

Worship Schedule:
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Jan.- Easter: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Hymn Sing at 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.



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Next TYDE deadline..March 15

The Purpose of Beach United Methodist Church is to praise and worship God as a family, while nurturing and serving others throughout the community and world; making disciples for Jesus Christ.

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Beach United Methodist Church

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March Events:

Thursday, March 4

UMW Meeting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall
 "Plight of The People of The Sudan"

Monday, March 8

Robert Beane, Tenor, in concert
 7 PM in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 12

Dinner and a Movie at 6PM
 "The Passion of Christ"

Cost is \$10.00

Call the church to make a reservation

Saturday, March 13

Shrimp Parade
 UMM Activity

Wednesday, March 16

Widow's Group Luncheon
 Bayfront Bistro (behind Publix)
 Call for reservations by March 14:
 Barbara Cantley 765-8515

Thursday, March 17

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
 6PM in Fellowship Hall
 Cost is \$10.00

Call church at 463-9656 for tickets

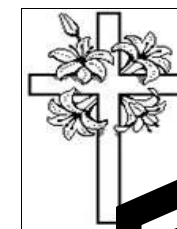
Sunday, March 21

The Chosen Ones
 During 8:00 and 10:30 Services

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday
 8:00 and 10:30 Services

Sunday April 4



Easter

Are you ready for Easter?

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Beach United Methodist Church is *Leading People Home.*

Pastor Jeanne's Column

It's a familiar tune - rolling around in your head. You can almost sing a few words. But it just keeps rolling and rolling - perhaps for days on end. Finally, after humming to no avail, you stop and pay attention to what your memory is trying to tell you. There it is, after all that time, you begin to piece it together. You knew all along that it was a hymn, but you just couldn't get enough to have it revealed to you.

There have been times when I have called our organist Julie and said "Help!" These are the words and this is what I have of the tune. She usually helps me put it together and what do you know! A message from God - and I often pass it along to you in Sunday worship.

This is why we should teach our children and grandchildren the old hymns. They can find meaning and comfort in some of the contemporary songs of faith - and so can we. But just as the Israelites were commended over and over to teach the stories to their children, so are we. And one of the best ways I learned those stories was to sing them. Over the years they have sustained me in the midst of trials and times of sorrow. The melody or lyrics have come to my remembrance as I listened to the stories of others and attempted to help them through a difficult time.

It is a very real way of God speaking to us. Those lyrics were God-inspired in the first place and they are as alive and vital to our lives today as they were to the authors - and our parents and grandparents.

What is the first song you remember singing? With whom did you sing it - or hear it sung? I remember as a very small child being often in the company of my Dad's family. How they loved to sing - three girls and two boys and their spouses and then children. We would often sit outside in the cool of a summer Sunday evening. Sometimes I would be on a blanket with my cousins or a lawn chair or swing - sometimes I got to sit with the big people on a glider or go to sleep in the arms of someone who loved me. Those voices I loved and trusted would laugh and tell stories, then someone would start singing.

For all of my life, it seems I have known the lyrics. That's one of the reasons I like to sing all the verses of a hymn. The other is that they tell a story of faith and I don't want to miss telling and hearing the whole story - or your story. Singing those wonderful hymns transport me back to a time when I was being taught to remember. It is as if I am saying to my parents and family, "Well done. You taught me well."

Those moments intensify my resolve to make sure my grandchildren learn those hymns of faith, so that one day when they need it, the rock of strength will be there for them, too. I most probably won't leave them great sums of money. But I want to leave them a wealth much more valuable - the ability to sing in the midst of trouble and be comforted. Someday when my grandchildren are old, I want them to say, "I remember hearing grandma sing that song."

I also pray for them - for each of us - to have a "Julie" to help them remember

FREE ORGAN TO GOOD HOME

A Conn, Tampico organ is being offered to a good home. It is used but in very good condition. It plays romantic as well as classical. There are two manuals with a 25 pedal board. It is ideal for home or church use. It comes with internal Leslie speakers and optional external speaker hookup. All books and repair are included. The bench has a custom cushion. For further information, call H. G. Fisher, Jr. at 239-566-1416 or 239-398-4966 or email H.G. at muzikfish@comcast.net

Thank You Notes

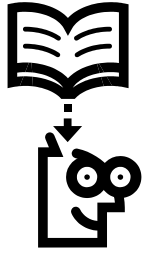
"Clif is home from the hospital! Thank you for all your prayers and visits. Prayer definitely works." Clif and Wanda Hart

Thank you to all of the kitchen help, set-up help, cleaning crew and dish washers during the four weeks of the Heaven Study! We were blessed by your willingness to plan, cook, clean and pitch in when you saw something to do to help out. Willing hands make us happy and God smiles along with us. This is a tradition at Beach United Methodist Church that everyone pitches in whenever needed. What a blessing you all are to us.

