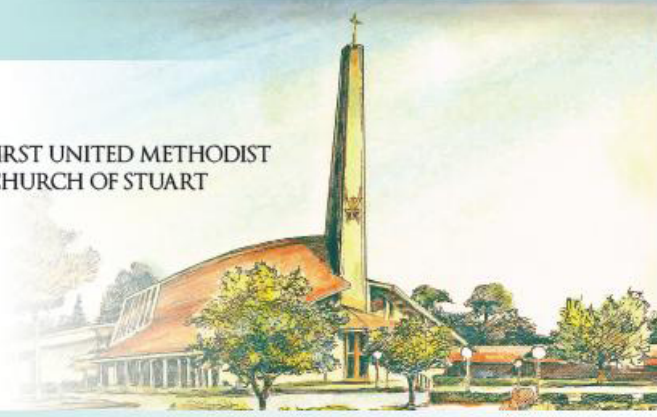


# Steeple Echoes



FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF STUART



## A Few Short Words...

August 2009

by Pastor Phillip Short

Christian Schwarz is a Christian from Germany who loves the church of Jesus Christ. His vision is to help churches get healthier. In order to find out how to do this, Schwarz studied churches of every size and on every continent. He has studied thousands of churches. Some were located in booming suburbs, some were set in ghettos, some were Catholic, others protestant, others still evangelical and Pentecostal. Some were in places where the Christian faith was being persecuted. Schwarz found that churches that were healthy had 8 things in common. These healthy churches had ...

1. Empowering Leadership—The church was led by leaders who identified leadership in others and saw to it that they were set up to lead themselves. They allowed new ministries to start as soon as needs and callings were identified.
2. Inspiring Worship—The presence of God was, and is, tangible.
3. Gift-Oriented Ministry—Those with the right spiritual gifts were teamed up with the needs requiring those spiritual gifts.
4. Holistic Small Groups—Small groups offered a setting for community, discipleship, and accountability. The church realized that it could be real in such a setting.
5. Passionate Spirituality—The people were in touch with God, not just during worship, but they were engaged in prayer, devotion, the means of grace, and the spiritual disciplines.
6. Need-Oriented Evangelism—The church was engaged in the community around the issue of faith-sharing. The people knew how to spot needs and then offer Christ and His church so as to make the difference.
7. Functional Structures—The church was engaged in short, medium, and long-range planning and communicating within and without.
8. Loving Relationships—The church was taking Christ most seriously, especially His new commandment: "Love one-another as I have loved you. As I have loved you, so you must love one-another."

Schwarz noticed that healthy churches, either on purpose or by accident did these things.

Schwarz also noticed that when churches became unhealthy, they tended to double-up in the areas where they were already strong. Schwarz's wisdom to less-than-healthy churches was counter to this wisdom. Water doesn't run over the dam at the highest point of the dam, it runs over at the lowest point of the dam. He counseled churches to train their efforts and resources on their lowest, or minimum factor.

Churches should be healthy. Once they get healthy, they should be getting even healthier. How do we gauge our health and how can we figure out our "minimum factor?"

I'm glad you asked.

Schwarz developed a scientifically accurate questionnaire that will help develop a church's minimum factor; even the Stuart First United Methodist Church's minimum factor. Once this is identified, our Strategic Planning Team will know how to plan accordingly to raise the minimum factor. Once the minimum factor is "raised," we will know where to concentrate next.

I am looking forward to this process of Natural Church Development. Rev. Jeff Stiggins from the Florida Annual Conference "Office of Congregational Transformation" will be coming to help us conduct the survey and will even be sharing his wisdom on how to address our minimum factor, whatever that may be. Jeff is a good friend. He is an effective pastor and has made some great turn-arounds in several local churches. No, he is not a consultant, and no, we aren't going to pay him anything except travel expenses back-and-forth to Lakeland. You are sure to love him and you are sure to be excited as we as a church get healthier and healthier!

><> Love!

Rev. Phillip Short

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Any Youth, age 11 - 18,  
is invited to check out our exciting  
Youth Group!



### "ReCreation Experiences"

Last month 52 of our youth and adults spend a week doing home repair in Asheville, NC with "ReCreation Experiences" Home Repair ministry.

Our client, Miss Beth, had a home that needed many repairs. Our group put a new roof on her house (and her shed!), painted her house, did yard work and general repairs.

