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## Happy New Year!

You know getting to know God and learning how to hear His voice is really the foundation of our Christian walk. Face it, if all we do is follow what everyone else has to say and teach about Jesus, then aren't we following them? Learning their interpretations, their points of view, their understanding?

Over these past weeks (Except for Christmas week) we have been talking about worship and what it means. We have covered this thing we call praise, we have gotten intimate with adoration, talked about the cost in worship, what it means to worship in Spirit & Truth. We have talked about submission, the fruit of worship and worship that is the result of love with a response of obedience. Yeah! There is a lot involved to the ways that we all define this thing called worship, especially when we say that it is for God and towards God. However, in the end the question remains the same, "are we?"

If not, then why not? What is keeping us from worship? Could it be "Knowing God?" Could it be "Hearing His voice"?

I used to be intimidated by the words of Jesus when He said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, **and they know me,**" "...**they will listen to my voice,**" (John 10:14 & 16 NLT)

I was intimidated because I wasn't sure, but I want to be. I wonder? How many of us feel that way today? As children do we not know our parents? Do we not recognize their voice? What would life be like if we didn't?

Please join us this month for a time of intimacy with God as we talk about, "Knowing God & Hearing His Voice".

Pastor Bob



## United Methodist Women

### 2012 Crossroads UMW Officers were installed at the December 6 Christmas Luncheon at Barnacle Bill's



Standing: L. to R. Becky Doll, Valerie De Lello, Sharron Schar, Jean Henry, Ida Smith, Sookkyung Chae, Carol Brush. Seated: Janet Leap, Eleanor Sandbach, Paula Goodfellow, Bonnie Pentecost.  
See the December Newsletter page for their positions and Ila's photo.

***Thanks to Lyn Stoffer (inset) for installation program and photograph.***

*United Methodist Women participated in Crossroads' HOPE for CHRISTMAS: in the Park, the Yard sale, shopping for and delivering items to local families. We also donated Christmas book gifts to the children in our Children's Center.  
Thank you to those who helped!*

#### **January 2012 United Methodist Women Activities**

**Mon., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** – UMW Executive Board Meeting **3:30 p.m. Library**

**Tues., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>** – **Sarah Circle** 1:00 p.m. 255 Suntan Ave. RSVP to *Jean Henry*, 955-8761.

**Thur., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Esther Circle** 7:00 p.m. in Church Library; RSVP to *Ila Detweiler*, 807-1020

**Sat., Jan 21<sup>st</sup>** – District UMW Leadership Training in Sebring 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Tues., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>** – 11:30 a.m. Carry-in lunch, Fellowship Hall, General Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE:** ***Saturday, Feb. 4 10:00–11:30, Fellowship Hall - Annual Brunch—Fellowship, Inspiration, and a program Readers Theater, "The Lord's Prayer" by 4 different ages of women***

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**WANTED:**

Musicians to play on the worship team. Do you have a special musical talent? Or do you like to vocalize? See Pastor Bob.



You can help support **CHRIST'S PANTRY at CROSSROADS** by saving your aluminum cans & copper.

We are accepting these items at church and will then take them to the recycle facility on Myrtle St.



Drop your things off at church.

Bob Fellows,  
Project coordinator

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST**

Do you need a special prayer? Do you have a special need? Would you like others to be surrounding you with prayer for strength and comfort? Would you like to pray for others?

Contact Carol in the Church Office or Crossroads Prayer Chain 355-7089.

**FOOD PANTRY**

The food pantry's purpose is to provide food for those that come into the church office in need of food. This is to assist with the immediate needs the person (mostly those that are homeless) may have. The handouts include: soup, breakfast bars, canned goods, macaroni & cheese and other sundry items. All food donations are greatly appreciated. Check the bulletin for current food needs. For further information contact **Anne Snyder**.

