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The Joy of Giving

By Lynn Hartford

Administration Elder

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.**” 2 Corinthians 9:7

We need to be reminded that all things have been created by Him and for Him. By praying to God and asking Him for counsel on giving, we will be filled with joy to be able to return a portion of what He has provided to us as our commitment back to Him.

The past two years we have celebrated our annual giving by preparing for and participating in a special Consecration Sunday worship service. In preparing for this worship service, we each thoughtfully considered and prayed about our spiritual question, “What percent of my income is God calling me to give?”

In essence, this service is the culmination of a spiritual growth-oriented process designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. During this worship service we each came forward to the altar with our completed *Estimate of Giving Card*.

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FIFTY VOICE CHOIR SINGS AT APC

Friday, May 20

The APC choir is teaming up with the choir from Faith Lutheran Church of Meadow Vista to bring an exciting choral adventure to both churches. The Spring Choral Concert on Friday, May 20 at 7:00 pm at APC will benefit the APC General Fund.

Both choirs will sing music that tells about the life of Jesus. Under the direction of Ralph Hammer, the choirs will sing for friends and neighbors of APC, and then bring the same program to Faith Lutheran on Saturday, May 21.

This is not only a pleasure for us to hear wonderful music from the two choirs, but an opportunity to reach out to neighbors and friends.

The price of admission is \$10 for adults, \$25 for families, \$5 for youth 12-17. Children under 12 are free. Refreshments will be provided. This price is less than a night at the movies and much better entertainment.

Baby-sitting provided if requested. Tickets go on sale Sunday, May 1.

MEET THE EUBANKS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BERKELEY CHURCH

MAY 21, 2011

9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN
May 22, 2011 10 am

If you want to be inspired and uplifted by a Man and Woman of God then come to hear **David and Karen Eubank**, mission workers and founders of Free Burma Rangers and Concerned Christians for Burma, at the Regional Conference on Burma at First Presbyterian Church, 2407 Dana Street, Berkeley, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday May 21, 2011.

David Eubank is a dynamic speaker who brings on the ground information about the current situation in Burma. **David** ends this presentation by describing prayer as the “air we breathe.”

The purpose of the conference is to have those who feel called to help the people of Burma meet each other, pray and plan together to do what the participants feel that God has planned to bring peace and freedom in Burma.

The Worldwide Mission Team from Auburn Presbyterian Church and **Nelly Stanelle**, Mission Outreach Church of Berkeley, are hosting the Northern and Central California Regional Conference on Burma.

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Mark Your Calendar

- **Women of Grace**
Tuesday 9:30 am
- **W.O.W. Youth**
Wednesdays 6:00 pm
Dinner served.
- **Hands on Life Group**
May 8
- **Women’s Bible Study**
May 11
- **Gathering Inn**
3:00-8:00 pm May 13
- **Fifty Voice and APC**
Choir Concert
May 20
- **Women’s Spring**
Luncheon
May 21
- **Dave Eubank**
May 21 and May 22
- **Betty Simon**
Keenagers May 24
- **APC 101 Starts**
May 29

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY! MEET THE EUBANKS!

David Eubank sees the conference as a way to bring together a number of groups working toward peace and freedom in Burma. Such groups include the growing FBR network,, Partners network, the Karen, other Burmese refugees and the many churches and individuals who pray and are involved so deeply. The conference will help the participants stay connected to what is happening inside Burma.

In addition, the **Eubanks** want to hear from the participants, to connect each other, and to pray together and work on specific things they could do better on all fronts.

David Eubank grew up in Thailand where his parents were missionaries. After a ten year stint in the US Army Special Forces, David married his wife Karen. **David** entered seminary from which he was graduated in 1997. He returned to Thailand as a missionary

After meeting with **Aung San Suu Kyi**, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and duly elected president of Burma who was recently released from eleven years of house arrest, **David** established the Global Day of Prayer for Burma which occurs on the second Sunday in March every year.

David saw refugees fleeing the Burma military into the Thailand

border camps and realized that they needed medical help.

Subsequently, he founded the Free Burma Rangers as a humanitarian response to the military oppression of the Karen and other hill tribe people in Burma, mostly Christians.

