

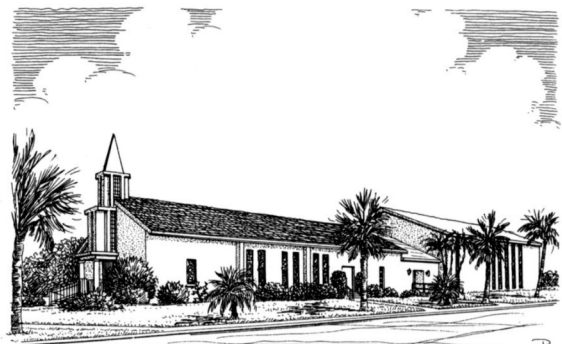
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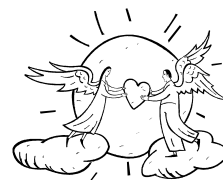
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# The TYDE NEWSLETTER

**Beach United Methodist Church**

**February 2010, Issue 43**

**We have a lot of exciting events going on this month! Please plan to join us.**



**Sundays, February  
 7, 14, 21 & 28**

**Lunch & Heaven Study**  
 after 10:30 a.m. worship

Based on Randy Alcorn's book, *Heaven*.

**Lunch is free, Cost of Book: \$10**

*Sign up in the church office.*

**Monday, February 8**

**"Lift Every Voice in Song"**  
**amber Orchestra and Choral**  
**Concert at 7:00 p.m.**  
**In the Sanctuary**



Featuring Principal Strings players from the SWFL Symphony, our Chancel Choir,

Guest Organist, Neil Page, and Soprano Soloist, Johanna Fincher.

Featured music will be Haydn's *Little Organ Mass* and Barber's *Adagio for Strings*. Ms. Fincher will sing Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*, Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Pie Jesu*, and Gershwin's *Summertime*. The program will also include music from Broadway.

*Open to the public. Free-will offering.*

**Saturday, February 13**  
**Sweetheart Dinner**  
**and Dance**

**In Fellowship Hall**  
**6:00 p.m. Cost: \$12**

*Purchase tickets in the office.*



**Ash Wednesday, February 17**  
 Communion & Institution  
 of Ashes Worship Service  
**In the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, February 19**  
**Dinner & Movie**

**"Pilgrim's Progress**  
**Journey to Heaven"**  
**In Fellowship Hall**  
**6:00 p.m. Cost: \$10**

*Purchase tickets in the office.*



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**Beach United Methodist Church is *Leading People Home.***

# Pastor Jeanne's Column

What if we began to remember that in scripture, "love" is a verb - not a noun - and actually practiced it for a month? What would the world look like if everyone practiced that kind of divine love? The Quakers have an old saying: *What shall I do? / expect to pass through this world but once. Therefore any good work, kindness or service I can render to any person or animal, let me do it now. Let me not neglect or delay to do it, for I will not pass this way again.*

If you knew you were dying today, what would you do? I know from experience when I was in the ER thinking I very well might not live - I called both of my kids and Allen. I left messages on the kid's phones letting them know where I was and that I loved them very much. They already knew the latter - they have heard it thousands of times throughout their lives and I hope my actions have supported that claim - but I wanted to make sure they knew it was my last thought of them. All those thousands of calls made on 9-11 - they were not to tell someone how much the caller disliked them or what they perceived they were doing. No, they were made to let those who were near and dear to the essence of who they were know that.

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13 what love really is. Stop now, pray for God to illumine the Word and read it. Read it out loud - read it again with inflection and thoughtfulness. Some may know it by heart - but read it anyway. It is the most-often-used Scripture in marriage ceremonies, and sadly in too many instances the least acted upon in our lives. It is the "Reader's Digest" version of how we are to live our life if God truly has our heart. There is no room or time in our life for envy, arrogance or rudeness. There is no reason for us to delight when someone "gets theirs" or we tell someone else that they should.

## Thank You Notes

I want to thank everyone for all of your prayers, love and support these past few months while I was enduring treatment for cancer. I am now blessed to be in "remission."

God Bless all of you,  
Stan Eeten

I would like to thank the congregation for your prayers. Last year, my friend Rosa Eilers presented me with a beautiful brown teddy bear and told me that a group of people had joined her in prayer for me. She knew that I had been suffering with severe fibromyalgia muscle pain and migraines. I can't thank you enough, because my fibromyalgia pain is completely gone, finished with, gone for good! Praise the Lord! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers. Prayer does change things, and every time I see that brown teddy bear, I thank the Lord for Rosa and your faithful congregation.

