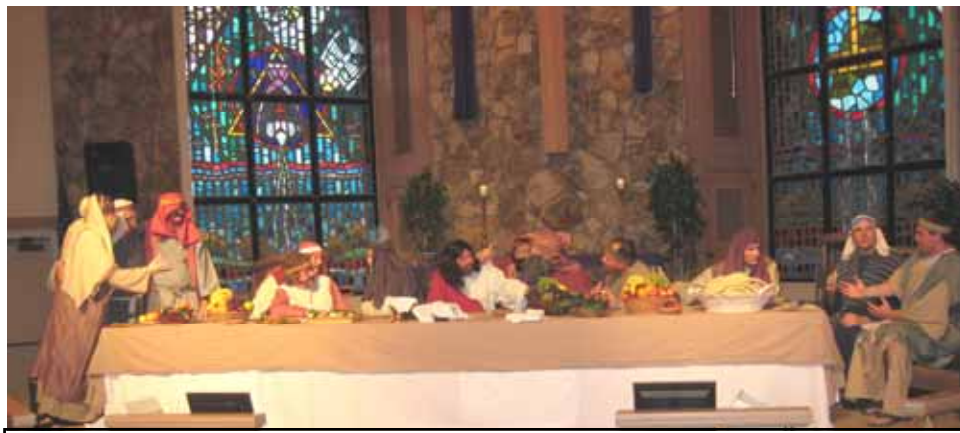




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The Maundy Thursday reenactment of *The Last Supper*

“Beyond the Cross”, an Easter Musical performed on Palm Sunday, March 28th



Soloist, Kara Roelandts sings
In The Name of the Lord



Tom Sayer, Mark Sinkhorn, Joe Millas &
Ed Murphy perform *Arise My Love*



The Celebration Choir performing “*Beyond the Cross*”



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If There Were Only One Story to Remember...

“He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran...” (Luke 15:20)

Through the years many Christians have declared that the parable of the Prodigal or Lost Son (Luke 15:11-24) captures the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ in one story, in one nutshell. Read it and tell me what you think!

The crux of the story is this: After demanding his inheritance, rejecting his community, and becoming excommunicated, a teenage Jewish boy runs away from his small farming village to the big city and wastes it all on “foolish living”. When he “comes to his senses” he decides to return home, beg for forgiveness, and suffer the humiliation of re-entry, even if he has to become one of their servants.

But, little does he know that his father has been sitting on the porch every morning hoping and praying and watching for his son’s return. Then, one day, the father sees his son’s figure against the horizon as he makes his way back home.

But instead of letting his son face the public disgrace from the community he rejected alone, the father decides to run down the street to greet him first, and then to accompany his return so everyone will know that his child has been forgiven. This is the key passage. In Eastern culture no one ever runs down the street for fear of showing one’s legs and underwear and bringing public scandal and stigma upon themselves. But Jesus here describes a God who loves his children so much that he will do anything it takes to bring that child home even if it means suffering the public shame of showing one’s underwear and legs would bring.

This story tells about how this father ran the gauntlet for his child to help him come home again. The Gospel speaks about how Jesus with his walk down the Jerusalem road walked the gauntlet for us, taking upon himself our humiliation and shame so that we might also return to the relationship with the father.

So, is that the Gospel of Jesus in a nutshell?

See you on the journey,

What Does it Mean to Live a Christian Life?

Rev. Betty Kniss

**Part One – Communion with God**

Humans believe life must have meaning, and are on a quest for that meaning. Paul found that meaning: “For to me, living is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). Life is to be lived to the glory of God. And as someone has said, Living to God’s glory cannot be just “moderately important; it must be the grand passion of life.

This month I want to share with you about one element of the Christian Life and that is communion with God. Our Christian life begins with right relationship with God. As disciples of Christ we are inseparable from our Lord. Communion with God is the essence of the Christian life and the Christian community. Therefore we maintain an intentional life of devotion. We pray not because of trouble but because of a desire to be in relationship with God. We study and read the Bible out of love for God. We worship even when we don’t feel like worshipping because worship is a special, ordained time to meet with God and there is nothing more important than meeting with the community of faith. Nothing is more important to the Christian than maintaining a life that is centered on prayer, Bible reading and study, and worship. It is how we maintain our relationship with God.

You might say our devotion to God is described as love and yet there is a list of requirements as if it is demanded of us. Can love have rules? Love does in fact have rules and the best relationships have structure. Rules do not limit love; they provide love with channels for greater effectiveness.

So as Christians we maintain a faithful devotional life, not because we always feel like it but because love requires it. Love of God asks us to pray, read and study the Bible, and worship because we love we want to devote ourselves to God. Prayer, Bible study and worship provide the means by which we receive God.

How are you maintaining your life as a disciple?

Piano Recital on May 2nd

Students from Oceanview’s Fine Arts School will perform a variety of musical selections on the piano following service on Sunday, May 2nd at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Everyone is welcome to attend!



Linda Jordan
Director of Music and Drama

Children's Sunday School

May's theme for children 4 through 2nd grade is "Paul Tells the Good News" Using the stories of Paul becoming a Christian, going over the wall, Barnabas, and Pentecost the children will come to realize believing in Jesus changes your life; God is always with them; Christian friends help one another; on Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the church. Their teachers are Lori and Marc Dingers, Gary Stalter, Courtney Lyne, and Susan DeMatteis.

The children 3rd through 5th grade are using a curriculum that directs them in using their Bibles. Their teachers are 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 May in Kid's Church is "Proclamation". In order to receive the good news we must first hear the message of Christ's life, death, and resurrection and respond with acceptance that God' redeeming love is ours to claim. In Romans 10 we read "So faith comes from what is heard and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. Through varied methods the children will acknowledge God's saving gift is both personal and cooperate and that we need to respond in praise to God. The children will learn that when we tell the stories of Jesus we are proclaiming the Gospel. 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 Lock Out

The youth will have their annual Lock Out from 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 14 until 8:00a.m. Saturday, May 15. They will do several activities such as bowling, miniature golf, go-carts, etc. during the evening, make a stop at WalMart to purchase things needed to donate to CROS Camp and return to the church for games, movies, and fellowship. Youth should watch their mail for more information.

The Youth Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 18th was a success!!! Thank you to all who attended.

The menu consisted of spaghetti with meat sauce salad, garlic bread and dessert. Entertainment was provided by The Borello's. \$484.00 was raised to support the Youth Ministries.

Youth Praise Team Begins

Youth ministry is forming a youth praise team. We have already chosen the music we will begin with and are beginning to get familiar with it. We will begin practices after Easter as a part of youth group on Sunday evenings. All youth who play an instrument or want to sing are encouraged to join us. We will be leading worship at a future date.



Please contact_Rev. Bettyf or more information.

MYG — Me. You. God.

Will resume at our new time from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., immediately following children's choir on Sunday, May 2nd. Please contact Katherine Wight-Bloodworth at (561) 401-7658 or by email at Katherine@youreinvitedflorida.com with any questions.

See you May 2nd!!!





**Oceanview Music Camp is
Under The Sea in 3D
July 19-23, 2010**

Music Camp is for children who have completed Kindergarten through rising 6th Graders. Every day the campers will participate in music, drama, choreography and art classes to prepare for a musical in just one week and presented on Friday night, July 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Registration forms are ready for pick up in the church office or on the website at

www.oceanviewumc1@juno.com

Call Linda Jordan, Music Camp Director at 626-2500 if you have any questions or if you are interested in becoming a youth or adult camp counselor.



Each week we are finding ourselves one step closer to our goal of opening



our Network this September. Each week we are also having people ask "How can we help"!!

Club 360 is that opportunity to make a commitment to homeless children and their families in our community by pledging your support. Your contribution of just \$1.00 per day (\$365 per year) will help us to provide services and assist them in making a change and investment in their futures. To participate, look for the Family Promise Brochure at church or check your bulletin for the insert, fill it out and return it to the address listed. THANK YOU for your support!!!!

We are also starting our "WISH LIST" which will appear in the bulletin and the Tidings, listing items we are in need of. To begin now, our list is small BUT will mean so much once we have our families with us. Whenever you are traveling, remember to collect any of these items and bring them to Church. We will have a collection basket where they may be deposited.

Travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes, and hygiene items. Keep watching for further updates and PLEASE as always, continue to pray for Family Promise North/Central Palm Beach County, Inc.



My Oceanview Date Book

Thanks for Giving

A BIG THANK YOU to Ken Hartranft and Gerry Finan for volunteering their time as drivers for the North County Home Delivered Meals Program. Ken and Gerry have driven on Thursdays in the Jupiter area for several years now and are always there with a big smile, lots of jokes (that would be Kenny) and a willingness to make certain that everyone on their route gets a hot meal!! THANK YOU THANK YOU for your commitment to this Service Ministry!!! If you would be interested in volunteering a couple of hours once a week as a substitute driver in the Jupiter area, please contact Kelly Royal @ (561) 723-1786.

Happy Anniversary

Moore, Mrs. Gayle & Mr. William	1-May
Lehn, Mr. John & Mrs. Gloria E.	13-May
Mueller, Mr. Al & Mrs. Ann	16-May
Haigh, Mr. Steve & Mrs. Doris	17-May
O'Rourke, Mr. Robert & Mrs. Nancy	19-May
Smith, Mr. Jay & Mrs. Amy	27-May
Goodhue, Mr. Robert & Mrs. Laura	29-May



Meeks, Jr. Mr. Arthur F.	1-May
Farkas, Mrs. Janet	3-May
Herb, Ms. Carol Marie	4-May
McGee, Mrs. Emily Denmark	4-May
Chafee, Mr. Glenn	5-May
Holling, Miss Sarah Delos	5-May
Bidanset, Dr. Jesse	7-May
Kelley, Ms. Ruth	9-May
O'Rourke, Mrs. Nancy	10-May
Kloeckener, Mr. Dennis	12-May
Dickerson, Ms. Delores	13-May
Beach, Mrs. Freda	15-May
Brockman, Miss Coral	15-May
Rehnberg, Mr. Ed	15-May
Sanford, Mrs. Jeannie	15-May
Borello, Mr. Mike	16-May
Sheldon, Mrs. Bonnie	16-May
Mariacher, Mrs. Catherine	17-May
Marting, Mrs. Bonnie	17-May
Stalter, Jr., Mr. Gary	20-May
Ciklin, Mrs. Kim	22-May
Krchov, Mr Terry	22-May
Ciklin, Miss Madison	23-May
Peet, Mr. Millis	23-May
Sanford, Mr Craig	23-May
Ellsworth, Mr. Edward	26-May
Inghram, Mrs. Tracy	26-May
Murphy, Mrs. Jane	27-May
Finan, Ms. Gerry	28-May
Deware, Mr. Rance	29-May
Lovely, Mr. Thomas	29-May
DeMatteis, Mr Dylan	31-May
Woolens, Mr. Ralph	31-May

Happy Birthday



On Going Oceanview Events

Monday	9:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Prayer Group, 56
Tuesday	2nd Tues, OMT, F.H. 3rd Tues, Worship Design Team
Wednesday	12 Noon, Al-Anon, F.H. 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, UR 4th Thurs. Operations, 56
Friday	12:00 pm Al-Anon, 56 7:00 pm Mixed AA , Upper Rm
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

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.

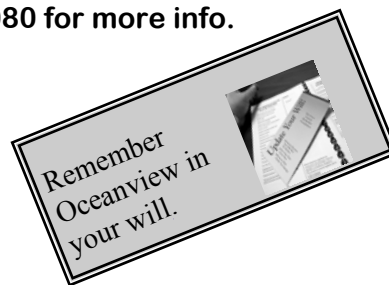
Grief Support Group meets every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Rev. Betty's office. If you have experienced sadness from a loss and need the support of others, this group is for you. Any kind of loss can result in grief and many of us need help and support. This group is facilitated by Rev. Betty

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

Money Matters

Income \$50,518.37

Expense \$56,022.45



Adult Church School Classes

Adult Classes on Sunday Mornings—All adults are invited at 10:00 am!

