

Forward in Faith

LAKWOOD PARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A New Year Prayer

May you trust your highest power that you are exactly where you are meant to be...

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you...

May you be content knowing you are a child of God...

Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of you...

--Author Unknown



As the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., approaches, many cities and many churches will recall the courage and challenge of the civil rights leader who suffered and died for his beliefs.

When he confronted those who dealt out injustice, he and his followers were stopped, jailed, sometimes beaten, ridiculed and threatened. They were called rabble-rousers, Communists, disturbers of the peace and worse. Many people stood by and did nothing.

It is no wonder that Dr. King said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

"I HAVE  **a DREAM..."**

Whatever else we remember about Dr. King, we should recall that he chose not to remain silent in the face of injustice. Can we say the same about ourselves?

When anyone is treated without respect, without fair play, without kindness or Christian love, we must not remain mute. We should follow the suggestion of Dr. King: "With our faith, we will transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood."

What's the Buzz?



The PRG Moms Group met in December for our final PRG meeting. Discussion was had regarding our plans for 2010. The group decided to move in a new direction...we are creating a Scrapbook Club for 2010. We will begin meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in Room 2 of the Family Life Center. Each month we will begin our evening together with a devotional reading and prayer. We will enjoy a potluck dinner as well.

We invite all women of the Church to join us. Bring your scrapbook projects and have fun with others. New to scrapbooking? Come to our first meeting, bring your pictures, and get tips from others.



M o m m y a n d M e M o n d a y s

Mommy & Me Mondays



We hope that each of you had a very blessed Christmas! We look forward to a fun new year with each of you! Mommy and Me Mondays playgroup will resume on January 14.

Mommy and Me Mondays is for children 6 and under and their parent, and we meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 10 am - 12:30 pm Please bring a sack lunch. Join us for craft, Bible Story, free play, and lots of fun! \$3 *suggested donation.*

C a l l i n g a l l S i n g l e s !

All single people of the Church and their single friends are invited to Single Game Night on Friday, January 8, 2010 from 5:45—8 pm. Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship playing table games.

For those who wish to go out to dinner before the games, we will meet at 4:30 pm at Fat Boy's Restaurant on US 1 in Vero Beach.



Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

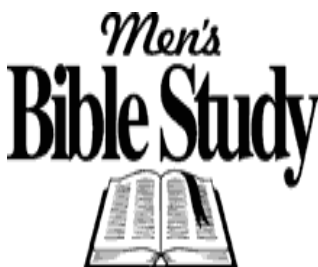
NEW BIBLE STUDY Growing In Christ

To assure is to “put beyond all doubt.” You can become convinced of God’s promises in your life! Join us for 5 short Bible studies on the basic promises God gives to all Christians, led by Pastor Lin.

Join us in the Family Life Center Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, January 12 - February 16, 2010. Please sign up in the Church office so that we can provide adequate resources for this study. Come earlier and enjoy the Terrific Tuesday activities, including a delicious dinner at 5:00 pm for only \$5.00 (buy tickets in advance).



New Men’s Bible Study



Men of the Church and community are invited to join a Men’s Bible Study class to be held on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am beginning Friday, January 8, 2010.

A sign up sheet is on the table in Information Hallway with details of the material to be used. This class will be low key and friendly to both beginners to Bible study and those who have study experience. Come join the fun and fellowship.

Couple’s Retreat Information

Upcoming couple’s Leesburg retreats are the weekends of March 12—14 and March 19—21. John Riley will be there the 12—14th weekend. Once you go, you start looking forward to going again the next year. Everyone has a great time! The cost is \$289 per couple. The fee includes five meals and two nights lodging, and an outstanding spiritual weekend. Find information and registration forms in Information Hallway. Call Bob Biggins for any further information, 460-6724.



January Birthdays

Bill Adams	1/1	Betty Betker	1/16
Carol Laymon	1/5	Lucy Schoonover	1/16
Cindy Fachet	1/7	Jay Stewart	1/16
Noah Valone	1/8	Linda Greenstein	1/18
D. Jean Esposito	1/9	Aarh Hawley	1/18
Dorothy Slivero	1/9	Chuck Bishop	1/20
Mary Lee Umschlag	1/9	Sarah Sewell	1/20
Zachary Wright	1/9	Virginia Spence	1/22
Terry Milam	1/11	Allen Fisher	1/24
Fran Dickinson	1/12	John Fike	1/27
Karin Volin	1/13	Madeline Norris	1/27
Jason Wright	1/14	Terri Watkins	1/29
Anna Horldt	1/15	Kathy Isaacson	1/30



January Anniversaries

Bob & Agnes Biggins	1/1/1948
Edward & Annette Emmons	1/6/2001
Harold & Joan French	1/17/1954
Everett & Betty Priest	1/21/1967

Memorial Garden

In the Memorial Garden will be a clean up of all the fallen leaves and a run through check of the irrigation system. The new mulching looks great!! Donations are greatly appreciated all through the year for the Memorial Garden Fund. Presently, we are looking for year-round maintenance professional to maintain the Memorial Garden. The pictured brochure will then be placed on a new table in the Narthex along with an application form for those who may wish to have their cremated remains placed in the Memorial Gardens. This will be in place after painting has been completed.

Proposal was accepted by a Mr. Danny Williams to do the stone work around the pond area in the Memorial Garden. This is

intended to begin soon. Remembering that “all good things take time”, and that the Memorial Garden will always be evolving.

Love and Blessings,

Sherry Dial, Member Memorial Garden Committee



T r a s h a n d T r e a s u r e N e w s !



Our sorting team meets each Monday from 9 am to Noon and continue each Monday until the sale on February 5 & 6, 2010 from 9 am to 1 pm. Any volunteers are welcomed. Contact Fran Dickinson at 672-4491 for information.



I want to thank everyone who has given to Our Own Food Bank and Street Eats. This is such a giving congregation. Tuesday the 15th, my daughter and I were able to set up 4 more food boxes, and fill up the Street Eats basket in the Information Hallway.

We have lists of foods we can use to make the boxes more uniform. They are on brown paper in the Street Eats basket. After packing the boxes our shelves are close to being empty. Ginny has said that anytime she gives out a street eats bag with socks in it the recipient is so grateful. Can you imagine? A pair of new dry socks can be such a gift! Thank you for all you give.

- Pat Williams

New Member of Monthly Newsletter Team

A lot of you may not know me. Oh, you've seen me in the 8:30 Sunrise Singers and on occasion during the 11:00 Chancel Choir and recognize I'm the gal with long red hair, but, we haven't had the opportunity to meet yet. My name is Debbie Roche. I live in Lakewood Park and have been a member of our church since August, 2007. Other than attending services and singing in the choir, maybe helping out doing mailings, there is not much that "I" personally know about the goings on of our church. As a new reporter for our monthly newsletter, one of my interest will be to find out just WHAT goes on around here. Who are these groups we read about now and then and what do they do? It's going to be a lengthy task and perhaps I may not get to everyone right away, but, don't fret, I am curious about our church family. I have some ideas, but, also want to include you and your thoughts as well. You can either email me: debroke44@yahoo.com OR leave a note for me in my slot in the choir room. I look forward to working on our newsletter.



Meet the newest member of our Newsletter Team!



CROPWALK

Our Church will once again participate in CROP WALK in Fort Pierce on February 29, 2010. All are welcome to participate. Please watch the weekly news for details on how you can participate with our walking team and/or sponsor one of our walkers.

What is a CROP Hunger Walk?

Neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting.

Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go? CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community. CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs.

If you would like more information, please see Steffany Gornak, Coordinator