



The Shepherd's Messenger

March 2010



Pastor Sunny's Rays

Can you believe that we are already in Lent for 2010? Time is moving way too fast for my poor old, feeble brain to keep up some days. You would think that after just getting back from vacation I would be all rested and roaring to go. Speaking of vacation, I loved Disney World! We had a good time to say the least. I even got mouse ears with my name on them! I think I found that inner child again and I love that. Life is way too serious not to have some moments of joy and fun and laughter.

Our District Superintendent sent out a quote from Leonardo De Vinci: *"Every now and then go away, have a little relaxation, for when you come back to your work your judgment will be surer. Go some distance away because then the work appears smaller and more of it can be taken in at a glance and a lack of harmony and proportion is more readily seen."*

Now when we think about the Lenten Season, the first thing that pops into our heads is prayer and self-denial. We think about our sins and our shortcomings, we think about this time that leads up to Jesus' death and the sadness that brings to our hearts. We think about the thing that we are going to give up for Lent. Some people give up chocolate, some coffee, some lunches out, and still others donate extra money to a charity. There is nothing in that list that would truly change anyone's life.

As we think about Lent, again it seems to have a heaviness about it and to some extent it should, I guess. But I wonder why the joy of Easter's approaching doesn't seem to come very quickly nor does it last for very long. See, we Christians know the "rest of the story", so where is the joy?

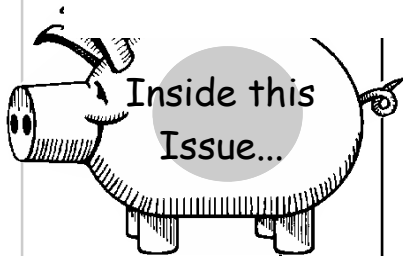
Let me propose a different way to react to Lent for this year of 2010. Instead of giving up something that we really don't miss and it really doesn't contribute much to the growth or deepening of our faith, let's take something up. Let's call it, oh,...I don't know, how about JOY!

Lent is a time of preparation. Preparing for the death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, but we are also preparing for the overcoming of that death, the joy of Resurrection of that same Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That is the culmination of God's wonderful plan of salvation for us. We don't have to die for our sins! We have the assurance of living in God's kingdom because of that resurrection. Shouldn't that bring us some joy?

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"Dad's 'Joy, joy, joy, joy down in his heart' turned out to be indigestion."



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Military personnel and their families...

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|------------------|--------------|
| Bob Aaronson | Dan Thompson |
| Daniel Bunk | Ron Truax |
| Kevin Desaultels | Miles Ward |
| Brad Frank | Eric Young |
| Mark Keenan | |
| Karl Linderman | |
| Justin Linza | |
| Charles Randall | |
| Alfred Reynolds | |
| Greg Rodges | |
| Justin Sweet | |



Prayer Requests

Our World Situation
The Rothfus Family

THOSE AT HOME

- Alicia Bradley
- Ernestine Green
- Alice Sweet
- Adaline Wakefield
- Mayme Giles

to those at other residences...

CUBA- CMH

- Lucille Wildric
- Laura Clayson
- Helen Clement
- Pearl Franklin

ABSOLUT HOUGHTON

- John Lawton

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

- Dawn Durkee

BATH VA CENER

- John Visser

IRIS PARK COMMONS

- Marge Bly

EDEN HEIGHTS EDEN-BUFFALO

- Jane Wright

Our continued prayers go out to ALL military personnel who are serving our country by active duty & reserve status, both in the States, and abroad. Our List of Military Names is provided by the Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, contact Ray Perkins at 585-968-1467

"Praying for Our Churches, Pastors and Leadership" Mountain View District:

MARCH

- 7: Missions Team/Robert Schooley, Chrpsn
- 14: Rivers Edge/Matthew Worely
- 21 UMW/Marcia Bie Smith
- 28: Rushford & Centerville/Daniel Carr

UMW CHEER PERSON

Sue Simmons is our 'Cheer Person'. If you know of anyone who is in the hospital or just needs to be cheered, please contact her. She will be happy to sent them a card.

