30 service.

Just like all the television staff people who work behind the cameras, we produce everything the congregation sees and hears. (Except for the organ, which has an amplification system all its own.) But this is not "The Today Show" -- the message we are delivering as part of the worship team is the Word of God. And our Media Ministry members work all three services, every Sunday of the year. That's a pretty big job.

I don't thank this team of volunteers enough, so I wanted everyone who reads the Genesis to know what a dedicated group they are. The Media Ministry Team includes Terry, Krissy, and Theresa, plus Jean Beck, Don Hoes, Angie Gordon, Colleen DeClue, Ann Morrison, Jim Wicker, Bob Bunting, Neil Kline, Merl Hoar, and Jim Haskell.

I think they all deserve a medal. (What do you say, Toto?)
Sharon Cooley, Sound Technician

SHARON & COMPANY.... FUMC MEMBERS SAY



Dear praying friends

April was a very busy month and leads directly into a mandatory visa trip for the family to Singapore! We're so thankful for your prayers as we seek to serve the Lord wisely and fruitfully amidst the important busyness and lingering illness in our lives.

PRAISES

✝ Our **Pioneers SiAM Area retreat** went very well as 34 adults and 28 children from Thailand and Burma gathered together with members of another area to be refreshed and challenged at Cha-Am, a beach town in southern Thailand. Out of our family,



only Joe and Caleb went as Jamie stayed home to care for Mom and Justin had his foot and knee badly hacked up in a losing battle with barnacles on his school senior trip and had to return home prematurely. (Don't even get us started on that one ☹.) We also weren't able to make the annual Thai church camp because of Elaine's continuing illness.

✝ We were encouraged to work alongside a **short-term team from a German Bible college** over the past month. They sang two songs at Cool Shade of Life Church (CSLC) on April 17 before hosting a children's VBS-style program the following three



mornings. Attendance shrank each day, but everyone who came had a great time, and Bible stories and songs were shared regularly. The team also went with Joe to visit our partner, Pastor Moses, up near the border with Burma over the past two days.

✝ She had to grin through the pain the entire time, but Elaine still held a **women's group outreach** on Good Friday via the CSLC women's group. Usually, there are 10-12 people there – but this time, there were 22! Most of those new attendees are not Christian, so Elaine showed the *Jesus Film* segments on Christ's death and resurrection and then did crafts. A handful of people took a copy of the movie as well. Please pray for God to lead these people to Himself.

✝ As mentioned earlier, Joe visited **Pastor Moses up in Mae Ai** the last two days along with the German team, our teammates the Kosanovics, and a U.S. man on a survey trip to check out ministry opportunities here. It was an encouraging time for everyone involved. Please pray for wisdom for Ric and Amy Kosanovic as they consider whether God is leading them to assist the Mae Ai Bible school/church/orphanage project.

PRAYERS

✝ After being told for six months that we could change our Thai visas in-country in order for Joe to be the Pioneers International Foundation director, we finally had to give up on that idea (which was wrong, as it turns out) and plan to leave the country to get new visas. So, after cancelling our current visa on Tuesday morning, **we will leave for Singapore** for five days on Tuesday afternoon (May 3-8) in order to get new volunteer visas from the Thai Embassy there. Please pray for all these government interactions to go smoothly and that Joe can then apply for his work permit the following week in order to have all his director paperwork in hand by mid-May. Other families need copies of Joe's paperwork as director in order to apply to join the foundation. Pray also for God to provide the funds for this unexpected trip.

✝ **Elaine's health** is in a bit of a holding pattern. The blood tests she had last month were better but still likely showed infection in her spine. So, she is taking four more weeks of oral antibiotics before having another MRI on May 16. In the meantime, she has begun physical therapy as she is in a lot of pain from both the infection and from being sedentary for so long. Please continue to pray for complete healing.

✝ Our teammates **Greg and Chris Small** and their three daughters will be leaving May 6 for home assignment for three months in Australia. Please pray for them to have a refreshing and encouraging time there as they share about what God is doing in the non-Christian village into which

they moved recently. Pray also for them to be wise and faithful witnesses when they return in August. **31**

✝ **Brittany will be headed back to Chiang Mai** this month! She travels from May 14-16 (5 flights now that our main local route to Taiwan has been rescheduled at a bad time ☹) and will be here for 11 weeks. Pray for her to have safe and successful travels and for all of us to enjoy her time here. Pray also that Elaine will be physically able to go back to the U.S. with Brittany and Justin for the month of August to help him begin studying alongside Brittany at Columbia International University.

✝ Speaking of Justin, he **graduates from Grace International School** on June 1. Please pray for him to finish well here and have a good summer break before he begins at CIU in August. Pray also for complete healing for his foot as the deep cuts from the barnacles are healing but are still sore and difficult to walk on.