It was touching to watch our team bond with Miss Beth and her 12 year old granddaughter, Ashley. They were kind and compassionate and truly showed God's love to Beth & Ashley.

A week at "ReCreation Experiences" is always a time of hard work, great fellowship, spiritual growth and plain old fun! We have the privilege of sharing God's love through home repair—and we always get more than we give! Miss Beth recently sent our team a card and here are some excerpts from it....

There are not enough words to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you...It has rained several times and it has been such a relief to know that the new roof of my house will keep it from leaking.

Thank God there are people like your group to help answer prayers by being God's instruments.

### Summer Sunday School for "Rising 6th Graders"

9:30 in the Fellowship Hall  
Taught by Mrs. Debbie Llopiz



("Young Youth" Sunday School, grades 6-8, is taking a break for the summer and will resume on September 13)

### August Schedule

Sunday, August 2— Youth group from 6 to 8pm— open microphone post Bahamas mission trip

Sunday, August 9— Welcome to Youth for rising 6th graders and junior high from 6-8pm. (Senior high off campus.)  
Parent meeting for rising 6th graders in Room1 at 5:30p.m.

Sunday, August 16—"Back to School" party for all youth—6 to 8pm

Sunday, August 23— Regular youth group from 6-8pm

Sunday, August 30 - Regular youth from 6-8pm

### Leesburg Camp



Florida United Methodist Camp at Leesburg has been welcoming campers for over 60 years! Young people from our church have been going to Leesburg for at least 40 years now. It truly is holy ground!

This year 37 children and youth from our church spent a great week at camp. The theme this year was "Pray" and pray we did! Chris Buehler spent the week up there as "adult faculty," representing the youth group, and was witness to how God is so present at camp through worship, fellowship and small groups!

### Thank You Church Family!

Thank you for supporting our youth group as we do mission work and experience summer camp!

You support us financially and you support us prayerfully and it is very much appreciated! We are always grateful to God for His provision when we return safely from our trips and we always feel undergirded by a praying church!

### Ichetucknee River Tubing Trip

August 28—29

Rising 6th graders and junior high.  
Cost: \$30.....money due by August 16.  
Sign up now...space limited!



### Looking to the future!

September 12-13 —  
"Rock the Universe" at Universal Studios in Orlando. Sign-up now.... bus space is limited!  
Cost: \$75....money is due by August 9.

October 7 at 4pm — Pumpkins arrive for our annual Pumpkin Patch!

For more info on the Youth Group contact:  
Chris Buehler, Youth Director  
Alex "Torch" Kumpf, Youth Ministry  
Assistant/Spiritual Growth Director  
Church Office: 287-6262  
cbuehler@stuartfumc.org akumpf@stuartfumc.org

# Children and Family Ministry

with Donna Lewis

## Plug In - Power Up - Catch On

252 Basics Sunday School K-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Beginning August 16, 2009



### 3 Basic Truths

.....and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man. Luke 2:52

#1 I need to make the wise choice.

So I will.....  
trust and follow Jesus  
spend time getting to know God  
do whatever God says  
discover God's unique plan for my life

#2 I can trust God no matter what.

Because.....  
He is my Creator  
He is my Father  
He is my Guide  
He is my Savior

#3 I should treat others the way I want to be treated

So I will.....  
Show God's love to those around me  
Care enough to put others before me  
Respect whoever God puts over me  
Be the right friend to those beside me.



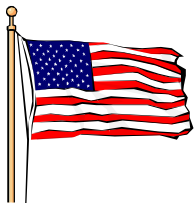
### Back to School

Please be in prayer for students, parents, teachers and administrators as we begin another school year in August 2009.

### Coming Soon!

September 16, 2009  
Wednesday Night Kick off for Children's Ministry  
Slime Time Capsule Party

September 23, 2009 Trash to Treasure Time Machine with Professor Gutwig  
Miracles, Parables and other Works of Jesus



September 23, 2009  
Go and Pray (2 Kings 22:13a)  
See You at the Pole.  
Last year Children's Ministry were blessed by participating in See You at the Pole at several elementary schools.  
We are looking forward to praying with children, administrators, teachers and parents again this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



## Mom's Morning Out

First United Methodist Church  
1500 S. Kanner Highway  
Stuart, Florida  
Ph: 287-6262  
www.stuartfumc.org

### What is Mom's Morning Out?

A Christian-oriented cooperative program designed to provide children with learning opportunities and a playgroup. This program also gives moms some free time and encourages them to build relationships with other mothers. Mom's Morning Out is part of the Children's Ministry of FUMC of Stuart.

