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PASTORS CORNER

If you blink, you might miss something. So many events, programs and ministries are occurring in the life of our church this month that if you pause to blink you will miss something wonderful. Read on into the further back pages to find all the dates, times and places. As I encourage you to be involved, I will also caution you to seek a healthy pace for this season. The observance of Lent is traditionally an intense time of "church-living" to avoid "world -living" as we prepare for the Resurrection celebration of Easter. But don't repeat the same "worldly" mistakes as we seek to be more "churchly."

Many of us are sensing an uneasiness and growing chaos in the world. The economy is causing many concerns as our carefully crafted economic plans are failing to live up to our expectations. Some of us are experiencing illnesses that were unexpected or unpredicted. We sought to hold them off through active, healthy lifestyles, yet the illnesses have still come to us. Add to these fundamental strains a massive earthquake in nearby Haiti, fears of a fourth outbreak of flu pandemic, and the unseasonably cool weather that is interrupting our Florida lifestyle and uneasiness and awkwardness can grow.

One defense is to simply stay so busy that we don't notice what is happening around us. If we fill our days with enough fun and frivolous activity, we will numb our fears and relieve the stress. The other defense is to collapse into apathy and withdraw from the impending reality. We then become ostriches with our heads in the sand and resign ourselves simply to accept whatever reality comes our way.

The season of Lent provides us with an alternative. The most important activity during Lent is to spend time in personal, reflective prayer with God. It is only in prayer and in reflection upon our personal relationship with God that we can make sense of the events of the world. In prayer, we gain a view of what God perceives and prefers for the world to be. In prayer, we can be refreshed and refined to share and to truly express the love and grace that God provides for us and all the world. In prayer, we can receive the direction and insight needed to make our way over the stony paths of our lives.

Lent is traditional celebrated by the increased practices of SELF-EXAMINATION and REPENTANCE, FASTING and SELF-DENIAL, GIVING OF ALMS, READING and MEDITATING on God's Holy Word and PRAYER. During the 40 days of Lent, we will all be offered the challenge and opportunity to experience these practices. Rather than being overwhelmed or discomforted or upset at all the heightened demands and activities, make a choice. Begin by committing more time and energy to PRAYER at one time during the day or by adding prayer breaks throughout the day.

It is my experience that PRAYER is the fundamental Christian discipline that enables all the many other valuable Christian practices gain worth and merit in our lives. Remember that PRAYER is a conversation with God, not a speech to God. To listen and hear from God will be far more valuable than simply venting all the frustrations, fears and anxieties. God already knows our problems. God already understands our fears and shortcomings. Claim the promise of the Good News that while we are yet sinners, Jesus Christ came to bring us salvation. Make that promise a reality in life by spending time and energy listening to God and obeying God's word in our daily lives.

Enjoy a Blessed Lent as we journey towards a Glorious Easter together.

Pastor Tom

STEWARDSHIP 2010: ONE STEP UP

How much is enough?



Some of you have expressed surprise at the level of giving and the costs of operations of our church. In the stewardship letter, you were provided with the breakout in steps of the number of people who offer financial support to our church and their various levels of support. It was most encouraging to see the high per person giving during the summer months, and puzzling to see the lower per person giving during the winter months. Conventional wisdom has dictated that the winter months are the "good" months and the summer is the "tough" time. Truly, during the winter, we do receive more income and enjoy a higher level of activity and ministry. For this we are grateful and appreciative. Yet, what would winter be like if we were as committed in our giving, sharing, and ministry as we are during the summer.

Our costs of operation have remained within a similar range for the past 5 years, approximately \$350,000. In 2010, we projected a higher operating budget as we must address some deferred repairs and replacements from past years. Now these matters must be addressed. Also, we decided after careful consideration to expand the church staff by one additional part-time employee. Average yearly church attendance has remained in a steady, but slightly increasing range as well. In 2006, the average weekly attendance was 357. In 2009, the average weekly attendance was 378. By bringing these two realities together, operating expense and average attendance, we can see that we have enjoyed and continue to need approximately \$20 per week from every worship attendee to meet our expenses. This figure is actually lower than many other churches. The lowest per week need we could find was \$17, while the highest was \$35.

So what does this mean? It doesn't mean that there is the expectation that everyone will be "taxed", "charged" or "expected" to offer our church the same gift. For some of us this is simply not possible. Thankfully, there are those in our church who can offer a greater gift and out of their love for God and gratitude for the ministry of our church joyfully give more. The point is that we should all be aware of the needs of our church to provide the ministry we desire and we all should do our best to fulfill those needs. If we all give joyfully, gratefully and sacrificially to God, the particular size or amount of the gift is of little importance.

The pledged gifts thus far for 2010 are \$210,000. This compares with the 2009 pledged gifts of \$223,000, 2008 pledged gifts of \$186,000 and 2007 pledged gifts of \$184,000. Will we make it? Yes. We always have and we always will. We will not spend more than we receive. Will we be able to do all the ministry we had hoped to do? That is uncertain. That all depends on the gifts and offerings that the church receives from the members and attendees. Many people are working hard to raise "extra" ministry funding, through community fund raising events. While some of these efforts raise as much as \$10,000 at one time, realize that if 350 people gave an additional \$5 per week for 50 weeks of the year, we would raise an additional \$87,500.00 annually for the ministry of our church and for the Glory of God. Let us all give joyfully and gratefully and claim the promise of Jesus in Luke 6:38 - "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be given to you."

