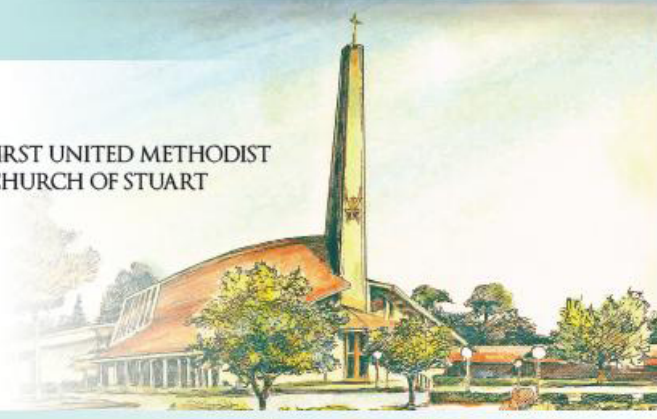


# Steeple Echoes



FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF STUART



## A Few Short Words...

October 2009

by Pastor Phillip Short

I have some very promising news to report. The Stuart First United Methodist Church has some good news in regards to The Honor Campaign. We have crossed a milestone.

The Honor Campaign sought to raise three million dollars that would be set aside to accomplish three goals. We wanted to:

- (1) Renovate the sanctuary,
- (2) Pay off the debt on the property,
- (3) Participate in an option to purchase an additional connecting parcel of land, and
- (4) Raise money that would start new ministries.

Where are we now? What is the status of The Honor Campaign? Where do we stand?

One of the first steps that we as a church decided to do was to eliminate the fourth goal of The Honor Campaign. We had planned to raise \$750,000 for new ministries. When the Church Council voted to close this part of the campaign, our new goal was lowered to \$2,250,000. Gifts from generous members and friends have steadily come in to make payments to the two remaining goals of The Honor Campaign. I thank each and every one of you who has been faithful and supportive.

We now owe less than \$1,000,000 on the property on Kanner Highway. To be precise, we owe a total amount of \$733,034. We are still looking for some pledges to be honored, and this will of course lower the debt even more. I'm like you. I would love to see this debt paid off and The Honor Campaign brought to a glorious and successful end. How can we make that happen? Read on ...

We have approximately 500 giving units here at the Stuart First United Methodist Church.

If each giving unit decided to tackle that debt, that would amount to \$1,466. There are 18 months remaining in the campaign.

This would amount to \$81.45 per month.

This would amount to \$18.80 per week.

If you have not completed your pledge, now would be a good time to do this. If you have not started giving, let me invite you to take a "share" or two in The Honor Campaign. We want to see this paid off so that we can get busy being a church, a whole church, and nothing but a church that honors God in thought, word and deed!

><> Love! Pastor Phillip Short

Want to  
GET RICH QUICK?

Look around...  
Chance is  
you already are.



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For couples, and families,

**It's about family.**

**It's about hope.**

**It's about time.**

[Turn to page 3 for details...](#)

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



## Pumpkin Patch

It's the most wonderful time of the year.....!

That's right....the pumpkins for our annual youth  
Pumpkin Patch arrive on  
Wednesday, October 7 at 4:00pm!

We need all the help we can get unloading them, so mark  
your calendar and come to the corner of Manor Drive and  
Kanner Hwy (adjacent to the church) and lend a hand!

Pumpkins will be sold from 9am to 8pm daily, except  
Sunday's which are on the honor system. We will sell  
until the end of October.

We will have a re-supply of pumpkins on  
Wednesday, October 21 at 4:00pm.

(We will need help unloading then, as well!)

There will be pumpkins of all sizes and shapes as well as  
Indian corn and gourds.

This is the biggest youth fundraiser of the year. The  
youth and their parents work at the patch and earn  
money for youth trips and events. Many of our youth pay  
for their summer mission trips and camp from money  
earned at the Patch.

We will have a steady stream of pre-schools coming to the  
Patch to pick out pumpkins, to play in the Patch and to  
hear a story.

This is our 17th year of selling pumpkins and the  
Pumpkin Patch has become quite a community event!

Church family....come visit the Patch!  
Bring your children and grandchildren!  
Invite your friends and neighbors!  
Come and pick out the perfect pumpkin!



As always, we thank you for your continued support of the  
Pumpkin Patch and our other youth activities!