Classes meet once a week, September through May.

Three Year-Old class: Mondays from 9am—noon.  
Two Year-Old class: Wednesdays from 9am—noon.  
One Year-Old class: Thursdays from 9am—noon.

### Who Can Belong?

Any mother with a cooperative and helpful spirit, and who has a child that will be one, two, or three years old on 9-1-09. We have slots for ten children in each class and space is available on a first come, first served basis

### Registration Information

When: Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

Where: Church office.

Cost: Non-refundable \$90

The fee covers background check and facility charges for the entire year.

(\$50 for each additional child.)

If you have any questions, please contact

Susan Brown , 832-515-5400 or

Deb Ravanzo, 341-6143.



August will find us trekking through the jungle for one week.

The next week we will be practicing our high flying acts in preparation for the center ring at the FUMPS Circus.

We will be preparing for our new school year which will begin on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

We still have a few openings in our VPK program. Please call the Preschool office (287-6265) if you have any questions.

It's not hard to understand how in these trying economic times, people are under a great deal of stress. Then, there is the possibility that you were under a great deal of stress before the times came upon us. So, now this just adds insult to injury if you will.



What are you struggling with? What in your life is preventing that closeness with God that you desire? Is it financial matters? Is it relationship issues? It's amazing how we can let the little things manifest themselves into something larger, making a mountain out of the proverbial mole hill. Ignoring these issues doesn't make them go away. It usually makes them worse. By not dealing with these things you have actually contributed to the manifestation of the mountain. Adding to that, you have helped in placing them in the way of your relationship with God.

Is there something in the way preventing you from being where it is you want to be in your spiritual life? What is it? Are you dealing with anger issues? Is there grief or suffering from the loss of a loved one that you can't get past? Is there depression in your life? Do you have a burden that you have been carrying for far too long?

Mark Schultz, a contemporary Christian singer has a song titled, "Broken and Beautiful" The lyrics say :  
 "there's a business man, there's a widowed wife, a smiling face with a shattered life, a teenage girl with a choice to make, it's crowded here in church today.  
 And the preacher says as the sermon ends, please close your eyes and bow your heads.  
 Is there anyone in need of prayer, oh Jesus wants to meet you here.  
 For we all fall short and we all have sinned, but when you let God's grace break in  
 It's beautiful!"

We are ALL broken in some way, but we are still beautiful in God's sight. Look in the mirror. Ask yourself that very hard question. Have you become powerless over it? Does it occupy your thoughts more than it should? Taking that inventory is a hard thing to do. It requires honesty, courage and the ability to get out of a state of denial. Romans 3:23 tells us that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God!

There is a ministry here at the church that can help you with these issues. It's a ministry where you can safely and confidentially unload your burdens and begin the healing that will allow that closer walk with our Heavenly Father that we desire. Celebrate Recovery meets here every Friday evening. We have praise and worship with a lesson from 7pm to 8pm and then we have small groups for both men and women from 8pm to 9pm. If you have any questions or need confidential help, please call Debbie Dunbar at 285-9466 or James Stedham at 631-7921. We would be glad to help you and encourage you on your road to healing and recovery.

## Mission of the Month August: Manna Kitchen

Manna Kitchen continues to be a community outreach for many in our county. Thank you church for your support. Let me share with you what you have accomplished in the past 6 months.

January to June 2009:

Meals:	
Seniors	1,411
Adults	1,183
Children	332
Additional meals (second meals and take-outs)	1,389
Total meals	4,315
Clothing provided	12,000 pieces
Volunteers providing services	892

Bless you volunteers for your serving hearts. Bless you members for your donations to feed the hungry. Many families end their day without an evening meal, but with the blessing of Manna Kitchen the hungry are provided with food.

Manna Kitchen is the only place one can receive free clothing, along with small household items. Our families really look forward to this each week. We also keep clothing at the Mission House for those who need it to enable them to attend job interviews. Church, to some this seems like a small task, but believe me, it is not. To clothe yourself for a job interview, and be able to clothe your children, brings forth the light of Christ and the ability to continue on with another day of hard times. You should see the smile on a child's face when he is receiving a very worn pair of shoes—but they are certainly new to him!

