



THE LAMPLIGHTER



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Musings from Pastor Phred “Changing the World”

“If I didn’t believe that the gospel is about changing the world, I wouldn’t waste another day with Jesus. I would see no point as to why he came. He certainly didn’t come so that we could indulge ourselves in arcane rituals, playing church once a week.”—Peter J Storey (*Heroic Intercession, Weavings*, V. XXVI, #2, p. 25)

Weavings is a magazine published by The Upper Room. There is usually something in each issue that perks my ears and brightens my eyes. This paragraph by Peter Storey sure did.

When I was young - in high school and college - we were the generation who were going to change the world. How we were going to change the world seem to slip my grasp. After graduating from seminary I began to realize we would never change the world by changing the world but by lighting one candle at a time.

When I attended a Christmas Eve candlelight service at First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor, toward the end of the service almost all the lights were turned off. The church was pretty dark. Two people lit candles from the alter candles and came down the center aisle, lighting candles on either side. This was not your typical Christmas Eve service with only a handful in attendance. There were over a hundred people there. As candle lit candle the church grew

bright, like sunrise. This has been my image of “Light a candle against the darkness.”

I see two lessons in lighting a candle against the darkness. When I light a candle against the darkness, not only can I see but everyone in the darkness can see. When I light a candle against the darkness, anyone in the darkness who has a candle can get a light from me, chasing away more of the darkness. So, in lighting one candle we can chase away every dark place throughout the world.

The mission statement of the United Methodist Church is: “The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Got a candle?

See ya’ Sunday, with the saints, candle in hand, in the Lord’s house. *Pastor Phred Cain*



2011 Graduates!

On Sunday, May 22nd, we will have a Graduate Recognition to honor all graduates with a breakfast (everyone is invited to support our graduates) from 8-9am and also a special time during our worship service. We will have a list of graduates that will include family members who are graduating in our bulletin. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please let Marilynn Grossman, Rosy O’Brian, or Pastor Phred know as soon as possible - we don’t want to forget anyone, especially on this happy occasion!



Public Suppers

Our first Public Supper for 2011 is just days away! Plan to come and bring your family, friends and neighbors to our "Baked Steak" supper on May 28th from 4-7pm.

Our Public Suppers take a lot of work. Could you plan to help us? We will be passing around clip boards asking for donations of salads, pies, and help.



Public Supper Gift Certificates

Public Supper Gift Certificates are available. You may use these gift certificates as an 'Outreach' to someone, family, friends, neighbors, or as a gift. Any reason! The best part of these certificates is that if they are not used, you do not have to pay for them. Of course if they are used, you do have to pay for them! If you would like to learn more about this opportunity please see any of the United Methodist Women for your gift certificates or for more information about them.



Banner and Pew Saints

Thank you to those who change our beautiful banners (Troy and Stephanie Blake) and restock our pews with envelopes and such (Charlie and LaDonna Whetzel). Because of their faithful assistance Woodruff Grove looks beautiful and is ready for you each Sunday morning. Thank you again!



Anointing of Hands

Sunday, May 15th we will anoint the hands of our nurses during worship services.

"Anointing of the Hands" is a very brief ritual to honor our nurses. Nurses, please be sure to attend church on May 15th so that we may recognize and honor all of your good work and efforts.

Also, invite the nurses you may know to join us in worship on May 15th. We would love to honor their work as well. Any questions may be directed to Pastor Phred.



Rummage Sale

We have a busy time ahead of us! No amount of time will be considered 'too little' to have helped us!

Sunday - May 1, 3pm - move boxes from the basement and arrange tables.

Monday-Wednesday - May 9th -11th, 9am-5pm - Come help us arrange, sort and set up for the sale.

Thursday - May 12th, 8am-6pm - Opening Day! We need the most help while we have the biggest crowd! Come join our chaos!

Friday, May 13, 8am-6pm - Half Price Day!

Saturday, May 14, 8am-2pm- \$2.00 Bag Day - We need a fresh crew to box up our left overs and clean up.

Our Kitchen will need helpers too! Please let Linda Patterson or Lois Keck know if you can join in the food preparations.

Please bring your items for the sale in as soon as possible. We want to have them ALL priced before we start to organize and set up for our sale. If you have any questions about any of this fun time, please contact Marilynn Grossman and she will be happy to answer your questions.



Camps

Now is the time to sign up for Summer Camp opportunities! There are many different types of camps for many age groups or families at several locations. To find out more information go to: beacamper.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 9:30am. With so many who seem to have various illnesses lately, I'm sure they would appreciate a prayer shawl knowing others cared about them. Please feel free to take a shawl to give to someone in need or time of a celebration.