## Leesburg Women's Retreat February 19 -21, 2010.

If you have received information on the Leesburg  
Women's Retreat please fill out the form and return it  
along with a check (made out to the Florida Conference  
Treasurer) to Sue Farrow in the church office. All  
forms will be mailed together and the deadline to sign  
up with Sue is October 12th!

Those who do not have the information and wish to go,  
please contact Sue in the church office at 287-6262. If  
you have signed up with Sue the information will be  
sent to you in the next few days.

## 2009 Scripture Calendars

These beautiful wall calendars are back by popular demand!  
The cost is \$6.00 for one and \$10.00 for two.

They will be available in the church office, from the youth  
office and at the Pumpkin Patch!

Make sure to get yours before they are gone!

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter  
of our faith. Hebrews 12:2

## Young Youth Sunday School

This class is for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

It meets in the choir room from 9:30 to 10:30  
on Sunday mornings, except for the first Sun-  
day each month. On that Sunday the stu-  
dents are invited to attend the 9:30 worship  
service and to celebrate Holy Communion  
with our congregation.



Julie Arrighi and Dian Bush teach this class.  
The class is currently studying the Max Lucado  
curriculum John 3:16....The Code for Your Life.

## College Care Ministry

Parents! Do you have a student in college...either out of  
town or local? Our "College Care Ministry," led by Cindy  
Ferland, wants your student to feel special and loved.

Forward the student's name, address, birthday and e-mail  
to the youth office (cbuehler@stuartfumc.org) or to Cindy  
Ferland (pjcj86@bellsouth.net) and they will get packages/  
cards during the year!

(Remember to update the info if your college student has  
moved this year.)

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



We are looking forward to fall in the Preschool.

Our children will visit the Pumpkin Patch and pick out  
the "perfect one" for their classroom.

We will continue our daily fun and learning activities with  
our friends. At the end of the month we will enjoy fall  
parties in our classrooms.

# Children and Family Ministry

with Donna Lewis



## 252 Basics K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School

October is

**Make A Difference Month –**

**Just as Jesus Made A Difference.**

Our heavenly Father designed us to make a difference in this world. God, the master Architect, has a master plan in which He is weaving together all our character traits and experiences in order to shape and mold us into the people He wants us to become.

He is doing this with each of us, twining our lives together in ways that are intricate, beautiful, and mind-boggling.

**Wednesday Evening 6:00-7:00p.m.**

K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade **GutWig Time Machine**  
Traveling back in time to the teachings of Jesus

**Little Lambs 6:00 – 7:00p.m.**  
2s, 3s and 4 year olds

**Wednesday, October 28, 2009**  
K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade **SLIME TIME**

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission Project

The fifth grade class will be working with FUMC Missions on Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child**. The Samaritan's Purse trailer will be here **November 16-23**. You will be hearing more from our 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the next few weeks. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is located in Room 2 on Sunday mornings.



### Four Tickets to Christmas

Drama rehearsal times:  
Sundays October 4, 11, 18 & 25  
3:00 – 5:00p.m.  
In Fellowship Hall



Coming to FUMC Stuart

**November 7 & 8**

**Home  
Improvement  
Conference**



**Featuring Jeff & Debby McElroy**

This couple became so overwhelmed with the stresses of today's family they left their full-time jobs at IBM and teaching to bring hope to the heart of families.

Featured in the magazine HomeLife, and several television programs across the country, they have a unique style of presenting real tools, for real problems, in a real funny way. Combine the antics of "Tool Time", the poignancy of a Hall-mark card commercial, and the hard-hitting challenges of a Vince Lombardi, and you've got an idea of what you'd find at one of their conferences.

Realizing how precious your time is, we are committed to only offering programs that are worthy of fitting into your schedule. We think you'll find the return you'll realize from this investment of time will be well worth it! Don't miss it!

### **Saturday, November 7, 2009**

- 6:30pm Couples' Night Out  
Dining, laughter, learning for married couples of all ages.

### **Sunday, November 8, 2009**

- 9:30am Parenting Conference "Secrets of Successful Parents" Advice and encouragement on discipline, how to encourage your children, and how to make more time for your family.
- 11:00am Jeff & Debby lead Family Worship in a moving time of finding the hope of Christ in the heart of family.
- 12:30pm Grandparent Appreciation Luncheon & Conference Jeff and Debby share creative ideas from grandparents and senior adult ministries across the country on how to make a difference in the lives of their grandchildren and the children of this community.
- 4:30pm Youth Pizza Bash  
Jeff & Debby meet with youth on "Living With Your Parents Without Losing Your Mind!"
- 6:00pm Community-wide Family Commitment Service Our weekend culminates in this life-changing service of family commitment and reconciliation.