With much gratitude,  
Mary Huebner

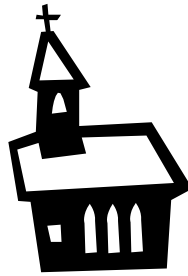
Thank you for making Christmas an especially joyful time for the children at Brightest Horizons. With your generosity, all children enrolled (158) received a wonderful gift from Santa for Christmas. The smiles, laughter and happiness are evident in the photos attached to this note. Again, thank you for supporting Brightest Horizons in our effort to serve the children of low income working families. With your help and financial assistance, we can continue our mission of providing a high quality, educational child care program as we have for the past 35 years. Our services are needed now more than ever as the economy continues to falter. Please feel free to stop by Brightest Horizons to see the good work that we do.

With Warm Regards,  
Tina Parsons  
Executive Director of Brightest Horizons

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for my sister, Sandra Dillaha.  
Love,  
Betty Suprosky



# CHURCH FAMILY NOTES



Greetings from your Finance Chairperson,

My new computer allows me to reach out to you and update you on our financial situation and to thank each and every one of you. What a great congregation you are. We finished 2009 debt-free, and all of our apportionments were paid in full. Not every church can say that.

Thanks to a bequest from one of our members, we now have the new Audio Visual screens installed in the sanctuary, and they are paid in full by this bequest. Our air conditioning drive is still an ongoing project and will cost approx. \$40,000. We are about one third of the way there. We just received our insurance bill from the Conference, and it is \$16,908. This is down almost \$2,000 from last year, and in order to get a 2% discount, it has to be paid in full by February 28, 2010.

I am in the process of working up a Charitable Remainder Trust where I can donate a sum of money to the church and get the interest. The money will go to the church upon my death. For a better explanation and to see if this would work for you, contact our Wills and Legacy Coordinator, Joan Maupin at (239) 466-3852.

I have said for many years that you are a very unique congregation, when we have a problem or a need, you always come through. Besides being Finance Chair, I am also Head Usher, and one of my greatest joys is greeting each of you on Sunday morning.

In GOD'S LOVE,  
Bill Smith

## Laughter



It's been a while since I've sent you a smile, and I have received a few notes and calls saying, "Where are the jokes?".....hope this brings a smile to your face.

### "Painting the Church"

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time. The Lutheran Church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings, and Smokey put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine. Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint. Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: "Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke.....you are going to love this....."Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

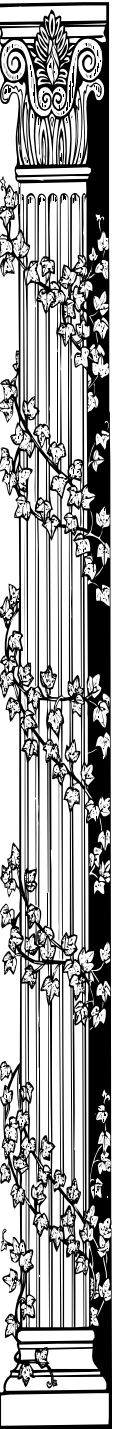
Hope you smiled. May you always have Love to share, Health to spare and Friends that care.  
In Christian Love,  
Lu Burkell

Bible Study nailed it last week - the essence of which was - at our age we don't and most often never have committed really big sins. It is the "little ones" by our definition that in God's eyes seem to be the big ones that should keep us on our knees. Our thoughts - our hearts - our mouths. Jesus said that what comes out of our mouths is what lies in our heart (my paraphrase) - and if our hearts aren't right we need to get them that way.

Even wonder why folks outside the church call us hypocrites? They've probably seen us in action. Momma always said, "It takes one to know one, and whatever you say about someone else, you're really saying about yourself." Momma was pretty smart like that. Now, that doesn't absolve non-church folks of their hypocrisy, it just means that they see ours and it stands out because we are called to a higher love and even they know it. We are supposed to be a kind of mirror that reflects the divine. No wonder Paul assures us that our vision of the divine is dim now. But he does assure us that God sees us as we really are. We don't ever fool God. We mostly fool ourselves and not often those around us.

What is love? It is silence when your words would hurt. It is patience when your neighbor's curt. It is deafness when the scandal flows. It is thoughtfulness for another's concerns. It is promptness when difficult duty calls. It is courage when misfortune falls. I think we have a lot of work to do this month!

I love you, because God first loved me...  
Shalom, Pastor Jeanne





## From the Spouse's Desk...

Back really out. Screams when I try to type. Going to the doctor. See you next month.

Shalom, Allen

### Let There Be

by Susie Bloom

**Leader: And God said, "Let there be," and there was...**

**People:** light separating from the immense darkness; water parting from a blue expanse of sky; and seas gathering, allowing dry, fertile ground to appear.

