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Cast All Your Cares

“They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord” (Psalm 112:7). Is this verse true of you, or are you prone to fear and worry?

You might want to keep a worry journal. Whenever you have a fear or anxious thought, write it down and pray about it, giving it to God.

Every time a fear proves unfounded or God intervenes in some way, write that down, too. Then when bad news comes, you'll have a record of God's deliverance to lend you strength and courage for the present battle.

-The Newsletter Newsletter, July 2011



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Whatever the Weather

No matter the forecast, weather can remind us of God's presence:



- When it's sunny, remember that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12).
- When it's cloudy, remember that God often spoke to and guided his people from a cloud (Exodus 13:21-22).
- During a thunderstorm, remember the thunder and lightning when God beckoned Moses to Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16).
- When it rains or snows, remember that God's Word serves his purpose just as precipitation does (Isaiah 55:10-11).

- When it's windy, remember that "a wind from God" came at Creation (Genesis 1:2), and God's Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost like a mighty wind (Acts 2:2).

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From the Pastor's Pen

In the past month, we have baptized a baby and a Middle School student, confirmed four others, and restored the membership of another person. Because we had several people become members of the church through all these different methods, perhaps this is a good time to talk about church membership and its relationship to baptism and confirmation.

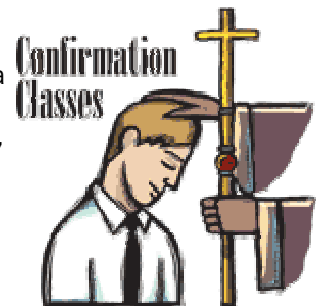
Since the time of the New Testament, people have been welcomed into the Christian church through baptism.



There is a tradition in many churches that the baptismal font be located near the church door because it is through baptism that we enter the community of faith. Recently we have adopted this practice here in Vicksburg and have placed the baptismal font near the entrance to the sanctuary on those Sundays when it is not needed in the service as a symbolic reminder that baptism welcomes us into the family of God.

In the early days of the church, most of the people being baptized were adults who were newly converted to the Christian faith, but today, many of the people baptized in our church are the children of people who are already a part of our congregation. Children who are baptized before they are old enough to make their own profession of faith are enrolled as baptized members of the church. Our *Book of Discipline* requires that at least one of the parents be a member of a church or that sponsors or godparents who are members take the baptismal vows. Parents who are not affiliated with any congregation are encouraged to choose a church home in which they want their child to be raised before presenting the child for baptism.

Through the nurture of parents and the congregation, baptized children, when they are in Middle School, enroll in confirmation preparation. We understand confirmation both as a human act of commitment as well as an act of the Holy Spirit strengthening and empowering Christian discipleship. At confirmation, Middle School youth profess their own faith, commit themselves to Christian service through the church, and become professing members of the local congregation. Youth or adults who were not baptized earlier in life may also make their personal profession of faith, be baptized, and be enrolled as professing members.



Persons received as professing members continue in that status until one of four things happens: they die, their membership is transferred to another church, they withdraw their membership in writing, or the congregation at the annual Church Conference votes to terminate their membership because of inactivity over a two-year period. However, even persons whose membership is terminated can be reinstated at any time.

In addition to keeping track of baptized and professing members, churches maintain another list of persons connected with that congregation called constituents. Constituents include anyone connected with a local congregation who is neither a baptized nor a professing member such as unbaptized children, youth and adults whose names are not on the membership record, and other nonmembers for whom the local church has pastoral responsibility.

I know that some of our terminology can be confusing at times, even to people who have been part of our congregation for a long time. I hope these comments have helped to clarify what we mean by baptized members, professing members, and constituents. Do you still have questions? Let me hear from you and I will try to clear up any confusion.

I hope you find time for some rest and relaxation this summer.

Love in Christ,

Dr. Bufford Coe

Overload

(from *15 Minutes Alone With God* by Emilie Barnes)

Proverbs 3:6 *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight.*

Do you have the type of home where nothing seems to get done? Where each room would take a bulldozer just to clean up the mess? You rush around all day never completing any one job, or if you do complete a task, there is a little one behind you, pulling and messing everything up again! There isn't one of us who hasn't experienced these feelings.

When I was 20 our baby daughter was six months old. We then took in my brother's three children and within a few months I became pregnant. That gave Bob and me five children under five years old. My life was work, work, work—and yet I never seemed to get anywhere. I was running on a treadmill that never stopped and never moved ahead. I was always tired and never seemed to get enough done, let alone get enough sleep. I was fragmented, totally confused, and stressed.

