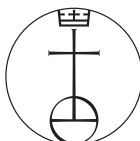




Healing Presence

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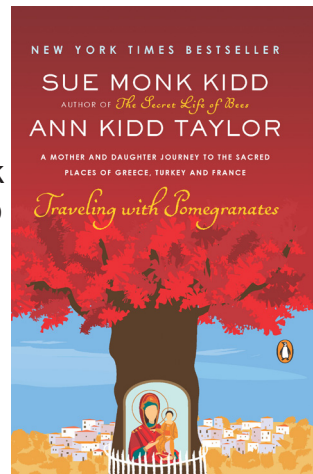
Dinner Series

We had an amazing first dinner in our Worldwide Dining Series Friday night! Don't miss the next two stops, including Valentine, Texas this month with a menu of honey mustard pork tenderloin, potatoes and roasted asparagus lovingly prepared (we will also have pasta primavera for our vegetarians!). **Join us this Friday, February 17th at 6:00 PM!** Tickets can be purchased today for \$12.00. See www.fcclw.org for more details.



Reading for Renewal

Our next Renewal Book Club meeting will be Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. We will be discussing *Traveling with Pomegranates, A Mother-Daughter Story* by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor. Anyone who has read books from our Renewal Reading list, please fill out a reading form and submit it to Carol Lewis by Sunday, Feb. 19th. Copies of the form and the 2011-2012 reading list are available at the Welcome Table and in the church office.



Digging Deeper

One of the ways we can prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ is to spend time in scripture. Create space for God to communicate with you this week by taking a few moments to read the following scriptures. The readings for Monday through



Wednesday reflect on today's worship themes. The readings for Thursday through Saturday anticipate next Sunday's readings. **Each day, Pastor Jason will be sharing his thoughts on the daily readings on our website, www.fc-clw.org, and invites you to do the same!**

Monday Psalm 6, 2 Chronicles 26:1-21, Acts 3:1-10

Tuesday Psalm 6, 2 Kings 7:3-10,
1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1

Wednesday Psalm 6, Job 30:16-31, John 4:46-54

Thursday Psalm 41, 2 Chronicles 7:12-22, 3 John 2-8

Friday Psalm 41, Isaiah 38:1-8, Hebrews 12:7-13

Saturday Psalm 41, Isaiah 39:1-8, Luke 4:38-41

Sunday Isaiah 43:18-25, Psalm 41,
2 Corinthians 1:18-22, Mark 2:1-12

Back Bay Mission Trip



We're going to Biloxi again! We are preparing to once again head to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi to spend a week in work camp.

Back Bay Mission is an 89 year-old ministry of the United Church of Christ that serves the poor and marginalized in Biloxi, a community that is still struggling to recover from Hurricane Katrina of 2005. Our involvement the week we are there includes the construction and repair of homes in the area.

We have space for 10 workers. We will leave early and drive to Back Bay (about 11 hours) on Sunday, March 25th, be housed in Back Bay's new volunteer dormitory, work Monday through Friday, and return on Saturday, March 31st. If you would like to go on this mission trip with us, contact Janet Lisle for more information.

For those who aren't able to drive to Mississippi and work on construction projects, you can participate by praying for the trip and contributing financially to ease the burden on those who will be going.



Global Warming Preach-In

Today our congregation is joining over 1000 other congregations all over the U.S. to help raise awareness about global warming. We will share our love of God's creation and provide resources to work for a sustainable future. Check out our Green Team display in Studebaker Hall during Coffee Hour and learn how you can join the Team!



Plan B, Mobilizing to Save Civilization

Last year, our Environmental Justice Committee showed the documentary Plan B, Mobilizing to Save Civilization which had originally aired on PBS in March of 2011. Based on the book by Lester Brown and narrated by Matt Damon, this film describes the threats posed by climate change and also offers a 4-point strategy to halt the negative impacts and build a sustainable energy economy to protect the environment and civilization itself. If you missed it or want to see it again, it will be shown **today at 3 pm** at the Church of Our Savior, MCC, 2011 S. Federal Highway in Boynton Beach (on Federal south of Woolbright). Refreshments will be served and discussion will follow. Contact Carol Lewis or Steve Lipman for more info.

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Sing praises to God.
All: Sing praises God's faithful people.
One: Give thanks to God's holy name.
All: Give thanks God's faithful people.
One: God's anger shall pass,
All: God's favour will last forever.
One: We may weep for a season,
All: yet God promises that we will know joy again.
One: Sing praises all you people.
All: Sing praises to God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #21**

"This Is My Father's World"

Baptism of Ryan Edward Stone

son of Philip and Leigha Stone

grandson of Nelson and Marilyn Stone

brother of Elizabeth Stone

Children's Lesson

"Healing Touch"

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

One: Jesus said to those he healed, as God says to us today,
**All: I do choose
I choose to love you.
Be made whole again. Amen.**

***Hymn #631**

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:40-45

“Lord of the Dance”

Message

“Healing Presence”

Singing Together

“Beauty for Brokenness”

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Prayer of the People

One: As Jesus was moved with pity and a force of passion against the things that separate us from the wholeness of our humanity, we are also moved with pity for those who suffer, O God.

All: Help us to love as you love, to be agents of your healing in the world.

One: We are passionate about bringing changes to the ways of the world that hurt rather than heal, that dishonor rather than respect, that divide rather than unify.

All: Help us to live out your passion, to be agents of your just ways in the world.

One: God, you do not see the boundaries we place between us because of difference.

All: Help us to see as you see, to live out your reconciling love in the world. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer (using “debt” and “debtors”)

**Giving of Our Offering
Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Blessing

*Today's altar flowers are given by Doris Chafin
In loving memory of Paul Chafin &*

*Nelson & Marilyn Stone
In honor of the baptism of Ryan Edward Stone,
son of Philip & Leigha Stone*

Thank you...

Greeter: Louise Wilson

Ushers: Jimmy Limauro and Nick Basone

Nursery: Nanci and Nicole Johnson

Children's Worship Station Facilitators:

Trish Fairbanks and Jill Ellis

Music: Bruce Linser

Sound & Grounds: Harvey Littlefield

Jason Fairbanks, Pastor

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came to me and the dance went on

(chorus) Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the lord of the dance said he

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance said he

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
And they left me there on the cross to die

(chorus)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance and I still go on

They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that'll never never die
I'll live in you if you live in me
I am the lord of the dance said he

Dance, then, wherever you may be
I am the lord of the dance said he
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the dance said he.

Florida UCC Women

This year's Annual Conference of FL UCC Women will be held March 9 - 11 at the International Palms Resort & Conference Center in Cocoa Beach. The theme is "RE: Generations" based on Psalm 71: 17-18. You can register for 1 or 2 nights or just go for the day. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table and in the church office. Contact Carol Lewis for more info.

Thank You!



Thanks for all who made it possible for us to raise \$1,233 for the Community Dinner fund by participating in the Yard Sale held on Saturday, February 4. From the coordinators, to the merchandise donors, to the set-up people, to the day workers, to the merchandise buyers, we thank you for your support.

In Our Prayers...

Bill Mahlmeister, Doris Chafin's son	
Phyllis Branning, Carolyn Ludwig's sister-in-law	
Irene Richmond	Lynda Johnston
David Aldrich	Arlene Hesse
Leeann Thompson	Stephen Stanford
Betty Hermanson	Ed and Anne Yokie
Don McBride	Thais VanGinhoven
Barbara, Cliff Rowe's Daughter	Faustina Appiah
Dorothy Zook	

Bible Study



We have a new Bible study that meets from **9:30 - 10:20** am in the Parlor. It will be based on the readings of the *Upper Room* and will be facilitated by Carol Lewis. You can get a copy of the *Upper Room* at the Welcome Table in the Narthex. We will discuss the scripture passage and reflection questions. It is not necessary to sign up or to read the reflections in advance to participate.

Matching Gift Fund



Campus Improvement Fund

We have a wonderful opportunity in the life of our church. One of our members has offered to us a \$25,000 matching gift to be used for the maintenance and improvement of our campus.

Our campus is the largest expense we have and as it ages will need more repairs and improvements. Our campus improvement fund offers us the possibility of raising \$50,000 for these projects. This drive will go from now until the end of the year so you will have plenty of time to prayerfully consider how you can be involved!

Cards & Supplies Needed

We need birthday cards for our Tuesday evening Community Dinner guests. Also, we can always use small toiletries for the distribution table. We are very grateful for the help you have been giving us

Financial Report

Pledge and open offering amount expected: \$8,750

Pledge and open offering amount received: \$8,662

Difference: \$88 deficit

Other income: \$2,941

Total income: \$11,603

Expected Monthly expenses: \$16,634

Actual Monthly expenses: \$14,155

January's operational deficit: \$2,522

Welcome!

No matter who you are or where on life's journey, you are welcome here and we are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

If this is your first time visiting with us, we would love to share a little bit more about who we are with you. Please fill out as much information as you are comfortable providing us on the enclosed "Welcome" insert and place it in the offering plate as it is passed later in the service. Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship today for coffee and conversation!

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday	2/12	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM	Bible Study Worship & Sunday School Preach-In information in Studebaker Hall
Monday	2/13	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Meditation Group - Parlor Choir Practice
Tuesday	2/14	5:00 - 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Community Dinner AA Group (Finnish)
Thursday	2/16	6:30 PM	BINGO
Saturday	2/18	12 Noon	AA Group

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