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A Baby Changes Everything

We began the evening by singing some familiar Christmas songs...“We Need a Little Christmas”, “Go, Tell it on the Mountain”, “Sing We Now of Christmas”, and a carol sing-along.

The 2nd part of the dramatic presentation of “A Baby Changes Everything”. It was a story of three individuals named Cassius, (Pete Jones), Hannah (Kara Roelandts), and Seth (David Pahl) who almost slept through the first Christmas until some children, Aaron (Elijah Higgins), Sarah (Kat Hammond) and Rebekah (Casey Politano), woke them from their slumber to experience the newborn baby Jesus in a nearby stable.

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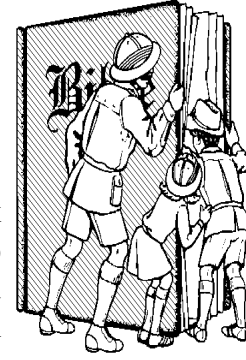


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Faith in the Book of Revelation by Rev. Brette Sanford



During the 32 years I have taught the book of Revelation I have found that people get so distracted by its colors and numbers and larger-than-life figures that they miss the depth of faith John the Elder offers us in his words.

So here are a couple of John's thoughts we might meditate on as we enter a new year:

John says that all of us will confront, at one time or another, a sense of evil in our lives. And when we do we may feel overwhelmed by it and it may seem like it's going to last forever. But John says to remember that evil only appears to be in control. It never really is because God is in control. John says to remember that God only allows evil to last a short time and evil usually destroys itself. This can be very comforting to remember when we feel overwhelmed. John urges us no matter what is testing us to always keep the faith, because nothing is worth losing our faith, especially when life is difficult.

For me, the greatest message in the book of Revelation is John's proclamation that the mystery of good and God is always greater than the mystery of evil. For example, Jesus' Spirit is at work all around us in ways we cannot even begin to recognize. Because of Jesus the world is being transformed. Because of Jesus' birth we can proclaim with John that, "Now God's home is with humankind! He will live with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God."

As Christians we know how the play ends even though we may only be in the first scene – Jesus will prevail, evil will be defeated and, as John proclaims in his last vision, "He [God] will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, nor more grief or crying or pain." (21:4)

Now, as we begin a new year together, these are great words of hope to meditate on!

See you in church.

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“Making It!” Rev. Betty Kniss

I enjoy the story of the brain surgeon who approached a well-known novelist at a writer’s conference. The brain surgeon stated that having become established in her practice and having more control of her time, she was going to take six months off and write a novel.

The novelist replied, “That’s a great idea! I think I’ll follow your example. I’m going to take six months off and do brain surgery. Now that I’m an established writer, I just might have the time to heal a few brain wounds.”

The novelist may have overstated his case. But we do tend, in our culture, to overlook the importance of the process, of the making. I want to write without laboring over grammar and readability. I want to lead a balanced life without having to develop it. I want to have healthy relationships without struggling with conflict.

Most of us harbor a fantasy, born in our youth, that someday we will have *made it*. But as we grow older, we begin to realize rather, that we always will be *making it*. Acknowledging our apprenticeship as human beings allows us freedom to grow throughout our lives. And it is in this process – however wonderful or painful it may be – that we experience God’s making of our lives. In this New Year may you continue to experience life as a process of growth and renewal. Happy New Year!

Rev. Betty Kniss



Thank you to everyone who

**Oceanview’s Music and Drama Ministry
production of**

**“A Baby Changes Everything”
A Christmas Musical Drama**

**held on Saturday, December 12th and
Sunday, December 13th**



Linda Jordan
Director of Music and Drama

Children's Sunday School

January's theme for children 4 through 2nd grade is "Touched by Jesus." The children will enjoy learning the stories of the Wise Men, Mary and Martha, the woman at the well, and the rich young man. Through these stories they will come to understand God's love is for everyone, Jesus teaches us what is important in our lives, God loves all people, we should love God more than anything else. Their teachers are Gary Stalter, Susan DeMatteis, Courtney Lyne, and Lori Dingers.