DO YOU HAVE A BUDDY??



I'm talking about a telephone buddy. A couple of months ago, Barb Patton mentioned having telephone buddies. Judie and I have one. She calls us each morning, usually between 8:00 - 8:30, just to let us know that she is OK and up and about. If we don't hear from her, we call to make sure she's OK. Our conversations aren't long, just a couple of minutes to say "Good Morning" and maybe to just mention plans for the day or to just hear another voice.

Several years ago, when my Mom was living alone in a small condo in St. Petersburg and in so-so health, I was her telephone buddy. I'd call every morning and every afternoon just to check-in. Mom was the independent type who insisted that she could do everything herself and only reluctantly agreed to me "checking" on her every day. However, she eventually came to acknowledge that it was probably a good idea.

I suspect we have quite a few members who could use a telephone buddy. And we certainly have enough of us who could be a telephone buddy to someone. When we get a little seasoned (good word, huh?), and we find ourselves alone, it's kind of nice to know someone is willing to "care and share". Isn't that what we're about? or supposed to be about. A little caring and sharing goes a long way. Remember, someday in that not too distant future, you and I may need a telephone buddy And it certainly would be nice to have one of our church brothers or sisters be one for us.

So let's everyone get a telephone buddy and stay in touch.

Ron Stevens, Lay Leader



SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY
by Noel Watkins

We meet **Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM** and everyone is welcome. No prior Bible knowledge is required. Our membership is now up to 15 and we have room for many more. Come and listen and discuss what God's word is saying to you. Study materials are provided. We are presently studying the book of Matthew. For further information, call Noel Watkins at 567-1685.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor's Bible Study will meet at 7:00m PM on **Wednesday, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.** *Note that they will NOT meet on March 31st during Holy Week.*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We meet Thursday afternoon at 1:00 PM and everyone is welcome! We are just starting to study the Book of Revelations. Rev. 1:3 (NIV) *"Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."*

Bring your Bible and a notepad. For further information, call Barie Fez-Barrington at 217-0783 or e-mail doveslanding@email.com.

JOY CIRCLE
By Beth Ferris



The *Joy Circle* will be meeting **March 10th, at 9:00** at church, and on **March 31st**, which will be our last meeting for the season. *We will not be meeting in April.* We are studying the UMW mission study book, Food & Faith.

AUTO-PAYMENT OF PLEDGES

Good Shepherd Church accepts electronic payments of your pledged offerings. Contact our bookkeeper, Laqundia Tatum, at the church office to set this up.



RECIPE: QUEEN OF ONION SOUP

From Nancy Klebau



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| 4 large onions chopped | 1 c. half & half |
| 3 Tbsp. margarine | 6 slices French bread, toasted |
| 4 c. beef stock or bouillon | 1/2 c. grated or shredded sharp cheese |
| 1 1/2 c. diced potatoes | |
| 1 tsp. salt | |
| 1/4 tsp. pepper | |

Saute onions in margarine in large pot 5 minutes; do not brown. Add stock, potatoes, and seasonings. Cover; cook slowly 30 minutes. Force through food mill or use blender to smooth soup. Return to pan; add half & half. Heat just to boil. Lable into ovenproof bowls. Top with toast; sprinkle toast with cheese. Heat under broiler until cheese melts.

see pg 10of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Women Cookbook: "Feeding the Flock"

MEMBERSHIP
by Marge Gundling

Several weeks ago, Pastor Tom spoke of Church Membership in his sermon. It made me wonder if everyone at Good Shepherd was aware that there are three ways to become a member.

- Full Membership.** The first way to join the church is by transferring your full membership from one Church to another.
- Affiliate Membership.** The second way is when you are committed to Good Shepherd while here, but remain a full member at your church elsewhere.
- Associate Membership.** The third way is when your home church is of a different denomination.

If you are interested, it is very easy to become a member. Just call Marge Gundling at 567-0768, Shirley Scarpella at 995-8502 or Ann Ekas at 599-8048; indicate the type of membership you would like and we will do everything else for you. We hope to be hearing from you soon.

Marge, Shirley and Ann



Call Cathy!
For All Your Sewing Needs
Cathy Quinlan
Queen Sewing Bee
5311 San Gabriel Circle
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BAKE SALE

Thank you to all those who donated bake foods for the Trash & Treasure Sale. We made \$440!

Don't forget to bring baked goods for the sale at the Strawberry Festival.

Kitty Strickland

FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING:
Strawberry Festival



Have you marked your calendar for the **13th of March from 10:00 - 4:00?** Please do!

That's our **Strawberry Festival and Craft Show** - and your support is needed. Heavenly hamburgers and Holy hot dogs and Angel strawberry cakes --- what a deal for lunch!