Then one day during my rushed quiet time with the Lord I read Proverbs 3:6: "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight." I fell to my knees and prayed, "Please, God, direct my path. I acknowledge You to help me, Lord. I'm going to allow You to lead me and not lead myself in my power. I want Your power and direction. Lord, I'm tired. I'm on overload with husband, home, children, and meals. I have no time leftover for me or anyone else. I can't even do any of us justice. Please help me to put it all together and make it work to glorify You and Your children. Amen."

The Lord not only heard my prayer that day, but He honored it as well. I began a program that changed my life. I committed 15 minutes (at least) per day to my quiet time with the Lord, I got up earlier each morning. The house was quiet, and my Lord and I talked as I read His Word and prayed.

Next I committed 15 minutes each day to the organization of our home, concentrating on things I never seemed to get done: the silverware drawer, refrigerator, hall closets, photos, bookshelves, piles of papers. I committed to this for 30 days and the pattern was set. God was directing my path. Our house changed dramatically. The cloud of homemaking stress lifted and I had new direction. The Lord redeemed my time with Him. I had more time to plan meals, make new recipes, play with the children, take walks to the park, even catch a nap from time to time.

Looking back now as a grandparent, I can truly understand the meaning of acknowledging Him in all my

ways. It's looking to God for help and comfort in all the ways of our life—our families, home, finances, commitments, and careers. God gives us a promise: "I will direct your path."



Father God, sometimes I feel my life is truly on overload. There are many days I am confused, frustrated, and mis-directed. I come to You on my knees, seeking Your undying patience and the hope You so graciously give. I ask for Your direction in my life. Make order out of disorder.

T h a n k Y o u ! A m e n .



Caring Corner

There's still time to bring the little ones to Summer Play Gym! We continue to tour our local parks. We've had great turnouts during our June weeks with lots of fun and lots of learning. Join us 10-11am (bring a picnic lunch in the park after play gym is done!):

- July 1 @ Ramona Park
- (No class on July 8!)
- July 15 @ Lakeview Park
- July 22 @ Sunset Lake Park
- July 29 @ Miss Laurie's farm



Paperwork must be completed and signed by July 22 in order to participate in the Farm day. Rain location is VUMC's family life center if it is raining at 9:30 AM. (Farm day will happen at the farm even if it is raining unless there are thunderstorms or severe weather warnings in Kalamazoo county at 9:30 am.)



Calling all preschool and elementary aged girls... You are welcome to join the little women of VUMC in preparing for and/or participating in the August 2 Little Women / Mature Ladies Walt Disney themed tea party. Come to decorate a table as any Disney Princess on August 1 and then join the ladies for the tea party on August 2. Contact Laurie Nic and the tea party planning committee for details or with any questions.



The semi annual College Student Booklets were handed out at the June 5 graduation service. We are all so very proud of these college students who are representing Christ to the world for us! If you did not get your copy, please pick yours up at the welcome center. These could easily be used as a daily devotional. A special thank you to all the students who responded, to Julie Oswald who compiled and edited the booklets, to Kirsten who printed them and to Lauren Wolak, Kat Nic and Hilary Asher who folded and stapled them.

Memories - "a few good men"...

How many times do we hear this express in our general conversations? ...“All we need are a few good men, and we could change the world”. In the last few months our congregation has lost a few good men.

On November 16, 2010, Rudy Maslanik passed away. Rudy was a long time member, but in recent years, health reasons forced a move to Portage to take care of his wife, Virginia, who is presently at Tender Care, Portage. His daughter expressed his desire and love for being a greeter at our church on Sunday mornings. J.R. Fulton remembers what a good mentor Rudy was in training him to become an auto salesman at Simmons Ford. J.R. was all of 20 years old and Rudy took him under his wing, teaching him honesty always came first, even if it meant losing a sale. He served his country during World War II and was very proud of his country. *A good man.*



On March 9, 2011, Willis Green passed away. When Willis became home bound, Tom Temple volunteered to take a plant to him from our church at Easter and Christmas. Nearing 90 years old, Tom related how he found Willis to be a most charming and hospitable gentleman, even though he had not met Tom before. Willis also had one of the most melodic speaking voices and our church learned quickly to utilize this talent. He was frequently asked to read scriptures and narrate special programs. He graciously accepted the invitations. *A good man.*

On May 16, 2011, Charlie Carr passed away. Pastor Buff was on medical leave, so Pastor Wally, a former pastor, filled in and did the service. Pastor Wally did not personally know Charlie, so he had to do a fair bit of interviewing. The first words he spoke were, “Charlie Carr was a good man”! He chose to play the hymn, Amazing Grace, every night before retiring, as a way to thank God for the day that was now over and for the night that was beginning.

