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Needing Each Other (1Corinthians12:21-25)

I do not mind saying that I hurt. I often wonder if I hurt more than others but I quickly cast that off and just wonder about why I hurt. Sometimes I can figure it out very easily as I start thinking about that toe I stubbed or the headache I may have. Maybe something I ate or that heavy box I lifted. Maybe the fact that I'm not as youthful as I once was and that I shouldn't romp on the floor with the grand kids. Yeah! Sometimes I can figure it out and thus say to myself, "I'm not going to do that again", however, sometimes I hurt and there is this heaviness about it that I just can't seem to figure out.

For years I have struggled with this feeling be it depression, worry, I think you get the picture. I think we all do it, we experience that heavy feeling and some make it our own, but what if it's not our own?

In 1 Corinthian 12:21-25 Paul talks about the body hurting.

He talks about each one of us having a place a part and that there isn't one member more important than the next. We are all equally important and this got me thinking. What if what I was feeling was actually what someone else was feeling?

This may sound strange to you and in some ways I would agree but the truth is that we should be feeling what the entire body feels.

My point is this. Next time you get that feeling, stop! Close your eyes and pray for the people not only within our church, but the families within our community. And keep praying everyday, till that feeling goes away. Remember... We need each other!

Pastor Bob



United Methodist Women

UMW Florida Conference—2011 School of Christian Mission

This summer **Bethune-Cookman College** in Daytona will host the **School of Christian Missions**. Our UMW president, **Ora Jean Henry**, will attend July 22-24, but **Sookkyung Chae**, as a member of the Florida Conference UMW team, will be there setting up and helping July 17 and will participate through July 24th.

Adult Mission Studies: (**Jean** will be taking **Haiti** and **The Journey**.)

- **Joy to the World:** Mission in the Age of Global Christianity
- **Haiti:** Challenges and Hope
- The Journey:** Forgiveness, restorative justice and reconciliation

UMW Summer Fellowship Lunches: *Members invite all women of the church and friends to join us for fellowship and "Dutch treat" lunches ordered from the menu.*

July 26, Tuesday, at 11:30 a.m. at Troyer's Dutch Heritage, 3713 Bahia Vista St. in Sarasota.

To reserve, see Sharron Schar or Jean Henry at church, or call Bonnie Pentecost at 957-1122. Please leave a message if she does not answer.

Romans 12:18

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

The 2011 theme for United Methodist Women is "Finding Peace."

How do we bring peace to women, youth and children in our communities, the nation, and the world?

First, seek to find it on a personal level. Stop, meditate, and pray for peace in your own life. Live at peace with everyone, encourage others, forgive the slights and unkind comments of others, and curb your own tongue.

Next, beginning in our own church family, we can be Christ's hands here on the earth, helping women, youth, and children locally.

Study to learn more about the issues of poverty, domestic violence, and hunger.

Take action to help women in our own communities through food pantries, thrift shops and community organizations.

Find ways to increase our support for the work of UMW's international efforts.

Condensed from the "Spring Sojourner"

WANTED:

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



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.**

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



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.

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.



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

Hal Serrie	7/2
Bob Fellows	7/4
Chuck Martin	7/4
Margaret Espie	7/5
Garnet Martin	7/5
Terica Patrick	7/7
Anne Snyder	7/8
Cathy Pifer	7/10
Dyana Suter	7/10
Ruth Ayers	7/12
Tom Machenheimer	7/16
Jerome Butler	7/18

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Frank and Delores Carter	7/11	52 years
Dan and Samantha Suter	7/17	7 years
Mel and Bonnie Pentecost	7/20	43 years
Charles and Nellie Ralston	7/25	41 years

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

July 19th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Crossroads A United Methodist Church of the 21st Century 4726 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34234						
3 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	4	5	6 10:00 Women's Bible Study—FH 7:00 AA—YB	7 7:00 Praise Band—S	1	2
10 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	11	12	13 10:00 Women's Bible Study—FH 7:00 AA—YB	14 4:30 Community Forum— WalMart Market—FH 7:00 Praise Band—S	15	16 8:30 A1-Anon—FH 4:00 Storms of Life Benefit— FH
17 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	18 7:00 WSLR—YB	19	20 10:00 Women's Bible Study—FH 7:00 AA—YB	21 7:00 Praise Band—S	22	23
24 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	25	26 11:30 UMW Luncheon— Troyer's Dutch Heritage	27 10:00 Women's Bible Study—FH 7:00 AA—YB	28 7:00 Praise Band—S	29	30
31 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	Abbreviations: S—Sanctuary FH—Fellowship Hall LB—Library YB—Youth Building					



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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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