Strawberries will be \$5.00 --- hot dogs \$3.00 and burgers \$4.00. Can't beat that for a great lunch! Just because you're Good Shepherds --- I'll even add a bag of chips and a drink to your menu. Same price! You realize this is a donation to the church fund raiser.

We are planning a wonderful day of crafts, music, antique cars and bikes, games and food. The *Freedom Worship Project Christian Rock Band* will wake up the neighborhood from 10:00 - 12:00. Then comes the *Blue Grass Lazy B Pickers* from 12:00 - 2:00; and from 2:00 - 4:00, we'll listen to the *Entertainers* music from the 40's. What a day!

Please sign the sheets in the narthex and volunteer to help on a two hour shift. That way, we can all enjoy and not be too tired.

Your other job is to sell Strawberry tickets. We need to sell 600 short cakes --- sounds like a lot, but if you buy two and sell two --- it's a piece of cake! Tickets are for sale in the narthex before and after church. See or call me if you have any questions.

Hugs --- Audrey Martin

TRASH & TREASURE SALE
Thank You! Thank You!

Because of so many dedicated workers, our sale was a huge success!

- ✓ The United Methodist Women made \$750.
- ✓ The sale made about \$12,000 for Good Shepherd.
- ✓ The leftovers went to Battered Women's Shelter and Suncoast Missions.

We worked hard, had fun, and helped our church and others.

God Bless You All!

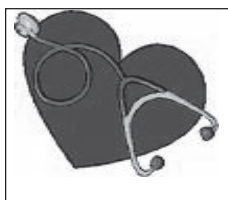
Bob & Sandy Mihok

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS
sponsored by Good Shepherd Men's Fellowship

Saturday , March 20th
8 - 10 AM
\$5.00 per person



A HEALTHIER YOU
By Judy Greenstreet, RN



PSALM 91 : 2

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

As your newly appointed Parish Nurse, I would like to thank Pastor Tom and the congregation for your faith and commitment to me. My intent is to be there for you and to serve you in a meaningful and spiritual way that improves and promotes a healthier life style.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about my professional background.

I attended nursing school in Baltimore, was licensed by the state of Maryland, and worked, initially, in a community hospital in a Coronary Care Unit for 8 years.

I moved with my family to York, Pa., became licensed by that state and was employed by Wellspan Health for 26 years. During that time, my work experience included Intensive Care, Open Heart ICU, Gastroenterology, and the Short Stay Unit (admitting all types of surgical patients and discharging same day surgery patients).

Upon retirement, I was offered and accepted a position at a Surgical Center for same day surgical patients. Also, I chose to return to the York Hospital in a part time position, for the 3 years that I was a "snow bird".

I became acquainted with Parish Nursing at a meeting here, at Good Shepherd. I was immediately drawn to this type of nursing and researched the history of Parish Nurses and their role in the church. I felt directed to this discipline after learning the importance and impact Parish Nurses make on those they serve.

I obtained my Florida license, a requirement of LMHS, and was accepted and completed the Parish Nurse course provided by Lee Memorial. I am proud to join the 18 other Parish Nurses who serve churches in Lee and Collier Counties, and who are part of the Lee Memorial Health System's Spiritual Services Department.

For the time being, I will be in the church office every Monday, from 2pm to 4pm, and can be reached there for personal consultations and advice. I hope you feel comfortable in calling on me with problems or questions. If I don't know the answer, I have many resources available to me through LMHS and the other Parish Nurses, who provide a great networking system. I am also available to make home visits, when asked. Please do not hesitate to call me at church or at home731-6568.

I recently asked you to participate in A Heart Healthy walking challenge, through the American Heart Association. I urge you to participate in this, even though the temperatures have been somewhat lower than usual. I will collect the "Trackers" in mid-March at the church and will send the cumulative mileage to the appropriate agency. A quarter mile has been marked off at the church and I invite you use that as your gauge, if you want.

In the near future, I am thinking of implementing memory classes to improve memory, if anyone is interested, and hope to start a support group for Caregivers. Please tell me if you think these services would be helpful to you, as this is your church and I am your Parish Nurse. I hope you feel comfortable in contacting me at home with your suggestions and comments.

We will continue to monitor blood pressures and I will be glad to monitor you at home, if necessary. The next **Blood Pressure screenings** at the church are **March 13th, 14th, 27th, and 28th.**

Have a Healthy and Blessed month.....Judy Greenstreet

FAITH ... What is faith? "Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith."

—Hannah Whitall Smith

HAVE DRIVERS!! NEED RIDERS!!!

I asked for people in the congregation to volunteer their free time to drive folks in the area who may be recovering from surgery or illness or who may not be able to drive anymore to Dr. appointments, therapy or even occasional grocery shopping. Some of the larger communities have a F.I.S.H. program which provides this service; but many of the smaller communities do not and people do not always have an available neighbor to help them out.

The church is your neighbor, too; and the people who have volunteered really want to serve their church friends in this way. Following is a list of names, phone #s and the community in which the drivers live. If you need help, please call on them. If you are physically able to attend church, but don't have a way, we might even be able to help you in this way.