Vera Walker knew Charlie quite well from Tuesday Morning Prayer Group and listen to what she has to say: “Charlie was one of the most loving people I have ever met. His sincere, unconditional love for any and all who entered his life was a gift for me to observe. He loved to talk about serving his country during the war. He was in the Salvation Army Band. He loved to dance and be with people. He worked at Upjohns in the sheet metal department and was loved by all his co-workers. One of the last times we were at his house for prayer group, he used his deceased wife’s fine china and set a beautiful table along with homemade goodies. He did it all with love and pride!” *A good man.*

Thank you, Lord, for a few good men. They may not always change the entire world, but they sure leave the world closest to them with happy, loving and positive memories. Mark 12:31

July United Methodist Women

- July 7, 12:30pm UMW Outing
- July 8 CWU—Eat out
- July 14, 9am Merry Martha Circle
- July 19-22 School of Christian Mission
@ Albion College (Conference)
- July 22 Drive-in Day for S of CM
- July 28, 9:30am Executive Team Meeting
- July 28, 7pm Priscilla Circle at the home of Aurelia Reed



UMW outing
Thursday, July 7th

11:30 Tour of Underground Railroad
Site in Schoolcraft on Cass St.
\$4 fee paid by UMW.

1:00 Lunch out at Schnauzers.

Questions? Call Tamara at 720-4173

Vacation Bible School 2011

It's almost here ~ Vacation Bible School that is! We sure hope you have been holding the dates of August 8 – 12th open to come to the church and “GET WILD ABOUT GOD”! From 9 – 11:45 each morning, kids from pre-school through just finishing the 4th grade will get caught up in Pandamania! From Party Time Singing to Wild Bible Adventures, from Bamboo Blast Games to Crazy Crafts, no matter what station they're exploring, kids will hear the daily Bible Point—and experience it in a new way! At PandaMania, the daily Bible Point is carefully integrated into each station's activities to reinforce Bible learning. And that rascally little rodent Chadder is back at Movie Mania. Treetop Treats has lots of tasty treats mixing up. And everyday will end at the Rowdy Wrap up.

Each activity is an important part of kids' overall learning experience—kind of like the pieces of a puzzle. Registration forms can be found in this newsletter, at the Welcome Center at church and on line by going to VUMC's website or going directly to this site: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/bulldogkids>

You can turn your registrations in to the church offering plates, main office, or in Lisa's mailbox found in the workroom. Pre-registration is helpful so that things can move as smoothly on the first day as on the last. The more we can be prepared, the more fun we will all have.

It takes lots of hands to make Vacation Bible School happen and so far the hands are few. If you can lend yours, please let Lisa Coe know ASAP! This is such a great outreach program that it would be a shame to have to cancel it this year.



Here's a sneak peak of Day 5:

Bible Point: God gives good gifts.

Bible Story: God gives Hannah a baby. (1 Samuel 1:1–2:11) NLT

Bible Verse: “You place your hand of blessing on my head.” (Psalm 139:5) NLT

Items needed for Vacation Bible School

(Cards are outside the office doors to let others know that items are already picked up)

4' wye joint(y-shaped)	pieces per pkg	4 bags of children's play sand or gravel
4' x 10' drainpipe	2 pkgs of white pony beads – 720ppp	12 midsize stones or bricks
Cardboard carpet tubes	2 pkgs. of blue pony beads – 720ppp	Borrow 2 box fans
Gallon of green paint	2 pkgs. of green pony beads – 720ppp	5 bags of starburst candies
Paintbrushes	2 pkgs. of purple pony beads – 720ppp	Pkg. of flicker lights (flameless candles)
3 rolls of duct tape	10 pkgs. of cross beaners (clips)	\$\$\$ is always appreciated ~ we would like to buy lan yards (that we would keep) to use for name tags this year ~ the child safety kind.
Bag of party poppers	2 Pkgs. of glow-in-the-dark stars	6 pkgs. of sandwich size resealable plastic bags
3 stuffed pandas	Roll of aluminum foil	150 small size blue paper plates
5 empty crdbrd wrapping paper tubes	Pkg. of yellow balloons	150 small size red paper plates
Glue dots	Large star stickers	150~9 oz. clear plastic solo drinking cups
Glue sticks	Newspaper	7 pkgs. of 100 drinking cups
Several pkgs. of Wiggly eyes	Plastic siphon	700 napkins
3 pkgs~100 piece black chenille wires	2 rolls of 10' x 25' black plastic	
150 small blue paper plates	Can of sardines	
2 pkgs of red pony beads-720 pieces per pkg	1 pkg. of large Hershey candy bars	
2 pkgs of black pony beads – 720	Roll of blue paper	

Food items will be asked for later in July.

We will need 140 unfrosted cupcakes by August 8th.

Thanks...

This year the congregation stood as the acolytes brought in the light to signal the beginning of the worship service. We are lucky to have had twenty-six acolytes this year. They all did a fine job in service to the church and deserve to have you stand again to greet them and thank them for their service when you see them at church or in the community. So that you will know whom to thank, they are as follows:



Scott Smola	Logan Workman	Anthony Knowles	Trevor Young
Hannah Fenwick	Sawyer Barton	Anna Lynn Pauli	Elizabeth Pauli
Avery Slancik	Meredith Smola	Ronan Thompson	Wyatt Thompson
Markus Taylor	Dodi Marshall	Deven Breece	Zane Breece
Lauren Burke	Anna Knowles	Maya Hossink	Dawnara Rollins
Alex Cannizzaro	Lucas Cannizzaro	Madeleine Geiger	Nicola Hosner
Dominick Hosner	Josephine Hosner		

Thanks acolytes for a job well done!

A Note From Finance

Proverbs 22:9 He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.

A special message for summer travelers...

If you're planning to miss services this summer due to travel or other family commitments, VUMC would like you to consider committing to a recurring giving schedule. Your consistent support is very much appreciated, especially during the summer months. Contact Trish VanTichelt, 649-2343 ext. 103, or tvantich@vicksburgumc.org for more details.

Do you have a great idea for a fundraiser? Remember we need 999 more that raise \$1000 or more and we can have the Family Life Center mortgage paid off! Our Budget is tight and we will need to raise funds to help pay our Ministry Shares as well. We have paid one of 12 so far this year. Every little bit helps so if you have a great idea, please see the church staff.



Don't forget about some of our ongoing fund raisers! We have the recycling program, which has raise \$120 in 2011 so far! Bring your empty printer ink cartridges and gadgets that you can't use in and we can return them for cash! For a donation of \$50 or more you can remember a loved one, event or share your love of God and place a tile on the mosaic wall. We've received another batch of orders and will be going in to paint some more soon! Don't forget we are collecting loose change to put some past members on the wall... look for the "Tokens for Tiles" envelops in your pews.

Please continue to give faithfully this summer because the Church does not go on vacation. We need to continue to be a example of Christ's love for the community thru our Church.

God Bless: The Finance Committee



From the Kitchen Fairies...

Please Do not purchase or donate any Styrofoam products.

For more information concerning the position taken by the United Methodist Church, Google "United Methodist Styrofoam". In addition, the UMW has also taken a stand listing several reasons which include filling up of landfills (according to some the foam takes 800 years to biodegrade) and some of the waste products are known cancer causing agents. We need to be good stewards of our environment, which has been entrusted to us, and this is one small and easy step we can take. One might even do this in their own homes also.

Styrofoam cups. With the above in mind, after the 1000 Styrofoam cups that appeared last week in the storeroom by the "old kitchen," are used up, please do not purchase or donate any Styrofoam products.

Plastic (silver ware). If you need any of these for church functions, please check the storeroom by the "old kitchen." There are hundreds, or more, knives, spoons and forks. Please use these up and do not purchase or donate any.

Napkins. Please check the storeroom by the "old kitchen" for napkins and also the drawer so labeled in the "new kitchen." We have hundreds, or more, napkins and they need to be used before donating or purchasing any more.

We do greatly appreciate donations and if you are wondering what you can donate...

We are in need of a very large container or a few small ones, of Country Time lemonade. We can always use coffee, both regular and decaf.

We can use paper (not Styrofoam) plates, all sizes.



Not needed at this time:

TEA: tea bags or instant.

SUGAR, SWEETNERS, AND CREAMERS

Please use what is on hand. They are available in both kitchens.

Miscellaneous Thank you. When purchasing for a dinner or function, it is best to purchase what you need, as the very large containers often get thrown away due to expiration dates. We are finding that people are leaving the kitchens in very good shape and not only do the "fairies" appreciate it, it is tribute to our church people and our facilities. Thank you.