Pastor Jeanne, Susie Bloom and Judy Billings

United Methodist Women have set up a book display in the office lobby area. Browse and borrow!





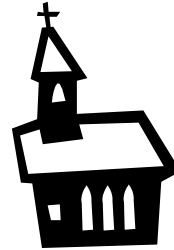
UMW BOOK REVIEW

“Still My Grandma” by Véronique Van den Abule
UMW, category Nurturing for Community

This is a children's book which also touches the hearts of Grandmas and Grandpas. It is the story of Camille, 5-8 years old, who loves her grandma and enjoys spending time with her. But then something happens: Grandma doesn't act like Grandma any more. She has Alzheimer's. Gradually Camille comes to understand that although Grandma has changed, they can still enjoy their time together. It is a powerful story that proves that love is stronger than illness.

This book is found in our library.
Susan Bales

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES



Greetings from your Finance Chairperson [now an octogenarian],

I want to thank everyone for the complete surprise birthday luncheon, the cake and all the cards. My birthday was Thursday, February 25, 2010 but it has been a whole week and I am still celebrating. Thanks a lot to all!

Finance News:

We have decided to tithe 10% of our income monthly to pay on our Insurance and apportionments. The cost of our apportionments for 2010 is \$25,144.00 and our Insurance for 2010 is \$16,908.90. We are still working to reach our goal of \$40,000.00 for the air conditioners. So far we have received \$13,861.43 in donations for the air conditioners. So you see we still need your stewardship support.

The revenue from the Yard Sale on January 30th was \$2687.70.

In GOD'S LOVE,

Bill Smith, Finance Committee Chairman

when they aren't able to on their own. That's where we become so important for others on the journey. That's why we should never consider any task that God calls us to as menial. That hymn that Julie helps me put together - might just be what someone needed to hear that Sunday. Or it might be Julie's affirmation that she is important in my journey.

We don't know God's ways. God's thoughts are higher than ours. God's wisdom is not our wisdom. Yet God very often used a simple thing to work great deeds for God's glory and humanity's edification. What would you do if I spat in my hands before laying hands on you for healing? Jesus often did. It has been speculated that Jesus' very DNA was also fully divine and, therefore, would have all the miracle-working powers of God who created everything. A simple thing, very plausible, and not something anyone seemed to make a big deal about. But what wonders it worked!

Each one of us can name a hundred incidents in our lives when God broke through to us when we were in the midst of something very "unspectacular." I think our society lost a lot when we got automatic dishwashers. I used to do a lot of thinking and problem-solving doing that job. Running the vacuum is still a good way to think - we can't hear anyone calling or the phone or doorbell ringing (unless we have an alarm dog!).

I really want you to pay attention to the times you can turn off the radio in the car and listen. Take time to sit in a quiet place and meditate on a scripture you just read. Read it over again and put yourself into the story. Read it out loud. Read it again and change characters. Read the stories that took place before Jesus was arrested. How do you think the human Jesus was feeling? What was the Divine Jesus able to see that those around him could not? Before you begin, ask God to open your heart and mind to receive what God wants you to hear. You will be amazed at how quickly the time will go by and how much those thoughts will continue to work in your head.

Lent is a time for reflection and thus recognition. Sing a different favorite hymn each day and enjoy the melody staying with you and the memories that flood back. Spend the next weeks paying closer attention to God's presence in your life. You and God will be blessed.

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





From the Spouse's Desk...

Spouses Desk 0310 Hagar Cont.

We do not know how much time passed before Hagar became pregnant. Let's think about this, if Hagar conceived right away, say in the first month or so, then we could imagine that Abram and Hagar's intimate relationship was short-lived. On the other hand if Hagar did not conceive for several months or a year or so, well????

For many years Jews and Christians have sought to elevate Sarai over Hagar. Sarai was the "first" wife, Hagar was her maidservant, Isaac, the father of the Jewish nation was the product of Sarai's womb. Conversely, Muslims have sought to elevate Hagar over Sarai for just the same reasons, Ishmael, the father of the Arabic tribes was the product of Hagar's womb.

Scripture tells us that as soon as Hagar realized she was pregnant with Abram's child, "Her mistress was lowered in her esteem" (Gen 16:4). Hagar was fertile; Sarai was barren. Soon she would have Abram's child, Sarai would remain childless.