The 3rd through 5th graders are using a curriculum that will help them learn how to use their Bible. This is a good age to begin the discipline of bible use. This curriculum will help the children know what and where the books of the Bible are, the difference between the Old and New Testaments, what does chapter and verse mean, etc. They will be encouraged to bring their Bibles every week. Their teachers are Mary Haley, Ruddy Martinez and Larry Smith. Children's Sunday school meets at 10 a.m. in the children's area downstairs.

Kid's Church

The theme for Kid's Church in January is "Confession/ Assurance." In order for us to live in relationship with God and with each other we must acknowledge wrong doing and accept forgiveness.



Isaiah 55:6-7 tells us "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near..." The children will use varied methods to discover Confession and Assurance of Pardon are means to love God with "all your heart, all your soul, and all your might."

Multi-sensory experiences will help the children experience the ongoing process of seeking and receiving forgiveness. Kid's Church meets in the Upper Room during both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services following the Children's Message.

Youth Group Update

Youth Group will begin the New Year on Sunday, January 10, at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Everyone bring a finger food to share. We will regroup for the new year and take a look at activities for the winter, spring and summer. Devotions and games will also be a part of our time together.

Youth Sponsor Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7th

Since 1990, on Super Bowl Sunday, ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary \$50 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

Oceanview has participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring 8 years and contributed \$3,664.00. All of the money raised by Oceanview youth has been contributed to CROS Ministries for their food pantries.

This year is no exception. You will see youth holding soup kettles outside the sanctuary in the breezeway on Sunday, February 7, collecting your donation to the Souper Bowl of Caring. This year we are shooting for \$1000.00 as the need is great. Help us meet our goal by contributing to the soup kettles. All proceeds go to the CROS Food Pantries.



MYG Resumes... on January 17th from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Sunday school rooms downstairs. Any questions please call Katherine Wight-Bloodworth at (561) 401-7658 or (561) 233-9009 x106.



Holiday Ministries Celebrations & Reports!

The Thanksgiving Day Community Meal went great with 140 coming to eat in Fellowship Hall and another 80 asking for take-out meals. The local Juno Police on duty were also included. Thanks to Melanie Jones for coordinating this!

The Christmas Musical was also a tremendous outreach ministry with 142 present on Saturday night and 218 at the Sunday matinee. Thanks so much to Linda Jordan and to everyone who gave so much time and effort to make this beautiful celebration happen!

The Christmas Shoppe was a great success with initial reports of \$1050 going to African Team Ministries (the United Methodist Church in Kenya), \$65 for North County Home Delivered Meals, \$938 to the Children's Home Society, \$750 for CROS (low income children Christmas gifts), \$100 to the Cornmaya immigrant ministry, \$500 to Project Gazelle, and \$400 for Mary Frankenberg's recovery. Thanks to Vicki Gerard, Sarah Clee and Beth Winkelspecht for coordinating this event and to all who provided the crafts and time for these worthy ministries.



Confirmation is Coming January 17

It is time to start thinking about Confirmation. Confirmation is the time when one prepares to make the vows of full membership into the United Methodist Church and Christ's Church universal. It is a time of growth and learning about faith, the church, and yourself. It is a time to acknowledge the presence, love, and activity of God in one's life. It is an exciting and blessed time in the life of the church.

- **Who participates in confirmation?** Any youth 6th grade through High School who would like to become a member of Oceanview UMC.

- **What does confirmation involve?** Confirmation involves working with your mentor to complete the requirements of the Making Disciples Confirmation process. It will also involve one group gathering in February and another in March.

- **What do I have to do?** You will need to choose a mentor. Your mentor should be a member of Oceanview who is not a relative who you feel you can talk with freely about faith. You will then need to work with your mentor to accomplish the activities in the Making Disciples Confirmation process. You will need to attend the Orientation and the two group meetings.

- **When does confirmation start?** Confirmation will begin **January 17 at 3:00PM** with a **Parent/Confirmand/Mentor Orientation Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall at the church. **Confirmation will be May 23.**

How do I sign up? You can sign up by calling the church office (626-2500) and talking to Rev. Betty. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can begin making arrangements.

Music Ministry Notes Continued from front page ...