Jeanie Park

Baptism or Child Dedication



If you are interested in being Baptized or having your child Dedicated, please share this with Pastor Phred or call him at: 854-2067 or at revfgcain@yahoo.com

To Make Your Witness Easier

The Evangelism Committee has a new eight-page Outreach Booklet available, "For God So Loved the World" which explains God's love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ and has the Prayer of Salvation. Please use these booklets (found in the Gathering Place) in your personal evangelism (waiting rooms, nursing homes or in your car or purse when you want one) and share Jesus' great gift with others, especially during the season of Lent.

Bev Jordan



Three New Members!

We are pleased to welcome three new members to our Woodruff Grove Church Family! Elizabeth Laddy-Grace Grossman, Monali Kathryn Grossman, and Caleb James Young all have gone through Confirmation classes and were baptized on Easter Sunday, April 24th. God Bless you all!



Scriptures and Sermon Titles May 2011

Sunday, 1 May 2011

Second Sunday of Easter
Pastor Phred is on vacation.

Sunday, 8 May 2011

Third Sunday of Easter
Pastor Phred is on vacation.

Sunday, 15 May 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Scripture: Psalm 23
John 10:11-18
Sermon Title: Taking Care of the Sheep

Sunday, 22 May 2011

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Scripture: I Peter 2:1-10
Sermon Title: On Being the People of God

Sunday, 29 May 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Scripture: John 14:15-21
I Peter 3:13-21
Sermon Title: The Spirit of Truth



May Birthdays

1. Glen Patterson
2. Braeden Cassel
Annella Smith
4. Jenessa Wainwright
5. Glen Hassinger
7. Jordan Henschen
8. Danny Young
9. Aaron Young
12. John Wainwright
14. Bonnie Roebel
15. Julie Eagleson
17. Allison Young
18. Derek Young
24. Brad Murphy
26. Taylor Patterson
29. Birdeen Sweet



May Anniversary

3. Ed & Susan Huguenard
10. Troy & Stephanie Blake
15. Jan & Bob Russell
24. John & Pam Wainwright



Adult Membership Class

Adult membership class for anyone who would like to join Woodruff Grove or refresh their understanding of the beliefs of United Methodist Church will begin in July and last for seven weeks.

Daytime Bible Study



Our afternoon Bible Study has completed its ten week study on Angels. It was an enlightening study with lots of good conversation, some conviction, and wonderful fellowship! Thank you to all who attended prepared to learn and be blessed – and that was everyone who came!

Rosy O'Brian

Woodruff Sermons on CD



Know of anyone who might enjoy listening to a past sermon recorded on a CD? We have copies waiting to be picked up in the box in the Gathering Place. Please help yourself!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on April 13 with 9 members present. Mildred had devotions and LaVada had refreshments. We discussed cleaning the carpet after the Rummage Sale. We got the freezer in the parsonage garage fixed. We decided to order more pecans since we are low and have room to keep them now. We decided to keep the suppers the same as last year: May-Baked Steak, June-Strawberry Festival, July- Blueberry Festival, August-Peach Festival, Sept.-Ham Loaf or Roast Beef, and Oct.-Baked Steak again.

Invite your friends to join you for your favorite ones. Everyone has been so good to help with salads and pies and actually helping at the suppers. Our group could not do it without you. We're looking forward to your help again this year. As long as you can help us, we will keep organizing them. It's a wonderful way to reach out to our community.

Marty Young

Kids Club



We had a terrific turn-out for our Spring Session of Kids' Club and averaged 36 children. Please note the pictures to the right of our fifth grade class. We wish them God's blessings as they move on to middle school next year!

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Karen Grossman for her endless hard work that she give to this mission project. She is so loving to our children, for Jesus sake! If you have an opportunity, please make sure to thank Karen personally. She is a blessing to our Woodruff Church family!

**FIRST PUBLIC SUPPER
OF 2011!**

BAKED STEAK

MAY 28TH, 4-7PM



Lakeland School Corporation Summer Food Program

Free Summer Meals for Kids

June 20 through July 29 (except July 1, 4 & 5)

Lakeland High School - Breakfast 8:30-9 * Lunch 11:45-12:15

Howe Park, La Grange Town Park, Ontario Park & Taylor Park - LUNCH ONLY - 11:30-12:00

Open to anyone age 18 and under

For more information contact Lakeland Schools at 260-499-2400 or visit their website at www.lakeland.k12.in.us

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If you have any news items you would like to have put in the June 2011 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 May 23rd. 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!