These men and women want to serve; you do not have to live in their communities to call on them.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Community</u>
Grace MacMullen (as needed)	543-4434	Pine Lakes
Roger Bicknell (as needed)	656-1145	Lake Arrowhead
Freida McMath Wed. or Fri. (Jan. through April)	599-4744	Tropical Palms
Fred Jeffery Mon, Wed, Fri. PM and Thurs. AM or PM (Nov. through March)	543-1230	Lake Fairways
Maury Bonecutter As needed (Nov. through April)	567-1346	Swan Lake



OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

Our meeting opened with a prayer by Dutch Hess. We discussed our outreach to *Suncoast* which this month included selling tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner being held at *North Fort Myers UMC* on February 27, 2010 from 4-7 PM. The dinner was prepared by the folks from *Suncoast* as a fund raising event for their mission outreach program. We have asked the congregation to try to fill both Can-Do barrels in the narthex each week as the need for help in this area is still great. On March 21st, we will have Easter baskets at each door at the close of services for a money donation for extra food for the Easter holiday. Many have asked why we are continually asking for donations for *Suncoast*: our answer is - come to our committee members and ask to be taken for a visit and observe the food give-away on Tuesday mornings. Those who have gone come away with their eyes opened to the need and appreciation from the people.

Dick Sylva gave a written report from the *Lee County Veterans' Outreach* showing how our money (\$200/month) was used in *All Souls Church Food Pantry*. They distributed 11,701 bags of food, served 8,747 meals, and helped 3,915 clients. The Thrift Store, which gives clothing to the homeless, took in \$36,549.25 to help fund this outreach.

On March 4, 2010, there will be some members from Good Shepherd attending an all day workshop on Salty Service. We hope to learn more and better ways of serving the needs of our local community as well as reaching outside North Fort Myers to those in need.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **March 16, 2010 at 10 AM**.



BRING IN YOUR USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

Your used printer inkjet and laser cartridges have value to the church; due to a program called *Recycle4Fundraising*, the church receives money for every cartridge that we send in. Just put your used cartridges in the box in the narthex by the sanctuary door. Thanks to all who have filled the box to overflowing, we have already sent in three boxes full of used cartridges!

THIS MONTH



<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Date</u>
Joan Whitehouse	3/1
Doris Williams	3/2
Gini Blazier	3/3
Ron Hasse	3/3
Janet Day	3/7
Al Young	3/7
Art Campbell	3/8
Linda Lindquist	3/9
Deane Gideon	3/10
Ramona Johnson	3/10
Lia Willetts	3/10
Ann Ekas	3/11
Tom Willetts Jr.	3/12
Marjorie Brown	3/14
Marge Gundling	3/14
Roy St. Onge	3/18
Lois Ide	3/19
Dana Morton	3/20
Barbara Schiedo	3/20
Carolyn Bishop	3/23
Buck Weston	3/24
Gladys Geary	3/26
Charles Matthews	3/28
Bob Mihok	3/29
Roy Ohmes	3/29
Judie Stevens	3/29
Carolyn Dobson	3/31
Florence Jacobs	3/31



<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Arnold & Beth Willis	3/3/1945	65
Barie & Christina Fez-Barrington	3/4/1966	44
Bert & Joan Page	3/17/1945	65
Jim & Judy Stephenson	3/20/2004	6
Benjamin & Margaret Loveridge	3/21/1948	62
Ted & Lois Jean Wood	3/22/1954	56
Bill & Joan Whitehouse	3/23/1948	62
Bob & Mae Hoover	3/30/1946	64
Charley & Freda Cooper	3/31/1956	54

"What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly."
—Richard Bach

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Thank you for your support
in the past.



Lawrence Elton, February 1, 2010



PHOTO DIRECTORY


The *Olan Mills Photo Directories* are in. If your photo is in the directory, and you haven't picked up your free copy, there is an envelope in the narthex with your name on it. If you would like to purchase a copy, contact the church office.

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:30 AM Circle of Friends 3 PM SPPRC 7 PM Trustees	2 7 PM Caring	3 9:30AM UMW Exec 1 PM Disaster Team 7PM Pastor's Bible Study	4 Salty Service Training 9 AM Bell Choir 10:30 AM Bulletins 1 PM Bible Study 3 PM Chancel Choir	5	6 Communion 5 PM Wors hip
7 Communion UMW Sunday 8:30AM Worship 9:45 Bible Study 11 AM Worship /Choir	8 10:30 AM Circle of Friends 1 PM UMW	9	10 9 AM Joy Circle 10 AM Finance Committee 7 PM Pastor's Bible Study	11 9 AM Bell Choir 10:30 AM Bulletins 1 PM Bible Study 3 PM Chancel Choir	12	13 Strawberry Festival 5 PM Wors hip Blood Pressure
14 Clock Ahead 8:30AM Worship /Choir Blood Pressure 9:45 Bible Study 11 AM Worship	15 10AM Circle of Friends	16 JOURNAL DEADLINE 10AM Outreach	17 8AM Men's Breakfast 7 PM Pastor's Bible Study	18 9 AM Bell Choir 10:30 AM Bulletins 1 PM Bible Study 3 PM Chancel Choir	19 10 AM Card Workshop	20 8 AM Pancake Breakfast 5 PM Wors hip
21 New Member 8:30AM Worship 9:45 Bible Study 11AM Worship /Choir	22 10:30 AM Circle of Friends	23 9 AM Newsletter Crew 10 AM Church Council	24 7PM Pastor's Bible Study	25 9 AM Bell Choir 10AM Bulletins 1 PM Bible Study 3 PM Chancel Choir	26	27 5 PM Wors hip Blood Pressure
28 Palm Sunday 8:30AM Worship /Choir Blood Pressure 9:45 Bible Study 11 AM Worship / Bells	29 10:30 AM Circle of Friends	30	31 <i>No Pastor's Bible Study</i>			