I can't say thank you enough for your support. All that we provide through the Mission House and Manna Kitchen is accomplished only through donations. Job well done, church!

I love you and so does God.

Love, Susan

### Grief Support Group



FUMC, in cooperation with Treasure Coast Hospice, is offering a grief support group. Rev. Phillip Short and Treasure Coast Hospice Bereavement Counselor, Julie Allard, will be co-facilitating.

Thursdays at 4:00pm in the church lounge  
(until August 22nd)

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Diane Scott, RN & Community Liaison at 772-486-4343.

To register, please call the church office at 772-287-6262.

# FAT-FREE PRAYING by Pastor Susan Schmidt

"Can we talk about prayer?" That's basically the question the disciples asked Jesus on more than one occasion in the Gospels. The disciples of Christ certainly weren't prayer rookies. They knew temple prayers, synagogue prayers, and all the festival prayers. They knew the prayer of David, the intercessions of Samuel, and the laments of Jeremiah. But when Jesus prayed, they heard and saw an altogether different level of prayer, and it made them thirsty for more.

"Can we talk about prayer?" Or, stated more literally, "Lord, teach us to pray." Even though these men were not prayer lightweights, their exposure to Jesus showed them they still had much to learn. On one occasion when the disciples asked Jesus about prayer, He responded by teaching them the most recited prayer in history—The Lord's Prayer.

You know those words and have probably prayed them on countless occasions. But have you ever noticed the pure simplicity of this prayer? Have you noted its brevity and clarity? Jesus obviously was giving us a model outline for how our prayers might flow. But as a simple prayer; the Lord's Prayer is the perfect example of what we call praying. There's no fluff, no fat, no extra words or theologically heavy terms. There's just simple spot-on, accuracy from Jesus. With a mere fifty-eight Greek words, Jesus acknowledged the character and sovereignty of God, surrendered to the Father's will, and sought provision, protection, and guidance from God. That's praying.

Have you ever walked from a prayer session wondering what, if anything, you actually accomplished? I certainly have. I was thinking about that recently after spending the part of a morning in prayer with a group of other believers. It was a sweet time. We shared much love with both the Lord and each other. We offered praises, confessions, and thanksgivings. We prayed for the sick, the broken-hearted, and the lost. We prayed for provision and direction. But as I walked away from that meeting, I couldn't shake the gnawing feeling that we hadn't accomplished all that we could have. I was wondering why. After really giving this some thought, I realized we had not been specific with what we were asking of God. What did we really want God to do for those we had prayed for? Blessing yes, but how were they to be blessed. God wants us to be strategic and focused about what we're asking Him to do with the pinpoint precision that Jesus modeled in the Lord's Prayer.

What do you really need? What walls need tearing down, and what strongholds need obliterating? What captives need freeing, and what lost people need saving? What terminally ill person do you want to see healed? What ever it is, if you're serious about receiving it from God, then you need to pray with the same focus that Jesus did.

We've made prayer difficult. Somehow we've gotten the impression that true prayer requires big words, lengthy phrases, and choice theological terms. But that's not what Jesus modeled for us.

He taught His prayer-hungry disciples to pray with focus, confidence, and brevity. What a concept! Pray in a language that you understand, and then trust God will get it.

Give your heart to prayer, and God will understand. Believe in your heart, and God will believe in your words of prayer. What a gift to give to others—how to pray—for many don't think they can pray, and if the words are not just right God won't hear their prayer. God has passed on to all of His children the power of prayer.

Let's start. Bow your head and just talk to God. He will listen!

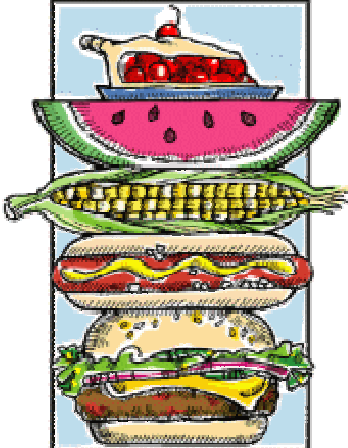
Love to all,

Susan



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**CHURCH**



**PICNIC!**

## "Summer in Cricket County"

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

First Dinner Theatre Program by Free Grace Players.