**All:** And God saw that it was good.

**Leader: And God said, "Let there be," and there were...**

**People:** rows of corn growing; flower buds bursting; sun radiating; stars shimmering; dolphins splashing; sea turtles swimming; tiny goldfinches fluttering; black crows cawing; and rams, ewes, and lambs grazing in the fresh, green grass.

**All:** And God saw that it was very good.

**Leader: And God reached down creating in his image...**

**People:** creating from dust, breathing in new life; forming a man, shaping a woman, blessing their bond, and granting them stewardship over land and creatures.

**All:** And God saw all that he had made and it was very good.

**Leader: And God's people respond, "Use us to create new life by your power..."**

**People:** blessing others with your goodness, lighting paths in the darkness, and being good stewards of your kingdom."

**All:** And may God see that all he is making through us is very good.

This was published in the May/June 2009 *Alive Now* devotional book.

Susie Bloom's devotional book, *Mondays with God*, is available for purchase in the church office for \$12 each or 2 for \$20.

## Join Us for These Upcoming UMW Events

Every woman is welcome to any and all our events. Read on! Our first meeting of the year will be held Thursday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Program leader will be Joan Maupin with guest Joan Bowlsby, the Southwest Florida District Treasurer. Hostesses will be Betty Suprosky and Lois Doggett.

By now, all twelve members of the cast for the "Food and Faith" skit have fully recovered. Sorry if you missed seeing our women as Neanderthals at the cluster meeting of six UMW units on Saturday, January 23, at Cypress Lake UMC.

Our March unit meeting will be on Thursday, March 4, when we'll learn about our mission work in war-torn Sudan with discussion leaders Susan Bales and Mildred Howarter. Come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for coffee etc. with the program and business at 10:00 a.m.

On Saturday, March 20, we'll have our yearly opportunity to enjoy a day of spiritual inspiration at our beautiful Methodist camp in Alva. You'll be glad you came. We are blessed indeed to have so many opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and the chance to hear how the things we do here in our unit can and do affect faraway places such as Sudan.

Lisa Grinter

### UMW Book Review "The Road of Lost Innocence: The True Story of a Cambodian Heroine" by Somaly Mam UMW Book Category: Social Action

As a girl, the author was sold into sexual slavery, but now she rescues others. The description of the girls, some as young as six, being sold, often by their families or of others being deceived into thinking they would be working as household help, is quite horrible. It is unbelievable to those of us, men or women, who have had the tremendous privilege of being born US citizens and additionally, to be born as children of a loving family.

However, Somaly--a name given to her by others, because as an abandoned child, she knows neither her name, her parents, nor her birthday--has risen above her past. One might think she would put it all behind her and forget it. But no, she now rescues and helps others to regain their emotional and physical health, their self-esteem and to gain the skills to become independent.

The book is an account of the unconquerable human spirit. You may look up the Somaly Mam Foundation on the Internet or I have the book, which I would be glad to loan.

Susan Bales



## **United Methodist Women**

### **All Women are Invited on February 5**

All Beach women will have an opportunity to offer a hand-up to women in need of financial aid at Edison State College and Lee Co. High Tech Center. A Scholarship Luncheon for all women will be held at Wesley Memorial UMC, 4141 DeLeon St., at noon on Friday, February 5. Those attending are asked to donate as they are able to the Church Women United Scholarship Fund.

Following the luncheon and the presentation of the scholarship winners, a timely illustrated program entitled "Scholars Connect Far Apart Places" will be presented by Susan and Larry Bales. Organized in 1941, Church Women United is a national movement enabling Christian women and denominational women's groups to serve with a united spirit.

Reservations for the February 5 event must be made immediately by calling Mildred Howarter at 437-9790 or Louise Lee at 936-7965. Any persons unable to attend may contribute by sending checks made to Church Women United and designated Scholarship Fund. To give or receive further information, phone Mildred Howarter or Grace Talcott, President of Church Women United of Lee County, at 936-1677.

### **A Connectional Opportunity on February 6**

We gather week by week in our **local** Beach United Methodist Church. Some of us gathered last month for a South West **District** meeting at a near-by church. Last summer some of us traveled to Lakeland for Florida **Conference** mission studies. In September, a few of us were able to respond to the summons go to N. Carolina to attend a Peace Conference at Lake Junaluska, a meeting place in the Southeast **Jurisdiction**.

Several who experienced the Lake Junaluska Peace Conference will be traveling to First UMC in Sarasota for a Mini Peace Conference on Saturday, February 6. All persons in our South West District are invited. Because lunch will be provided, any persons who would like to make reservations should contact Mildred Howarter.

The goal of the Peace Conference states: "Because there can be no peace without better understanding, respect, and cooperation among Earth's faith communities, we seek a deeper dialogue among persons of the three Abrahamic faiths."

