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A year ago, Larry and I and 30 other pilgrims were delighting in walking where Jesus walked along the shores of the Sea of Galilee....it was a wonderful time of experiencing spiritual renewal and reflecting on the amazing ministry Jesus had as he walked the earth. One of the most spectacular places (probably because it is the most like it might have been 2000 years ago, is the Valley of the Wind and the Doves. It is along the old pathway between Nazareth and Capernaum...a path that Jesus probably walked numerous times in his life. There is a stillness in that place where the hillsides come together to meet at a rock-strewn path that is traversable only by foot or mule. The wind whispers your name as it moves around you, letting you rest for a moment, but seeming to entice you to climb the path to the top or journey on your way.

I often experience God's call on my life in similar ways...like the wind, calling my name and letting the gentle rest of the Savior linger there for a moment before encouraging me to move along...finding where God's people need help, healing, comfort, guidance, or strength. God calls us all to rouse ourselves from the complacency which can surround us in these winter months, and to get out of our comfort zones to serve and transform the world with love....where is God calling you!?!?!?

Our church leaders met on retreat last weekend to help cast the vision for our mission and ministry for the next 5 years...as it unfolds before us, I challenge you to find at least one way in which you are being called to do your part in our awesome congregation. I know everyone will want to be part of the excitement of transformational living that I know our leaders will dream for as Christ's disciples!

See you in church!

Blessings,
Rev. Vicki

2012 Lenten Small Groups Study

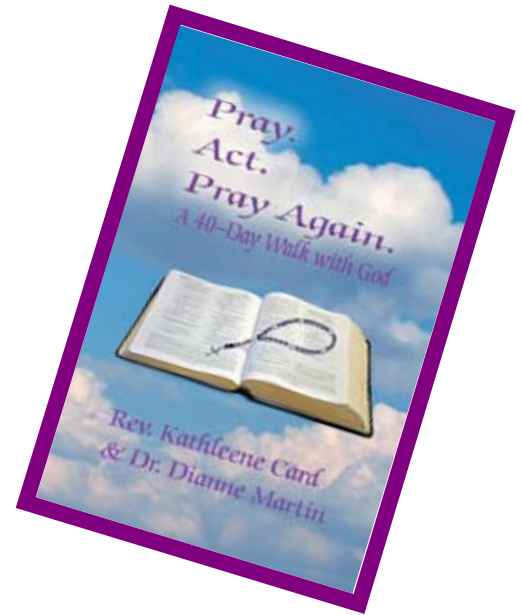
Is God calling you to lead a group?

You choose the time and day of the week!

(once weekly beginning Thurs Feb 23 thru Holy Week)

You choose the location!

(a home, a restaurant, the church – or ???)



Study Guides will be provided!

Sign –up sheets will be available once groups are established! Contact Rev. Christina for more information

CASTING CALL!!!!

Maundy Thursday Worship 2012

April 5

This year will present in worship the drama: “*Beneath the Upper Room*”

This play is about Jesus from the perspective of the women who knew him best. Through the well-known events of the Last Supper these women reflect on the life of Jesus and his affect on mankind. We see the Last Supper from a different angle, from a different perspective than usually depicted in stories about this event in Jesus’ Passion.

The cast consists of 10 women, 3 men, 2 boys (ages 10-15ish) and one girl (also 10 to 15ish). We are also looking for a costume/prop coordinator. A commitment to some memorization and rehearsals will be required.

Please talk with Rev. Christina ASAP if you think you might like to be a part of this exciting and different worship experience.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be at B.U.M.C. on Monday, February 27, offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159. There is no time like the present to take action! To register call 1- 888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Book Club

normally meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at BUMC (specific location can be found on the church bulletin board in advance of the meeting). **The February meeting will be the fourth Thursday the 23rd rather than the 16th and the book will be *Prayers For Sale* by Sandra Dallas.** All are welcome! Please contact Sandy Allen at 908-707-0842 with any questions. Upcoming book club reads are as follows:

February: ***Prayers for Sale*** by Sandra Dallas

March: ***Half Broke Horses*** by Jeannette Walls

April: ***The Paris Wife*** by Paula McClain

May: ***The Tiger's Wife*** by Tea Obreht

June: ***Unbroken*** by Laura Hillenbrand
(in honor of Father's Day)



MALAYSIA

Let Justice Prevail



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER INVITATION

Saturday, March 3, 2012

10 AM at BUMC

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions in over 170 countries who each year come together to observe a common day of prayer. World Day of Prayer 2012 has been prepared by women from Malaysia.

Their country is located in South East Asia, north of the equator, and consists of two parts: the “Peninsula Malaysia” lying south of Thailand (West Malaysia) and East Malaysia comprised of Sabah and Sarawak (in North Borneo). This country is a nation of diverse people. Only about **7%** of Malaysians are Christians. **Have you ever imagined how different life would be for a Christian in such a minority?**



Come to the 10 AM service here at BUMC for an informative, prayerful program that includes traditional dress and food.

Men as well as women are invited.
Contact Loretta Ark for information.



IHN NEEDS YOU...