Many of you came to our production "A Man Named Cornelius". If you enjoyed that program, consider attending our first dinner theater production.

We are currently rehearsing for "Summer in Cricket County".

You won't want to miss this one-would you believe the Clampett's might just visit the First United Methodist Church of Stuart for a dinner of red-eyed tadpole?

You won't want to miss this one-This play about a summer church picnic should make you kick up your heels and laugh all night!

Treat yourself, your family, and your friends to a fun-filled night out.

Join us for dinner and a show in Fellowship Hall  
Unbeatable price of \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and youth.

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!!!!

## STAFF PARISH PONDERINGS

Submitted by Janette Wray (Class of 2010)

**A**ccording to the Methodist Book of Discipline, the Staff Parish Relations Committee exists to act as a liaison among staff, clergy and the congregation. We have listened to your suggestions and we continue to invite and appreciate your input. The first six months of 2009 the committee has been busy reviewing and rewriting job descriptions of all the devoted employees of First United Methodist Church of Stuart. The Policies and Procedures Manual has also been revised by our Administrative Pastor, Susan Schmidt, and our Financial Officer, Michelle Whitman. Our committee is in the process of reviewing this as well. By August 15th, the 2010 Salary Budget will be submitted to the Finance Committee.

As a member of the Celebration Choir, I work closely with Sherry Rasmussen. Effective July 1st, Sherry has officially joined our staff as Choir Director. For the past six months Sherry had directed the choir as a guest musician. She and Yun Lew, our Director of Music, will be working together to ensure an outstanding, Christ-centered, music ministry. I can share personally that it is a delight to work with Sherry. Her enthusiastic spirit and her love for the Lord and music are contagious. She is a positive and energetic addition to our staff.

Beginning September 3rd of 2009 the Celebration Choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30p.m. instead of Tuesdays. Please mark your calendars! We always welcome new voices to join us.

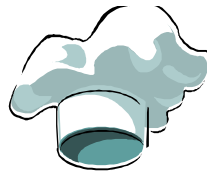
Two special upcoming events:

The Choir will host a Dinner Theatre on Friday, October 2nd featuring the music of Broadway and selections from Camelot.

Four Tickets to Christmas: We will join our Free Grace Players Drama Group for this production and performances will be December 12 & 13.

Stay tuned.... Each month you'll hear from a different member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. The committee consists of nine members nominated by the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee and elected by the Annual Charge Conference. Members are elected for three year terms on a rotating basis. The committee also includes our Senior Pastor, Phillip Short, our Lay Leader, Nick Blount, and our Lay Member of Annual Conference, Beth Murchison.

<u>CLASS OF 2009</u>	<u>CLASS of 2010</u>	<u>CLASS of 2011</u>
Andy Sills	Alice Purkey (Chair)	Craig Dallas (Co-Chair)
Blanche Wells	Gordon West	Sandra Raynor (Secretary)
	Janette Wray	Mark Vallejo



## Cooking For Kindness

**W**

e're back from a summer break!!!! Please join us to cook Potato Leek Soup in the

church kitchen on Thursday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. If you need childcare, please contact the church office in advance to schedule at 287-6262. Bring your aprons and enjoy Christian fellowship and lots of fun while we cook! Please feel free to share these frozen entrees with those who suffer a loss, sickness in the family, have a new baby or just having a down week and needs encouragement!

Please help support this ministry by donating the ingredients needed for cooking. Donation may be brought to the church office. If your schedule is busy and you cannot make it to the store to shop, we will gladly accept a monetary donation.

Thank you again church for your donations, volunteering, and prayers!!!! We are sharing the love of Christ one dish at a time!

Potato Leek Soup:

40 - large leeks

5 bundles of celery

quart jar of extra virgin olive oil

62 - 14 1/2 oz cans fat free chicken broth

10 - 5 lb bags potatoes

20 - 14 1/2 oz cans cream of celery soup

## Celebration Choir

The Celebration Choir is continuing to lead the congregation in music throughout the summer months. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings in the music room at 7:30a.m. for the 8:00a.m. worship service & 10:30a.m. for the 11:00a.m. worship service.

Come try out the choir – all are welcome!

