



# TIDINGS



## Music Camp Rocks Oceanview

*Let's Rock* did rock the lives of some 150 campers, counselors and staff, not to mention a full house of parents and friends who came July 22 at 7 pm. to witness the results of the week's efforts.

As she has in 16 straight years of producing music camp at Oceanview, **Linda Jordan**, Director of Music and Fine Arts, along with a dedicated team including **Mary Louise Johnson**, **Joe & Sue Millas**, **Jo-Jo Brockman**, **Stephanie Borello**, **Bill Lewis**, the **Straughans**, & many others did it again!

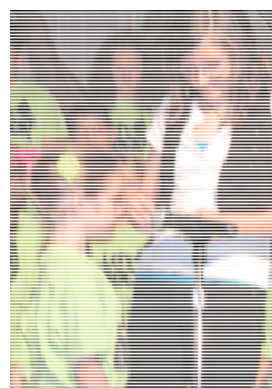
The children not only learned their roles, music and how to work together, they took home enduring lessons about God's love and purpose for our lives.

The song "**You Be You and I'll Be Me**" drove home the point that God has designed each of us

with unique gifts and talents. But the impromptu statements of campers about what they learned about God during the week.



*Above:* Linda Jordan & Mary Louise Johnson. Center: (1) & (2) At Left: Kylie Lazarus, Ryan Schmitt, Mitch Falloona, Below Center: ?? & Kat Hammond, with camera, Taylor Lazarus



Above: (1) ?  
(2) Abby Jordan  
(3)??

## A Good Death

*"Like wheat that ripens till harvest...live to a ripe old age."* (Job 5:26)

Many of you have asked me about my 90 year old dad's passing and I mentioned that his was a "good death." What do I mean by that? Scripture says that a bad death is dying too young (see Isaiah 38:10) or dying violently (1 Samuel 15:32-33). A good death comes in old age (see Job 5:26) and in peace (see Jeremiah 34:4-5). It comes in peace when we have the knowledge that belief in Jesus assures us a new life in heaven (see John 5:24 and Romans 8:37). Dad had all this so I describe his as a good death.

On a more personal note, my brother and I made sure dad's wish to die at home was fully met. He was surrounded by caring and knowledgeable Hospice medical persons and a round-the-clock caregiver. Never hesitate to call on Hospice - it may be the best decision you ever make! With these services surrounding him we had



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the assurance that dad's physical and spiritual needs were fully met and he was always comfortable. We also had the additional great benefit of neighbors who had known dad for 40 years and who visited him at least twice daily. This wasn't a good death, it was a great death!

Our efforts at

making all this happen now gives me peace of mind knowing that I did all I could to give my father a last gift before his departure - peace and comfort. I pray that God is pleased with my efforts and that my passing is as comfortable.

See you on the journey,

*Rev. Brette Sanford*

## WORSHIP

**August 7, 2011** Theme "We Are What We Eat"

Bible Focus *Work for the food...that endures...* (John 6:27a); Jesus says there are different kinds of food - for the body and for the soul. Do you eat healthy? Challenge - Do you feed your body and spirit?

**August 14, 2011** Theme "Undoing Herod" (special service on the day we receive our first Family Promise families)

Bible Focus *Herod...was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem...* (Matthew 2:16); Does Herod still live today as long as children are used and abused? What are we called to do about it?

Challenge - How do we respond to Herod's threat to children?

**August 21, 2011** Theme - "Why?" Sermon Series begins (Why do the innocent suffer?)

Bible Focus *God blessed, and God said...have dominion...over everything that moves upon the earth.* (Genesis 1:27-28) Challenge - Do we really feel in charge?

**August 28, 2011** Theme "Why?" Sermon Series (Why do prayers go unanswered?)

Bible Focus *I cry...but you do not answer.* (Psalm 22:2) Challenge - Do you feel this way?

## Out of Control

We have been taught to think of formlessness or chaos as bad, something that needs to be ordered. We have been taught that our best work is work that keeps us in control. In attempting to structure chaos, however, we miss a truth. Often we see ourselves as failures in direct proportion to the amount of confusion in our lives.

Take another look: chaos, or undisciplined randomness, is the creative soup of something new - new thinking, new ways, new relationships. We think of chaos as bad because it is uncomfortable, even painful. As the old ways break apart, the discomfort and inconvenience are much the same as the pain of labor. God, it seems,

would have us understand that we cannot always be in control and do not need to be.