Commentators differ on what happened next. Jewish accounts say that Hagar began to be cruel to Sarai, while Islamic accounts remain strangely silent. The Bible tells us that Sarai became enraged, blaming not Hagar or herself, but instead she was angry at the blow to her dignity. Now that Hagar wanted to undermine Sarai's status in the household, Sarai blamed Abram. This sounds a little unfair to us, since this arrangement was Sarai's idea in the first place. This points to an important aspect of Near Eastern law.

To elevate a concubine or second wife over a first wife was taboo. The first wife was the head of the household and the master of a home was not supposed to tolerate arrogant behavior in a second wife, unless he felt his first wife was truly unworthy. Abram seems to tacitly support Hagar. That suggests that he was smitten with Hagar or that he had drifted away from Sarai so far that he no longer cared. At any rate, Abram was not behaving quite like what the Bible would teach us. Sarai declares in Gen 16:5, "The Lord decide between you and me."

Commentators have fought over these words for centuries, arguing back and forth about who was right and who was wrong. It seems to modern day scholars that both marriage partners were wrong; Sarai for complaining to God about Abram, and Abram for his lack of faith and his weakness in the face of temptation. As one writer puts it, "together they formed the perfectly unhappy, aggrieved couple."

Hagar has to share some of this blame also. She had essentially been elevated to second wife which was a great honor in that culture. Hagar was a slave, she and her



Musical Notes

Beach United Methodist Church announces the fourth concert presentation of their HIBISCUS SERIES this season. On Monday, March 8, 2010, tenor Robert Beane will be heard in full concert. Concert begins at 7:00 PM and will be held in the Sanctuary.

Mr. Beane has been featured as a tenor soloist throughout the world, performing a variety of repertoire from classical oratorio to Broadway. He has appeared with the SWFL Symphony, the Lynchburg Symphony and Jefferson Choral Society, the Metropolitan Chorale, Naples Orchestra and Chorus, the Voices of Naples, the Vidin (Bulgaria) Philharmonic and the Varna (Bulgaria) Philharmonic and Morski Zvutsi (Bulgaria). His European performances include solo appearances of *Elijah*, Verdi's *Requiem*, Bach's *Cantata 150*, Mozart's *Requiem*, as well as performances with bass baritone Douglas Renfroe in Bulgaria, Scotland and Israel.

Locally, Robert has been heard as soloist with the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers on numerous concerts, including Handel's *Messiah* this season. He also sang the same piece for the Voices of Naples with members of the Naples Philharmonic. Future concerts will include performances in Naples, FL as well as a joint concert with bass baritone Douglas Renfroe in April.

A unique feature of this concert will be the addition of his daughter, mezzo soprano Katherine Beane, from Iowa. Ms. Beane has performed in numerous oratorios and major choral compositions including Beethoven's *Mass in C*. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music degree from Luther College, having studied with Edwin Andereck, David Katz and Christine Blanner.

Accompanying the duo is Shirley Roe, Artist-in-Residence at St. Peter Lutheran Church on Ft. Myers Beach. Her degrees are from Oberlin College and she was a soloist and a member of the touring piano duo, *Nelson and Roe*".

Beach United Methodist Church is located at 155 Bay Road (behind the Library). There will be a free will offering and a reception will follow the concert. For more information, please contact Dr. Douglas Renfroe, Director of Music and Fine Arts at 239- 463-9656.



United Methodist Women

All Women are Invited on March 4th

UMW will meet on Thursday, March 4, 2010 in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to come at 9:30 a.m. for a half hour social time. Our monthly meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m.

In this month's program you will learn where some of your mission dollars are being used. Sudan is a country riddled with multiple problems - cultural, economic and geographic - ruled by a president who has been issued an arrest warrant for crimes against his own people. Susan Bales and Mildred Howarter will speak to you via a DVD, visuals and stories in order to allow you to more clearly understand the plight and courage of these African people and the groups such as UMCOR who are on the ground trying to help. Please bring your handbook, or pick one up, for updating.

In the future, we will be notifying you via e-mail of our monthly meetings. We will phone those who do not have access to e-mail. Any comments or questions regarding this method of communication can be directed to Jayne Tappe at jayne_tappe@yahoo.com, or by phone at (239) 463-3336. Hope to see all of you on the 4th!

Jayne Tappe, Communications Coordinator

NEWSLETTER NUGGET REGARDING OUR CONNECTIONAL GIVING

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) marks its 70th birthday in 2010. The anniversary is a milestone in a history of hope that has provided relief and other assistance to millions of people around the world. UMCOR models Micah 6:8: to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering provides essential support to UMCOR. Without it, much of what UMCOR does to bring hope and healing to the world could not happen.