"A Baby Changes Everything"

New songs from Casting Crowns, "While You Were Sleeping" and Faith Hill's song, "A Baby Changes Everything" was woven in the drama as the Biblical Christmas story unfolded in a contemporary way. **THANK YOU TO** the cast, choir and children's choir for all your hard work and dedication of this musical.

- Linda Jordan, Director of Music and Drama





My Oceanview Date Book

New Workshop Beginning January 17th

Fellowship, support, fun and food all take place every 3rd Tuesday each month, while we as United Methodist Women do God's work. We invite you to come see who we are and what we do. Jan 17 we are starting a short book/video study entitled "You Matter More Than you Think" by Dr Leslie Parrott. "You will soon see that the random fragments of your life - whether doing laundry, dashing to work, or both mean something. Though often pummeled by the daily grind, they matter." You matter more than you think is a study that will leave you feeling good about yourself, while meeting new friends and learning about UMW. Fellowship and book study will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by business meeting. Only officers are required to stay for the business, however all are welcome. Please come check us out, you'll be happy you did. If you would like to be part of the book study, please RSVP to Susan DeMatteis dylan531@bellsouth.net or 741-0436

On Going Oceanview Events

Monday	9:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Prayer Group, 56
Tuesday	3rd Tues, OMT, 49
Wednesday	1:30 pm Grief Group 5:45 pm Praise Band, Sanctuary 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Women's AA, 49
Thursday	7:00 pm Men's AA Group, 49 3rd Thurs. Operations, 56
Friday	12:00 pm Al-Anon, 56
Saturday	9-10:00 am AA, Upper Room
Sunday	5:30 pm Youth Group, FH 7:00 pm AA, FH 7-8:00 pm Teen Al-Anon, 56

MYG will meet on Jan 17th from 5 to 6:30 pm and will resume the normal 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month

Happy Anniversary

31 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker



Happy Birthday

- 1 Jay Smith
- 4 Kristin Jones
- 5 Ione Thompson
- 6 Matthew Lucas
- 7 Megan Albertz
- 10 Jo-Jo Brockman
- 11 Glenn Sudnick
- 13 Elizabeth Peet
- 14 Jeffrey Davis
- 14 Tom Rehnberg
- 16 Lebbly Dyer
- 16 Marya White
- 18 Ginny Kohr
- 18 Wendy Mitchell
- 20 Audrey Cassidy
- 20 Florence Cohen
- 21 T. J. Watterson II
- 27 Ken Mendenahil
- 27 Erin Wasik
- 28 Chris Scranton
- 28 Carolyn Tisko
- 29 Susan Smith
- 30 Jackie Bensinger
- 31 Sue Millas

Get Plugged In too...

Get Plugged In to
Oceanview's Second
Ministry Fair
January 10th,
Between
Services -- Come Find
Your Way to serve Our
God and Our Church.



Counseling Available Thursdays At Oceanview. If you would like caring, confidential and professional counseling call Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Barbara Kiner, through the church office for an appointment. Fees are based on your income.

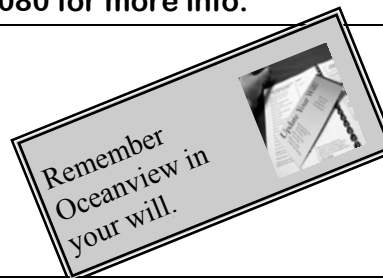
Grief Support Group meets every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Rev. Betty's office. If you have experienced sadness from a loss and need the support of others, this group is for you. Any kind of loss can result in grief and many of us need help and support. This group is facilitated by Rev. Betty

Children's Tennis is now meeting on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. at East Point Country Club. Call Coach Tom Virden at (561) 691-9080 for more info.



Money Matters

For November:
Income \$46,222
Expense \$50,409



Adult Church School Classes

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM—All adults are invited!!

Adult Bible Studies - Christ, the Fulfillment

This study of the gospel of Matthew points out some of the events in Jesus' life that helped identify him as Messiah, including Jesus' baptism, temptation, healing of persons who were blind and mute, prayer of thanks to the Father, and rejection by persons in his hometown. This group meets with Ann Johnson in room 49.

James, Real Faith for the Real World!