MARCH



USHERS			ACOLYTES		
	8:30	11:00		8:30	11:00
UMW SUNDAY			UMW SUNDAY		
3/7	Jeanne Conover	Ann Ekas	3/7	Joyce Campbell	Jackie Ball
	Heather Coffman	Nancy Bleser		Judy Greenstreet	Barbara Sidaras
	Alice Crum	Cindy Faragut	3/14	Joan Bowsby	Nancy Baty
	Jackie Morton	Linda Lane		Joyce Campbell	Cindy Farragut
	Shirley Smalley	Nancy Phillips	3/21	Bill & Helen Wolf	Dick & Lois Sylva
			3/28	Judy Greenstreet	Nancy Baty
3/14	Jerry Murphy	Ann Ekas		Elvira Kreuger	Heather Coffman
	Derk & Gloria Tiggelaar	Barbara Bosnick			
	Dick & Shirley Smalley	Billie Finnie	COMMUNION SERVERS		
		Eugene & Elinore Greuling		8:30	11:00
			UMW SUNDAY		
3/21	Jerry Murphy	Ann Ekas	3/7	Helen Wolf	Dot Burt
	Audrey Martin	Don & Dot Burt		Maureen Dunton	Shirley Scarpella
	Betty Lou Randolph	Jim & Shirley Scarpella		Audrey Martin	Virgie Winkler
	Bill & Onalee Trachsel			Betty Lou Randolph	Peg Southworth
3/28	Jerry Murphy	Ann Ekas			
	Lee Brda	John & Donna Michel			
	Gene Noll	Don & Donna Wilcox			
	Mark & Alice Crum				



GREETERS		
	8:30	11:00
UMW SUNDAY		
3/7	Dorothy Bonecutter	Marge Gundling
	Pat Meyers	Gilda Wilson
3/14	Betty Lou Randolph	Linda Lane
	Audrey Martin	Lois Ide
3/21	Carl Hall & Pat Queen	Betty Rossi
		Floss Shone
3/28	Joan & Dick Bowsby	Nancy Baty
		Edie Smith



One Year Bible - March

- 01 Leviticus 24:1-25:46
Mark 10:13-31
Psalm 44:9-26
Proverbs 10:20-21
- 02 Leviticus 25:47-27:13
Mark 10:32-52
Psalm 45:1-17
Proverbs 10:22
- 03 Leviticus 27:14-Numbers 1:54
Mark 11:1-26
Psalm 46:1-11
Proverbs 10:23
- 04 Numbers 2:1-3:51
Mark 11:27-12:17
Psalm 47:1-9
Proverbs 10:24-25
- 05 Numbers 4:1-5:31
Mark 12:18-37
Psalm 48:1-14
Proverbs 10:26
- 06 Numbers 6:1-7:89
Mark 12:38-13:13
Psalm 49:1-20
Proverbs 10:27-28
- 07 Numbers 8:1-9:23
Mark 13:14-37
Psalm 50:1-23
Proverbs 10:29-30
- 08 Numbers 10:1-11:23
Mark 14:1-21
Psalm 51:1-19
Proverbs 10:31-32
- 09 Numbers 11:24-13:33
Mark 14:22-52
Psalm 52:1-9
Proverbs 11:1-3
- 10 Numbers 14:1-15:16
Mark 14:53-72
Psalm 53:1-6
Proverbs 11:4
- 11 Numbers 15:17-16:40
Mark 15:1-47
Psalm 54:1-7
Proverbs 11:5-6
- 12 Numbers 16:41-18:32
Mark 16:1-20
Psalm 55:1-23
Proverbs 11:7
- 13 Numbers 19:1-20:29
Luke 1:1-25
Psalm 56:1-13
Proverbs 11:8
- 14 Numbers 21:1-22:20
Luke 1:26-56
Psalm 57:1-11
Proverbs 11:9-11
- 15 Numbers 22:21-23:30
Luke 1:57-80
Psalm 58:1-11
Proverbs 11:12-13
- 16 Numbers 24:1-25:18
Luke 2:1-35
Psalm 59:1-17
Proverbs 11:14
- 17 Numbers 26:1-51
Luke 2:36-52
Psalm 60:1-12
Proverbs 11:15
- 18 Numbers 26:52-28:15
Luke 3:1-22
Psalm 61:1-8
Proverbs 11:16-17
- 19 Numbers 28:16-29:40
Luke 3:23-38
Psalm 62:1-12
Proverbs 11:18-19
- 20 Numbers 30:1-31:54
Luke 4:1-30
Psalm 63:1-11
Proverbs 11:20-21
- 21 Numbers 32:1-33:39
Luke 4:31-5:11
Psalm 64:1-10
Proverbs 11:22
- 22 Numbers 33:40-35:34
Luke 5:12-28
Psalm 65:1-13
Proverbs 11:23
- 23 Numbers 36:1-Deuteronomy 1:46
Luke 5:29-6:11
Psalm 66:1-20
Proverbs 11:24-26
- 24 Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29
Luke 6:12-38
Psalm 67:1-7
Proverbs 11:27
- 25 Deuteronomy 4:1-49
Luke 6:39-7:10
Psalm 68:1-18
Proverbs 11:28
- 26 Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25
Luke 7:11-35
Psalm 68:19-35
Proverbs 11:29-31
- 27 Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20
Luke 7:36-8:3
Psalm 69:1-18
Proverbs 12:1
- 28 Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22
Luke 8:4-21
Psalm 69:19-36
Proverbs 12:2-3
- 29 Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32
Luke 8:22-39
Psalm 70:1-5
Proverbs 12:4
- 30 Deuteronomy 13:1-15:23
Luke 8:40-9:6
Psalm 71:1-24
Proverbs 12:5-7
- 31 Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20
Luke 9:7-27
Psalm 72:1-20
Proverbs 12:8-9