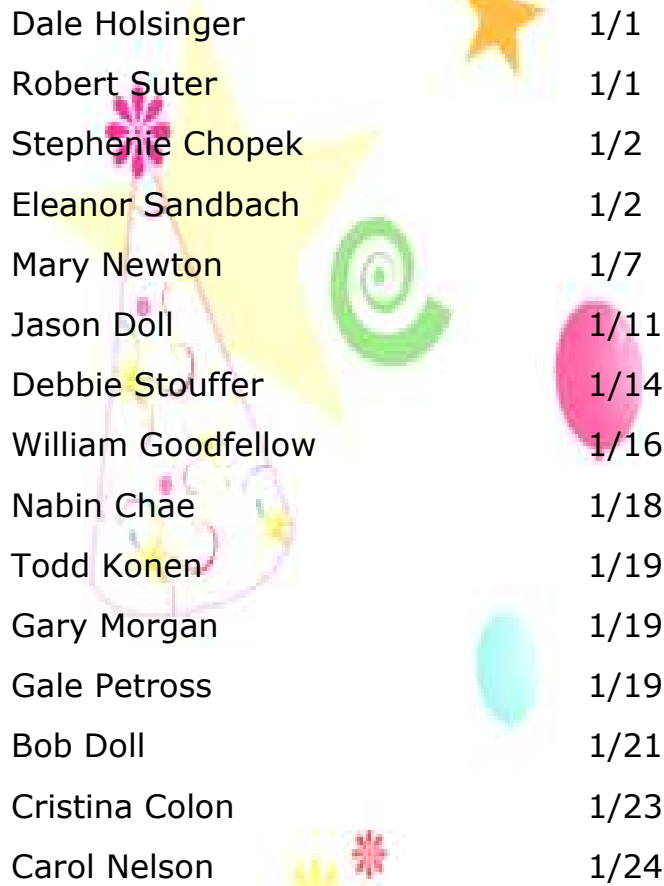
Keep saving CAMPBELL SOUP labels (UPC codes only,) PEPPERIDGE FARM labels and BOX TOPS for Education.

There are zip lock bags to collect these on the bulletin board in the lobby and in the kitchen. Also save used printer cartridges and give these to Becky or Bob Doll, who turn them over to Bradenton Christian School. Thank You.



The **BAG LADIES** - Toiletries are needed to be put in each sleeping bag. These include socks, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, washcloths, hand towels, soap and any devotional booklets (i.e.) Guidepost or Upper Room (doesn't have to be current.) If you want good fellowship and like any phase of sewing join us at 12:30 Monday afternoons in Room 8. You will find it very rewarding.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Dale Holsinger	1/1
Robert Suter	1/1
Stephenie Chopek	1/2
Eleanor Sandbach	1/2
Mary Newton	1/7
Jason Doll	1/11
Debbie Stouffer	1/14
William Goodfellow	1/16
Nabin Chae	1/18
Todd Konen	1/19
Gary Morgan	1/19
Gale Petross	1/19
Bob Doll	1/21
Cristina Colon	1/23
Carol Nelson	1/24

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



Chuck and Garnet Martin 1/15 63 years

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**January 19th**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1 New Year's Day</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<b>2</b> <b>Office and CCC</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 Choir—S	<b>4</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<b>5</b> 7:00 Praise Band—S	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30 AI-Anon—FH	
<b>8</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<b>9</b> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8 3:30 UMW Exec. Bd.—LB	<b>10</b> 7:00 Choir—S	<b>11</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<b>12</b> 7:00 Praise Band—S	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<b>16</b> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<b>17</b> 1:00 Sarah Circle Jean Henry's Home 7:00 Choir—S	<b>18</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<b>19</b> 7:00 Praise Band—S 7:00 Esther Circle—LB	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<b>23</b> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<b>24</b> 11:30 UMW General—FH 7:00 Choir—S	<b>25</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<b>26</b> 7:00 Praise Band—S	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<b>30</b> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<b>31 Election Day</b> 7:00 Polls Open—S Pres. Primary 7:00 Choir—S	<b>Crossroads</b> A United Methodist Church of the 21st Century 4726 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34234 PHONE: (941) 355-5485 FAX: (941) 351-3837				<b>Abbreviations:</b> S—Sanctuary FH—Fellowship Hall LB—Library YB—Youth Building



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- A Friendly Casual Atmosphere
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Worship Times

**Sunday**

10:30 am

**Bible studies**

Wednesday 10:00 am (Women's Bible Study)

Sunday 9:30 am

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