His wife **Karen** and he also founded the Concerned Christians for Burma who meet the needs of the children and women fleeing through the jungles after their villages are burned.

APC has collected items for the internally displaced people (IDP's) to carry in plastic bags as they flee the military. We have sent several hundred pounds of these bags designed for children and woman with babies to Burma. We have participated in the Global Day of Prayer each year on the second Sunday of March.

Good things have been happening. Aung San Suu Kyi has been released from her house arrest. Elections, although not free, were held and brave Karens went forward to vote, knowing that their vote would probably not make a difference. The whisper of freedom is still alive. The Eubanks' roles are inspiring and worth the trip!

For information, please contact **Bill Michel**, Auburn Presbyterian Mission Team member, at 530 888-8098.

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JOY OF GIVING

In addition, last year we initiated a special APC Rising Fund which is over and above the commitment made on your *Estimate of Giving Card*. This fund will allow us to be in a financial position to carry out one or two of our future missions. It could possibly be used to fund a full-time Youth Program or to implement a mission that would be recommended by our Mission 3 Task Force. Our commitment to this fund was done by completing a *Rising Fund Card*.

This year we are planning on having our Consecration Sunday on June 12. Between now and June 12, we will be sharing with you information on two of our activities that may benefit in the future from the Rising Fund. One of these will be what our youth are doing on WOW and the other will be what exciting activities the Mission 3 Task Force is developing. Our plan this year is to emphasize the importance of the Rising Fund as it relates to achieving our mission.

Members of the Stewardship Team are **Bill and Katie Garcia, Joe and Debbie Gow**. Anyone is welcome to participate.

Contact **Lynn Hartford**.



GATHERING INN GUESTS ARE COMING MAY 13

Once again APC will host the Gathering Inn under the guidance of **Glenda and Jack McMillian** on May 13.

This essential ministry is a transit program for homeless children, men and woman who are screened by the Gathering Inn personnel. The guests arrive by bus with their mats to sleep on the floor. Volunteers prepare dinner and serve our guests who are deeply appreciative. Sign up to help with cooking, serving and clean up. Donations are welcome. It costs about \$250-300 to feed 75-100 guests. Contact **Glenda or Jack** for information.

EXCITING SPRING LUNCHEON

Here is the Event for the Spring! Ladies invite your lady friends to the annual Spring Luncheon May 21, 9-1 pm at APC to hear **Deborah Donovan** and **'Brother James,'** a wonderful presentation that is, sure to inspire and encourage you.

The event will include a catered luncheon, table discussions, music, door prizes, and our popular Secret Sister revealed, plus your opportunity to adopt a Secret Sister for the year.

If you have questions, contact **Linda Thompson**.

WOMEN'S GRACE GROUP TUESDAY MORNINGS

The Woman's Grace Group meets each Tuesday at 9:30 am for coffee and fellowship at APC. At 10:00 am, they study and discuss **"Living a Life of Grace."**

WOW RESUMES

After helping cook and serve a successful Pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday at 7:15 am under the able cooking of **Norm and Cathy Clow**, the W.O.W. youth group resumes its Wednesday night youth group meeting 6:00 pm– 8:00 pm.

The meeting starts with dinner. If you want to help contribute to the youth group, volunteer to cook a meal!

The youth served a full house of early worshippers pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee. About thirty-five early risers arrived at 6:00 am for the Sunrise Service that was held in the sanctuary because of rain.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT JUNE 10-11

By **Pastor Ken Winter**

Getting together in a beautiful place for prayer, reflection and listening to the Holy Spirit as He guides us in the direction God desires for our family is inspirational and an opportunity to deepen our relationships with each other and God.

APC is gathering at the Jesuit Retreat Center of the Sierra (Applegate) to pray and work to move our church ahead.

Yes, elected leaders (Elders and Deacons—"graduating" and "newly-elected") are expected to attend. But everyone is needed to help move our church forward. I urge you to join in!

Please save the overnight of June 10-11 for this event (dinner through lunch). Cost will be \$85.00 per person for the meals and lodging and day use of the facilities, and printed materials.