G.S.U.M.C. MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 was opened with prayer by Pastor Tom at 8:00 a.m. Twenty five men enjoyed "omelets in a blanket," sausage, biscuits, fruit, coffee and juice. During our business meeting, we voted favorably on the following measures; briefly:

- The establishment of a plaque to be mounted on the center cross of the three crosses erected last year by the United Methodist Men's Fellowship of Good Shepherd in honor of our Lord and Savior.
- The establishment of an advertising committee, headed by Barrie Fez-Barrington.
- Volunteers to team with members of the Trustees to become authorized drivers of the newly purchased truck for church use.
- To raise money, over time, and in segments, to upgrade our media booth capabilities.
- To purchase golf shirts with our Good Shepherd logo on them for men and women.

Chairman John Henderson introduced guest speaker Jim Thurston, a native of Canada and veteran of some forty years experience in the packaging industry. At one time, Jim held the position of executive director of the North American Packaging Association (N.A.P.A.) until his retirement two years ago. Jim took us from the origin of packaging (olive oil in 180 B.C.) then in great detail through modern day laws, techniques and advancements, explaining the many intricacies involved with proper packaging and distribution of products. He added that the United Nations is studying how the packaging industry can best utilize packaging for third world countries.

Our **next meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 17**. The guest speaker has not been determined, but will be announced when finalized. Men and women are encouraged to attend any of our meetings at a cost of \$4.00 to cover the breakfast meal.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Stephenson, Secretary
GSUMC Men's Fellowship



KATA LOUKON "ACCORDING TO LUKE"

Most towns, villages and cities have a person kids look for, look up to, and in later years remember. In our town, Ilion, New York, during the years of 1941-49, it was Dan Murphy. Dan was the manager of a local bakery, and he and his wife lived on Fourth Street.

In his backyard, Dan had a good size flower and vegetable garden; he loved to read, listen to Arthur Godfrey on the radio, and sit at the edge of a stream fishing. His one special commitment was to the young people, particularly the young athletes who played sports. At a time when most of the fathers and men in the community were in the service or worked in the local defense plant, Dan became a friend and surrogate father. He attended practices and games, and always had, somehow, a stick of gum for everyone. Kids thought he owned the Beech-Nut Gum factory in Canajoharie, N.Y. When Dan passed away, the children lined up for blocks to pay their respects.

Personally, for me, it was Dan who introduced me to the Gospel of Luke. As my next door neighbor, Dan would often say "according to Luke" and mention one of the 29 or more parables found in the Book of Luke, or share that Christ was not only divine but human.

To this day, as now, I turn to Luke and find humanity and compassion stressed in his Gospel -- and I remember Dan -- his caring and his spirit.

Dutch Hess, Chair,
Church Council

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



The United Methodist Women group wants to thank the congregation for your generous contributions to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The total collected was \$839.50. Thank you, again, for your help in local hunger relief through the *Harry Chapin Food Bank*. You and the Saints came marching in! Your caring and generosity are appreciated.

Thank you. The United Methodist Women

3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

We, Jim Stephenson and I, want to thank all of the men and women who participated in our fellowship golf outing on January 30th, 2010 at the Pine Lakes C.C.; to thank Pine Lakes Director, Jim McMannia, and his staff for their assistance and cooperation; to thank the golf committee, Bob Brown, Marlene Dunton, Bud Dunton, Dick Ides, Ron Ford and Ginny Hess for their work and efforts in planning the event.