Any thoughts, concerns, questions, or requests, please email them to the church office and the office will contact us.

Ooops!

From a church bulletin _____ in Burlingame, Kansas:

Food bank pantry is low.

Let's hope the **pantry** shortage is brief!

Report from Historical Committee

1. Thank you to all the Trustees who helped in getting the Archive Room cleaned and ready for company: Carl Pauli, Jeff Johnson & J.R. Fulton for sanding and painting the room. All the people who helped move in the Apothecary Cabinets: The Trustees, Rotarians, Firemen, Paul French, John Fulton, Tim Moore, and J.R. Fulton who helped and organized the entire move and placement of these very heavy cabinets.
2. Thank you to Betty Witcher, Vickie Worthington, & Nancy Harper who helped clean & polish the Apothecary Cabinets. Quite a job, because there was over 150 years of accumulated dust and old polish.
3. Thank you to Sandy & Brad Hanson for the generous donation of a beautiful oak table and chairs for the room. Thanks, Brad for taking apart the table & having it ready to move. Thanks, Brad, J.R. Fulton and Ron Mayo, for the muscle to move and set up the table in the Archive Room. Thanks Norm Kohler, who just stopped by and was enlisted to help move the table, lift the heavy rug and place a pad underneath... then move the table back!
4. Thanks, Nancy & J.R. Fulton for the donation of the Apothecary cabinets, Antique Rug and the lace curtains.
5. Thanks, Memorial Committee, for funding some of the supplies for the archives.
6. A special Thank You to Moe & Deb Haghshenas, owners of "SILK ROAD GALLERY", a store which specializes in fine Persian Rugs (located at 1710 W Milham Ave, Portage. Phone 382-2288). I had looked everywhere for a rug with an antique pattern that would suit the décor of an Archive Room which housed records of our church for the last 141 years. Discouraged and about to give up, I ventured into Gallery, already convinced there would be nothing I could afford (there are rugs up to \$50,000 in this store). I explained the situation and the small budget I had available. There were so accommodating and non-judgmental. After several trips, we developed a relationship and they wanted to help me and our church have a suitable rug (or maybe they were just getting tired of me looking and asking questions)! They had previously discussed making a church donation in memory of Moe's father, so we happened to be the church. This brought the price down to an affordable range. So, please, if you are looking for a rug, stop into this store. Tell them you are from the Vicksburg United Methodist Church!
7. Last, but not least, thanks to Betty Witcher for her persistence in showing up every Tuesday afternoon and working tirelessly for the last three years. And thanks to other helpers who have been there when possible: Vickie Worthington, Melva Kohler, Nancy Harper, Carol Lohman, & Alice Dibble. And those who have begun to drop off items to be evaluated for archiving. Thanks to the Trustees and the members of the church who have understood our need to leave some materials strewn about on our worktable, waiting for the next Tuesday. This meant the room had to be kept locked. While there is much work yet to come, at least, we are to the point where the room can now be used by our entire church family, as we continue our archiving. What fun it is to work surrounded by memories of past & present saints of VUMC! Our wish is for all of you to have this pleasure.
8. The Archive Room is now unlocked and ready to be used for research, as a classroom, and/or meeting room. The Trustees designated this room as an "Adult Only Room" unless children are accompanied by an adult. Also, please, no drinks allowed, due to the nature of sensitive/ irreplaceable material stored in the room.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Fulton, Historical Committee Chair

Widening the Welcome

The Wesley Foundation is requesting support as detailed below:

The Wesley Foundation of Kalamazoo, the United Methodist Kalamazoo District campus ministry, is engaging in a new building project and an accompanying capital campaign entitled *Widening the Welcome*. Having sold our current 45-year-old building and property to Western Michigan University, we are making plans and raising funds to move to a new location on campus, just 1250 feet west of our current location, on which we will build a brand new facility with both ministry and residential components. Through this new project, we plan to foster greater collaboration within the Kalamazoo District through the inclusion of the Kalamazoo District Office in our new facility, as we strive to increase our radical hospitality to all on campus and in the Kalamazoo community. The Wesley Foundation is seeking funds from alumni, friends, current students and their families, foundations, and congregations, including all churches in the Kalamazoo District. We have asked the leadership and congregation of Vicksburg United Methodist Church to prayerfully consider a gift of \$25,000 to be given over three years in support of the *Widening the Welcome* capital campaign. We remain always grateful for the ongoing support of Vicksburg UMC, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come as we touch lives with the love of Christ. If you desire further information about the project or if you would like to make a gift, please contact Sarah Hercula, Campaign Manager, at (269) 344-4076 or wesleycampaignmanager@gmail.com, or you can mail directly to the Wesley Foundation at 2101 Wilbur Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.