Adult Bible Studies - The Gospels - Teachings of Jesus

This course written by J. Ellsworth Kalas looks at passages from John, 1 John, Matthew, and Luke that deal with light, love, connectedness, and a feast. The group meets with Ann Johnson in room 49.

Lenten Study--Parables and Passion

This book by John Indermark is the guide for discussion in this group which meets with Linda Jordan in the choir room.

Speaking the Truth in Love: How to be an Assertive Christian

This book by Ruth N. Koch and Kenneth Haugk is the basis for a discussion group led by Linda Aldred in the Upper Room.

Operations' "Ship Shape" Report!

Our application for refinancing our mortgage is making its way through the process at the Florida United Methodist Foundation. Unfortunately there are 2-3 others ahead of us and it is first come, first serve, so we are not sure about its future. Thanks for your prayers and support!

Thanks to Gary Straughan repairs were made last month to a cracked water pipe on the first floor, and to the office doors. Ed Murphy and Gary are also working on stained glass window support beams. Ed & Chuck Jordan repaired a cracked back pew. A gift was also given by Joy Hearn to replace a sanctuary water cooler in Loren Ray's memory. Thanks, Joy!

The Endowment Fund Committee is still working on setting up the framework to receive and disburse the Plummer Scholarship Fund. The last installment should be coming soon. Remember that the Don Plummer gift can be only be used for scholarships!

Keep praying and keep giving! Help us keep Oceanview "Ship Shape!"

The Operations Committee, Millie Phillips

"Remember the church in your will."



WORSHIP

May 2, 2010 Theme – "Starting Again"

Bible Focus *Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'* (John 20:21); After the resurrection Jesus walked through a locked door into this room to rejoin disciples who had many mixed feelings – some doubted, some felt terrible guilt, some were afraid, some were hiding from the authorities. But Jesus spoke of peace and forgiveness giving them a chance to start over fresh. Do we need that sometimes, too?

Challenge – Where do you need peace to start over?

May 9, 2010 Mothers' Day Theme – "Does God Wear a Dress?"

Bible Focus *As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you...* (Isaiah 66:13); What do scripture's comparison of God to a mother mean?

Challenge – Do you know this side of God?

May 16, 2010 Theme – "Lessons from the Seashore"

Bible Focus *The voice of the Lord I upon the waters and his voice echoes over the ocean.* (Psalm 29:3); What can we learn about God from Juno's beaches and ocean?

Challenge – What does the beach teach you about faith?

May 23, 2010 Theme – "Setting Food on God's Promises?"


Bible Focus *I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will always be with you; I will never abandon you. Be determined and confident.* (Joshua 1:5b-6a)

Challenge – Is your faith confident?; confirmands lead worship and are welcomed into the church

May 30, 2009 Theme "Does Anyone Notice a Difference?"

Bible Focus - *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Challenge – Are you living a Christian life?



Summer, Summer, Summer time... Mark Your Calendars for VBS

Galactic Blast-A Cosmic Adventure Praising God – VBS 2010

Mark your calendars for June 21-25 for VBS 2010. Galactic Blast through an interactive, energizing, Bible-based curriculum will offer children opportunities to connect with a powerful but personal God, as creator whose acts resonate throughout the universe and a friend who touches our lives in small, intimate ways. The children will be inspired to praise God.

The children will start their cosmic adventure on the Starship Galactic Praise where they will have an outer space experience through video glimpses of the wonders of space and the locations of the Bible adventures we will experience during the week.

The children will be introduced to the Creation Story, Elijah on Mt. Horeb, the Woman at the Well, A Blind Beggar, and the Disciples in Emmaus through the use of 5 centers: Bible story, Discovery, Music, Arts and Crafts, and Recreation. Snacks will be provided mid-morning. The children will end each day with a reflection time.

Come be a part of VBS June 21-25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Registration forms are available in the church office, in the Narthex or online at oceanviewumc.com. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with VBS. So far we have all spaces except for recreation leaders and music co-leader filled. If you would be interested in helping in any way fill out the form in the bulletin or contact Rev. Betty at 626-2500.

www.oceanviewumc.net is Up and Running. Find past issues of Tidings there!

**Relay for Life Is
June 11-12,
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




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