To congratulate all of the players, 18-hole and 9-hole, who joined together in a team scramble format, made some great shots and shared the afternoon with friends on a "not too easy" golf course.

Team honors:

18-Hole Players

1st - John Topp, Darlene Topp, Barbara Patton, Dick Keiser (52)

2nd - Fred Fleming, John Henzel, Carl Peck, Bill Hart (53)

3rd - Marlene Dunton, Bud Dunton, Ron Ford, Paul Shortt (55)

9-Hole (Front Nine)

Winning Team - Collette Niermann, Dennis Niermann, Linda Steider, Mal Steider (29)

Individual Honors:

Longest Drive:

18--Hole

(m) Pastor Tom Willetts

(w) Barbara Patton

9-Hole

(m) Bill Boden

(w) Collette Niermann

Nearest Pin:

(Front Nine)

(m) Marvin Imes

(w) Linda Lane

(m) Dennis Niermann

(w) Collette Niermann

(Back Nine)

(m) Nick Bialkowski

(w) Darlene Topp

Putter:

Eric Soderberg

Our thanks, once again, for a great afternoon, Dutch Hess

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Pine Lakes/Lake Fairways PC User Group

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February 15, 2010

We extend a special THANK YOU to the members of your church for the donation of assorted computer and communications equipment remaining after your recent Trash & Treasure sale. Since picking up the various items on Saturday, February 13th, 2010, we have been busy sorting, testing and matching equipment to create the working computer bundles appropriate for gifting to designated youngsters.

In particular, we THANK your members who helped carry the items to our station wagon. For your members who want a better understanding of the project sponsored by our non-profit computer club, we have enclosed the following excerpt from our February 2010 newsletter.

"Our Lake Fairways / Pine Lakes Computer Club project creates working computer 'bundles' from donated items. Completed computer 'bundles' are then gifted directly to designated students to be placed into their homes. Since beginning this program late in January 2007, we have gifted 201 units to designated youngsters from all grade levels at the *North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts*. Thank You for your donations and wonderful support to benefit these youngsters and their families. If you have computer items to donate to this program, call us at 731-7012 or email us at: bowmanwmmaur@aol.com Please add specific identification in the subject line so that we will read your message."

UMW BOOK REVIEW

By Jeanne Brooks



We are all aware of the tragedy in Haiti, where the missing and dead are placed in the thousands. There is another tragic event taking place in Africa, where the dead and missing are placed in the millions. This book "Where Mercy Fails", written by Chris Herlinger and pictures by Paul Jeffrey, tells the story of Dafur's struggle to survive. Before Dafur, there was Rwanda and Chad, all struggling to survive under the brutal government of Muhmmar Gaddalfi. Their villages were destroyed by fire and air strikes, and the government driving them from their homes and fields into relief camps.



How did a little known region in western Sudan (the size of France) become what many call the first genocide of the 21st century? The answers do not come easy and it's very difficult for journalists, aid workers and other outsiders to enter the country. It's not just a war between nations and religions. It's a gross violation of international human rights, whether they be Muslims or non-Muslims. Many aid agencies have tried to help and the author tells the story of many of these and the stories of the people they have tried to help.

The difficulties of meeting political power with moral force should not surprise us. Niebuhr observed in "Moral Man and Immoral Society" that "Power must be challenged by power." So what is the solution? You may find the answer in this book.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS



Thank you to all the ladies who helped in the kitchen the week of the Trash & Treasure sale.

We postponed the U.M.W. meeting from the 8th to the 15th of February. We had a very good meeting and were pleased to see so many women come to the *Native American Tasting Party* that we had. The Bannack Bread that Ken and Beth Ferris made was a hit and Gilda Wilson's Squash & Tomato Relish and the Corn and Bean Relish was a hit too. She explained that those were the Native Americans main diet. Betty Longstreth and Jeanne Brooks made a delicious dessert of Cranberry Bread Pudding with a Brown Sugar Sauce. Gilda gave us a short talk on the Native American Indians and did a program on the Call to Worship and Self Denial which this year supports the upkeep of the Mission Buildings that the U.M.W. support for Women and Children.

Look in this Journal for Beth's Report on the Souper Bowl Sunday and Jeanne Brooks Book Report from our Reading Program. Our **next meeting** will be on **March 8th**. Linda Lane will be doing the Social Action Program for the Charter of Racial Justice. Kitty Strickland and Marge Cunningham will be hostesses for March.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joyce Campbell, Vice President

CHOIR NOTES

Jackie Scharfe, Music Director, 731-3668



By the time you read this, the Choir Gospel Night will have come and gone. Hope you didn't miss it! We have been presenting this evening of upbeat music each year for as long as I can remember - and it's always fun for us.

In the coming weeks, you will notice an addition to the chancel at Good Shepherd. We have been presented with a lovely musical instrument, a Yamaha Clavinova, Model CVP307-M. It belonged to our friend and organist, Carol Goode, who spent many hours of enjoyment at the keyboard. Her husband, Chuck, has donated it to Good Shepherd in her memory. We are most grateful to him.

The choir looks forward to the coming season of Lent, culminating in the joyous music of Easter.