The comedy will make you laugh. The drama will make you think.

The music will grab your heart. The teaching will give you hope.

**It's about family. It's about hope. It's about time.**

Info: Donna Lewis, Children & Family Ministry,  
287-6262 for more information.



## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Article by James Stedham

If you have been at Sunday morning services lately, you will have heard sermons by Pastor Phillip on Celebrate Recovery. You have heard words such as denial, pain, guilt, suffering, hurts, habits and hang ups that keep us from a relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Celebrate Recovery meets here at the church every Friday night at 7pm. There you can tell us what God has laid on your heart to deal with. You can leave it there in complete safety and confidence. Your anonymity is protected. More importantly, you can deal with the issues that you are struggling with. You can take that yoke off your shoulders. Stop swimming in denial. Stop thinking that you don't need any help with your burdens.

Is there anger, grief or contempt in your life? Those poisons slowly eat you from the inside out. How can we walk with Him, if we don't act as He wants us to? We are the body of Christ. It is high time we started acting like it! Accepting one another for what we are. Not sitting in judgment on one another. Forgiving one another. Helping ALL that need help, not just those that we choose to help.

God has promised to make us all new creations in 1Corinthians. What are you waiting for? We are all cracked or broken in some fashion. God is so accepting of us. He will not turn His back on you when you come to Him broken. There is no need to be embarrassed with the One who made you. In CR we have come to realize that we are powerless over our issues and that we cannot deal with them without His help. We understand that He loves us and you no matter what. We have also come to understand that we have strength in walking with each other as well.

Each journey begins with a single step. You have to start somewhere, sometime. Why not here and now? You will not walk alone. It took you months or even years to get where you are now, it will take time to get back to where you want to be. But once you start to experience His presence, and walk with Him, you will yearn for more.

Come, start your closer walk with Him and experience the joy that He wants you to have!

Want a recipe that will satisfy everyone in your family? Come see what we're "serving up."



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## Cooking For Kindness

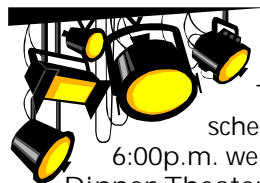
Cooking for kindness has been quite successful thanks to our volunteers and donations from our church family!! Last month we made 58 quarts of potato leek soup! DELICIOUS!!, I might add!!! These entrees continue to go out to loved ones in our church and community. Those who receive these entrees not only get a delicious, healthy meal, but are touched by the love of Jesus and compassion of our caring church!!!!!! What an AWESOME MINISTRY this is!!!! Please continue to support us through prayer, volunteering, and ingredient donations. Feel free to make a monetary donation if time is short and you are unable to pick up ingredients! We really need help with the ingredients!!!!!!

This month we are cooking Lasagna. Join us on Thursday, October 22 at 10:00 in the church kitchen.

- Ingredients needed:
- 20 - 1 lb. jars marinara sauce
  - 20 - boxes lasagna noodles
  - 20 - 16 oz. container of low fat ricotta cheese
  - 3 dozen eggs
  - 20 - 1 lb bag of shredded mozzarella cheese
  - 40 lbs grounds beef
  - 10 cups grated parmesan cheese
  - 3 heads garlic
  - 5 white onions

Please drop all donations off in the church office no later than October 15, one week prior to cook date. If you need childcare, contact the church office at 287-6262 in advance. Any questions, please call Leah Davids - 475-4821.

Don't forget your apron. Hope to see you in the kitchen!!!!!!



## Music Ministry

The Celebration Choir has a busy schedule this season. On October 2, at 6:00p.m. we will present a Broadway Night Dinner Theater. The choir will sing a medley from the show "Camelot" and other talented church musicians will offer favorite Broadway tunes during the dinner hour.

Then, on December 12 and 13, 2009, the combined Free Grace Players Drama Group, choirs and orchestra will present the musical "Four Tickets to Christmas". You are invited to join the choir in fellowship, the pleasure of making music together and combining our talents to the glory of God. Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00p.m.

Calling all handbell ringers!!! First United Methodist Church has a full set of English Handbells waiting to be rung. But we need ringers! If you are interested call the church office 287-6262 or Sherry Rasmussen 334-5780.

The 99 for One praise team provides leadership for 9:30am contemporary worship service. If you would like to audition for the team, contact Yun at 287-6262 ext.2222.

# Great Examples to Follow by Pastor Susan Schmidt

We have only to look as far as the New Testament to find that interceding for oneself is both biblical and necessary. The Bible paints pictures of Jesus frequently withdrawing to pray, and He wasn't praying just for the people in His ministry. Jesus believed in and practiced praying for Himself.

One day while in Capernaum, Jesus ministered late into the evening healing the sick. It must have been an exhausting day for Him. But very early the next morning, "while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed" (Mark 1:35). When Peter and the other disciples finally found Him, they were excited because a crowd was already gathering to see Jesus. But instead of staying there, Jesus told them that it was time to move on to other villages.

How did Jesus know that? How did He resist the temptation to become an overnight sensation through His amazing healing ministry? How did He draw the strength to face yet another day of travel, teaching ministry? He did it through prayer---specifically, prayer for Himself. Luke affirmed, "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed" (Luke 5:16)

The most obvious example of Jesus' praying for Himself is found in the hours before His death. John 17 is Jesus' longest recorded prayer in the New Testament. It opens with Jesus interceding for Himself. In His prayer, He asked that He be glorified as God's Son.

Jesus wasn't being selfish or egocentric when He prayed for the Father to glorify Him. He knew He was within God's will, and He didn't hesitate to ask for what God intended.

A few hours later, we find Jesus in His most intense hour of self-intercession. He exhorted His disciples to stay awake and to pray with Him. "Going a little farther, He fell with face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me, Yet not as I will, but as you will. (Matt. 26:39). Jesus shows that it is perfectly normal for us to wrestle with God over very personal issues. He shows us that we can plead with God to work directly in our lives to produce certain desired outcomes. More importantly, He shows us that when we pray for ourselves, we need to be ready to submit to God's will.

Have you thought about David and the countless examples of his personal

prayers in the Psalms? The next time you read Psalms, mark how many times you see the words I, me, or mine in the text. David prayed extensively for his wisdom, his protection, his integrity, his heart, his obedience, and his morality. He prayed that he would love God's word and hate sin. He asked that God would keep him from evil and lead him on the high road of righteousness. David was relentless when it came to praying for himself

Are you starting to get the point? It is obvious we need to be busy about praying for ourselves.

Next to the Holy Spirit, no one knows your struggles, your fears, your secret sins, your ambitions, or your needs better than you do. No one can impact your world for good or bad quite like you can. That's why you need prayers for yourself.

Our heavenly Father is always there to listen. Never forget how close to your heart He is. After all He created you.

Please keep prayer close to you each day. Prayer is the answer for your life.

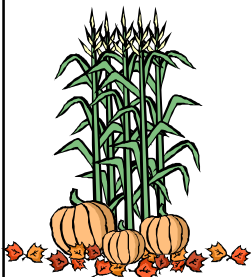
I love you and so does God.

Love, Susan

## October Mission of the Month

# Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thursday, November 26, we will serve approximately 2,500 Thanksgiving Dinners. About 300 meals will be served in our Fellowship Hall and another 2,200 will be taken out or delivered to individuals, families and community service workers in our area.



We welcome your donations for the purchase of turkeys and trimmings. Checks may be made payable to FUMC, marked "Thanksgiving Dinner."

Also, we invite you to sign-up to volunteer on Thanksgiving Day. Please call Susan Schmidt at 781-0223.

**Thank you for your support!**



Monthly Church Prayer Meeting  
Thursday, October 29th at 6:00pm  
in the Sanctuary.

Thank you Nancy!



When you think about the blood mobile and the many blood drives we have had at this church, what name pops into your head? Why, Nancy Fuller, of course! Nancy has lovingly and faithfully served in this ministry for 20+ years. Nancy has coordinated with the blood bank, scheduled participants, called to remind us the night before the drive and worked to recruit new people for this ministry.

Nancy will be leaving us soon and moving to Houston to be near her daughter. We will try to carry on the rich and vital ministry she began at our church. Nancy can't be replaced, but Lauriel Damm and Penny Gores have stepped up to offer their servant's heart to assist in this ministry to ensure our community has an adequate blood supply.

We thank Nancy for her many years of service to our church and community and pray for her.