To trust in the chaos is to risk an unplanned outcome by allowing God to have control.

"Trust me," say the Scriptures over and over again, and yet we persist in trying to control, to make ourselves secure. Paul in Romans reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Why not let go and trust God to take you where spiritual soaring is possible - to a life that is filled with the joy of expressed potential instead of self-doubt and protection.

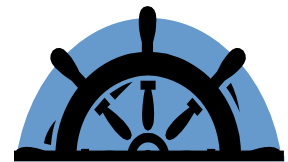
*Rev. Betty Kniss*



### OOPS!

Please forgive our error in stating that Rev. Brette and Rev. Betty had been returned to us for four years. The Annual Conference appointment only applies to Rev. Brette. He is appointed until next June's Annual Conference.

Rev. Betty is hired by our local church and her ministry is approved by the Annual Conference annually in the Appointment Book.



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## "Why?" - A 4 week Series Starts 8/21

On August 21<sup>st</sup> Rev. Brette will begin a 4-week sermon series entitled, "Why?" The focus will be on questions we frequently hear: "Why do the innocent suffer?" "Why do my prayers go unanswered?" "Why can't I see God's will for my life?" and "Why God's love prevails." This series was inspired and informed by Adam Hamilton's book, "Why?" The book will be available for purchase for \$10 at worship.

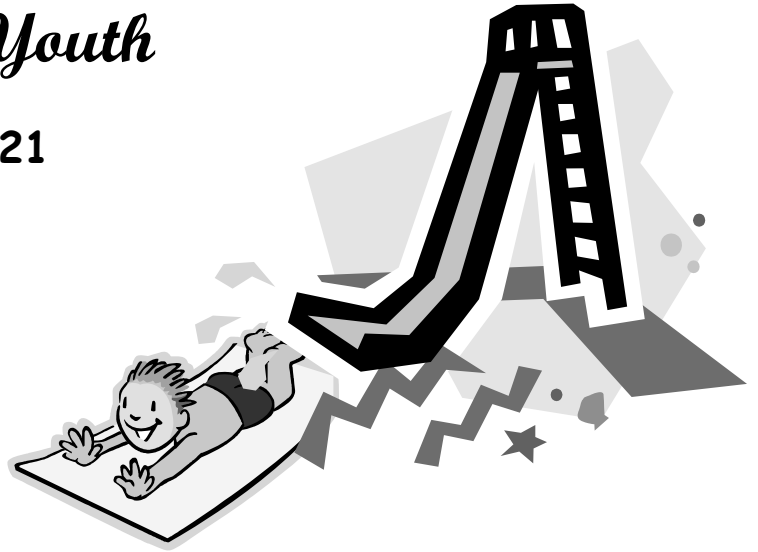


## Oceanview Youth

### Water Bash 8/21

Our Back to School Water Bash for children and youth is Sunday, Aug. 21, from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Come prepared to get wet. There will be a water slide, water balloons, messy games, all kinds of water play ending with Pizza at 5:30.

Everyone come for a great time. Friends are welcome!



### Thank You!

You may not have noticed but there are a number of ministries that happen at Oceanview that wouldn't happen without the leadership of youth.

Recently I watched young people from 12-20ish worked to provide opportunities for children to grow in their relationship with Jesus in VBS & Music Camp.

I was often amazed as I watched youth lead groups of children from place to place, take leadership responsibilities in centers, comfort a child, offer guidance to a child, discipline a child, offer to sweep the floor without being asked...the list goes on. Thanks for your commitment and for sharing Christ's love in so many ways. *Rev. Betty*



### Youth To Collect School Supplies

On August 7th the youth will have their annual School Supply Scavenger Hunt.

Attendees will divide into teams and receive money, a list of supplies and a time limit in which to purchase items on a list. Their

purchases plus two boxes of supplies brought by children attending VBS in July will be distributed to needy children at schools in our area.

You can help by bringing your donation of school supplies to the Narthex through August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, rulers, erasers, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue, scissors, Kleenex, backpacks, etc. are all needed.



### Youth Minister Progress

The job announcement is out and resumés are being received. These resumés will be shared with the hiring team and then the interview process will begin. We are hoping to have someone in place in the next couple of months.

Check Our Website  
[www.oceanviewumc.net](http://www.oceanviewumc.net)

You'll find back issues of Tidings, a VBS and Music Camp video there!