## Upcoming music events:



**October 2, 2009**—The music department will present a **Broadway Night Dinner Theater**. Our talented church musicians will provide the entertainment along with the full Celebration Choir. Watch for more details.

For those of you who enjoy singing favorite hymns we will have a **Monday morning hymn sing in the Choir Room** each week. Come ready to sing on September 14 – hymn books provided!

**Mark your calendars for the Christmas Musical combining the Drama and Music Departments.**

**Dates are December 12 and 13, 2009.**



Our Church Finances  
General Expense Fund Through  
June 30, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues:		
General Income	664,727.05	720,706.68
Expenses:		
Conference Expenses	74,476.27	36,458.09
Operating Expenses	454,359.24	620,303.95
Inviting Expenses	4,571.16	34,848.21
Worship Expenses	14,868.02	14,801.20
Discipleship Expenses	46,979.76	50,918.61
Serving Ministry Expenses	<u>800.00</u>	<u>915.10</u>
Total Expenses	<u>596,054.45</u>	<u>758,245.16</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>68,672.60</u>	<u>(37,538.48)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	210,136.20	239,787.77
Net assets, end of month	278,808.80	202,249.29

**Ruth Circle Summer Luncheon**

Open to all Circles, the luncheon will be held at the Harborage Yacht Club, 955 NW Flagler Avenue in Stuart on August 20th, at 11:30a.m. Entrée selections are Poached Salmon Salad, Grilled Chicken Salad or Harbor Burger. Price of \$14 includes, entrée, beverage, dessert, tax, and the gratuity.

Please call, Kitty Saal, at 287-4714 or Brenda Horvath, at 286-4604 by August 17th with your reservation and choice of entrée.



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**September 26, 2009**

**9:30am-4:00pm in the Sanctuary**  
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or visit [www.stuartfumc.org](http://www.stuartfumc.org)

# Our Church Family

**We wish to extend Christian Sympathy to:**

- Marion Boger on the death of her husband, Jack
- Don Pepler on the death of his wife, Jean
- Lois Campofreida on the death of her son
- Amy Crook on the death of her husband, Barry
- Chuck and Mary Sue, Gary and Sandra, Tom and Dee Dee Hawken on the death of mother and mother in law, Arline Hawken
- Christina Johnson and Chrissy Steck on the death of father and grandfather, Donald Cates
- Larry and Elaine Anderson on the death of Larry's brother
- Gladys Conwell and Pam Cummings on the death of husband and father, Mark Conwell

**Memorials In Loving Memory of:**

**Carey Jackson**

Given by:  
Bob and Mary Ruth Whitty

**Anniversary Wishes**

Congratulations to J R and Arline Steadman who celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 18<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Bennett and Mimi Boulden who celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 4<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Larry and Elaine Anderson who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 12<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Al and Dorothy Schink who are celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on August 15<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Ed and Hilda Mears who are celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Del and Betty Crisp who are celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Memorials In Loving Memory of:**

**Tom Long**

Given by:  
Mel Spooner  
Minnie Wells

**Arline Hawken**

Given by:  
Minnie Wells  
Evelyn Nelson  
Mary McGuire  
Nancy Bailey  
Ted and Cookie Snyder  
Richard and Carrolle Sands  
Sara Loyd  
Peggy Sue Luzadder  
Joyce Doyle  
Artie Timmerman  
Larry and Genie Buchanan

Congratulations to Ed and Julie Staple who are celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 25<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Bob and Joan Anderson who are celebrating their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 25<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Paul and Char Might who are celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on August 28<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to Bob and Helen Sloney who are celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 28<sup>th</sup>

Ice Cream Social & Concert with Final Harvest  
Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Join us for ice cream at 6pm in Fellowship Hall and enjoy the Concert by Final Harvest at 7pm in Sanctuary.

A free will offering will be taken.  
(For information about the group visit [www.wwwredeemed.com](http://www.wwwredeemed.com))

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Sunday Worship:  
Traditional at 8:00 and 11:00am  
Contemporary at 9:30am.  
Sunday School at 9:30a.m.

Tuesdays:  
Manna Kitchen  
(Free Community Meal from 5-6:00pm.)

Wednesdays:  
Family Dinner from 5-6:00p.m.  
Adult Classes at 6:15pm

Fridays: Celebrate Recovery:  
Worship at 7:00pm; Small Groups at 8:00pm

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