# Staff Parish & Men's Ministry

by Mark Vallejo

The dedicated members of Staff Parish, under the leadership of Alice Purkey, have been working tirelessly completing current job descriptions for all Staff at FUMC. Our next steps, this month, are to review the job descriptions with each staff member and complete an assessment on strengths and spiritual gifts. Stay in prayer about the wonderful accomplishments at Stuart FUMC for the rest of this year and 2010. Great things are happening!

**Staff Parish Relations Committee:** Alice Purkey (Chair), Nick Blount (Lay Leader), Craig Dallas (Vice Chair), Beth Murchison (Lay Member), Sandra Raynor (Secretary), Andy Sills, Phillip Short (Pastor), Mark Vallejo, Gordon West, Janette Wray, Dr. Blanche Wells

## So where are the Men of Stuart FUMC?

*Walking with Jesus:* October 23-24. That is the theme of the United Methodist Men's Spiritual Retreat in Leesburg. I encourage all men to attend. It's not too late to sign up. Contact [FUMCBOB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FUMCBOB@GMAIL.COM)

*If we want to live fulfilled Christian lives walking with Jesus, we must walk like Jesus. Walking with Him means walking in His steps. Let us have enough faith in Him to trust him to lead us, to show us how to walk. What Jesus wants most from us is that we walk in His ways and reflect His love by loving others enough to show them also how to walk with Him and like Him.*

## So where else are the Men of Stuart FUMC?

Each Tuesday, 52 weeks a year rain or shine, you can find many men at 520 North Carolina St. at 7:00pm. Pastor Phillip has for many years led a group of men in a spiritual walk with Jesus. Sometimes reading as few as 3 verses in a 1.5 hour period! All men are invited and welcomed. <http://www.stuartfumc.org/mensministry.html>

What is BOB? Band of Brothers was given the nickname to the men of First United Methodist Church with the verse ***As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.*** **Proverbs 27:17 NIV**

Every year the men will head out to the new church property at 6050 Kanner Hwy and begin to work on the church-wide event, *Christmas at the Stable*. This is truly an event not to be missed and has been a tradition for my family each year. Men in the church are welcome and encouraged to plug in. The Band of Brothers (BOB) will frequently engage in using their spiritual gifts and natural abilities, volunteering throughout the church and community. Finally, Holy Week will once again bring out the men to sing at the *Sonrise Service* and for the church. Join in and walk with Jesus in the church that ***strives to love and honor Jesus in thought, word and deed.***

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Maybe it's time to re-format more than your hard drive



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## Our Church Finances General Expense Fund Through August 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
Revenues:		
General Income	856,606.41	921,922.55
Expenses:		
Conference Expenses	99,407.19	36,458.09
Operating Expenses	619,935.55	819,034.86
Inviting Expenses	6,338.17	37,153.20
Worship Expenses	17,648.96	18,777.22
Discipleship Expenses	60,788.90	78,290.50
Serving Ministry Expenses	<u>800.00</u>	<u>915.10</u>
Total Expenses	<u>804,918.77</u>	<u>990,628.97</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>51,687.64</u>	<u>(68,706.42)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	210,136.20	239,787.77
Net assets, end of month	261,823.84	171,081.35

The staff and the Finance Committee are hard at work on the 2010 budget. We are all striving to continue to do God's work while being good stewards of the blessings given to us. Please pray that God will multiply the blessings meant for our church now and in 2010.

## FUMC Women's Ministry Presents

Has your Ho Ho Ho  
turned into Oh Oh Oh??

Do the holidays leave you pooped,  
poor and pining for more?  
Just thinking of the Yuletide make  
you want to run and hide?  
Join us as we discuss ways to turn  
our hearts to Jesus,  
So we can look forward to  
Christmas & things that please us!



**Friday, October 23 at 10:00am**  
**First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**  
Complimentary coffee and danish served.  
To RSVP, please contact Pam Dallas at 781-0708.  
To reserve childcare, please contact church office at  
287-6262 in advance.

## UMW Circles

Susanna Circle meets Monday, October 12th at 6:00p.m. in the Lounge. For information, call Pat Langhorne at 221-7550.

Ruth Circle meets Tuesday, October 6 at 12:00 noon in the Lounge for simple salad lunch. We are looking forward to a calendar filled season of fun activities with missions at the heart of our events. Call Brenda 286-4604 or Kitty 287-4714 for more information. All ladies are welcome!

Priscilla Circle meets Thursday, October 1st at 9:30am in the church parking lot to carpool to the firehouse on SR 76 for tour. For information, call Rae Ford at 286-5012.