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Mark Your 2012 Calendar –
we will host the IHN guest on:

- ~~January 15-21~~
- **April 29 – May 5**
- **September 9-15**
- **October 28 – November 3**

Bridgewater United Methodist Church is a host congregation for IHN of Somerset County. As a host congregation, we provide the meals, shelter and assistance to IHN guests for one week. How do we do this? Through members of our church who volunteers to host, cook meals, donate groceries and provide creative activities for the IHN children.

Our hours of hosting are as follows:

- Evening – 4:45 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Overnight - 9:00 pm – 6:00 or 7:00 am / with a sleeping bag.

Please consider how you may put your time and talent to use in this rewarding ministry.

Host Coordinators:	Ann Roberts	908-725-8873
Food Coordinator:	Janet Ledbetter	908-253-6858
Co-Chairs:	Jannet Poole	908-581-7902
	Mary Beth Gruber	908-927-0951

Lydia Circle

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Lydia circle will meet in the home of Laura Schafer, 14 Normandie Lane, Bridgewater, on Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m.

We will be writing letters to members of the military. Please bring items for the food bank. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join us.

If you have questions, contact Lynne Kinch (908-526-0052)

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

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Thank you to the many members of the congregation who so generously supported our request for fleecy throws for Fish. Your response is greatly appreciated.

Lydia Circle

Friendship Circle

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Friendship Circle will meet in the home of Jean Hart, 505 Spring Valley Drive, Bridgewater, on February 13 at 10:00 am. Call Jean Hart at 702-6193, Laretta Johnson at 725-6629 or Barbara Bergstrand at 526-5831 with questions.

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Priscilla Circle

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Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, February 27th at 7:30 pm at the home of Cathie West. We are just starting Debbie Macomber's book *God's Guest List*. Please bring a canned meat item for the Food Bank. All women are welcome to join us for an evening of study and fellowship. Any questions, please call Honda, 908-526-1926.

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News About Our People

Remember in your Prayers:

Alyse Barry, mother of Sue Ferranti
 Jim Bossier and Family, relatives of Julia Simmons
 Brett, friend of Nicki Leeman
 Dana Caparoso, friend of Emil Menzies
 Jeffrey Cooper
 Pat Edris, mother of Scott Edris
 Merline Forbes, aunt of Ludieann Menzies
 George Gramer
 Thelma Haines
 Chase and Kate Halsey, former BUMC members
 Woody Halsey, friend of Don and Kathy Schulz
 Roger Hampson, friend of Bob and Lynne Kinch
 Harriett Haraputczyk
 Jake Holmes, friend of Linda Pauli
 Carol Hopper
 Yolanda Johnson, cousin of Ludieann Menzies
 Brian Lee, friend of Linda Pauli
 Mary Katherine, niece of Julia Simmons
 Evelyn Neilssen, mother of Christine Teichmann
 Estelle Olsen, family member of Charlotte Bennardo
 Don Reckenbeil and Family
 D. Ann Reynolds
 Aubrey Uellner, friend of Joe Chiarell
 Margaret Van Houten
 Francis and Maria Welsh, parents of Theresa Tamboer
 Helen Whitten
 Vivian and George Wirsing, parents of Diane Klemann
 Ted Spritzer, friend of The Gruber Family
 David Stone

Carlos Suarez

Gary Wabuda and Family

Kim Zito, daughter of Christina Zito



Praise and Thanksgiving:

Rev. Jack Zamboni, husband of Judith Yanarriello, celebrating 28 year anniversary of his ordination

Received into God's Eternal Rest:

Michael DeShield, uncle of Emil Menzies
 Helen Tomasko, friend of Joseph Chiarell

Members, Friends and Relatives serving our Country in Harm's Way:

Lance Jackola, cousin of Leah Jones, in Afghanistan
 Col. Roberta Niedt, friend of Lisa Franchini, in Afghanistan
 Damian Salgado, cousin of the Daniels Family, serving in Afghanistan
 Jon Schafer, cousin of Laura Schafer

This list reflects prayer requests received December 18, 2011 through January 15, 2012.



Worship Schedule

Please consider joining us at one of our Sunday worship services. The regular schedule includes:

- 8:15 AM Chapel Worship
45 minute intimate worship experience with weekly communion and full sermon. Nursery care provided.
- 9:25 AM Sunday School for children Pre-K through High School
- 9:30 AM Traditional Worship
Organ, Sanctuary Chior and other traditional

- 11:00 AM Journey 4 Life Contemporary Worship
Foundation and Spirit Train praise teams, drama, multigenerational worship, weekly communion and sermon. Nursery care provided, Sunday School for adults.

For more information on schedule, calendar, special programs and staff visit the church website: <http://bridgewaterumc.org/>

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Vicki Brendler	Sr. Pastor
Rev. Christina Zito	Assoc. Pastor
Cathi Reckenbeil	Youth Ministries
Anita Davidson	Music Ministries
Cameron Wentz	Organist
Pat Dietz	Finance Manager
Nick Jankucic	Property Manager
Jannet Poole	Administrative Asst.
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED