



# DOMINION WINDOW

## First United Methodist Church, Cocoa

### MARCH 2009

### PASTOR GENE YOTKA

I loved this story when I received it about a month ago as it speaks a profound truth that we all too often ignore. I hope it speaks to your heart, the way it spoke to mine.

**Blessings**  
**Pastor Gene**

## How to Be Happy

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed. Each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied.

"Happiness is something you **decide** on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged.. it's how *I arrange my mind*. I already decided to love it. "It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life.

Life is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

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So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing." Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.



## **HOLY WEEK 2009**

### **APRIL 5 PALM SUNDAY**

**11am Service: The Easter Cantata**

*(Come and See Sunday)*

**Bell Concert in Cocoa Library at 2pm**

### **APRIL 6**

**6pm Prayer Service Chapel**

### **APRIL 7TH**

**11:00am Service for Spiritual Awareness Chapel**

### **APRIL 8TH**

**6:00pm Praise Service**

### **APRIL 9TH—HOLY THURSDAY**

**5pm Fellowship Dinner (H. Hall) Special Night**

**6:15pm. Upper Room Service**

### **APRIL 10TH— Good Friday**

**6:30PM Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)**

### **APRIL 11TH**

**10:00am. Easter Egg Hunt**

### **APRIL 12TH—EASTER SUNDAY**

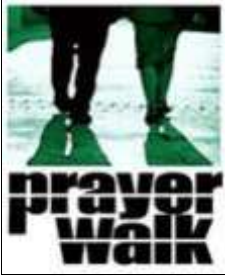
**Sunrise Service (TBD)**

**Continental Breakfast served in Hughlett Hall**

**9:00am Praise Service**

**11:00am Traditional Service**





COME JOIN US FOR OUR **PRAYER WALK** AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. THEN COME BY THE AWAKENING CAFÉ FOR AN UPBEAT PRAISE SERVICE ALONG WITH FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

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## CIRCLE OF CONCERN

**Home:** Mary Heslop, Kay Bartberger, May Russell, Sharon Bauer, David Rothermund, Christi Coy, Ernest Lindley, Betty Turner, Bill Green, Jim Bishop, Sr. Peggy Morgan Halper, Fay Mallard, Elsie Bailey, Gladys Williams, Judy Barker.

**Rockledge Rehab.** Bob Kunkle, Lenora Cuppett

**Huntington Place:** Lou Kotopka, Ann Anderson

**Merritt Island Rehab:** Ruth Warden, Joanna Ramsey

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## “THE SHEPHERD’S CLOSET THRIFT STORE”

Please continue to support this wonderful ministry.

We need 116 Qt. Plastic Bins with Lids to store clothes.

*Thanks for all your help in making this such a successful ministry.*

Open Monday—Saturday

10am—3pm.

**Donations are always accepted. Please drop  
them off at the Thrift Store  
Mon.—Fri. 10am—3pm**





**The Food Pantry** is getting very long lines. Lots of old faces and lots of new faces. This is very sad. We are going to start putting an insert into the bulletin with a certain product each week.

If everyone gets just a few of these items and brings them back to church on Sunday it will help greatly. We are also in need of a translator. The word is out to the Spanish speaking community about our pantry and we have seen a great increase over the last few week in this population. We do not want to turn anyone away because we can't understand him or her. If you have any knowledge of the Spanish language please pray about helping us on Saturdays from 10am—12noon.

## CHAPEL SERVICE NEW TIME

**Come join us for Chapel Service Every Week.**

**Tuesday:** 11:00am Spiritual Awareness Service

**Wednesday:**6:00pm (Evenings) A Service of Song

**Thursday :** 8:30am A Service of Presence (Holy Communion)



## HANDBELL REHEARSALS

Echoes of Faith  
Spirit Ringers  
Celebration Ringers  
Sol Ringers

Tuesday,	7:00
Wednesday,	6:00
Thursday,	7:00
Sunday,	6:30

**ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN  
OUR HANDBELL CHOIRS  
PLEASE CALL DIANE CLICK  
452-4709**



# MARCH 2009

March 1st (First Sunday in Lent)

- March 1 2pm—4pm Via De Cristo Meeting Rm. 208
- March 3 \*3:45pm Bible Study with Pastor Gene Rm. 208  
\*5:30pm. Fellowship Dinner  
\*6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- March 4 9:30am UMW Executive Meeting
- March 5 6:00pm Trustees Meeting Rm. 208  
\*7:00pm Ballroom Dancing Classes
- March 6 5:00pm. Jessica Larabee Wedding Rehearsal  
\*6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- March 7 3:00pm Larabee Wedding Sanctuary  
**\*5:30pm Awakening Café**
- March 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (SPRING FORWARD CLOCKS 1 HR.)**  
5:30pm Free Concert/Youth going to Merritt Island
- March 9 5:30pm Finance Meeting  
7:00pm Church Council Meeting
- March 10 9:30am Mary/Deborah Meeting Parlor
- March 11 10:30am UMW General Meeting Hughlett Hall
- March 14 5:30pm Lip/Sync Contest (Free Food!) Fund Raiser H. Hall**
- March 15 9:00am Praise/11:am Traditional Service special guests  
(The Special Gathering Choir)
- March 17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**
- March 21 12noon—5pm. Girl Scouts Conf. (Hughlett Hall & Rm. 208)
- March 23 \*8:30am—1pm. Visually Impaired Meeting R. 208
- March 28 3:00pm Mission Meeting Rm. 208  
4:00pm Prayer Walk



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

**Tuesday:** 3:45pm Bible Study with Pastor Gene Rm. 208  
5:30pm Tuesday Fellowship Dinner  
8:30pm WISEGUYS (Men 18-30 meet in H. Hall for Bible Study and Fellowship)

We would like to welcome you to this new and successful men's group.

**Wednesday:** 6:00pm Communion and "A Service of Song"  
6:30pm "Vine & Branches" (College Age Co-ed) H. Hall  
Great for young people !

**Thursday :** 8:30am A Service of Presence (Holy Communion) new day as Pastor Gene will be in Orlando on Fridays for school.



## BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES

Every Thursday  
7pm—8:00pm

Donation \$2.00 per person  
Herman and Betty Byrd are the Instructors.  
*Open to the Public, (Dress Casual)*

***Please spread the word and tell your friends.***

This is a fundraiser to support our  
***Backyard Ministries Home Improvement Services.***  
Tell a friend. Come and enjoy Fun, Fellowship and  
Great Exercise!

*Call the church office for more information*



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## NEWSLETTER

### MARCH 2009

UMW Web-Site: [gbgm-umc.org/umw](http://gbgm-umc.org/umw)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD** will meet **March 4 at 9:30am** in the Parlor. All members are encouraged to attend. We will be making final decisions on Mother/Daughter Banquet.

**THE UNIT MEETING** will be **March 11, at 10:30am** in Hughlett Hall. The program will be presented by **Pat Spencer** and friends and is entitled "*Food and Faith*" - *Where would Jesus sit?*" This is part of our Spiritual Growth Study for 2009. The **Lydia Group** will have the luncheon.

#### **CIRCLES**

**Rachel Circle** will meet **March 18 at 10:00am** with **Ruth Gardner**. The devotion will be given by **June Reynolds**.

**Lydia Circle** will meet **March 18 at 10:00am** with **LaVonn Simpkins**.

**Martha Circle** will meet **March 19 (Thursday)** with **Maryann Yotka**.

**Mary Deborah Circle** will meet in the Parlor at **7:00pm** on **Monday March 16**. Questions to **Genie Hardee** or **Marcene Jackson**.

**Ruth Book Group** will meet **Wednesday March 25 at 9:30am** with **Mildred Page**. The books are "**My Name is Gabriella**" by Monica Brown and "**Still My Grandma**" by Veronique Bander Abeele. These are part of our Reading Program and will be coordinated by **Marcene Jackson**. Questions to **Nancy Glass** and **Marcene**.

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#### **MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET**

Will take place in Hughlett Hall at 6:00pm on **Friday, April 17**. The theme will be "**There's Something About Christmas**". The tickets will be **\$7.00** for adults and **\$3.00 for girls under 3**. (If anyone needs nursery care for the little brothers let **Vivian Scott** or your Circle leader know.)

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*United Methodist Women cont.....*

This will be a fun evening with Christmas Music, Christmas Decorations and a delicious meal (Roast Beef) prepared by our own **Margaret Russell** and helpers and served by some of the men from the church. **Carlos Page** will coordinate the serving. Wear your Christmas blouse, scarf if you'd like to add to the color mode. Also it is suggested you might bring a can of food for our food pantry. **David Russell** and friends will do the cleanup this year in appreciation for the support the UMW give to the Food Pantry.

**Marcene Jackson** is coordinating the program and **Nancy Glass** the decorations. Tickets will be available in March for your Circle Leaders. **Jacky Rothermund** is ticket chairperson and will be assisted by **Elsie V. Genie Hardee** will be taking pictures—everyone really appreciates Genie's continued willingness to help us remember the highlights of our year. Questions concerning the Banquet can be directed to President Vivian Scott.

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

School of Christian Mission at Florida Southern College:

July 21-24 (Wed.)

July 24-26 (Weekend)

Spiritual Growth Retreat—Sept. 11th—12th

Children's Week—March 29-31

2010 Assembly—April 29—May 2 in St. Louis, Mo.

### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:**

World Day of Prayer: March 6 at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Questions to **LaVonn Simpkins**.

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**FEBRUARY UNIT MEETING** was well received by a record attendance since back in the early 1990's. We had almost all of our new members present—many members were ill with flu. "The Glass Family shared how they met a family member's death—they shared resources and everyone was inspired. Thanks Nancy for planning this program. Thanks to Martha Circle for a delicious lunch.

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**Special Mission Recognition Pins** were presented to **Carlos and Mildred Page** and **Verda Rothstein**. A Past President pin was presented to **Marianne Wright**.

**Elsie V.** was welcomed to the Nominating Committee and **Marion Culpepper** was given a warm **Thank You** for her years of service.



## Hey! We're having another Lip Sync Contest

On **March 14th at 5:30pm** we are to have a fun evening. Yes, another Lip Sync contest. Please sign up (see David Russell) and show us your talent. There will be **FREE FOOD!** For you all to enjoy. Instead of a donation just bring two cans of food for the Food Pantry. So many of our neighbors need help with food in these hard times.

This will be part of our "Awakening Café" for that Saturday.

**No excuse, be here!**

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### FOREST LAKES PLAYER PRESENT THE . . . .



WHERE: FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH, HUGHLETT HALL

WHEN: **FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009**

TIME: 6:00 P.M. DINNER—SHOW TO FOLLOW

COST: **\$10.00 PER PERSON**

PROCEEDS GO TO FUMC COCOA

For tickets see Sue Oden or go to the Church Office

**HALLELUJAH—IT'S SHOWTIME!!**

This is the 19th year of presenting great musical entertainment and our 27th show. Let us take you back to yesteryear and the wild era of the Roaring 20's. Got flappers, gangsters, lots of laughs and great

We've music. **WATCH OUT!** There may be a few bullets flying around too!

**DON'T MISS THIS ONE**

**YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE IT!**



## MARCH 2009

- 3/02 Pat Spencer
- 3/03 James Mitchell
- 3/04 Arlene Owens
- 3/05 Joanne Booth
- 3/06 Lenora Cuppett, Beth Stacy,  
Ken Booth
- 3/07 Irene Marek. Clinton Wright
- 3/08 Gwen Mangun
- 3/09 John Hankins, Mamie Kingston
- 3/10 Pat Russell, Duane Myers
- 3/11 David Russell
- 3/12 Dell Higgs, Rita Renfroe,  
Jay Wright III, Sidney Gillis
- 3/13 Darlene Standridge
- 3/14 Jessica Hasto, Stevie Haile,
- 3/16 Jo Hasto,
- 3/17 Bernie Simpkins
- 3/18 Lila Slack
- 3/21 Vernon Knight
- 3/22 Loretta Coffey
- 3/22 Isabella Liberatore
- 3/23 Sandra Patrick, Robert Brown,  
Sherry Jeter
- 3/24 Louise Mills
- 3/30 Paul Cuppett
- 3/31 Alex Gillis

## APRIL 2009

- 4/02 Myrtle Caruso, Karl Matern  
Roberta Masse
- 4/03 Judy Barker
- 4/04 Gretchen McGaffic
- 4/06 Robert Hickle
- 4/10 Judith Petty, Alma Graham,  
Shirley Cornelius,  
Eli Drobniewski,  
Maia Drobniewsk
- 4/13 Howard Lewis, John Owens,
- 4/15 Fleeta Lindley
- 4/17 Stephanie Mangun
- 4/18 Pastor Gene Yotka
- 4/21 Mitch Tidwell, Jeffrey Simmen  
Barry Slack, Cheryl Patrick,
- 4/22 Mary Stromire
- 4/24 Sharon Bauer, Heather Pearson
- 4/25 Dale Mitchell
- 4/27 Jim Beatty
- 4.29 Ann Harrison

**Please remember the  
Birthday Box in the  
Narthex of the Church**

# YOUTH/CHILDREN'S HAPPENINGS!

Howdy everyone! Wow, we are off to a great start so far this year. With new programs and young blood pouring back into our church family. We have started two new college age Bible studies during the week. The **"Wise Guyz"** are 18-60 years and meet every week in room 208 at 8:30pm on Tuesday night. The "Wise Guyz" have already done several ongoing service projects including cleaning rooms and keeping the hallways well lit. They are a good core group of 10 men but have had up to 16 people in one night. We meet and discuss our favorite book the Bible. Every week a different member leads the study. It's really bringing dudes out of their shell. We also are working on a puppet ministry so if you have any old puppets lying around bring them on down.

Wednesday night we have a **Co-ed College** career group that meets up for the Wednesday night chapel service. If you have not attended a Wednesday night service—shame on you! It's a great time to come together and sing praises to God right when most of us need a re-charge. After the service we gather in our wonderful hall for some good old fashioned fellowship and of course food. All you fishermen out there know you can't catch fish without the bait. Well here at the **"Vines"** we have figured this out as well. Every week we try to have a pot-luck dinner. Unfortunately lots of our new folks don't have the greatest cooking skills. If you would like to donate to help feed our young bloods by either cooking something awesome or donating some money to help my pocket with the cost of feeding our fast growing group that would be great. We are starting to get them here. Let's show them how much we want to keep them here.

Not to forget about our awesome youth who believe it or not love to eat too. Please pray about how you can help the youth who meet on **Sunday night at 6:00pm**. They love blessing their food but it's hard to do with an empty plate! If you would like to help feed the youth on Sunday night they will love you forever for it. See me and let me know what you can do to help. If you can't cook a meal we can always use some pizza money. Everything helps out greatly, so lend a hand, show the Youth that they have our support.

This year we are creating our own **Vacation Bible School Study**. Last year we spent over 600 dollars on our VBS program and supplies. So for a great project for the **"Wise Guyz" and the "Vines"** we are all doing our part to save money this year. It is going to be a great program that focuses on the lost parables of Jesus. You know the lost coin, the lost sheep, the lost son. It has given us a goal at our weekly Bible studies and fellowship time. We are really getting fired up about it. Look for our supply trees coming soon. Supply trees are where we get our materials for all the crafts that we will be making this special week. Last year it was a great success and we received almost all of our supplies through the tree.

The Children's, Youth, and Young Adult ministries thank you for your continued support. Big things are in the works for this year. God is opening doors and bringing in the people. Lets be sure to give them all a warm welcome.

**Thank you David Russell**



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