Faith Circle meets Thursday, October 1st at 9:30a.m. in the Lounge. For information call Ada Caby at 286-5794.

Hope Circle meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 5:30p.m. in the Lounge.

### So you think it doesn't happen here?

And you think you can't do anything about it? Come hear Nola Theiss, Executive Director of the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership, discuss "The Many Faces of Human Trafficking". Florida ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in cases of Human Trafficking. Learn how each of us can help eradicate this horrid industry. Plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors to this free event. Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30 in Fellowship Hall.

### Mission Morsels

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, approximately 75 women attended "Mission Morsels" sponsored by the United Methodist Women. The participants sampled a variety of appetizers prepared by members of each Circle. The evening's shopping opportunities included creative "cookie jars" filled with cookie mixes, a "gently-used jewelry" counter, Christmas crafts, and Rada cutlery which featured a display of vegetable and fruit creations. There was also a presentation of napkin folding and holiday table settings and decorations.

This year's program focused on the horrors of human trafficking and the efforts of the United Methodist Church to combat this growing illegal industry which affects millions of people every year, including young women and children who are trafficked in the illegal sex trade. More than \$1400.00 was raised at the event and will be donated to the United Methodist Anti-Human Trafficking Advance **#333615**.

Many thanks to Diana Rew and all of the volunteers who committed their time and effort to make this year's program a success!

### UMW Shopping Opportunities!

M&M and chocolate chip "Cookie jars" are still available. Contact Brenda Horvath at 286-4604.

To purchase Rada knives go to the website: [www.helpourfundraiser.com](http://www.helpourfundraiser.com) Use the code 502038 and the password Wesley. UMW will get credit for the purchase for up to one year! The knives are high quality, very reasonable and make great gifts! All profits will go to the effort to combat human trafficking.

## Our Church Family

### We wish to extend Christian Sympathy to:

- The family of Ralph Siller
- The family of Marion Troup
- John and Ann Ritter and Bob and Kristen Ritter on the death of John and Bob's mother

### Anniversary Wishes

Congratulations to Tony and Mary Melina who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on October 17th.

Congratulations to Keith and Helena Cleveland who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on October 16th.

### Memorials In Loving Memory of:

#### Clyde Coutant

Given by: Minnie Wells

#### Ella Clark

Given by: Carol Stout

#### Jeannette Butcher

Given by:  
Ivan and Anne Munroe  
Stella McCoy

#### Mark Conwell

Given by: Gladys Conwell  
David and Linda Catlin  
Pam Cummings

#### Edward Mears

Given by: Nancy Fuller

#### Marjorie Geary

Given by: Joanne Rowley

#### Myra Jean Shepard

Given by:  
Ivan and Anne Munroe  
Bill Keating, Jr.  
RCP Shelters  
William and Virgie Bezold  
Erich Wuerfel and family

### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

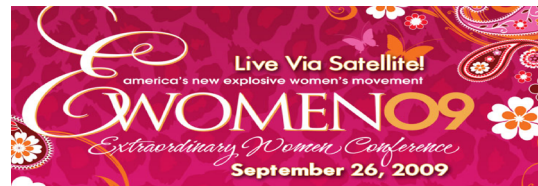
Thanks seems such a small word to express the deep appreciation I have for my church family. The friendship and support you provided me and my wife, Jeannette, during the many years of her illness and at her Celebration of Life has been a beautiful expression of God's love that exists in our church. All of you have been a great source of strength for me and my family during our time of loss. Thank you and may God bless all of you.

Larry Butcher

Dear Church Family,

Vinnie and I would like to thank our Church family for their prayers, concerns and visits while Vinnie was in the hospital and at rehab. We also say thank you to Cooking for Kindness. We enjoyed the meals that we received.

Sincerely,  
Vinnie and Carol Simeoni



### Extraordinary Women Conference

On, Saturday, September 26, 2009 women from our church and community came together to attend our first, E Women Conference. There were awesome opportunities to worship and grow in our faith. Many lives were changed!! Praise God for all the serving hearts and helping hands that made our conference a HUGE success. THANK YOU to EVERYONE who so unselfishly volunteered. Through your hard work, support, and dedication, God was glorified!!!

Leah Davids & Debbie Spahn

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

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

Wednesdays:  
Family Dinner from 5-6:00p.m.  
Kids Club at 6:00p.m. Adult Classes at 6:15pm  
Nursery available during classes.

Fridays: Celebrate Recovery 7:00pm

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## Christian Life Ministries

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