Date	Worship	Offering	<u>Amount needed: \$2,407.50</u>
01/17	70	\$2,420.75	
01/24	72	\$2,035.77	
01/31	57	\$3,055.00	
02/07	84	\$1,987.25	
02/14	67	\$2,177.90	



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
 The Council of Churches is having a Community "Garage Sale" on March 13th at the First Baptist Church. The hours are 10 am to 12pm. You can drop of items on Friday March 12th 9am-6pm. All the proceeds will be going to build a church in Kenya. This is about 8 miles from Rift Valley where the Rothfus Family serves. They are currently worshipping every Sunday under a tall acacia tree.

THE SHACK
 There will be a Group Discussion of "The Shack" starting on March 23 at 7:00pm. If you haven't read the book yet, please try to do so before then. You will not be disappointed.

March Celebrations

- 2 - Gary Enderle
Gary Jahnke
Doug Moses
Justin Sweet
- 3 - Casi Burdick
Desi Burdick
Sally Miller
- 4 - Clair Morris
- 5 - Regina Young
- 6 - Barbara Spateholts
Joshua Vanik
- 7 - Jacob Hawks
George Ostrander
- 8 - Shirley Poore
Lori Sweet
- 10 - Michelle Quattrini
- 12 - Melissa Abraham
- 13 - Nolan Hewitt
Robb Moses
- 14 - Thad Burdick
William Farrell
Peggy Pearce
- 15 - Nicholas Sweet
Jeffery Zeh
- 17 - Cindy Dutton
- 18 - Kayla Sweet
- 19 - Rita Freeman
Sarah Kellogg
Derwood Say
Pamela Watson
- 21 - Rachel Holden

- 22 - Christianna Reynol
- 23 - Shelly Beckwith
Rob Cornell
Tom Donahue
- 24 - Jacquelyn Nasser
- 25 - Todd Young
- 26 - Heather Mouser
Pete Sprague
- 27 - Jean Higby
- 28 - Michelle Koubek
Adam Ricci
- 31 - Leslie Arnold
Marilyn Ostrander



Anniversaries:

- 2 - Todd & Sarah
Mosher
- 18 - Richard & Diane Karle
Arnold & Linda
Nelson
- 25- Laroy & Barbara
Spatteholts
- 28 - Mike & Fran Young



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So this Lenten Season, think not about what you might give up, but think about the joy of the plan of salvation. Smile at a complete stranger. Tell someone a good (clean) joke, share a funny story with a friend. Walk with a light step so that all may see that you are a happy person. When someone takes your head off, offer to take them to lunch and just talk. Tell someone who is hurting that Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father loves them and has a plan for their life. Visit a shut in, take someone a meal, send out "Thinking of You" cards. There are a zillion different ways to share our joy.

As we prepare for this Lenten journey, remember to thank God for his plan of salvation, remember to ask for his help, and remember to stop and smell the roses and soak up the joy. Remember that God loves you and so do we.

Pastor Sunny



UMW NEWS
Submitted by Judi Hughes



We have had two meetings so far this year, and I offer my sincere apologies as to the delay in January's report. The new Officers for 2010 are:

President - Judi Hughes
Vice President - Maggie Watson
Secretary - Judi Hughes
Treasurer - Mary Ann Pfouts

The January meeting was held on the 9th at 10 AM. Ten ladies enjoyed a delicious brunch prepared by Judy Zayac and Patti Petroni.

The "No Bake Sale" is coming up in March, with Sandy Tsujimoto as chair. We received a Thank You note from the Nome mission VBS program, and Sue Simmons spoke about the Reading Program.

Our February meeting was held on the 13th at 10 AM, with Doris Kellogg and Judi Hughes as Hostesses. Ten ladies were in attendance.,

We discussed the upcoming Lenten Luncheons, the No-Bake Sale, the Reading Program, and will continue to support the Children's Ministry in Nome, as they will be offering a Tuesday School After School program, continuing to share the Good News with the children of Nome through the year, as well as the VBS Summer Program. We thank Patti Petroni for heading up this program for Cuba UMC!