Real Christian faith doesn't remain hidden in the heart: It shows itself through the lives we live. Faith grows as we cultivate perseverance, humility, and patience -- key attributes that the book of James commends. James calls us to demonstrate our faith in practical ways in the world around us. Studying James will help you prove the reality of your faith through sound actions, attitudes, and words in your everyday life. The group meets with Pete Jones in the Upper Room (next to Fellowship Hall).

Devotions for All

All adults are invited to this group that meets with Linda Jordan in the choir room.

Keeping Oceanview "Ship Shape!"

Thanks also to Chris Scranton, Chuck Jordan and Jim Monicatti for last second ground work to make way for our new curbs on the A1A entrance. They look great! Chris Scranton and the new Endowment Fund Committee is still busy consulting professionals before bringing recommendations to the congregation for investing the Don Plummer\College Scholarship Endowment. Remember that none of this money can be used for Operating Funds, it can only be used for scholarships. Any decision in this area must be first approved by the Operations Committee and then by the congregation at a called Church Conference. Financial receipts have been down in October and November so we are praying for an end of the year catch up. Keep praying and keep giving!

Help us keep Oceanview "Ship Shape!" The Operations Committee, Millie Phillips, Chair
"Remember the church in your will."



WORSHIP

January 3 Theme – “The Danger of Looking Back”

Bible Focus & - *Remember Lot's wife.* (Luke 17:32)

Challenge – Can you leave last year behind?; communion; Lot's wife could not leave the past behind and it changed her future. How does Jesus want us to move into a new year?

January 10 Theme – “Get Out of the Boat!”

Bible Focus & - *So Peter got out of the boat and started walking...* (Matthew 14:29): The disciples were enjoying the crowds as they gathered to hear Jesus and eat together. They wanted to stay there enjoying the moment. Jesus made them get back into the boat. How might that apply to us?

Challenge – How does Jesus want us to get out of the boat?

January 17, 2010 Special Speaker:

Helen Sweatte, Past Conference President
UMW, Retired Police Officer of 35 years
UMW Sunday

January 24, 2010 Theme – “Fret Not Thy Gizzard Out”

Bible Focus & - *Fret not yourself...* (Psalm 37);
...do not be anxious about your life...
(Matthew 6:25)

Challenge – When is worry good, or bad?; In a place where Jesus had everything to worry about he told his disciples, “fear not.” How could he do that? How can we do that?

January 31, 2010 Theme – “The Danger of Testing God”

Bible Focus & - *...give me proof that you really are the Lord.* (Judges 6:17); Gideon lays out a test for God to pass. Is that a good idea? How did it go for Gideon? Does it work for us? When does it and when does it not?

FELIZE NAVIDAD CELEBRATION

The combined families of Corn Maya (El Sol) and Oceanview UMC celebrated the Holiday Season on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, 2009 at the El Sol Labor/Community Center on Military Trail, south of Indiantown. ALL WERE INVITED to share in



this ministry. The Celebration had Mr. and Mrs. Claus, crafts, food, music, games, PINATAS and lots and lots of children and their families. In past years, we have done a Christmas Party for the youth of Oceanview and then also had a separate party for the Corn Maya Families, but this year we've decided to combine our resources and have one BIG PARTY!!! The party was a wonderful opportunity to share our cultures and fellowship together.



This party was sponsored by Oceanview through donations that come from people in the congregation and by Cornmaya which is a volunteer group that works to help the immigrant community in Jupiter. They have an office at the El Sol Labor Center. Oceanview and Cornmaya work together to provide parties at both Christmas and Easter through Oceanview's Service Ministry under the leadership of Kathy Perry. Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry also work together with Cornmaya to provide gifts, activities, food, and opportunities for fellowship. Our goal is to provide hospitality and develop a relationship with the community served by Cornmaya.

*"Thank you from the staff, for your wonderful Christmas gifts.
It's great to feel appreciated for the ministry we do!"*

- Oceanview staff



American Cancer Society

**Relay for Life April 24, 2010
at Carlin Park**

Rev. Brette is gathering persons who would like to form a team of 10-15 to walk the relay course and take part in this American Cancer Society community event. If you would like to be a part or take a leadership role in planning this Juno event please let him know by speaking to him or calling him at 626-



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2500.

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