Mail Bag

Dear United Methodist Church,
Thank you sooo much for letting us use your facility & equipment to help us prepare for our volleyball season!

Thanks again.
Sincerely,
Karlee Frederick
Logan VanderBos
Claudia Ramsey
Jena Sarzypek
Torrie Sears
Ed Ramsey



Dear VUMC Family:

Thank you for all of your love, support, and prayers during my first 8 months away at GVSU. I would also like to thank you for the scholarship, it will greatly help me in my next year of school. God Bless.

Elizabeth Tuinier

To Reverend Buff Coe, Scholarship Committee, & all my Mentors at VUMC:

It is with sincere gratitude that I write this letter of appreciation. It is not only that I wish to express my gratitude for the extremely generous scholarship you provided, it is to acknowledge all you have done for me over the years. The message from David on Graduation Sunday really hit home. This is my church family, you have supported me, loved me, mentored me and nurtured me since I was a small five-year-old. I truly enjoyed the video he shared. His message was relevant and I think every student there found meaning in it.

I can recall Mike Hardy sitting with me in front of the congregation during children's worship since I was the only little person at early service, and he didn't want me to sit by myself. I remember getting my first Bible from the church, being baptized with my father in the church, attending summer mission trips, playing softball, taking Disciple I... so many important milestones and steps on my faith journey, and these are only a few. While I might not attend every Sunday as in the past, my heart is still there, and I am there when I'm at home. That you would honor me with this kindness truly touches me, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely, Mark Johnson

July Birthdays

- 7/1 Matt Franklin
- 7/2 Barbara Hosner
- 7/3 Maxine Cohrs, William Smola
- 7/6 Timothy Dibble
- 7/8 Doug Sponseller
- 7/9 Kathryn Starbuck
- 7/10 Genevieve Bowyer, Alexander Ensing
- 7/13 Raina Willoughby, Tricia VanTichelt
- 7/14 Al Hosner
- 7/17 Madeline Hossink
- 7/18 Randy Stafford
- 7/20 Kamden Oomen
- 7/22 Bufford Coe, Michael Hall, Meredith Smola
- 7/24 James Jukes
- 7/25 Dennis Sherman, Greg Burke

- 7/26 June French, Cynthia Brundige, Isaac Jukes
- 7/27 Marilyn Moore
- 7/28 Kearah Williams
- 7/29 Marvin Starbuck
- 7/30 Mary Conlan, Thomas Hoy



July Anniversaries

- 7/1 **Pat & William Oswalt - 50 YEARS!**
- 7/1 Sharon & Jack Hosner
- 7/2 Marian & Mel Zimmerman
- 7/3 Marilyn & William Moore
- 7/4 Jill & Matt Barton
- 7/7 Madonna & Jim Nimmo

- 7/9 Nancy & Robert Harper
- 7/13 Jo Ann & Judson Cain
- 7/15 Fiona & Rev. Timothy Dibble
- 7/16 Myrna & Delano Forsythe
- 7/20 Tamra & Hank Stamm
- 7/22 **Laverne & William Swinehart - 65 YEARS!**
- 7/22 Linda & Symon Olenczuk
- 7/25 Susan & Lee Halladay
- 7/26 Mardi & Greg White
- 7/30 **Marjorie & Raymond Vliek - 63 YEARS!**
- 7/31 Carol & Ron Scheff





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Cartoon Corner



THE INEVITABLE BATTLE OF "FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS" VS. "FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES"

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Bible Quiz

Many people travel for leisure during the summer. In Bible days, travel was most often done out of necessity. Scripture records many notable journeys. Match the people in the left-hand column with their correct travels in the right-hand column.

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| A. Abraham & Sarah | 1. Traveled to visit cousin Elizabeth |
| B. Mary, Jesus' mother | 2. Traveled from Haran to the land of Canaan |
| C. Joseph, Mary & Jesus | 3. Took missionary journeys to Turkey, Macedonia & more |
| D. Apostle Paul | 4. Traveled to Egypt to flee from King Herod |

Answer: A. 2, B. 1, C. 4, D. 3