

The Tidings

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"We are living proof that Jesus Christ is our peace who makes strangers into friends, breaks down dividing walls and builds up real persons."

From the Pastor

All my possessions for a moment of time.

~ Last words of Elizabeth I, 1603

Many may be feeling worn down by the weather, by work, by life pressing in from all sides. You may believe that taking time out for yourself is a luxury you can't afford, or worse, a comfort that you don't deserve. God gives us a gift each week in Sabbath, reminding us that the world continues to spin without our intervention. The season of Lent is a time for deeper reflection, of stepping back. Contrary to what you believe, taking time to nourish your spirit and body are some of the best gifts you offer to God and those you care for. What kind of time are you taking to refill your well? How are you nourishing your spirit? When was the last time that you took the time to be still, to sing, to dance, to pray?

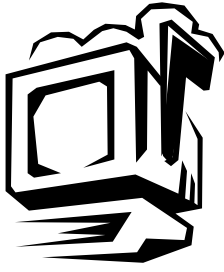
Perhaps, this nested meditation by Kevin Anderson can move you to a place of deeper wholeness and connection with God.

Do you have the time?

*Do you have the time
of your life?*

*Do you have the time
of your life
or does someone else perhaps?*

*Do you have the time
of your life
or does someone else? Perhaps
it's later than you think.*



BULLETIN BOARD

THANK YOU

On behalf of Tudor Oaks, I thank you for your monetary gift. As the only continuing care retirement community in the state affiliated with American Baptist churches, we are pleased and appreciative when a local congregation supports in this way. Thank you.

Sincerely, Chuck Lamson

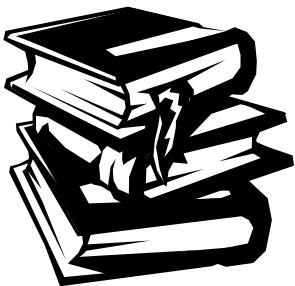
Thank you for your generous contribution to Kids Hope United. Your gift will help us continue protecting children and strengthening families in our community.

Sincerely, Mark McHugh

THANKS SO MUCH

Thank you, Underwood family, for all your prayers, calls, cards and visits following my recent surgery. Joe and I especially appreciated the delicious meals brought to our home. That was such a special blessing. The food nourished our bodies, and the love with which it was given fed our spirits. It is wonderful to be part of our Underwood community.

With love, Carolyn Sanders



THE LIBRARY CORNER

My vacation from the library continues since the recuperation

process from knee surgery is more arduous than anticipated. I have not found time yet to process any of the books on hand. In the meantime, keep on reading. As General MacArthur said, "I shall return."

Carolyn Sanders, Librarian

PEACE PARK UPDATE

We are making good progress toward completing the Peace Park in El Salvador. Our missionary friend on the ground, Magda Aguirre, located local artisans who can construct the playground equipment for \$3600. This includes all parts and labor, and is a much better deal than our earlier estimates! This mission outreach is a wonderful opportunity to give a gift that benefits many people. Make a contribution in someone's honor, and we will provide a card describing the project and the site. Construction can begin once we have gathered the funds. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHRISTIAN PEACE WITNESS FOR IRAQ

March 6-10

Washington, DC & beyond

We invite you, your family, your congregation and your neighbors to come again to the nation's capitol from Thursday, March 6, 2008 through Monday, March 10 to pray and act for peace in Iraq.

On the same date, we also invite you to create worship services in your community.

We hope to have more than 200 local vigils empowering participants to advocate for peace in their communities, countries and the world.

Together we will fill houses of worship, remembering and learning anew the ways of the Prince of Peace. Then we will carry our public witness to the halls of government power, calling our leaders to embody values fundamental to the Christian tradition—and shared in other traditions—that truly make for communities of prosperity, security, and justice.

SILENT AUCTION

We are seeking items suitable for our Silent Auction that will take place in the Fireside Room, **March 2nd & March 9th**. All monies received become Camp Tamarack Scholarships for campers in our church. Below is a list of ideas of items that would do well at an auction. For more information or to arrange for a pick up, contact Sarah Torbenson at 414-333-3144 or nakokitty@hotmail.com

Trips and Getaways

Use of vacation home, Bed & Breakfast, Hotels and resorts, Airline tickets, Hot air balloon ride, Sailing or boat cruise

Sports and Sporting Events

Pro Game tickets, Rounds of golf or tennis, Pro instruction, Skiing lessons, Sports memorabilia

Gift Certificates

Restaurants, Books and CD's, Clothing and accessories, Beauty salon, Car wash

Cultural Events

Concert tickets, Theater tickets, Movie tickets, Personal museum tour

Special Events

Hosted dinner, Hosted kid's party, Catering, Music for a party

Electronics

I-Pod, Digital camera, Laptop computer

Food and Drink

Bottles of wine or spirits, Gourmet foods, cooking lessons

Arts and Crafts

Paintings, Drawings, Prints, Ceramics, Fine jewelry, Quilts and hangings, Handmade clothing, Art classes

House and Garden

Antiques, Oriental carpets, Garden equipment, Appliances, Kitchen equipment

Professional Services

Accountant, Personal trainer, Photographer, Interior designer, Landscape designer, Computer consultant, Massage therapist

Put your thinking cap on!

