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Musings from Pastor Phred But Is What I Heard

What You Meant to Say?

By now you have probably noticed I am a word person. I think words should be used precisely that communications can be clear. Muddled communications get churches into trouble. Some churches wander into wacko theology because they are not clear in stating their beliefs. Some churches have internal fighting over the oddest issues when the problem is church members simply are not clear about what other church members are trying to say. Clear communications are important. I so strive to be clear in my preaching and develop the meaning of words so that we may be on the same page. I fear sometimes I sound like a dictionary. I would rather be a dictionary in a pulpit than preach muddled sermons.

Being a word person, one of my pet peeves is the way we throw around Christian jargon when we do not know the meaning of the words we are using, let alone the people we are trying to reach in Christ's love. If I enclosed a quiz in this newsletter and asked you to define "holy" could you do it? What does John Wesley mean when he calls us to go on to perfection? You know salvation is being saved from our sins but do you know what makes a sin a sin? So, this Lent I will preach a series of sermons defining words we use but may not know what they mean. I will do my best to not sound like a dictionary in the pulpit. As usual, this is not information for information's sake but an opportunity to

better understand and therefore better follow our Christian faith.

Yes, Lent is upon us. Ash Wednesday is the 22nd and the First Sunday in Lent is the 26th. Remember to bring someone with you to our Renewal Services with speaker Pastor Chris Rife! See ya' Sunday, with the saints, in the Lord's house. Peace, *Pastor Phred Cain*



Renewal Services



Woodruff Grove will be having a Renewal Service beginning Sunday evening February 19 through Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) February 22 at 7pm. Our speaker will be Pastor Chris Rife from the Anoka United Methodist Church in Logansport, IN. He was the speaker at the PB&J Concert at Prairie Heights last summer. He has a real witness and is faithful to God's call--getting into God's word made him a new person. We look forward to his messages, and pray that God's Spirit will fill each of us with His love and bring Renewal to Woodruff Grove Church.

Join us Sunday evening and you won't want to miss a night. There will be a nursery available. (*more info. on back cover*) *Marty Young*

Kids Club



The spring session of Kids' Club will soon be here. We will meet each Wednesday in March - March 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 3:00 until 5:00. Again we will be at Wolcott Mills School. We need many volunteers to bring God's love to our kids. Sign up now so you do not miss it!

Karen Grossman

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The weather has kept our prayer shawl ministry from meeting last month, but the needles are still clicking at home. We have a good supply right now. Please, feel free to give a Prayer Shawl to that friend or acquaintance who needs a special uplift or maybe to celebrate a joy. If anyone would like to join in this ministry and fellowship, you are welcome to come! We meet for about an hour at the church on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. We pray over our shawls monthly.

Marty Young

Ladies Bible Studies



Monday afternoon or Tuesday evenings!

Only three lessons left until we have completed Dr. David Jeremiah's study "What the Bible Says about Angels". We have learned so much from this study!

Our next study will be "James: Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore. This provides a personal in-depth study experience five days a-week, plus viewer guides for eight video sessions, with seven weeks of print study.

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, and faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer.

Our Ladies Bible Study will be offered at two times: the **evening study** will begin on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm in Susan Young's home, and a **new afternoon study** will be added on Monday afternoons at 1:00 pm beginning March 5, in the Gathering Place at church. *This is the same study and you only need to choose one to attend.* Member books are \$20.00 and must be paid for in advance. If you are interested in joining either session of this study, please contact Susan Young at 351-2828 or 336-2956.

Please note: a book will not be ordered for you unless paid for in advance.

Susan Young

Youth Fellowship



Our Youth Fellowship plans to meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month right after Sunday School. On February 5 we will have SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY when we collect nonperishable food items and money to give to Clothes and Food Basket in La Grange to help those in need.

Marty Young

Greetings from the Choir Loft



February 8th we will begin working on Easter music. We will not be doing a Cantata, or Musical this Easter. I have something entirely different in mind. Actually, it is going to be kept a secret until it is performed on Easter Sunday. How is that for suspense? The choir does not even know...YET! So, if you would like to be part of something that Woodruff Grove has NEVER done before come join Choir and our fun worshipping Jesus! *Sandy Ringler*

Remind your Prayer Partner That you're Praying for them!



*We are now picking new prayer partners!
Please see Marty Young to draw your
new name after January 29th!*



Campus Life JV

Our United Methodist Women are collecting snack items for our local Campus Life JV. Kim Harlow, the Campus Life JV Director has asked us to collect 10 2ltr bottles of soda and 20 dozen cookies - and that's a bunch! We would like to ask for your help gathering these items!