## It's All About Kids!

### New Curriculum Debuts August 7

**Kid's Church** August with a new curriculum **Crosstrainer** - Equipping Children to Change the World. **Crosstrainer** is a DVD-based curriculum that will help lead our children in discipleship. It is made up of seven units each six weeks long; it provides flexible hands-on activities to keep children engaged and excited about growing in their faith. **Young Believers** introduces kids to a personal relationship

with God and the kids discover tools to help them in this. **In Connections** the kids explore prayer and are exposed to several prayer models. **In Bible Boot Camp** the kids learn how to use the Bible. **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts** help to equip kids with and understanding of their Spiritual Gifts and how to use them. **God Provides** explores the importance of money and our spiritual lives. **Kid's on**



### VBS Serves 120

A record number of kids learned about God's recipes for life at Vacation Bible School in July. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the classes, food and activities during the week as well as the closing program for parents on Friday.



### Some Dates To

#### Remember

Most events are described in the many stories in this paper. Some on-going events you may wish to attend are listed below.

#### Every Week Monday

10 AM Tai Chi FH  
6:30 PM Prayer Group, 56

Thursday  
2 PM Liturgical Dance  
(in the sanctuary)

This Month  
Sun. 7th Blood Mobile  
both services  
4 PM Discussion at  
Tom Spitzer's home.

Sun. 14th Receiving 1st  
Family Promise Guests.

A number of AA & NA  
men's, women's and teen  
groups meet each evening  
at the church. Call for specific times.

### Kid's Church Needs You!

We need many adults willing to give an hour a month or 4 Sundays in the year to take charge of Kid's Church and/or Kid's Church Free Center time at 10:00 & 11 a.m. on Sunday. Resources, curriculum, training, help...everything you need is provided.

You could help during the week by arranging centers for the Free Center time.

Please contact Rev. Betty at 626-2500 or sign up on the board in the Sanctuary entry-way.

We are also in need of a Children's Ministry Team Leader or leaders. If you would be interested in coordinating Sunday morning opportunities for children, please contact Rev. Betty for more information

### Kids' Walk Raises \$475 for Family Promise

Oceanview children were stunned and pleased to receive \$475 in cash and pledges for Family Promise as a result of their walk on Sunday, July 10. Thanks to all who supported them!

We now anticipate that Oceanview will receive our first families August. 14!

## Plan Now For Fall Classes



**Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.  
starting September 14  
*Invitation to Genesis***

...Rev. Betty invites you to listen afresh to the witness of this opening book of the Old Testament and to understand more clearly God's purpose in beginning to form a people with the likes of Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Sarah, Jacob and Esau.

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 14 ...Disciple IV...**  
We begin a study of the books of the New Testament known as the Writings of John and Revelation.

**Jesus in the Gospels  
—Mondays at 6:30 p.m.  
starting September 19  
with orientation** — Our Focus is on the Jesus found in the four Gospels.

We will look at the way each Gospel writer presents events and teachings and consider the picture of Jesus that emerges in each of the Gospels.



### **Sunday at 10:00 AM — *Life From the Upside---***

There seems to be a steady decline in public and private morals, a growing confusion about ethics and an increasing prevalence of both evil and inanity on television and the internet. But, because there is God, there is goodness. God is at work in our world.

If your view of life is from the media's daily fare of reports of fire and flood, rape and pillage, and disasters both personal and general, then J. Ellsworth Kalas new book, *Life From the Upside*, offers a view from the *other* side.

Each chapter features a key passage of Bible Scripture and is centered on a theme such as overcoming a bad start in life, dealing with rejection, capitalizing on adversity, and not letting others define you. Meet with Ann Johnson in room 49. Sundays at 10:00 am.



**Ann Johnson**

## FINDING HOPE

Join Rev. Betty **Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Together we will explore the story of the "Woman at the Well" in John 4 using the book *How to Get Past Disappointment Finding Hope* by Michelle McKinney Hammond.

Discover how God's love can help you face your hurts and forgive when necessary, look beyond disappointment to embrace new beginnings, and release your expectations and discover greater blessings in God's plan

### **Counseling**

If you would like confidential, professional and caring counseling Barbara Kiner, a licensed clinical social worker, is available by appointment on Thursdays at Oceanview. Fees are based on your income.