Our next meeting will be on March 13th at 10 AM. Mark it on your calendar, and join us for great food and even greater fellowship!

March Helping Hand

Nursery

7: Sandy Tsujimoto
 14: **Reserved for you**
 21: **Reserved for you**
 28: **Reserved for you**

Ushers

Mike Kunz
 Keith Pierce

Acolytes

7: Katelyn Cornell
 14: Michael Hupp
 21: Jasmyrn Dorsey
 28: Josh Enderle

Altar Guild

Cindy Dutton
 Judi Hughes

Liturgist

7: **Reserved for you**
 14: Rob Cornell
 21: Judy Zayac
 28: Doris Kellogg

Children's Moment

7: **Reserved for you**
 14: **Reserved for you**
 21: **Reserved for you**
 28: **Reserved for you**

Coffee Hour Hosts

Gary & Joyce Enderle
 Keith Pierce



2010 March Madness – Green Olympic Saturday, March 20th at 5:00 in Wesley Hall

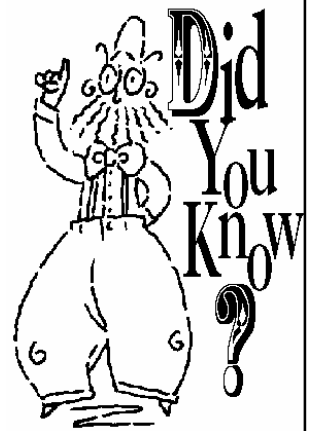
We will have our own team 2010 Olympic games with Group Juggling, Gutter Ball, Helium Stick, Balloon Bubble Relay, and who knows what else!!! These will be games that kids and adults of all ages can play.

**Sign Up and Get Ready
 For an Evening of Fun and
 Fellowship!!**



Bring a Dish to Pass (Green?)





*Submitted by
Dean Wildrick*

Submitted by Jean Norris, Volunteer "



"Who Keeps the Dog"

A clergyman was waling down the street when he came upon a group of a dozen boys, all of the between 10 and 12 years of age.

The group surrounded a dog. Concerned that the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked "What are you doing with that dog?"





One of the boys replied, "This dog is just old neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog." Of course , the Reverend was taken aback. You boys shouldn't have a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. When I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute. The smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right give him the dog."



MARCH 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Kung Fu 6-8am 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th	1	2 Ad Council 7:00pm	3 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Choir Practice 7pm	4	5	6
7 Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11a No Bake Sale Food Pantry	8	9	10 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Choir Practice 7pm	11	12 Drop off times for Garage Sale 9a-6p	13 UMW 10:00 am Community Garage Sale at Baptist Church 10-12pm
14 Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11a Coffee Hour No Bake Sale	15 Angle Food Deadline Newsletter Deadline	16	17 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm	18	19	20 Angel Food Distribution "Green Day" Party 5:00pm At CUMC
21 Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11a No Bake Sale	22 Trustees 7:00pm	23 "The Shack" Group Discussion Group 7:00p	24 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Choir Practice 7pm	25	26	27
28  Palm Sunday	29  HOLY WEEK	30	31 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Choir Practice 7pm		 St. Patrick's Day	

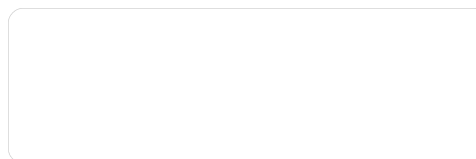
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Irish Blessings

Wherever you go and whatever you do, May the luck of the Irish be there with you.

May you always walk in sunshine. May you never want for more.

May Irish angels rest their wings right beside your door.

Bless your little Irish heart and every other Irish part.

May the Irish hills caress you. May her lakes and rivers bless you.

May the luck of the Irish enfold you. May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, The foresight to know where you are going, And the insight to know when you have gone too far.

May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live.

May you never forget what is worth remembering, nor ever remember what is best forgotten.

May the sun shine all day long, everything go right and nothing wrong.

May those you love bring love back to you, and may all the wishes you wish come true!

May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past.

May you get to heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead.