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

D i d Y o u K n o w ...
... that Jesus seemed to agonize and struggle over his physical death more than many martyrs who have died in His name over the years? This debate has caused some to question whether Jesus truly was divine. However, there is one HUGE difference between His death and the supposedly more dignified deaths of others since.

Check out this blog for the answer: <http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/tgc/2011/04/21/jesus-and-the-martyrs/>

SUMMERTIME BRINGS EXTRA
TIME FOR READING

Your Church Library has acquired the following new books for your reading pleasure:

- **“The Latest Mrs. Furst”**, a novel by Susan Martins Miller. When Jayne met debonair, smooth-talking Mitchell Furst, he was her very own Knight in Shining Armor. In spite of the many red flags raised during courtship, Jayne marries Mitchell, her dream quickly becoming a nightmare. Devastating truths begin to surface, shaking her sense of well-being in the marriage. What other haunting secrets lie beneath Mitchell’s suave exterior? Will Jayne turn out to be just the latest Mrs. Furst?
- Two more Patchwork Mysteries from Guideposts Publishers – One is **“Timeless Treasures”** by Cara Putman. All the Patchwork Mysteries follow Sarah Hart, an expert in vintage quilt restoration who has a knack for piecing together mysteries. This story involves a pile of old quilts at an estate sale. Sarah is intrigued by a sampler quilt where each square is a different pattern. When the Habers want to buy everything back after the sale, Sarah knows something is wrong. They are looking for a map to valuable family heirlooms. As Sarah restores the old quilt, she discovers that the quilt holds more secrets than she or the Habers ever could have imagined. Will she be able to follow the pattern and find the truth and the treasure – before it’s too late?
- **“Muslin Mystery”** – When Sarah agrees to restore an old family heirloom quilt for a former boarder, she begins to see letters stitched into the muslin pieces. What could they mean? She discovers a message pleading for help, but who sent the message and when? The woman who gave her the quilt disappears and Sarah is warned that she should stop asking questions. Will the quilt guide her to the missing woman and the hidden family secrets? Stories from Hope Haven are books written by different authors, but they follow the same characters of Candace Crenshaw, James Bell, Annabelle Scott and Elena Rodriguez. First is “A Simple Act of Kindness” by Pam Hanson & Barbara Andrews. The story tells of Candace Crenshaw who has made great strides coping with her grief in the nearly four years since her husband’s sudden death and she sets out to create a scrapbook in his honor for their children. Even though the project brings the family together in wondrous ways, there’s still a feeling of unease in her heart. It might be time to confront her shaken relationship with God. Cesar Rodriguez loses his job at the police department; James Bell must face his childhood fear of public speaking and Annabelle Scott is concerned when she starts experiencing pain in her hands. A donation of land sparks a heated debate on how it should be used. The four nurses are left wondering how to bring the divided community back together.
- **“Measure of Faith”** by Patricia H. Rushford. James Bell can’t wait to tell his wife Fern about the surprise he’s been planning – major renovation for a master bedroom on the ground floor of

their house so the stairs will be one less challenge Fern has to face with her multiple sclerosis. However, unexpected news from the bank forces him to reevaluate his family's future. Candace has a fragile new relationship with a man named Heath. Annabelle's daughter Ainslee seems to be going overboard trying to sterilize everything for her newborn, and Elena must find a way to tell her hopeful granddaughter that her recently reconnected parents won't be getting married any time soon. Also, at the hospital a special patient has all but given up hope that he can ever get healthy. Can the nurses show him that anything is possible with God on his side?

- **"Well Wishes"** by Anne Marie Rodgers – Many character plots make this an interesting read. Fern Bell begins researching alternative treatment for her multiple sclerosis. Candace has mixed signals about dating Heath after she sees him in the coffee shop with another woman. Elena Rodriguez hasn't found it in her heart to completely forgive Sarah, the woman who ran away just days after giving birth to Elena's granddaughter Isabel. When Sarah shows up, hoping to make amends, Elena must face old wounds that never quite healed. She wonders if Sarah has truly turned a corner. At the hospital, when the Make-A-Wish Foundation organizes a concert for a young patient at Hope Haven, the hospital is overrun by the celebrity's entourage. The four nurses help the starstruck staff regain sight of the Foundation's mission.

- Guideposts has another series of books, **"Home to Heather Creek"**, each book written by a different author

but they follow the lives of the same characters. **"On the Right Path"** by Diann Hunt follows Charlotte who is doing her best to keep the children occupied and out of trouble now that school is out for the summer. As the lazy days of summer settle over Heather Creek Farm, Charlotte is wondering if she'll be able to keep them all on the right path. Her best friend is Hannah and they start training for a walkathon and life goes on.

- **"Second Chances"** by Leslie Gould starts off with the summer days winding down and the kids heading back to school and Charlotte is feeling unsettled. She knows she should be glad for peaceful autumn days but she can't stop wondering what it will be like when the grandchildren grow up and leave for good. What will she do with herself? She has always been interested in nursing and starts volunteering at the local convalescent home. Her unexpected friendship with one of the residents teaches her more about second chances than she ever expected.