Keynote speakers at the jurisdiction meeting were Bishop Elias Chacour, Rabbi Lieblich, and Dr. Syeed each of whom spoke on peace from the perspective of his faith. DVD's of the program were available. Thanks to the editing of Mildred Howarter and the technical expertise of Bob Swank, excerpts of the messages from the three faiths will be shared in Sarasota.

Lissa Caldwell, who has served on Volunteer in Mission teams the past decade in the Holy Land, also will share some of her insights. Anyone able to help with carpools to Sarasota on February 6 should contact Mildred Howarter at 437-9790. Craft items from Palestine will be available for purchase.



## **Musical Notes**

### **Lift Every Voice in Song**

To begin with, thank you for the love, support and prayers given to me regarding the loss of my friend and mentor, Rabbi Murray Saltzman. He was a man that possessed so much love for all mankind. He will be missed, but more importantly, he will be remembered.

February is once again the month of *love* at Beach United Methodist Church. Not only do we find an increase in our Chancel Choir and congregation, but we are given the opportunity to "do a gigue" at The Valentine Dinner and Dance with that special someone. February is also the time of a major musical event offered to our community.

On Monday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary, the Chancel Choir will be joined by the Principal musicians of the SWFL Symphony in a Chamber Concert. Under my direction, the featured work will be Haydn's *Little Organ Mass*. Guest organist will be Neil Page from Exeter, England, and featured soprano soloist is Johanna Fincher.

Ms. Fincher has sung with the Sarasota Opera AND has danced with the Sarasota Ballet. She has toured Scotland, Bulgaria, Austria, Romania and Slovakia, as well as being featured with numerous orchestras throughout Florida. She will be returning to Europe in June as featured soloist at the Varna International Music Festival and the International Choral Festival, joining me on several concerts as well. In addition to the Haydn, Johanna will sing Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*, Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Pie Jesu* and Gershwin's *Summertime*.

Neil Page began playing professionally at the age of 13. He has served as guest organist at Exeter Cathedral in Exeter, England, and is considered a Treble and Adult Choir specialist in the United Kingdom. In 2009, Neil was appointed Special Associate Organist at St. Boniface Episcopal Church on Siesta Key, Florida, and has developed a professional small vocal ensemble that performs throughout the Sarasota-Tampa area.

The balance of the program will include Broadway selections and the Strings will play Barber's haunting *Adagio for Strings*. There will be a freewill offering collected to offset expenses. This is the third concert in the *HIBISCUS SERIES* this season, and we are hoping to develop sponsorship opportunities, so that this musical offering to the community will be able to continue.

Please come out and support our Music and Fine Arts Program and offer your love to us. Also, it is not too late to plan on joining us in Europe and Israel in June 2010. Speak with me after Sunday services or after the concert. My love for you all grows stronger every day I am here.

Douglas Renfro  
Director of Music and Fine Arts

# ♥ FEBRUARY 2010 AT BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ♥

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>B=Birthday</i> <i>A=Anniversary</i>	1 <b>8:00 am UMM at the Pancake House</b>  <b>9:30 am Sewing Group</b>	2 <b>9:30 am Bible Study</b>  <i>B-Robert Henry Towns, Jr.</i>	3 <b>9:00 Begin. Spanish</b> <b>9:30 am Exercise Class</b> <b>10:30 am Adv. Spanish</b> <b>12:00 Widow's Lunch at the Sunflower Cafe</b> <b>7:00 pm Choir</b>	4 <b>9:30 am United Methodist Women</b>	5 <b>9:30 Exercise Class</b>	6  <i>B-Don Mitchell</i>
7 <b>8:00 am Worship</b> <b>9:00 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:15 am Hymn Sing</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>12:00 pm Lunch/Heaven Study</b>	8 <b>7:00 pm "Lift Every Voice in Song" Chamber Orchestra and Choral Concert in the Sanctuary</b>	9 <b>9:30 am Bible Study</b>  <i>B-Bill Brown</i> <i>B-Steve Kelley</i>	10 <b>9:00 Begin. Spanish</b> <b>9:30 am Exercise Class</b> <b>10:30 am Adv. Spanish</b> <b>7:00 pm Choir</b> <i>B-Michelle Davis Cromwell</i> <i>B-Mike Fletcher</i> <i>B-Lucy Ortt</i> <i>B-Mary Tubbs</i>	11	12 <b>9:30 Exercise Class</b>  <i>B-Vaughn Billings</i> <i>B-Dick Miller</i>	13 <b>6:00 pm Sweetheart Dinner &amp; Dance</b>  <b>6:00 pm Widow's Gathering at Sweetheart Dinner &amp; Dance</b>
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