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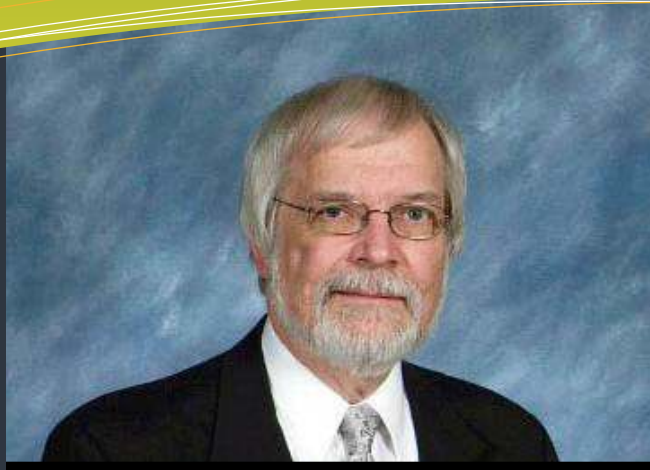
Happy New
Year!!!

In the coming year we have several projects that we will be working on to keep everyone, no matter where in the world you might be, connected and informed on the happenings in the church. We are going to be updating all of our information and asking for feedback from you. We hope that you can help us make our church better for everyone.

Seen on a
bumper
sticker:

“Are you following JESUS this close?”

-via Pastor Dale
Schoening
Bussey, IA

Church of the Good Shepherd
Pastor's Ponderings

In 1968, Kent Keith created the Paradoxical Commandments. He later wrote Have Faith Anyway and Jesus Did it Anyway. Reviewing the basic idea is a good way to start the new year.

The Paradoxical Commandments
by Dr. Kent M. Keith

People are illogical, unreasonable,
and self-centered.
Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you
of selfish ulterior motives.
Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false
friends and true enemies.
Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgot-
ten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vul-
nerable.
Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the
biggest ideas can be shot down by
the smallest men and women with the
smallest minds.
Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow
only top dogs.
Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may
be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.

People really need help but may at-
tack you if you do help them.
Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and
you'll get kicked in the teeth.
**Give the world the best you have
anyway.**

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Have a blessed new year.

COMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY

January 1, 2011
Happy New Year!

January 3, 2011
Trustee Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m.

January 5, 2011
Pastor Bert Leaves for Holy
Land

January 10, 2011
Little Shepherd Board
Meeting
6:30p.m.

January 14, 2011
Pastor Bert Returns

January 17, 2010
Martin Luther King Day
Church Office Closed

January 18, 2011
Finance Committee
Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Council
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.



January 1

Walter Breedlove

January 3

Kambrie Bolyard

January 5

Kelly Brown

January 6

Charles Moats II

January 10

Nancy Ludwick
M. Lee Thompson

January 11

John Shay
Tiffany Jenkins

January 12

Chuck Proudfoot

January 14

Sarah Reneau

January 17

Susan Shelton

January 25

Frank Toth
Emily Smith

January 28

Jim Brown II

January 29

Ed Bolyard

January 31

Kelsey Thompson



January Birthdays

January Anniversaries

January 02

JoAnna & Mike Pratt

January 09

Richard & Wilma Bowman

January 23

Susan & Craig Shelton

January 25

Dan & Jeannine Mankins



Spotlight on the Flock

Conversations with Carla

"How we handle the problems that come along makes all the difference in our life."

This is the 60th article in this series. This month I thought it would be interesting to talk about some things I have learned from my church family as I have written the articles. Everyone has some type of problem at times in his or her life. How we handle the problems that come along makes all the difference in our life. Grafton is a special place; several people have moved away and lived all over the United States but have returned to live here.

The people who are blessed with grandchildren can tell you that their grandchildren are the smartest, funniest, most beautiful children in the world. The adult children who watch their parents play with their children wonder how the grandchildren can get by with so much that we would have been in trouble for doing.

The first interview that I did was in July 2005. I interviewed Jack and Barbara Hunt. From Jack I learned that it is possible to have an inner peace even though you are ill. I will always remember him singing a solo even though he was on oxygen.

Virginia Peters let us

know that it is possible to walk through several feet of snow to get to the hospital in time to have a baby.

Millie Swisher reminded me that terrible things can happen in your life, but you can get through them with help from God. She also said that you have to watch who you are talking about. One time Carder and Virginia Peters, Lee and Millie went to a WVU football game. After the game Lee was talking about Don Nehlen. Millie told him to turn around and he could let the coach know his thoughts since he was sitting at the next table.

Jim and Kelly Brown let us know that it is possible for a kitten to survive for an hour in a freezer behind the ice cream. They could hear him crying but they could not find him.

My mother was the hardest person to interview because she did not answer the questions the way that I thought she should.

Broadway performers are easy to talk to. When I interviewed Loretta and Jimmy Corrothers I was nervous about talking to Jimmy. I learned that people

who perform on Broadway are the same as the rest of us. He is really a nice man and easy to talk to.

From the Breedloves I found out about riding streetcars to work at Carr China. They also had to walk across a swing bridge to get to work everyday.

Frank and Jo Parsons found out that love the second time around is wonderful.

Sheryl Isner let us know that if your arm ever gets caught in an extension ladder it is possible to get into the house and call for help, even with a ladder on your arm.

Our pets are wonderful companions. They keep us company, make us laugh and stay with you when you are stressed out.

Chad Proudfoot's advice is that life is so much better when you smile and laugh. He loves humor. Chad said that the things that make life bearable are laughter and hugs. He tries to do both frequently. He has the same sense of humor and outlook on life as his grandmother Tudie.

Several members of the church enjoy camping and

spending time outside. I agree with the spending time outside, but I want a hotel.

Ann Woodyard's family survived a large earthquake when they lived in Alaska.

The youth in our church are very busy people. They play on sports teams and do other things in the community. They like different passages in the Bible and have different kinds of music.

The members of the church like different types of hymns and have different passages in the Bible that have helped them along the way. My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:7. After my father died and I tried to get some sleep I heard "Peace that passes understanding on our waiting spirits part." I later found out that it was a Bible verse. I think that God was letting me know that you will not always understand some things, but with God's help you can find peace with it.

Listed below is a list of current church committees and officers. We extend our thanks for those who have served faithfully and our welcome to those elected to new positions. May God guide us in this new church year.

Administrative Council Chair	Kathy Green
Lay Leader	Dan Pauley
Treasurer	Meredith Stach
Financial Secretary	John Smihal
Membership Secretary	Ginny Wolfe
Nurture Chair	Carla Powell
Parish Representatives	Connie Elsey & Rosie Bartlett & Suzy Mitchell
District Conference Rep.	Carla Powell
Annual Conference Rep.	Carla Powell

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Parsonage	Chris Bowman Debbie Kines Joedy Lambert	Rob Mayle Olena Hawranick Angela Hanshaw	Wesley Wolfe Monica Wolfe John Moon
Church Trustees	Butch O'Hagan Dan Mankins Monica Wolfe	Shakey Paugh Ann Woodyard Arnold Kuhl	Michelle Moon Mark Kunce Wesley Wolfe
Pastor/Parish/Staff	John Shay Mick Elsey Alan Smith	Gary Foster Ginny Wolfe Butch O'Hagen	Kathy Green Evan Bays Allison Iapalucci
Finance Committee	Gary Foster Mark Kunce Nancy Work	Gary Gelhausen Susan Foster Mike Hawranick	Arnold Kuhl Ann Woodyard Laurie Smith
Nominating Committee	Billie Bowman Gary Gelhausen	Joan Hawkins Katereni Coffman	Adrienne Kunce Monica Wolfe
Permanent Fund	Chad Proudfoot Don Harman	John Coffman Sean Maier	Christine Schulz Ann Woodyard
Little Shepherds Preschool	Bill Whitescarver Shelby Bolyard	Cindy Steenstra Cathy McDaniel	Jacci Maier June Upton

FUND-RAISER TO END AIDS

Abby Reynold's son, Paul Ward, will be riding in a bike fund-raiser for the "Ride to End Aids." A donation form is enclosed.

LGBT

The next meeting of our group seeking understanding of Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender issues will be February . Please continue to pray for God's guidance and hope for our brothers and sisters.