Please come in and browse the shelves for books, DVDs and audio books, sign the card in the back of the book and leave it in the basket on the library desk. When returning books, just leave them on the library desk.

HAPPY READING!

Helen Lefave, Library Committee



WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

This is a letter of thanks from Mike Galloway, President & CEO, of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home to all of you fifth Sunday contributors to this very worthy cause.

"I, recently sat in a small group discussion with our Chaplain and several young girls who live with us on campus. One of the girls spoke about her religious experiences, mentioning family members who worshipped at churches representing a variety of denominations, including at least one family member who is a professed atheist. Obviously confused about matters of religion, she said: "If there is a God, I don't know what to believe about Him." What an honest expression of where she is in her faith.

She, like most of the children in our care, comes with great confusion about themselves, their families, who they are, and where they are going. I can hear every one of them saying "if God loves me, why is all of this happening to me?"

As you read this article in this letter, visit the campus, and talk with staff, trustees, LCR's or Pastors, it is easy to dwell on matters of programs, buildings, budgets, and personnel. **Every single day God gives me the**

opportunity to look upon the faces of children - ranging in age from only a few days old to young adults - children in need who have been placed in our care. I often see confusion, depression, anxiety; but as they remain with us I begin to see smiles, hear them talk about their hopes and dreams, lift their voices in songs of praise and worship, yet continue to struggle daily with all that life throws at them.

During my tenure as President & CEO of our Children's Home, I have never directly spoken in this type of publication to the matter of Fifth Sunday Offerings in the local church, and how they relate to our ministry to children. It is essential for these children that we not lose focus on how important those offerings are to them. Over the last three years the sum total of all Fifth Sunday Offerings has dropped about fifteen percent. Yes, many churches continue to meet and exceed the suggested giving level of \$12.00 per member, a level we have not increased during those three years. Other churches, on the other hand, are struggling with their own budgets, much less giving to other ministries.

This Children's Home was brought into being in 1908 as an extension of every local United Methodist Church's mission in the Florida Conference. The extent to

which we continue to minister to children whose traumatic life experiences make it difficult to remain at home is directly tied to your Fifth Sunday Offerings. During the last three years we have not been able to keep all of our cottages available to care for children, in great part due to the decline in Fifth Sunday Offerings.

While the state pays a daily amount for children in state custody placed with us, the cost of their care far exceeds what the state pays, At this time over 55% of all children living on campus are privately placed children who are placed by their families. These families are typically only able to contribute a small amount towards their care.

Yes, it is true that we have received several large gifts from individuals, but these gifts typically go to new buildings, specific programs or other capital projects. It is the Fifth Sunday Offerings that support the daily ministry to these precious children, a ministry that is on your behalf as a local church. We thank God every day for the prayers and financial gifts that make this ministry possible to young women and men, boys and girls who find their answers in God's love and compassion.”



MONDAY MORNING WORK CREW

35

submitted by Bob MacKenzie

We are blessed to have members with varied talents and skills. Many of them volunteer for the Monday Morning work group. We perform many tasks throughout our campus both inside and out. Some tasks are recurring like replacing a/c filters quarterly and others are on an as needed basis, like plumbing leaks and irrigation repairs. In many cases the work done enables us to save the cost of hiring outside help.

Quite often tasks that need to be addressed are passed along by word of mouth and may not come to the attention of the trustees to resolve in a timely manner. In order to be able to identify and prioritize tasks that need attention, the board of trustees established a work order form. These forms are available in the church office and, after being filled out, should be placed in the trustees mail slot. The problem can then be assigned to either the volunteer group or to an outside contractor for resolution in the most expeditious manner.

We ask that this procedure be followed as needed tasks are identified in order to consistently address them in the timeliest manner possible. Additionally, we invite all who are interested in helping to maintain the church campus in any way to join us any Monday morning at 8 a.m., or you may contact me at 382-8926.

First United Methodist Church of Homosassa
8831 W. Bradshaw Street
Homosassa, FL 34448

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

We Are A Stephen Ministry Church
“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

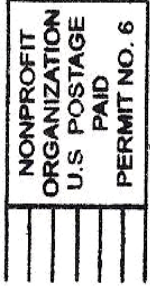
Rev. Mark Whittaker
Pastor

~ *Visit our Website* ~
www.lumc.org

Neil Kline, Webmaster

Office Hours: Weekdays
8:30AM to 4:30PM
Office Telephone: 352-628-4083
Fax: (352) 628-9086

Send or Give Submissions For Genesis To:
Mary Lee Millikin, Editor
Email: genesisfumc@tampabay.rr.com
Pat Blake, Copy Editor



June, July, August
2011