### **Rev. Brette and Jeannie Sanford say "Thank you!"**

Thanks for all the cards and words of comfort and encouragement at the death of Brette's father, Walter Sanford. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**Help Florida Farm Workers**

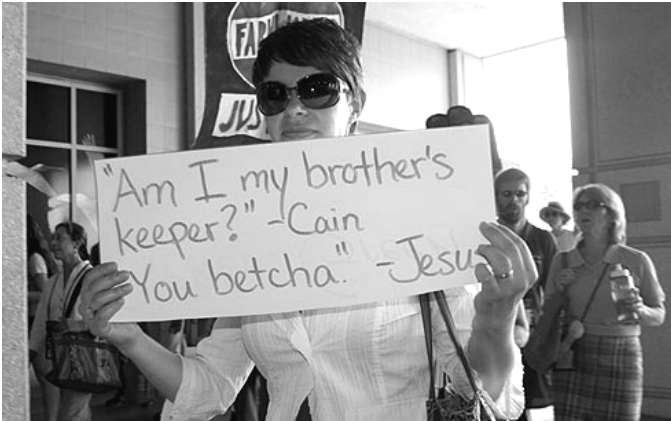
**Tell Your Local Publix Supermarket Manager You'll Pay a Penny More Per LB for Tomatoes**

Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida is requesting help from congregations throughout our state to influence Publix supermarkets to pay a penny a pound more for tomatoes in order to raise wages for Florida's farm workers.

Oceanview as a community and each of us as individuals can help farm workers if we

are willing to speak to the manager of the Publix where we shop and ask that manager to sign a commitment to support a penny a pound more for locally grown tomatoes to help raise wages for farm workers in our state.

You can find out more by e-mailing the Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida at [info@interfaithact.org](mailto:info@interfaithact.org).



**Creating "Hues" at Oceanview**

Oceanview's Fine Arts School is expanding to include art classes. on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Children meet from 9 a.m. -10. Adult classes follow immediately and are in session until 12 noon. Call Linda Jordan at 626-2500 to enroll and get a supply list.



**Video Design Technician needed to help prepare material for show at Sunday worship. If you can help see Sue Millas or Linda Jordan.**

**Happy Birthday**

- 1 Charlotte Cimino  
Sharon Street
- 4 Vince Cassidy
- 5 Ruddy Martinez
- 9 Jeremy Frankenberg
- 10 Millie Phillips
- 11 Ray Kohr  
Denise Darby
- 12 Cindy Rydman
- 15 Jack Virden  
Wilma Farley
- 16 Stephanie Sterling
- 17 Kathy Perry
- 18 Alexia Simoes  
Marjorie Anderson  
Delores Crockett
- 19 Gwenn Rives  
Cynthia Ann Watson
- 21 Joan Bidanset  
Philip Winkelspecht
- 24 Gwen Chafee  
John Mariacher  
Larry Smith  
Johanna Weiss
- 26 Doug Leard
- 28 Barbara Schlabach
- 29 William Jacob  
Sarah Clee
- 30 Liam Franco



**Linda Jordan**

**Our Choir Wants You!**

Do you like to sing?  
The choir wants YOU.  
We rehearse Wednesdays from 7:15-9:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft. We sing each Sunday at 11 a.m. with warm-up at 10:25 a.m. in the choir loft. Call Linda Jordan at 626-2500 if you have questions.



**Aug. Anniversaries**

- 1 Ray & Ginny Kohr  
Ed & Patty Rehnberg
- 9 David & Paula Blount
- 10 Richard & Bonnie Hammond
- 11 Gary & Gwen Straughan
- 21 Brette & Jeannie Sanford
- 24 Tom & Pamela Sayer
- 28 Ed & Caryl Brown  
Glenn & Gwen Chafee
- 30 John & Cathy Mariacher



*Oceanview has been in Juno Beach since 1987. Our distinctive tower is a beacon for the community of which we are an integral part. We serve you with programs for teens, children, and seniors. We host 12 Twelve-Step groups. We support many missions. But most importantly, we provide a place to develop a spiritual life and learning, to be in community with*

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## Vacation Bible School Serves God's Recipes For Life To 120 Kids

Here are just a few of the many children who became "chefs" in training as they studied God's recipes for life at Oceanview's Vacation Bible School, July 11-



Thanks to all the volunteers, staff and parents who made this a "blue ribbon" experience.