Keep a song in your heart!
Jackie Scharfe, Music Director



For Church Members

Barb Patton - strength
 Betty Williams - tests for health
 Bill Cook
 Bob Mihok - health
 Charlene Schugg - recovery from fall
 Chuck & Elaine Levis - recovery & strength
 Dave Sibley - Cape Coral Hosp. - congestive heart failure
 Dick & Norma Specker - comfort & healing
 Don Werner - healing from colon cancer treatments
 Doris Wiegand - travel mercies
 Dorothy Bos - health
 Ed Anderson - Health Park Hosp - heart attack
 Elton family - comfort
 Irene Boden - recovery
 James & Peggy Snyder - comfort
 Jay & Marty Payne - comfort & healing
 Jim & Nancy Heinsohn - healing
 John Henderson - strength
 Liz Henderson - comfort & strength
 Lois Charles - healing, heart issues
 Lois Jean Wood - healing
 Lois Kreiser - cancer
 Marge Brown - improve health
 Marion Mulcahey - health
 Mary Martin - bronchitis
 Mary Quimby - heart
 Maude Westcott - healing from chemotherapy
 Molly Gales - hospital
 Robert Schugg - comfort while recovering
 Roger Bicknell - recovery
 Roy Ohmes - knee surgery
 Russ Hilbish - healing of lungs and strength
 Sandy Mihok - lungs
 Sid Dobson - heart procedure
 Tom Patton - comfort & healing
 Woody Berkebile - improve health



For Family and Friends

Adien O'Connor - healing, brain surgery
 Alan (Nadine's son) - new job & health problems
 Ann Stobe's 93 yr-old father - healing & recovery
 Art Grosjean - heart problems
 Ashley Kuliu - depression
 Audrey Martin's sister - detached retina
 August Corniels - colon & lung cancer
 Baby Skyler - cerebral palsy
 Ben (Archie & Doris Williams' son) - lifestyle
 Betty Anderson - heal cracked pelvis
 Bill Sullivan - pneumonia
 Bob & Karen Lehman - heart concerns
 Bob Fagan - health
 Cathy - cancer, chemo & radiation
 Chloe LaLuk (2 yr old) - brain tumor
 Dale Steinberg - cancer
 Deanna Collins - comfort, loss of husband
 Esther - back surgery
 Iris Robb - son diagnosed with lung cancer
 Jack - heart problems
 Jane Orr - health
 Jerald Robinson - strength preparing for Afghanistan
 Jim - service
 Jim Smith - heart healing
 Joanie - recovery
 Jon Lindquist - safe return to Calif. and work
 Jo Sadler - comfort, loss of husband
 Joy Reilly - comfort, loss of father
 Judy Schumaker - back surgery
 Kathleen - health
 Kay Evans - cancer
 Leon Beekman - cancer
 Marilyn Hilliard - shingles
 Mary Delaney - healing
 Mary Engesoth - cancer
 Mary Tschiegg - loss of husband Robert
 Patty Jo - breast cancer
 Patricia Kennedy - hip replacement in Canada
 Rachel (Rivet's granddaughter) - right path
 Ray Patton - heal cancer
 Rev. Clint Rabb's family - strength and comfort
 Rev. Larry Nichols - comfort, loss of father
 Rev. Sam Dixon's family - strength & comfort
 Sandy Gross (Judy Greenstreet's daughter) - healing
 Sheryl Estes -
 Stephanie (Germany) - cancer
 Sue Sawchuck - lung surgery
 Theresa Fenno - multiple problems
 Toby Bikofsky - brain cancer
 Todd Davis - healing and job search success
 Tom & Shirley
 Valerie Harrison - cyst on ovary
 Violet Diewald - mercy from dementia

Good Shepherd Church's Contributions and Expenses for 2009



Annual Budget Amount for Operating Expenses \$ 367,075
 Monthly Budget Amount for Operating Expenses \$ 30,589

So far this year (1/1/10 - 1/31/10):

Total Contributions Received for Operating Expenses	\$ 35,991
Actual Operating Expenses	\$ 30,539
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 5,452
Mortgage Balance at 1/31/10	\$ 188,187

The money you give to Good Shepherd Church provides for the employment of staff, payment of our bills on time, worship and Christian education, maintenance of church property, Conference and general church mission and ministry support, mortgage, and other approved expenses.



*Thanks to all our gracious and willing workers. **Volunteers** are always appreciated. Let us know what your talents, skills and interests are. Call Laqundia or Linda at 543-2686.*

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- Third Sunday of Lent, March 7
- Strawberry Festival, March 13
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 14
- First Day of Spring, March 20
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21
- Passion/Palm Sunday, March 28
- Holy Week, March 28 - April 3

MARCH

Worship Services

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Sunday School at 9:45 AM

** NEW ** Bible Study - Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
(Not March 31st)

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is a community of God's servants. We are known by how we demonstrate God's love in reaching out and welcoming all through worship, prayer and service.

Vision Statement

Good Shepherd will identify and implement ministries through the active participation of members and friends in sharing God's love and providing relief and healing.



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