Cookies may be homemade or store bought but please avoid oatmeal, lemon or anything with raisins. They cheerfully welcome chocolate chip, peanut butter and sugar cookies! Any flavor of soda is a favorite. Items may be put in the collection box in the fellowship hall. We will be collecting items through the month of February. Thanks for your help!

Maundy Thursday Passover Feast



Great News! We will have a Maundy Thursday Passover Feast this year on April 5th at 6pm. Everyone is welcome and feel free to invite someone to come with your family! There will be one major change this year. **To save on costs we request that you make reservations to this free dinner.** Look for your invitation in March and respond to the RSVP to attend. Thank you!!!

Rummage Sale



The Woodruff Grove Rummage Sale will be 10, 11 & 12! (with set-up on May, 6, 7,8 & 9) Please put these dates on your calendar. Remember to tell your friends, family and neighbors - you are our best advertisement! The ladies have requested that you **start bringing in your items now.** Please put your items in the back room of the fellowship hall as **near to the red arrow as possible.** Sometimes items just brought in get mixed up with items already priced. We hope this new system works. Also we have a request for **Large or Big sized boxes.** If you have any questions please contact Jacque Young or Marilyn Grossman. Thanks!

Sleep Over



The Elementary Sunday School classes are planning a "Church-Over" sleepover for **March 9.** We are inviting all kids of the church through middle school age. Bring your friends! We will have supper, watch movies, play games, and camp out at the church for anyone who wishes to stay overnight. If you want to help by providing supervision or food, please see Melanie Grossman. More details soon!

Melanie Grossman

Summer Camps



Have you been thinking about fun stuff for your children or your family to do next summer? Check out their website at: www.beacamper.com and learn more!

United Methodist Women



Just a reminder - we will not meet in January, February or March of 2012. Please mark April 11th, at 1:30pm on your calendar for our first 2012 meeting.



Baptism or Church Membership

If you are interested in becoming Baptized and /or a Church Membership, please share this with Pastor Phred or call him at our church office at 854-2067 or at his email address: revfgcain@yahoo.com



February Birthdays

1. Betty Runkle
2. Janet Uffelman
3. Amy Thompson
4. Marilyn Grossman
5. Tatum Ritchie
6. Timothy Bolen
8. Zachary Green
Roger Howe
9. Brad Ringler
Chris Jordan
Elaine Norris
10. John Fetters
11. Eric Morris
12. David Young
13. Brian Grossman
15. Lisa Morris
John Russell
16. Sherron Hagerty
17. Phillip Smith
18. Zac Young
Troy McNall
20. Derick Tubbs
Nicole McKibben
Jared Young
Janet Gerardot
22. Dave Kilgore
26. Livia Bolen
Justin Abdool
Betty North
28. Brandi Morris
Nick Grossman
31. Brooke Eberhard
Julee Schrock



February

Anniversaries

13. Bill & Shirley Thomas
18. Gary & Marilyn Grossman
19. Jim & Susan Young
25. Lloyd & Phyllis Foltz
29. Ryan & Michelle Young

Address Updates



If you or someone you know has had a change of address please notify the office. It is important to us that you receive all mail that we send to you and this is not possible if we have an incorrect address. Also, many are eliminating their land-line phones. Please make sure we have your current phone number also. We cannot keep you on our phone tree for our prayer concerns without it!

Please don't assume we know any of this information! Please contact Rosy O'Brian in our Woodruff Grove Church office at 854-2067. Our phone has an answering machine for your convenience. If you have internet, please feel free to email us at: woodruffgrove@yahoo.com.



Love- If you have it, you don't need to have anything else, and if you don't have it, it doesn't matter much what else you have!

-James M. Barrie



Scriptures and Sermon Titles February 2012

Sunday, 5 February 2012

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Sermon Series: School of Love

Sermon Title: Paul's Definition of Love

Sunday, 12 February 2012

Pastor Cain will be on Vacation

Sunday, 19 February 2012

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon Series: School of Love

Sermon Title: Perfect Love

Sunday, 26 February 2012

First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Romans 3:21-26

Sermon Title: What is Sin?

If you have any news items you would like to have put in the March 2012 issue of "The Lamplighter" newsletter, please let Rosy O'Brian know. We'd like to include them! The deadline for submissions will be the morning of February 20th. If you have any address updates or corrections, or if you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please let us know that too! You may contact us by e-mail at woodruffgrove@yahoo.com with this information. Thanks!