VIVATeens! UPDATE

Maybe you haven't been seeing much of the VIVATeens since the October CROP Walk (thanks again to all who helped us raise over 900 dollars to helping communities overcome poverty!) but we've been staying active! Recently we organized a fondue party and a lock-in at which we started making our spring plans. We also attended another Interfaith Youth Cafe hosted by the Milwaukee Islamic Center where we had the opportunity to share our views about modesty with other young people of faith.

On **Sunday, March 2nd** we plan to attend another Interfaith Youth Cafe, this time hosted by the Religious Society of Friends located on 3224 N. Gordon Place from 1-4pm.

Another exciting field trip the VIVATeens have planned is on **Friday, March 7th**. We're off to Oconomowoc to see VIVATeen Brent Sherry in his high school's rendition of Cabaret! We also plan on making it to a Milwaukee Wave soccer game as they face off against New Jersey on **March 16th**.

TALENT SHOW

Have you ever listened to one of us teens make an announcement in church and thought, "Hey, this would be a lot better if they were singing and dancing?" Well, daydream no longer! The VIVATeens are hosting their very first Talent Show on **Wednesday, May 7th** during the pointless potluck. Come for a night of singing, dancing, music and acting! Admission is FREE and donations will be gladly accepted.

MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Saturday, April 4-5, 2008

Camp Tamarack, Waupaca, WI

8 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. Saturday

Sam Brink, Retreat Leader

Mark Weisser, Music Leader

Please see bulletin board for more details.

Underwood Members and Friends,

The United States is the third largest mission field on our planet. We have millions of people right here, on the doorsteps of our churches, our homes, our schools, who have deep hunger—and not just for food or education or a warm bed, but also for comfort, hope, and the assurance that someone, somewhere cares.

It's National Ministries' mission to bring Christ-centered transformation to individuals, churches and communities across our country and Puerto Rico. We share God's love through a host of ministries.

- We have sponsored hundreds of volunteers who have traveled to the Gulf Coast to help rebuild homes and lives following Hurricane Katrina.
- We have helped to resettle more than 96,000 refugees since World War II.
- American Baptist chaplains, endorsed through National Ministries, serve on the battlefield in Iraq as well as in hospitals and prisons.
- The American Baptist Children in Poverty initiative, developed and implemented by National Ministries, is working to transform the lives of children with limited resources.
- And National Ministries' evangelism training is making a difference in sharing God's Good News by transforming regional and church leaders' understanding of evangelism—which in turn is transforming the leadership of those American Baptists they train in their regions and associations.

The America for Christ Offering funds all of this important, Christ-centered work.

Once again, it's time to bring this critical offering to the attention of American Baptists. Help National Ministries continue to transform leaders and transform lives. Help us to share the Good News that someone, somewhere, does indeed care.

We will be receiving the **America for Christ Offering** during the month of March. Watch for the special bulletin inserts each week. **Our goal this year is \$1,200.**

Please, give joyfully—"For the love of Christ urges us on."

In Christ,

The Missions Committee

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Tifuh Amba, Eva Berry, Jim Christenson, Bette Day, Carole Elizabeth, Marge Gaeth, Joyce Johnson, Jack Kearnan, Janice Melcher, Maggi Monahan, Pat Ransom, Virginia Reininger, Charlyn-Mai Roberts, Carolyn and Joe Sanders, Shari West, Dee Schowalter, Shirley Tupper, Dereck Vernon, Llew Walker, Lisa Wilkening, Tim Wilkening.

Friends and Others Known to the Church Family: Tifuh Amba's mom, aunt, Anne Marie, sister, Mourine Amba; Pam Clark's mom, Wilma Clark; Nancy Fritter's mom, Marge Gaeth's niece and nephew; Jean Thomas; Margaret Jeske's cousin, Erwin Zapf; Chad & Sarah Kafka's friends, Brian & Anita; Sammie Luckow's father, William; Janice Melcher's friend, Kali; Grace Morgan's son, David; Sei Pramenko's sister, Masa; Julie Pruett's cousin, Lisa; Carolyn & Joe Sanders' daughter, Jenneane; John & Bonnie Sorenson's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Llew & Pat Walker's son, David; Anna Warren's friend, Meg Cobb; Shari West's friends, and all soldiers on active duty; Keith & Virginia Wick's nephew, Leo.

EASTER LILIES

LILIES ARE A BEAUTIFUL PART OF OUR CELEBRATION OF EASTER. WE INVITE EVERYONE TO MAKE A DONATION FOR THE PLANTS WHICH MAY BE GIVEN AS A MEMORIAL, OR IN HONOR OF SOMEONE OR SOME OCCASION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, PLACE IT IN AN ENVELOPE ALONG WITH YOUR DONATION, AND RETURN IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 12TH. THE COST OF EACH LILY IS \$12.

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S) -

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NAME (OR NAMES) OF THOSE YOU WISH TO REMEMBER WITH YOUR GIFT:

(IN MEMORY) OR (IN HONOR) -

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YOUR LILY MAY BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE EASTER SERVICE, OR YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE YOUR PLANT GIVEN TO A SHUT-IN.

CHECK ONE: LILY TAKEN HOME LILY GIVEN TO A SHUT-IN.