Most gifts coming to UMCOR have been designated for specific programs that receive 100 percent of those gifts. So part of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering plus a small percentage of other general donations support UMCOR's cost of doing business.

The compassion of Jesus makes all things new. As Christians, we're called to offer the hands, the heart and the hope of the church wherever people are suffering. Your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing, channeled through UMCOR, enable the church to answer that call.

--Adapted from the UMCOR Web site <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/give/oghs/>

womb belonged to Abram and Sarai, anything above that was a great honor. Her disdain for her mistress could very well have resulted in her being demoted back to being just a slave or maybe even sold to another tribe. Her newfound status seems to have gone to her head.

Abram seemingly wanted to distance himself from this quarrel, so he said, "Your maid is in your hands. Deal with her as you think right." This seems cruel to us, and it was, however Hagar was Sarai's servant, it was Sarai who had authority over Hagar. This was a dangerous situation for Abram, if he intruded in the area of domestic life traditionally run by the first wife, chaos could result. If a master let a slave reach beyond their proper place in the family, chaos would most certainly result, for there were many other slaves in their camp. It is also quite possible that Abram still loved Sarai and he felt he had to listen to her side of the story. He and Sarai had made history together and had spent most of their lives together. Sarai was a leader, her name means "princess." Hagar was a slave. Abram's choice was clear. He chose Sarai.

As a result, "Sarai treated Hagar harshly," and Abram did not stop her. (Gen 16:6) Jewish tradition tells us that Hagar was made to walk behind her mistress so that all knew she (Hagar) was a slave. It is also told that Sarai gave Hagar the "evil eye... so that she miscarried." The Bible does seem to indicate that Sarai was wrong here as the Hebrew phrase for Sarai's abuse of Hagar is the same that is used to describe the Egyptian oppression of Israel many centuries later.

The Bible does make it clear that surrogate motherhood does not have to be filled with hatred. The story of Jacob's wives, Rachael and her sister Leah, who both provided surrogate mothers for their families, tells us of their joy with this arrangement. (Gen 30:6) It is pretty clear that the behavior of these women was more the norm, while Sarai was breaking the rules and Hagar was overstepping her position in the life of the family.

This is an obvious breakdown of polygamy even before Hagar's child is born. Isn't it odd that the story of Abram and Sarai became the model for men like Joseph Smith, and the story of Jacob, Rachael and Leah did not? Sarai was far from the ideal first wife, and Abram was a flawed husband. One early commentary states, "The matriarch sinned by such maltreatment, and Abram too by permitting it."

Even though Abram didn't stand up for her, Hagar had too much self-respect to allow herself to be mistreated for long. When it all became too much to bear, she would take matters into her own hands.

Next Month, Hagar hears from God.

Shalom, Allen

♥ MARCH 2010 AT BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ♥

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>B=Birthday</i> <i>A=Anniversary</i>	1 8:00 am UMM at the Pancake House 9:30 am Sewing Group <i>A - Melvin & Pharaba Bell</i> <i>A - Robert & Joan Mickox</i> <i>B - Nancy Heyob</i>	2 9:30 am Bible Study <i>B - Joan Johnson</i>	3 9:00 Begin. Spanish 9:30 am Exercise Class 10:30 am Adv. Spanish 12:00 Widow's Lunch at the Sunflower Cafe 7:00 pm Choir	4 9:30 am United Methodist Women <i>B - Mary Lou Bender</i>	5 9:30 Exercise Class <i>B - Don Canfield</i> <i>B - Ellen Fischer</i>	6
7 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Hymn Sing 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Soup and Salad Luncheon <i>B - Doug Renfroe</i>	8 7:00 pm Robert Beane Concert	9 9:30 am Bible Study	10 9:00 Begin. Spanish 9:30 am Exercise Class 10:30 am Adv. Spanish 7:00 pm Choir	11 <i>A - Mike and Karen Leep</i>	12 9:30 Exercise Class 6:00 Dinner & a Movie <i>"The Passion of Christ"</i>	13 Shrimp Parade UMM Donut & Coffee Sales <i>B - Bill Princell</i>
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28 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Hymn Sing 10:30 am Worship	29 <i>A - Rich and Donna Crowe</i> <i>B - Betty Jane Tague</i>	30 <i>A - Paul and Jane Gilmore</i>	31 9:00 Begin. Spanish 9:30 am Exercise Class 10:30 am Adv. Spanish 7:00 pm Choir <i>B - Don Lasko</i> <i>B - Judy Princell</i>			