If you must beg off the overnight stay (motel-like rooms), the cost for meals and the rest will be \$45.00. Please know our Board of Deacons is ready to assist any of our people who need help with these costs; we don't want finances to be a barrier to your participation. Contact **Ron Markham** for information on scholarships.

Watch for more details on how to prepare for the specific content, and how to sign up.

APC 101 COMMENCES MAY 29

If you want to know more about APC membership, our church, what we believe, our goals and structure, a class is commencing Sunday May 29 after the Sunday worship.

The class takes about two hours. Contact Pastor **Ken Winter** or **Lynden Laird** if you are interested or have questions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Women's Wednesday Bible Study will meet on May 11 at 1:30PM at **Paula Rothaug's** 2202 Corral Drive Telephone - 885-1081

All Women are cordially invited to join us in our Study of Prayer.

KEEN AGERS HEAR ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR HABITAT FOR HUMMANITY

Have you ever wondered what **Betty and Kurt Simon** do when they are off traveling in their motor home? Well, of course they spend a good portion of the time visiting their children and grandchildren as well as friends, but they also do some volunteer work.

They belong to a group called RV Care-A-Vanners which is a volunteer program for anyone who travels in a recreational vehicle and wants to help build Habitat for Humanity Houses. It is a unique and rewarding experience for them.

Come to the Keenagers meeting at Sizzler on Lincoln Way at 11:30 am on May 24 when Betty Simon will give a presentation on their experiences with this group.

SESSION MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Session Meeting – March 21, 2011

Present: **Pastor Ken Winter, Moderator; Bob Ferber, Craig George, Lynn Hartford, Lois Laird, Paul Mercurio.**

Excused: **Diane Dolley**

The meeting opened with prayer at 1 PM, as well as prayer for each other. Elders reviewed and discussed Chapters 5 & 6 of *Unbinding the Gospel*. Chapters 6 and 7 are to be discussed at the next Session meeting.

M/S/C to adopt the Agenda as presented.

CLERK'S REPORT

M/S/C to accept the minutes of regular Session meeting of 2/21/11. Session was polled to approve a special offering for disaster relief for Japan on April 3, 2011.

M/S/C to accept resignation of **Keith Dice** as a Deacon.

M/S/C to accept resignation of Elder **Diane Dolley**, Christian Education.

M/S/C to approve Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. AARP class 4/11 and 4/12 at APC 8:30-12:30 for both days (\$12.00 for AARP member, \$14 others.)

Host Gathering Inn Friday, July 22 and Friday, Dec. 9, 2011.

GENERAL SESSION BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

M/S/C to approve Lois Laird as a member of Nominating Comm., replacing Diane Dolley, who resigned.

ATTENDANCE

Paul reviewed the attendance report for February, noting that attendance was down from Feb. 2011 by 20 attendees. He was able to identify all but 8 attendees.

FINANCIALS

	<u>Financially Speaking</u>	
	<u>Feb. 2011</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$14,175.	\$165,358.
Gen. Fund Expenditures	<u>18,960.</u>	<u>171,858</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,785.)	(\$ 6,500.)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Bob Ferber reviewed a memo from **Eileen Ferber** discussing the kitchen supplies. She requests that she have notification when an event was being scheduled so that the supplies can be available and that the proper budgets be charged. **Pastor Ken** asked **Bob** to invite **Eileen** to the April Session meeting. Each Elder is requested to have a three-month schedule of any events that need/use kitchen supplies.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Lynn Hartford advised that the campaign is being organized. The team is looking for more volunteers.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Leadership retreat (pending confirmation on site) for June 3 and June 4. A leader is still needed for the retreat and it was suggested that someone other than an Elder be asked. It was noted that Holly will be the lead in getting the written material organized and ready for the retreat. (later changed to June 10-11; see article page 3)

MISSION THREE TASK FORCE

Lynn Hartford advised that a meeting was held on March 20. Lynn discussed the Easter Basket outreach set for April 17. Task force members will be available to observe and help. Lynn reported that a Position Description is being developed by **Mary Schug** for the Custodial Service. Once it is completed, the position will be advertised to the congregation.

Ken discussed Holly being in the office alone quite often. People not known to the church often come to the door for different reasons. She is not comfortable with this.

It was agreed that a panic button will be installed by her desk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee, consisting of **Paul, Bill Garcia (absent), Judy Gough, Max Kane and Kurt Simon**, met in February. Findings of the committee, except an audit, will be sent to Lynn Hartford to report to Session. It was decided that the committee will complete an audit of the church finances. The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. The committee will also review the annual budget before it comes to Session and make recommendations as appropriate.

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING

The Church Family meeting is scheduled for March 27.

1. The Statistical report indicates that the congregation is shrinking and the financial situation is still not good.
2. Suggested that the Congregation study *Unbinding the Gospel*
3. Leadership retreat is open to all to attend.

VBS – Introduction to the theme and request for HELP.

NEW MEMBERS

M/S/C to schedule a meeting to interview **Chad and Casey Silverstein**, possible new members, for 3/27/2011, 9:30 AM.

THRIVE CONFERENCE

Pastor Ken invited all Elders to join him on 5/12, 5/13 and 5/14 for the Thrive Conference that is being held at Bayside Church, Granite Bay. Pastor offered to cover expenses for all attending elders. He needs to know ASAP.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

Pastor Ken and Elder Craig George attended the Presbytery Meeting at Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Chico on Feb. 26, 2011. Craig circulated a report highlighting the important topics that were voted on. A copy of his report is in the Session binder. **Bill Michel**, APC representative to the Presbytery Mission Committee, presented a program on Global Day of Prayer for Burma.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Elder **Lynn Hartford** suggested that a special offering be taken to support the Free Burma Rangers during the Worship Service when Dave Eubanks and wife visit APC on 5/22/2011.

M/S/C to approve the special offering to support Free Burma Rangers on 5/22/2011.

M/S/C to adjourn with intercessory prayer at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Markham, Clerk of Session

Next Session meeting – Monday, April 18, 2011 at 1 PM.

Minutes of Special Session Meeting – March 27, 2011

Purpose of the Meeting was to interview Applicants for Membership

Present: Pastor Ken Winter, Moderator; Elders: Craig George, Lois Laird, Lynn Hartford; Bob Ferber.

Excused: Paul Mercurio

Guests: Chad and Casey Silverstein

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Ken, who offered prayer. The applicants were introduced. Chad and Casey shared their Christ story and affirmed their commitment to Jesus Christ.

M/S/C to accept Chad and Casey Silverstein as members of APC by reaffirmation of faith.

They were later introduced to the congregation that morning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Markham, Clerk of Session

SESSION

(Governing Board)

Lynn Hartford

Administration

Bob Ferber

Fellowship

Craig George

Mission

Paul Mercurio

Outreach

Lois Laird

Worship

Open

Education

DEACONS

Ron Markham

Moderator

Sue Eberle

Secretary

Larry Bower

Treasurer

Ginger Kane

Vice Moderator

Doug Felton

Dottie Stevenson

Glenna Stutzman

Kyle Jacques



PARSON TO PERSON

I read a short story online last month (CNN.com) reporting that a group of mathematicians had calculated that “organized religion will all but vanish eventually from nine Western-style democracies.” Looking at census data from more than 100 years, they say religion “won’t die out completely, but ‘religion will be driven toward extinction’ in countries including Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands—and also in Austria, the Czech Republic, Finland and Switzerland.” The group said they could not predict this for the United States because our census does not ask about religion, lead author Daniel Abrams told CNN. “If you look at the data, ‘unaffiliated’ is the fastest-growing group’ in those countries” about which they had sufficient data. [It looks like people prefer “disorganized religion”!]

So, what does this mean to you? For one thing, it’s been clear for at least the last 40 years that churches here have been reaching smaller proportions of the U.S. population, even as the population has been growing. There are several reasons for this, but one of the most powerful explanations is that many church people just do not share their faith with others.

Yes, a relationship with God (like Jesus had) is “caught”, not “taught”; we have to see a model of what a full-on Christian looks like, before we can really “get it”. But someone who is living the “with-God life” has to actually *speak to someone out loud* about their joy in Jesus, if this holy disease of faith is to “infect” others. And it can’t be “the hired holy man” [me], because this cynical generation sees pastors as motivated solely by self-interest, trying to grow their churches (and salaries).

Can you put your faith into words--*not concepts you believe, but your own experience with God?* What difference (has it made/does it make today) that you are a follower of Jesus? Why is it important to you that others become Jesus-followers, too?

People really are hungry to hear about this. You have a source of hope that people who do not know God are missing (1 Peter 3:15)—don’t you? You have friendships with people you’d never find were it not for your church connection—don’t you?

How would you put your experience with God into words? Aw, go on, give it a try! ☺

See You in Worship,
Pastor Ken Winter

MAY MESSAGES FROM GOD’S WORD

May 1 Rev. Lydia Richards, Guest Pastor

"Pulling In the Resurrection"

Psalm 139

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

The Lord’s Supper

May 8 “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

May 15 “Welcome to the Club—*NOT!*”

Special Offering for Burma

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 22 Special Guest for Ministries to Burma’s People Rev. David Eubanks

May 29 “Why Does Jesus Matter to You?”

Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

WOMAN TO WOMAN by Linda Thompson

To date....Women's Ministry has mainly focused this year on several ongoing studies, the most recent led by Penni Smith, which took women on an eight week exploration of the law vs grace. Our average weekly attendance was around 14 faithful women. If you 'd like to know more, speak to Joanne Butterfield, Cheryl Charleson, Margie Pease, Carol Wolf, Emma Ballard, Jennie Theobald, Judy Ruff, Tricia Ruff, Lynn Neufeld, Frances MacLeod, Ellen Joy Shook, Kyle Jacques Betty Simon, Mary Sprunck or me. We love to welcome new women and we hope to have Peggy Fleming, Rusty Rhea, and Paula Rothaug back soon.

Up coming dates...During my recovery from hip surgery through April, Joanne Butterfield gathered the flock each Tuesday morning for a time of discussion on spiritual topics. And, hopefully, by the time of this printing I may be able to begin a study on the Holy Spirit I've been working on for several months. We'll be looking in depth at who He is, how we receive Him and what a powerful difference He makes in our lives when we abide in Him.

The **Women of Grace** is an apt name for our group and we look forward to seeing many more of you there as you seek to enrich your lives through deeper fellowship, sharing, and learning. We meet Tuesdays at 9:30 for hugs and conversation with our topic discussion beginning at 10:00.

A date to remember....Mark **MAY 21ST** on your calendar now for our spring luncheon event featuring **Deborah Donovan** and **'brother James'**. I won't say more, but we promise a wonderful presentation that is sure to inspire and encourage you. The event will include a catered luncheon, table discussions, music, door prizes, and our popular Secret Sister revealed, plus your opportunity to adopt a Secret Sister for the year.

How about making a date?....As always we encourage you to bring your sisters, mothers, daughters, friends, neighbors and co-workers. This year we chose not to do our event during the Mother's Day weekend, but you are welcome to bring your teen girls who would like to participate. This event is your **OUTREACH** opportunity. Why not invite that neighbor you've been trying to connect with....or the grocery clerk you see each week....or the co-worker you have coffee with on your breaks.

Watch those Sunday dates....when we'll include more information in your Sunday bulletin and invitations for you to give your friends. As I write this, details are still being decided, but we're planning the day to begin around 9:00 and end at 1:00. Cost will be under \$10.00 and includes lunch and speaker fees. We'll begin taking signups on or before May 8th.

Today's date....As I write this I am looking forward to my long awaited surgery. During recovery, my upstairs office, and computer, will be off limits for a time so I'm dashing this together with as much information as I have to keep you informed.

But I don't want to close without saying how much love I have felt from all of you in this journey thus far. Your encouraging words, offers of help, care, comfort and prayers warm my heart. I feel so blessed by all the sisters (and brothers) I have been given and I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Love.....L

Lois Merth (APC Musician) Young Musician's Fund

Dear Friends at Auburn Presbyterian Church,

As we are well into 2011, I am still very aware of how much I miss my dear friend and teacher, **Lois Merth**. For almost 15 years I was in her home every week as she taught me cello and taught five of my grandchildren string instruments.

It was over eighteen months ago that I became aware that Lois was gravely ill, and I was faced with the realization that her time of teaching children was **nearing** an end; that her legacy was about to begin.

At **Vic Green's** request, February 2010 **Kecia Haylor, Julie and Greg Olender** and I began the process of creating an instrument loan program which will extend Lois' vision well into the future.

Lois' exuberant passion for teaching string instruments to young children was so evident! Her motto seemed to be: "Put an instrument in a child's hands and see what happens!"

The Lois Merth Young Musicians' Fund is being founded to assure that young musicians continue to benefit by her philosophy of music education through an instrument loan program. Lois' instrument collection includes over 50 string instruments, in all sizes, as well as several wind and brass instruments.

By keeping these instruments in good repair and making them available to children and young people in the greater Auburn area, we will help perpetuate Lois' legacy. We are also helping to ensure that our local area will have new and upcoming string musicians!

We have evaluated and catalogued Lois' instruments. Several, which were in need of minor repairs, were sent to the violin maker. Currently bows are being rehaired so that they can be functioning and be paired up with the appropriate sized instrument, ready to loan out.

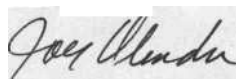
At this time 15 instruments are on loan and we are seeking ways to make our community aware of this opportunity for young musicians.

Goals are ahead of us are:

1. To establish the Lois Merth Young Musician's Fund as a non-profit entity
2. To continue organizing and implementing the instrument loan program
4. To apprise the community of existence and value of this program
3. To explore other avenues of assisting our local young people in musicianship

Your generous and timely contribution has made it possible to begin the process of preserving this lovely and very functional collection of instruments. We are so grateful to you!

Kind Regards,



Joy Olender

P. S. Enclosed is an invitation to the third annual Collaboration of the Arts. Lois assisted me in the first Collaboration and last year we dedicated the event to Lois. Many of the musicians playing in the orchestra are her former students. Please come for a delightful evening! 530-305-4049

ENJOY AN EVENING WITH THE ARTS BENEFIT YOUNG MUSICIANS

Over fifty Auburn area young musicians, artists, photographers, dancers, and actors present: *Collaboration of the Arts 2011* Art and Photography Exhibit on the Concert and Art Exhibit on April 29, and May 1, at Foothill Christian Fellowship, 1100 Sugar Pine Rd., Meadow Vista

The door opens at 6:00 p.m for hors d'oeuvres. The concert commences at 7:30 p.m., all (530) 878-0293.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

The Prayer and Healing Ministry invites you to deepen your prayer life with a new series on prayer that will explore several tools and approaches to prayer.

They meet on the first Monday of the month (May 2) from 3:45 -5:00 pm at the church. Contact **Silva Stearn** (530) 885-5038 if you have questions.

HELP WANTED

A great ministry to the church is to be its custodian. Session has determined that it will hire someone to clean the church on Friday or Saturday as opposed to using a service that has been doing it.

Brother Lawrence a seventh century lay monk discovered that despite, or perhaps because of, his somewhat lowly position as a kitchen worker, his character attracted many to him. He was known for his profound peace and many came to seek spiritual guidance from him. The wisdom that he passed on to them, in conversations and in letters, would later become the basis for the book, *The Practice of the Presence of God*.

You, too, can discover the inner peace in laboring for the Lord by applying for this job. Contact **Mary Schug** (530) 888-0626.

REPORT ON “CHURCH FAMILY MEETING” OF MARCH 27

After our worship of God March 27th, Pastor Ken moved us into one of our sort-of-quarterly informal “Church Family Meetings”, designed to keep open communication between APC people and leaders. Perhaps one third of the congregation remained for this conversation.

Quick updates were shared by Patty Markham looking forward to our Vacation Bible School this summer, Steve Norman on youth ministry activities and Bob Ferber on officer nominations needed for election in May.

Pastor Ken then gave a status report on the church’s slipping membership and fragile finances. Last calendar year, our membership dipped from 184 to 171. As to finances, our Treasurer projects that by the end of our current Mission Year, the church will suffer some \$11,000 shrinkage in reserves—a deficit, again.

Pastor Ken then looked ahead to measures and plans in the works to turn around both negative trends, including the Leadership Retreat set for June, the Session’s study of *Unbinding the Gospel*, a book that will be used for an all-church study thereafter, and some pilot projects under sponsorship of the Mission 3 Task Force.

From the floor, it was suggested we change the name of the Leadership Retreat to better reflect the fact that not only formally-elected leaders are invited, but anyone who would like to help steer the future course of our church’s mission and life can also come.

With no further discussion, Pastor Ken thanked God and those who made time for this head-to-head and heart-to-heart Church Family time.

Pastor Ken

GOODTIMERS LIFE ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE

Life group #6, **God’s Good-timers** has existed within A.P.C. from its early years. Presently we are fourteen members strong, ranging in age from 60 years to 91 years. We meet once a week at the church on Thursday at about 1:00 PM. We enjoy afternoon tea of light snacks, coffee, tea, soda, and sometimes a birthday cake.

Our Mission: To expand the kingdom of God one person at a time by filling the “empty chair.” That is, the group stays open to new people at every meeting. We subscribe to our group covenant:

1. While in our group, you will give the meeting priority.
2. Everyone participates and no one dominates.
3. Everyone is given their right to their own opinion and all questions are encouraged and respected.
4. Anything said in the meeting is never repeated outside.
5. Permission is given to call upon each other in time of need.
6. Unsolicited advice is not allowed.

Our meeting begins with the calendar of events, then singing of hymns. Prayers are offered for the Lord to be with us as we study His word.

Presently we are learning about 1 Timothy, letters from the Apostle Paul to his faithful friend Timothy and the Ephesians and how to deal with the turmoil caused by “false teachers” within the church. Our meeting is closed with prayers for all who are listed on our prayer board. New concerns are added and praises for the Lords work with those in need.

Norman MacLeod

LETTERS OF THANKS TO THE APC FAMILY

My Church Family,

I want to thank you so much for the lovely birthday cards and phone calls I received for my 89th Birthday on Wednesday. I miss seeing all of you and attending church.

Good Health Happiness and many Blessings to all!

Yours in Christ,

Dorothy Beason

Dear APC Family,

I always wanted to come from a big family that gathered 'round on special occasions, cheered one another on through thick and thin, and prayed for any youngster, oldster or in-betweeners as needed--always with genuine concern.

Well, congratulations! You are it! I am gratified and touched beyond belief at all the care I've received in well wishes and prayers, both pre-op and since receiving my new hip last month (which fits just fine, thank you). Your love has truly been a wonderful blessing of hope and encouragement. By the time you read this I may even be able to stand alone, physically. Thank you so much for taking the words of our Savior to heart and living them out ...*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

May God bless you all,

Linda Thompson

MAY VOLUNTEERS:

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Date	Worship Leader	Welcomers	Greeters	Church Closer	Video	K-5	Jr High	Sr High	Refreshments
5/1/2011	Lysa Sassman	Chuck & Ellie Lombard	Norm & Francis MacLeod	Mary Schug	Bill Jackson	Katie Garcia Patty Thomas	Judy Gough	Theresa Voss	Month of May
5/8/2011	Lynn Hartford	Allen & Judy Ruff	Donna & Nicole Kuper	Lynn Hartford	Lynden Laird	Barbara Sheldon Joe Gow	Bill Garcia	Steve Norman	
5/15/2011	Ron Markham	Cotton & Lynn Neufeld	Carol Michaelis & Tricia Ruff	Craig George	Kim Douglas	Dana George Peggy Ward	Patty Markham Jean Hinton	Theo & Maria Michel	Alpha
5/22/2011	Cotton Neufeld	Kammy Jackson	Gary & Ellie Eldridge	Judy Gough	Bill Jackson	Kyle Jacques Monique Norman	Loretta Taylor Barb Thompson	Bill Garcia	
5/29/2011	Dana George	Cheryl Charleson	Steve & Carol Wolf	Keith Dice	Kim Douglas	Bev Anderson Rusty Rea	Carol Ostrom	Steve Norman	
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“Teaching others that they may teach others” also.”

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