FAIR SHARE

In 2010, we paid \$24,000 of our \$38,461.00 Fair Share. We pray that 2011 will show a return to paying 100%.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

Our church youth hosted a district lock-in on December 29. More than 30 young people attended the overnight program, which included a Christian rapper, media topics, worship, as well as "Underground Church" and hours of talking and laughing.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

With 25 strong voices, our chancel choir provided a beautiful Christmas Cantata "Emmanuel: God with Us". We are working to post it on our website (www.cogswv.org)

HOLY HUMOR

*Laughter is a gift from God. It keeps us physically healthy and lifts our spirits. And it is best when it is shared. **Beginning January 26, at 7:00 p.m., the fourth Wednesday of each month will be Holy Humor Hwednesday.** Through videos or stories we will relax and laugh together. Each meeting will close with prayers for healing. Come share the spirit of Joy.*

HOLY LAND

Pastor Bert, Suzanne and Alex, along with Jim & Nancy Work will be touring the Holy Land January 5-14. On January 9, Berlyn Bryan will bring the Gospel message from the Gideons and pastoral care for emergencies will be available through the church office.

REMINDER

Please remember to pick up your 2011 Offering Envelopes in the Welcome Center. If you need to have them mailed to you please contact Meredith in the church office.

UPDATE Website



We are currently adding video clips of the worship service to our website. You can also access the weekly bulletins and the newsletter. Please visit the site (www.cogswv.org) and let us know what you think. If you have any suggestions please contact Meredith in the church office. Thank you for all your support!

REMINDER

Please remember to pick up your 2010 Tax Statements in the Welcome Center this weekend. If you need to have them mailed to you please contact Meredith in the church office.

PASTOR'S FUND/NU-2-U

During 2010, \$3,307.67 was made available through Nu-2-U sales and donations. \$4,796.25 was provided to families for assistance with utilities, housing and special needs.

BOOK OF REVELATION - SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning January 16 at 9:30 a.m., there will be a class studying the biblical book of Revelation. No fee required, just bring your Bible and your questions.

MILITARY SUPPORT PACKAGES

The church has sent approximately 25 boxes since this project started. The items in each box vary. Every box has a letter from Pastor Bert, New Testament, an Upper Room or Guidepost, a prayer cloth that is crocheted by Shirley Shay that can be put in their pocket or helmet. Food items included in the boxes are; hard tack candy, gum, raisins, tuna packs, cheese and peanut butter crackers, small packages of cookies, nuts, beef jerky, hot chocolate and tea bags and Kool-Aid. Other items include; Baby wipes, tissues, eye glass cleaner, hand sanitizer, Gold Bond foot powder, sun block, Q-tips, socks, note paper, pencils, ball point pens, puzzle books, playing cards, small balls (foam or soft-balls), and other small games. We appreciate it when anyone comes up with new items that we can include in the boxes. We also receive money for postage and other supplies. For more information contact Leah Powell.



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Speed Bump By Dave Coverly



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Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal, they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend.

“Watson, look up and tell me what you see,” Holmes said.

Watson said: “I see a fantastic panorama of countless stars.”

“And what does that tell you?” Holmes asked.

Watson pondered for a moment and replied: “Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. Why? – What does it tell you, Holmes?”

Holmes was silent for a moment, then exclaimed: “Someone has stolen our tent.”

—via *The Anglican Digest*

AIDS/LifeCycle 10 SAN FRANCISCO DONATION FORM

THE 2011 AIDS/LIFECYCLE IS JUNE 5TH - JUNE 11TH, 2011

Participant Name:

Paul Christian Ward

Participant Number:

4058

You can also make your donation online via our secure website at www.aidslifecycle.org

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Fill in the following information. Please print legibly.

First Name Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. M.I. Last Name

Additional Donor Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. M.I. Last Name

Company Name (For Corporate Donations Only) Country (if other than U.S.)

Mailing Address Suite/Apt. #

City State Zip

Phone Number Home Mobile Work Email

Donors will receive a letter of acknowledgment for tax purposes. Donations are tax deductible.

The Federal EIN for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) is 94-2927405.

DONATIONS

All contributions are non-refundable and non-transferable, regardless of participation in AIDS/LifeCycle 10.

\$10,000
 pay total
 10 monthly payments of \$1,000

\$750
 pay total
 10 monthly payments of \$75

\$150
 pay total
 6 monthly payments of \$25

\$2,500
 pay total
 10 monthly payments of \$250

\$500
 pay total
 10 monthly payments of \$50

Other:
 pay total of \$ _____
 pay _____ monthly payments of

\$1,000
 pay total
 10 monthly payments of \$100

\$250
 pay total
 10 monthly payments of \$25

\$ _____ totaling \$ _____
(Monthly payments must be at least \$25 and cannot exceed 10 months.)

CORPORATE MATCHING

Many businesses will match employee charitable donations. If your company will match your gift, please complete your paper or online application through your employer. The street address to mail forms (if required) is:

AIDS/LifeCycle c/o San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 995 Market St, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Matching funds will count toward your sponsored participant's fundraising requirement when received.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please do not send cash.

CHECK

Single Payment. Please make checks payable to AIDS/LifeCycle. Include participant's name and number on all checks.

CREDIT CARD

Single Payment. Please debit a one-time payment of \$ _____ from my credit card.

Direct Monthly Deductions From Credit Card. Please debit my credit card \$ _____ automatically each month for _____ months, for a total contribution of \$ _____. (Monthly payments must be at least \$10; not to exceed 10 months.)

This authorization will expire when my contribution has been paid in full or when revoked by me in writing.

Visa MC AmEx Discover

Account Number

Exp MM

Exp YY

Signature _____

Date _____



Ride to end AIDS

AIDS/LifeCycle™ is the official cycling event produced by and in support of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the AIDS services of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center



Please mail this form with your donation to:

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c/o San Francisco
AIDS Foundation
File #7421502
P.O. Box 60000
San Francisco, CA 94160

Or make your donation online at:
www.AIDSLifeCycle.org

Questions?

Call Donor Services at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation:
(415) 487-3092

or e-mail:
Donate_SF@aidslifecycle.org

Please do not send cash.



ERT Early Disaster Response Training



February 5, 2011

Registration 8am; Training begins 8:30am-5pm

Where: Blueville United Methodist Church; Grafton, WV

Leading the Class-Revs Dan & Sue Lowther, Conference Disaster Relief Coords.

Mission

The mission of an early response team is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster.

The team is neither a first response group of emergency works nor a recovery, rebuild or repair team.

Rather, it fills a specific need in the early days after a disaster to establish the presence of the church.

It is important to understand that ERTs are trained primarily to respond within their own community. To travel to another district, conference or jurisdiction requires an invitation from that area's ERT coordinator.

All ERTs are trained by authorized UMCOR trainers and given badges by their own conferences. We encourage all ERTs to wear bright green t-shirts as a means of recognition.

Logistics

This class takes an average of 6-8 hours in order to complete, not including meals or breaks

Suggested attendance is between 12-35 persons

While there is no upper age limit, all participants need to be in good physical health

No one under the age of 18 should serve on an ERT

Training is most effective when hands-on opportunities can be made readily available

Training Overview

- Who? What? When? Why?
- Covenant Agreement
- Equipping a team
- Team safety
- Safe Sanctuaries Policies
- What exactly does an ERT do?
- Instructions for tasks
- Team building activities
- Forms
- Test your knowledge...

For your registration form or more information Contact Rev. Dan Lowther or Rev. Sue Lowther, WV. Conference Disaster Relief Coordinators at 304-265-4419, 304-265-0361 or dclowther@gmail.com or wsuelowther@gmail.com



ERT (Early Disaster Response Training)

February 5, 2011
Registration 8am; Training 8:30am-5pm

Blueville UMC, Grafton, WV

Registration form for ERT (Early Response Training) In Disaster Relief

The Mission of Early Response Team is to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster
(Please print information.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____ District: _____

Conference: _____

Have you had any Disaster Training? _____yes _____no

Revs. Dan & Sue Lowther, WV Conference Disaster Relief Coordinators will be the instructors for this event.

Please send registration form and fee of **\$20** to Dan or Sue Lowther; 200 Blueville Dr, Grafton, WV. 26354. **Make checks payable to Rev. Dan Lowther.**

The Registration fee includes Training, ERT Manual, and Meals.

WV Conference ERT T-shirts are available for an additional \$10.

T-shirt yes no. Shirt size _____.

After passing the course you are mandated to get a background check before you can receive your ERT Certification Badge. Please bring an additional \$17.70 to the Training to cover the cost of the background checks.

For more information please contact Revs. Dan or Sue Lowther WV. Conference Disaster Relief Coordinators at 304-265-4419, 304-265-0361 or dclowther@gmail.com or wsuelowther@gmail.com

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